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# DAILY PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL JOURNAL

### FIRST SESSION—TUESDAY MORNING

**OPENING:**—The members of the former Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, together with a portion of the members of the former Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and a portion of the members of the former Baltimore and Virginia Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, met in the State Teachers College in Salisbury, Maryland, on Tuesday, October 31, 1939, at 10.45 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, tentatively known as the Peninsula Annual Conference.

**TEMPORARY SECRETARY:**—J. R. Bicking was elected temporary Secretary.

**ROLL:**—Dr. Wright, of Baltimore, called the roll of the members of the former Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, coming into the new Conference.

**J. T. BAILEY:**—J. T. Bailey, pastor of the former Methodist Protestant Church at Milford, Delaware, was reported very ill by O. E. Jones.

**ROLL:**—The roll was called of the members of the former Baltimore and Virginia Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, coming into the new Conference.

**ROLL:**—The roll of the members of the former Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church coming into the new Conference was already in the possession of the Temporary Secretary, the roll having been called at the morning session.

See the complete list of the membership of the new Conference. The roll of the Lay members of all the charges was also called.

**RESOLUTION:**—E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, to form the Methodist Church, by due and legal acts of the General Conference in Conformity with the Plan of Union, adopted by each of the said Churches, and

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference called to complete the details of Union of the said three churches, met on April 26, 1939, in accordance with the authority granted to and lodged in it by the said three Churches and unanimously declared the complete unification of the said three churches and did set up and approve a new Discipline of the

Methodist Church and by various Enabling Acts did authorize and direct the formation of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, including therein the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South, and the Methodist Protestant Churches located within the geographical boundaries of the Peninsula Conference, therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That we the ministerial members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, serving or having our membership within the geographical boundary of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, and the lay delegates elected in accordance with the direction and authority of the Uniting Conference, of all the charges within the geographical boundary of the Peninsula Annual Conference coming from the above named Conferences, do hereby declare ourselves to be the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of such portions of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, as are within the geographical boundaries of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church and through which we will continue to exist and continue our institutions, with all the powers, rights, privileges, authority and duties transferred and falling to us as the successor of the said Conferences or such portions of them as are within the geographical boundaries of the Peninsula Annual Conference, according to the Plan of Union and Enabling Acts of the Uniting Conference, and the action this day taken by the said members serving or having their membership within the geographical boundary of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, with the Lay Delegates coming from such charges of the above named Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church. And further

2. RESOLVED, That all necessary procedure for the organization of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church be taken forthwith.

Unanimously adopted.

3. RESOLVED, That the said Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Incorporated, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to hold all property, real and personal, and all trusts of whatever kind, as well as all property, rights and trusts that may arise in the future upon the same basis for the same uses and trusts in behalf of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church as the said Trustees have held the said property, trusts, etc. for the predecessor of the Conference, The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, until

their successors in office in the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church be elected and incorporated.

That upon the organization of the Board of Trustees of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church we request that in due time the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church amend their charter so that the name of the Corporation shall conform to the new name of the Methodist Church by petition to court, or legislature, and that meanwhile they file with the Secretary of the Conference, their declaration that they hold the property, assets, and trusts now in their hands in trust for the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**—E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, the Wilmington City Missionary Society, the Treasurer of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Treasurer of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Funds, the District Superintendents of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church or similar organizations or persons of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church or such portions of them as are within the geographical boundary of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, be and are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to hold all property, real and personal, and all trusts of whatever kind as well as all property, rights and trusts that may arise in the future upon the same basis for the same uses and trusts in behalf of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, as these above enumerated have held the said property, trusts, etc., for the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, or such portions of them as are within the geographical boundary of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church until such times as their successors be duly authorized and legally entitled to receive such property, real and personal, and all trusts of whatever kind as well as all property, rights and trusts that may arise in the future.

Unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS:**—E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions and on his motion they were unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, It is necessary at all times to safeguard the titles to and interest and equity in the property of the Methodist Church, local

and general, and to protect the interest of the various organizations of the said Church in trusts and other forms of holding property; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we, the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, authorize the bishops of the Northeastern or any other Jurisdictional Conference within which a suit or suits may be brought affecting our interest in property and equity, if in their judgment it is proper to do so, to employ competent attorneys, to defend and protect the interests, property and equity of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, and in case of litigation the matter of compensations of counsel and costs of suit or suits be referred to the trustees of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Unanimously adopted.

**RESOLVED**, That in accordance with the Plan of Union and legislation each and every one of the Boards and Societies now subordinate or owing allegiance in any way to each of these Uniting Conferences, namely, the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, shall continue to hold the same allegiance, duty and loyalty to the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, their successor as they and each of them held to the former conference of their original church. That we request that each of the constituent Boards and Societies of these Annual Conferences take such action as may be necessary to conform to the changes arising from the Plan of Union and the new Discipline.

**RULES OF ORDER:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman the rules of order for the Wilmington Annual Conference were made the temporary rules of order for the Peninsula Annual Conference.

**PERMANENT SECRETARY:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, J. R. Bicking was made the permanent secretary, and named as his assistants, O. A. Bartley, R. W. Hallman and J. W. Townsend.

**TREASURER:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, W. H. Revelle was elected Conference Treasurer.

**STATISTICIAN:**—J. W. Wootten and G. E. Leister were nominated for Conference Statistician. J. W. Wootten withdrew in favor of G. E. Leister, who was then elected, naming J. W. Wootten as his first assistant.

**AUDITOR:**—H. B. Kelso was elected Conference Auditor.

**REGISTRAR:**—On motion of O. E. Jones, L. E. Wimbrow was elected Conference Registrar.

**RULES GOVERNING ELECTION TO THE GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES:**—On motion of O. A. Bartley the following rules were adopted:

1. That 8 persons be named tellers who together with one of the secretaries shall receive the ballots and count same.
2. That these 8 persons be chosen from the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, and Methodist Protestant Groups now uniting as one Conference.
3. That three ministerial delegates be elected by majority vote to the General Conference in accordance with Par. 410 of 1939 Discipline.
4. That 5 additional ministerial delegates (making a total of 8) be elected by majority vote to the Jurisdictional Conference in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 425 of the 1939 Discipline.
5. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, providing same be a majority of votes cast, shall be chosen delegates.
6. That three Ministerial reserve delegates be elected by majority vote to the Jurisdictional Conference.
7. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected, and therefore not counted.
8. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name, only such names as contain the Christian name or initials of the person for whom the ballot is cast shall be counted, but such omission of the Christian name or initials shall not affect the other names upon said ballot.
9. That no information whatsoever concerning any ballot shall be given out before the same is announced officially by the presiding officer.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES:**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, Conference ordered the election of three Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference.

**TELLERS:**—The following tellers were named, O. J. Collins, W. H. Stone, E. P. Thomas, G. E. Turner, S. B. Bradley, E. L. Bennett, Frank Herson, T. J. Sard. O. A. Bartley was named secretary.

**LAYMEN:**—The laymen retired.

**FIRST BALLOT TAKEN:**—The first ballot for Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference was taken and the Tellers retired.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:**—W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, was introduced and presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference in Kansas City, in its deliverance on Sabbath Observance recommended that all Methodist Pastors give the Lord's Day a definite place in their preaching and Educational Program; and further recommended that all District Superintendents be requested to call the attention of their Quarterly Conferences to the vital importance of Lord's Day Observance and to ask for reports from Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Presidents of Epworth Leagues or other Young People's Societies; be it

RESOLVED, By the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, that we endorse the above action of the uniting Methodist Conference and pledge our wholehearted cooperation in making it effective

in the Churches, Church Schools and Young People's Societies within the bounds of our Conference; be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the appointment of a Lord's Day Committee in the several districts of our Conference, with the District Superintendent and General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland as ex-officio members who are requested to name a Pastor, a Church School Superintendent, a Young People's Society President, a Representative of the Woman's Missionary Society and a representative of the Laymen as members of the Lord's Day Committee in the several Districts; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Lord's Day Committee shall be authorized to add others to their Committee and to maintain such activities as will promote a better observed Lord's Day.

**BISHOP HUGHES:**—Dr. Davis presented a life membership certificate in the Lord's Day Alliance to Bishop Hughes.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, a Committee on Committees was appointed to complete such committees as are not already appointed; and to report at the next session of Conference. The committee included the District Superintendents, M. E. Hungerford from the Methodist Protestant group, and J. B. Pettus from the Southern Methodist group.

**COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:**—The Committee on Investigation, consisting of five ministers and two ministers as reserve members, was referred to the Cabinet for nominations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion of H. P. Fox, it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

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

#### SECOND SESSION—TUESDAY AFTERNOON

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 2.40 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

**FIRST BALLOT RETURNED—GENERAL CONFERENCE:**—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast 185, defective 3, necessary to elect 92. J. J. Bunting having received 117 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows—W. A. Hearn 70, D. W. Jacobs 62, W. E. Gunby 53, T. C. Mulligan 48, J. L. Green 39, E. P. Thomas 21, W. P. Roberts 21, E. C. Hallman 18, J. R. Bicking 13, C. M. Elderdice 12, H. P. Fox 11, Frank Herson 9, J. W. Colona, 7, L. E. Windsor 5, T. Smith, T. J. Sard, J. Earl Cummings, J. W. Townsend, O. E. Jones, 3 each, R. J. Yow, H. R. Deal, O. J. Collins, R. T. Thawley, L. White, 2 each; J. B. Dickerson, E. E. Coleman, O. A. Bartley, J. L. Johnson, G. W. Dawson, J. W. Wootten, J. W.

Jones, H. B. Kelso, L. E. Wimbrow, W. C. Mumford, D. E. McClain, S. B. Bradley, Carlton C. Harris, 1 each.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Dr. W. H. Best and E. A. Sexsmith, former President of the Maryland Conference, were introduced.

**PHOTOGRAPH:**—A photograph of Bishop Hughes, the Conference Officers with Dr. Best and Dr. Sexsmith was taken.

**MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT PROPERTY:**—W. A. Hearn presented and read the following resolution, and on his motion it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Middletown District Parsonage of the former Middletown District of the Wilmington Conference is owned by a definite group named in the deed, be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this body that they be given the right to dispose of said property as they deem best for such interest of the Peninsula Annual Conference as their best judgment may dictate.

**BISHOP HUGHES:**—On motion of Leonard White, Conference by rising vote expressed to Bishop Hughes our appreciation of his leadership and assured him of our constant love and cordial welcome.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:**—O. E. Jones presented the report of the special committee on Ministerial Training, and it was adopted together with the following recommendations:

1. That all who apply for Admission on Trial and Students now in the Course of Study be required to continue in the Course as found in their respective former churches until such a time as the Commission on Courses of Study of the Methodist Church shall set up the new Course of Study for the United Church, the scholastic year for members of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the former Methodist Protestant Church to begin with the adjournment of the Peninsula Annual Conference in the spring of 1940.

2. That the Peninsula Annual Conference support the Westminster Summer Conference for Ministers held at Western Maryland College, assuming whatever financial obligations may be involved up to \$100.

3. That undergraduate students of the former Wilmington Annual Conference and all accepted supplies of the three former Churches be required to attend the Asbury Summer School of Ministerial Training, if it is held during the year 1940.

4. That the Disciplinary requirements for Admission on Trial become for the present the maximum standards of this Conference for Admission on Trial.

5. That copies of these minutes be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Committee.

Bishop Hughes announced the following members appointed to the Board of Ministerial Training: Omar E. Jones, Frank Herson, L. E. Wim-

brow, R. S. Hodgson, O. A. Bartley, Tilghman Smith, M. W. Marine, E. M. Shockley, E. W. Hervis, Leonard White, O. P. Jefferson, M. S. Andrews, O. J. Collins, C. M. Elderdice, L. E. Werner, H. R. Deal.

**C. M. KELSER:**—A communication from Mt. Pleasant Church, Crisfield, pertaining to the Rev. C. M. Kelsner, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**METHODIST ADVANCE:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, January 29 was set as the date for the Rally meeting of the Methodist Advance.

**SECOND BALLOT RETURNED:**—The second ballot for Delegates to the General Conference was returned and the Bishop announced the results as follows: Total number of ballots cast 167, defective 4, necessary to elect 82. W. A. Hearn having received 88 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: T. C. Mulligan 76, W. E. Gunby 41, D. W. Jacobs 40, J. L. Green 30, E. P. Thomas 10, H. P. Fox 8, W. P. Roberts 10, C. M. Elderdice and J. R. Bicking 5 each, E. C. Hallman and Frank Herson 4 each, J. W. Colona, D. E. McClain and T. J. Sard 2 each, L. E. Windsor, E. E. Coleman, G. W. Dawson, M. W. Marine, H. R. Deal and J. E. Cummings one each.

**THIRD BALLOT TAKEN:**—The Third Ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

**MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION:**—On motion of H. P. Fox, Conference granted authority to organize a Mutual Relief Association.

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF:**—On motion of H. P. Fox, Conference authorized the continuation of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund. R. C. Jones was appointed Trustee, and requested that the January Communion offering be taken for the fund, also a Communion offering at Conference.

**THIRD BALLOT RETURNED:**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the Third Ballot for Delegates to the General Conference as follows: Total number of ballots cast 188, defective 2, necessary to election 94. T. C. Mulligan having received 121 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: W. E. Gunby 26, J. L. Green 21, D. W. Jacobs 6, C. M. Elderdice 4, E. P. Thomas 3, H. P. Fox 2, W. P. Roberts, O. J. Collins and O. E. Jones one each.

**FIRST BALLOT FOR DELEGATES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE:**—The first ballot for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken and the Tellers retired.

**INTRODUCTION:**—G. W. Henson, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**J. T. BAILEY:**—J. T. Bailey was granted the Retired Relation at his own request.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:**—Ivanhoe Willis, presented and read the following resolution and on his motion it was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There was a committee appointed by the Legislature of Delaware to study the laws known as the Blue Laws and report to the next General Assembly of the Delaware Legislature, looking to some changes of the laws,

WHEREAS, These laws deal with the Christian Observance of the Sabbath Day; be it

RESOLVED, That the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church appoint Rev. T. J. Sard, Mr. I. Elmer Perry, Rev. Ivanhoe Willis, Rev. J. Earl Cummings, Rev. G. E. Turner, Mr. Melvin Hopkins, Rev. Preston Spence, Rev. Frank A. Baker and Mr. Wm. A. Law as a committee to cooperate with the Legislative Representative of the Lord's Day Alliance of the State of Delaware that the sanctity of the Sabbath Day as a day of Worship and rest might be retained.

That the District Superintendents and the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance be ex-officio members of the Committee.

**WHITEFIELD ANNIVERSARY:**—E. C. Hallman addressed the Conference concerning the celebration of the anniversary of Whitefield's Landing in America.

**INTRODUCTION:**—T. C. Williams, Pastor of Wicomico Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, was introduced.

**METHODIST DAY:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference gave its approval and support to the observance of "Methodist Day."

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. J. H. Price, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced.

**FIRST BALLOT FOR JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE RETURNED:**

—The tellers return and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference to be as follows: Total number of ballots cast 176, defective 4, total necessary to election 87. D. W. Jacobs having received 100 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: W. E. Gunby 80, W. P. Roberts 72, E. P. Thomas 71, J. L. Green 68, E. C. Hallman 58, H. P. Fox 45, Frank Herson 35, J. R. Bicking 35, O. E. Jones 24, C. M. Elderdice 23, J. E. Cummings 22, L. E. Windsor 20, O. J. Collins 18, O. A. Bartley 16, S. B. Bradley 15, J. W. Townsend 12, T. J. Sard 12, J. W. Colona 11, E. M. Shockley 9, E. E. Coleman 9, L. White 8, R. C. Jones 6, H. R. Deal, M. W. Marine 4, Tilghman Smith 4, J. L. Johnson, J. T. Rowleson, O. H. Connelly, G. E. Leister, L. E. Wimbrow, D. E. McClain, Preston Spence, 3 each; J. W. Wootten, T. C. Jones, B. M. Johns, W. H. Stone, G. A. Morris, G. W. Dawson, 2 each; M. E. Hungerford, W. C. Mumford, C. C. Harris, A. M. B. Snapp, M. S. Andrews, W. E. Habbart, Ivanhoe Willis, F. A. Baker, J. B. Dickerson, J. L. Sparklin, A. B. Frye, L. B. Morgan, C. P. Butler, G. E. Turner, W. H. Briggs, Frank White, R. J. Yow, H. V. Branford, J. W. Jones, Carlton Harris, H. B. Kelso, T. J. Turkington, R. T. Thawley, C. W. Branford, R. L. Tawes one each.

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

**COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION:**—The following Committee on Investigation was announced by the Bishop: J. L. John, O. H. Connelly, J. W. Jones, E. M. Shockley, C. M. Elderdice. Reserves, Leolan Jackson, C. I. Flory.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE:**—L. E. Windsor presented and read the following resolutions from the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference, and they were adopted:

Section I. Paragraph 1. That the rules and regulations governing the Board of Stewards of the former Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church be continued in the Peninsula Conference with such changes as the new Board of Conference Claimants may deem necessary.

2. We further recommend that for the present at least the Annuitytants coming into the Peninsula Annual Conference from the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Baltimore and Virginia Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be paid their annuity in the same manner and from the same sources as heretofore and continue thus until the next regular session of the Peninsula Annual Conference.

3. We also recommend, that beginning with the 1940 session of the Peninsula Annual Conference, the Annuitytants from the former Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Annuitytants from the former Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Annuitytants from the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be paid from the funds of the Wilmington Conference Board of Stewards at the same rate that these groups are now being paid.

4. Again we recommended that beginning with the Conference session of 1941 all annuitytants in the Peninsula Annual Conference be paid at the same rate and from the same source.

**NAME OF CONFERENCE:**—The following resolution from the Wilmington Conference Board of Stewards was presented:

"We further recommend that the newly organized Conference be known for the present as the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Church until all of the funds of the former Wilmington Conference have been legally cleared."

After much discussion action on this motion was deferred until the evening session.

**SECOND BALLOT RETURNED:**—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot for the Jurisdictional Conference to be as follows: Total number of ballots cast 170, defective 1, total necessary to elect 85. W. E. Gunby having received 108 votes and W. P. Roberts having received 101 votes they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: E. P. Thomas 84, J. L. Green 68, E. C. Hallman 65, Frank Herson 40, J. R. Bicking 37, C. M. Elderdice 24, H. P. Fox 22, J. E. Cummings 21, O. E. Jones 18, L. E. Windsor 18, H. R. Deal 10, L. E.

Wimbrow 9, T. J. Sard 7, O. A. Bartley 6, E. E. Coleman 6, S. B. Bradley 6, O. J. Collins 4, J. L. Johnson 3, L. White 3, J. W. Wootten, J. W. Townsend, W. H. Stone, A. M. B. Snapp, Carlton Harris, C. I. Flory, G. E. Leister, J. T. Rowleson, R. J. Yow, T. J. Turkington, E. M. Shockley, W. P. Harris, G. W. Dawson, R. C. Jones, J. W. Jones, L. B. Morgan, J. L. Sparklin 1 each.

**THIRD BALLOT TAKEN:**—The third ballot for delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken and the Tellers retired.

**LAY DELEGATES:**—The Bishop announced the election of lay delegates as follows: Delegates to the General Conference, Orlando M. Shockley, Showell, Md.; Bettie S. Brittingham, Salisbury, Md.; Wilmer F. Davis, Federalsburg, Md. Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference: Harry B. Wright, Preston, Md.; Frederic P. Adkins, Salisbury, Md.; Harry E. Walls, Church Hill, Md.; Luther Bennett, Goldsboro, Md.; Charles N. Satterfield, Chestertown, Md. Reserve Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference: Willis L. Overdeer, Wilmington, Del.; Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Md.; Harry H. Nuttle, Denton, Md.

**THIRD BALLOT RETURNED:**—The third ballot for the Jurisdictional Conference was returned and the bishop announced the results of the ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast 175, defective 2, necessary to elect 87. E. P. Thomas having received 122 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: J. L. Green 64, E. C. Hallman 60, J. R. Bicking 21, Frank Herson 17, C. M. Elderdice 16, H. P. Fox 14, J. E. Cummings 6, H. R. Deal 6, L. E. Windsor 5, T. J. Sard, O. A. Bartley, O. J. Collins, S. B. Bradley 2 each; L. E. Wimbrow, J. W. Wootten, W. H. Stone, D. E. McClain, G. E. Leister, E. E. Coleman, R. C. Jones 1 each.

**EVENING SESSION:**—On motion of W. A. Hearn conference ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 in the evening.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made, and conference adjourned. E. A. Sexsmith pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION—TUESDAY EVENING

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock, H. P. Fox presiding and conducting the devotions.

**FOURTH BALLOT RETURNED:**—The Fourth ballot for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was returned and the Bishop announced the result of the Ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast 167, defective 0. Necessary to elect 84. No one having received the necessary number of votes there was no election.

**FIFTH BALLOT TAKEN:**—The fifth ballot for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken and the tellers retired.

**NAME OF THE CONFERENCE:**—L. E. Windsor withdrew the section of the report from the Wilmington Conference Board of Stewards, contain-

ing the motion to make the name of the conference The Wilmington Conference for the time being.

On motion of J. R. Bicking, the action of the Uniting Conference was approved and the permanent name of the Conference was made "The Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church." On motion of D. W. Jacobs the vote was made unanimous.

**FIFTH BALLOT RETURNED:**—The fifth ballot for delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was returned and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast 136, defective 2, necessary to elect 68. E. C. Hallman having received 68 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: J. L. Green 39, H. R. Deal 11, J. R. Bicking 8, Frank Herson 2, C. M. Elderdice 2, S. B. Bradley, O. J. Collins, J. E. Cummings, H. P. Fox, one each.

**FIRST BALLOT FOR RESERVES FOR JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE:**—The first ballot for reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken and the tellers retired.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—The report of the Board of Christian Education was presented and read by L. E. Werner, and on his motion it was adopted with the recommendations therein and the nominations confirmed. (See reports.)

**CHURCH EXTENSION:**—The report of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and read by J. L. Johnson, and on his motion it was adopted.

**PUBLISHING INTERESTS:**—The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented by J. W. Colona. R. L. Shipley, editor of the Methodist Protestant Recorder, was granted the privilege of the floor. The report was adopted.

**FIRST BALLOT RETURNED:**—The first ballot for reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was returned and the Bishop announced the result of the vote as follows: Total number of ballots cast 136, defective 7, necessary to elect 65. J. L. Green having received 68 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: J. R. Bicking 61, Frank Herson 45, H. R. Deal 34, H. P. Fox 24, C. M. Elderdice 21, S. B. Bradley 14, O. A. Bartley 14, L. E. Windsor 13, J. E. Cummings 12, O. J. Collins 8, O. E. Jones 7, T. J. Sard 7, E. E. Coleman 6, J. W. Townsend 4, M. E. Wheatley, Sr. 3, E. S. Gault 3, R. F. Loss 3, W. H. Stone 3, Tilghman Smith 3, J. L. Johnson, L. E. Wimbrow, C. C. Harris, J. T. Rowleson, 2 each, J. H. Wright, J. W. Colona, F. D. Milbury, T. J. Turkington, G. W. Dawson, D. E. McClain, G. E. Leister, E. C. Graham, T. C. Jones, H. V. Branford, W. H. Revelle, M. W. Marine, E. M. Shockley, L. White, O. P. Jefferson, 1 each.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—L. E. Werner presented nominations for the Board of Education and on his motion they were elected.

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:**—L. E. Windsor presented nominations for the Board of Conference Claimants and they were confirmed.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**—The following nominations for the Board of Ministerial Qualifications were presented by L. E. Windsor and on his motion they were elected.

**TERM EXPIRES 1940:**—R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, E. P. Thomas, J. E. Cummings.

**TERM EXPIRES 1941:**—Leolan Jackson, Frank Herson, T. C. Mulligan, R. J. Yow.

**TERM EXPIRES 1942:**—M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, F. D. Milbury, O. J. Collins.

**COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS:**—J. J. Bunting presented and read the first two sections of the report of the Committee on Districts. The first section making the number of districts to be 4 was adopted.

The second section recommending that the Bishop form the districts according to the plan read by Dr. Bunting was adopted.

J. L. Green presented the third section of the report and it was adopted.

1. That the district supts. be paid a uniform salary.
2. That each District Supt. be allowed a home and \$5000. This amount to include cost of travel, postage, office and secretarial expenses.
3. That 6% of pastors cash salary be assessed on all charges for this purpose.
4. That the Annual Conference treasurer receive this money and pay the District Supts. monthly.

The section of the report recommending Easton as the residence for the new District was read by Dr. Bunting.

After Cambridge, Centreville, Denton and Easton were eloquently represented and recommended by ministers and laymen, Conference adopted this section of the report placing the District parsonage of the Easton District at Easton, Md.

**SECOND BALLOT RETURNED:**—The second ballot for reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was returned and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast 137, defective, 2, necessary to election 68. J. R. Bicking having received 80 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: Frank Herson 51, H. P. Fox 28, C. M. Elderdice, 21, H. R. Deal 19, L. E. Windsor 14, O. A. Bartley 13, S. B. Bradley 10, J. E. Cummings 7, O. J. Collins 4, W. H. Stone 3, T. J. Sard 3, E. E. Coleman 2, T. C. Jones 2, O. E. Jones 2, W. A. Donaway, J. W. Townsend, O. P. Jefferson, J. L. Sparklin, V. E. Hills, O. H. Connelly, J. H. Wright, T. J. Turkington 1 each.

**THIRD BALLOT FOR RESERVE DELEGATES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE:**—The Third ballot for reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken and the tellers retired.

**THIRD BALLOT RETURNED:**—The tellers returned and the bishop announced the result of the third ballot for reserve delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference as follows: Total number of ballots cast 147, defective 0, necessary to elect 74. Frank Herson having received 77 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: H. R. Deal 28, H. P. Fox 15, C. M. Elderdice 9, L. E. Windsor 6, O. A. Bartley 4, S. B. Bradley 2, J. T. Rowleson, R. W. Hallman, E. R. Shield, O. E. Jones, E. E. Coleman 1 each.

**OFFERING:**—On motion of H. P. Fox an offering was taken to help defray expenses for local entertainment. The offering amounted to \$45.92.

**LAY MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE:**—On motion of Harry B. Wright conference voted that the lay members now elected serve until after the General Conference of 1940.

**DIST. OF PERMANENT FUNDS:**—D. W. Jacobs for the Committee on Distribution of Permanent Funds presented the report of the committee to be printed in the minutes and for filing, the minutes of the sub-committee, the minutes of the whole committee and the minutes of the distributing committee.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE:**—M. S. Andrews presented and read the report of the committee on group insurance and on his motion it was adopted. The naming of the committee was referred to the Committee on Committees.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:**—On motion of H. B. Kelso, conference ordered that the Board of Conference Trustees continue until the spring session of 1940, when three would be elected.

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby amended by H. P. Fox, conference requested the Board of Bishops to set the date for the spring conference for the latter part of the month of May.

**PERMANENT RULES:**—On motion of L. C. Randall the committee on committees was requested to name a committee of three to formulate permanent rules of order for the Conference, said committee to report at the next session of Conference.

**STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE:**—On motion of J. Leas Green conference voted their appreciation of the courtesies extended by State Teachers College to the Conference, thanking especially Dr. Blackwell and Miss Ruth Powell.

**GROUP INSURANCE:**—M. S. Andrews was instructed to mail cards to Conference members concerning details of Group Insurance.

**ADJOURNED SESSION:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet again in adjourned session, at the call of the Resident Bishop or the call of the Board of Bishops.

**WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES:**—Mrs. Bertha Reeves presented and read the report of the Committee on Women's Activities and it was ordered printed in the minutes.



**VOTE OF THANKS:**—Conference voted its thanks to E. B. Eckhart, organist, the committee of Salisbury ministers and to all others who have helped in entertaining the Conference.

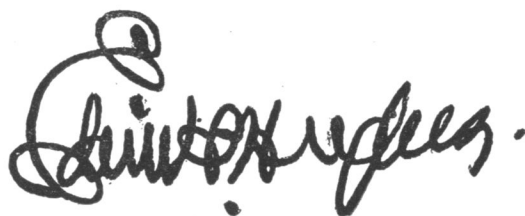
**PLACE OF CONFERENCE:**—The place of meeting for the next session of Conference was referred to the Commission on entertainment with power to act.

**BISHOP McDOWELL:**—Conference arose while tribute was paid to the memory of Bishop William Fraser McDowell.

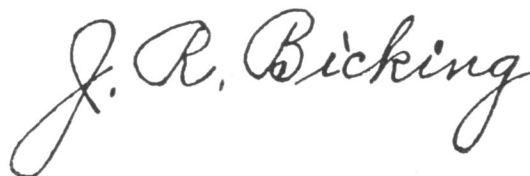
**APPOINTMENTS:**—Bishop Hughes read the changes in appointments.

**DECLARATION OF UNION:**—Bishop Hughes read the Declaration of Union, to which the Peninsula Conference gave its solemn vows of approval and loyalty.

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



Bishop.



Secretary.

## ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES

The Lay Delegates of the Peninsula Annual Conference retired to a separate room for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Conference and also delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference. The presiding Bishop, Edwin Holt Hughes assigned Rev. J. W. Colona to preside over this session.

The following tellers were nominated and elected unanimously:—F. E. Warrington, M. E.; W. F. Davis, M. E.; Norman Jefferson, M. E.; O. M. Shockley, M. E.; S. Edward Simpson, Southern; C. C. Jones, M. P.; H. H. Nuttle, M. E.; Joseph Davis, M. P.

The following were nominated as candidates for the General Conference delegates:—C. N. Satterfield, St. Pauls, Cambridge, M. P.; Willis Overdeer, Epworth, Wilmington, M. E.; Bettie S. Brittingham, Salisbury, Md., M. P.; Fred R. Adkins, Salisbury, Md., M. P.; O. M. Shockley, Showell, Md., M. E.; Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Md., M. E.; Harry B. Wright, Preston, Md., M. E.; Luther Bennett, Goldsboro, Md., M. E. Sou.; Harry E. Walls, Church Hill, Md., M. E. Sou.; W. Fell Davis, Federalsburg, Md., M. E.

The following was the result of the first ballot for delegate to the General Conference:—C. N. Satterfield 49, Willis Overdeer 46, Bettie S. Brittingham 88, Fred P. Adkins 52, O. M. Shockley 99, Granville Hooper 16, Harry B. Wright 45, Luther Bennett 37, Harry E. Walls 32, W. Fell Davis 66.

O. M. Shockley being the only candidate to receive a majority of the 179 votes cast, was declared elected.

The result of the second ballot for General Conference delegates was as follows:—C. N. Satterfield 24, Willis Overdeer 25, Bettie S. Brittingham 70, Fred P. Adkins 33, Granville Hooper 11, Harry B. Wright 26, Luther Bennett 17, Harry E. Walls 14, W. Fell Davis 73.

Bettie S. Brittingham having received a majority of the 152 votes cast was declared elected on second ballot.

At this time a motion was made and carried that all the candidates who were not elected to the General Conference be considered as nominees for the Jurisdictional Conference with the privilege of adding any other nominees.

The result of the third ballot for General Conference delegates was as follows:—C. N. Satterfield 6, Willis Overdeer 13, Fred P. Adkins 13, Granville Hooper 4, Harry B. Wright 9, Luther Bennett 5, Harry E. Walls 4, W. Fell Davis 112.

W. Fell Davis having received a majority of 168 votes cast was declared elected as the third General Conference delegate.

We then proceeded to elect the five additional jurisdictional conference delegates and the following is the result of the first ballot:—C. N. Satterfield 114, Willis Overdeer 99, Fred R. Adkins 133, Granville Hooper 90, Harry B. Wright 142, Luther Bennett 117, Harry E. Walls 123.

In view of C. N. Satterfield, Fred P. Adkins, Harry B. Wright, Luther Bennett and Harry E. Walls having received a majority of the 187 votes cast, they were declared elected.

Willis Overdeer and Granville Hooper were declared elected as alternates and H. H. Nuttle was nominated as an additional alternate delegate to the jurisdictional conference and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

C. W. COOK, JR., Secretary.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The special committee on Ministerial Training composed of the following members met at Dover, Del., Sept. 15, 1939, in Wesley Methodist Church: Rev. Omar E. Jones, Rev. L. B. Bobbitt, Rev. H. B. Owen, Rev. L. E. Wimbrow, Rev. J. Earl Cummings, Rev. O. A. Bartley, Mr. Fred P. Adkins, Mr. W. Twilley Malone.

**ORGANIZATION:**—On motion of Fred P. Adkins, Omar E. Jones was elected Chairman of the committee, and O. A. Bartley, Secretary.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**—The following recommendations to the session of the Peninsula Conference to be held in Salisbury, Md. on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 were adopted:

1. That all who may apply for Admission on Trial and students now in the Course of Study be required to continue in the Course as found in their respective former churches until such time as the Commission on Courses of Study of the Methodist Church shall set up the new Course of Study for the United Church, the scholastic year for members of the former M. E. Church, South, and the former M. P. Church to begin with the adjournment of the Peninsula Conference in the Spring of 1940.

2. That the Peninsula Conference support the Westminster Summer Conference for Ministers, held at Western Maryland College, assuming whatever financial obligations may be involved up to \$100.00.

3. That undergraduate students of the former Wilmington Conference and all Accepted Supplies of the three former churches be required to attend the Asbury Summer School of Ministerial Training, if it is held during the year 1940.

4. That the Disciplinary requirements for Admission on Trial become, for the present, the maximum standards of this Conference for Admission on Trial.

5. That copies of these minutes be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—The committee then adjourned with benediction by Rev. H. B. Owen.

O. A. BARTLEY, Secretary.

### RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

Dover, Delaware, October 14th, 1939.

The following resolution was unanimously passed and ordered presented to newly organized Conference for its adoption. We the Board of Stewards of the former Wilmington Conference desire to present the following resolution:

#### Section I

Paragraph 1. That the rules and regulations governing the Board of Stewards of the former Wilmington Conference of the Methodist

Episcopal Church be continued in the newly formed Conference taking its place, with such changes as the new Board of Conference Claimants may deem necessary.

2. We further recommend, that for the present the Annuitants coming into the so called Peninsula Conference from the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Baltimore, the Virginia Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, be paid their annuity in the same manner and from the same sources as heretofore, and continue thus until the next regular session of the new Conference.

3. We also recommend, that beginning with the 1940 session of the new Conference, the Annuitants from the former Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Annuitants from the former Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Annuitants from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, be paid from the funds of the Wilmington Conference Board of Stewards at the same rate that these groups are now being paid.

4. Again we recommend, that beginning with the Conference session of 1941, all Annuitants in the new Conference be paid at the same rate and from the same sources.

Note: The Distributing Committee approved this resolution at their regular meeting October 20th, 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Stewards.

### TO THE METHODIST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Held in Salisbury, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1939

Motion #1, made and seconded:—That the desire of this Committee is to approve and cooperate with the plan as presented by the joint committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Motion #2, made and seconded:—That in the added responsibility which is coming to women in the great new Church which together we are building, we believe there are women in our conference, who because of their farsighted and courageous leadership, should have a place and voice in all the planning of the new Methodist church.

We are therefore asking the Delegates of this Conference to elect some women as Delegates to our General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. A. B. CRUTE, Secretary

MRS. J. H. HOBBS

MRS. J. A. ROOD

MRS. ANNIE L. WALLER

MISS BETTIE BRITTINGHAM

MRS. JOHN J. SHILLING

MRS. BERTHA M. C. REEVES, Chairman

(A paper adopted by the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences of the Methodist Church at the Uniting sessions of these conferences.)

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS**

A special Committee on Publishing Interests representing the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, having studied the present situation and future needs, presents the following recommendations to the Baltimore Conference and the Peninsula Conferences:

1. We recommend that a Methodist Publishing House be established in Baltimore, with the purposes outlined in the Discipline for the Publishing Houses of the Methodist Church, to serve the specific needs of the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences and vicinities.
2. We recommend that the building at 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland be used as headquarters for Methodism of these conferences, locating there the book store, printing plant and editorial office.
3. We recommend that the periodical now published under the name of the Methodist Protestant-Recorder be adopted as the official organ of the Baltimore Conference and the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church.
4. We recommend that the District Superintendents, the pastors and officials of the Baltimore Conference and the Peninsula Conference make applicable the section of the Discipline referring to the duty of promoting Christian literature by directing patronage to the Baltimore Publishing House and we further recommend that they furnish news and contributions of particular interest to Methodist readers of this area.
5. We recommend that the Editor of the Methodist Protestant-Recorder, while obeying in spirit and letter the provisions of the Enabling Act of the Uniting Conference continuing the paper as the official organ of the Methodist Protestant Church until the next General Conference makes final disposition of its relationship, be requested to solicit, receive and print as much material as possible of special interest to the readers of the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences.
6. We recommend that the Baltimore Conference, the Peninsula Conference, seek to secure an equitable share of properties, equipment, legacies and assets of the Board of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church, to be used to promote the service of the Baltimore Publishing House.
7. We recommend that a committee of seven, four members from the Baltimore Conference and three from the Peninsula Conference, be appointed to further the purpose of this report and that the committee report at the next session of the Baltimore Annual Conference with plans for permanent organization and papers for incorporation which may be adopted with the consent of the representatives of the Peninsula Conference.

(Resolutions presented to the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church):

WHEREAS, The Baltimore and the Peninsula Conferences of the Methodist Church at their sessions for organization both unanimously

adopted the Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which is herewith attached, and

WHEREAS, The Special Committee of both conferences has since given further study to the report and most heartily concurs, the said committee, at a meeting held Friday, November 24, authorized the undersigned to present to the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we believe that the **Methodist Protestant-Recorder**, the Book store, printing plant and the Headquarters at 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, should be continued with such changes as may be necessary to serve the Methodist Church in its new organization.

RESOLVED, That we request the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church to assure us of their concurrence in this conviction and desire, and further

RESOLVED, That we request the Board of Publication to take action at its meeting, November 28, 1939, agreeing to an equitable distribution of the equipment and assets of the Board of Publication to make possible the continuation of the publishing services in Baltimore.

Since the final decision in these adjustments rests with The General Board of Publication of the Methodist Church we feel that an act of approval on the part of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church will greatly aid our case.

(Upon the presentation of these resolutions the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church endorsed the paper to be presented at the joint meeting of the Board of Publication).

**COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, Group Insurance is a well established policy among many of the conferences of Methodism, and

WHEREAS, Group Insurance affords an additional step toward financial security for our ministers and their families, and

WHEREAS, There is a considerable demand already existing among the members of the former Wilmington Conference for this form of insurance protection, and

WHEREAS, The ministerial members of the other groups affected by the formation of the new Peninsula Conference are already covered by Group Insurance within the conferences to which they formerly belonged, and

WHEREAS, It now appears to be for our mutual benefit to arrange for a Group Insurance Policy covering the new Peninsula Conference, be it

RESOLVED, That we do adopt a plan of group insurance for the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The contract be entered into with Prudential Life Insurance Company of .....

2. The insurance be in the amount of \$1,000 for each member covered by the contract.

3. That all active members of the conference be considered eligible for this insurance which is interpreted to mean that preachers on trial shall be eligible from the date of their admission on trial.

4. The rates on the policy be computed and guaranteed on an annual basis.

5. The Conference raise its share of the premiums by apportionment to the churches.

6. That dividends accruing on the policy shall be set aside each year as a fund to be used to pay the premiums of the members who shall retire after this policy is in effect.

7. A Committee be appointed with power to work out the details of the contract.

M. S. ANDREWS, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE PENINSULA CONFERENCE

The joint committee on the Board of Christian Education has held several meetings. In these meetings we have prayerfully considered the task before us. We believe the report of this committee to be in keeping with the new discipline. We further believe this report retains the best of all educational work in our previous denominations and assures a more complete program of education than we have had before.

A survey of the work of the previous denominations revealed the following program with one or more denominations engaging in each item:

1. Vacation Bible Schools
2. Camps for ages 12, 13, 14.
3. Youth Assembly (ages 15-23) (Young People's Institute)
4. Leadership Training Schools
5. Youth Councils
6. Mid-Winter Youth Rallies
7. Adult work as programs are available
8. Young People's meetings (C. E. and E. L.).

1. The committee recommends the retention of all the above mentioned features of a program of Christian Education for the time being.

2. We recommend the employment of a full time director of Christian Education for the conference. The selection of this officer to be made at the 1940 session of the conference.

3. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education shall be composed as follows:

Twenty-four members elected by the conference (12 ministers and 12 lay)

The President of the Youth Council

Two members of the Youth Organization who at the time of their selection shall be 25 years of age or under.

Total voting membership of the Board shall be 27 members.

4. We recommend that the District Supt. and non-member counsellors shall be members of the Board, ex-officio.

5. We recommend that the Board of Finance of the conference make an apportionment of 1½% on pastor's salary to finance the program of the Board of Christian Education.

6. We recommend that the activities of this Board shall be for the new conference and that the Board of Christian Education shall cooperate with other educational agencies in the conference area.

Ministers:—F. D. Milbury, J. B. Dickerson, S. B. Bradley, E. M. Shockley, J. Harry Wright, H. R. Deal, W. I. Collins, L. E. Werner, E. E. Coleman, J. W. Townsend, L. C. Randall.

Laymen:—Wilmer Fell Davis, R. O. Bailey, M. Hazwell Pierce, Ralph O. Dulaney, Fred Warrington, Mrs. J. Richard Jones, Clyde Walls, Gilbert Smith, Lawrence See, F. G. Livingood, R. E. Nichols, H. G. Graves.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. E. WERNER,  
Secretary to the Committee  
F. D. MILBURY,  
Chairman of Committee

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF CLAIMANTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERMANENT FUNDS

Your Committee, representing the four Conferences (Wilmington, Maryland, Baltimore-South, and Virginia) involved in the merger and organization of the new Conference on this peninsula, herewith submits the attached report, and the minutes of the proceedings of our meetings.

We also submit herewith the minutes of the proceedings of the Distributing Committee as called for and organized in accordance with Paragraph 1312 of the 1939 discipline of The Methodist Church, together with the report of the allocation of claimants by said Distributing Committee to this newly formed Conference.

This report is dated October 24, 1939. This Committee has not concluded its work in regard to the distribution of funds, but it is of the opinion that its responsibility for the allocating of claimants and the computation of years of service is practically completed. However, it is possible that some small corrections may have to be made in computation of years of service, but it does not anticipate having to make any corrections affecting the total membership of this Conference. If new evidence is presented substantiating the fact that an error has been made the Committee has power and will correct same. This is a correct report to date.

The discipline requires the report of the Distributing Committee be filed with the Secretary of the Conference for record. It does not require adoption by the Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

DISSTON W. JACOBS, Chairman,  
Joint Committee of Peninsula Methodists  
Forming the New Conference.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

Wesley Church, Dover, Del., September 15, 1939

A meeting of the committee on Church Extension, Sustentation and Maintenance, looking forward to concluding the business of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, and to the organization of the successor Peninsula Conference was held on the above date. Those present were the Rev. John L. Johnson, Rev. Roy T. Thawley, and Willis L. Overdeer of the Methodist Episcopal group; Rev. George W. Haddaway of the Methodist Protestant group; Rev. C. I. Flory, Rev. J. W. Newman and Rev. J. H. Hobbs of the Southern Methodist group.

The committee was convened by Willis L. Overdeer. On motion of Rev. George W. Haddaway, the Rev. John L. Johnson was elected chairman and Willis L. Overdeer was elected Secretary. Two things were to be considered: First—**Church Extension**; Second—**Maintenance and Sustentation**.

Rev. George W. Haddaway read a complete report of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, and reported that ten (10) of the charges coming into the new Peninsula Conference have been receiving \$1200.00 annually for maintenance from missionary appropriations. From the M. E. Church, South there are seven charges and eighteen churches from the Eastern Shore District of the Virginia Conference coming into the new Peninsula Conference. Four of these charges have been receiving \$850.00 annually from missionary appropriations. Also, from the M. E. Church, South Baltimore Conference, Baltimore District there will come seven charges with eleven churches. These charges have been receiving \$1350.00 annually from missionary appropriations. Willis L. Overdeer of the Methodist Episcopal group reported that a total of \$1865.00 had been appropriated for maintenance in the Wilmington Conference by the general Board of Home Missions. It is distributed as follows: \$930.00 to four churches on the Wilmington District, \$465.00 to six charges on the Dover District, and \$470.00 to six charges on the Salisbury District. This does not include funds raised and dispensed by the Wilmington City Missionary Society.

Because of committments of the Methodist Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church, on motion of the Rev. Roy T. Thawley, this committee recommends that the above appropriations be continued by the former Conferences until the regular meeting of the successor Peninsula Conference in the Spring of 1940.

Dr. Haddaway moved that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair, if another meeting is necessary.

WILLIS L. OVERDEER, Secretary.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS

The committee on districts is composed of nine persons; three from each of the Methodisms now united. Three are active laymen, two are pastors, four hold Conference offices. Eight were in attendance at the

meeting Sept. 10, 1939. The conclusions reached, and the recommendations now made are sustained by unanimous vote. The report will be as concise and brief as possible. Detail is reduced to a minimum, and only a few points in argument mentioned.

Five considerations seem to determine the province of this committee. They are (1) Number of Districts, (2) The Geography of the Districts, (3) Support of District Superintendents, (4) Districts Parsonages, (5) Date when the foregoing shall become operative.

1. Number of Districts. Year-Books of the four Annual Conferences which contribute charges to this new Conference indicate that there are 240 charges. Section 2, paragraph 399, Discipline 1939 give authority to the Annual Conference to determine by vote the number of districts. Your committee in session and out of session have heard sundry suggestions as to number, and the type of administration that should be conducted. The latter of these in a large measure will be influenced by the former. Should there be only three districts the superintendents could render only a formal, technical administration, with little, if any, time for promotional activities, and personal contacts with problems of pastors and charges. Should the number be five, or more the cost of administration would impose heavy apportionment, and an unhelpful atmosphere would arise to handicap the district leaders. Holding in mind these major considerations the committee recommends four districts. With that number the average number of charges on a district will be sixty.

2. The Geography of the Districts. Paragraph 399, Discipline 1939, states that one of the duties of the episcopacy is to form the districts. Your committee in shaping up an outline has sought to realize three objectives. The first of these is to follow state lines wherever possible. We have this idea from the Uniting Conference. Secondly, as far as distance and resource will allow distribute the charges equally among the four districts. In the third place prevent wide differences in the totals of cash pastoral support. Of course it is very patent that the harmonization could not be one hundred per cent. However, a higher degree of attainment has been realized than we had anticipated. Here is our pattern. To explain we must apply names to these districts, and these names as well as the shape and size are recommended.

SALISBURY DISTRICT shall include Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties of Maryland, also that portion of Dorchester County, Maryland, served by the two charges in Hurlock, and the Galestown, and Williamsburg charges. Such a district will be altogether in the State of Maryland, will contain 56 regular charges and two mission charges, and the cash base will be \$84,500.

DOVER DISTRICT shall include Sussex and Kent Counties of Delaware, and that portion of New Castle County, Delaware, situated south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. In this district there will be 60 charges, and the cash base is \$83,023. All of the district is in the State of Delaware.

EASTON DISTRICT. Easton is the name proposed for the new district. It shall include Caroline, Queen Anne, and Talbot Counties of Maryland, and that portion of Dorchester not already assigned to the Salisbury District, and all of Kent County, Maryland, with the exception of Galena

and Millington charges. This district is entirely in the State of Maryland, will comprise 65 charges, and the cash base will be \$83,591.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT is little changed from a district of that name in the late Wilmington Conference. It shall include the City of Wilmington, Delaware, that portion of New Castle County not placed on the Dover District, and Cecil County, Maryland, and the two charges in Kent County, Maryland not assigned to the Easton District. Of the four only this district crosses State lines. It will have 57 charges, with a cash base of \$89,400.

3. The third major division of our report, and the action thereon may personally affect the income of three members of the committee. For that reason, Dr. J. Leas Green, a pastor-member, will present the recommendation.

4. Paragraph 790, Discipline 1939, grants authority to the trustees, elected by the District Stewards to acquire and maintain a district parsonage for the district superintendent. It is the opinion of the committee that the parsonages of the Dover, Salisbury, and Wilmington Districts are adequate for those of similar names in the new Conference.

At this point the committee recommends that the parsonage for the Easton District be located in the City of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.

There appear to be equities at different points to purchase, or construct such a parsonage, and furnish it. We name three. The stewards of the Eastern Shore District of the Virginia Conference, from the sale of the district parsonage in Salisbury, has placed \$1200. in trust for this Conference. A building which was the parsonage of the Middletown District is owned by the charges of that former district, all of which are located in this Conference, and nearly all of them are on the Easton District. The funds realized from the disposition of this property may be available for the new parsonage; if not, we advise that the claim value possessed by each charge be applied to the parsonage obligation of the district on which the charge is located. Since this Conference has 51 charges from the Maryland Conference, an equity of about one-third of the value of the Conference parsonage may rightfully be received by this Conference. In launching the new organization the committee feels that the burden of acquiring this new district parsonage should be shared by the entire Conference. Thereafter the upkeep will be with the district of the Easton District. Surpluses, if any, from equities, and refunds from apportionments for superintendents shall be adjudicated to the needs of the district parsonages of the Conference by a commission as provided for in paragraph 848.

5. It is the unanimous opinion of this committee that the recommendations and provisions of this report bearing upon the number of districts and the geography of the districts, the support of superintendents, and the securing of a new parsonage shall become operative immediately on the adjournment of this Conference session.

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The joint Committee on Districts, recognizing the additional responsibility placed upon our district superintendents for promotion and administration in the new Methodist Church, and in consideration of the salaries previously paid in both the Baltimore and Wilmington Conferences, in con-

formity with paragraph 848 of the discipline of The Methodist Church and under authority of the enabling acts governing ad interim procedure, paragraph 1611, sections 2 and 7, unanimously recommends:

I. That the District Superintendents of The Peninsula Conference be paid a uniform salary.

II. That each District Superintendent be allowed a home and \$5000.00. This amount is to include cost of travel, postage, office and secretarial expenses.

III. That 6% of pastors cash salary be assessed on all charges for this purpose.

IV. That the Annual Conference Treasurer receive this money and pay the District Superintendents monthly.

J. J. BUNTING, Chairman.  
J. LEAS GREEN, Secretary.

## MINISTERS COMING INTO THE PENINSULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church

### Active Ministers

Andrews, M. S.	Green, R. E.
Atkins, C. H.	Green, R. M.
Bailey, H. N.	Grey, A. L.
Baker, D. W.	Griffeth, C. M.
Baker, F. A.	Gunby, W. E.
Bartley, O. A.	Habbart, W. E.
Barlow, W. G.	Hallman, E. C.
Baynard, O. T.	Hallman, R. W.
Beckwith, W. L.	Hamblin, S. T.
Bennett, E. L.	Hamer, Conrad
Benson, N. C.	Hanby, J. C.
Bicking, J. R.	Harris, C. C.
Bond, E. J.	Hastings, R. W.
Bradley, S. B.	Hearn, W. A.
Branford, C. W.	Henvis, E. W.
Branford, H. V.	Herson, Frank
Buckley, F. G.	Hodgson, R. S.
Bunting, J. J.	Hopkins, J. C. B.
Bartlett, J. Earl	Hudson, C. H.
Caldwell, H. T.	Hufnal, H. O.
Carpenter, C. I.	Holdway, H. G.
Clark, J. A.	Jackson, Leolan
Clow, J. H. Jr.	Jacobs, D. W.
Collins, O. J.	Jefferson, O. P.
Colona, J. W.	Johns, B. M.
Connelly, O. H.	Johnson, J. L.
Crockett, E. E.	Jones, J. E.
Crum, Ira E.	Jones, J. W.
Davis, C. E.	Jones, O. E.
Dennis, L. R.	Jones, C. N.
Diehl, J. R.	Jones, R. C.
Dickerson, J. B.	Keene, M. H.
Dise, W. L.	Kelso, H. B.
Eckhart, E. B.	Kelso, J. M.
Ennis, C. E.	Kirwan, R. W.
Ennis, W. J.	Kohl, W. H.
Everett, Willard	Landon, J. P.
Fordham, Harold	Langrall, J. F.
Fox, H. P.	Littleton, D. A.
French, J. E.	Louhoff, F. C.
Frye, A. B.	McCoy, J. C.
Gardner, J. H.	McCoy, P. E.
Gault, E. S.	McFarland, A. T.
Givan, D. J.	McKee, W. J.
Glass, W. A.	McClain, D. E.
Goodhand, A. W.	Marine, M. W.
Goodhand, V. M.	Milbury, F. D.
Goodley, G. W.	Mills, R. W.

### Retired Ministers

Bennett, W. O.	Budd, H. G.
Briggs, W. H.	Collins, E. H.
Buckson, J. A.	Davis, Howard

Minker, R. L.
Moore, D. J.
Morgan, L. B.
Murphy, G. H.
Nelson, R. H.
O'Neill, James
Parker, J. E.
Parks, H. M.
Powell, L. L.
Pratt, L. V.
Prettyman, E. C.
Pritchard, D. T.
Reed, O. B.
Revelle, W. H.
Reynolds, B. E.
Reynolds, P. E.
Rice, O. B.
Robb, C. W.
Ross, L. W.
Rowlenson, J. T.
Sard, T. J.
Shockley, E. M.
Short, W. D.
Smith, Tilghman
Sparklin, J. L.
Spence, P. W.
Spry, C. W.
Squires, C. H.
Strickland, A. W.
Sterling, G. E.
Tawes, R. L.
Thawley, R. T.
Thomas, E. P.
Truitt, F. H.
Varner, L. S.
Vaughn, J. B.
Wheatley, M. E.
Wheatley, M. E. Jr.
Wheatley, G. H.
Whedbee, J. H.
White, Frank
White, Leonard
Wigglesworth, Joseph
Wimbrow, L. E.
Windsor, L. E.
Wootten, J. W.
Wright, J. H.
Zimmerman, A. F.

Dawson, G. W.
Ford, D. J.
Geoghegan, J. H.

Hills, V. E.	Outten, J. P.
Hoffecker, E. L.	Poole, L. E.
Holt, T. S.	Poole, W. C.
James, O. E.	Prettyman, J. W.
Jones, G. P.	Price, J. T.
Matthews, W. E.	Rorer, V. E.
Moore, F. X.	Strickland, C. W.
Nutter, M. D.	Sunfield, E. C.

Taylor, E. B.
Thomas, G. S.
Willis, Ivanhoe
Wilson, J. H.
Wise, W. A.
Woodell, W. R.
Wood, G. E.

From the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church

### Active Ministers

Adams, J. P.	George, J. P.	Randall, L. C.
Adams, Ziba	Graham, E. C.	Roberts, W. P.
Bailey, F. B.	Green, J. L.	Ross, G. S.
Bailey, J. T.	Hines, George	Schauer, H. H.
Bauscher, W. F.	Holland, F. A.	Schauer, P. M. R.
Brewer, O. G.	Hungerford, M. E.	Shield, E. R.
Butler, C. P.	Jones, J. L.	Stone, W. H.
Byrd, J. C.	Jones, T. C.	Strausburg, C. R.
Coleman, E. E.	Kay, J. M.	Townsend, J. W.
Cummings, J. E.	Kesmodel, W. P.	Turkington, J. T.
Dearholt, M. E.	Leister, G. E.	Turner, G. E.
Donaway, W. A.	Mark, J. H.	Van Cleaf, R. E.
Elderdice, C. M.	Mulligan, T. C.	Volk, F. M.
Elliott, Lee	Mumford, W. C.	Von Hagle, J. J.
Flater, H. B.	Nicklas, H. N.	Werner, L. E.

### Retired Ministers

Blake, Dorsey	Dobson, C. H.	Nichols, J. L.
Clift, F. M.	Morris, G. A.	Wright, J. A.
Cullum, C. M.	Marshall, C. S.	Woodford, T. R.

Note—J. T. Bailey was granted the Retired relation at the session in Salisbury, Oct. 31, 1939.

From the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

### Active Ministers

Clarkson, C. S.	Jarvis, C. S.	Krams, H. K.
Harris, C. M.	Flory, C. I.	Snapp, A. M. B.

### Retired Ministers

Reiter, C. L.	Rood, J. A.
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From the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

### Active Ministers

Collins, W. I.	Kniceley, A. E.	Yow, R. J.
Deal, H. R.	Loss, R. F.	
Jones, R. L.	Pettus, J. B.	

### Retired Minister

Holland, F. R.

## LAY DELEGATES PRESENT

From Wilmington Conference

### WILMINGTON DISTRICT

#### Name of Charge & Delegate

Bethel—Ernest Davis	Port Deposit—Walter Todd
Charlestown—Mrs. W. L. Simmons	St. George's—H. L. Gray
Cherry Hill—W. P. McFadden	St. John's—Edwin T. Simmers
Chesapeake City—Herbert Wilfong	St. Paul's—W. B. Loller
Christiana—Mrs. Frank Hawthorne	Townsend—Richard Hodgson
Claymont—Joseph Wyatt	Zion Ct.—Earl Best
Crumpton—Mrs. Marguerite Porter	
Elkton—Harry Pippin	
Galena—Robert Bramble	
Hockessin—James H. Polk	
Marshallton—W. H. Wingate	
Middletown—J. Everett Walls	
Mt. Lebanon—Francis Savage	
Newark—Earl F. Dawson	
New Castle, William Deakyne	
Newport—George Biddle	
North East—A. C. Cameron	
Odessa—J. E. Latta	

Total, 35

### DOVER DISTRICT

Bayside—Howard Landon	Greenwood—Charles Kinder
Blades—W. W. Tindall	Harrington—U. P. Morris
Bozman & Neavitt—Mrs. Grace Mc- Quay	Henderson—A. B. Cohee
Bridgeville—Prof. Geo. T. Macklin	Houston—Howard Moore
Burrsville—W. H. Wright	Kent Island—Lemuel Kirwan
Camden—John M. Lynch	Lewes—Thomas P. Scott
Centreville—Norman P. Walters	Magnolia—Mrs. Ethel M. Collins
Chestertown—Howard A. Covey	Marydel—U. Lee Harman
Church Hill—A. G. McFarland	Milford—G. Roland Messick
Clayton—C. W. Hall	Milford Neck—Harvey A. Thompson
Concord—Harry H. Nuttle	Milton—George H. Waples
Denton—Walter Sparklin	Nassau—Everett C. Hopkins
Dover (Wesley)—A. A. Hearn	Oxford—Mrs. James Mills
Easton—C. N. Jefferson	Preston—Harry B. Wright
Ellendale—D. C. Draper	Rehobeth—J. Fred Hudson
Fairlee—B. F. Rash	Ridgely—Walter M. Bennington
Farmington—L. W. Richards	Rock Hall—W. Stanley Grant
Federalsburg—Senator W. F. Davis	Seaford—E. J. Winder
Felton—Orlan L. Hastings	Seaford Ct.—Howard E. Hitchens
Frederica—F. Alonzo Morris	Smyrna—L. M. Price
Galestown—S. G. Smith	Sudlersville—G. Walter Stevens
Georgetown—A. P. Townsend	Trappe—H. L. Slaughter
Greensboro—H. C. Rawlings	Wye Mills—D. B. F. Wolcott
	Wyoming—S. W. Harrison

Total, 47

### SALISBURY DISTRICT

Beckwith & Spedden—Roland Dail	Mt. Vernon—L. W. Ross
Berlin—H. B. Powell	Nanticoke—Roy W. Walter
Bethel—Norman Coulbourn	Mt. Zion—Chester O'Neal
Bishopville—O. M. Shockley	Ocean City—G. P. Cropper
Cambridge—Granville Hooper	Ocean View & Millville—R. C. Steele
Church Creek—Harold Delaha	Parsonsborg—W. B. Holloway
Crapo—B. F. Kirwan	Pittsville—Algie E. Wimbrow
CRISFIELD:—	Pocomoke City—W. W. Holt
Immanuel—Edward P. Wyatt	Pocomoke Circuit—O. T. Payne
Asbury—J. H. Pinto	Powellville—Fred Kelly
Dagsboro & St. Georges—Clarence A. Short	Roxana—Edward Savage
Deal's Island—Fred T. Webster	SALISBURY:—
Delmar—A. W. Ellis	Asbury—E. Virgil Hearn
East New Market—G. Burton Isen- berg	Grace—Virgil P. Wilkins
Elliott—Winfield Gray	Secretary—T. A. Coulbourn
Frankford—John D. Furman	Selbyville—James B. McCabe
Girdletree—Mrs. S. S. Hancock	Sharptown—Charles L. Windsor
Fruitland—Earl Hobbs	Snow Hill—A. C. Humphreys
Gumboro—Charles H. Baker	Somerset—Delmas E. Shores
Hebron—Mrs. Ida V. Brewington	Stockton—C. C. Pilchard
Hooper's Island—Oscar W. Nelson	St. Thomas—B. O. Murphy
Hurlock—Harvey N. Harper	St. Peter's—Roy A. Bozman
Mardela Springs—C. I. Bennett	Vienna—Roland Wheatley
Millsboro—J. P. King	Westover—George W. Bell
Mt. Pleasant—Jos. N. Elliott	Whitesville—Ernest Farlow
	Willards—Cyrus J. Ennis
	Williamsburg—Roland S. Poole

Total, 50

Grand Total, 132

C. W. COOK, JR., Secretary.

### From the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church

Caroline, Mrs. Mildred Kern	Laurel Circuit, John D. Collins
Cecil, Mrs. Elsie R. Janney	Leeds, Howard A. Mackey
Centreville, Grace, John Cannon	Leipsic, John W. Tarbutton
Chestertown, C. N. Satterfield	Mardella, Harlen Twilley
Crisfield, Mt. Pleasant, Oscar T. How- ard	Mariner, J. D. Crockett
Dagsboro, Rodney Ennis	Milford, Fulton Downing
Delmar, R. E. Nichols	Milton, Charles T. Vent
Denton, Samuel Nowell	Oxford, O. S. Gallup
Dorchester, C. Edwin Bell	Pittsville, Dennis Tilghman
Dover, Mrs. E. B. Raughley	Pocomoke, J. A. Davis
Easton, Roy D. Fleckenstein	Powellville, Willie Shockley
Federalsburg, W. A. Wheatley, Jr.	Reliance, A. Hill Smith
Friendship, Mrs. Olive Pusey	Salisbury, Fred P. Adkins
Greenwood-Cannon, Mrs. Nora L. Wroten	Seaford, Levin W. Culver
Harbeson-Lewes, George A. Rust	Sharptown, J. Frank Beach
Harrington, Ellwood Gruwell	Snow Hill, W. O. Shockley
Hebron, Arthur L. Mills	St. James, Miss Mary Nicholson
Hurlock, Mrs. Ida D. Plummer	St. Michaels, Daniel G. Higgins
Indian River, Nelson Johnson	Trinity-Salem, Mrs. W. W. Fontaine
Kennedyville, S. T. Bramble	Warwick, Mrs. Jennie C. Price
Kent Island-Wye, Gordon Shawn	Wesley Chapel of Kent, LeRoy Jac- quette
Laurel, Charles Hastings	Wilmington, First Church, Mrs. Fan- nie C. Davis



From the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church South

Cambridge, Grace, Birdsell Andrews	Salisbury, Trinity, I. E. Jones
Cambridge Circuit, Alex. Peterson	South Salisbury, Mrs. Carl Williams
Hosier Memorial, Mrs. Lee Tolley	St. Martins, Mrs. Elizabeth Mumford

From the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South

Millington, Harry E. Walls	Goldsboro, T. Noble Jarrell
Easton, G. R. Warner	Trappe, S. E. Simpson

APPOINTMENTS

FOR THE PENINSULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

DOVER DISTRICT

W. A. HEARN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.)

	Formerly
Bethel, Del.—C. W. Spry	M. E.
Blades—W. H. Kohl, P. O. Seaford, Del.	M. E.
Bridgeville, Del.—P. W. Spence	M. E.
Camden, Del.—W. J. Ennis	M. E.
Canterbury and Viola—D. J. Ford (supply)	M. E.
Cheswold, Del.—W. L. McClintock (supply)	M. E.
Clayton, Ewells and Downes Chapel—R. E. VanCleaf, P. O. Clayton, Del.	M. P.
Clayton, Del., St. Paul's—L. W. Ross	M. E.
Dagsboro and St. Georges—F. A. Baker, P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	M. E.
Dagsboro, Del., Christ Church—Lester K. Welch (supply)	M. P.
Dover, Delaware—	
Governor's Ave. (supply)	M. P.
St. Paul's—W. C. Buckson (supply)	M. E.
Wesley—E. M. Shockley	M. E.
Ellendale, Del.—O. B. Rice	M. E.
Farmington, Del.—Lee Varner	M. E.
Felton, Del.—Willard Everett	M. E.
Frankford, Del.—J. A. Clark	M. E.
Frederica, Del.—E. S. Gault	M. E.
Georgetown, Del.—	
Grace and Hebron—M. E. Dearholt	M. P.
Wesley—O. E. Jones	M. E.
Georgetown Circuit—E. N. Wright (supply), P. O. Georgetown, Del.	M. E.
Greenwood, Del.—H. O. Hufnal	M. E.

Greenwood, Del., Grace and Cannon—J. J. VonHagel	M. P.
Gumboro, Del.—R. W. Mills (supply)	M. E.
Harbeson and Lewes—J. P. George, P. O. Harbeson, Del.	M. P.
Harrington, Del.—	
Asbury—R. E. Green	M. E.
Trinity—G. E. Turner	M. P.
Houston, Del.—Ira E. Crum	M. E.
Indian River—Pastor at Milton, Del.	M. P.
Kenton and Hartley—R. G. Conner (supply), P. O. Kenton, Del.	M. E.
Laurel, Del.—	
Centenary—E. C. Hallman	M. E.
Christ—L. E. Werner	M. P.
Laurel Circuit—Lee Elliott, P. O. Laurel, Del.	M. P.
Leipsic, Del.—Pastor at Clayton	M. P.
Lewes, Del.—O. P. Jefferson	M. E.
Lincoln City, Del.—M. E. Wheatley, Jr.	M. E.
Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel—W. L. Beckwith, P. O. Magnolia, Del.	M. E.
Middletown, Del.—L. B. Morgan	M. E.
Milford, Del.—	
Avenue—Frank Herson	M. E.
Calvary—M. E. Hungerford	M. P.
Milford Neck—Pastor at Frederica	M. E.
Millsboro, Del.—E. W. Henvis	M. E.
Milton, Del.—	
Goshen—J. B. Vaughn	M. E.
Grace—G. S. Ross	M. P.
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Hanby, P. O. Laurel, Del.	M. E.
Mt. Zion—C. W. Spry, P. O. Bethel, Del.	M. E.
Nassau and Unity—J. H. Whedbee, P. O. Nassau, Del.	M. E.
Ocean View and Millville—J. E. Parker, P. O. Ocean View, Del.	M. E.
Odessa, Del.—N. C. Benson	M. E.
Portsville—Pastor at Christ, Laurel	M. P.
Rehoboth, Del.—Conrad Hamer	M. E.
Reliance—Pastor at Mt. Olivet, Seaford, Del.	M. P.
Roxana, Del.—J. E. Jones	M. E.
Seaford, Del.—	
Mt. Olivet—E. E. Coleman	M. P.
St. Johns—J. L. Johnson	M. E.
Seaford Circuit—A. F. Zimmerman, P. O. Seaford, Del.	M. E.
Selbyville, Del.—R. T. Thawley	M. E.
Smyrna, Del.—J. W. Colona	M. E.
Townsend, Del.—D. A. Littleton	M. E.
Whitesville, Del.—A. G. Thomas (supply)	M. E.
Woodside—Pastor at Wyoming	M. E.
Wyoming, Del.—O. B. Reed	M. E.
Zoar—C. W. Spry, P. O. Bethel, Del.	M. E.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. J. BUNTING—District Superintendent,  
103 Elizabeth St., Salisbury, Md.

Annamessex—L. L. Knotts (supply), P. O. Marion, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Allen, Md.—R. F. Loss . . . . .	M. E. S.
Berlin, Md.—O. H. Connelly . . . . .	M. E.
Bishopville, Md.—B. L. Lewis (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Bivalve, Md.—J. L. Jones . . . . .	M. P.
Crisfield, Md.—	
Asbury—J. T. Rowleson . . . . .	M. E.
Immanuel—J. R. Bicking . . . . .	M. E.
Mt. Pleasant—C. M. Elderdice . . . . .	M. P.
Deals Island, Md.—Leonard White . . . . .	M. E.
Delmar, Del.—	
First—S. B. Bradley . . . . .	M. E.
Mt. Olive—W. A. Donaway . . . . .	M. P.
Fairmount—D. E. Wood (supply), P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Friendship and St. Luke—E. Sampson Purdue (supply), P. O. Salisbury, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Fruitland, Md.—Waldo Dise . . . . .	M. E.
Galestown, Md.—J. W. Smith (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Girdletree, Md.—D. J. Givan . . . . .	M. E.
Hebron, Md.—	
Nelson Memorial—E. B. Eckhart . . . . .	M. E.
St. Paul's—E. C. Graham . . . . .	M. P.
Hurlock, Md.—	
Unity—C. P. Butler . . . . .	M. P.
Washington—Roy L. Tawes . . . . .	M. E.
Mardela, Md.—	
Emmanuel—O. G. Brewer . . . . .	M. P.
St. Paul's—A. T. P. Hudson (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Mariners—W. C. Mumford, P. O. Crisfield, Md. . . . .	M. P.
Mt. Vernon, Md.—L. L. Powell, P. O. Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Nanticoke, Md.—E. E. Crockett . . . . .	M. E.
Newark, Md.—D. T. Pilchard . . . . .	M. E.
Ocean City, Md.—M. S. Andrews . . . . .	M. E.
Parsonsborg, Md.—J. R. Diehl . . . . .	M. E.
Pittsville, Md.—	
Ayes—J. H. Clow, Jr. . . . .	M. E.
Grace—F. M. Volk . . . . .	M. P.
Pocomoke City, Md.—	
Bethany—G. E. Leister . . . . .	M. P.
Salem—J. W. Wootten . . . . .	M. E.
Pocomoke Circuit—J. F. Willis (supply), P. O. Pocomoke City, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Powellville, P. O. Pittsville, Md.—	
St. John's—D. T. Campbell (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
White's Chapel—To be supplied . . . . .	M. P.
Princess Anne, Md.—Tilghman Smith . . . . .	M. E.
Quantico, Md.—James O'Neill . . . . .	M. E.

## Salisbury, Md.—

Asbury—H. P. Fox . . . . .	M. E.
Bethesda—J. Leas Green . . . . .	M. P.
Grace—J. C. B. Hopkins . . . . .	M. E.
South—W. I. Collins . . . . .	M. E. S.
Stengle—Lloyd Townsend (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Trinity—H. R. Deal . . . . .	M. E. S.
Sharptown, Md.—	
Asbury—R. H. Nelson . . . . .	M. E.
Mt. Vernon—W. P. Kesmodel . . . . .	M. P.
Smith's Island—E. L. Bennett, P. O. Ewell, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Snow Hill, Md.—	
Bates—E. R. Shield . . . . .	M. P.
Whatcoat—G. E. Sterling . . . . .	M. E.
Somerset—H. G. Holdway, P. O. Chance, Md. . . . .	M. E.
St. Martin's, Md.—A. E. Kniceley . . . . .	M. E. S.
Stockton, Md.—J. H. Gardner . . . . .	M. E.
St. Peters—G. H. Wheatley, P. O. Oriole, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Trinity—Ziba Adams, P. O. Marion, Md. . . . .	M. P.
Westover, Md.—Ellwood Cursey (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Whaleyville, Md.—Albert Turkington (supply) . . . . .	M. P.
Willards, Md.—Lloyd Townsend (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
Williamsburg Md.—Milton Elliott (supply) . . . . .	M. E.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent,  
2705 Harrison St., Wilmington, Del.

Bethel and Town Point—G. Homer Murphy, P. O. Chesapeake City, Md. . . . .	M. E.
Cecil Circuit—H. N. Nicklas, P. O. North East, Md. . . . .	M. P.
Cecilton, Md.—Frank White . . . . .	M. E.
Charlestown, Md.—George W. Goodley, Jr. . . . .	M. E.
Cherry Hill—F. K. McCorkle (supply), P. O. Elkton, Md., R. D. . . . .	M. E.
Chesapeake City, Md.—H. T. Caldwell . . . . .	M. E.
Chester-Bethel—W. E. Habbart, P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D. 2 . . . . .	M. E.
Christiana, Del.—V. M. Goodhand . . . . .	M. E.
Claymont, Del.—J. Earl Bartlett . . . . .	M. E.
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Galena, Md.—W. A. Glass . . . . .	M. E.
Hockessin, Del.—R. M. Green . . . . .	M. E.
Holly Oak, Del.—J. E. Layton (supply) . . . . .	M. E.
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Leeds—F. A. Holland, P. O. Elkton, Md., R. D. 4 . . . . .	M. P.
Marshallton, Del.—J. M. Kelso . . . . .	M. E.
Millington, Md.—A. T. MacFarland . . . . .	M. E.

Mt. Lebanon—W. E. Fosnocht, P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D. 1	M. E.
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New Castle, Del.—C. N. Jones	M. E.
Newport, Del.—J. C. McCoy	M. E.
North East, Md.—R. S. Hodgson	M. E.
Perryville, Md.—H. N. Bailey	M. E.
Port Deposit, Md.—J. W. Jones	M. E.
Red Lion—D. J. Moore, (P. O. Bear, Del)	M. E.
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Rising Sun, Md.—J. B. Dickerson	M. E.
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St. John's—F. H. Truitt, P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	M. E.
St. Paul's, Md.—Frank White, P. O. Cecilton, Md.	M. E.
Stanton, Del.—David Baker	M. E.
Warwick, Md.—P. M. Schauer	M. P.
Zion Circuit—C. H. Atkins, P. O. North East, Md.	M. E.

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Eastlake—C. C. Harris, 102 W. 30th	M. E.
Epworth—J. E. French, 922 Lombard St.	M. E.
First—W. H. Stone, 224 W. 36th St.	M. P.
Grace—B. M. Johns, 9th and Washington Sts.	M. E.
Harrison St.—M. W. Marine, 7th and Harrison Sts.	M. E.
Hillcrest—A. W. Goodhand, 402 Hillcrest, Hillcrest, Wil.	M. E.
Kingswood—M. H. Keene, 925 Pine St.	M. E.
Peninsula—J. W. Townsend, 301 W. 20th	M. P.
Madeley—W. D. Short, 1218 B St.	M. E.
McCabe—E. J. Bond, 2202 Boulevard	M. E.
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Scott—C. W. Branford, 3616 Washington St.	M. E.
Silverbrook—J. H. Wright, 201 Woodlawn Ave.	M. E.
St. Paul's—O. J. Collins, 1014 W. 10th St.	M. E.
Trinity—C. H. Hudson, 727 E. 22nd St.	M. E.
Union—T. J. Sard, 509 Washington St.	M. E.

EASTON DISTRICT

J. EARL CUMMINGS, District Superintendent,  
508 S. Aurora St., Easton, Md.

Bayside—Jesse P. Landon, Sherwood, Md.	M. E.
Beckwith and Spedden—Walter G. Barlow, Cambridge, Md., R.D.3	M. E.
Bozman—J. T. Graham (supply), Bozman, Md.	M. E.
Burrsville—Paul E. McCoy, Denton, Md.	M. E.

Cambridge, Md.—

Grace—R. J. Yow, 102 Locust St.	M. E. S.
St. Paul's—T. C. Mulligan, 209 Maryland Ave.	M. P.
Zion—D. W. Jacobs, 106 Locust St.	M. E.
Cambridge Ct.—J. B. Pettus, 304 Maryland Ave., Cambridge, Md.	M. E. S.
Caroline—H. H. Schauer, Hobbs, Md.	M. P.
Centerville, Md.—	
Centerville—H. V. Branford	M. E.
Grace—L. C. Randall	M. P.
Chestertown, Md.—	
Christ—W. P. Roberts	M. P.
First—P. E. Reynolds	M. E.
Church Creek, Md.—J. H. Anderson (supply)	M. E.
Church Hill, Md.—R. W. Hastings	M. E.
Church Hill-Millington—A. M. B. Snapp, Church Hill, Md.	M. E. S.
Concord—F. G. Buckley, Federalsburg, Md.	M. E.
Cordova—R. Jervis Cooke (supply), Chestertown, Md.	M. E.
Crapo, Md.—G. S. Allen (supply)	M. E.
Crumpton, Md.—R. W. Hopkins (Supply)	M. E.
Denton, Md.—	
First—L. E. Wimbrow	M. E.
Grace—T. J. Turkington	M. P.
Dorchester—J. H. Mark, Vienna, Md.	M. P.
East New Market, Md.—H. B. Kelso	M. E.
Eldorado—F. B. Bailey, Federalsburg, Md.	M. P.
Elliott, Md.—J. B. Chadwick (supply)	M. E.
Easton, Md.—	
Calvary—T. C. Jones, 135 N. Washington St.	M. P.
Ebenezer—E. P. Thomas, Brookletts Ave.	M. E.
Trinity—C. M. Harris, 110 N. Harrison St.	M. E. S.
Fairlee—O. T. Baynard, Chestertown, Md., R. D. 2	M. E.
Federalsburg, Md.—	
Christ—F. B. Bailey, 135 Academy Ave.	M. P.
Union—F. D. Milbury	M. E.
Goldsboro, Md.—C. Clarkson	M. E. S.
Greensboro, Md.—R. W. Kirwan	M. E.
Grove—W. E. Lewis (supply), Preston, Md.	M. P.
Henderson & Barclay—W. O. Hackett (supply), Henderson, Md.	M. E.
Hillsboro, Md.—A. W. Strickland	M. E.
Hooper's Island—Brooks E. Reynolds, Fishing Creek, Md.	M. E.
Hosier Memorial—R. L. Jones, Fishing Creek, Md.	M. E. S.
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Kennedyville, Md.—W. F. Bauscher	M. P.
Kent Island—J. F. Langrall, Stevensville, Md.	M. E.
Kent Island-Wye—H. B. Flater, Stevensville, Md.	M. P.
Marydel, Md.—C. E. Ennis	M. E.
Oxford, Md.—A. L. Grey	M. E.
Oxford, Md.—George Hines	M. P.
Pomona—J. P. Adams, Chestertown, Md., R. D.	M. E.
Preston, Md.—R. W. Hallman	M. E.

Queen Anne, Md.—C. S. Jarvis	M. E. S.
Queen Annes—Supplied by Pastor of Grace, Centerville	M. P.
Queenstown, Md.—J. H. Thornton (supply)	M. E.
Ridgely, Md.—C. M. Griffeth	M. E.
Rock Hall, Md.—F. C. Louhoff, Jr.	M. E.
Royal Oak-Tilghman—C. I. Flory, Royal Oak, Md.	M. E. S.
Secretary, Md.—Mrs. C. G. Cannon (supply)	M. E.
St. James—Melvin Kay, Worton, Md.	M. P.
St. Michaels, Md.—C. R. Strausburg	M. P.
St. Michaels, Md.—Leolan Jackson	M. E.
St. Thomas—R. H. Wilson (supply), Bishop's Head, Md.	M. E.
Still Pond, Md.—C. E. Davis	M. E.
Sudlersville, Md.—W. H. Revelle	M. E.
Tilghman, Md.—Harold Fordham	M. E.
Trappe, Md.—D. B. Prettyman (supply)	M. E.
Trappe, Md.—D. B. Prettyman	M. E. S.
Vienna, Md.—C. W. Robb	M. E.
Wesley Chapel of Kent—J. C. Byrd, Rock Hall, Md.	M. P.
Wye Mills, Md.—H. T. Hallman (supply)	M. E.

#### Left Without Appointment to Attend School

Joseph Wigglesworth.  
Harvey Squires.  
C. I. Carpenter, Chaplain U. S. Army.  
E. C. Prettyman, Connecticut Anti-Saloon League.  
D. E. McLain, Vice Chancellor American University.

## DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

### General Conference—Ministerial—Also to the Jurisdictional

John J. Bunting, Salisbury, Maryland.  
Walter A. Hearn, Dover, Delaware.  
Thomas C. Mulligan, Cambridge, Maryland.

### Ministerial Reserve Delegates—Also Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference

Disston W. Jacobs, Cambridge, Maryland.  
Walter E. Gunby, Wilmington, Delaware.  
Winfred P. Roberts, Chestertown, Maryland.  
Essell P. Thomas, Easton, Maryland.  
Ernest C. Hallman, Laurel, Delaware.

### Reserve Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference

John L. Green, Salisbury, Maryland.  
John R. Bicking, Crisfield, Maryland.  
Frank Herson, Milford, Delaware.

### LAY DELEGATES

#### General Conference

Orlando M. Shockley, Showell, Maryland.  
Bettie S. Brittingham, Salisbury, Maryland.  
Wilmer Fell Davis, Federalsburg, Maryland.

#### Reserve to the General Conference

Harry B. Wright, Preston, Maryland.  
Frederic P. Adkins, Salisbury, Maryland.  
Harry E. Walls, Church Hill, Maryland.  
Luther Bennett, Goldsboro, Maryland.  
Charles N. Satterfield, Chestertown, Maryland.

### Reserve Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference

Willis L. Overdeer, Wilmington, Del.  
Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Maryland.  
Harry H. Nuttle, Denton, Maryland.

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Completed at the Conference Sessions or Raised By the  
Committee on Committees.

**CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING:** **Dover District**—J. W. Colona, P. W. Spence, M. E. Hungerford, W. W. Sharp, Walter H. Warrington, Henry Groves; **Easton District**—A. M. B. Snapp, F. B. Bailey, U. G. Ross, R. C. Peterson, Samuel Novelli; **Salisbury District**—E. L. Bennett, W. P. Kesmodel, R. F. Loss, J. C. Stevenson, W. O. Shockley, E. M. Nichols; **Wilmington District**—T. J. Sard, M. W. Marine, J. M. Kelso, I. Elmer Perry, T. Blair Ely, Dr. E. B. Crooks.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:** Held over by action of the organizing Conference. 1940—E. C. Hallman, W. A. Hearn, O. E. Jones; 1941—D. W. Jacobs, R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews; 1942—R. S. Hodgson, J. M. Kelso, M. E. Wheatley, Sr.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:** President, O. E. Jones; Vice-President, Frank Herson; Registrar, L. E. Wimbrow. R. S. Hodgson, O. A. Bartley, Tilghman Smith, M. W. Marine, E. M. Shockley, E. W. Henvis, Leonard White, O. P. Jefferson, M. S. Andrews, O. J. Collins, C. M. Elderdice, L. E. Werner, H. R. Deal.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** E. C. Hallman, J. M. Kelso, M. S. Andrews, R. T. Thawley, O. A. Bartley, O. E. Jones.

**ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE:** **For Maryland**—J. R. Bicking, R. L. Tawes, H. V. Branford; **For Delaware**—O. E. Jones, J. L. Johnson, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, Howard Edenfield, F. A. Baker, H. N. Nicklas.

**MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION:** **Dover District**—J. L. Johnson, L. M. Price; **Easton District**—W. M. Fleckenstein, P. E. Reynolds; **Salisbury District**—A. C. Humphreys, C. M. Elderdice; **Wilmington District**—O. A. Bartley, W. L. Overdeer.

**TEMPERANCE:** T. C. Mulligan, Leonard White, F. A. Baker, J. B. Dickerson, H. R. Deal, Mrs. Helen Simpson, Prof. Wilbur J. Robinson, Mrs. Anna Lee Waller, G. Roland Messick, Kenneth Vincent, Miss Myra Hall.

**EVANGELISM:** 1940—T. J. Sard, J. T. Rowleson, W. A. Donoway; 1941—A. B. Frye, H. B. Kelso, R. J. Yow; 1942—Ralph C. Jones, C. C. Harris, G. E. Turner.

**CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT:** District Superintendents, the Chairman and Treasurer of the Conference Budget; **Dover District**—O. E. Jones, E. J. Winder; **Easton District**—F. D. Bowers, Charles S. Clarkson; **Salisbury District**—Tilghman Smith, A. Wellington Tawes; **Wilmington District**—M. W. Marine, W. L. Overdeer.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS:** 1940—J. L. Green, E. C. Hallman, A. B. Frye, W. I. Collins; 1941—F. A. Baker, R. T. Thawley, J. H. Wright, John W. Townsend; 1942—J. M. Kelso, J. L. Sparklin, Carlton Harris, M. E. Hungerford.

**WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE:** **Dover District**—Fulton Downing, R. S. Brock, Frank Herson; **Easton District**—Granville Hooper, E. P. Thomas; **Salisbury District**—W. C. Cordry, J. L. Green; **Wilmington District**—W. M. Pogue, Walter H. Stone, J. E. Bartlett.

**CONFERENCE BUDGET:** 1940—J. W. Colona, G. E. Leister, H. H. Nuttle; 1941—M. S. Andrews, D. W. Jacobs, G. Roland Messick; 1942—Oliver J. Collins, E. M. Shockley, J. Everett Walls.

**DISTRICT COMMS. ON LOCAL PREACHERS:** **Dover District**—Leon Ross, L. B. Morgan, Robert E. Green; **Easton District**—J. B. Pettus, H. V. Branford, W. P. Roberts; **Salisbury District**—H. P. Fox, Waldo Dise, O. H. Connelly; **Wilmington District**—B. M. Johns, C. C. Harris, Richard M. Green.

**EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE:** Roy L. Tawes, M. E. Wheatley, Sr., T. C. Jones, J. B. Vaughn.

**MEMOIRS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE:** W. A. Wise.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** District Superintendents, M. E. Hungerford, J. B. Pettus.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM:** Pastor-Host, the chairman of the official board of the entertaining church, the District Superintendents.

**RESOLUTIONS AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS:** E. R. Shield, S. B. Bradley, C. W. Branford, J. J. VonHagel, H. N. Bailey.

**TRUSTEES OF STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.**—Senator John G. Townsend, William L. Todd, E. P. Thomas.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:** **For Delaware**—T. J. Sard, O. A. Bartley, L. E. Windsor; **For Maryland**—H. N. Bailey, J. B. Dickerson, F. A. Holland.

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF:** Ralph C. Jones.

**COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION:** J. L. Johnson, O. H. Connelly, J. W. Jones, E. M. Shockley, C. M. Elderdice. Reserves—Leolan Jackson, C. I. Flory.

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP:** Robert E. Green, J. T. Turkington, E. B. Eckhart, E. J. Bond.

**GROUP INSURANCE:** M. S. Andrews, P. W. Spence, T. Blair Ely, C. N. Satterfield, Carlton M. Harris.

**RULES OF ORDER:** E. C. Hallman, J. L. Green, H. P. Fox.

**PUBLISHING INTERESTS:** J. W. Colona, J. L. Green, L. W. Whaley.

**METHODIST ADVANCE:** W. E. Gunby, Chairman; J. J. Bunting, W. A. Hearn, J. Earl Cummings, Frederic P. Adkins, Harry B. Wright, F. D. Milbury, W. L. Overdeer, John Shilling, O. A. Bartley, Oliver J. Collins, L. W. Whaley.

**MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:** 1940—R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, E. P. Thomas, J. E. Cummings; 1941—Leolan Jackson, Frank Herson, T. C. Mulligan, R. J. Yow; 1942—M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, F. D. Milbury, O. J. Collins.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION: Ministers**—F. D. Milbury, J. B. Dickerson, S. B. Bradley, E. M. Shockley, J. H. Wright, H. R. Deal, W. I. Collins, L. E. Werner, E. E. Coleman, J. W. Townsend, L. C. Randall; **Laymen**—Wilmer Fell Davis, R. O. Bailey, M. Haswell Pierce, Ralph O. Dulaney, Fred Warrington, Mrs. J. Richard Jones, Clyde Walls, Gilbert Smith, Lawrence See, F. G. Livingood, R. E. Nichols, H. G. Graves.

**TRUSTEES OF WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: Ministerial**—Term expiring 1940—Bishop E. H. Hughes, J. J. Bunting, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby, E. P. Thomas; 1941—Leonard White, J. W. Colona, D. W. Jacobs, T. S. Holt, E. C. Hallman, L. E. Windsor; 1942—J. L. Johnson, G. W. Dawson, L. B. Morgan, E. M. Shockley. **Lay**—1940—J. G. Townsend, Jr., A. W. Tawes, Everett Walls, G. F. Alderson, W. F. Davis, A. A. Hearn; 1941—H. H. Nuttle, W. H. Jump, M. Haswell Pierce, E. F. Melson, E. J. Winder, W. J. Storey; 1942—W. T. Overdeer, O. M. Shockley, F. E. Warrington, W. H. Warrington, Granville Hooper.

**Officers**—President, W. E. Gunby; Vice-President, J. Everett Walls; Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Nuttle; Attorney, Elwood Melson.

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS: Ministerial**—1940—J. W. Jones, W. P. Roberts; 1941—E. P. Thomas, L. E. Windsor; 1942—D. W. Jacobs, H. R. Deal. **Lay**—1940—F. P. Gentieu, R. O. Dulaney; 1941—C. N. Jefferson, E. J. Winder; 1942—C. L. Horsey, C. N. Satterfield.

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| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker    | 1902 Oram T. Baynard         |
| 1881 John A. Rood           | 1902 James W. Colona         |
| 1884 William A. Wise        | 1902 James H. Gardner        |
| 1886 George E. Wood         | 1902 William E. Matthews     |
| 1887 James H. Wilson        | 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand      |
| 1889 Vinal E. Hills         | 1903 Walter E. Gunby         |
| 1890 Melvin D. Nutter       | 1903 William E. Habbart      |
| 1890 Virgil E. Rorer        | 1903 George S. Thomas        |
| 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan    | 1904 Edward J. Bond          |
| 1891 George P. Jones        | 1904 Joseph A. Buckson       |
| 1892 Dorsey Blake           | 1904 Frank M. Clift          |
| 1892 Clarence M. Cullum     | 1904 John M. Kelso           |
| 1892 Clarence W. Strickland | 1904 Edwin B. Taylor         |
| 1892 John A. Wright         | 1905 John T. Bailey          |
| 1893 George Hines           | 1905 Daniel J. Ford          |
| 1893 John P. Outten         | 1905 Jesse C. McCoy          |
| 1894 Henry G. Budd          | 1905 Howard R. McDade        |
| 1895 Edward H. Collins      | 1905 Lewis B. Morgan         |
| 1895 Daniel J. Givan        | 1905 Winfred P. Roberts      |
| 1895 George A. Morris       | 1905 William R. Woodell      |
| 1896 Frank A. Holland       | 1906 Charles M. Elderdice    |
| 1896 Leolan Jackson         | 1906 Benjamin M. Johns       |
| 1896 Luther E. Poole        | 1906 John L. Sparklin        |
| 1897 Charles P. Butler      | 1907 John R. Bicking         |
| 1897 William O. Bennett     | 1907 William H. Briggs       |
| 1897 Thomas S. Holt         | 1907 Oden E. James           |
| 1897 John W. Prettyman      | 1907 William H. Revelle      |
| 1898 John W. Jones          | 1907 Tilghman Smith          |
| 1898 Omar E. Jones          | 1908 Arthur L. Grey          |
| 1898 Hugh B. Kelso          | 1908 Jesse P. Landon         |
| 1898 Frederick X. Moore     | 1908 James T. Price          |
| 1899 George W. Dawson       | 1908 Leonard White           |
| 1899 John L. Johnson        | 1909 John J. Bunting         |
| 1899 Thomas R. Woodford     | 1909 Frank Herson            |
| 1900 Howard Davis           | 1909 Marion E. Hungerford    |
| 1900 Charles I. Flory       | 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman      |
| 1900 Clarence N. Jones      | 1910 Ziba Adams              |
| 1900 James L. Nichols       | 1910 Hamilton P. Fox         |
| 1900 William C. Poole       | 1910 Ernest C. Hallman       |
| 1901 Charles R. Strausburg  | 1910 John C. B. Hopkins      |
|                             | 1910 Dayton E. McClain       |
|                             | 1910 Thomas J. Sard          |
|                             | 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley, Sr. |
|                             | 1911 David J. Moore          |
|                             | 1911 William C. Mumford      |
|                             | 1911 Oren B. Rice            |
|                             | 1911 Charles W. Spry         |

1912 William F. Bauscher  
 1912 Olie H. Connelly  
 1912 Charles M. Griffeth  
 1912 George E. Sterling  
 1912 Ivanhoe Willis

1913 Disston W. Jacobs

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

1915 Alpha B. Frye  
 1915 Ralph C. Jones

1916 James P. Adams  
 1916 John P. George  
 1916 Charles C. Harris  
 1916 Otis B. Reed  
 1916 Roy T. Thawley  
 1916 Lester E. Windsor

1917 Charles H. Atkins  
 1917 Charles H. Dobson  
 1917 Hashell R. Deal  
 1917 Walter A. Hearn  
 1917 Peter M. R. Schauer

1918 James E. Bartlett  
 1918 Edmund W. Hennis  
 1918 Robert S. Hodgson  
 1918 Gilbert S. Ross  
 1918 John T. Rowlenon  
 1918 John W. Wootten  
 1918 Ralph J. Yow  
 1918 August F. Zimmerman

1919 Guy E. Leister  
 1919 John L. Green  
 1919 Andrew T. McFarland  
 1919 Earl M. Shockley  
 1919 John W. Townsend  
 1919 John H. Whedbee

1920 Edward C. Graham  
 1920 Ralph L. Minker  
 1920 Gilbert E. Turner  
 1920 Frank M. Volk

1921 Milton S. Andrews  
 1921 Jacob Earl Cummings  
 1921 Charles E. Davis  
 1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin  
 1921 Henry G. Holdway  
 1921 Francis R. Holland  
 1921 Joseph B. Pettus

1922 Otho G. Brewer  
 1922 Moreland E. Dearholt  
 1922 Charles E. Hudson

1922 Thomas C. Mulligan  
 1922 Wingate D. Short  
 1922 Thomas J. Turkington  
 1922 Johnson H. Wright

1923 F. B. Bailey  
 1923 Walter G. Barlow  
 1923 Roy L. Jones  
 1923 Louis C. Randall  
 1923 Charles L. Reiter  
 1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow

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

1925 Henry M. Parks

1926 Frank A. Baker  
 1926 Sidney B. Bradley  
 1926 Charles W. Branford  
 1926 Harry V. Branford  
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 1926 W. Irvin Collins  
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 1926 Otis P. Jefferson  
 1926 Preston W. Spence

1927 John A. Clark  
 1927 John R. Diehl  
 1927 Willard Everett  
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1928 Robert E. Green  
 1928 Frederick C. Louhoff  
 1928 James O'Neil  
 1928 Albert M. B. Snapp  
 1928 Alfred W. Strickland  
 1928 Roy L. Tawes

1929 Charles I. Carpenter  
 1929 Elwood B. Eckhart  
 1929 Grayson H. Wheatley  
 1929 Clark S. Marshall

1930 Henry T. Caldwell  
 1930 William J. Ennis  
 1930 Frank D. Milbury  
 1930 Lucien L. Powell

1931 Richard M. Green  
 1931 Jacob C. Hanby  
 1931 William H. Kohl  
 1931 James F. Langrall  
 1931 John H. Mark  
 1931 Joseph B. Vaughn

1932 Lee Elliott  
 1932 James J. VonHagel  
 1932 James M. Kay  
 1932 Asa E. Kniceley  
 1932 Henry N. Nicklas  
 1932 Leon W. Ross  
 1932 Walter H. Stone

1933 Jesse C. Byrd  
 1933 Joseph B. Dickerson  
 1933 Raymond W. Hallman  
 1933 Ray W. Kirwan  
 1933 D'Arcy A. Littleton

1934 John E. French  
 1934 Daniel T. Pritchard  
 1934 Henry H. Schauer

1935 Elmer L. Bennett  
 1935 Frank G. Buckley  
 1935 James H. Clow, Jr.  
 1935 Ewell E. Crockett  
 1935 Waldo L. Dise  
 1935 Harvey B. Flater  
 1935 Walter A. Glass  
 1935 Carlton M. Harris  
 1935 John E. Jones  
 1935 Robert E. Van Cleaf  
 1935 Leslie E. Werner

1936 Walter L. Beckwith  
 1936 Charles S. Clarkson  
 1936 Ira E. Crum  
 1936 Vernon M. Goodhand  
 1936 Frederick H. Truitt  
 1936 Elmer R. Shield

1937 William P. Kesmodel  
 1937 Robert F. Loss  
 1937 George H. Murphy  
 1937 Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.

1938 Charles E. Ennis  
 1938 Harold Fordham  
 1938 Edward S. Gault  
 1938 Robert W. Hastings  
 1938 Jasper L. Jones  
 1938 Milton H. Keene  
 1938 Harry K. Krams  
 1938 Leroy V. Pratt  
 1938 Paul E. McCoy  
 1938 Brooks E. Reynolds  
 1938 Charles H. Squires

1939 David W. Baker  
 1939 George W. Goodley, Jr.  
 1939 Charles S. Jarvis

1940 Frank O. Baynard  
 1940 William H. Hudson



# 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
1916 Adams, J. P.	E Queenstown, Md.	1
1910 Adams, Ziba	E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1921 Andrews, M. S.	E Ocean City, Md.	2
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P. O. North East, Md.)	8
1923 Bailey, F. B.	E Federalsburg, Md. (Christ)	4
1924 Bailey, H. N.	E Perryville, Md.	3
1905 Bailey, J. T.	R Georgetown, Del.	2
1939 Baker, D. W.	P Stanton, Del.	2
1926 Baker, F. A.	E Federalsburg, Md. (Union)	1
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Wye Mills, Md.	1
1918 Bartlett, J. E.	E Claymont, Del.	2
1924 Bartley, O. A.	E Newark, Del.	2
1912 Bauscher, W. F.	E Cecil Cir. (P. O. North East, Md.)	1
1940 Baynard, F. O.	P At School	1
1902 Baynard, O. T.	R Chincoteague, Va.	1
1936 Beckwith, Walter L.	E Magnolia, Del.	2
1934 Bennett, E. L.	E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1897 Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	10
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Houston, Del.	1
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Immanuel. (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	5
1892 Blake, Dorsey	R Greenwood, Del.	15
1964 Bond, Edward J.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	3
1926 Bradley, S. B.	E Delmar, Del. (First)	2
1926 Branford, C. W.	E Scott, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	4
1926 Branford, H. V.	E Lewes, Del.	1
1922 Brewer, O. G.	E Mardella, Md. (Emmanuel)	5
1907 Briggs, W. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	10
1935 Buckley, F. G.	E Concord, Md.	2
1904 Buckson, J. A.	R Rehoboth, Del.	9
1894 Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	10
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E D. S. Salisbury, Md.	6
1897 Butier, C. P.	E Blades. (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
1933 Byrd, J. C.	E Rock Hall, Md.	2
1930 Caldwell, H. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	5
1929 Carpenter, C. I.	E Chaplain U. S. Army, Langley Field, Va.	4
1927 Clark, J. A.	E Frankford, Del.	2

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1936 Clarkson, C. S.	E Goldsboro, Md.	2
1904 Clift, F. M.	R Preston, Md.	4
1935 Clow, J. H., Jr.	E Pittsville, Md. (Ayers)	2
1926 Coleman, E. E.	E Seaford, Del. (Olivet)	5
1895 Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	7
1924 Collins, O. J.	E St. Paul's, (P. O. Wil., Del.)	8
1926 Collins, W. I.	E Salisbury, Md. (South)	2
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Smyrna, Del.	5
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Berlin, Md.	5
1935 Crockett, Ewell E.	E Nanticoke, Md.	3
1936 Crum, Ira E.	E Ellendale, Del.	1
1892 Cullum, C. M.	R Lewes, Del.	6
1921 Cummings, J. E.	E D. S., Easton, Md.	2
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1900 Davis, Howard	R Lewes, Del.	3
1899 Dawson, G. W.	R Middletown, Del.	2
1917 Deal, H. R.	E Salisbury, Md. (Trinity)	2
1922 Dearholt, M. E.	E Georgetown, Del. (Grace)	2
1927 Diehl, J. R.	E Parsonsburg, Md.	5
1933 Dickerson, J. B.	E Rising Sun, Md.	2
1935 Dise, Waldo L.	E Fruitland, Md.	2
1917 Dobson, C. H.	R Federalsburg, Md.	8
1926 Donoway, W. A.	E Delmar, Del. (Mt. Olivet)	5
1929 Eckhart, Elwood B.	E Hebron, Md., Nelson Memorial	2
1906 Elderdice, C. M.	E Crisfield, Md., (Mt. Pleasant)	8
1932 Elliott, Lee	E Laurel Cir., Del.	13
1938 Ennis, C. E.	D Marydel, Md.	3
1930 Ennis, W. J.	E Camden, Del.	4
1927 Everett, Willard	E Felton, Del.	2
1935 Flater, H. B.	E Kent Island, Md.	2
1900 Flory, C. I.	E Royal Oak, Md.	2
1905 Ford, D. J.	R Camden, Del.	6
1938 Fordham, Harold	E Tilghman, Md.	3
1910 Fox, H. P.	E Salisbury, Md. (Asbury)	4
1934 French, J. E.	E New Castle, Del.	1
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Richardson Park, Del.	3
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Stockton, Md.	3
1938 Gault, E. S.	E Frederica, Del.	2
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	R Newport, Del.	7
1916 George, J. P.	E Harbeson, Del.	4
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Girdletree, Md.	2
1935 Glass, W. A.	E Galena, Md.	3
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Hillcrest, P. O. Wilmington, Del.	2
1936 Goodhand, Vernon M.	E Christiana, Del.	3
1939 Goodley, G. W.	P Charlestown, Md.	2
1920 Graham, E. C.	E Hebron, Md. (St. Paul's)	3
1919 Green, J. L.	E Salisbury, Md. (Bethesda)	7
1928 Green, R. E.	E Harrington, Del.	3
1931 Green, R. M.	E Hockessin, Del.	3

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1908 Grey, A. L.	E Oxford, Md. (St. Paul's)	4
1912 Griffeth, Charles M.	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1912 Gunby, W. E.	E D. S., Wilmington, Del.	6
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Chester-Bethel, P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D.	3
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Laurel, Del.	2
1933 Hallman, R. W.	E Preston, Md.	2
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Hopewell, P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	5
1927 Hamer, Conrad	E Rehoboth, Del.	5
1931 Hanby, J. C.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake, P. O. Wil., Del.	11
1935 Harris, C. M.	E Easton, Md. (Trinity)	2
1938 Hastings, R. W.	D Church Hill, Md.	2
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E D. S., Dover, Del.	2
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1909 Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	14
1889 Hills, V. E.	R P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D.	5
1893 Hines, George	E Oxford, Md.	7
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E North East, Md.	3
1876 Hoeffcker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	23
1921 Holdway, H. G.	E Somerset, P. O. Chance, Md.	2
1896 Holland, F. A.	R Childs, Md.	1
1921 Holland, F. R.	R Newark, Del.	10
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	29
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Clayton, Del.	1
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity, P. O. Wil., Del.	11
1940 Hudson, W. H.	P St. Martins, Md.	1
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	E Greenwood, Del.	2
1909 Hungerford, M. E.	E Milford, Del. (Calvary)	2
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E St. Michaels, Md. (Sardis)	7
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Cambridge, Md. (Zion)	2
1907 James, O. E.	R Baltimore, Md.	17
1939 Jarvis, C. S.	P and D Easton, Md. (Calvary)	1
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	E Centreville, Md. (Epworth)	1
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace, P. O. Wil., Del.	18
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Seaford, Del. (St. John's)	5
1900 Jones, C. N.	E Epworth, P. O. Wil., Del.	1
1891 Jones, G. P.	R Mystic, Conn.	12
1935 Jones, J. E.	E Roxanna, Del.	3
1938 Jones, J. L.	E Bivalve, Md.	2
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Port Deposit, Md.	4
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Georgetown, Del.	10
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Brandywine, P. O. Wil., Del.	2
1923 Jones, R. L.	E Hoosier Memorial, P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	2
1914 Jones, T. C.	E Harrington, Del. (Trinity)	1
1931 Kay, J. M.	E St. James, P. O. Worton, Md.	3
1938 Keene, M. H.	D Kingswood, P. O. Wil., Del.	2
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E East New Market, Md.	2

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1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Marshallton, Del.	5
1937 Kesmodel, W. P.	E Sharptown, Md. (Mt. Vernon)	1
1933 Kirwan, R. W.	E Greensboro, Md.	2
1932 Kniceley, A. E.	E Beckwith, Md.	1
1931 Kohl, W. H.	E Smith's Island, P. O. Ewell, Md.	1
1938 Krams, H. K.	D Ingleside, Md.	2
1908 Landon, J. P.	R Sherwood, Md.	1
1931 Langrall, J. F.	E Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	5
1919 Leister, G. E.	E Pocomoke City, Md. (Bethany)	4
1933 Littleton, D. A.	E C. C. C. Chaplain	2
1937 Loss, R. F.	E Allen, Md.	2
1928 Louhoff, F. C.	E Rock Hall, Md.	5
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Harrison St., P. O. Wil., Del.	5
1931 Mark, J. H.	E Westover, Md.	1
1939 Marshall, C. S.	R Clayton, Del.	8
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	19
1910 McClain, D. E.	E American University, Wash, D. C.	2
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Newport, Del.	7
1938 McCoy, P. E.	D Warwick, Md.	1
1905 McDade, H. R.	E Sharptown, Md. (Asbury)	1
1919 McFarland, A. T.	E St. Peters, P. O. Oriole, Md.	1
1914 McKee, W. J.	Sy. Ireland	3
1930 Milbury, F. D.	E Mt. Salem, P. O. Wil., Del.	1
1927 Mills, R. W.	Sy. Seaford, Del.	4
1920 Minker, R. L.	Sy. Wilmington, Del.	5
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Red Lion, Del.	3
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	20
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Middletown, Del.	5
1895 Morris, G. A.	R Salisbury, Md.	9
1922 Mulligan, T. C.	E Cambridge, Md. (St. Paul's)	14
1911 Mumford, W. C.	E Bishopville, Md.	1
1937 Murphy, G. H.	E Bethel (P. O. Ches. City, Md.)	3
1900 Nichols, J. L.	R Newark, Del.	11
1932 Nicklas, H. N.	E Odessa, Del.	1
1890 Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	11
1928 O'Neill, James	E Quantico, Md.	4
1893 Outten, J. P.	R Laurel, Del.	8
1924 Parker, J. E.	E Ocean View, Del.	2
1925 Parks, H. M.	E Asbury, (P. O. Wil., Del.)	5
1921 Pettus, J. B.	E Cambridge Cir., Md.	2
1896 Poole, L. E.	R Snow Hill, Md.	7
1900 Poole, W. C.	R Rehoboth, Del.	5
1930 Powell, L. L.	E Cherry Hill, P. O. Elkton, Md.	1
1938 Pratt, L. V.	E Ebenezer, (P. O. Newark, Del.)	3
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Conn. Anti Saloon League	26
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	R North East, Md.	5
1908 Price, J. T.	R East New Market, Md.	5
1934 Pritchard, D. T.	E Mt. Pleasant, (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1923	Randall, L. C. ....E	Centreville, Md. (Grace) .....9
1916	Reed, O. B. ....E	Wyoming, Del. ....2
1923	Reiter, C. L. ....R	Tilghman, Md. ....
1907	Revelle, W. H. ....E	Sudlersville, Md. ....3
1938	Reynolds, B. E. ....D	Newark, Md. ....1
1927	Reynolds, P. E. ....E	Chestertown, Md. (First) .....5
1911	Rice, O. B. ....R	Trappe, Md. ....1
1924	Robb, C. W. ....E	St. Thomas, P. O. Bishop's Head, Md. ....1
1905	Roberts, W. P. ....E	Chestertown, Md. (Christ) .....5
1881	Rood, J. A. ....R	Millington, Md. ....
1890	Rorer, V. E. ....R	Elkins Park, Pa. ....8
1918	Ross, G. S. ....E	Milton, Del. (Grace) .....6
1932	Ross, L. W. ....E	Salisbury, Md. (Grace) .....1
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. ....E	Crisfield, Md. (Asbury) .....8
1910	Sard, J. T. ....E	Union, (P. O. Wil., Del.) .....8
1934	Schauer, H. H. ....E	Caroline, (P. O. Hobbs, Md.) ....3
1917	Schauer, P. M. ....E	Leeds, Md. ....1
1936	Shield, E. R. ....E	Snow Hill, Md. (Bates Mem.) ....2
1919	Shockley, E. M. ....E	Dover, Del. (Wesley) .....5
1922	Short, W. D. ....E	Madeley, (P. O. Wil., Del.) ....3
1907	Smith, Tilghman ....E	Princess Anne, Md. ....2
1928	Snapp, A. M. B. ....E	Church Hill, Md. ....2
1906	Sparklin, J. L. ....E	St. Georges, Del. ....8
1926	Spence, P. W. ....E	Bridgeville, Del. ....2
1911	Spry, C. W. ....E	Bethel, Del. ....2
1938	Squires, C. H. ....P and D	Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) ...1
1912	Sterling, G. E. ....E	Snow Hill, Md. (Whatcoat) .....2
1932	Stone, W. H. ....E	Hillsboro, Md. ....1
1901	Strausburg, C. R. ....E	Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.) 1
1928	Strickland, A. W. ....E	Millington, Md. ....1
1892	Strickland, C. W. ....R	Rehoboth, Del. ....6
1928	Tawes, R. L. ....E	Hurlock, Md. (Washington) ....3
1904	Taylor, E. B. ....R	Springfield, S. C. ....6
1916	Thawley, R. T. ....E	Selbyville, Del. ....5
1914	Thomas, E. P. ....E	Easton, Md. (Ebenezer) .....5
1903	Thomas, G. S. ....E	Farmington, Del. ....1
1919	Townsend, J. W. ....E	Peninsula, (P. O. Wil., Del.) ....2
1936	Truitt, F. H. ....E	Mt. Vernon, (P. O. Princess Anne, Md. ....1
1922	Turkington, T. J. ....E	Denton, Md. (Grace) .....10
1920	Turner, G. E. ....E	First (P. O. Wil., Del.) .....1
1935	Van Cleaf, R. E. ....E	Hurlock, Md. (Unity) .....2
1931	Vaughn, J. B. ....E	Milton, Del. (Goshen) .....3
1920	Volk, F. M. ....E	Pittsville, Md. (Grace) .....9
1932	Von Hagle, J. J. ....E	Greenwood, Del. (Grace) .....3
1935	Werner, L. E. ....E	Laurel, Del. (Christ) .....2
1910	Wheatley, M. E. Sr. ....E	Elkton, Md. ....5
1937	Wheatley, M. E. Jr. ...P and D	Lincoln City, Del. ....2

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1929	Wheatley, G. H. ....E	Marion, Md. (Trinity) .....1
1919	Whedbee, J. H. ....E	Nassau, Del. ....2
1914	White, Frank ....E	Ridgely, Md. ....1
1908	White, Leonard ....E	Deals Island, Md. ....2
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe ....R	Marshallton, Del. Supt. Anti-Sa- loon League of Delaware .....2
1887	Wilson, J. H. ....R	Elsmere, Del. ....14
1923	Wimbrow, L. E. ....E	Denton, Md. (First) .....2
1916	Windsor, L. E. ....E	Conf. Treasurer, Field Agent, Board of Conf. Claimants, Newark, Del. ....1
1884	Wise, W. A. ....R	Wilmington, Del. ....11
1905	Woodell, W. R. ....R	Delmar, Del. ....7
1886	Wood, G. E. ....R	Dover, Del. ....9
1899	Woodford, T. R. ....R	Pine Ridge, Kentucky .....5
1918	Wooten, J. W. ....E	Pocomoke City, Md. (Salem) ....5
1892	Wright, J. A. ....R	Delmar, Del. ....12
1922	Wright, J. H. ....E	Silverbrook (P. O. Wil., Del.) ...5
1918	Yow, R. J. ....E	Cambridge, Md. (Grace) .....2
1918	Zimmerman, A. F. ....E	Seaford, Del. ....3

## SUPPLIES.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
	E. indicates Local Elder D. indicates Local Deacon.	
Adams, R. H. ....	E Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	21
Allen, Geo. S. ....	E Crapo, Md.	4
Anderson, John H. ....	Church Creek, Md.	2
Baker, Walter H. ....	Clayton, Del., (Ewells)	1
Buckson, W. C. ....	St. Paul's, Dover	3
Bunting, J. J. Jr. ....	Mardela, Md. (St. Paul's)	1
Cannon, Mrs. Bertha ....	Secretary, Md.	2
Campbell, D. T. ....	D Powellville, Md. (P. O. Pittsville)	9
Chadwick, J. B. ....	Elliott, Md.	2
Conner, R. G. ....	E Kenton, Del.	3
Cooke, R. Jervis ....	Cordova, Md.	2
Cursey, Ellwood ....	D Kennedyville, Md.	1
Dillard, Harmon ....	Grace, (P. O. Dover, Del.)	2
Elliott, Milton ....	Williamsburg, Md.	3
Fosnacht, W. E. ....	E Mt. Lebanon (P. O. Wil., Del., R. D.)	7
Graham, J. T. ....	E Bozman, Md.	2
Hackett, W. O. ....	Henderson, Md.	2
Hopkins, R. W. ....	D Crumpton, Md.	2
Hudson, A. T. P. ....	E Whites Chapel, Powellville, (P. O. Pittsville)	1
Kirby, R. L. Jr. ....	E Burrsville, (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1
Knotts, L. L. ....	D Elk Neck, (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	1
Layton, J. E. ....	E Holly Oak, Del.	16
Lewis, B. L. ....	Dorchester, (P. O. Vienna, Md.)	1
Lewis, W. E. ....	Pomona, (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
McClintock, W. L. ....	E Cheswold, Del.	2
McCorkle, F. K. ....	E St. John's, (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
Perdue, E. S. ....	Friendship, (P. O. Salisbury, Md. R. D.)	2
Pigueron, G. H. ....	Vienna, Md.	1
Prettyman, D. B. ....	E Trappe, Md.	8
Steen, J. C. ....	E 1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	13
Smith, J. W. ....	Galestown, Md.	2
Thomas, A. G. ....	Whitesville, Del.	5
Thornton, J. H. ....	E Grove, (P. O. Preston, Md.)	1
Townsend, Lloyd ....	Stengle, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	2
Turkington, Albert A. ....	E Whaleyville, Md.	2
Willis, J. F. ....	E Pocomoke Cir., (P. O. Poc. Md.)	2
Wilson, R. H. ....	D Mariners, (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	1
Wood, D. E. ....	E Fairmont, Md.	2
Wright, E. N. ....	E Georgetown Circuit, (P. O. Georgetown, Del.	4

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- 1941:—F. A. Baker, R. T. Thawley, J. H. Wright, J. W. Townsend.  
1942:—J. M. Kelso, J. L. Sparklin, Carlton M. Harris, M. E. Hungerford.  
1943:—A. B. Frye, E. C. Hallman, J. T. Turkington, W. I. Collins.

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- 1941:—Leolan Jackson, Frank Herson, T. C. Mulligan, R. J. Yow.  
1942:—M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, F. D. Milbury, O. J. Collins.  
1943:—R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, E. P. Thomas, W. P. Kesmodel.

### CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

- 1941:—D. W. Jacobs, R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews.  
1942:—J. M. Kelso, F. B. Bailey, M. E. Wheatley, Sr.  
1943:—E. C. Hallman, O. E. Jones, R. J. Yow.

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- 1941:—E. P. Thomas, L. E. Windsor.  
1942:—D. W. Jacobs, H. R. Deal.  
1943:—J. W. Jones, W. P. Roberts.

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- 1941:—C. N. Jefferson, E. J. Winder.  
1942:—C. L. Horsey, C. N. Satterfield.  
1943:—Frank Gentieu, R. O. Dulany.

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## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL JOURNAL

## FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING

**OPENING:**—The Adjourned Session of the Peninsula Annual Conference convened for its first session in Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday, May 15, 1940, at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

## SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in business session at 10.25 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**—The Roll was called by the Secretary of Ministers, Accepted Supplies and Lay Delegates of the Organizing Session of the Peninsula Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:**—On motion of the Secretary a committee was raised for the purpose of considering and presenting plans for the publication and distribution of the Minutes; the historical data to be printed in the Minutes; and method for registering the attendance of ministers and lay delegates. The Committee was appointed as follows: D. W. Jacobs, L. C. Randall, W. A. Wise, H. R. Deal and E. M. Shockley.

**ORGANIZATION:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting, J. R. Bicking was re-elected Secretary and he named the following assistants and they were confirmed: O. A. Bartley, R. W. Hallman, and John N. Townsend.

**TREASURER:**—W. H. Revelle was elected Treasurer pro-tem and he named the following assistants: V. E. Hills, J. H. Clow, O. H. Connelly, H. T. Caldwell, C. H. Squires, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, W. L. Beckwith, M. E. Wheatley, Jr., Milton H. Keene, R. G. Conner, L. V. Pratt, G. P. Adams, Walter A. Glass, L. E. Werner, E. E. Coleman.

**STATISTICIAN:**—G. E. Leister was elected Statistician and he named the following assistants: S. T. Hamblin, W. L. McClintock, Elwood Cursey, F. G. Buckley, D'Arcy A. Littleton, J. W. Wootten, B. L. Lewis, W. E. Lewis, G. H. Pigueron, J. B. Pettus, J. T. VonHagel, F. A. Baker.

On motion of J. W. Wootten, Conference ordered that no attempt be made at comparison of statistics this year with last year.

**AREA OF THE CONFERENCE:**—On motion of B. M. Johns, the first fifteen rows of pews was made the area of the Conference.

**PASTOR'S REPORTS:**—Pastor's Reports were collected.

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

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL:**—On motion Conference voted that the printed minutes be made the Official Journal of the Conference.

**QUESTION 3:**—The Third Question "What Preachers have died during the year?" was taken up. The Secretary called the names of those who have died during the year.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**—J. W. Colona was requested to preside at the Memorial Service. J. W. Townsend read the Scripture Lesson and H. R. Deal led in prayer.

The memoir of V. S. Collins was read by B. M. Johns; that of W. F. Corkran by Roland Nelson; that of J. W. Sutton by T. J. Sard; that of W. R. Mowbray written by W. A. Wise was read by W. H. Briggs.

On motion time was extended.

Leonard White then read the memoir of R. P. Nichols.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference recessed to reassemble at 2.30 o'clock with continuation of the Memorial Service as the Order of the Day.

W. E. Matthews pronounced the benediction.

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### THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**OPENING:**—Conference resumed the Memorial Service at 2.30 o'clock with J. W. Colona presiding.

The memoir of E. C. Sunfield was read by V. E. Hills.

The memoir of Mrs. Martha Watt prepared by G. P. Jones was read by O. A. Bartley; that of Sarah D. Sidell by O. H. Connell; that of Mrs. Virginia Bolton by J. J. Bunting.

The memoir of Mrs. E. J. Bond was ordered prepared and printed in the minutes.

The memoir of Mrs. J. L. Elderdice, prepared by W. P. Roberts was read by J. C. Byrd.

The memoir of T. S. Barrett, Accepted Supply, was read by W. L. McClintock; that of C. D. Sharpless, Accepted Supply, by T. J. Sard.

The memoir of Mrs. David Campbell, wife of an Accepted Supply, was read by W. H. Kohl; that of Mrs. A. G. Thomas, wife of an Accepted Supply by J. C. Hanby.

On motion of O. A. Bartley the memoirs as read were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes subject to editorial revision by the Secretary.

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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:**—On motion of J. W. Colona a committee was raised to canvass thoroughly the matter of a suitable memorial service and was instructed to report at a later time in this session of Conference.

J. W. Colona was appointed member at large; J. L. Green, Salisbury District; Harold Fordham, Easton District; E. M. Shockley, Dover District, M. W. Marine, Wilmington District.

**INTRODUCTION:**—H. D. Bollinger, representing the Board of Education was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ORDER OF THE DAY FOR SATURDAY MORNING:**—On motion of F. D. Milbury the report of the Conference Board of Education was made the order of the day for Saturday morning after the reading of the Journal.

**COMMITTEE OF NINE AND RELATED COMMITTEES:**—The report of the Committee of Nine representing the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences, and the reports of all related Committees were made the order of the Day for Thursday at 2.30 o'clock.

**QUESTION 1:**—The First Question "What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts?" was taken up. W. E. Gunby was called, his character passed, and he read a report of the work of the Wilmington District.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—W. R. Reed, A. G. Lynch, and J. S. Gresham of the Virginia Conference, C. E. Forelines of the Baltimore Conference, and J. E. Downes of the Philadelphia Conference were introduced.

**E. J. BOND:**—On motion of H. P. Fox the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to E. J. Bond on the death of his wife.

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

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### FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING

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

**EXAMINING MINUTES:**—On motion of H. P. Fox the following committee was appointed to examine the minutes each day and report to the Conference: E. C. Hallman, T. C. Mulligan, W. Irvin Collins.

**GROUP INSURANCE:**—On motion of M. S. Andrews the report of the committee on Group Insurance was made the order of the day for Friday morning after the report of the Committee on the Journal.

**MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION:**—On motion of H. P. Fox Conference ordered a recess immediately after the reading of the District Superintendents reports when the Ministerial Relief Association would hold its annual meeting.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:**—On motion of J. W. Wootten the expense of installing a temporary public address system was referred to the Bureau of Budget, and plans to be worked out in conjunction with the Property Committee of Grace Church.

**QUESTION 1:**—The first question "What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts?" was resumed. J. J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, W. A. Hearn, Superintendent of the Dover District, J. E. Cummings, Superintendent of the Easton District, were called, their characters passed, and they read reports of the work of their respective Districts.

**QUESTION 2:**—The second question "Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and administration?" was taken up. The effective elders of the Salisbury, Wilmington, Dover and Easton Districts were called and their characters passed.

The men in detached service were called and their characters passed.

The men in the Supernumerary relationship were called and their characters passed.

**RECESS:**—Conference recessed and the Mutual Relief Association met in the first annual session, H. P. Fox presiding.

**REGULAR SESSION:**—Conference resumed the regular session, Bishop Hughes in the chair.

**MRS. PAUL REYNOLDS:**—On motion of H. P. Fox the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mrs. Paul E. Reynolds who is sick.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:**—W. E. Gunby for the Committee on Committees presented a list of the Committees ordered by the Organizing Conference and it was adopted without reading.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung and Bishop Hughes delivered an address on the subject, "Reminiscences of His First Pastorate."

**CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER:**—E. C. Hallman presented for the Rules of Order Committee recommendations for rules of order for this Conference and they were adopted.

**CORPORATE SESSION:**—The 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 Bishop of the Washington Area, J. J. Bunting, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby, E. P. Thomas, W. A. Hearn. J. Earl Cummings was elected to fill the unexpired term of W. F. Corkran, deceased.

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

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:**—R. T. Thawley, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, presented the Treasurers report of the board; also the reports of the Barratts Chapel Fund and the Washington Foster Estate and on his motion they were adopted without reading. On motion the following were elected Conference Trustees for a term of three years: Class of 1941—D. W. Jacobs, R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews; Class of 1942—J. M. Kelso, F. B. Bailey, M. E. Wheatley, Sr.; Class of 1943—E. C. Hallman, O. E. Jones, R. J. Yow.

R. T. Thawley spoke in appreciation of W. A. Hearn his predecessor as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees.

**COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLIES:**—The Bishop named the following as members of the Committee on Accepted Supplies: From Comm. on Conf. Relations: J. H. Wright, J. L. Green, Frank Baker, A. B. Frye, J. W. Townsend. From Board of Ministerial Training: Frank Herson, O. A. Bartley, E. M. Shockley, M. W. Marine, L. E. Wimbrow.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**—W. P. Kesmodel was approved a member of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications in place of J. E. Cummings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. A. Wise pronouncing the benediction.

#### FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Charles C. Webber representing the Methodist Federation for Social Service, Harold Paul Sloane representing the Christian Advocate were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:—COMMITTEE OF NINE AND RELATED COMMITTEES:**—On motion of W. A. Hearn the privilege of the floor was granted to E. A. Sexsmith, Leonard Smith and John R. Edwards. E. A. Sexsmith read the report of the Committee of Nine and on motion of J. L. Green the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, 1. That a special committee consisting of the District Superintendents and two others from each District be named by the District Superintendents, be authorized to study all the details incident to the adjustment of the affairs of the former Maryland Conference between the Baltimore and Peninsula Conferences.

2. That this committee shall report its findings with recommendations to the Peninsula Conference for action.

3. That the committee be named and then be excused from this Conference session to interview the special representatives of the ad interim adjustment Committee of the former Maryland Conference. The following were named on the committee: Dover District—J. W.

Colona, M. E. Hungerford; Salisbury District—H. R. Deal, J. L. Green; Easton District—W. P. Roberts, Granville Hooper; Wilmington District—J. Harry Wright, M. W. Marine.

The Committee was then excused.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS:**—J. W. Colona requested the privilege of the floor for R. L. Shipley and it was granted. R. L. Shipley then presented the report of the Committee and on motion of J. W. Colona Conference ordered two members added to the special Committee of Three on Publishing Interests and Wade Insley was named in place of L. W. Whaley.

**RELIGION IN LIFE:**—S. B. Bradley was requested by the Bishop to serve as an agent for the magazine, "Religion In Life".

**EXCUSED:**—C. I. Carpenter was excused from the remainder of the Conference to resume his duties as a chaplain of the United States Army. Leonard White was excused to attend a funeral.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, John R. Edwards pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING

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

**COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL:**—The Journal of Thursday's sessions was approved on motion of the Committee on Journal.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:—GROUP INSURANCE:**—M. S. Andrews presented the report of the Committee on Group Insurance.

On motion of M. S. Andrews, Mr. Charles Clarke of the Philadelphia office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company was granted the privilege of the floor to answer questions relative to the Group Insurance Plan.

After several questions were asked and answered, on motion of O. E. Jones, the previous question was called.

Conference then adopted the report of the Committee.

C. M. Harris presented the report of the Treasurer of the Group Insurance Plan and it was adopted.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS:**—F. Reid Isaac, Jr., Superintendent of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., read his report and it was adopted, and the following were elected Trustees, the Secretary casting the ballot: Rev. E. P. Thomas, William L. Todd, Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., F. M. Shook, Rev. J. Earl Cummings, Rev. Ralph J. Yow.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS:**—E. M. Shockley and C. Norman Jefferson were added to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**—E. C. Hallman presented the report of the Historical Society and on his motion it was adopted without reading and ordered printed in the minutes. The following officers were elected: President, E. C. Hallman, Vice-presidents, R. T. Thawley, Ivanhoe Willis, W. J. Collins, Walter H. Stone, O. E. Jones, M. S. Andrews; Research Secretary, J. M. Kelso; Secretary-Treasurer, O. A. Bartley.

The following motion was adopted:

Moved that the Conference request the Peninsula Historical Society to send to every pastor a questionnaire covering the history of each church on the charge. That this questionnaire be carefully answered either by the pastor or some person designated to do so by the official Board of the Church.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**—Conference ordered an Executive Session as the Order of the Day immediately following the report on the Journal, Saturday morning and by common consent the previously established order of the Board of Education was made the Order of the Day following the Executive Session.

**MINISTER'S WIVES ASSOCIATION:**—The motion of R. T. Thawley calling for the setting aside of five pages in the Minutes for the use of the Minister's Wives Association was referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance, and the Conference Secretary.

**BISHOP HUGHES:**—E. J. Winder, on behalf of the ministers and laymen presented Bishop Hughes a gift of money. Bishop Hughes responded.

**HARBESON LOTS:**—W. A. Hearn presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have two vacant lots at Harbeson, Del., the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and since we now have a Methodist Church in Harbeson and the lots have been lying idle for many years, be it

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of the Dover District be authorized to sell the lots, remit the money received to the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference with the request that this money be returned through the office of the Superintendent for the repair of the Harbeson Methodist Church.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS:**—J. W. Colona presented the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests and it was adopted with the recommendations contained therein.

**MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT PARSONAGE:**—J. J. Bunting presented a legal document designed to clear the title of the Middletown District Parsonage and on motion of W. A. Hearn it was adopted.

**COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF CLAIMANTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERMANENT FUNDS:**—D. W. Jacobs presented the report of the Joint Committee on Allocation of Claimants and Distribution of Permanent Funds and it was adopted, and the minutes of the committee were ordered filed with the Conference Secretary.

**COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE:**—J. J. Bunting read the names of the Commission on World Service and Finance, and the Bishop named J. L. Green as convener of the Commission.

**INTRODUCTION:**—George W. Henson, representing the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia and the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association was introduced and addressed the Conference.

W. H. Ford of the Philadelphia Conference and D. H. Hargis of the Delaware Conference were introduced.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung and Bishop Hughes delivered an address on "Motherhood".

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, G. W. Henson pronouncing the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING

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

**JOURNAL:**—The report of the Committee on Journal for the minutes of Friday session was adopted.

**COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE:**—J. L. Green made a statement concerning the work of the Commission on World Service and Finance and E. C. Hallman and H. V. Branford were named to the commission in place of Frank Herson and E. P. Thomas.

**J. L. GREEN:**—H. R. Deal announced the death of the mother of J. L. Green, and on motion J. J. Bunting, H. R. Deal, and H. P. Fox were designated to express the sympathy of the Conference to the father of J. L. Green.

**MRS. L. F. WARNER:**—J. W. Townsend announced that Mrs. L. F. Warner, widow of a Methodist minister had been injured in a fall while leaving the church last evening, and Conference requested him to convey the sympathy of the Conference to her.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**—Conference then convened in Executive Session.

**DOORKEEPERS:**—Harvey O. Hufnal, A. W. Strickland, H. M. Parks, Conrad Hamer, and Paul E. McCoy were named doorkeepers.

**QUESTION 11:**—The Eleventh Question "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended, Frank Oram Baynard and William Henry Hudson were admitted on trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

**QUESTION 17:**—The Seventeenth Question "Who are admitted into Full Connection?" was taken up. Charles Elwyn Ennis, Robert Whittington Hastings, Milton Henry Keene, Harry Kirby Krams, George Homer Murphy, and Brooks Edward Reynolds were called, their characters passed, and they

were elected to Deacon's Orders, Advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference admitted into Full Connection subject to answering properly the Disciplinary Questions. Edward Sidney Gault was called, his character passed, graduated from the Course of Study, elected to Elder's Orders, and Conference voted to admit him into Full Connection subject to answering properly the Disciplinary Questions.

**QUESTION 18:**—The Eighteenth Question "What Travelling Preachers and what Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up. Charles S. Jarvis, Paul E. McCoy, were called, their characters passed, and they were elected to Deacons Orders, and placed in studies of Fourth Year, under the Seminary Rule.

E. W. Cursey, Ralph W. Hopkins, Robert H. Wilson were called, their characters passed and they were elected to Deacons Orders under the local rule.

**QUESTION 20:**—The Twentieth Question "What Traveling Preachers and what Local Preachers have been elected Elders?" was taken up. Walter Lee Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Charles S. Clarkson, Edward Sidney Gault, Vernon Myers Goodhand, Frederick Howard Truitt were called, their characters passed, and they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elders Orders.

Arthur T. P. Hudson was called, his character passed, he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elders Orders under the Local Rule.

Harold Fordham and Leroy Virgil Pratt were graduated from the Course of Study having previously been ordained Elder.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS:**—On motion of O. A. Bartley a committee of six, three from the Board of Ministerial Qualifications and three from the Board of Ministerial Training was raised for the purpose of studying the educational standards for the entrance of ministers into the Conference and was instructed to report at the next session of Conference.

**GROUP INSURANCE:**—On motion of J. L. Green Conference made the acceptance of a Group Insurance policy by the candidate a requirement for admission into this Conference.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED:**—The executive session then adjourned.

**OPEN SESSION:**—Conference then convened in open session.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:**—The report of the Temperance Committee was made the order of the day immediately after the convening of Conference this afternoon.

**RECEPTION OF CLASS:**—The reception of the class into full membership was made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon.

**CHARTERED FUND:**—Bishop Hughes presented a draft on the Chartered Fund and it was ordered paid in favor of the Board of Conference Claimants.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung and Bishop Hughes delivered a devotional address.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:—BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:**—L. E. Werner, Secretary of the Board of Education read the report of the Board. C. E. Forlines, F. G. Livingood, H. P. Fox, W. F. Davis spoke in connection with the report.

On motion of W. F. Davis an extension of time of thirty minutes was voted.

J. B. Dickerson then presented the report of the Conference Counselor of Christian Education.

On motion of W. E. Gunby Conference deferred action on this report and made it the order of the day immediately after the convening of Conference this afternoon.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—C. A. Fields of the Iowa Conference and Cornelius Hudson of the Philadelphia Conference were introduced.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**—T. J. Turkington was named to the committee on Conference Relations in place of J. L. Green.

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

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#### EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at two thirty o'clock.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS:**—E. P. Thomas, T. C. Mulligan, M. W. Marine, Frank Herson, L. E. Wimbrow, and H. R. Deal were named to the Committee on Ministerial Educational Standards.

**STATISTICAL REPORT:**—On motion of J. W. Wootten the report of the Statistician was accepted without reading and ordered printed in the minutes.

**INTRODUCTION:**—O. Grant Markham representing the Methodist Book Concern and the Book Committee was introduced and addressed the Conference and presented a draft on the Book Concern in the amount of \$633.52 in favor of the Wilmington Conference and a draft of \$603.02 in favor of the Peninsula Conference and Conference ordered them endorsed in favor of the Board of Conference Claimants.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:**—On motion of J. W. Colona the report of the Committee on Memorial Service was adopted.

**ORDER OF THE DAY: BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT RESUMED:**—The consideration of the report of the Board of Education was resumed. A division of the report was called for and on motion all of the report was adopted exclusive of the paragraph relating to a director of Christian Educa-

tion. On motion of Willis L. Overdeer the report was then amended to include the following minute of the executive committee of the Conference Board of Christian Education:

“E. M. Shockley moved that the Board of Education report to the 1940 session of the Conference that the Board hoped to place a director of Christian Education on the field at the 1940 session, but in view of circumstances we do not recommend this step. However we are looking to 1941 with a hope that conditions will allow the employment of a director at that time.”

The entire report as amended was then adopted.

**RECEPTION OF CLASS:**—The class to be admitted into Full Connection was called and after answering the usual Disciplinary Questions the class was so admitted.

**HAROLD N. JONES:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman the Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Harold N. Jones who is in the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. Charles L. Calkins representing the Board of Pensions was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**PENINSULA INSTITUTE:**—F. D. Milbury read the report of the Dean of the Peninsula Institute and it was ordered received and filed.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:**—On motion of J. M. Kelso the following was adopted:

“That the Conference Trustees be directed to decline lending money in their hands except in the making of investments.”

**INTRODUCTION:**—G. W. Crabbe, National Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League was introduced.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Conference adjourned, Howard Davis pronouncing the benediction.

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#### NINTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON

##### ORDINATION SERVICE

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

**DEACONS:**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacons Orders, and Ellwood Webster Cursey, Charles Elwyn Ennis, Robert Whittington Hastings, Ralph Wendell Hopkins, Charles Samuel Jarvis, Milton Henry Keene, Harry Kirby Krams, Paul Ewing McCoy, George Homer Murphy, Brooks Edward Reynolds and Robert Henry Wilson were ordained Deacons; E. W. Cursey, R. W. Hopkins and R. H. Wilson 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 Walter Lee Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Charles Stailey Clarkson, Edward Sidney Gault, Vernon Myers Goodhand, Arthur Thos. Prettyman Hudson and Frederick Howard Truitt as Elders, A. T. P. Hudson being under the Local Rule.

**DIPLOMAS:**—On behalf of the Committee on Conference Course of Study and the Conference Board of Ministerial Training diplomas were presented to those who had completed the Conference Course of Study, namely, Walter Lee Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Charles Stailey Clarkson, Edward Sidney Gault, Vernon Myers Goodhand, Arthur T. P. Hudson, Frederick Howard Truitt, Harold Fordham and LeRoy Virgil Pratt.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the 19th day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Forty, I ordained as Deacons;

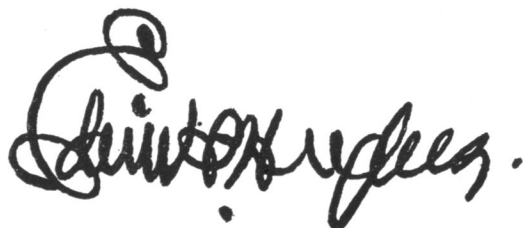
Ellwood Webster Cursey	Harry Kirby Krams
Charles Elwyn Ennis	Paul Ewing Mc Coy
Robert Whittington Hastings	George Homer Murphy
Ralph Wendell Hopkins	Brooks Edward Reynolds
Charles Samuel Jarvis	Robert Henry Wilson
Milton Henry Keene	

And assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders I ordained as Elders

Walter Lee Beckwith	Vernon Myers Goodhand
Frank G. Buckley	Arthur Thomas Prettyman Hudson
Charles Stailey Clarkson	Frederick Howard Truitt
Edward Sidney Gault	

They having been elected to the above orders respectively by the Peninsula Annual Conference.

E. W. Cursey, R. W. Hopkins, R. H. Wilson and A. T. P. Hudson were ordained under the Local Rule.



Wilmington, Delaware

Bishop.

#### TENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING

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

**JOURNAL:**—The report of the Committee on Journal was adopted.

**ALLAN MACROSSIE:**—Tilghman Smith paid a tribute to the work of Allan MacRossie, deceased Secretary of the Commission on Conference Courses of Study.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION:**—On motion of O. A. Bartley Conference approved as nominees to the Jurisdictional Board of Managers of the Board of Missions and Church Extension the following: E. C. Hallman and Willis Overdeer.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—Bishop Hughes presented a check from the Young People's Organization of the Baltimore Conference, and Conference ordered it paid in favor of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education to be used in Young People's Work.

**ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES:**—C. M. Elderdice presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Discipline, paragraph 565 provides for the election by the Quarterly Conference or the Membership Meeting of each charge of one lay delegate and one reserve lay delegate to the Annual Conference, annually or quadrennially as the Annual Conference may determine. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That such elections shall be held annually with no restriction as to eligibility for reelection from year to year.

**COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE:**—On motion of J. L. Green Conference authorized the employment of a full time Conference Treasurer who would also serve as field secretary of the Conference Board of Conference Claimants, the cost not to exceed \$1500 for each of the two boards.

After considerable debate, the report of the Commission was then adopted.

On motion of E. C. Hallman the Commission was authorized to incorporate if deemed necessary.

On motion of J. L. Green, Conference approved the nomination of L. E. Windsor to the office of Conference Treasurer and Field Agent for the Board of Conference Claimants.

**COMMITTEE ON MINUTES AND ROLL CALL:**—D. W. Jacobs presented the report of the Special Committee on Conference Minutes and Roll Call and it was adopted.

**GEORGE H. PIGUERON:**—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow, Conference placed the name of George H. Pigueron on the list of Accepted Supplies.

**CHAIR:**—Leonard White was requested by Bishop Hughes to preside during his absence from the floor of the Conference.



**INTRODUCTION:**—Dayton E. McLain was introduced and addressed the Conference in connection with his work with the American University.

**AUDITOR:**—H. B. Kelso presented the report of the Conference Auditor and it was adopted.

**TEMPERANCE REPORT:**—T. C. Mulligan read the report of the Temperance Committee and it was adopted.

Ivanhoe Willis presented the nominees for Directors of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware and they were elected.

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

**COMMITTEE OF TWELVE:**—J. L. Green presented the report of the Committee of Twelve and on motion of J. Harry Wright it was adopted.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:**—L. E. Wimbrow presented the names of nominees for Managers for the Conference Education Society and they were elected.

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:**—On motion of J. W. Townsend, for the Committee on Conference Relations, the relation of G. S. Thomas was changed from Retired to Effective; that of O. T. Baynard, O. B. Rice, Frank A. Holland, and J. P. Landon from Effective to Retired.

On motion of J. W. Townsend, A. B. Frye, E. C. Hallman, J. T. Turkington and W. I. Collins were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a period of three years.

On motion W. J. McKee, Ralph L. Minker, and Rufus W. Mills were continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:**—L. E. Windsor presented a legal document relating to the work of the Board of Conference Claimants and it was adopted.

He then read the report of the President of the Board of Conference Claimants and it was adopted.

On motion of L. E. Windsor the following recommendations of the Board were adopted:

1. An annuity rate of \$18 per year for all members of the Conference.
2. An annuity rate of 75% for widows, if the Board finds it possible.
3. The sum of \$3500 allocated for Necessitous Cases.
4. All apportionments be based on the following sliding scale:  
Up to \$999—11%; \$1000 to \$1199—12%; \$1200 to \$1399—13%;  
\$1400 to \$1799—15%; \$1800 to \$1999—16%; \$2000 to \$2799—17%;  
\$2800 and above—18%.

On motion of J. W. Wootten the District Superintendents were instructed to send the Statistician an authentic and complete list of these apportionments.

On motion of L. E. Windsor, the report of the audit of the records of the Board of Conference Claimants by a certified public accountant was ordered printed in the minutes without reading.

On motion J. W. Jones and W. P. Roberts, Frank Gantieu and R. O. Dulaney were elected members of the Conference Board of Conference Claimants.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, E. P. Thomas, and W. P. Kesmodel were elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years.

**CONFERENCE LAY LEADER:**—I. Elmer Perry was announced as Conference Lay Leader for the ensuing year.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:**—On motion of Frank Herson Conference approved the sum of \$475 for the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

**COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE:**—G. E. Turner read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and it was adopted.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:**—The following were appointed to the Memorial Service Committee: J. W. Colona, C. W. Branford, E. M. Shockley, W. P. Roberts, W. A. Donaway.

**W. W. DAVIS:**—On motion of Ivanhoe Willis, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to W. W. Davis of the Lord's Day Alliance who is ill in the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

**QUESTION 7:**—The Seventh Question "Who are transferred to other Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Louis R. Dennis to the Yen Ping Conference, China; Roland H. Nelson and Lee Varner to the Virginia Conference.

**QUESTION 14:**—The Fourteenth Question "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Howard R. McDade from the Virginia Conference.

**QUESTION 9:**—The Ninth Question "Who are Retired?" was taken up. Conference voted to continue those on the Retired List in that relation.

**COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLIES:**—Chas. S. Clarkson read the report of the Committee on Accepted Supplies, and it was adopted.

**CONFERENCE TREASURER:**—W. H. Revelle read the report of the Conference Treasurer and it was adopted.

On motion W. H. Revelle was granted the sum of two hundred dollars in appreciation of his services as Conference Treasurer.

**RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS:**—E. R. Shield read the report of the Committee on Resolutions and Thanks and it was adopted.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:**—The Bishop announced the Board of Ministerial Training for this quadrennium to be the same as that ap-

pointed at the Salisbury Conference with the exception of R. T. Thawley in the place of O. E. Jones, resigned.

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER SESSION:**—On motion of the Secretary the minutes of the October organizing session of Conference were approved on the report of D. W. Jacobs and E. C. Hallman who had examined them.

On motion of D. W. Jacobs these minutes were ordered printed in the Journal of this session.

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION:**—On motion of W. J. Ennis Conference requested the Bishop to rule on the constitutionality of the requirement of this Conference that all newly admitted members shall be required to enter the Group Insurance Plan; said ruling to be sent to the Secretary and printed in the minutes.

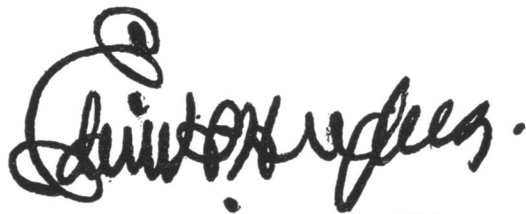
**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:**—Conference requested the Bishop to make the following special appointments: Charles I. Carpenter, Chaplain U. S. Army; D'Arcy A. Littleton, Chaplain C. C. C. Camp; E. C. Prettyman, Connecticut Anti-Saloon League; Ivanhoe Willis, retired, as supply for Superintendency of Delaware Anti-Saloon League.

**QUESTION 32:**—The Thirty-second Question "Where shall the next session of Conference be held?" was taken up. Answer: Referred to Commission on Conference Entertainment.

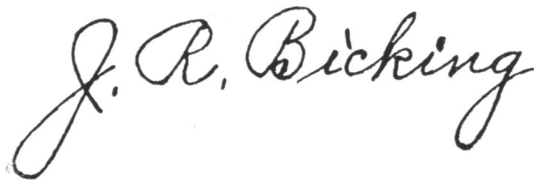
**CONFERENCE FISCAL YEAR:**—On motion of W. A. Hearn, the Conference fiscal year was set from May 1 to April 30.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion it was ordered that after the reading of the appointments, Conference stand adjourned subject to the call of the Board of Bishops or the Resident Bishop.

**APPOINTMENTS:**—After suitable remarks, the Bishop read the appointments and Conference adjourned with prayer and benediction by Bishop Hughes.



Bishop.



Secretary.

## BISHOP'S RULING

June 5, 1940.

The following action of the Peninsula Conference was taken on Saturday morning of the 1940 session in Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

"On the motion of J. L. Green the Conference made the acceptance of group insurance policy by the candidate a requirement for admission into this Conference".

William J. Ennis then submitted a request to the presiding officer to give the decision as to the constitutionality of the above motion as adopted.

I now rule that in my judgment an Annual Conference has a right to adopt the resolution as above given. Conditions for Annual Conference membership, as prescribed at the General Conference, are minimum requirements. An Annual Conference may go beyond these requirements if it so desires.

EDWIN H. HUGHES,  
Presiding Bishop.

## IV DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

### TAKEN FROM THE 1939 EDITION OF THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The PENINSULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Church, held in Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware, from May 15 to May 20, 1940. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, presiding.  
Secretary, John R. Bicking, P. O. Crisfield, Md.  
Statistician, G. E. Leister, P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.  
Treasurer, Wm. H. Revelle, P. O. Sudlersville, Md.  
Registrar, L. E. Wimbrow, P. O. Denton, Md.  
Treasurer for ensuing year, L. E. Windsor, Newark, Del.

1. **What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the Status of the work within their Districts?**  
See Reports.
2. **Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and administration?**  
Yes.
3. **What preachers have died during the year?**  
Vaughan S. Collins, Wilbur F. Corkran, William R. Mowbray, Ransom P. Nichols, Ellenzie C. Sunfield, John W. Sutton.
4. **Who are discontinued?**  
Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr., On Trial.
5. **Who are located?**  
None.
6. **Who have withdrawn or been expelled?**  
None.
7. **Who are transferred to other Conferences?**  
Louis R. Dennis, Yen Ping (China) Conference; Roland H. Nelson, Virginia Conference; Lee S. Varner, Virginia Conference.
8. **Who are supernumerary?**  
William J. McKee (3). Rufus W. Mills (4). Ralph L. Minker (5).
9. **Who are Retired.**  
J. T. Bailey, O. T. Baynard, W. O. Bennett, Dorsey Blake, W. H. Briggs, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, E. H. Collins, F. M. Clift, C. M. Cullum, Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, C. H. Dobson, D. J. Ford, J. H. Geoghegan, V. E. Hills, E. L. Hoffecker, F. A. Holland, F. R. Holland, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, J. P. Landon, C. S. Marshall, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, G. A. Morris, J. L. Nichols, M. D. Nutter, J. P. Outten, L. E. Poole, W. C. Poole, J. W. Prettyman, J. T. Price, C. L. Reiter, O. B.

Rice, J. A. Rood, W. E. Rorer, C. W. Strickland, E. B. Taylor, Ivanhoe Willis, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, W. R. Woodell, T. R. Woodford, G. E. Wood, J. A. Wright.

10. **Who are granted Sabbatical Leave?**  
None.
11. **Who are Admitted on Trial?**  
Frank Oram Baynard, William Henry Hudson.
12. **Who are readmitted?**  
None.
13. **Who are received from other Churches as Traveling Preachers?**  
None.
14. **Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?**  
H. R. McDade from Virginia Conf.
15. **Who have completed their studies?**
  - (a) **Of the First year?**  
D. W. Baker.
  - (b) **Of the Second year?**  
Paul E. McCoy, C. E. Ennis, R. W. Hastings, M. H. Keene, G. H. Murphy, H. K. Krams, B. E. Reynolds.
  - (c) **Of the Third year?**  
W. A. Glass, G. W. Goodley, C. S. Jarvis, M. E. Wheatley, Jr.
  - (d) **Of the Fourth year?**  
W. L. Beckwith, F. G. Buckley, C. S. Clarkson, Harold Fordham, E. S. Gault, V. M. Goodhand, L. V. Pratt, F. H. Truitt.
16. **Who have been continued as they now are placed?**
  - (a) **In their studies of the first year?**  
Frank O. Baynard, On Trial. William H. Hudson, On Trial.
  - (b) **In their studies of the second year?**  
D. W. Baker, On Trial.
  - (c) **In their studies of the third year?**  
Paul E. McCoy, On Trial. C. E. Ennis, R. W. Hastings, M. H. Keene, H. K. Krams, G. H. Murphy, B. E. Reynolds.
  - (d) **In their studies of the fourth year?**  
G. W. Goodley, C. S. Jarvis, M. E. Wheatley, Jr., On Trial. W. A. Glass, In Full Membership. C. H. Squires, On Trial—Exempt from Course.
17. **Who are admitted into Full Connection?**  
Charles E. Ennis, Edward S. Gault, Robert W. Hastings, Milton H. Keene, Harry K. Krams, George H. Murphy, Brooks E. Reynolds.

- 18. What Traveling Preachers and what Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?**  
Charles E. Ennis, Robert W. Hastings, Milton H. Keene, Harry K. Krams, George H. Murphy, Brooks E. Reynolds. Under Seminary Rule—Charles S. Jarvis, Paul E. McCoy. Local Rule—Ellwood W. Cursey, Ralph W. Hopkins, Robert H. Wilson.
- 19. Who have been ordained Deacons?**  
Charles E. Ennis, R. W. Hastings, C. S. Jarvis, M. H. Keene, H. K. Krams, G. H. Murphy, P. E. McCoy, B. E. Reynolds. Local Rule—E. W. Cursey, R. W. Hopkins, R. H. Wilson.
- 20. What Traveling Preachers and What Local Preachers have been elected Elders?**  
Walter L. Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Charles S. Clarkson, Edward S. Gault, Vernon Myers Goodhand, Frederick Howard Truitt. Local—Arthur T. P. Hudson.
- 21. Who have been ordained Elders?**  
Walter L. Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, C. S. Clarkson, E. S. Gault, V. M. Goodhand, F. H. Truitt. Local Rule—Arthur T. P. Hudson.
- 22. Who are Accepted Supply Pastors?**  
Reuben H. Adams, George S. Allen, John H. Andersen, Wilson C. Buckson, David T. Campbell, Robert G. Conner, R. Jervis Cooke, Albert E. Curtis, Ellwood W. Cursey, Milton Elliott, Walter E. Fosnocht, John T. Graham, William O. Hackett, Ralph W. Hopkins, Arthur T. P. Hudson, Robert L. Kirby, Lawrence L. Knotts, Joshua E. Layton, Benjamin L. Lewis, Wm. L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, George H. Pigueron, Daniel B. Prettyman, John W. Smith, Otis L. Townsend, Arthur G. Thomas, Edgar B. Tyler, John F. Willis, Robert H. Wilson, David E. Wood, Ernest N. Wright.
- 23. What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking**  
(a) **The Conference Course of Study?**  
1st Year. Raymond J. Cooke, Milton R. Elliott, Wm. O. Hackett, Arthur G. Thomas, Albert E. Curtis.  
2nd Year. John H. Andersen, Benjamin L. Lewis.  
3rd Year. Ellwood W. Cursey, Ralph W. Hopkins, Robert H. Wilson.  
4th Year. Lawrence L. Knotts.  
(b) **The Local Preachers' Course of Study?**  
None.
- 24. Are the Accepted Supply Pastors blameless in their life and official administration?**  
Yes.
- 25. What Preachers coming from other Churches with recommendations from the District Conference or Quarterly Conference have had their Orders recognized as Local Deacons or Local Elders?**  
None.

- 26. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation?**  
J. L. Johnson, O. H. Connelly, J. W. Jones, C. M. Elderdice, E. M. Shockley. Reserves—Leolan Jackson, C. I. Flory.
- 27. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader?**  
I. Elmer Perry.
- 28. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer?**  
See Report.
- 29. What is the report of the Statistician?**  
See Report.
- 30. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the Boards of the Conference?**  
See various reports.
- 31. What are the objectives of this Conference for the coming year as stated by the Bishop in charge or a committee appointed by him?**  
No action taken.
- 32. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?**  
Referred to the Commission on Conference Entertainment.
- 33. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?**  
See Appointments.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**DOVER DISTRICT.**

W. A. HEARN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.). (2).

All Appointments in Delaware.

Bethel,	C. W. Spry (2)	Gumboro, (Sup.)	R. W. Mills (1)
Blades,	C. P. Butler (1)	Harbeson and Lewes,	
	(P. O. Seaford, Del.).		J. P. George (4)
Bridgeville,	P. W. Spence (2)	Harrington:	
Camden	W. J. Ennis (4)	Asbury,	R. E. Green (3)
Canterbury and Viola,		Trinity,	T. C. Jones (1)
	to be supplied	Houston,	N. C. Benson (1)
Cheswold		Indian River,	G. S. Ross (6)
	(Sup.) W. L. McClintock (2)	Kenton and Hartley,	
Clayton:		(Sup.) R. G. Conner (3)	
Ewell's and Downes		Laurel:	
	(Sup.) W. H. Baker (1)	Centenary,	E. C. Hallman (2)
St. Paul's	J. C. B. Hopkins (1)	Christ and Portsville,	
Dagsboro and St. George's			L. E. Werner (2)
	E. L. Bennett (1)	Laurel Circuit,	Lee Elliott (13)
Dagsboro Circuit,		Leipsic (Sup.)	W. H. Baker (1)
	Ziba Adams (1)	(P. O. Laurel)	
Dover:		Lewes, Bethel,	H. V. Branford (1)
Grace, (Sup.)	Harmon Dillard (2)	Lincoln City,	
St. Paul's,			M. E. Wheatley, Jr. (2)
	(Sup.) W. C. Buckson (3)	Magnolia and Barratts,	
Wesley,	E. M. Shockley (5)		W. L. Beckwith (2)
Ellendale,	Ira Crum (1)	Middletown,	L. B. Morgan (5)
Farmington,	G. S. Thomas (1)	Milford:	
Felton,	Willard Everett (2)	Avenue,	Frank Herson (14)
Frankford	J. A. Clark (2)	Calvary,	M. E. Hungerford (2)
Frederica,	E. S. Gault (2)	Milford Neck,	E. S. Gault (2)
Georgetown:		Millsboro,	E. W. Hervis (2)
Grace and Hebron,		Milton:	
	M. E. Dearholt (2)	Goshen,	J. B. Vaughn (3)
Wesley,	O. E. Jones (10)	Grace,	G. S. Ross (6)
Georgetown Circuit,		Mt. Pleasant,	D. T. Pritchard (1)
	(Sup.) E. N. Wright (4)	(P. O. Laurel)	
Greenwood,	H. O. Hufnal (2)	Mt. Zion,	C. W. Spry (2)
Grace and Cannon,		(P. O. Bethel)	
	J. J. Von Hagel (3)		

Nassau and Unity,		St. Johns,	J. L. Johnson (5)
	J. H. Whedbee (2)	Seaford Circuit,	
Ocean View and Millville,			A. F. Zimmerman (3)
	J. E. Parker (2)	Selbyville,	R. T. Thawley (5)
Odessa,	H. N. Nicklas (1)	Smyrna,	J. W. Colona (5)
Rehoboth,	Conrad Hamer (5)	Townsend,	J. C. Hanby (1)
Roxanna,	J. E. Jones (3)	Whitesville,	
Seaford:		(Sup.)	A. G. Thomas (5)
			O. B. Reed (2)
Mt. Olivet and Gethsemane,		Woodside,	O. B. Reed (2)
	E. E. Coleman (5)	Wyoming,	

**EASTON DISTRICT.**

J. E. CUMMINGS, District Superintendent, (P. O. Easton, Md.). (2).

All Appointments in Maryland.

Bayside,	Harvey Squires (1)	Denton:	
	(P. O. Sherwood)	First,	L. E. Wimbrow (2)
Beckwith and Spedden,		Grace,	T. J. Turkington (10)
	A. E. Knicely (1)	Dorchester, (Sup.)	B. L. Lewis (1)
Bozman, (Sup.)	J. T. Graham (2)	(P. O. Vienna)	
Burrsville, (Sup.)	R. L. Kirby (1)	East New Market,	H. B. Kelso (2)
	(P. O. Denton)	Elliott, (Sup.)	J. B. Chadwick (1)
Cambridge:		Easton:	
Grace,	R. J. Yow (2)	Calvary, . . . . .	C. S. Jarvis (1)
St. Paul's,	T. C. Mulligan (14)	Ebenezer,	E. P. Thomas (5)
Zion,	D. W. Jacobs (2)	Trinity,	C. M. Harris (2)
Cambridge Circuit,	J. B. Pettus (2)	Fairlee,	C. R. Strausburg (1)
	(P. O. Cambridge)	(P. O. Chestertown)	
Caroline,	H. H. Schauer (3)	Federalsburg:	
	(P. O. Hobbs)	Christ,	F. B. Bailey (4)
Centreville:		Union,	F. A. Baker (1)
Epworth,	O. P. Jefferson (1)	Goldsboro,	C. Clarkson (2)
Grace	L. C. Randall (9)	Greensboro,	R. W. Kirwan (2)
Chestertown:		Grove, (Sup.)	J. H. Thornton (1)
Christ,	W. P. Roberts (5)	Henderson and Barclay,	
First,	P. E. Reynolds (5)	(Sup.)	W. O. Hackett (2)
Church Creek,		Hillsboro and Queen Anne,	
	(Sup.) J. H. Anderson (2)	W. H. Stone (1)	
Church Hill,	R. W. Hastings (2)	Hoopers Island, to be supplied	
Church Hill-Millington,		Hosier Memorial,	R. L. Jones (2)
	A. M. B. Snapp (2)	(P. O. Fishing Creek)	
Concord,	F. G. Buckley (2)	Ingleside,	H. K. Krams (2)
	(P. O. Federalsburg)	Kennedyville,	
Cordova, (Sup.)	R. J. Cooke (2)	(Sup.)	Ellwood Cursey (1)
Crapo, (Sup.)	G. S. Allen (5)	Kent Island,	J. F. Langrall (5)
Crumpton,		(P. O. Stevensville)	
	(Sup.) R. W. Hopkins (2)		

Kent Island-Wye	H. B. Flater (2)	St. James,	J. M. Kay (3)
Marydel,	C. E. Ennis (3)	(P. O. Worton)	
Oxford,	G. Hines (7)	St. Michaels:	
Oxford, St. Paul's,	A. L. Grey (4)	Southerland, to be supplied.	✓
Pomona,	(Sup.) W. E. Lewis (1)	Sardis,	Leolan Jackson (7)
(P. O. Chestertown)		St. Thomas,	C. W. Robb (1)
Preston,	R. W. Hallman (2)	(P. O. Bishops Head)	
Queen Anne's	L. C. Randall (1)	Still Pond,	C. E. Davis (2)
(P. O. Centreville)		Sudlersville,	W. H. Revelle (3)
Queenstown,	J. P. Adams (1)	Tilghman,	H. Fordham (3)
Ridgely,	F. White (1)	Trappe, (Sup.)	D. P. Prettyman (8)
Rock Hall,	F. C. Louhoff (5)	Vienna, (Sup.)	G. H. Pigueron (1)
Royal Oak-Tilghman,	C. I. Flory (2)	Wesley Chapel of Kent,	J. C. Byrd (2)
Secretary,		(P. O. Rock Hall)	
(Sup.) Mrs. Bertha Cannon	(2)	Wye Mills,	W. G. Barlow (1)

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.) . (6)

All Appointments in Maryland.

Allen,	R. F. Loss (1)	Hebron:	
Berlin,	O. H. Connelly (5)	Nelson Mem.	E. B. Eckhart (2)
Bishopville,	W. C. Mumford (1)	St. Paul's,	E. C. Graham (3)
Bivalve,	J. L. Jones (2)	Hurlock:	
Crisfield:		Unity,	R. E. Van Cleaf (2)
Asbury,	J. T. Rowleson (8)	Washington,	R. L. Tawes (3)
Immanuel,	J. R. Bicking (5)	Mardela Springs:	
Mariners, (Sup.)	R. H. Wilson (1)	Emmanuel,	O. G. Brewer (5)
Mt. Pleasant,	C. M. Elderdice (8)	St. Paul,	
Deals Island,	Leonard White (2)	(Sup.) J. J. Bunting, Jr.	(1)
Delmar:		Mt. Vernon,	F. H. Truitt (1)
First,	S. B. Bradley (2)	(P. O. Princess Anne)	
(P. O. Delmar, Del.)		Nanticoke,	E. E. Crockett (3)
Mt. Olive,	W. A. Donaway (5)	Newark,	B. E. Reynolds (1)
(P. O. Delmar, Del.)		Ocean City,	M. S. Andrews (2)
Fairmount,		Parsonsborg,	J. R. Diehl (5)
(Sup.) D. E. Wood	(2)	Pittsville: Ayres,	J. H. Clow (2)
(P. O. Upper Fairmount)		Grace,	F. M. Volk (9)
Friendship and St. Luke,		Pocomoke City:	
(Sup.) E. S. Perdue	(2)	Bethany,	G. E. Leister (4)
(P. O. Salisbury, R. #3)		Salem,	J. W. Wootten (5)
Fruitland,	Waldo Dize (2)	Pocomoke Circuit,	
Galestown, (Sup.)	J. W. Smith (2)	(Sup.) J. F. Willis	(2)
Girdletree,	D. J. Givan (2)	(P. O. Pocomoke City)	

Powellville:		Smith's Island,	W. H. Kohl (1)
White's Chapel,		(P. O. Ewell)	
(Sup.) A. T. P. Hudson	(1)	Snow Hill:	
(P. O. Pittsville)		Bates Mem.	E. R. Shield (2)
St. John's,		Whatcoat,	G. E. Sterling (2)
(Sup.) D. T. Campbell	(9)	Somerset,	H. G. Holdway (2)
(P. O. Pittsville)		(P. O. Chance)	
Princess Anne,	Tilghman Smith (2)	St. Martins,	W. H. Hudson (1)
Quantico,	James O'Neil (4)	Stockton,	J. H. Gardner (3)
Salisbury:		St. Peters,	A. T. McFarland (1)
Asbury,	H. P. Fox (4)	(P. O. Oriole)	
Bethesda,	J. L. Green (7)	Trinity,	G. H. Wheatley (1)
Grace,	Leon Ross (1)	(P. O. Marion)	
South,	W. I. Collins (2)	Westover,	J. H. Mark (1)
Stengle,		Whaleyville,	
(Sup.) Lloyd Townsend	(2)	(Sup.) A. A. Turkington	(2)
Trinity,	H. R. Deal (2)	Willards,	
Sharptown:		(Sup.) Lloyd Townsend	(2)
Asbury,	H. R. McDade (1)	Williamsburg,	
Mt. Vernon,	W. P. Kesmodel (1)	(Sup.) Milton Elliott	(3)

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . (6)

Bethel and Town Point,		Elk Neck, Md.,	
C. Homer Murphy	(3)	(Sup.) L. L. Knotts	(1)
(P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)		(P. O. North East, Md.)	
Cecil Circuit,	W. F. Bauscher (1)	Elkton, Md.,	
(P. O. North East, Md.)		(Sup.) M. E. Wheatley	(5)
Cecilton,	C. M. Griffeth (1)	Galena, Md.,	Walter A. Glass (3)
Charlestown, Md.,		Hockessin, Del.,	R. M. Green (3)
George W. Goodley, Jr.	(2)	Holly Oak, Del.,	
Cherry Hill, Md.,	L. L. Powell (1)	(Sup.) J. E. Layton	(16)
(P. O. Elkton, Md.)		Hopewell, Md.,	S. T. Hamblin (5)
Chesapeake City, Md.,		(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	
H. T. Caldwell	(5)	Leed's, Md.,	P. M. Schauer (1)
Chester-Bethel,	W. E. Habbart (3)	Marshallton, Del.,	J. M. Kelso (5)
(P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D.)		Millington, Md.,	
Christiana, Del.,		A. W. Strickland	(1)
Vernon M. Goodhand	(3)	Mt. Lebanon, Del.	
Claymont, Del.,		(Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht	(7)
James E. Bartlett	(2)	Newark, Del.,	O. A. Bartley (2)
Delaware City, Del.,		Newark-Union,	V. E. Hills (5)
Milton H. Keene	(2)	(P. O. Welden Road, Wilm., Del.)	
(P. O. 925 Pine St., Wilm. Del.)		New Castle, Del.,	J. E. French (1)
Ebenezer,	L. V. Pratt (3)	Newport, Del.,	J. C. McCoy (7)
(P. O. Newark, Del.)		North East, Md.,	R. S. Hodgson (3)

Perryville, Md.,	H. N. Bailey (3)	Brack Ex,	
Port Deposit, Md.,	J. W. Jones (4)	(Sup.) R. H. Adams (21)	
Red Lion, Del.,	D. J. Moore (3)	(P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	
Richardson Park, Del.,		Eastlake,	C. C. Harris (11)
	A. B. Frye (3)	Epworth,	C. N. Jones (1)
Rising Sun, Md.,		First,	G. E. Turner (1)
	J. B. Dickerson (2)	Grace,	B. M. Johns (18)
St. George's, Del.,		Harrison St.,	W. M. Marine (5)
	J. L. Sparklin (8)	Hillcrest,	A. W. Goodhand (2)
St. John's,		Kingswood,	M. H. Keene (2)
(Sup.) F. K. McCorkle (1)		Peninsula,	J. W. Townsend (2)
St. Paul's, Md.,	C. M. Griffith (1)	Madeley,	W. D. Short (3)
Stanton, Del.,	David Baker (2)	McCabe,	E. J. Bond (3)
Warwick, Md.,	Paul McCoy (1)	Mt. Salem,	F. D. Milbury (1)
Zion Circuit, Md.,	C. H. Atkins (8)	Scott	C. W. Branford (4)
(P. O. North East, Md.)		Silverbrook,	J. H. Wright (5)
Wilmington:		St. Paul's,	O. J. Collins (8)
Asbury,	H. M. Parks (5)	Trinity,	C. H. Hudson (11)
Brandywine,	Ralph C. Jones (2)	Union,	T. J. Sard (8)
Bellefonte, (Sup.)	J. C. Steen (13)		

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

C. I. Carpenter, Chaplain, U. S. Army. (4).  
 E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Connecticut Anti-Saloon League. (26).  
 D. E. Mc Clain, Vice Chancellor, American University. (2).  
 Ivanhoe Willis (Retired), Supt. Anti-Saloon League of Delaware.

#### Left Without Appointment to Attend School.

Frank O. Baynard. (1).

#### MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.

The Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund of the Peninsula Conference is used, upon unanimous recommendation of the District Superintendents, to help any member of the Conference who may, through accident or misfortune during the Conference year, be reduced to want. Not infrequently, there is tragic need for this fund. The Conference urges every church to take a special Communion offering preferably at the first Communion of the calendar year, and to send this offering to Rev. R. C. Jones, treasurer—2206 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Let no church fail to contribute to this needed fund.

## REPORTS

### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

#### DOVER DISTRICT

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Superintendent.

Bishop Hughes, Brethren of the Ministry and Brethren of the Laity: We greet you in this first regular session of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

Grace Church in which we are gathered is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding. We rejoice in the history and accomplishments of this society. We congratulate pastor and people upon the success that has accompanied their labors and we assure our hosts of our prayers and best wishes for the continued success of this great church.

In these introductory sentences to my maiden report I cannot refrain from injecting a few personal remarks. My first appointment after being graduated from seminary was as associate pastor of Grace Church. From this church I went overseas to serve in the first World War. After eighteen months in France and Germany my first appointment was again to this church. It was here in 1920 that I was appointed to my first charge, Newark, Md. After twenty years I returned to present my first report of the first district to the newly organized Peninsula Conference.

Immediately following the last session of the Wilmington Conference several necessary changes were made. J. H. Clow went to the Salisbury District and J. H. Whedbee to Nassau and Unity. At his request E. F. Casson was released from the work at Galestown and J. W. Smith was appointed to Galestown. The death of R. P. Nichols caused a vacancy on the Salisbury District. The quiet but ever planning superintendent of that district looked over into our fair territory and Tilghman Smith was released from Greensboro to accept a promotion and R. W. Kirwan was appointed to Greensboro. In September Harry R. Conner returned to school and was succeeded at Canterbury by D. J. Ford. The formation of the Peninsula Conference at Salisbury, October 31, 1939, necessitated other changes. J. T. Bailey of Calvary Church, Milford was granted the retired relationship. Bishop Hughes appointed M. E. Hungerford to Calvary, Milford. J. P. Adams was succeeded at Grace Church, Dover by O. O. Wilson, a student at Westminster Seminary. Early in the new year Lee Varner was transferred to the Virginia Conference. G. S. Thomas, retired, is completing the year at Farmington. D. A. Littleton has accepted a chaplaincy in the C. C. C. Camps. The work at Townsend is being supplied by several ministers. Mrs. Littleton remained in the parsonage with the result that World Service and all apportionments are paid in full. Harmon Dillard is the third pastor at Grace Church, Dover, O. O. Wilson having accepted an appointment in the Northeast Ohio Conference.

We give thanks to our heavenly Father that in this conference year our active ranks have not been broken by death. We pay tribute to the memory of William R. Mowbray and Wilbur F. Corkran retired and revered ministers of the church who have gone to their eternal rewards. Mrs. Jennie Thomas, wife of A. G. Thomas a faithful supply pastor, passed away during the summer months. Suitable memoirs will be presented. We believe that our beloved dead were more than conquerors in this life and that they have entered into the life Triumphant. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Oren B. Rice, faithful and beloved brother in the ministry, seeks the retired relationship after twenty nine years of active service. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon him and his faithful companion.

**DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.** It is no small task to get acquainted with the churches and people of a district. It has been a real task to contact three districts in one year. It is another problem to have so many changes as have prevailed and not lose anything of the District Spirit by that transition. One year ago there were 61 charges and 117 churches within the Dover District. (My time was fully taken in contacting these churches and congregations during the first seven months.) Following the organization of the Peninsula Conference, Oct. 31, 1939, new district lines were formed. We found 28 of our former Dover District charges located in the Easton District and one charge in the Salisbury District. We retained 32 charges, received 13 charges from the Salisbury District, 3 from the Wilmington District and welcomed 14 charges from the former Maryland Annual Conference. The year began with 61 charges and 117 churches. The year is ending with 61 charges and 120 churches, making a total of 91 separate charges served within the bounds of the Dover District this year.

A quarterly conference with a district superintendent presiding was something new for 14 of our charges. I wish to express my appreciation for the patience, interest and kindness shown by the pastors and members of quarterly conferences heretofore not accustomed to this method of administration. I have held quarterly conferences and preached in every charge and in all my appointments have been received in the most gracious manner.

Many of our smaller churches are laboring under difficulties. They are unable to pay adequate salaries and are often tempted to give up. Joshua Thomas when about defeated in one of his revival services said "It occurs to me I ought to shout." Whereupon he began to shout. After a few faint-hearted "hallelujah's" he was able to get a feeble response from one or two of the brethren. Encouraged by their interest he shouted a little louder and received an increasing response. Then Joshua became quite free with his shouting with the result that his followers arose to their feet with praises and shouts of victory. Once the deadness of the meeting had been broken the noted Parson of the Islands calmed his people, preached a most powerful sermon and the revival was in progress. It is time for the Methodists to enlarge the note of victory, to become conscious of the joy of religion and to secure the sense of a triumphant, living Christ leading His Church to fields of conquest. The Methodist Advance is the streamlined version of Joshua Thomas's camp meeting shout. Will it bring the note of victory to the

Church? We cannot live triumphantly, we cannot march victoriously while we possess and are possessed with a spirit of defeat in our attitudes toward ourselves, our Christ and His Church. The Methodist Advance is the challenge of our leaders to the Church at large to catch anew the note of victory, by faith if necessary, and to move forward to larger fields of sacrificial service for the Master's sake.

It is my humble judgment that among the needs of many of our churches is a need for reorganization of the plans and methods by which the church is supported and its business transacted, together with a new emphasis upon Christian Stewardship. Haphazard methods of administering the affairs of the church are not good enough. Stewardship is the key word for the entire Protestant Church this year. We would do well to unite with all Protestantism in a new emphasis on our Stewardship.

To the best of my ability I have presented the causes of the church to the people of the district. Because of new district lines and an extended or abbreviated year, depending upon the former conference group by which you count your mouths, it is difficult to make comparisons or forecasts. We hope that none of the interests of the church have been neglected. Though some of our reports indicate a decrease in World Service giving, we note that several of our churches have made very fine advances which encourage us to believe that World Service this year will not suffer loss. Among those reporting advances are Blades \$75, Lewes \$65, Laurel-Centenary \$60, Dover-Wesley and Seaford-St. John's \$50. In a comparative study of the reports of last year to the same date this year thirty one churches have reported \$49 less this year than was reported to April 31 last year. Knowing the tendency to bring World Service cash to the annual conference I have faith to believe that this deficit will be eliminated and there will be an increase among these 31 churches. We regret that we have no method or material by which to report a comparative study of the World Service giving of our fourteen charges of the Maryland Annual Conference now a part of the Dover District. These churches and brethren will understand this difficulty and next year proper recognition will be given.

**OLD INDEBTEDNESS AND IMPROVEMENTS:** Selbyville paid \$1200 on improvements made last year and the church is now free of debt. Dover-Wesley paid \$1000 the last obligation against the New Parsonage. Clayton-St. Paul's has remodeled, renovated and painted at a cost of \$2500, all of which has been paid. Harrington-Asbury has been presented with a beautifully arranged Christ Chapel for Youth, an inspiring little sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Addie Satterfield. It is the gift of her daughters. The Epworth League, Ladies' Bible Class and individuals gave appropriate furnishings. The chapel was dedicated by the superintendent and pastor with a large congregation attending the services. The initial cost not counting special gifts was \$950. Blades paid \$1050 for heating and lighting systems. Kenton spent \$665 for the same purpose. Odessa painted and improved at a cost of \$1100; Lewes \$665; Rehoboth \$560. Roxana expended \$2900 for a church school and \$270 on the parsonage. In two years this charge has paid over \$10,000 for buildings and improvements. Bethel Church on the Seaford Circuit now has a beautiful sanctuary in which to worship; new carpet, electric lights and interior painted costing \$644. Seaford-Mt. Olivet spent \$1000; Harrington-



Trinity \$450. All these amounts have been reported paid. (Thus we could continue to enumerate the items of sacrificial giving of our people in their attempts to care for and beautify our sanctuaries.)

The outstanding achievement on the district is the remarkable piece of work accomplished by the pastor and congregation of Milford-Avenue Church. At a cost of \$80,000 the Avenue congregation built a beautiful cathedral and church school building. The church is Gothic in design, furnished in oak and seats 600. The seating capacity may be increased to 700 by opening the chapel doors. It is of the church cathedral type with enclosed chancel, lectern, pulpit, altar, reredos, divided choir stalls, clergy seats and organ with chimes. All obligations were met as the building program proceeded. The two buildings are now free of debt. It is the plan of the pastor and people in the early future to renovate the old building and harmonize it in design with the two new buildings. The church was dedicated with impressive services December 24, 1939, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes preaching the sermon and conducting the dedicatory services, assisted by the pastor and the district superintendent. Dr. Frank Herson, the members of the Official Board and the congregation of Avenue Church are to be congratulated upon this remarkable achievement.

In this conference we mark another advance in Methodism. For the first time ministers and laymen of all Methodism are sitting together in conference sessions. It is a solemn hour when a minister takes the vows of the Church and assumes whatever duties may be involved and follows whatever pathways may be opened. It is a sacred trust that is now committed to our laity to hold inviolate the duties and privileges of the Church with equal voices and power with the ministry. With increased privileges there are corresponding responsibilities. If we look upon these privileges as mere opportunities our Church is weakened rather than strengthened. If we fail to dedicate our lives to an unselfish service for our Master, our Christ will be crucified afresh. Men of Methodism let us glory in our organic union. May we also in this first conference session so dedicate ourselves that the unseen body, that is the Spiritual life and body of the Church, shall be cemented into one in Him. Our Methodist Advance becomes a cry to the Church for united action against world conditions that are leading to chaos and destruction. In a day such as this the challenge comes for a united Church to exalt the Living Christ and preach His glorious Gospel as an urgent, adequate and only message for a blinded world.

**METHODISTS IN ACTION.** The Ladies' Aid societies throughout the district are active and in some places almost the sole support of the church. We recognize the fact that in the united Church there cannot be a number of missionary bodies conducting worldwide programs. We have faith in the women of the church to believe that their courage and loyalty will enable them to solve every problem and initiate a larger and more effective work for the kingdom.

In the field of lay activities and guided by the Board of Lay Activities we hope the laymen of the church will meet the challenge that comes to them as faithfully and capably as I am confident the women will meet their present challenge.

**EVANGELISM:** Our evangelistic efforts have not brought to the district the results we had hoped would be attained. Our ministers have cooperated beautifully in assisting each other in this chief work of the church, namely, the winning of souls to Christ. Let us not deceive ourselves. The raising of money, the organizing of boards and commissions is not the main business of Methodism. Evangelism has been our business from the beginning. Methods may change. They have changed. They may change again. The heart of man has not changed and mankind the world over is still in need of the Evangel. Seaford-St. John's reports 81 received into Full Membership; Bridgeville 59; Georgetown-Wesley 25; Cheswold 31 conversions and 43 accessions; Dover-Wesley 28; Greenwood 21; Rehoboth and Seaford-Mt. Olivet 17 each; Camden 13 and others in varying numbers.

**EDUCATION:** Religious Education is a large factor in the life of every church. Although we have not employed a Conference director of Religious Education we have been making progress in this field. Ten Daily Vacation Bible Schools were reported for the district as it is now organized; fifteen if we consider district lines as they existed last summer. In some instances several churches combined to have their children attend one school. The attendance at these schools ranged from 34 to 139. It was my privilege to meet with our Young People in six Epworth League and young peoples' rallies during the year. Dover District was well represented at the Institute. It was a high privilege to mingle with our Epworth Leaguers on the campus of Washington College for a week. I missed only one lecture in the series given to the undergraduates at our summer school at Ursinus College. I needed the lectures and enjoyed the fellowship. Our whole program of Evangelism must be closely linked with all these activities. We must lead our children and youth to make definite decisions for Christ. We must help our young ministers catch the glow that warmed the heart of John Wesley. Without that sacred and energizing Flame all our organization and Education come to naught. The men to whom we have committed the leadership and responsibility of our educational and youth programs have been doing a splendid and sacrificial piece of work. They need the support of the whole church.

**PASTORAL SUPPORT:** Perhaps it was a year ago I heard a report before one of our annual conferences which showed that on one district within a period of two years 28 charges had increased their pastor's salary. I wish I could make such a report today. As I have observed the reports of some of our quarterly conferences and, by my study of the problems of the church through the years, I am of the opinion that Methodists everywhere ought to make a serious study of all the principles and obligations involved in Christian Stewardship and then rewrite their amounts and methods of giving to God and His Church under the Stewardship plan. This is what I call "applied Evangelism." Many of our churches are in difficult straits because the people have little to give and have not learned how to give. I am amazed at the sacrificial giving of a few people in all of our churches. I am appalled at the woeful lack of giving of many of our people in the most of our churches. We cry for a spirit of revival within the church but I do not believe that the thing for which we so earnestly cry will ever come until we have first learned to come into his courts with open hands as well as with

open hearts. The perplexing problems of many of our churches would be solved over night if ministers and members would practice what His Word plainly teaches us we ought to do. We are happy to report a few increases in salary on the district: Wyoming \$25, Townsend \$75, Bridgeville \$150 and Harrington \$200 effective this year, Laurel-Centenary \$200.

**SUNDAY BLUE LAWS:** Delaware is reaping some notoriety and publicity at this particular time by an incessant cry for the changing of our so-called Blue Laws. In the language of our Discipline we would remind our people that "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." Individuals have rights which they do not care to have invaded. Institutions have such rights. Nations have rights and boundaries. When such rights and boundaries are ignored and violated by invasion great injustices are wrought. The Christian World stands aghast and aggrieved this moment at the ruthless invasion of smaller nations who have scrupulously cultivated their personal rights and respected the boundaries separating them from aggressor nations. Our hearts condemn such actions that do violence to those who seek to live and let live. The Christian Sabbath is a great Institution. It reaches back into antiquity. In the language of the great law-giver, God has set boundaries about the observance of this Day. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." If our nation were unjustly invaded tomorrow I think I would find myself somewhere along the line of defense. When commercialized sports and activities, which could be reasonably confined to six days of the week, invade the boundaries of the observance of Sunday I refuse to become an "habitué" of such sports and activities on Monday. I believe I express the sentiment of thousands of Methodists on the Dover District, which represents the entire state of Delaware south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, when I say that the liberalizing of our Blue Laws is not what our Methodist people want and it does not have our approval.

Since this will be the last session of our annual conference over which our present resident bishop will preside I cannot refrain from expressing to Bishop Hughes my admiration for his presiding genius and my appreciation for his fatherly counsel. The zeal and energy with which Bishop Hughes has always pursued the work of the church has been an inspiration and source of wonder to me. I wish we had an army of men, Methodist men, imbued with that same spirit of urgency and enthusiasm. I voice the sentiment of our people in saying, God bless you Bishop Hughes and grant you many years in which to give counsel to the church of your choice, our Methodist Church.

Now I must remind myself as you have been reminded long since that we have heard superintendents give lengthy reports. There is more I could write and many things I ought to say about the preachers and people on our district and the churches they represent but I refrain. May I express to brother E. C. Hallman, my predecessor in this office, my sincere appreciation for the valuable records and descriptive papers so helpful to me in promoting this work; to my brethren of the ministry and laity for the hearty cooper-

ation which has been given me in all my duties; for courtesies and kindnesses beyond anything I had expected. I wish to thank the members of the District Ladies' Aid Society for their interest in the district parsonage. It has been a short year although there were thirteen months in it since last we met in conference session. Solomon said "The house which I build is great, for great is our God." It has been a great privilege to serve in this unusual year. We are grateful to God for His love and protecting care. Let us look to the future of our new Methodism and build larger and better than we actually know because the God whom we serve as revealed in our Christ is a great God \* \* \* a God of ten thousand graces and attributes; a God of love and peace and goodwill. It is our privilege to exalt these graces and attributes and present Him to a world that is filled with hatred and war. May we live to build that Kingdom which our Christ died to establish. Even so, may His will be done in our individual hearts and lives.

#### EASTON DISTRICT

J. EARL CUMMINGS, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop Hughes and Brethren:

Inasmuch as the new Peninsula Conference is now only six months old and inasmuch as my appointment to the superintendency of the Easton District has been effective the same length of time, my report which I now have the privilege of presenting to you is of necessity the result of an experience covering only one-half year. If anything of lasting value has been wrought in these past six months it is not simply the result of my own efforts. My colleagues in the cabinet, my brethren in the pastorate, and the loyal members of the churches have shared to an exceedingly large extent in any advancement that has been made on the district.

In every possible way I have endeavored to faithfully fulfill the duties incident to my office. I have traveled the district and preached each Lord's Day and have held the Quarterly Conferences of the charges as prescribed in the discipline. I have sincerely tried to aid the pastors and the churches in their efforts to do more effective work. In the words I have spoken and in the work I have attempted to do I have striven to be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove.

The creation of a new district in a new conference in a new church gave rise to some very difficult problems. I am not so sanguine as to believe that all of these problems were solved absolutely satisfactorily to all concerned. I can only report that I have done my best to meet all situations and have acted upon the same only after patient and careful examination of all the available facts. Once again I publicly affirm that which I have frequently expressed, that the most difficult and acute problem which may arise on the Easton District or on any district can be solved by the application of common sense and Christian grace on the part of the pastors and the churches involved.

During the past six months I have attempted to study my task and my district. I have proceeded upon the assumption that I can neither formulate or project a district program without first securing a comprehensive

understanding of the district. I am not greatly interested in increased activities unless such activities lead to the accomplishment of the fundamental aim and objective of the Christian Church, namely, that of building Christ-like characters and a Christian society. In any future program which may be projected on the district this fundamental objective will be central.

#### Ad Interim Adjustments

Due to the retirement of Reverend Alonza Travers, Pomona Charge was left without a pastor. Brother Frank O. Baynard was secured as the supply pastor for the month of November. On December the first, Reverend J. Peyton Adams was transferred from the Salisbury District and began his ministry on the Pomona Charge.

On January 1, 1940, Trinity Church and Faith Chapel were detached from Royal Oak and attached to Lebanon Church of Trappe, thus forming the new Trappe Charge. Reverend D. B. Prettyman became the first pastor. Trinity Church and Faith Chapel were formerly connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, while Lebanon Church was formerly connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, North. The gracious and loyal spirit of the men and the women of the uniting churches, together with the fine spirit manifested by the pastors involved, has been a source of constant joy to the district superintendent.

#### Temporary Adjustments

Certain temporary adjustments were made necessary because of an accident sustained by one of our pastors and because of the illness of another. On January 29, while driving home from the Methodist Advance Meeting, Brother L. E. Wimbrow endeavored to push a train off the track. In this he was not successful. He did succeed in fracturing a vertebra, spraining an ankle, and bruising his ribs, although said ribs were amply cushioned. He was compelled to wear a brace which held his chin up physically. Mentally and spiritually there has never been a moment when he did not have his chin up. I am happy to report that Brother Wimbrow is as good as new and is once again hard at work. Various men supplied his pulpit for the first two Sundays after his illness. By the request of the Official Board of First Church and with the consent of the Official Board of Grace Church, Reverend T. J. Turkington took charge of the work of the Methodist Churches in Denton. This arrangement was a glorious success. The Methodists are one people and brotherliness is practiced as well as preached.

During the month of March, Reverend C. Elwyn Ennis, the pastor of our Marydel Charge, was compelled to be out of his pulpit because of illness. Reverend C. L. Reiter acceptably substituted for the pastor. I am happy to report that Brother Ennis is now hale and hearty.

Mrs. Paul E. Reynolds, the wife of the pastor of First Church, Chestertown, has been quite ill for the past year. She has undergone two operations and is now in the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore. I am sure she has our prayers for her rapid recovery and her return to her lovely family.

Mrs. C. M. Griffeth, the wife of the pastor of the Ridgely Charge, has also been quite ill, but has now fully recovered for which we are all grateful.

#### Deaths

On November 11, 1939, Mrs. Ida A. R. Elderdice, widow of the late Reverend Doctor James L. Elderdice of the former Maryland Conference, died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John C. Wood. Funeral services were conducted in Wesley Chapel of Kent by her pastor, Reverend Doctor J. C. Byrd, assisted by the Reverend Doctor W. P. Roberts. The District Superintendent preached the sermon. Her step-son, the Reverend Doctor C. M. Elderdice, is a member of this conference.

#### Retirements

Reverend Jesse P. Landon has served as a Methodist minister since 1908. He is now the pastor of our Bayside Charge. Because of ill-health he desires the retired relationship.

Reverend O. T. Baynard has served as a Methodist minister since 1902. He is now the pastor of Fairlee Charge. Because of ill-health he desires the retired relationship.

Both of these men are well-known to the majority of the members of this conference. I have known them only a few months but I honor and respect them both and pray that in the years that lie ahead they shall be greatly blessed.

#### Women's Meetings

On February 29, 1940, the women representatives from the churches on the Easton District met in Ebenezer Church, Easton, and elected representatives to the conference-wide committee. Approximately three hundred women were in attendance. During this next conference year the new women's organization, The Women's Society for Christian Service, will be effected and will continue the functions which are now being carried on by the women's groups of the former Methodisms.

#### District Ministers' Association

Shortly after the uniting session of October 31, 1939, the pastors and their wives were called to a meeting in Trinity Church, Easton. Reverend Doctor W. P. Roberts was elected president of the Ministers' Association. Mrs. J. Earl Cummings was elected president of the Ministers' Wives Association. During the year these organizations have met on the second Monday in each month.

#### Easton District Stewards

The Easton District Stewards met in Calvary Church, Easton, on Tuesday, March 12, 1940. The following Trustees were elected: T. Birdsall Andrews, Granville Hooper, C. Norman Jefferson, Charles Moore, John C. North, C. N. Satterfield, Frank M. Shook, E. S. Walls, Harry B. Wright. At the organization meeting of the Trustees, Frank M. Shook was elected president, and C. Norman Jefferson was elected secretary-treasurer. On the authorization of the District Stewards, the Trustees have carefully reviewed a number of Easton properties. They now hold an option on a very desirable lot but will not act until the equities which accrue to the Easton District from the sale of former district parsonages are known. In accordance with the

disciplinary requirement the Quarterly Conferences of the district authorized the buying or the building of a district parsonage.

The following action was taken by the Quarterly Conferences on the Easton District, "We hereby authorize the Trustees of the Easton District to proceed to buy or build a district parsonage in harmony with their best judgment." This resolution was passed unanimously by sixty of the sixty-five Quarterly Conferences. Four Quarterly Conferences did not vote because the resolution was inadvertently omitted. One Quarterly Conference passed the resolution amended to read, "provided the total cost does not exceed the sum of \$10,000."

For the present the Superintendent and his family are living in a leased house on Aurora St., Easton, Md. At the next session of the Annual Conference we hope to report that the new district parsonage has been built and paid for.

#### World Service

According to a statement received from Doctor O. W. Auman, the churches formerly in the Wilmington Conference and now on the Easton District of the new Peninsula Conference, contributed for a 12-month period ending April 30, 1939, the sum of \$4,546. For a like period ending April 30, 1940, the same churches will report a contribution of \$5,669. A net gain of \$1,123. World Service contributions are 25% higher than last year.

Seven of the nine former Southern Methodist Churches now on the Easton District report contributions totaling \$1200 for General and Conference work for a period covering seven months.

Eight of the sixteen former Methodist Protestant Churches now on the Easton District report a total of \$2,012 for General and Maryland Conference interests for a period covering eleven months.

From the reports received I believe that it is safe to conclude that the amounts contributed by the former Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches, South, will be in excess of that contributed over the same period in 1939.

Our world service gift is but the lengthened arm of our faith reaching out into all the world to create one great human family united together in the bonds of love through Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Let the dollars continue to flow into the World Service Budget in order that the saving word of Christ may be preached in the uttermost corners of the earth.

#### Church Membership

Fifty-five charges on the Easton District have reported a net gain in membership of 119. This gain is better than a loss but I am persuaded that our yearly net gain should be greater than 119. Some charges did not report a single accession for the past conference year. The following charges reported twenty or more accessions. Ebenezer, Easton, 73; First, Denton, 55; Zion, Cambridge, 28; St. Paul's, Cambridge, 26; St. Thomas, 25; Union, Federalburg, 21; Calvary, Easton, 20.

Evangelism is still the major task of the church. We must do the work of an evangelist or die. Recruits must be secured for the Lord's army. The only hope of a world cursed and damned by a totalitarian philosophy is to be found in men and women who are totally devoted and consecrated to Christ.

#### Debts and Improvements

Time would fail us to tell of the fine work that has been done on many charges. Debts have been reduced and large sums expended on improvements. Ebenezer, Easton, is now free of debt, having paid off the remaining \$1400 this year. Greensboro Charge paid \$450 on an old debt. The following charges have paid \$500 or more on improvements: Cambridge, Zion, a beautiful and modernly equipped social hall, \$13,000. On various improvements: Rock Hall, \$667; Kent Island, \$650; Trinity, Easton, \$650; Christ, Federalburg, \$535; Marydel, \$605; Sardis, St. Michaels, \$500.

Tilghman, \$1050 on debt and improvement.

#### Christian Education and Charge Lay Leaders

In harmony with the provisions of the new discipline the directors for children's work, youth, and adult work have been appointed. Charge lay leaders have been elected by some charges this year. Those who have not done so will elect a charge lay leader at the first Quarterly Conference following this annual session. District programs involving our educational and lay work will be stressed on the Easton District this next year.

#### Pastors' Salaries

An adequately prepared ministry adequately supported is the need of the Christian Church. A pastor's salary is more than an allowance for bread and butter and gasoline. It ought to be generous enough to enable him to buy books, attend pastors' schools, and Summer Conferences in order that he may acquire additional knowledge and increase his skill in the difficult art of preaching and pastoral work.

I regret to report that two charges felt compelled because of local economic conditions to reduce their ministerial support. I am quite happy to report that eleven charges have increased their pastors' salaries. The increase totals \$1,064.

#### Methodist Advance

The Methodist Advance Meeting in Wilmington on January 29, 1940 was indeed a great meeting, great in the number and character of the people attending, great because of the stirring messages brought by our bishops. But its real greatness will be tested by what we do about the things that it sought to initiate. I take it that Methodist Advance is not a thing of the past but a matter of utmost urgency in this very present hour. With the whole fabric of civilization being torn into shreds by a system of thought and action that has its roots in the soil and in tribalism, it is high time that Methodists and Christians everywhere launch an offensive warfare against entrenched evil.

The four fundamental objectives of the Methodist Advance program are still valid. These objectives are:

First, The advancement of the spiritual life of the church.

Second, Increased support of the benevolences.

Third, The deepening of the educational and missionary conviction of the church.

Fourth, A comprehensive and forward-looking program in every local church.

Toward the achievement of these goals let all the sons and daughters of Wesley dedicate and consecrate themselves and their possessions.

#### A Final Word

For the fine and loyal cooperation which I have been given in this my new task I wish to thank my brethren in the ministry and the fine men and women of the churches. In the year that lies ahead if I have the honor and the privilege of serving the Easton District, I pledge you my very best service.

I desire to express my high appreciation for our beloved Bishop, Edwin H. Hughes. His direction and advice has always been helpful. If I had an Aladdin lamp, I would rub it hard, and wish him years younger that he might serve his beloved church for at least another generation. May God's blessing rest upon him and upon us in the years that lie ahead.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT

JOHN J. BUNTING, Superintendent.

Bishop Hughes, and Brethren:

"Grace unto you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith."

If any one word is adequate to describe the Conference-Year now closing, it is the word change. At every point where our lives touch those organizations which sustain our existence, and influence our lives, this word stands out, and the longer lingers our gaze, the bolder and larger are the letters which spell its meaning. Two years ago this report asserted that Hitler and Stalin were on the march. There was a vain hope that one of these human monsters would destroy, or counter balance the other. However, their vaunted ideologies differed only in mouthy verbiage. In realities these regimes flow in the same channel. That alliance with the terrorizing cruelty of Genghis Khan would turn loose its brutalized hordes to overrun the world. What a change from the dream of world peace we had hoped to realize under the League of Nations, and the Locarno Treaty!

Within our own national borders we drift, or are subtly piloted, into strange water to guide the ship of state along unchartered coast lines. Though living under a constitution the main objective of which is to insure private and personal enterprise, we feel the pressure of governmental regimentation at every elbow turn. We, the offspring of founding fathers whose urge in facing the unknown perils of the rough shores and deep forests of the North American continent was to establish a state without a king, and

a church without a pope, behold, with affrightened wonder an administration which commissions an ambassador to papal Rome.

But all changes are not negative. Our prophecy a year ago, of the greatness and significance of the Uniting Conference was amply sanguine, yet, when we had seen it, we were as the Queen of Sheba, the half had not been foretold. The size, the cost, and all other temporal incidents may be quickly forgotten. Hold in mind and cherish the recollection of its unity, ideal, and vision. No pagan guards stood at the entrance to preserve peace. This writer can now the better believe the II chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, because he was privileged to see and feel the spirit which invaded and pervaded that epochal Conference. Our resident and presiding bishop was alpha and omega in the agenda of that mighty host and movement. Napoleon's plaint was he could not be everywhere. Bishop Hughes served the Uniting Conference in every manner. He ascended to the transfiguring climax of modern church history in the closing session, The Declaration of Union, in the delivery of the address which future Methodists will ever hail, "The Methodists Are One People." No man who knows his contribution would measure him stinted praise for his labors in the culmination of Unification. This change transforms Methodism from sectional churches to a universal church. Men and angels with the Father of us all will rejoice and be glad for evermore.

Speaking from my own viewpoint, I am no longer in an Annual Conference of 180 charges, but in one of 240. Four districts where there were three. New interests and methods prevail. The confluence of the denominations and the legislation of the recent General Conference will initiate novel administration. Change has welded parts of four broken Conferences into one, The Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. All creatures are innately fearful of changes. A beloved human breathes out the words "change and decay in all around I see." But change is not always associated with decay. Birth, life, growth, yea, a new heaven and a new earth imply change.

How to report the district and the activities thereon is an enigma. I wish I were as skillful as Einstein in illuminating condensation, but you know I am not. Dust and darkness will soon inter my words and body in the speechless vault of oblivion, nevertheless it will remain that I was superintendent of the Salisbury District at the time of its greatest dimensions, and most fretted topography; and am now in the same official position when it has reduced its waist line, and is the smallest ever. Years to come should see more frequent contact between pastors and the district leaders, and an improved and more fruitful administration. With reduced detail I will speak of the churches and pastors among whom I have traveled, and some added exhortative comments.

Since I left the adjourned Wilmington Conference, March 27, 1939, the list of appointments has never been complete. Deaths, resignations, and promotions have constantly broken the line. In early May when leaf and flower broke through the encrustation left by winter to fill the land with beauty and fragrance, the soul of Ransom P. Nichols left the natural body to rise and live in the atmosphere of the heavenly paradise. His mind and disposition were rare jewels for any mortal to possess. J. W. Sutton, unable to take a charge, found his appointment in the New Jerusalem to obtain the

promise which his ministry had declared with the sure word of authority. On the 12th of May W. F. Corkran rested from his long earthly pilgrimage. Fifty-two years has this great leader served in the effective membership of the Conference, and a total of sixty-two in the high art of preaching, and when he was not, time counted eighty-six years. The frail body of Mrs. David T. Campbell, enfeebled by years of slow illness, succumbed in the depth of the hard winter. For all of these pastors beloved conducted appropriate funeral services. I was present at all except the funeral of Brother Nichols, at which time I was absent from the district.

Pastoral changes were made in the following chronological order. C. H. Squires having requested a release, Lloyd Townsend was sent to Willards. In a most satisfactory manner Tilghman Smith has filled the pulpit vacated by the passing of Brother Nichols. B. L. Lewis was appointed to Bishopville August the first. In September James Bailey left Gumboro to attend Asbury College, and R. W. Mills took his place, at the request of the officials. The resignation of D. E. McClain from Zion, Cambridge became effective the first of October. Bishop Hughes appointed D. W. Jacobs to that pulpit, and the vacancy at Snow Hill was filled by the transfer of G. E. Sterling from the Virginia Conference. Some changes were necessitated by adjustments made at the Organization Conference held in Salisbury, Oct. 31, 1939. Whaleyville declined to accept the pastor sent. After much consultation Albert Turkington was put in charge of that circuit and has served to the eminent delight of the people. In November Peninsula Church, Wilmington called John Townsend from Bates Memorial to take the place of J. Earle Cummings, appointed superintendent of the Easton District. A few weeks after that E. R. Shield was chosen to succeed Townsend. Since the departure of Shield from Powellville that charge has been cared for by the superintendent.

This report has heretofore emphasized and rejoiced in advances on pastoral support. Yet there is much ground to cover before we shall believe the shepherd is justly compensated. I have heard it said this year that a Methodist preacher should take the attitude toward his financial support as taken by a nun when she assumes the veil. He may be a man apart, but he is still in the world, and the ties of life, of family, and the burden of existence are upon him. "Where cross the crowded ways of life; where sound the cries of race and clan." At that point stands the prophet of the Lord, not in a convent.

A moment in retrospect will help our united laity. Five years ago the total cash estimate for the support of pastors on the newly formed Salisbury District was in round numbers \$81,000. The advances which went into effect that year, and those made in the years thereafter brought the total increase up to \$90,400 as of March, 1939. There were sixty-two charges on the district, so the average advance to each charge was almost \$150. Not a large sum, but such an amount would be very helpful to many a brother right now. Slightly more than eighty-nine thousand dollars of the estimate was paid. Our limited experience, and the lack of available uniform records prevent us from presenting an informative, and comparative digest of the salary situation on the present district. Despite the disappointing turn of industry and agriculture there are some advances. Asbury, Salisbury, lifted the salary \$1,000. to \$5,000. Trinity of the same city stepped up from

\$3,000. to \$3,400. Bethesda, months before it became a part of the district, led the way by estimating the salary at \$5,000. Hooper's Island, devoted to a beloved pastor, found \$50. more for his support. Mt. Olive, Delmar, appreciating the labors of their pastor, advance \$100., effective next year. A few recessions may develop, but they will not be numerous enough to cancel the gain recorded. Last year there were four charges, which did not follow disciplinary requirements, and set the salary at the Fourth Quarterly Conference. However, on our first visitation Chincoteague, and Deal's Island held to the former figure of \$1800, and Tangier at \$2,000. Our one hurt of heart was East New Market, which did not carry-on. Many causes clash with the rightful claim of the preacher. Not a few officials make an issue of increasing assessments. Social life, community activities, clubs, lodges, and parties drain off resources and divide interest, embarrassing the pastor, and more often than not leaving the head and heart of the participant without enrichment in things which matter most. And then the stark worldliness of our generation. Granted that these adverse factors are powerful, we still believe the worst irritant and hindrance is the failure in system, and the operation of it. Erstwhile we have wondered at the amounts per capita collected by small societies. If larger memberships paid in the same ratio, many of our worries would cease. Could not churches of large memberships have their following organized into sub-divisions, and each of these intensely cultivated by a competent leader or committee? Could not this become the function of the Lay Leader? True it is the preacher must not evaluate all things in terms of salary; it is equally true the congregation must not be blind to his needs, and his equities in the fruits of the land.

Another comment about this question. In charges paying about or above \$2500. the contribution of each member to pastoral support is less than \$4. In charges paying under \$1,000 the giving to the same item is nearly \$6. There should be enough statesmanship in our connection to exploit that difference and channel it to the relief of those men in the low salaried pulpits. Bear in mind two facts: The supporters of larger churches usually have larger and more regular incomes; that the smaller charges proportionally make more converts than the formal congregations. A novelist has described the singing in the country church as "the war-cry of Jehovah."

Here I wish to intersperse two personal opinions. A moment ago I spoke of Tangier. It is not a mere pity, it is a heart sob that Tangier has to be torn from the conference on this peninsula. Only those who have visited and lived with these people know how to appreciate this strong utterance. Never would I have sensed the spirit and conviction of the apostolic church, and the early Methodists, had I not known those people. Though modern gadgets have invaded the island, enough of simple faith, of emotional conviction, and revival earnestness abide to show a polished seminary graduate what explains the rise, sweep, and power of the Methodist Church. With all my heart and mind I shall ever cherish the memory of those people.

The other word may seem trivial. Unification along the border, where there is triple overlapping is a revolution—not one of terror and blood as history knows in France and Russia, but of God. At the moment when we are endeavoring to transmute the ideal into the real, the screen exhibits "Gone With the Wind." As if that were not enough, then came "The Birth of a Nation." To speak mildly these two pictures could not be helpful to

our cause. Why rearticulate the bitterness of that strife which ended seventy-five years ago?

Although the major emphasis, as all men know, has been on the reconstruction of our polity, nevertheless some reconstruction has gone forward. Along this line the present pastorate at Smith's Island is a record-breaker. Two years ago the people were cast down by fire and debt. Under the leadership of pastor Elmer L. Bennett the following achievements have been wrought. A new parsonage was built. After that arose a tabernacle, one of the finest in the Conference. At Rhodes Point a Community Hall has been secured and furnished. Last Summer the people at this point completely renovated their church. At Tylerton a chafing debt which has burdened that part of the Island for more than a half a generation, and on which interest charges have mounted to \$2500., is now reduced to \$2,000. The zenith of the accomplishments is the building of the church at Ewell. It now approaches completion, and will have the same capacity as that one destroyed by fire. In it are the best of materials and workmanship. To date all bills are paid, and on the day of dedication the congregation intends to wipe out all obligations. Brother Bennett and his wife, both college graduates, thought it not beneath them to go to this charge and by hard work render this labor of love. Before the Districts were reformed John E. Jones had worked another wonder, namely, built a church school unit at Roxana. In early July I was present at the opening of this new building. Hon. John G. Townsend, Jr., United States Senator, conducted the financial agendum, and quickly realized all money needed to pay the bills. The cost was \$3,000. Brother Jones has fully recovered from physical ills brought on by the strain, and is ready to build another church. Brushing aside every discouragement Ray Kirwan erected a commodious Social Hall at Friendship, and now Bishopville charge has a community centre at each of its four churches. Delmar is a stage nearer the Heavenly Choir, for both churches have installed new pipe organs. Both organs were presented to the glory of God and His worship with appropriate dedicatorial services, later in same days the congregations enjoyed an organ recital. The pastors, Bradley and Donaway, are deservedly popular. They and their work make a lovely unity. New Hope of the Whaleyville Charge, and Grace in Salisbury have furnished the interior of their sanctuaries. Early in 1939, St. Peters church, a religious landmark north of Crisfield, was struck by lightning. When the pastor learned that the insurance policy covered that kind of loss, he reverently commented, "The Lord is good." So the congregation was able to repair and beautify their beloved church by the side of the road. More than a year ago Asbury, Crisfield, lost a great leader, and contributor, however, the undaunted pastor, J. T. Rowleson, still takes all the grades on high. Victory Day last October was the best ever. The debt is now \$19,000., which is to say the present pastorate which began at the low of the depression, has paid \$12,000. Asbury, Salisbury has a debt-paying schedule which requires \$1,000 each month. On the 13th of January a strange fire destroyed the interior of Trinity Church, Salisbury, Maryland. Its ruin is universally regretted, for it was an architectural gem. We all sympathize with the loyal congregation.

Regarding World Service we anticipate a slight decline. Emphasis on organization would gravitate in that direction. Economic conditions have

been the worst that I have witnessed in these five years. The fields brought forth in record-breaking abundance, but the markets were flat. Farmers stood by and saw their fruit rot on vine and branch. An epidemic and soaring production sent the chicken industry into a tail spin. Before it righted itself many growers were bankrupt. We had hope in the seafood industry. It did very well until December. Then snow, ice, wind storms, and long winter which extended up to the middle of April, smashed our expectation along the waterfront. Our people, worried by wars without, and loaded with taxes at home, and all the while, in spite of the babbling of office holders, income diminished.

As in every crisis some mortals give-up, and fold-up; others become heroes. Some churches will surpass all previous records; alas, others will lose their way. Have you ever observed that when a church has a prominent layman, who develops a passion for missions, and with tactfulness zealously promotes World Service, that such a church pays its quota? We venture to say that just a few, even a very few people, of that consecration on every charge would make possible the payment of every Fellowship Unit. Bishop Hughes often says a few more dollars, one year the amount was only three dollars, from each charge would prevent a decline in receipts. In like manner I say a few more persons passionately devoted to this enterprise, would banish deficits. This was on the Saviour's heart when he told the disciples "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Last October the Organization Conference pre-empted the date for the District Epworth League Convention. But there was a district feature which atoned for that loss. J. B. Dickerson and I, at meetings of, or directed by the Board of Education, heard reports of the Launching Program which had been sponsored by the Board in the Mid-West. On a reduced scale such a program was set-up at Sharptown in October. Attendance from our district was nearly perfect, and we received large co-operation from the superintendent and pastors of the Dover District. Men of the Conference, who have excelled in some specific activity, three connectional workers, one being Dr. Forsyth in person, and Brother Dickerson himself, made up the list of speakers and instructors. Dan Hughes inspired us with his fine tenor voice. In connection with speech and song there were exhibits and explanation of literature and working material. It was an all-day affair, and everybody seemed enthused.

Nine daily vacation Bible schools were diligently organized and supervised by S. B. Bradley. These were sprinkled over the district from the largest centres to the isles of the sea. Though held on other districts, I visited and spoke at the Institute and Camp. The former was large of attendance, and its leadership and spirit demonstrated that it is a piece and part of God's great plan for youth conservation; the latter is something new. The novelty, picturesqueness and agenda captured the imagination and devotion of the one hundred youth which enrolled. Rotation brought the Youths Conference to Salisbury. Under the leadership of F. D. Milbury the day was filled with light and delight, and at adjournment nearly 400 young people had climbed to higher ground.

May and June 1939 at the beginning of the year for the Wilmington Conference witnessed a contest in three of our counties on questions of public

morals. Influenced by chicanery and in the case of one county by betrayal of the people, the Maryland Legislature allowed a referendum on the liquor question in Dorchester and Somerset Counties, and in Wicomico on an open Sabbath. At all points the Methodists furnished leadership. In Dorchester the fight was led by T. C. Mulligan, who matched wealth, political cabal, and underground vice with organization and fearless leadership. His left flank, or wing, was entrusted to Roy L. Tawes, who gave up-to-date proof that the ministerial pen is mightier than alcoholic propaganda. The other wing was marshalled by the irresistible "Bob" Wilson, who worked all day and slept not by night, nor allowed a soldier to get out of step or a voter to miss the polls on election day. They won and Dorchester remains legally dry, and is in fact the driest section I know. In Somerset we lost. Pastors of the lower part of that county planned their fight and joined battle, and would have won, but for the returns from the northern districts. A mishap hindered effective leadership. Also the wets resorted to the red herring, arguing that a liquor store in Princess Anne would keep in that town trade which allegedly, and we might say legendarily, goes to moist communities like Pocomoke City and Salisbury. Too bad the county press turned pagan and published the lie that the liquor question is not a moral issue, and then the people like the Ephesians of old led by the leather lunged Demetrius, crying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," got themselves in a frenzied stir and voted wrong. So after an absence of more than a half of a century the sale of strong drink was legalized in Somerset, a Methodist County. When the people of Wicomico realized that the Holy Sabbath was imperiled by baseball fans, and playhouse denizens, they arose and voted as they prayed, and every district, and all precincts save one defeated the Philistines by a vote of three to one. The press recently said this of the Eastern Shore League schedule, "All clubs except Salisbury will play afternoon games on Sunday."

Our pastors dated evangelistic meetings, but at many points the weather played havoc with carefully-planned set-ups. No church has experienced a sweeping revival. Pastors have conducted preaching missions. Evangelists moved in our midst. The type has improved. Dan Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Turkington assisted at several charges with satisfactory results.

More than usual our chief pastors have visited us this year. Bishops Hughes, Peele, Springer, Lee, and Wade broke bread with us, and divided the word of truth. Bishop Hughes in addition to caring for the churches, and lecturing, went a-fishing. With the industry as he orates, he fishes, but this is no place for a fish story. Bishop Springer and wife, and secretary, filled many engagements. They were the order of the day at the February Preachers' Meeting. They broaden our views about the size, and opportunity of the foreign field.

I am always careful in this position to proffer unsolicited, and unwelcome advice. Now to re-utter an idea spoken two years ago. It is, would that our preachers could budget their time and travel! Hardly ever is there action unfavorable to a preacher, without mention of his absence from the charge, and his constant riding. I do not believe we can laugh it down, or satisfy the laymen by casually remarking everybody is doing it. A few times I have stood helpless by, while some of the men rode on to ruin.

Calling may be a lost art, but it is an asset to any pastorate. The fatigue and tediousness of it is offset by contacts which hold the people of the kingdom long after the caller is gone. Sometimes the church folks recall the scholarly sermons of by-gone days, but judging by what I have heard and seen they never forget that shepherd who came to them when they were weakening before a temptation, or bent under trial and loss. This practice may require adaptation to our changing order, but the substantial worth of it must not be lost. That would be tragic.

What of the future? At every turn we meet queries about mergers, new charges, consolidations. Shall the word economy be one with which to conjure up mischief for the re-united church? The pioneers of Unification beheld something more than a marked down gospel from a cut-rate counter. Enlargement is the objective. Not that any person should give less, but that what is given shall be more effective in Kingdom building. Mergers will rightfully come to pass, some circuits should be reformed, a few church buildings may be emptied of worshippers, but where and when any of these steps are taken, may the motive be the Glory of God, not the greed of man.

A personal word. More than ever I know my indebtedness to the members of this Conference. Since last I met you in an annual session I have by your grace sat in the Uniting Conference, and the recent General Conference. Pastors and their wives have been most gracious, ever considerate of my comforts and feelings. Nineteen new charges were assigned to me on the 31st of October. All of these I have visited officially twice, and preached on every charge. Long must I remember the kind reception extended me. We are reverently grateful to Bishop Hughes for his fatherly patience and counsel. Now at his last official visit among us of him, and to him we say "the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." When one lives as he has, he lives forever. Considering overlapping, I have travelled a total of eighty-three charges. I have preached on nearly all of these, and directed 209 quarterly conferences. Though always frail of body, I have not been laid low by illness, but was given vitality to continue my rounds. Therefore with the words of our lips and gratitude of soul, we render thanksgiving to the God of us all: unto Him whose goodness and mercy endureth forever.

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#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT

W. E. GUNBY, Superintendent.

Representing the Pastors of the Churches of this District, and the People called Methodists, it is again my happy privilege to welcome this first regular session of the Peninsula Conference, to the warm fellowship of the Wilmington District, and to the City of Wilmington. The last session of the former Wilmington Conference was held here in March 1939, at Asbury Church, the Mother-Church of Methodism in these parts. It was in Asbury, on March 17th, 1869—seventy-one years ago, that Bishop Matthew Simpson called to order the first session of the Wilmington Conference. It is indeed fitting that on this day, May 15th, 1940, in Grace Methodist Church—one of the



great Churches of Methodism—that our own beloved Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, worthy successor of an honored and noble line of illustrious servants of the Church, and who is now coming all too soon to the close of an active, brilliant, and constructive career, as active General Superintendent, and who adjourned the closing session of the Wilmington Conference on March 26, 1939, should call to order this first and historic session of the Peninsula Conference, constituted by the voluntary Union of the three Methodisms, within this territory, comprising the State of Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland—Garden Spot of the East!

Greetings, to Bishop Hughes, to the Fathers, and Brethren, lay and ministerial, and to all the Friends here assembled! Welcome to our City, and to Grace Church, with her splendid facilities, enriching fellowships, and the kindly solicitude of her Staff, and her People!

May your presence among us 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 in the conduct of all our affairs, through all the coming days!

The Union of the three Methodisms now having been gloriously consummated, we are met in this our first session, under this Union. Let us thank God, each for a glorious and fruitful past, rededicate ourselves anew to the unfinished task, and face the future, confident and hopeful, under God, a reunited, militant, and glorious Methodism! Believing, as we do, that this consummation was God-inspired, God-directed, and God-achieved, let us set ourselves to the worthy task of helping to make this new organization—The Methodist Church—the most efficient and potent agency for the expression of the redemptive purposes of God, at work in this confused, perplexed and bewildered world! Let us bring to this Peninsula Conference the kind of devotion and loyalty and service that shall make her glorious in Christian helpfulness, among the Conferences of this greater Methodism!

Only that Church, indwelt of God, and dominated by the mind of Christ, can bring to this troubled world, that by which peace and good-will may ensue. This Church must not fail this needy world in this awful day of her tragic need. She must stand unalterably for honorable and permanent peace and opposed to war; for the transcendent value of human personality, for the salvation of the individual as the basis of a redeemed society, and for Christian standards in all relationships of life. Not until national aspirations, and racial ambitions, and individual hopes shall have become blended in ethical and spiritual endeavor, baptized into the name of Christ, and brought under the dominion of love, will the new and better day have dawned. We are living in a grand, yet awful time. What a challenge confronts us! We stand at the parting of the ways: the cross-roads of life; the water-shed of destiny. It is forward with Christ, or it is chaos, and decline, and the turning back of the hands of time on the dials of civilization; the frustration and delay of God's redemptive purposes, for all the living, and the generations yet to be born. This very year, the weeks and months just ahead may prove the most formative and determinative in human history. May it be that we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this!

This report is but the partial and brief summation of the vision, the effort, the prayers, the loyalty of the devoted Pastors and the consecrated people who have wrought together during this year. It will be my purpose

to make it a District Report, and not the wearisome recital of detailed achievements.

**District Losses.** We rejoice that no loss of any active worker has come this year. The Rev. Dr. Vaughn S. Collins, after a long and honored ministry, has passed to his reward. His period of retirement was an eventide of beauty and helpfulness to the Pastor and people of this Church, in whose appreciation and esteem, he came to his end. Dr. Johns conducted the funeral service, assisted by many ministerial friends, and Bishop Hughes spoke endearingly of the rare optimism and winsomeness of his life and character. The Rev. E. C. Sunfield, former Pastor, serving within this territory, but living more recently at Barnegat, New Jersey, has heard the higher call. The Rev. C. D. Sharpless, a faithful and honored Supply Pastor for many years, retired and moved into the City, and died, the Rev. Thomas J. Sard conducting the service. Mrs. Martha Watt, wife of the Rev. Dr. Robert Watt, Pastor and District Superintendent for many years, and Mrs. Sarah D. Seidell, widowed claimant, have gone to the heavenly home.

**Exchanges.** The Rev. Frederick J. Pieplow, serving at Claymont, made a direct exchange with the Rev. James Earl Bartlett, Clark's Green, Wyoming Conference. Brother Pieplow served well with us and carries with him our best wishes for continued success and usefulness. Brother Bartlett comes with the finest record of worthy achievements, and has brought to the Claymont Church a spiritual stimulation, and closes the year with a voluntary advance in his support.

**District Changes.** In the redistricting process the Wilmington District lost Middletown, Odessa, and Townsend to the Dover District, and Still Pond and Crumpton to the Easton District. This District gained The Peninsula Church, and the First Church within the City, and Leed's, and Cecil Circuit, and Warwick, in Maryland. This leaves the District composed of fifty-seven charges—the same number as before—comprising all the territory north of the Canal, in Delaware, and Cecil County, in Maryland, as far south as, and including Millington. It should be understood that the District report will show the loss of the five charges no longer with us, and since the five former Methodist Protestant Charges make their reports for this year to their own treasurer, just as previously, the necessity for mental adjustment is apparent.

**The Women's Organizations.** Both the Foreign Missionary Society, and the Home Missionary Society, with their respective allied organizations, have had a highly successful year. Marked alertness, efficiency, and devotion have characterized their labors. They may exceed their mark of \$13,000 raised last year. The Ladies' Aid Societies have never served more helpfully and will doubtless surpass their total of \$23,000 a year ago. We indulge the hope that the splendid records of service and helpfulness of these three Groups may not in fact be retarded during the period of necessitated confusion, incidental to their reorganization, and that right early, even increased efficiency, and larger service to greater numbers may result. Blessings on the women of these splendid organizations for the devoted, heroic work they have accomplished!

**City Missionary Society.** This organization meets monthly at the District Parsonage, and its business is administered with much care. It supplements the support of three Pastors, employs a Deaconess for work in three Churches, a full time Director of Christian Education at a Mission Center,

and furnishes a special Worker for the Mission School on Maryland Avenue. This Society makes many helpful contributions to human betterment, particularly to child instruction and guidance, touching the lives of several hundred children, and merits the commendation and support of all of our people. The workers are devoted and loyal, and there has been no necessity for change in personnel for several years. Upwards of 70% of the total Conference support is derived from this District. All bills are paid, and we close another splendid year.

**Drink Menace.** Social drinking grows apace with the youth, and particularly with the women. Our highways are infested with the menace of the drinking driver. Bootlegging flaunts itself unmolested. The public press points with apparent pride to the constantly mounting revenues from this iniquitous traffic, which becomes more brazen and defiant. It is a matter for gratitude that the General Conference just closed rallies the Church, never to withhold her witness against this "sum of all villainies," which "cannot be licensed without sin," and inserts within the New Discipline the mandate: "Each Pastor shall actively promote a vigorous campaign of temperance education in all departments of both Church and School, and that members of both be urged to pledge themselves to total abstinence." There is a rising tide of resentment against this monstrous evil. Truth is our ally. The results of alcohol are our strongest witnesses against it. The Church must by education, and example, support the Christian ideal of sobriety, and so organize and lead the campaign against this evil, until a determined public sentiment will destroy forever this accursed traffic which preys upon the weaknesses of human kind.

**The Christian Sabbath.** A selfish and brazen commercialism, through a relentless and insidious propaganda, continues its incessant encroachments against the Christian Sabbath, as a day of rest and worship. The attempted liberalizations of the existing safeguards, of the law, protecting the interests of the Christian Sabbath are not in the interests of the public welfare. Respect for the Christian Sabbath is vital to the very existence of the Church, and indispensable to the safety and the perpetuity of a democratic and Protestant civilization. The Church will protest mightily, in all the ways open to her, against any and all attempts to remove or to lower the safeguards, which guarantee the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship, or to traduce the evangelical interpretation of the New Testament teaching, in the lives and conduct of the people, with regard to the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath.

**The Episcopal Residence** still receives the support of most of our Charges, amounting to some \$600 a year.

**The District Parsonage** is held by a Board of Trustees, elected by the District Stewards. The District contributes around \$800 for reduction of debt, taxes, maintenance, reducing its obligation by about \$500 each year. After needed repairs and renovation it is the plan to complete the payment of obligations by the close of the coming year.

**District Meetings** have been held monthly, except July and August, during the year. Notable speakers have brought a wide variety of topics, and programs of high order have been presented. Opportunities are thus provided for making announcements, and the calling for cooperative enlistment in support of any District or general problem. These gatherings are not only

enjoyable, they engender a District morale, and provide inestimable social values, with enriching spiritual fellowships, for the Ministers, their Wives, and Families.

**The Methodist Hospital.** While Wilmington is a City of wonderful Hospitals, we rejoice that many of our Churches give support and patronage to our own "House of Healing," in Philadelphia.

**The Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc.** The splendid work of this Christian institution merits the sympathetic support of all our people. We rejoice in the popularity of its appeal to all our Youth Groups, and in the increasing hold it has upon the affections of our people.

**Our Christian Periodicals.** It is too early to visualize in a practical way what definite form the Church will function with reference to its Church press. We stand committed to the ideal of a strong weekly periodical and to a reading people. Attracted in part by the club rates, subscribers have increased largely, disseminating more widely the Christian ethic and claims, turning the financial status of the paper from a liability, to be subsidized, to a definite asset. Many Pastors have found that lengthened subscription lists have assisted in bringing the people to a place of more intelligent understanding of the work of the Church, and to an assured support of our Boards and Institutions.

**The World Service** is the very life-blood of the redeeming Gospel flowing out in helpful service through the various Boards and Agencies in their contacts with the wide fields of Christian effort. Through sermons, literature, study classes, fellowship teas, and by returned missionaries, the World Service claims have been faithfully presented. Where there has been intelligent planning and well directed effort sympathetic support is usually forthcoming. However, slothful indifference, and even determined opposition are still found. A few of our Churches stand as notable examples of World Service giving, and many overpay their assessments with a pardonable pride. We look for an advance this year.

**State of the Churches.** Church attendance has increased, and enlistments in the Church Schools are in the ascendancy. There is more helpful cooperation among Churches of different denominations, and growing tolerance along those of different communions. People worship and pray and work together in freest accord and with the fullest satisfaction. The Church is more outspoken against existing evils and presents a more militant challenge against the forces of unrighteousness. Many revivals of varying degrees of success have been reported. Carefully laid plans for the Lenten period, culminating in Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter brought ingatherings of souls, unprecedented in recent years. Incomplete reports show almost a thousand received during the year. Several Churches have made slight advances in pastoral support, amounting to \$1000.

The District has two Epworth Leagues, many Junior Leagues, and several chapters of the Christian Endeavor. They are well-officered, conduct a Training School of their own, perform many and varied types of Christian service, and keep alive the spiritual ideals of our youth. Many Training Schools have been successfully conducted, with wide range of courses, notable instructors, and with encouraging results. Increasingly our people see great value in the Vacation Bible School, and each year sees an increase in the number held. In no year of the present incumbency have the Churches of

the District faced their total responsibilities more seriously, nor with finer diligence, and more intelligent consecration than in this.

**Personal Word.** The District has had another splendid year. The reports will bespeak the devoted loyalty of the people, and the consecrated leadership of the Pastors. All the great claims have been presented and the response has been, in some degree, commensurate. Spiritual enlistments have been high. Many Churches have been renovated, some very extensively. Debts have been reduced. Reforms have been advocated, evils have been rebuked and opposed. The claims of Jesus Christ have been presented, and the year closes with a gratifying measure of success. It has been the busiest year I have ever known. The merciful favors of God have enabled me to carry on my tasks. I have responded to every call that an overcrowded schedule could permit. All those with whom I have labored have responded with kindness, courtesy, and cooperation. Unmerited favors have come to me as the servant of the Church. The year has been rich in opportunity, and the Lord of the Harvest has crowned with blessings, our labors of love together, in His name.

Mrs. Gunby joins with me in expressive appreciation for the abundant courtesies, and the constant enrichments found, within this finest of all human fellowships—the Christian Ministry. With gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve, and for the constant and abounding mercies received, we pledge anew our devotion, our loyalty, our all. To Him be all the glory.

## (b) BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The Methodist Church has stood uncompromisingly against the legalizing of the alcoholic liquor traffic. It has been said, "God could not be everywhere, so He created mothers." May we say, Satan could not be everywhere so he created strong drink; the trail of life from Noah's day to the present is strewn with the wrecks of men, homes and empires, sacrifices to this demon from hell.

Our world of today shudders as the rising tide of blood again baptizes our generation and hurls us back to primitive deeds and thoughts, our own nation looks to its borders and frontiers and seeks adequate defense against attack from a foreign foe, but America's greatest foes are within; Rome fell, not when the enemy crossed the Alps, but when the home was undermined. Alcohol is an enemy to the home, it must be outlawed.

Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States there has been a constant and united effort on the part of the liquor traffic to popularize its wares. Some newspapers, magazines and broadcasting stations have refused liquor advertisements. We commend them for their action.

The General Conference of our church at its recent session at Atlantic City called upon its members to fight this curse; and stressed the need of teaching temperance in the church schools; to this program we commit ourselves.

We heartily endorse and commend the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Delaware and Maryland for its continuous and persistent program to carry on its work for righteousness and total abstinence.

We are thankful for the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, with its headquarters in our National Capital and the way in which it gives to our churches and people the facts about the liquor traffic.

We approve the program of the Anti Saloon League of America and commend the action of the Executive Board in launching a campaign to raise \$1,500,000 with which to fight the organized liquor traffic.

We pledge to Dr. George W. Crabbe, who has recently been elected national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, our prayers and support.

We approve the program of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware and urge that our pulpits be opened to their representatives, that they may present the work and solicit support.

Moral re-armament is the pleading cry of a darkened and dis-illusioned world. Forward together, united Methodism against all of the enemies of the children of God.

T. C. MULLIGAN, Chairman.

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

In the report of Sabbath Observance of the Uniting Conference the following was adopted:

"This particular rule," referring to Sabbath Observance, "needs frequent emphasis in our time, when the progress of the kingdom of God is retarded by the encroachments of unnecessary labor and commercialized amusements upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

The Church cannot compromise with an invasion of the Lord's Day that violates its fundamental principles of worship and rest."

We recognize that laws must take into consideration the day for which they are enacted and that in the course of time they therefore need revision. We insist, however, that revision does not require that principles be sacrificed. Every time-honored ideal in connection with the Christian Sabbath of necessity must be conserved. To this end we call upon our people to meet this issue when they consider the candidates for election to our State Assembly, and to petition those already elected to preserve our fine American ideals.

We pledge our support to the Lord's Day Alliance through its duly recognized representative, the Reverend Ivanhoe Willis, and authorize him to bring to the attention of our State Legislature, and its several committees, our unaltered and unalterable view toward the Sabbath.

We urge Christian people everywhere in our State to remember that our own activities on the Sabbath Day are the best commentaries of our beliefs; that we must practice as well as preach Sabbath preservation; that practicing has powers to influence far beyond our words.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF CLAIMANTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERMANENT FUNDS

In accordance with Paragraph 1312 of 1939 discipline, a Distributing Committee of three persons was ordered appointed in each Conference to be merged, these committees to act jointly with similar committees of Conferences involved in the merger. This Joint Committee was given power to allocate the Conference Claimants and divide distributable assets of the Conferences to be merged, and the findings of the committee were made final unless definite evidence to the contrary be discovered later. The annuity payments by the continuing Conference are made on the basis of the findings of this Committee. The law further states that the corporate organization of the Annual Conference shall be maintained until the work of the Distributing Committee shall have been completed.

At the session of the Peninsula Conference on October 31, 1939, at which time the Methodist Churches on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the State of Delaware merged into one Conference, your Committee made report of the work of the Joint Committee whose sessions were held in Baltimore, which report was the result of several meetings of the respective Conference committees as well as of the Joint Committee.

At that session your committee filed with the Secretary of this Conference the minutes of the proceedings of the Joint Committee together with a report dated October 24, 1939, of the allocation of claimants to the newly formed Conferences, and stated that its work was not completed, but that it was of the opinion that its responsibility for the allocating of the claimants and the computation of the years of service was nearly completed. Since that date there have been a few corrections made to the report, and we herewith submit a corrected report which the Secretary will file with the records of this Conference.

The Committee has not concluded its work for it is charged with the responsibility for the equitable distribution of the permanent funds of these merging Conferences. When that will be possible we do not know, but when the time comes we will endeavor to faithfully serve you and guard the interests committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

DISSTON W. JACOBS, Chairman,  
Joint Committee of Peninsula Conference.

### COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY ADJUSTMENTS

Your Committee of twelve raised by the conference on adjustment of the financial obligations growing out of the dissolution of the Maryland Conference has received the data brought by the special adjustment committee of the Baltimore, Maryland and Peninsula Conferences, submits the following report:

1. That the Committee of twelve be continued and empowered:
  - a. To accept the assets and unsecured obligations of the former Maryland Conference if and when finally determined, on an equitable basis agreed upon by this Committee and a similar Committee of the Baltimore Conference.
  - b. To make inquiry as to the ability of the treasurer or Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Conference to provide the interest on these unsecured obligations pending adjustment of these obligations.
  - c. To accept, in the event sufficient funds are not available, an equitable share of the above interest obligations until final adjustment can be made.
  - d. That a small committee, from the committee of twelve, be designated to meet with a like committee of the Baltimore Conference to seek a solution of these problems of adjustment.

J. HARRY WRIGHT,  
Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Your committee of five, elected at the close of our memorial service, to present, after a careful study of the matter, recommendations to the conference as to the form and nature of our future conference memorial service, begs to offer the following report and recommendations:

That a standing committee of five be elected by the conference, on nomination by the cabinet, to be known as the Conference Memorial Service Committee, and that this committee have entire charge and responsibility for the planning and conduct of the Conference Memorial Service under the following provisions:

I—That the entire memorial service shall not exceed forty-five minutes in length, and that the committee may, at its discretion, secure a speaker to deliver a memorial address not to exceed twenty-five minutes in length as a part of the service.

II—That memoirs of all the deceased shall be prepared, as formerly, under the direction of the District Superintendents, with the provision that no memoir shall exceed five hundred words in length, and that the memoirs shall not be read in the Conference Memorial Service, but published in the minutes of the conference.

III—That the names of all the deceased and, likewise, the names of the authors of the memoirs shall be read to the conference during and as a part of the memorial service.

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

The Peninsula and Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church appointed a joint committee at the organizing session of the two conferences to secure an equitable adjustment of the assets of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church in order to assure the continuation of the Book Business and the publication of the church paper in Baltimore. A memorial seeking these objectives was sent to the First General Conference in Atlantic City. This memorial was considered by the Committee on Publishing Interests, which committee made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the General Conference (34 Committee on Publishing Interests, Report No. 4, Daily Christian Advocate, Page 163).

"The Committee recommends that any matter of adjustment prayed for in this memorial and the accompanying papers should, in our judgment, be left to the present Board of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church, in accordance with and under Paragraph 1631 of the Discipline, 1939."

Information has come to this Conference that the plan in the mind of Committee is that the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church shall purchase the Headquarters Building, 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, now owned by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, in order that the publishing enterprises of Baltimore shall be under a single management and that all successor bodies of the

Maryland Conference may be relieved of any possible obligations for the debt on this building.

We recommend that the Peninsula Conference approve this adjustment and give its consent to the sale of the aforesaid property.

2. The General Conference has adopted the Report of the Committee on Locations, making Baltimore one of the locations of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church, subject to the continued approval of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church.

We recommend that the Peninsula Conference express its pleasure at this action and request the Board of Publication to continue the business in Baltimore as a Book Depository of the Methodist Church, and we urge the ministers and churches of this Conference to send such patronage to this enterprise as they may find possible and convenient.

3. The General Conference has authorized the publication of a weekly religious paper to be known as The Christian Advocate, which may be issued in such editions as may be deemed advisable in the judgment of the Board of Publication. The Methodist Protestant-Recorder has been published in Baltimore, in the present name and under the title of several predecessors, for more than a century. Its largest service has been and still is devoted to the area covered by the Peninsula and the Baltimore Conferences. The Peninsula Conference hereby express the desire for a paper to cover the local interests and promote the program of these two conferences which have some problems peculiar to our section.

We recommend that this desire be communicated to the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church when it has become organized.

Recognizing the very vital connection and concern of this Conference with the publishing interests as now conducted in Baltimore, we urge our ministers, members, and churches to support the book business by their patronage and to secure subscribers for the Methodist Protestant Recorder, so that this interest shall remain as strong as possible until final adjustment shall be made. A healthy support now will surely be of the largest benefit in securing the advantages advocated in this report. There is every assurance that all advance subscriptions to the church paper will be amply protected, and we most definitely request all renewals and many new readers of the old church paper, which has served this area so many years and which is now giving so much space to the news of the Peninsula Conference.

Committee:

J. W. COLONA,  
J. LEAS GREEN,  
E. M. SHOCKLEY,  
C. NORMAN JEFFERSON,  
WADE H. INSLEY.

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

"There are about 2,000 child caring institutions in the United States; but there are not more than a dozen that are outstandingly good." These words were uttered to me by a representative of the Child Welfare League of America. They have in them a challenge and indicate a goal toward which to strive. I feel that we all share the vision that Strawbridge Home must become one of the dozen outstandingly good homes for children in the United States.

All during the year we have worked with this thought in mind. We have sought to do more than just provide food, clothing and shelter for our 49 boys. Our program is built upon a foundation of eight principles:

1. Careful intake study.
2. Length of stay that will meet the need of each child.
3. An adequate social service program.
4. Integration with the community and with other community social service agencies.
5. Better than average physical care, food, clothing, living conditions, medical and dental attention.
6. A rich play program.
7. Opportunities for educational advantages.
8. Staff leadership of folk who have something to give to the boys, along with a capacity for growth.

The cornerstone of this foundation is Christ. Ours is a Christian home. The personnel of its leadership talk the same language and draw their inspiration and power for living from the same great spiritual source. Modern methods are made vital by the Christian character and experiences of those who work them.

Against this background we wish to set forth the following achievements.

#### I. Personnel

On March 1st we employed Mr. Thomas A. Harrison to work our 345 acre farm. All his life has been spent on a farm. One of his two sons is the assistant to the farmer at the State Teachers College at Towson. He has always belonged to the Methodist Church, for many years in an official capacity.

By placing the older boys in charge of a man and his wife, the whole tone of the institution has been raised. The atmosphere becomes more that of a home. Adequate supervision and improved discipline have been the natural result. On April 22nd we employed Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Anderson to be Home Parents. By training and experience they are fitted to make a valuable contribution. In addition, Mr. Anderson is a Methodist Local Preacher, and Mrs. Anderson served for eight years as a Methodist Deaconess. This particular couple are providing a leadership that lifts the level of all activity and conduct.

During the past year we have had the half time service of Miss Mary M. Read, our Social Worker, whose task has been:

1. Reinvestigating the family situations of the boys now in the Home.
2. Keeping in touch with relatives of all the boys.
3. Comprehensive intake investigations.
4. Linking the Home up with Social Agencies in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.
5. Assisting the Staff with boys presenting difficulties in the Home.
6. Keeping detailed case records of the boys.
7. Working on plans for boys about to leave the Home.
8. Keeping in touch with those who have left the Home.
9. Caring for clinic work, arranging for physical examinations, etc.

The success of our work is due entirely to the cooperation of all the Staff of loyal and efficient workers who really love these children.

Your Superintendent has endeavored to exercise careful and painstaking supervision of the entire program, steering the activities in channels that will adequately meet the needs of each individual boy. Weekly Staff meetings help to make this possible.

#### II. The Boys

Our family ranges between the ages of 4 and 18 years. All but three attended the Sykesville Public School, with twelve in high school and thirty-four in grammar school.

The Presidents of the Freshman and Senior Classes in high school are Strawbridge boys, elected by their classmates.

Four boys graduate from high school this year. They represent a total residence at the Home of forty-two years. Two of these are Peninsula Conference boys, and two, Baltimore Conference boys.

An allowance system has been worked out for the older boys which relates work to money, teaches thrift, and puts first things first in the use of money. Thus we are preparing them for their next step in life.

#### III. Some Financial Facts

The best thing about our improved program is that we have been able to carry it out with a decrease in expenditures over last year of \$3,735.76.

The income from our invested funds has increased from \$3,182.28 to \$3,912.10.

There has been an increase in regular contributions of \$4,712.31. Since our income this year does not include the \$2,500 used from reserve funds, which was included in the report for 1939, our net increase in income is \$1,796.27.

For the year ending April 30, 1939, we showed a deficit of \$6,772.23. This year, ending April 30, 1940, due to economies and increased income, we are within \$1,000 of balancing our budget. In other words, \$1,000 more income per year would permit us to carry on without any deficit.

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There are two additional statements that should be added to this report:

1. During the past two years we have received 65 requests for child care which we could not consider for lack of room. Of these 36 were over our present age limit for admission, and 29 were within our age limit.

2. Circumstances and the grim reaper take from our ranks each year some who have made special gifts to the work—such things as coal and clothing, large donations of food for our larder, shoes for the boys to wear, and many other items that now take cash from our maintenance funds. Others must be found who will take the places of these good soldiers if we are to continue to wage our fight against the tragedies of homelessness.

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My brethren of the ministry, I appreciate your every courtesy and interest, and hereby submit the case to your thoughtful consideration on the basis of its merits. Your Home is performing a truly Christian service on the highest plane possible, and with utmost efficiency. We ask for a place in your prayers, as well as those of your people, and we plead for your hearty cooperation in obtaining a financial backing from each church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. REID ISAAC,  
Superintendent.

May 15, 1940

We are asking the Peninsula Conference to elect the following Trustees for the coming year:

Rev. Essell P. Thomas  
William L. Todd  
Sen. John G. Townsend, Jr.  
F. M. Shook  
Rev. J. Earl Cummings  
Rev. Ralph J. Yow.

#### REPORT

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE PENINSULA CONFERENCE

Your conference Board of Christian Education, which was reorganized at the Conference session on October 31, 1939 in Salisbury, Md., has met five times since that conference session to consider the all important tasks relative to Christian Education in this conference. In these meetings we have acted, in all sincerity, for the best interests of the conference. A spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation was manifested by the members of the Board as we studied our ever-challenging task.

From the day of our reorganization we have given of valuable time for the consideration of our problems. The measure of success we have attained is in no small way due to the loyal support of the members and the timely advice of our District Superintendents.

We recognize the need of Christian Education for such a time as this. The Church must use all educational processes if it is to successfully grow. Christian Education must be related to all of life if we are to claim the souls and bodies of mankind for the Master Teacher, Jesus. Our task of christian education is not small as many try to make it. It is not to be belittled or discredited; to do this is to deny the power of the teaching ministry of Jesus.

We also recognize that Christian Education is no longer confined to the

very young of our churches. The process of education must be used not only in rearing our children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord", but also in keeping informed the oldest of our church members and the most willing of our workers. No age group in our church is exempt from the need of Christian Education, no, not even the ministry itself.

The Conference, under the guidance of the Conference Counsellor, Rev. J. B. Dickerson, has been almost completely reorganized for the new program of education. District Directors and assistants have been appointed in the Children's division, the Youth Division and the Adult division. The Conference Council of Christian Education has been organized and is composed as follows:

Staff of the Board of Education  
Executive Committee of the Board of Education  
District Directors  
District Superintendents.

This body will formulate the program for the conference for the coming year.

Your Board has sought to encourage the holding of training schools and, within certain limitations, to assist in financing them.

At the Salisbury session of the conference a recommendation was adopted which requested of the conference an apportionment of 1½ % on pastor's cash salary for financing the program of the Board of Education. The Board reminds this session of its former action and further requests that apportionment for this year. Such a sum of money is most essential for the carrying out of our work.

Dr. C. E. Forlines, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, spoke to the Board at this session of conference regarding a Seminary Extension School during the fall and winter months. The school would offer both graduate and undergraduate work for all ministers desiring to enroll. The Board is unanimous in its conviction that such a school, meeting one day a week in a central location in the conference, is the answer to a great need among our ministers. The Board of Education recommends such a school to the ministers. It is our hope that Dr. Forlines may have the privilege of the floor to present the matter in greater detail.

The major problem of the Board is not yet settled. At the Salisbury session of the conference a recommendation was adopted which reads, "We recommend the employment of a full time director of Christian Education for the conference. The selection of this officer to be made at the 1940 session of the conference."

In view of this adopted recommendation the Board immediately created committees to investigate candidates, budgets and all other matters pertaining to the fulfillment of the recommendation.

The Board members are unanimous in their opinion that this conference needs a full time director of Education. We are likewise of the opinion that the expenses of such a director could be met without additional financial burdens upon this conference. However, up to this time the committees have not officially completed their work.

On vote of the conference the following amendment was added to the above item in the report:—

Motion was made that the Board of Education report to the 1940 session of the Conference that the Board hoped to place a Director in the field at this session, but in view of circumstances we do not recommend this step. However, we are looking to 1941 with a hope that conditions will allow the employment of a director at that time.

The Board submits the following nominations for membership on the Board:

**MINISTERS**

F. D. Milbury  
W. I. Collins  
L. E. Werner  
J. B. Dickerson  
J. W. Townsend  
E. M. Shockley  
J. H. Wright  
S. B. Bradley  
H. R. Deal  
R. E. Green  
L. C. Randall  
E. E. Coleman

**LAY MEMBERS**

W. F. Davis  
R. O. Bailey  
M. H. Pierce  
Everett Hearn  
James Wise, Jr.  
Mrs. J. R. Jones  
Clyde Walls  
Gilbert Smith  
Lawrence Lee  
F. G. Livingood  
R. E. Nichols  
H. G. Graves

L. E. WERNER, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COUNSELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Counselor and District Directors' plan was continued by the last Annual Conference and the Salisbury Conference as the means of guiding the Educational Program during the Unification Period.

It is quite obvious to all alert people that persons who are serving full time pastorates, and at the same time acting as Counselors and District Directors of Educational work have not done the work that might have been done. Also the merging of the three great branches of Methodism have slowed up the plans for the past year. With these facts before us, this report will proceed to mention the Educational efforts of the past year.

#### Tasks Attempted—Intermediate Camp

The Counselor, competent District Directors, and helpful clergymen planned and directed a successful Intermediate Camp for Boys and Girls. The Camp was the first of its kind to be sponsored by the Methodist Church on this Peninsula. It was one of 87 such camps conducted throughout the Methodist Episcopal Church. The student enrollment numbered 87. The faculty numbered 18. This camp was in accordance with official action of 1939 Annual Conference.

### Daily Vacation Bible Schools

In accordance with official consent several very capable young clergymen of our own Conference were secured to conduct schools in churches that had not previously held schools. The persons conducting these schools were Kenneth Vincent, John Bunting, Jr., William Hudson, and Charles Showard. There was a worker for each District. These persons were paid by the Conference Board for their effective work in their respective new fields.

Beside these efforts the various Children's Directors of the Districts assisted several established schools, and planned more new schools. The materials used in these schools were the best offered by our General Board.

### Leadership Education

Joint Leadership Schools were held in seven different centers last year. The schools ranged from 40 - 150 in enrollment. The curriculum and faculty for these schools were arranged by men who are capable as Deans. At least 30 persons from this conference attended Leadership Schools outside of this particular area: For instance, the Lake Winnepesaukee School of Christian Education, Geneva Point, and the Baltimore Youth Conference.

### "Series Courses"

The District Directors have been constantly emphasizing the first and second series courses. Several wide awake churches have reported the use of these helpful materials.

### Church School Advance

Throughout the entire work of the year the Educational forces have been mindful of the fact that the great losses in Church School Membership could be stopped. We have said "keep what you have." "Get new members." "Improve your teaching ability," and the church loss will no longer be a problem. The reports will show the success.

The General Board reports that many of our church schools have observed the "Win Three Plan." This plan we will use effectively next year.

In connection with the Advance Theme, a joint meeting of the Salisbury and Dover Districts was held at Sharptown, Maryland, in October. These pertinent themes were emphasized: Evangelism, Missions, Church School, Advance Sex Education, and Materials. Such men as Dr. Oliver Butterfield, Dr. H. P. Fox, and Rev. George McCahon were among the speakers of the day.

### Looking Ahead

Recognizing the uncertainty of securing definite Leadership in the capacity of an Executive Secretary for the next year, the District Directors and the Counselors made the following plans and presented them to the Board of Education. They were passed:

That an Intermediate Camp be held this summer, June 15-22.

That appropriate District and Associate District Directors be secured for the year in accordance with the new Discipline.



That this conference cooperate with the Dickinson Summer School of Christian Education, July 14-20 at Carlisle, Pa.

That the leadership Education program be vigorously promoted.

That all local Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavors, and District Leagues become related to the Conference Program and thereby become a functioning part of the Methodist Youth Program.

#### "Come Over and Help Us"

There are many local parishes which are asking guidance in their Educational tasks. Hear them say, "Come over and help us with our 'Home Builders Club'"—young adults, men's work, workers conferences, stewardship program, curriculum building, and help us keep our closely graded materials. Our Methodist materials are among the best that can be secured, let us use them.

During a speech at the recent General Conference, Dr. Roy L. Smith re-emphasized Dr. Georgia Harkness's idea. "We have too much of the wrong kind of religion." If we are ever to have the right kind of religion, we must use the best materials.

Submitted by

REV. J. B. DICKERSON.

#### INSTITUTE AND YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT

If there ever was a day in American Methodism when the church should be active in giving youth an undergirding faith and stability of purpose it is today. Forces that tend to minimize the importance of God in life are over active. The Church must tread with just as eager and certain steps as those contrary agencies. Leaders of our youth must be just as sincere and enthusiastic as any leader of a lesser force. We must work harder and more Christ-like in these times.

On June 24 to July 1, 1939 we met on the lovely Campus of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland for a week of inspiration, fun, and fellowship. We had 113 young people registered. Our faculty numbered 15 so our Institute family numbered 128. This is the most we had had in a long period of time. Several of those young people went to their Churches to render real service in leading others to Christ. At our Friday evening Consecration service the Young people were given writing paper and envelopes to go apart with God and write themselves a letter saying what this Institute meant to them. These were taken up at the service and later around January 1940 were sent to each of the young people. Thus there was we hope a carry over from the Institute. The Institute closed with a small balance on hand.

On the days of February 16, 17, 18, 1940 we held our Tenth Annual Youth Conference of Methodist Youth. This was a very helpful and inspiring week-end. Asbury Church in Salisbury graciously opened its doors and hearts to us. It was very helpful to the young people of our new Conference.

We are looking forward to the new year. We have made arrangements with the management of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland to hold the 1940 session of the Peninsula Institute there. The dates are June 22 to June 29. This last week in June fits into their schedule better than any other date. We are looking forward to a great week together. We are stressing that you send to us only young people who are above the age of 15. That is 15 or over. Send younger ones to the Intermediate Camp.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES AND ROLL CALL PROCEDURE

1. We recommend that the title be

Official Journal of the Peninsula Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, First Session, Grace Church, Wilmington, Del., May 15 to , 1940.

2. The Table of Contents to conform as near as possible to the disciplinary requirement, which will include all necessary historical data as well as proceedings and reports of committees, boards, commissions, etc., beginning with this session.

3. That the Secretary be made the editor and publisher of the Official Journal.

4. That the expense of publication be included in budget and provided by World Service Commission and Finance, and that the Secretary render an itemized account of receipts and expenses to that commission.

5. That the Secretary be permitted to retain this year as his honorarium all monies received in excess of expenses, if there is any excess, incident to said publication.

6. That the Secretary be requested to have printed a suitable blank which will be distributed to pastors at first session of the Conference in 1941, the pastor to fill in blank giving his name and name of delegate, if present, and file same with secretary during or at adjournment of that first session, this procedure to take the place of calling of the roll.

7. That the Secretary be requested to send the minutes to the pastors this year Collect on Delivery.

#### PENINSULA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Peninsula Conference Historical Society, the legal and natural successor of the Wilmington Conference Historical Society, submits this annual report of its activities and reveals some of its plans for the next twelve months.

The Whitefield Celebration at Lewes was of such significance and interest as to attract many from a distance. The secular and religious Press gave it much publicity. Dr. James R. Joy, Prof. W. J. Thompson, and Bishop Hughes brought messages that will long be remembered. Other local anniversaries were held in numerous places. The President of the Society spoke at many of these.

The most painstaking and exacting research has been carried on by our Research Secretary, Rev. John M. Kelso. His contribution to our detailed history is invaluable.

Our possessions are being jealously guarded against fire and theft but time and decay are playing havoc with some. Some time in the near future we must spend considerable to restore them.

We are undertaking an expansion of our files by securing the history of every church, especially of such as were members of the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal South.

The anniversary we shall emphasize is the one to be held next Fall at old Hinsons Chapel site. This was the first church we erected within the boundary of our Conference. We need your cooperation in this and all other enterprises.

E. C. HALLMAN, President.

#### WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Wilmington, Delaware, May 17th, 1940.

The Women of the Peninsula Conference met in the auditorium of Grace Church on Friday afternoon, May 17th, 1940. Mrs. B. M. C. Reeves, Chairman of the Conference Committee for Provisional Meetings presided, calling the meeting to order at two o'clock. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Walter A. Hearn. The Peninsula Conference Committee for Provisional Meetings was introduced by Mrs. Reeves; Mrs. J. A. Rood, Easton District, Mrs. P. E. Douglas, Salisbury District, Mrs. W. A. Hearn, Dover District, Mrs. George M. Phipps, Wilmington District. Mrs. Harry Harcum of Salisbury, a member of this committee was unable to be present. Mrs. Ralph L. Minker, Secretary of the Wilmington Conference, W. F. M. S., Philadelphia Branch was introduced. Mrs. P. E. Douglas, Treasurer of the Conference Committee reported amount received \$282.00, amount disbursed \$56.14, amount on hand \$225.86.

Mrs. Emory Ross, wife of Dr. Ross, General Executive Secretary of Leper Work bought an enlightening message—"The Leper brings hope to you and me".

The offering, amounting to \$40, was given to Mrs. Ross for the Leper work. Miss Sarah Revelle sang most beautifully "The Ninety and Nine." Miss Betty Brittingham, our Peninsula Conference lay delegate to General Conference, spoke of the new plans for the Women's Division of Christian Service. Rev. H. P. Fox climaxed the program with "The Challenge of a New Adventure." The hymn "Are Ye Able" was sung as never before, every woman answering "Lord, we are able."

RUTH C. PHIPPS,  
Secretary, Conference Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS

In behalf of the Conference now in session we express our appreciation and thanks:

To Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, as our Presiding Bishop, for the wonderful way he has conducted our Conference sessions and for his deep spiritual devotional messages.

To the Official Board, minister, Dr. B. M. Johns, and his assistants, Miss Eleanor G. Nye, who had charge of placing delegates in homes for entertainment; Miss Julia Hopkins, secretary in charge of the bulletin; Miss Mary V. Jacoby, general Conference management; the hostess and pages; the decoration committee; the organist, the choirs and their directors; the ushers; the entertainment committee; members of Grace Methodist Church, and the janitor for entertaining this Conference in such a royal way.

To Dr. W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent of Wilmington District, as district host.

To the Conference Program Committee for their painstaking efforts in providing an excellent program which has proven to be interesting and inspirational to the cause for which it was prepared.

To the homes which extended to the members of the Conference such gracious hospitality.

To the Security Trust Company for the use of its banking facilities by the Conference Treasurer and his staff and the courtesy shown to the members of this conference.

To his Excellency, Governor Richard C. McMullen, his Honor, Mayor Walter W. Bacon, the members of the City Council and the police force of the city for their friendly courtesies extended to our group in connection with parking of cars, directing pedestrian traffic and giving information to visitors.

To the Public Press and reporters.

To all others who have contributed to the success of the Conference.

We deeply regret that this will be the last time that Bishop Edwin H. Hughes will preside over our Conference. We wish him health, happiness and many more years for Kingdom building on this earth. We pledge our love to him and our loyalty to the great Christian ideals for which he has given his life.

ELMER R. SHIELD  
SIDNEY B. BRADLEY  
CHAS. W. BRADFORD  
J. J. Von HAGEL  
HARRY N. BAILEY

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE**

Your Commission on World Service and Finance acting under authority of the discipline of The Methodist Church, paragraphs 843-848 and paragraph 854, submits the following report.

The total needs of the Peninsula Conference are presented under four headings:

- I. Ministerial Support. This includes salaries of Pastors, Bishops, District Superintendents, and Conference Claimants.
- II. General Administration Fund. This includes expenses of the Judicial Council, the sessions of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, General Conference Commissions and Committees and authorized interchurch activities.
- III. Annual Conference Interests. This includes all the items needed in the activities of the Annual Conference Boards and Committees, the incidental expenses of the Conference and Treasurer's expense.
- IV. World Service. This includes all the askings of the General Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

The financial askings based upon an amount actually raised last year and increased only by those items ordered by this Conference is as follows:

I. Ministerial Support:	
1. Pastors Salaries.	
2. District Superintendents, 6% of Pastors cash salary.	
3. Episcopal Fund, 2 1/4 % of Pastors cash salary.	
4. Conference Claimants, \$48,000 to be apportioned by the Conference Board of Stewards on the same basis as that followed in the Wilmington Conference.	
II. General Administration Fund. 2% of pastors cash salary for the Quadrennium, 1/2 % Annually.	
III. Annual Conference Interests, \$29,570 to be apportioned on the following ratio:	
1. Group Insurance . . . . .	\$ 3120.00—.105
2. Christian Education . . . . .	5175.00—.175
3. Domestic Missions . . . . .	4600.00—.155
a. Dover . . . . .	\$1000.00
b. Easton . . . . .	1400.00
c. Salisbury . . . . .	1200.00
d. Wilmington . . . . .	1000.00
	\$4600.00
4. City Missions . . . . .	2000.00—.067
5. Episcopal Residence . . . . .	3450.00—.116
6. Treasurers Salary . . . . .	1500.00—.051
7. Conference Entertainment . . . . .	5500.00—.186
8. District Parsonages . . . . .	2250.00—.077
9. Incidental Funds . . . . .	1975.00—.068
	\$29570.00
	\$29570.00

a. Ministerial Training \$	475.00
b. Summer Conference	100.00
c. Conference Minutes.	725.00
d. Secy's Allowance ..	100.00
e. Printing, postage	
bonds, etc . . . . .	575.00
	\$1975.00

IV. World Service . . . . . \$60000.00

**Recapitulation**

I. Ministerial Support:	
1. Pastors Salary . . . . .	\$342,028.00
2. District Superintendents . . . . .	20,521.00
3. Episcopal Fund . . . . .	7,695.00
4. Conference Claimants . . . . .	48,000.00
II. General Administration Fund . . . . . 1,710.00	
III. Annual Conference Interests . . . . .	29,570.00
IV. World Service . . . . .	60,000.00
	\$509,524.00

**Recommendations**

1. That a treasurer be elected who shall also be administrator of all Conference Claimant funds. The salary (including house rent and travel) of \$3000.00 to be shared equally by the Conference Board of Stewards and the Conference itself.
2. That Rev. L. E. Windsor be elected to the above office.
3. That the Commission be authorized in the event of error in computation or oversight of any essential item to adjust the above ratios to safeguard each interest of the Conference.
4. That the Bureau of Budgets be requested to pay to Brother Revelle \$200.00 in appreciation of his services and to turn over any balances they may have to the Conference Treasurer.
5. That the distribution of the above askings be made to the several charges by the Commission in collaboration with the District Superintendents after the adjournment of Conference.
6. That the Commission be authorized to instruct the treasurer to borrow such funds as are necessary to pay the District Superintendents monthly.
7. That funds received from the sale of the Middletown parsonage, with accrued rental, and from equities in parsonages in the former Baltimore, Maryland and Virginia Conferences be deposited with the Conference treasurer, for the use of the Commission on World Service and Finance in providing a district parsonage in Easton and for the liquidation of the indebtedness on the other District Parsonages.

8. That the pastors and delegates be reminded of some of the provisions concerning the remittance of all General and Annual Conference funds.

- a. All refunds, except money raised for local needs and for the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be sent to the Annual Conference Treasurer.
- b. The treasurer of each pastoral charge shall make proportional distribution of the funds raised in that pastoral charge for the support of the ministry and remit monthly the items for Bishop, District Superintendents and Conference Claimants.
- c. That District Superintendents, Pastors and Charges note that failure to make proportionate remittance to Conference Claimants shall become a charge against the pastor and be deducted from his claim upon invested funds upon retirement. Discipline, par. 1324.

#### A Final Exhortation.

The success or failure of our whole financial structure which is erected to carry the total commitment of our Conference rests in large measure upon the spirit with which pastors and lay delegates receive and communicate this action to our several charges. It is the faith of your commission that the Peninsula Conference desires to take its place among the leading conferences of The Methodist Church. In a larger way than we at times admit, our financial integrity and responsibility assumed is the measure of our faith.

Praying the good will and patience of both pastors and lay-members and believing that God will bless our united effort, we are

Respectfully,

The Commission on World Service & Finance,

J. LEAS GREEN, President,  
W. H. STONE, Sec.

#### REPORT OF

#### (d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

G. E. LEISTER, Statistician.

#### Assistants.

J. W. Wootten,	Sylvanus T. Hamblin,	D'Arcy A. Littleton,
F. G. Buckley,	W. L. McClintock,	Ellwood Cursey,
F. A. Baker,	B. L. Lewis,	W. E. Lewis,
G. H. Pigueron,	J. B. Pettus,	J. J. Von Hagel.

#### REPORT OF

#### (e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

WM. H. REVELLE, Treasurer.

W. L. Beckwith,	R. G. Conner,	V. E. Hills,	O. H. Connelly,
J. H. Clow,	L. L. Powell,	W. H. Kohl,	H. T. Caldwell,
L. V. Pratt,	J. E. Layton,	C. H. Squires,	Milton Keene,
M. E. Wheatley, Jr.,	J. P. Adams,	W. A. Glass,	
L. E. Werner,	E. E. Coleman,		

NOTICE: Charges marked P are former Methodist Protestant churches and cover a period of 11 months.

Charges marked S are former Southern Methodist churches and are for a period of 7 months.

Charges undesignated are former Methodist Episcopal churches and report for a period of 13 months.



STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT

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

TREASURER'S  
DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., Apportioned for World Service, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, World Service (World Service on Apportionment, Additional Contributions to W. S., Total World Service, Children's Day Fund (Board of Education), Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences), General Administration Fund (Conference Board of Education, Episcopal Residence, Domestic Missions, Hospitals & Homes, Edts., Buildings, Spec. Gifts, Conference Budget, District Parsonage, Annual Conf. Investm'ts (Conf. Claimants), City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Min'l Contin. Relief Fund, Other Items), Jurisdictional Conference, Total Benevolences Ordered by Annual Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of Supt. Con Pres, Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Young Peoples (Organ's), Total Claim, Total Paid, Total Deficiency, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency.

EASTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prepry Mm', Full Members: Rec'd from P. M., Received on Conversion of Faith, Received by Transfer and Renewal, Received from Other Denominations, Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members, Inactive Members, Removed by Transfer, Deaths), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonage's, 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, Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest, Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Expenses, Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advertisements, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prch'g Ples), Miscellaneous.

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT

Table with columns for NAME OF CHARGE, Number of Schools, and Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Nursery Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance). Includes a 'Total' row at the bottom.

TREASURER'S EASTON DISTRICT

Table with columns for Appointed for World Service, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, and Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, General Administration Fund, etc.). Includes a 'Total' row at the bottom.



STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt. Con Pres, Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), Bap-tisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized, Senior and Young People Intermediate and Juniors), Young Peoples Organ's.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prech'g Ples.).

STATISTICAL  
SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Church Membe'ip, Finances), Other Church Schools. Rows include various churches like Annamessex, Berlin, Bishopville, etc.

TREASURER'S  
SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., AppORTIONED FOR World Service, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the Generaf Conference, Annual Conference Benevolences. Rows include World Service, Educational, and various benevolence categories.

\*Chincoteague now in Virginia Conference.

STATISTICAL  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptism (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Young Peoples Organ's.

STATISTICAL  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members, Inactive Members, Deaths During Year), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness, Current Expenses, Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prech'g Ples.), Miscellaneous.

STATISTICAL  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

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

TREASURER'S  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., AppORTIONED FOR World Service, Annual Conference Benevolences (Education, Domestic Missions, etc.), Total Benevolences. Rows list various benevolent categories and their amounts.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT--Recapitulation by Districts.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, Support of Pastor, Support of Bishops, Support of Conference, Church Schools, Young Peoples Organ's, and Baptisms. Rows include Dover, Easton, Salisbury, and Wilmington.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, Church Membership, Church Property, Church Schools, and Miscellaneous. Rows include Dover, Easton, Salisbury, and Wilmington.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Table with columns: NAMES OF DISTRICTS, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conf., Other Cash Items, Annual Conference Benevolences, and Grand Total. Rows include Dover, Easton, Salisbury, and Wilmington.

(e) OTHER TREASURERS

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE

First Account of Roy T. Thawley, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to the Estate.

May 1, 1940

CORPUS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Mortgage #1-5 and Total Corpus May 1, 1940.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes June 19, 1939, April 15, 1940, and April 30, 1940 entries.

CHECK ACCOUNT

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes March 15, 1939, April 30, 1940, and April 30, 1940 Total Receipts.

EXPENDITURES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes March 29, 1939, June 19, 1939, and April 30, 1940 Total Expenditures.

R. T. THAWLEY, Treas.

Approved May 14, 1940
HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.
Correct. May 14, 1940.

BARRATTS CHAPEL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes March 15, 1939, To June 15, 1939, June 15, 1939 Total receipts, and April 30, 1940 Balance on hand.

GENERAL FUND SAVINGS ACCT.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes July 15, 1939, To Apr. 30, 1940, Jan. 2, 1940, Apr. 30, 1940, and Apr. 30, 1940 Total Receipts.

EXPENDITURES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Nov. 26, 1939, Apr. 30, 1940, and April 30, 1940 Savings Acct. Closed.

CHECK ACCOUNT

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Mar. 15, 1939, June 15, 1939, and June 15, 1939 Total Receipts.

EXPENDITURES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Mar. 27, 1939, May 25, 1939, and June 15, 1939 Total Expenditures.

June 15, 1939, Recd. from Walter A. Hearn, Treas....	\$ 267.40
June 15, 1939, Same, Savings Account .....	790.79
June 15, 1939, Same, Barratts Chapel Fund .....	304.48
Nov. 25, 1939, From Savings Acct. (transfer) .....	500.00
Jan. 11, 1940, From T. S. Holt Fund .....	570.00
To Apr. 30, 1940, Earnings on Investments .....	395.80
To Apr. 30, 1940, Reduction of Principal .....	183.58
Apr. 30, 1940, From Savings Acct. ....	339.92
Return of Loan, Group Ins. Comm. ....	15.00
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 3366.97</b>

## EXPENDITURES

June 15, 1939, Box Rent to Nov. 1, 1939 .....	\$ 1.38
June 20, 1939, Treasurer's Bond .....	12.50
July 1, 1939, Treas. expense, travel, postage, etc. ....	8.00
July 3, 1939, To Barratts Chapel Fund (Savings) ....	304.48
Aug. 15, 1939, M. S. Andrews, Secretary's expense ...	4.90
Aug. 7, 1939, Printing stationery .....	2.50
Sept. 25, 1939, W. E. Gunby, Crumpton repairs .....	78.05
Nov. 6, 1939, Loan to Group Ins. Comm. ....	15.00
Nov. 15, 1939, Attorney's Fee (Authorized by Board) .	25.00
Nov. 22, 1939, E. F. Melson, for Investment .....	1500.00
Nov. 25, 1939, Box rent, to Nov. 1, 1940 .....	3.30
Dec. 1, 1939, Investment expenses (Treasurer's) ....	7.00
Dec. 6, 1939, Auditor's Expense .....	3.60
1940	
Jan. 10, 1940, W. E. Gunby, Bal. on Crumpton repairs .....	20.00
Mar. 29, 1940, L. E. Windsor, Treas., Part of Holt Fund ...	890.00
Apr. 30, 1940, L. E. Windsor, Treas. Balance of Holt Fund ..	250.00
M. S. Andrews, Secretary's expense .....	4.45
Postage, etc. ....	3.75
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$ 3133.91</b>
May 1, 1940, Balance on hand .....	<b>\$ 233.06</b>

R. T. THAWLEY, Treas.

Approved May 14, 1940  
HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.

## REPORT OF AUDITOR

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

Balance March 9, 1939 .....	\$ 110.00
Receipts .....	687.00
<b>Total receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 797.00</b>
Disbursements .....	680.00
<b>Balance April 30, 1940</b> .....	<b>\$ 117.00</b>

## Rev. L. E. Wimbrow, Treasurer Board of Ministerial Training

Balance March 20, 1939 .....	\$ 152.75
Receipts .....	585.00
<b>Total receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 737.75</b>
Disbursements .....	501.10
<b>Balance April 30, 1940</b> .....	<b>236.65</b>

## Rev. Roy T. Thawley, Treasurer Barratt's Chapel Fund

Balance March 15, 1939 .....	\$ 286.60
Receipts .....	76.66
<b>Total receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 363.26</b>
Disbursements .....	.00
<b>Balance May 1, 1940</b> .....	<b>\$ 363.26</b>

## Rev. Roy T. Thawley, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate

Balance March 15, 1939 .....	\$ 445.64
Receipts .....	953.50
<b>Total receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 1399.14</b>
Disbursements .....	1175.68
<b>Balance May 1, 1940</b> .....	<b>\$ 223.46</b>

## Savings Account

Receipts .....	\$ 403.00
<b>Balance May 1, 1940</b> .....	<b>\$ 403.00</b>

**Rev. Roy T. Thawley, Treasurer Conference Trustees****Savings Account**

Balance March 15, 1939	\$ 781.08
Receipts	839.92
Total receipts	1621.00
Disbursements	1621.00

**Check Account**

Balance March 15, 1939	\$ 556.67
Receipts	2810.30
Total receipts	\$ 3366.97
Disbursements	3133.91
Balance May 1, 1940	\$ 233.06

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

Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 93.44
Receipts	65.10
Total receipts	158.54
Disbursements	50.00
Balance May 15, 1940	\$ 108.54

**Rev. J. Earl Cummings, Treasurer Easton District Maintenance Fund**

Total Receipts	\$ 192.50
Disbursements	96.25
Balance May 15, 1940	\$ 96.25

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

Balance March 23, 1939	\$ 1.18
Receipts	1158.75
Total receipts	\$ 1159.93
Disbursements	\$ 1159.93

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

Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 6.88
Receipts	433.75
Total receipts	\$ 440.63
Disbursements	433.75
Balance May 15, 1940	\$ 6.88

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

Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 91.00
Receipts	731.00
Total receipts	\$ 822.00
Disbursements	695.00
Balance May 15, 1940	\$ 127.00

**Rev. Walter A. Hearn, Treasurer Dover District Maintenance Fund**

Total receipts	\$ 431.25
Disbursements	431.25
Balance on hand	\$ .00

**Rev. Walter A. Hearn, Treasurer Domestic Missions**

Received from Rev. E. C. Hallman	\$ 104.19
Other receipts	665.75
Total receipts	\$ 769.94
Disbursements	580.00
Balance May 15, 1940	\$ 189.94

**Rev. W. J. Ennis, Treasurer Wilmington Conference Publication Fund.**

Balance March 17, 1939	\$ 76.88
Receipts	666.69
Total receipts	\$ 743.57
Disbursements	743.53
Balance October 30, 1939	\$ .04

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

Balance March 20, 1939	\$ 59.98
Receipts	63224.11
Total receipts	\$ 63284.09
Disbursements	63211.98
Balance May 14, 1940	\$ 72.11



**Rev. E. M. Shockley, Treasurer Mutual Relief Association, Peninsula Conference**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 829.23
Disbursements . . . . .	371.70
Balance May 9, 1940 . . . . .	\$ 457.53

**Rev. C. M. Harris, Treasurer Group Insurance, Peninsula Conference**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 1068.80
Disbursements . . . . .	433.01
Balance May 16, 1940 . . . . .	\$ 635.79

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

Balance March 14, 1939 . . . . .	\$ 372.67
Receipts . . . . .	209.62
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 582.29
Disbursements . . . . .	196.00
Balance May 15, 1940 . . . . .	\$ 386.29

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

Balance March 1, 1939 . . . . .	\$ 848.42
Received from Conference Treasurer . . . . .	3800.00
Received from Charges . . . . .	1141.00
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 5789.42
Disbursements . . . . .	3781.75
Balance May 16, 1940 . . . . .	\$ 2007.67

**Rev. L. E. Windsor, Treasurer Board of Stewards**

During this year the accounts have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant. His report states: "The records now kept by Mr. Windsor are excellent."

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT WILMINGTON CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

Year 1939-1940.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 22, 1939 . . . . .	\$ 93.44
April 20, 1939—W. A. Hearn, Treas. . . . .	60.00
April 15, 1940—Wm. H. Best, Treas. . . . .	5.10
(Methodist Sesqui-centennial balance)	
Total . . . . .	\$ 158.54

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 19, 1939—C. F. Eggleston, Treas., National dues (1939-1940) . . . . .	\$ 10.00
May 11, 1939—E. C. Hallman, Secretarial Service . . . . .	5.00
Nov. 6, 1939—E. C. Hallman, Whitefield Celebration . . . . .	20.00
Nov. 6, 1939—James R. Joy, Whitefield Celebration . . . . .	5.00
April 24, 1940—C. F. Eggleston, Treas., National Assoc. dues, 1940-1941 . . . . .	10.00
Total . . . . .	\$ 50.00

SUMMARY.

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 158.54
Total Disbursed . . . . .	50.00
Balance May 14, 1940 . . . . .	\$ 108.54

TREASURER.

**WILMINGTON CONFERENCE PUBLICATION FUND.**

As of OCTOBER 30, 1939.

Balance, March 17, 1939 . . . . .	\$ 76.88
Louhoff . . . . .	10.00
Laymen's Association . . . . .	15.00
Conf. Treasurer . . . . .	53.00
Conf. Secretary . . . . .	273.58
Conf. Secretary . . . . .	105.61
Conf. Secretary . . . . .	71.50
Conf. Secretary . . . . .	125.00
Conf. Secretary . . . . .	13.00
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 743.57

EXPENDITURES.

Globe Company (Half Tones) . . . . .	\$ 8.80
Expense Account (W. J. Ennis) . . . . .	10.00
Crisfield Times . . . . .	3.05
J. W. Stowell . . . . .	400.00
J. W. Stowell . . . . .	100.00
J. W. Stowell . . . . .	80.00
J. W. Stowell . . . . .	125.00
J. W. Stowell . . . . .	16.68
<b>Total Expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 743.53</b>
Balance as of October 30, 1939 . . . . .	\$ .04
Audited May 16, 1940.	
Correct.	HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF DELAWARE.

IVANHOE WILLIS, Superintendent.

To the Peninsula Annual Conference:—Have visited twenty-nine (29) Methodist churches in the state and continued to carry on a program of Education and Legislation. Because of Legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature of the state we have been able to do a more effective work in combating the liquor traffic in the state.

The following churches marked by asterisk indicate that they have been visited personally:

*Brandywine . . . . .	\$ 35.00
*Bridgeville . . . . .	45.30
*Claymont . . . . .	80.00
*Clayton . . . . .	36.15
*Cheswold . . . . .	13.65
*Dagsboro . . . . .	33.00
Dover . . . . .	17.50
*Eastlake . . . . .	18.00
*Ebenezer . . . . .	20.00
Epworth . . . . .	3.00
Farmington . . . . .	10.00
*Frankford . . . . .	6.45
*Frederica . . . . .	8.00
Felton . . . . .	1.00
Grace-Wilmington . . . . .	42.00
*Greenwood-Grace . . . . .	20.00
Greenwood-Methodist . . . . .	10.51
Harrison St. . . . .	80.00
*Harrington-Asbury . . . . .	46.00

Harrington-Trinity . . . . .	11.20
Hockessin . . . . .	47.00
Hollyoak . . . . .	25.00
*Houston . . . . .	14.75
Kenton . . . . .	25.00
Lewes . . . . .	9.00
*Marshallton . . . . .	82.00
*Madeley . . . . .	5.00
McCabe . . . . .	40.00
Middletown . . . . .	12.50
*Milton . . . . .	19.25
*Milford Calvary . . . . .	21.65
Milford Methodist . . . . .	25.00
*Mount Pleasant . . . . .	9.00
*Mount Salem . . . . .	37.21
*Millsboro . . . . .	30.40
*Newark . . . . .	57.00
*Newport . . . . .	24.00
Odessa . . . . .	23.00
*Richardson Park . . . . .	41.00
*Seaford . . . . .	33.86
*Smyrna . . . . .	17.05
St. Paul's-Wilmington . . . . .	17.75
*St. Georges & Summit . . . . .	58.08
Stanton . . . . .	5.00
Trinity Methodist-Wilmington . . . . .	25.00

THE MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE PENINSULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED.

The Mutual Relief Association of the Peninsula Conference is a practical application of the principles of Christian Brotherhood. Every active member and every accepted supply of the Peninsula Conference forty (40) years of age or under and the wife or widow of such a man, forty (40) years of age or under, is eligible for membership in this organization upon the payment of the admission fee of one dollar (\$1.00). An assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) per member is made upon the death of any member of the association and an amount equal to ninety (90) per cent. of the assessment is immediately paid to the surviving wife or husband of the deceased member or to such other person as the directors may designate. If you have not joined this association, send your name and your admission fee immediately to E. M. Shockley, Secretary-Treasurer, Dover, Delaware.

Board of Directors

- H. P. Fox, President
- John W. Townsend, Vice-President
- E. M. Shockley, Secretary-Treasurer

Directors whose terms expire:

- 1941. E. C. Hallman, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Morgan.
- 1942. O. A. Bartley, E. P. Thomas, J. Leas Green.
- 1943. R. J. Yow, Harry Branford, L. E. Windsor.

**Financial Statement of the Treasurer, Mutual Relief Association, Peninsula Conference, as of May 9, 1940.**

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees, including \$58.00 from the former M. P. Assn. of the Maryland Conference for 58 members transferred . . . . .	\$ 348.00
Balance of the amount received from the former M. P. Association, carried to reserve fund . . . . .	117.23
Amount received from First Assessment, and fees for new members since first assessment . . . . .	364.00
Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 829.23

Feb. 29, 1940.

To David T. Campbell, Powellville, Md., Claim No. 1 . . . . .	\$ 313.20
Expenses, Postage, Printing, including the call for the original meeting and including a considerable supply of materials on hand . . . . .	58.50

Total expenditures . . . . . \$ 371.70

Leaving a Balance on hand . . . . . \$ 457.53

This amount is held as follows:

On hand for payment of Claim No. 2 . . . . .	\$ 327.60
On hand in the Reserve Fund . . . . .	129.93
	\$ 457.53

E. M. SHOCKLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

Audited May 17, 1940. Correct.  
HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS TO THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PENINSULA CONFERENCE**

Wilmington, Delaware, May 20, 1940.

In submitting our yearly report of the Board of Conference Claimants I desire to present the following items:

We have received from the churches, \$35,349.00; from the Chartered Fund, \$50.00, and from invested funds, \$17,977.37, or a total of \$53,376.37. It will be noted that our receipts from invested funds is \$3,468.89 in advance of last year.

We are responsible for payments on 2,672 service years and with the receipts as above noted we are glad to report that we will be able to maintain the rate of \$18.00 per year of service as paid last year.

We have invested in first mortgages, \$298,500.00, and we also own two properties in which we have \$2,376.00 invested.

We have received from the Gambrill Estate this year, \$3,591.43, which finishes this bequest, and making the total from this source to our Board, \$48,591.43 from the \$50,000.00 bequest. In addition to this amount we received \$5,000.00 direct from Mrs. Gambrill's Estate last year.

From the Rev. S. M. Morgan Estate we received \$2,973.68. From Mrs. Bessie Fosnocht Estate in memory of her husband we have received \$269.76 of a \$500.00 bequest, making a total added to our endowment this year \$6,834.87.

In order to assist the churches in meeting their apportionments to this Conference Claimants Fund we suggest that this money be forwarded to the Treasurer at least quarterly. The adoption of this plan by our churches will help relieve the financial stress at the end of the Conference year and will no doubt increase the receipts for this worthy cause.

An audit has been made during the year by a certified public accountant covering the last ten years and this item will be covered by the report of our Treasurer. There will be needed from the Charges next year, \$48,000.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. GENTIEU, Chairman.

**INCORPORATION OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

RESOLVED, That the Stewards of "The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," a corporation of the State of Delaware, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the organization of a new corporation to be known as "Board of Conference Claimants of The Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church," a corporation of the State of Delaware, the powers, duties and purposes of which said corporation and the method of the election of the Members of the Board of which said corporation shall conform to the Discipline of the Methodist Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the officers of the said "Board of Stewards," a corporation as aforesaid, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer as soon as feasible and practicable, by proper evidences of title, the properties, real, personal and mixed, of the said corporation to the said "Board of Conference Claimants," a corporation as aforesaid, whenever the same shall have been organized and permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware to begin to transact business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the powers and duties now exercised and performed by the said "Board of Stewards," a corporation as aforesaid, be, after the transfer of properties, exercised and performed by the "Board of Conference Claimants," a corporation as aforesaid; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the "Board of Conference Claimants of The Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church," a corporation of the State of Delaware, shall be in all respects the legal successor of "The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," a corporation of the State of Delaware.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE

This report grows out of the action taken at the uniting conference session held at Salisbury on October 31, 1939. By that action Group Insurance was authorized after a committee report had been presented, which contained the following provisions:

- (1) That we adopt a plan of group insurance for the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church;
- (2) That the contract be entered into with the Prudential Insurance Company;
- (3) That a committee be appointed to work out the details of the contract.

In accordance with the action taken, the Cabinet appointed the following committee: C. M. Harris, P. W. Spence, M. S. Andrews, C. N. Satterfield, and T. B. Ely. In the organization of the committee, M. S. Andrews was named Chairman, and C. M. Harris, Secretary.

The insurance having been authorized, the first problem of the committee was to obtain definite and formal applications from at least 75% of the 240 preachers employed at the various charges throughout the conference. This was accomplished through the district meetings, by letter and by personal contacts. On April 6, last, it was announced by letter to the applicants that the required 75% had signed up for the insurance, and the preacher's share of the premium was asked for. There was an immediate response and the insurance became effective as of April 16, 1940, when one month's premium was paid. The master policy and individual certificates covering the lives of 194 men have been delivered to our committee.

In connection with this matter, your committee has had invaluable assistance from Supt. A. A. Hearn of the Dover office of the Prudential Company. Although group insurance is a form of contract not ordinarily handled by his office, he has given a great deal of time to this work and has been ready to help in every way possible.

Your committee has thus far carried out the instructions of the October Conference in Salisbury. The problem now before us lies at point of assuming the financial responsibility for the conference's (which in this case is the employer) share of the premium. 194 men are insured for one thousand dollars each, making \$194,000 of insurance in force in our group. The total annual premium on this contract is \$4,631.40, representing an average cost per thousand of \$23.87. Deducting the preacher's (who in this case is the employee) share of this total (that is, \$4,631 minus \$1,940) it leaves a minimum balance of \$2,691 as the employer's, or conference's share of the premium. We feel, however, that the conference should aim at a larger figure in order to cover all contingencies, and recommend \$3,120 as a safe estimate. How shall the conference raise this amount?

In the action taken at Salisbury last October, that question was clearly and specifically raised when the report was presented, and it was voted in the resolutions passed then "that the conference raise its share of the premium by apportionment to the churches." This is the method which was in vogue for thirteen years in the former Methodist Protestant group, and it was proved successful. As we view the situation now, there seems to be no

other way to raise this money. We therefore recommend an apportionment of \$3,120 for the conference, to be distributed among the charges according to the judgment of cabinet and the Commission of World Service and Finance. The above figure represents an average of thirteen dollars per charge. We also recommend that this sum be raised through the regular channels of the conference budget as set up and approved by the newly organized Commission on World Service and Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. ANDREWS, Chairman.

### GROUP INSURANCE COMMITTEE—PENINSULA CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

May 16, 1940

#### Receipts

Received from members of Group Ins. on premiums .....	\$1066.50
Received from Prudential Ins. Co. (Refund check) .....	2.30
Total Receipts .....	\$1068.80

#### Disbursements

Sent to Prudential Ins. Co. (April 12, 1940) 1st payment .....	\$ 400.00
Paid Rev. M. S. Andrews for Committee expenses .....	29.44
Paid Rev. C. M. Harris for Committee expenses .....	3.57
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 433.01
Balance (May 16, 1940) .....	\$ 635.79

CARLTON M. HARRIS, Treasurer,  
Group Insurance Committee,  
Peninsula Conference.

(Audited May 17, 1940 by Rev. Hugh B. Kelso, Conference Auditor).

### ACCOUNT OF L. E. WINDSOR.

The cash on hand as of December 31, 1939 was verified by correspondence with the bank direct with the exception of Seaford Trust Company which shows a balance of \$176.00.

We have inspected the various papers in connection with the mortgages and believe them to be intact. In addition we have looked at all the records in the Office of Recorder of Deeds for New Castle County. This constitutes

the entire list with the exception of the following which are located in other counties.

Wm. F. Connally, Phila. . . . .	\$ 3000.00
(Additional Collateral)	
District Dover Parsonage . . . . .	1750.00 Bal. Due
Henry F. Klotz—Ridgely, Md. . . . .	400.00
Laura J. Shiveley, Goldsboro, Md. . . . .	1750.00

While the mere looking at the records in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for New Castle County does not guarantee that the mortgage is a first and valid lien on the real estate, you are, in addition, protected by a certificate of title of your attorney. The balances due on the mortgages have not been verified by correspondence with the mortgagors.

The Board of Stewards has in its list of mortgages the following properties which are being rented:

Location	Investment
704 East 5th St. . . . .	\$ 793.78
425 East 5th St. . . . .	1582.08

The accounts are carried as investments under the heading, "Mortgages Receivable." The following properties have been sold under contract of sale and are considered as part of the mortgage account:

Sarah Buckson, Trustee . . . . .	\$ 900.00
W. J. Higgins, 921 Bennett St. . . . .	\$ 1319.07
James A. Hartnett, Hazeldale . . . . .	620.83
Walter D. Henderer, New Castle Hundred . . . . .	970.00
Cecil H. Wright, Christiana Hundred . . . . .	879.34

#### YOUR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

The investment record of the year has been excellent. Your interest return on the average investment was 5.8% and your expenses were only 0.27%.

I think your Board has been very fortunate that Mr. Melson has been able to secure you 6% mortgages in the present highly competitive field.

#### CLAIMANTS

The sums paid during the past years to the various Conference claimants or annuitants have not been verified by correspondence with the annuitants direct. However, the sums have been published annually.

#### CONCLUSION

The records now kept by Mr. Windsor are excellent, and in the future it should be possible to secure a control over them without any difficulty.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH L. PYLE,  
Certified Public Accountant.

### STATEMENT OF CONDITION

March 31, 1940

#### ASSETS

##### Cash on Hand:

Fruit Growers National Bank & Trust Co.:		
Checking Account . . . . .	\$ 373.86	
Savings Account . . . . .	5102.53	\$ 5476.39

##### Farmers Bank at Dover:

Checking Account . . . . .	52.73	
Savings Account . . . . .	4504.68	4557.41

Seaford Trust Co.: Savings Account . . . . .		176.00
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\$ 10209.80

Mortgages Receivable . . . . .	\$306459.76
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##### Notes Receivable:

Fosnacht Estate . . . . .	\$ 500.00	
District Superintendent's Acct. . . . .	3703.00	4203.00

\$320872.56

#### LESS LIABILITIES

Frederica M. E. Church . . . . .	\$1000.00	
Edna Wheatley . . . . .	250.00	1250.00

Net Value of the Fund . . . . .	\$319622.56
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NOTE: In addition there are funds due from Bock and Kinder Estates, the exact amounts of which cannot be determined.

#### CASH ACCOUNT — L. E. WINDSOR, TREASURER

##### Farmers Bank of Dover

March 13, 1939 to March 31, 1940

#### INVESTMENT FUNDS

Balance—March 31, 1939 . . . . .	\$ 720.77
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#### RECEIPTS

##### Principal Payments

Melson and Killoran . . . . .	\$19,795.07	
Del. Mortgage Investment Co. . . . .	862.92	
Dover District Parsonage . . . . .	350.00	\$21,007.99

Interest—Broomall Account . . . . .		29.08
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**Bequests**

Gambrill Estate .....	3,591.43	
Morgan Estate .....	2,973.68	6,565.11

**Transfers**

Annuity Account .....	5,850.00	
Other Accounts (Contra) .....	152.45	6,002.45

**Miscellaneous**

Fosnocht Estate—Principal ....	229.14		
Interest .....	40.62	269.76	33,874.39
			<u>34,595.16</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Interest to Active Account .....	22.49	
Melson and Killoran for Investment ....	31,367.49	

**Transfers**

To Annuity Account .....	1,800.00	
Annuity Account .....	1,200.00	
Annuity Account .....	152.45	3,152.45
		<u>34,542.43</u>

Balance—March 31, 1940 .....	\$	52.73
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**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance Per Bank Statement—March 31, 1940 \$	52.73
Balance—Cash Book .....	52.73

**CASH ACCOUNT—L. E. WINDSOR, Treasurer**

Fruit Growers National Bank and Trust Co.

March 31, 1939 to March 31, 1940

**ANNUITY ACCOUNT**

Balance—March 31, 1939 .....	\$	3,369.96
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**RECEIPTS**

**Interest**

Melson and Killoran .....	\$13,762.04	
Del. Mortgage Investment Co. ....	3,814.14	
Other .....	401.19	\$17,977.37

For Conference Claimants .....	32,750.03
Chartered Fund .....	60.00
Preachers' Wives Association .....	15.00
Certificates of Deposits—Sold .....	23,000.00

**Transfers**

To Investment Account .....	1,200.00	
Investment Account .....	1,800.00	3,000.00

Miscellaneous .....	.50	76,802.90
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**DISBURSEMENTS**

Annuity Payments .....	46,293.81	
Expenses .....	688.44	
Mortgage Expenses .....	12.75	
Investments—Certificates of Deposits ..	23,000.00	
Premium—Treasurers' Bond .....	75.00	
Transfer to Investment Account .....	5,850.00	
Seaford Trust Company .....	176.00	6,026.00
Accts. Receivable—District		
Superintendent's Fund .....	3,703.00	79,799.00

Balance—March 31, 1940 .....	\$	373.86
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**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance per Bank Statement ....	\$	486.86
Less—Checks Outstanding		
No. 2687 .....	57.00	
No. 2674 .....	56.00	113.00
		\$
		373.86

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT — L. E. WINDSOR, TREASURER**

Fruit Growers National Bank and Trust Company

Balance—March 31, 1939 .....	\$4999.92
Additions—Interest .....	102.61

Balance—March 31, 1940 .....	\$5102.53
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**SAVINGS ACCOUNT — L. E. WINDSOR, TREASURER**

Farmers Bank of Dover

Balance—March 31, 1939 .....	\$4414.18
Additions—Interest .....	90.50

Balance—March 31, 1940 .....	\$4504.68
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**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. Hoeffcker, 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 Board of Conference Claimants to the various Claimants upon the Conference funds at the session of 1940. They were approved by the Conference.

		Distribution of Conference Funds.			
Date of Claim	Years of Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES	Annuity Claim	Special Fund	Total
MINISTERS					
1940	34	Bailey, J. T., Georgetown, Del. . . . .	\$612		\$612
1940	36	Baynard, O. T., Chincoteague, Va. . . . .	648		648
1931	34	Bennett, W. O., Hurlock, Md. . . . .	612		612
1922	32	Blake, Dorsey, Greenwood, Del. . . . .	576		576
1931	30	Briggs, Wm. H., 11 N. Clifton Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	360	\$180	540
1932	27	Buckson, J. A., Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	486		486
1931	37	Budd, H. G., Dover, Del. . . . .	666		666
1937	33	Clift, F. M., Preston, Md. . . . .	594		594
1934	39	Collins, E. H., Marshallton, Del. . . . .	702		702
1935	43	Cullum, C. M., Lewes, Del. . . . .	774		774
1938	35	Davis, Howard, Lewes, Del. . . . .	630		630
1939	40	Dawson, George W., Middletown, Del. . . . .	720		720
1933	16	Dobson, C. H., Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	288	77	365
1935	30	Ford, D. J., Camden, Del. . . . .	540		540
1934	43	Geoghegan, J. H., Newport, Del. . . . .	774		774
1936	47	Hills, V. E., Weldin Road, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	780		780
1918	42	Hoeffcker, E. L., Easton, Md. . . . .	716		716
1940	44	Holland, F. A., Childs, Md. . . . .	792		792
1921	10	Holland, F. R., Newark, Del. (½ year) . . . . .	90		90
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md. (Claim Relinquished) . . . . .	180		180
1924	16	James, O. E., Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md. . . . .	288		288
1929	38	Jones, G. P., Mystic, Conn. . . . .	684		684
1908	29	Landon, J. P., Sherwood, Md. . . . .	3	3	480
1922	20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del. . . . .	360	160	520
1921	23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa. . . . .	414		414
1932	37	Morris, G. A., Salisbury, Md. . . . .	666		666
1931	2	Marshall, C. S., Clayton, Del. . . . .	36	64	100
1929	29	Nichols, J. L., Newark, Del. . . . .	522	78	600
1930	39	Nutter, M. D., Newark, Del. . . . .	694		694
1933	40	Outten, J. P., Laurel, Del. . . . .	720		720
1934	38	Poole, L. E., Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	684		684
1936	36	Poole, W. C., Easton, Md. . . . .	648		648
1936	39	Prettyman, J. W., North East, Md. . . . .	702		702
1936	28	Price, J. T., East New Market, Md. . . . .	504	160	664
1940	27	Reiter, C. L., Tilghman, Md. . . . .	252	114	366
		Rice, O. B., Trappe, Md. . . . .	486		486
1933	43	Rorer, J. A., Millington, Md. . . . .	954		954
		Rorer, V. E., 318 Sterling Rd., Elkins Park, Pa. . . . .	808		808
1935	42	Strickland, C. W., Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	261		261
1935	31	Taylor, E. B., Springfield, S. C. . . . .	756		756
1939	27	Taylor, E. B., Springfield, S. C. . . . .	558		558
1939	27	Willis, Ivanhoe, Marshallton, Del. . . . .	486		486
1927	39	Wilson, J. H., 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	662		662
1930	46	Wise, W. A., 317 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	828		828
1932	43	Wood, G. E., Dover, Del. . . . .	774		774
1934	24½	Woodell, W. R., Delmar, Del. . . . .	441		441
		Woodford, T. R., Pine Ridge, Ky. . . . .	666		666
1929	37	Wright, J. A., Delmar, Del. . . . .	666		666
WIDOWS					
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	\$573	\$ 27	\$600
1930	37	Alderson, Alphonso M., 900 Park Place, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	500		500
1903	20½	Avery, Laura M., 1439 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Cal. . . . .	277	63	340
1936	44½	Beauchamp, Bessie D., 810 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	601		601
	4	Betts, Eleanor, Preston, Md. . . . .	54	46	100
1934	39½	Bounds, Minnie F., Boothwyn, Pa. . . . .	533		533
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V., Hebron, Md. . . . .	243	117	360
1939	16	Broadway, Fannie E., 200 W. 30th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	216	84	300
1925	33	Cain, Bessie, Kennedyville, Md. . . . .	445		445
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	446	10	456
1920	23	Chairs, Sarah W., Bozman, Md. . . . .	311	25	336

Date of Claim	Years of Service	Distribution of Conference Funds. CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES	Annuitiy Claim	Special Fund	Total
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellvue Ave., Hammonton, N. J. ....	68		68
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 741 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	81	99	180
1905	23	Collins, Mary E., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	310	50	360
1936	35½	Cooke, Bertha C., 231 N. Rodney St., Wilmington, Del. ....	426		426
	6	Crouse, Jennie, Denton, Md. ....	81	69	150
1931	13	Cummings, Mabel V., Tilghman, Md. ....	176	124	300
1931	31½	Dashiell, Martie B., 230 E. 48th St., New York, N. Y. ....	425	7	432
1929	13	Dawson, Emma M., 347 Ilchester Ave., Baltimore, Md. ....	176	64	240
1932	31	Derrickson, Addie T., Odessa, Del. ....	419		419
1931	40	Dulaney, Ella G., Fruitland, Md. ....	554	46	600
1931	22	Faulkner, Cora W., Delmar, Del. ....	297		297
1936	31	Greenfield, Ella K., Perryville, Md. ....	419		419
1928	33½	Guthrie, Elizabeth W., Kenton, Del. ....	453	15	468
1936	30½	Harris, Myrtle T., 254 E. Main St., Elkton, Md. ....	412		412
1934	27	Hastings, Martha L., Seaford, Del. ....	365		365
	28	Hodge, Emma F., Crisfield, Md. ....	378		378
	32	Jones, Anna, Delmar, Del. ....	422		422
1932	26½	Jones, Grace E. L., 3453 90th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y. ....	356		356
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., 714 Ash Ave., Collingsdale, Pa. ....	230	10	240
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del. ....	121		121
1930	49	MacSorley, Tryphena, 2209 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del. ....	661		661
1931	18	Marshall, Elizabeth S., 612 Tenn. Ave., Salem, Va. ½ yr. . .	121		121
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md. ....	311		311
1938	32	McDowell, Nettie W., R. D. #3, Wilmington, Del. ....	432		432
1930	8	McCabe, Ada L., Middletown, Del. ....	108		108
1920	32	Mitchell, Jennie S., Elkton, Md. ....	432		432
1930	25	Moore, Gertrude B., 4251 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, Cal. ....	337	23	360
1916	9½	Murray, Pauline N., 4428 Sansom St., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	129		129
1924	26½	Northrup, Lelia M., 913 Park Place, Wilmington, Del. ....	358		358
	19	Owens, Sallie M., 834 S. Division St., Salisbury, Md. ....	256	19	275
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma, 805 Poplar St., Salisbury, Md. ....	108	132	240
1934	35	Prettyman, Ida A., Galena, Md. ....	473		473
1932	26	Prouse, Georgia M., Jarrattown, Pa. ....	351	9	360
	43	Randall, Matilda, Hobbs, Md. ....	530		530
1928	17½	Reed, Emma J., 525 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, Pa. ....	237	75	312
1937	9	Reese, Ella M., Frederica, Del. ....	121	167	288
1938	36	Richardson, Caroline A., Middletown, Del. ....	455		455
1919	28½	Roberts, Mary B., 6103 Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J. . .	385		385
	12	Sherwood, Mrs. W. M., 908 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, Del. ....	162	52	214
1936	28½	Short, Mabel H., Milford, Del. ....	331		331
1929	34	Smith, Janie M., Denton, Md. ....	459		459
	1	Smith, Rebecca, Salisbury, Md. ....	13	87	100
1935	4	Smith, Mrs. W. C., Penny Farms, Florida ....	54		54
1922	8	Stallings, Carrie W., Lovettsville, Va. ½ year . . . . .	54	111	165
1936	29	Stengle, Mary G., 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. ....	391		391
1935	36½	Stephenson, Ada T., 300 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	493	11	504
1940	28	Sutton, Mrs. J. W., Princess Anne, Md. ....	378	101	479
1933	31	Taylor, Della D., 16 N. Governor's Ave., Dover, Del. ....	418		418
1934	28½	Taylor, Jennie G., 2916 Westwood Ave., Baltimore, Md. . .	385		385
1926	14½	VanBlunk, M. Louise, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, Md. ....	196		196
1934	38	VanDyke, Sarah B., 418 McCabe Ave., Wilmington, Del. . .	514		514
	15	Walter, Isabella, Milford, Del. ....	202	32	234
1929	9	Walton, Sarah E., Bear, Del. ....	121	119	240
	37	Warner, Susan V., 604 Park Ave., Salisbury, Md. ....	499		499
1918	20½	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md. ....	277	143	420
1923	9	Williams, Laura M., Buxton, N. C. ....	71	289	360
1938	26	Williams, Lida S., Cambridge, Md. ....	351		351
	4	Yingling, Ella, Laurel, Del. ....	54	58	112
CHILDREN					
1930	9½	McCabe, Charles Law . . . . .	43		43
1940	28	Sutton, J. W. ....	121		121

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

- Atkinson, W. F., White Haven, Md.
- Travers, Alonzo, Rock Hall, Md.
- Barrett, Mrs. T. S., Townsend, Md.
- Horner, Ella, Laurel, Del.
- Sharpless, Mrs. C. D., 1202 Maryland Ave., Wilmington, Del.
- Cannon, Mrs. C. G., Secretary, Md.

VII

MEMOIRS

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS

Since the last conference of our church assembled we have lost from our work one of our most faithful and sincere Christian ministers, Dr. Vaughan S. Collins, who entered the larger life on July 7, 1939. He met death as he did life, with faith and trust in the goodness of his heavenly Father. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ames of New York City, and four grandsons, John, Charles, and James Estill, and John Early who deeply appreciate the heritage that is theirs as descendants of this noble man.

Dr. Collins was born in Berlin, Maryland, on November 4, 1858. He attended St. John's Academy and Dickinson College, from which he received his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor of Divinity degrees. In March, 1883, he was admitted to the Wilmington Conference and became assistant pastor to Dr. Caldwell of Wesley Church, Dover. There he met Miss Caldwell of Wesley Church, whom he married on February 7, 1884, and whose companionship through fifty-three years enriched his life greatly. Their life of devotion together was beautiful and she filled her position as a minister's wife with ability and honor.

For over forty-five years Dr. and Mrs. Collins served faithfully and wholeheartedly in the work of the church. True consecration to the life of the spirit was evidenced in their every contact. They ministered to thirteen different parishes in the conference and for 6 years Dr. Collins was District Superintendent of the Salisbury District.

Throughout his 78 years he remained young in spirit, perhaps because he was always so sympathetic toward youth and interested in their problems. From 1901-1903 Dr. Collins served as Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, where he was a real influence for good among the students.

One of his dominant interests and concerns was the development of the Epworth League, the Methodist young people's organization of which he was one of the founders and leaders for many years. At the Baltimore convention of the Sixth General Conference of the District Epworth League in 1890 Dr. Collins gave an address on "The Supreme Aim of the Epworth League." He said, "the great object of the organization is the development of personal character in our young people along the lines of purity and power." He lived constantly with aims such as this, and the motto of the Epworth League—"Look Up, Lift Up"—is symbolic of his life. He looked ever upward, and his touch upon the lives of others made them look toward the highest and feel lifted up by the contagion of his enthusiasm for the noblest and best in life.

After his retirement in 1929, Dr. Collins moved to Wilmington and became a member of Grace Church. His participation in the services and the



fellowship we shared with him and Mrs. Collins through these years were a source of inspiration to all of us. They were beloved by all who knew them, and admired and respected for the quality of goodness which they both possessed. Dr. Collins was recognized as a man who knew God and reflected his presence and love. His faith and steady assurance were beautifully illustrated at the time of Mrs. Collins' death. At the close of the service at the grave he stepped forward and prayed:

"Our Heavenly Father, as we stand here at the open grave of one we loved so dearly, grant that we all, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, and friends, may consecrate our lives anew to Thee, and so live that we will meet our dear one in Heaven. We ask it in His name. Amen."

During the last months Dr. Collins became increasingly frail and weak, and finally reached the end of his earthly journey on July 7, 1939. On July 9th at the morning service the pastor preached before the host of friends of Dr. Collins, who felt keenly their loss. He spoke from the text, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper," and showed that Dr. Collins was a fulfillment of this conception of what the good man shall be.

Funeral services were held in Grace Church on Monday afternoon, July 10th, with the pastor in charge. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes delivered the address and Dr. Walter E. Gunby, Dr. James W. Colona, and the Rev. Ralph Minker took part in the service.

"Yet love will dream and faith will trust  
(Since He who knows our need is just)  
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.

Alas for him who never sees  
The stars shine through his cypress trees!  
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,  
Nor looks to see the breaking day  
Across the mournful marbles play!  
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,  
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,  
That Life is ever Lord of Death,  
And Love can never lose its own."

B. M. JOHNS.

#### WILBUR F. CORKRAN.

I have always thought of Wilbur F. Corkran as a master builder.

He built a Christian personality. That is the greatest of all creative achievement. His self-expression was born of self-denial. Through years of painstaking effort, he was able to harmonize his instincts and emotions and subordinate them to the ideal of Christ, and through this enslavement he achieved true liberty.

He was born on a farm near East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland, December 12, 1853, the son of Thomas Corkran and Hester Ann

Wright. Their careful training and godly living made a lasting impression on their introspective son.

When a lad in his teens, one Sunday he attended a camp-meeting somewhere in the neighborhood, and heard a message that deeply stirred him. A few days later "the light" came to him in a hay field during harvest time on his father's farm.

When the call to the ministry came, he "was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." On March 17, 1878, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Randolph S. Foster at Chestertown, Maryland, and two years later, March 21, 1880, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Edward G. Andrews at Dover, Delaware.

Thus was laid the foundation of a truly great Christian character.

He was the builder of a happy home. On March 3, 1880, he married Josephine Fleming, and of this union two children were born. When I knew Doctor and Mrs. Corkran, they were nearing life's sunset. I never saw a more devoted couple. Theirs was that glorified friendship born of sharing life's joys and sharing life's sorrows. Each had unselfishly given of himself or herself to the other, and by thus giving, had increased his or her capacity for receiving—their personalities had blended until they were a spiritual unit. When she was stricken, he realized a part of himself was gone, never to be replaced. While he valiantly strove to go about his business of living, she was with him in his thoughts and in his dreams. Theirs was a love that was stronger than death.

He was a builder of great sermons. His was an orderly and logical mind. Consummate artist that he was, he spent much time and expended much effort in their composition. When he had concluded his sermon, one had the feeling that Dr. Corkran had said all that could be said about that particular text. Not only were his sermons technically perfect, but they also contained a depth of feeling that always aroused an emotional response. I have known him to preach with such eloquence and power that shouts of praise from the congregation would compel him to stop mid-way his sermon.

He was a builder of churches. He enjoyed success in all his pastorates. As an organizer and administrator he was unexcelled. He knew people and how to handle them. He could read a character or sum up a situation at a glance. He brought to bear upon every problem a penetrating insight and analytical faculty. His manifold talents received due recognition from the old Wilmington Conference: He was appointed Presiding Elder twice, serving a total of twelve years; he was elected delegate to three General Conferences, and delegate to the World Ecumenical Conference in London in 1901; in 1929, the last year of his effective relationship, Bishop McDowell appointed him Field Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission. He served the following charges: Millsboro, Harrington, Barratt's Chapel, Leipsic, Magnolia, Gumboro, Asbury (Crisfield), Georgetown, Newark, Union, Asbury (Crisfield), and Chestertown.

He loved and understood youth, and young people adored him. They considered him one of them. He lived to a ripe old age, but he never grew old.

His outstanding pastoral work was at Asbury, Crisfield. When he went there in 1918 for his second pastorate, he had reached the age when most men retire. But retirement was farthest from his mind. In October, 1920,

he had the greatest revival in the history of the church. There were four hundred and fifty accessions. Then with an enlarged and inspired membership behind him, he launched into an ambitious building program. In 1923 he dedicated the New Asbury Church, the most beautiful in the Conference. "The Cathedral of the Conference" is a monument to the faith, courage, leadership, and, above all, youthful spirit of a great man, who was past the age of retirement.

He retired in 1930, after fifty-four years of heroic and sacrificial service. By "retired," I mean his effective relationship ceased. Only death could, and did, "retire" a man of his tremendous energy. The remaining nine years of his life he did supply work at Galestown, Reliance, and Gumboro. After the death of his wife in 1936, he left his beautiful home in Seaford, and moved in the Gumboro parsonage. Here he was stricken with his final illness. He was found lying unconscious from loss of blood. He was rushed to the Beebe Hospital in Lewes, where he lingered for two months, dying May 10, 1939. The funeral service was conducted in Wesley Church, Dover, Dr. J. J. Bunting officiating, assisted by the Reverends O. E. Jones, R. L. Tawes, and R. H. Nelson. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Robertson, of Scranton, Pa., and a son, W. Sherman Corkran, of Rehoboth, Delaware.

The builder has put aside his tools. His years of actual service number sixty-three, the longest of any man's in the Conference. Exceptional, to be sure; but everything connected with this man's life and ministry was exceptional. He passed from the scene in 1939, the very year the Wilmington Conference ceased to be. That fact is significant. His years of service spanned the entire life of the Conference, and I shall always think of him as its symbol, its epitome.

To paraphrase Ruskin: He knew how to build, well enough, he built with stone well, but with flesh better; temples not made with hands, but riveted of hearts; and that kind of marble, crimson-veined, is indeed eternal.

ROLAND H. NELSON.

#### JOHN WELDON SUTTON.

In the limits of this brief memoir, I am to say a few things about the life and character of John Weldon Sutton.

To some of His children in every age God seems to give a sort of super-sensitiveness to the sins in the life about them and because of this, they are very much misunderstood by most of the people. The closer one walks with Him the more this truth is in evidence. It will help us to remember that Jesus was the most misunderstood man that has lived on the earth. These like their Master, rarely ever come into the measure of outward rewards they justly merit. Something of this sort of spiritual insight was the heritage of the subject of this memoir, our brother John Weldon Sutton.

Always of too studious a mould ever to enter very deeply into the sins of his day, Brother Sutton's conversion was definite and clear, hence the desire to go on with God was in evidence. This is true of every normal

child, he wants to grow. Brother Sutton learned very early in his Ministry as did John and Charles Wesley and many of the fathers of Methodism that there is a definite second work of grace, hence in his first appointment he sought and received what he in his humble way testified to and preached to others as the blessing of sanctification. To all such souls the spiritual struggle is a real and constant thing, tending to make them a disturbing force to all the powers of evil about them, because of this they rarely ever harvest the goods and gains of the world life. These are more easily won by those of us who can and do find it possible to adjust ourselves readily to our particular situation.

For this brother the Bible was the very word of God. Its interpretation by John and Charles Wesley and the early fathers of Methodism was clear and sufficient. When his call to preach this Book came, he did indeed forsake all to give himself to the holy task, quitting, among other things the great work of teaching in our Public Schools, where he already was on the way to a degree of material success that never was to be his as a minister of the Gospel. He preached the Gospel in all fields and at all costs as the cure for all the spiritual ills of the soul and of society, of which ills he became increasingly conscious as the years passed by. The very simplicity and directness of this message of Salvation had done such wonders in his own soul-life that it never occurred to him to temper it in any wise, either as to its searching meanings, or by any novel or catchy ways and mannerisms of preaching it to others. Undoubtedly his chief concern was to declare the whole counsel of God in its most pungent form, even though the penalties be the closing of paths to human fortunes and fame. No one needed long to remain ignorant of where John Sutton stood on any subject of right and wrong. A simple, direct question would instantly receive as simple and direct an answer, up to the fullest measure of his own light and understanding.

The rewards for these characteristics in life are: The rich heritage for his family and friends of the memory of a godly life lived in a consuming earnestness before God and for the souls of his fellowmen.

The son of James and Mary E. Sutton, John was born at Still Pond, Kent County, Maryland, April 18, 1876; was educated in the public schools of the county, was graduated from Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, and later from the Conference Course of Studies of the old Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, everywhere piling up such high marks as only an unusual mind could have produced.

At the session of the Wilmington Conference in 1908 at Asbury Church in Wilmington, Brother Sutton was admitted on trial. He was ordained Deacon March 20, 1910, and Elder March 17, 1912.

He served the following charges in the order named: Claremont, Williamsburg, Nassau, Fruitland, Galena, Marion, Hopewell, Bozman, Cordova, Kenton, Crapo, Georgetown Circuit, Blades, Fairmount, Bishopville, Vienna, Elk Neck.

Retiring at the 1936 session of the Conference because of physical conditions, Brother Sutton went to live in Princess Anne, Maryland, where while serving as vice-principal of that town's Washington High School, he was most fortunately and happily married to Miss Bessie Briddell, October

9th, 1907, who, with three children, Mrs. Howard Collins, Paul Weldon and John Wilmer Sutton, all of Princess Anne, survive to cherish so deeply the memory of this man of God, who led them in the right way. A sister, Mrs. Thomas G. Comfort, and a brother, C. R. Sutton, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and two brothers, James and George Sutton, of Betterton, Maryland, also live to honor the memory of a brother who has left them a memory so worthy of their honoring.

On April 11, 1939, John Weldon Sutton heard and answered that greatest of calls, the call to account to God for his stewardship, and he with a quietness and confidence that should hearten all of us to lean harder on God, trust a little more fully in Him and preach the sufficiency of the Gospel of Grace of the Son of God with a fuller assurance of faith.

The funeral services were conducted in the Antioch Church, in Princess Anne, in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Ransom P. Nichols, who so swiftly followed Brother Sutton into the Glory. The District Superintendent, John J. Bunting, the Reverends Leonard White and Sidney Bradley and the writer assisted. His body was laid to rest in the Manokin Cemetery, in Princess Anne, to await that promised resurrection from weakness to power, like unto that of the glorified body of our risen and ascended Lord.

To those of us who knew him best, it seems so fitting to end this memoir with the old hymn especially requested by his family:

"Servant of God well done,  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter the Master's joy.

The voice at midnight came;  
He started up to hear  
A mortal arrow pierced his frame  
He fell, but left no fear.

The pains of death are past  
Labor and sorrow cease  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ well done,  
Praise be thy new employ,  
And while eternal ages run  
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

THOS. J. SARD.

#### WILLIAM ROWLAND MOWBRAY

William Rowland, son of William Henry and Annie Sparklin Mowbray, was born March 1, 1861, near Bethlehem, Caroline County, Maryland; and, after 53 years membership in the Wilmington Annual Conference, on Tuesday, April 25, 1939, exchanged things "terrestrial for the glory of the celestial," and today fellowships with that "multitude which no man can number—without fault before the throne of God."

The childhood and youth years of the deceased were spent beneath the parental roof where, "brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," so much of the moral and religious influence of that fine family life was sensed and assimilated by him, that, in after years, those who came to know him well, were disposed to credit those early home contacts with much of the aspiration and accomplishment of his subsequent career.

Converted when about 18 years of age, he promptly united with Harmony church then on Federalsburg circuit, where, by the frequent and helpful exercise of certain native gifts at his command, he readily "grew in grace" and usefulness; whole-heartedly cooperating in every worthy enterprise sponsored by that rural society.

Signs of "gifts, grace and usefulness" early evinced by him soon resulted in the proffer and acceptance of formal license to exhort and preach; the discreet and efficient use of this authority later being officially recognized with a Recommendation to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial, this relation being consummated at the regular session held in 1886 at Elkton, Maryland.

Soon after assuming his initial appointment, Brother Mowbray was happily united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth W. Johnson of Williston, Md., a help-mate indeed, who devotedly shared with him the exacting cares and pleasant experiences incident to their 40 years of active itinerant ministerial life. To them were born two sons, William Randolph and Thomas Johnson Mowbray, both of whom survive and are prominently connected with the Security Trust Company in Wilmington, Delaware.

Our official journals contain the following data: 1886, Received on Trial. 1888, Admitted to Full Membership, Elected and Ordained Deacon. 1890, Completed the Conference Course, Elected and Ordained Elder. 1891-1903, Statistical Secretary. 1904-16, Assistant Journalistic Secretary. 1916-23, Superintendent of the Dover District. 1920, Delegate to the General Conference. 1926, Granted the Retired Relation.

Pastoral assignments comprising his years of active service include Sassafras, Royal Oak, Pomona, Nanticoke, Zion, in Maryland. Smyrna Circuit, Bridgeville, Lewes, Milford, Cookman, in Delaware.

"In worthy deeds and prayer, and helpful hands and honest eyes,  
If smiles or tears be there;  
Who smiles for you and me, lives for the world he tries to help,  
He lives eternally.

Who lives to bravely take his share of toil and stress,  
And for his weaker fellows' sake makes every burden less,  
He may, at last, seem worn, lie fallen, hands and eyes folded, yet,  
Though we mourn and mourn, a good man never dies."

(—J. W. R.)

How appropriate seem these words to the passing of William R. Mowbray! Surely he was a good man, a good minister, a faithful and able dispenser "of the manifold grace of God," and withal, one in every sense deserving the many fine tributes paid to his memory by the church, the public and the press, since he lived for something and like his Lord, "went about doing good," and thereby has left behind him a monument of virtue that

changing time can never destroy. In kindness, love and acts of mercy his name is written in the hearts of a veritable host whose contacts with him will never be forgotten.

As a preacher, "he studied to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." His command of the written Word was extensive and quite noticeable, while much to the delight and edification of those favored with his ministry, he brought forth, again, and again from the inexhaustible treasure of Holy Writ "things both new and old."

In the pastorate, few equalled and less excelled him. He "shepherded his flock" with marked care and devotion. Untiringly solicitous and attentive to the sick, disabled and shut-in. Tenderly sympathetic with the suffering, sorrowing and bereaved. Patient and considerate of the weak, the wandering and wayward. A warm, consistent friend of the children.

Upon entering the Retired relation, Brother Mowbray elected to make his home in Lewes, Delaware, where, in a clerical capacity, he soon became identified with civic interests and rendered quite acceptable service to the local Board of Public Works up to May 20, 1938, the date of Mrs. Mowbray's decease. The shock thus occasioned, together with the rapid development of a subtle and extremely distressing ailment of his own, made advisable his resigning the above named position. Immediately thereafter he removed to Wilmington to be nearer his sons and as well more readily obtain necessary medical treatment. Here, notwithstanding the able and skilful ministrations of physician and nurses to ward off the inevitable and so prolong his days, the "zero hour" came for him Tuesday, April 25, 1939, at which time, shortly after the close of day, the "veil that intervenes" between the militant and the triumphant, gently parted and he passed within there to linger "forever with the Lord" and loved ones whom here he had long known and "lost awhile."

On Friday, April 28, at 2 o'clock P. M., a goodly company composed of members of his family, relatives and friends, braved the storm that prevailed and assembled in the Atkins funeral parlors in Lewes, where befitting services were directed by his pastor, Rev. Otis P. Jefferson, assisted therein by various members of the Wilmington Conference, after which the body was conveyed to the family plot in the local church cemetery and there interred to await the promised resurrection morn.

"Thus star by star declines,  
Till all are passed away;  
As morning high and higher shines,  
To pure and perfect day.  
Nor sink those stars in empty night,  
They hide themselves in Heaven's own light."

—W. A. WISE.

### RANSOM P. NICHOLS

Ransom P. Nichols was one of the purest and sweetest, most winsome and lovable spirits that ever shared the fellowship of the ministry of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Modest and self-effacing, his was one of those luminous and irradiating personalities that leave an ineffaceable impression upon all with whom they associate. Like the Master whom he so passionately and devotedly served "he could not be hidden." Physically, one of the tallest among us, straight and slender as a sapling, a scholar's head with hair, sun-tinted and in later years plentifully sprinkled with snow, eyes deep-set, flecked with kindly humor and beaming with good will, a face that lit up like a sunrise when he smiled or was emotionally stirred—he commanded attention in any assembly. One is irresistibly reminded of Edwin Markham's imagery of the tall pine standing out on the brow of the hill whose sudden fall left a lonesome place against the sky.

He had a rich religious and cultural background for his life-work. He was born Nov. 3, 1873 at Greenfield, Mo., the son of the Rev. Alphaeus R. and Sarah A. Nichols. His father was a Methodist preacher and the son had the privilege of growing up amidst the simple wholesomeness and refinement of a preacher's home where life was lived at its highest and best. His preparatory educational work completed, he chose to continue his studies in the realms of higher education at Amherst College, one of the most renowned of the group of educational institutions that made New England the cultural center of America. He was a member of the Class of 1895, destined to be famous in the annals of Amherst in that it also contained two members who rose to National and International repute—Calvin Coolidge, Governor of Massachusetts, Vice-President, and President of the United States; and Dwight Morrow, financier, Senator from New Jersey and Ambassador to Mexico. Brother Nichols prized his life-long friendship with these distinguished men.

Upon his graduation in 1895, he entered the service of the Federal Government. In 1900, having in the meantime been married to Miss Harriet Brigham, a teacher in the public schools of North Adams, Mass., he was sent in the service of the Internal Revenue Department to Puerto Rico. Here he remained until 1907 when he responded to the call of the Spirit and offered himself for service in the Home Mission field of Utah. In 1913 he transferred to the Wilmington Conference and was first appointed to Newport, one of the best of our smaller Stations. His sterling worth and superb equipment for the ministry was soon recognized and he was sent successively to Still Pond, Epworth-Wilmington and thence to Smyrna, the outstanding Charge in the Easton District. He left this strong church to give a year to the service of religious education as Conference Director. During that year he laid the foundations for the great work carried on by his successors Lindhorst and Bishop which at one time was of such a high order that it attracted the attention of the entire church. Returning to the pastorate he served Pocomoke City, Easton and Federalsburg. The lovely parsonage at Pocomoke and the modern, well appointed church at Federalsburg are monuments to his vision and constructive zeal. In 1934 it was the writer's privilege to bring about his appointment to Princess Anne over the

unanimous opposition of the Official Board backed by the entire membership of the Ladies Aid Society. They felt he was too old to carry on successfully the fine work among the young people initiated by his predecessors. But they were loyal Methodists. The appointment having been made, they did not lock the doors of the church against him nor boycott the services. One Sunday was all that was needed. It was love at first sight. There was never a more perfect relationship between a Pastor and his people than that which obtained between Ransom Nichols and the people of Antioch Church. It was understood on both sides that nothing but retirement or death would be permitted to sever that relationship. How groundless the fears of this good people were was soon evidenced in the manner in which the young people rallied about him as a trusted leader and counsellor beloved. One of the most moving sights we have ever witnessed was the filing into the church on the day of the funeral of more than 50 young people, members of the Young People's and Junior Choirs, in full choral gowns, with tear-wet cheeks to take the places reserved for them for the service. He was a living refutation of the fallacy that only a young man can render effective service in behalf of youth. Age is an attitude, a spirit, not a matter of the calendar. Some have hardening of the arteries at twenty-five while others have all the enthusiasm and verve of adolescence, enriched and mellowed by experience, at sixty. Ransom Nichols was perennially and eternally young.

His interest in the program of religious education was not confined to the young people of the churches he served, but embraced all ages in both sexes and was felt in every department of church activity. At Princess Anne he was the teacher of one of the largest men's Bible classes on Salisbury District and it was a rare treat that many felt they could not forego to sit at his feet Sabbath after Sabbath as he taught the current lesson.

It is trite to say that a preacher is a lover of good books. He ought to be. But this is true in varying degrees. With Brother Nichols it was utterly and perfectly true. Love for good books was a passion with him, with the emphasis upon the good.

He was a friendly soul. His innate diffidence made it a little difficult at first to get intimate with him but when one had penetrated that slight barrier of reserve one found a spirit that had a wonderful capacity for friendship. The last sermon it was my privilege to hear him preach, his second at Princess Anne was on the text—"Ye are my Friends." This was addressed to his own people but the entire community soon discovered that there was room in his friendly heart for all, rich and poor, high and low. "The finest man that ever came to Princess Anne" was the tribute of the editor of one of the local papers. The Rector of the Episcopal Church wrote "Princess Anne has lost a keen personality, a citizen of the first magnitude, a friend to all."

With that genius for friendship there went a broad tolerance and catholicity of spirit that some mistook for weakness. But he was not soft wax taking an imprint easily, nor a chameleon changing with his environment. He had profound convictions on the vital issues and problems of life and the courage to state them. But he also had the ability to look all around a subject and get the other man's point of view. He spent five or six years among the Mormons and loved to lecture about that strange religious move-

ment and peculiar people. I heard him several times and talked with him privately but never did I hear him utter a harsh criticism. There were things about Mormonism he disliked but there was much that he admired and these were the things he loved to dwell upon.

One of his most striking characteristics was his humility. With gifts and attainments that qualified him to fill any Charge in our Conference, he saw the years slipping away and the larger and so-called more important Charges closed to him. But there was no resentment, no bitterness, no sense of grievance or frustration. On the contrary he felt honored to serve any church, to minister to any people.

There was a mystical quality in his religious faith. But it was a sane and balanced mysticism—the mysticism of St. Paul—"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me." The Mysticism of Christ himself—"As Thou Father art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us."

And now he is not, for God took him. He was not afraid of death. In a sermon written for the Easter number of one of the local papers he had this to say—"I want to tell you in a few simple words just how I feel about death and the beyond. I think of the great adventure with awe but not with fear. I enjoy my work here, my home, my friends, my life. But I am looking forward to the other life before me. When the time comes for me to go, I think I shall be looking forward with faith and hope and a conviction rooted in God and his love; a conviction, too, humble but positive of my worth as a person and that Jesus died to save that person and rose to bring to that person everlasting life." Everlasting life did not begin for him when at one o'clock on the morning of May 8, 1939 he drew his last earthly breath. God had put eternity in his heart and he had lived for many years in the power of an endless life. His beloved wife had preceded him to the heavenly home by five years. Two children, Mrs. Harold A. Whittle of Arlington, Va. and Ransom B. Nichols of Worcester, Mass. and a grandson Ransom Whittle, survive.

The lovely auditorium of Antioch Church was crowded to capacity for the funeral services, which in the absence of the District Superintendent, who was at the Uniting Conference, were in charge of the writer, assisted by Dr. Omar E. Jones. After the services the body was taken to North Adams, Mass., to rest beside that of his wife until the resurrection morn.

It singeth low in every heart  
 We hear it each and all  
 A song of those who answer not  
 However we may call.  
 They throng the silence of the breast  
 We see them as of yore  
 The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet  
 Who walk with us no more,  
 'Tis hard to take the burden up  
 Where these have laid it down  
 They brightened all the joy of life  
 They softened every frown  
 But oh 'tis good to think of them  
 When we are troubled sore  
 Thanks be to God that such have been  
 Tho they are here no more,

More homelike seems the vast unknown  
 Since they have entered there  
 To follow them were not so hard  
 Wherever they may fare  
 They cannot be where God is not  
 On any sea or shore  
 Whate'er betides, Thy love abides  
 Our God forevermore.

—LEONARD WHITE.

#### THE REV. ELLEZIE COLE SUNFIELD

The Rev. Ellezie Cole Sunfield was born in Malaga, N. J., December 14, 1859, and died at Wayne, N. J., March 20, 1940, in the eighty-first year of his age. His early life was spent in his native state where he was identified with the Methodist Church from an early age.

He was licensed to preach in 1883, and at once became a supply minister. This continued until the spring of 1885 when he was received on trial in the New Jersey Conference, and two years later was received into full membership. For fourteen years he served charges in that Conference, and in 1899 was transferred to the Wilmington Conference to fill a vacancy at Chestertown, Md.

Brother Sunfield's appointments in the Wilmington Conference were as follows: '99-'00, Chestertown; '01, Millington, Md.; '02-'04, Conference Evangelist; '05-'08, Felton, Del.; '09-'11, Perryville, Md.; '12-'13, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary Society; '14-'15, Parsonsburg, Md.; '16, Eastlake, Wil.; '17-'18, Retired, ill health; '19-'21, Eastlake again; '22, Retired.

After his retirement Brother Sunfield made his home in Barnegat, N. J., where he had purchased property some years before.

Rev. E. C. Sunfield was twice married—On June 2, 1884 he was united in marriage with Miss Marilla Gould, of Caldwell, N. J., who walked by his side and shared with him the joys and sorrows of his active ministerial life. Two daughters were born to this marriage—Mrs. A. J. Culver of Wayne, and Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was married the second time on March 1, 1932, to Miss Emma E. Kelley, a nurse, of Hanover, Pa., who, with the two daughters, and one grandson, survive him.

Brother Sunfield was an able preacher of the Word of God—He believed the Bible and preached it with clearness and power—Hence good revivals attended his ministry in almost all of his appointments.

Perhaps his greatest work in the Wilmington Conference was at Eastlake, this city—Robert Watt, his D. S. has this to say of him in his report to the Annual Conference in 1922:—

"Because of physical disability, brother E. C. Sunfield must relinquish his work. His work at East Lake has been a marvel of success. During his five years as pastor, the salary has gone from ten hundred to sixteen hundred, and will be two thousand next year. A debt of seventeen thousand dollars has been paid, and the attractive church and parsonage are free from debt with a goodly balance in the sinking fund to help care for additional

improvements. In the future development of this growing charge the name of E. C. Sunfield will merit a large place."

Brother Sunfield's retirement did not mean the end of his activity. He was not one who could sit down and keep still. He preached whenever, and wherever the opportunity afforded and his health would permit.

His good wife writes that just a few days before they took him away to the hospital, March 19, 1939, he preached two rather remarkable sermons—One being the last he ever preached on earth, was on the subject of Heaven and was very favorably received by all who heard it.

Brother Sunfield and his wife conducted a Bible Study Class in their own home for some time, until he was taken away to the hospital.

Rev. E. C. Sunfield was of a bright, sunny disposition which made him a welcome friend among the people where he ministered—and during the last year in his fight for life, this disposition, together with the sunshine of the presence of God, did not fail him.

He told Mrs. Sunfield he would like for his going to be at Easter time. His wish was granted, for on March 20, 1940, just as the churches were getting ready for their Easter Services, his spirit took its flight to that country where the inhabitants never say—I am sick.

A good man has gone to his Eternal Home—The workmen are laid off, but the work goes on toward completion.

Ella Wilcox has a few lines which seem to be appropriate. I give them here:—

It seemeth such a little way to me,  
 Across to that strange country, the Beyond;  
 And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be  
 The home of those of whom I am so fond.  
 They make it seem familiar and most dear,  
 As journeying friends bring distant regions dear

So close it lies that when my sight is clear  
 I think I almost see the gleaming strand,  
 I know I feel those who have gone from here  
 Come close enough sometimes to touch my hand.  
 I cannot make it seem a day to dread,  
 When from this dear earth I shall journey out  
 To that still dearer country of the dead,  
 And join the lost one so long dreamed about.  
 I love this world, yet shall I love to go  
 And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.

I never stand above a bier and see  
 The seal of death set on some well-loved face  
 But what I think, "One more to welcome me,  
 When I shall cross the intervening space,  
 Between this land and that one over there;  
 One more to make the strange beyond seem fair."

And so to me there is no sting of death,  
 And so the grave hath lost its victory.  
 It is but crossing with abated breath,  
 And white, set face—a little strip of sea,  
 To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,  
 More beautiful, more precious than before."

—V. E. HILLS.

## MARTHA SAUNDERS WATT

On the 28th day of last March, "the curfew tolled the knell of parting day," for Martha Saunders Watt, the beloved wife and companion of the late Rev. Robert Watt, D.D., as she was summoned from her quiet and restful home in Worcester, Massachusetts, and her mortal body was tenderly laid beside that of her husband on the sunny slopes of Hope Cemetery, where they each await the full and final inheritance held in reserve for those who love the Lord and are faithful to the end.

One day more of her life here would have marked her eighty-fourth birthday, having survived her husband by fourteen years, during which time the willing and loving service of daughter Rebecca and her husband, as devoted children, ministered to her physical comforts with loving loyalty throughout her last illness till the end came; the Reverend Doctor George Heath, her pastor, and minister of the Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester, read the final burial rites, and committed her immortal soul to God who gave it.

It was the writer's high privilege to visit her during these fourteen years of widowhood. Each time her conversations included frequent references to their past associations in pastoral and administrative work in this field of labor then known as the Wilmington Conference. Beginning in 1885, when they were married in New York state, their first pastorate was at Princess Anne, Maryland, and, all through their subsequent pastorates with special administrative duties for nineteen years, memory furnished her to the last with bright and cheery incidents of home and comradeship. The only event that seemed to mar her resplendent joy in service was the passing of her companion and then I often could hear her in substance reflect the well timed words of the poet:

"With weary steps I loiter on,  
Tho always under altered skies,  
The purple from the distance dies  
My prospect and horizon gone."

But when reminded of her rare devotion to him, whose life was as her own in their earthly allotments of service, no less when her best love passed on preceding her, she faltered not in faith and courage, but took comfort in thinking of words so appropriate as these:

"Into the infinite that girds our life around,  
Into the infinite mystery wherewith life's shore is bound  
Thou hast gone forth, beloved, and I were mean to weep,  
That thou hast left the shallows and dost now possess the deep."

In this quiet moment of retrospection of these outstanding comrades of faith, we pause to pay tribute to their noble lives; the writer begs to be allowed to offer appropriate words written by the poet Longfellow:

"When I remember them, these friends of mine,  
Who are no longer here, the noble three,  
Who half my life were more than friends to me,  
And whose discourse was like a generous wine,  
I most of all remember the divine  
Something that shone in them, and made us see  
The archetypal man, and what might be  
The amplitude of Nature's design."

"In vain I stretch my hands to clasp their hands;  
I cannot find them. Nothing now is left  
But a majestic memory. They meanwhile  
Wander together in Elysian lands  
Perchance remembering me, who am bereft  
Of their dear presence, and, remembering, smile."

"Oh, why should thou be dead, when common men  
Are busy with their trivial affairs,  
Having and holding? Why, when thou hast read  
Nature's mysterious manuscript, and then  
Wast ready to reveal the truth it bears?  
Why art thou silent? Why shouldst thou be dead?"

"Goodnight; goodnight; as we so oft have said  
Beneath this roof at midnight, in the days  
That are no more, and shall no more return.  
Thou hast but taken thy lamp and gone to bed;  
I stay a little longer, as one stays  
To cover up the embers that still burn."

"I also wait; but they shall come no more,  
Those friends of mine, whose presence satisfied  
The thirst and hunger of my heart, Ah me,  
They have forgotten the pathway to my door;  
Something has gone from Nature, they died,  
And summer is not summer, nor can be."

May 13, 1940.

—GEORGE P. JONES.

## MRS. SARAH D. SIDELL

Sarah D. Sidell, the daughter of Jacob and Caroline Durling Sidell, was born November 16, 1857, in Somerville, New Jersey. Her parents moved to Newark, New Jersey, when she was twelve years old. At an early age she was converted and united with St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark. She later was a member of the choir and became very active in the work of this church.

It was while Sister Sidell was attending St. Paul's Church that she met a young man, also bearing the name Sidell, who was a member of this same church. He had come to Newark at the age of fifteen and had engaged in mercantile work. He later became interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and spent several years as a secretary of the same. It was while engaged in this work that Elmer R. Sidell was married to Miss Sarah D. Sidell on June 25, 1884. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Jacob Todd, the pastor of St. Paul's Church, Newark. They later moved to the State of Wisconsin, where Brother Sidell continued in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. While there he felt increasingly the call to devote himself to the Christian Ministry. Accordingly he yielded and was admitted into the West Wisconsin Conference in the Fall of 1890. In 1899 Brother Sidell was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and spent the remainder of his ministry on this Peninsula, with the exception of a little more than a year during which he was out West again.

Mrs. Sidell had been anxious that there should be no mistake about her husband's call to the ministry. But having become assured that it was God's will, she enthusiastically entered with him into the work to which God had called him. No minister ever had a more faithful or more sweet-spirited companion in the ministry than was Sister Sidell. Her winsome personality and her beautiful alto voice charmed the members of the churches where they served. She loved humanity and sought by earnest efforts to bring persons with whom she had contact into a harmonious fellowship with the Christ, who so thoroughly filled her life with His presence. The influence of her lovely Christian life remained to bless the lives of those with whom she had been associated long years after she had moved on to other fields of Christian service.

Early in May of 1904 her husband was stricken with an attack of small-pox and fell asleep in Christ on May 12th. Thus Sister Sidell and their only son, Marvin Durling, were greatly saddened by his going.

After her husband's death, Sister Sidell took up the work of a Church Visitor under the Reverend Wayne T. Channell of Philadelphia. Later she continued the same type of work at St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Olney, Philadelphia, and served there during the pastorates of the Reverend E. R. Randolph and the Reverend G. W. Tyson. As she visited from house to house she made a deep impression upon persons by her attractive Christian character. Her warm heart and her excellent judgment were the reasons why persons of all ages were drawn to her and sought her advice. And to those who came seeking either advice or comfort, her messages to them were as the voice of the Great Comforter. To the membership and constituency of St. James Church her name was as "ointment poured forth."

She served with marked success in this important church for twelve years until failing health made it necessary for her to resign from this work which she so greatly enjoyed. Her life was further saddened by the death of her only son in May of 1930.

Sister Sidell greatly enjoyed attending the services at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and for the past several years has spent a large part of the summer there. It was the privilege of the writer to meet her there several times and to enjoy the benediction of her presence. Only last summer we dined together at the home of one of the writer's relatives there. And though it was raining and dismal without, her presence and Christ-like conversation brought sunshine to all within the home.

For some years Sister Sidell has spent the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida, and greatly enjoyed the mild climate prevailing there during that time of the year. It was while there, and about the middle of last January, that she wrote to a very dear friend of many years in Millington, Maryland, stating that she was rather nervous and expressing her sincere regret that she was unable to attend the church services regularly. A few days later she became worse and was taken to the Mound Park Hospital in that city. She was suffering from heart trouble. She passed on to her eternal reward February 9, 1940.

"Only a moment of dark,  
A dream of the fleeting night,  
And then the beautiful break of day  
And the quiet peace of light;  
And she found herself where she longed to stand,  
In the repose of the fatherland."

Her body was brought to Philadelphia and the funeral service was held at the funeral home of Gordon W. Ardell & Son, 219 N. 52nd Street, on February 14th. One of her much beloved former pastors, the Reverend E. L. Randolph of the Philadelphia Conference, had charge of the service. Her body was laid to rest beside her husband in the beautiful West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Sister Sidell is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Schenck of Montclair, New Jersey, and by a grand daughter, Mrs. Charles Stahl, of Newark, New Jersey.

"You are not dead—Life has but set you free!  
Your years of life were like a lovely song,  
The last sweet poignant notes of which, held long,  
Passed into silence while we listened, we  
Who loved you listened still expectantly!  
And we about you whom you moved among  
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong—  
You have but passed beyond where we can see.

"For us who knew you, dread of age is past!  
You took life, tiptoe, to the very last;  
It never lost for you its lovely look;  
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;  
To you Death came no conqueror; in the end—  
You merely smiled to greet another friend!"

O. H. CONNELLY.

#### VIRGINIA HORNER BOLTON

Virginia Horner Bolton was born January 5, 1910. She was the daughter of John W., and Ada E. Horner, good citizens and church people who resided on Deal's Island, and worshipped in the famous St. John's Church of that community. This daughter attended the public schools of Deal's Island, and the city of Baltimore. Her chosen vocation was the high calling of nursing. For this work she prepared herself at the Maryland General Hospital, and received the R. N. Degree. In the early part of the Conference year 1934 she was united in marriage to Rev. John C. Bolton, who had been appointed to Frankford, Delaware. Two years they served that charge, and the pastor and wife, and people were most happy. At the Conference of 1937 they moved to Tangier to capture those people as few of us preachers seldom charm and labor with any following. The husband died suddenly two years ago, and his memoir carries these kind words about his then surviving companion. "The wife of this minister took her place beside that of her husband. Being a graduate nurse proved exceedingly beneficial to that of her husband, whose impaired health began 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".



With the same devotion she administered to the men, women, and children of her husband's congregation, bringing to many under privileged families the most competent medical and nursing service. The best that money could have bought. They have since risen to bless her memory, and do remember her labor and love. The writer himself herein registers his appreciation of her hospitality. She made the parsonage a restful oasis for travelled-tired officials of the Conference.

Like her husband her death came unexpectedly, October 14, 1939. In the church of her childhood, funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Leonard White, assisted by the writer. A large number of people from many points where she had made her home, or practiced her profession, filled the church to mourn her passing, and to sympathize with deeply grieved parents, and relatives.

JOHN J. BUNTING.

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#### MRS. IDA ANN REBECCA ELDERDICE

Mrs. Ida Ann Rebecca Elderdice, widow of Rev. Dr. J. L. Elderdice, stepped out of time into eternity on November 10, 1939.

Mrs. Elderdice, after the death of Dr. Elderdice in 1934, finished her life in the home of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wood, of Rock Hall. She was born on November 24, 1863, in Cecil County, Md., on the farm of her great uncle between Chesapeake City and Warwick. When only one month old she was moved from her birth place to Piney Neck, near Rock Hall. Her parents, Charles Cordrey Wood and Alice Dradge Wood, were of pure English stock. She inherited their viewpoint on life and was strict in her condemnation of all forms of evil, yet very tender in her dealings with her friends who sought to live the good life. She was educated in the public schools of Kent County and the State Normal School in Baltimore, graduating in the Class of 1884.

On November 10, 1904, she was married to Rev. Dr. J. L. Elderdice and thus began her life as the wife of an honored minister of the old Methodist Protestant Maryland Conference. As the wife of a minister she proved herself an intelligent and faithful helpmate. She shared her husband's toils and was constantly at his side in every undertaking. On the seven charges where she lived as the pastor's wife she was known as a charming and capable leader who appealed to the confidence of the people.

When but a young girl she yielded her life to Christ and grew up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She built well in her youth for the greater tasks which would be hers in later years. Life to her was a real experience and she gave herself to the task of putting many things of real value into life, in later years being happy in the possession of the fruits of her earlier efforts. Her confidence in God was so great that all fear was lifted out of her life. She had Christian courage and never failed to take her definite stand for the right. Her love for God was so pure that she had no trouble in finding access to a place in the shadow of the Almighty. The illness of her closing years did not weaken her faith, rather, they strengthened it, for it was a faith that would not shrink.

Mrs. Elderdice was a woman with a retiring disposition. She never forced herself on the attention of anyone. People sought her advice, however, when they were struggling with problems, and she never failed to help them. The community where she spent most of her life and to which she returned for her closing years held her in the highest esteem. Her life enriched every community—all that knew her respected and loved her for it. She knew in Whom she believed, and she was persuaded that He was able to keep that which she had committed unto Him against that day. When the time came for her to respond to her Lord's call, she just relaxed into His arms as He lifted her into His closer light.

District Superintendent J. Earl Cummings and Doctors Roberts and Byrd were in charge of her funeral services as she was laid away atop of a beautiful hill in old Kent at Wesley Chapel to rest from her labors in earth's dreamless sleep.

W. P. ROBERTS  
J. C. BYRD.

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#### THOMAS S. BARRETT

Thomas Seymour Barrett, son of John and Isetta Barrett, was born in Northampton County, Virginia, March 9, 1857. He received his education in the local elementary schools of that County. He became a sailor on a merchant vessel, and followed that occupation for several years. During this period, he was converted at sixteen years of age at a Sailors' Mission in Baltimore, Md.

In the year of 1878, he married Miss Minerva J. Turner of his home county. To this union there were born six children, two of which survive him, John A. Barrett of Wilmington, and Mrs. Carl H. Gray of Mardella Springs, Md.

He was a loyal and faithful worker in the church he loved. In the years between 1893 and 1897, he supplied the unexpired terms of two pastors of the M. E. Churches of Reeds Wharf, Va., and at churches between Exmore, Va., and New Church, Va., under the direction of Dr. W. F. Corkran.

Having heard and answered the call of the Lord to enter the ministry, in 1897 he was assigned by Dr. T. E. Martindale, then presiding elder, to Mardela Springs, Md., serving there until 1899. After this he served the following charges: Hoopers Island, 1899-1902; Lakesville, 1902-04; Zoar Circuit, 1904-07; Elliots Island, 1907-09; Leipsic, 1909-11; Elk Neck, 1911-14; Christiana, 1914-15; Salem, 1915-17; Ellendale, 1917-22; Bayside, 1922-23; Piney Neck, 1923-31, when because of illness and near blindness, he retired, still living in the Parsonage there with his wife, at the invitation of the people of Piney Neck Church, until 1936. In 1931 Piney Neck Church became a part of the Fairlee charge.

His first wife died at Elk Neck in 1913, and was buried at Mardela Springs, Md. During 1915, he married Miss Emma Camelia Hess of Christiana, Del., who survives him. For about three years, he and Mrs. Barrett made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Gray, at Mardela Springs, Md.

He was a man of faith, and a faithful Pastor. Gracious revivals came time and again to bless his ministry. His personal christian life, in the church, the community, and the home, was a blessing to all who knew him. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Joyce at the 1902 Conference, and Elder by Bishop Berry in 1907.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1939, after a long illness, he quietly went home to join the ranks of that great company of those who have "died in the faith."

The Funeral Service was held in the church at Mardela Springs, Thursday afternoon, June 16, in charge of Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, assisted by the Pastor, Rev. A. T. Hudson, Rev. L. R. Carmack, Pastor of Mardela Baptist Church, and the writer. He was laid to rest in the Mardela Springs Cemetery.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

W. L. McCLINTOCK.

#### CHARLES DAVID SHARPLESS

Rev. Charles David Sharpless, the subject of this memoir, was born July 12, 1861. His father and mother were Benjamin and Sarah Sharpless.

He came to the end of his earthly pilgrimage on October 22, 1939. In his busy life time here of a little more than seventy-eight years he made a record of which his family have reasons to be proud. He was converted when a young man, this made such a change in his life, it was evident he was to be a soul winner. He was soon given Local Preachers license and was busy in the Masters work. He served as a Local Preacher for forty-eight years. He began in the pastoral work at Edge Moor, Delaware, at which place he had a great revival and a hundred conversions. He built the first church at Hillcrest, and another new church at Henderson and in his last appointment at Galestown, Maryland he built a large church house suited to the needs of that town. He was a first class carpenter and left marks of his ability along this line in all his appointments. He was a diligent worker in every field where he was privileged to serve.

He took the regular Local Preachers course of studies in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained a Local Deacon and a Local Elder in the regular order. He served the following charges, Edge Moor, Elk Mills, Henderson, Colora, Bethel and Town Point, Queenstown, Mardela Springs, Galestown.

He was happily married to Miss Hannah M. Christy, on February 1, 1882, at Concord Hill, Pennsylvania. There were six children born to this union, two of these preceded him to the land where there is no sickness or death. His wife Mrs. Hannah Sharpless and four children, Mrs. Etta M. Missimer, Sarah Elizabeth Sharpless, George W. Sharpless and Jessie A. Sharpless survive to hallow the memory of this good man of God, who taught them the way of right and the fear of God, as he lived and walked with God.

Brother Sharpless retired at the 1939 session of our conference and came back to Wilmington to live. He and his good wife made their home with their daughter Mrs. Etta Missimer, and were very happily fixed. They came back to Union Church from which they went out into the regular pastorate.

He seemed glad to be back home as he spoke of it and we were very happy to have him back with us. Brother Sharpless was of the old fashioned Methodist type and when prompted of the Spirit did not hesitate to say Amen, and give Glory to God. He was just getting well acquainted with the new home folks who had come into his old home while he was away. He came into the Young peoples meetings and spoke for them. All were glad to have him. It was a sad surprise to all when we heard he was stricken with a stroke of paralysis and then the second one came and still he remained though almost helpless and not able to talk very much, but still happy in God and rejoicing with his friends as they came to see him. He was still anxious for his family and prayed with them and for them to the end. In that October day when he moved out from the afflictions of this world to the fellowship of just men made perfect in the land of perfect day; at home with God.

His funeral was conducted from the McCrery funeral home, Rev. Henry Parks, Rev. Charles W. Branford, and his pastor the writer of this memoir. His body was laid to rest in Lombardy cemetery to await the resurrection of the just, in that glad morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. "What a meeting, what a meeting that will be, when our friends in glory see and we all meet around God's bright throne."

So drop the soldiers from the ranks of the King's army. But there is reunion beyond.

"He did his best in his humble way,  
Thinking of others from day to day;  
For the labor of hand and heart while here,  
Will find a reward in God's great There."

THOS. J. SARD.

#### SOPHRONIA WHITE CAMPBELL

Sophronia White Campbell, daughter of William Schofield and Rittie Jane White was born at Whitesville, Delaware on August the second 1880. She was educated in the public schools of Delaware and reared in the atmosphere of a Christian home and community.

She early felt the Spirit of God speaking to her tender heart and was converted in her early teens and maintained the faith which grew rich and mellow through the years.

On December 23, 1903 she was married to David C. Campbell and settled down in a cozy little home all their own on a farm at Melsons, Maryland. To this union two sons were born, William and Oliver, who survive her. For 25 years she labored heroically with her husband on the farm which added greatly to his success as a farmer.

Truly, God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Little was she aware of the fact that her Heavenly Father was preparing her for a higher and bigger task, namely, to work by the side of her husband in the ministry. The Holy Spirit had wrought a mighty work in his heart and he felt a definite call to shepherd God's flock. When this decision was made, she gladly laid aside the tools of the farm and went with him to make her

home in a Methodist parsonage. She soon acclimated herself to her new environment and made many friends that will long remember her charming disposition and spirit of kindness and mercy.

She served faithfully and well for 12 years in the parsonage homes at White Haven and Powellville, Maryland. Her love and devotion to her husband and her deep interest in all he had to do, made her a very valuable assistant. She was the happy possessor of a natural refinement and culture. This added to her deep spiritual life made her a blessing to every community to which they were assigned.

Suddenly disease struck her mortal body and in spite of all the care of her loving husband, the angel of mercy whispered to her "time shall be no more" and her soul slipped quietly through the gates that opened on the city of God. She took up her abode "on the other shore" on February 22nd, 1940, thus vacating her esteemed place in the parsonage at Powellville, Maryland. Services were conducted at St. John's Church, Powellville, with Dr. John J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District officiating. He was assisted by several other ministers. Her body was laid to rest in Melson Cemetery close to the home of her childhood.

For all her quiet life flowed on  
As meadow streamlets flow,  
Where fresher green reveals alone  
The noiseless ways they go.

Her path shall brighten more and more  
Unto the perfect day;  
She cannot fail of peace who bore  
Such peace with her away.

O sweet, calm face that seemed to wear  
The look of sins forgiven!  
O voice of prayer that seemed to bear  
Our own hands up to heaven!

How reverent in our midst she stood,  
Or knelt in grateful praise!  
What grace of Christian womanhood  
Was in her household ways!

For still her holy living meant  
No duty left undone;  
The heavenly and the human blent  
Their kindred loves in one.

She kept her line of rectitude  
With love's unconscious ease;  
Her kindly instincts understood  
All gentle courtesies.

The dear Lord's best interpreters  
Are humble human souls;  
The Gospel of a life like hers  
Is more than books or scrolls.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

WILLIAM H. KOHL.

### JANE ADELLA MOORE THOMAS

Jane Adella Thomas was born December 19, 1881 at Bridgeton, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Jesse and Eliza Jane Moore. With her parents she later moved to Quinton, New Jersey, where she met and married Brother Arthur George Thomas who afterwards entered the ministry of the Methodist Church, finally coming to the former Wilmington Conference what is now the Peninsula Conference.

Through the many years of service in this conference Sister Thomas worked faithfully with her husband to advance the Kingdom of God, often taking the part of a good Samaritan among the parishioners of each Charge. She was a graduate Red Cross Nurse, many times making no difference what hour, day or night she was always willing to go and stay until medical aid arrived. Sister Thomas was active in temperance work where ever she and her good husband were privileged to serve. While in Queenstown, Maryland, she was elected president of the Tri County W. T. C. U. and served in that capacity two terms.

The break in her health began about ten years before her death. Though failing in health she did not give up her church activities and teaching a class in Line Church School.

While she had planned a short rest with some friends at Ocean City, Maryland, God had planned an extended rest when His angel whispered "Come up higher."

Early Saturday evening, August 12, 1939, at Ocean City, Maryland, beloved sister passed into the life eternal without a moments warning. She is not for God took her.

The funeral services were held in the Line Church on the Whitesville circuit, Wednesday, 2:00 P. M., August 16, 1939. The services were in charge of Dr. John J. Bunting, District Superintendent of Salisbury District, assisted by Rev. Waldo Dise and the writer. Her body was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery awaiting the resurrection morning.

Sister Thomas was survived by her husband and five boys; Hersel V., Howard A., Arthur E., Jesse D., and Ronald W. Thomas.

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

REV. J. C. HANBY.

### JENNIE DAE GREEN BOND

Jennie Dae Green, wife of Rev. E. J. Bond, was born September 15, 1875 and died May 14, 1940.

Her early life was spent in Williamsport, Pa. She was graduated from the Williamsport High School. From there she entered Dickinson Seminary. She was an accomplished musician. She studied under Prof. MacDowell of New York who was among the foremost of American composers. Later she studied piano in Austria.

She taught piano in Dickinson Seminary and was Musical Director in the Baptist College in Macon, Georgia; head of the Musical Department in Brodus College, Philippi, West Virginia. Later she was called to Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. While here she promised to be the helpmate of the young preacher, Rev. E. J. Bond in the Christian ministry.

She served with her husband in the following churches: Searles Memorial, Pottstown, Pa., Grace Church, Philadelphia, Pa., First Church, Lancaster, Pa., Ebenezer, Philadelphia, Pa., Holy Cross Church, Reading, Pa., First Church, Elyria, Ohio, McCabe Memorial Church, Wilmington, Del.

She gave herself in wholehearted devotion to the program of youth. She was ever busy with pageants and youth organizations. She believed, as did the early church, that drama plays a large part in soul culture. At First Church, Elyria, Ohio she organized two choirs and was Minister of Music for three years.

She has crossed the border into the sunlit country, where the roses never fade. But her spirit still broods over them who, under her influence and care, came within sight of the lights in The Father's House. They, under her tutelage, came to know God and His Christ. Her spirit hovers about him who knew her as wife, companion and unflinching friend. We bless God for these wives of the parsonage who seemingly "blush unseen and waste their sweetness on the desert air." They often put their hands on the helm of the ship called the home and keep her steady when the storms are howling. She was not a parsonage tragedy but the secret of success in the parsonage home. May the Father of Love and Light grant to our brothers in the ministry many more such women as Jennie Dae Green Bond to grace our homes and hallow our lives. Death to her was victory!

When souls go down to the sea by ship,  
And the dark ship's name is Death,  
Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail?  
Though outward bound, God's world is round,  
And only a ship is Death.

When I go down to the sea by ship,  
And Death unfurls her sail,  
Weep not for me, for there will be  
A loving Host on another coast  
To beckon and cry, "All Hail!"

—ROBERT FREEMAN.

OLIVER J. COLLINS.

VIII

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

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

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Age	Years Effective
1908	John W. Sutton	Apr. 11, 1939	Princess Anne, Md.	63	27
1886	William R. Mowbray	Apr. 25, 1939	Wilmington, Del.	78	40
1907	Ransom P. Nichols	May 8, 1939	Salisbury, Md.	65	32
1876	Wilbur F. Corkran	May 10, 1939	Lewes, Del.	85	53
1883	Vaughan S. Collins	July 7, 1939	Wilmington, Del.	80	46
1885	Ellenzie C. Sunfield	Mch. 20, 1940	Wayne, N. J.	80	35

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HISTORICAL

(c) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
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Organizing Session

1	Oct. 31, '39	Salisbury, Md.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
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Adjourned Session

	May 15, '40	Wilmington—Grace	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
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(d) GENERAL

General Conference Delegates

1940.	J. J. Bunting, W. A. Hearn, T. C. Mulligan. Lay—Orlando M. Shockley, Bettie S. Brittingham, Wilmer Fell Davis.
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Jurisdictional Conference Delegates and Reserves to General Conference

1940.	D. W. Jacobs, W. E. Gunby, Winfred P. Roberts, E. P. Thomas, E. C. Hallman. Lay—H. B. Wright, Frederic P. Adkins, Harry E. Walls, Luther Bennett, C. N. Satterfield.
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Reserves to Jurisdictional Conference

	J. L. Green, J. R. Bicking, Frank Herson. Lay—W. L. Overdeer, Granville Hooper, H. H. Nuttle.
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS**

**RULES.**

1. For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1939, Paragraph 1711.

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 November 15th; all written work received and corrected, February 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Tuesday before 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 8-18. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.

5. No candidate will be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one subject, nor shall he be examined in studies in advance of the class to which he belongs, except as the Discipline provides, and in no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, or a candidate for Elder's Orders be so selected until every requirement shall have been fully met.

6. All required written work shall be sent direct to the appropriate Examiner, as per Schedule, who will correct, criticise and return direct to 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 con-

currence 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. 337. Members in full connections please read discipline, Par. 336-337. Supply Pastors read Par. 349.

13. The following table will illustrate the method in grading by numerals and letters. Send students their grades by letters; send grades to the Registrar by numerals only. See Rule # 3.

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 ..... M. W. Marine

**Second Year—**

The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... R. S. Hodgson  
The Church in History ..... H. R. Deal  
Religious Education ..... L. E. Werner

- a. Teaching for Christian Living.
- b. Pastor and Religious Education.
- c. Teaching Religion To-day.

**Third Year—**

Pastoral Office ..... Tilghman Smith  
Paul and His Epistles ..... E. M. Shockley  
Introduction in Philosophy ..... C. M. Elderdice

**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 must be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before June 30, 1940, to be eligible to attend Summer School with room and board paid by the Conference. See Rules 6 & 7.

**EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.**

**Tuesday 10:00 A. M.**

First Year—The Teachings of Jesus ..... M. S. Andrews  
 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 must be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by April 1, 1941.

**EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.**

**Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.**

Life of John Wesley ..... Frank Herson

**Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.**

Methodism in American History ..... H. R. Deal

**Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.**

Doctrines and Discipline ..... R. T. Thawley

**Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.**

A Bible Bibliography ..... O. J. Collins

Written work on Life of Wesley and Methodism in American History must be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by April 1, 1941.

Candidates will please send written Sermon to O. P. Jefferson, by April 1, 1941.

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 31, 1940.**

First Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.) ..... O. A. Bartley  
 The Technique of Public Worship ..... L. E. Werner  
 Second Year—Biblical Readings, etc. .... M. W. Marine  
 Beacon Lights ..... C. M. Elderdice  
 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 ..... L. E. Werner  
 Phillips Brooks ..... O. J. Collins

**December 31, 1940.**

First Year—Jesus of History ..... E. W. Hervis  
 Are You an Evangelist? ..... R. T. Thawley  
 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

**March 15, 1941.**

First Year—The Story of Methodism ..... H. R. Deal  
 Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) ..... C. M. Elderdice  
 Second Year—John Wesley: Sermons, etc. .... R. T. Thawley  
 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 349—1939 Discipline.

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. 254, and Par. 262, 1939 Discipline.

L. E. WIMBROW, Registrar,

Denton, Md.

FRANK HERSON, Chairman,  
 Milford, Del.

## (b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

- Rule 1. The Conference shall meet at 9.00 A. M., and adjourn at 12.30 P. M. But the Conference may, in its discretion, alter the time of meeting and adjournment.
- Rule 2. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal the question shall be taken without debate, except that the appellant may make a simple statement of the grounds of his appeal.
- Rule 3. All resolutions and motions shall be in writing, if the President, Secretary, or any two members request it.
- Rule 4. When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, with the consent of the Conference, at any time before amendment or decision.
- Rule 5. The motion to Lay on the Table, or to Take from the Table, and for the Previous Question, shall be taken without debate.
- Rule 6. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, namely:
- (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn.
  - (2) To Adjourn.
  - (3) To take a recess.
  - (4) To lay on the table.
  - (5) For the previous question.
  - (6) To postpone to a given time.
  - (7) To refer.
  - (8) To substitute.
  - (9) Amendment.
  - (10) To postpone indefinitely.
- A motion to amend shall be in order, and a substitute for both amendments may be received, which substitute may be amended only once, and if a substitute be accepted, it shall operate as an amendment to the original proposition.
- Rule 7. When a member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.
- Rule 8. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he depart from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
- Rule 9. When a member desires to a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

- Rule 10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
- Rule 11. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion and shall be decided without debate.
- Rule 12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.
- Rule 13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of the Conference when such member has been necessarily absent.
- Rule 14. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
- Rule 15. It shall be in order for him to move that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending, except in cases in which character is involved, and if sustained by two-thirds, the question shall be taken.
- Rule 16. The motion to adjourn shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except, (1) when a member has the floor; (2) when a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken; (3) when the question is pending on seconding the demand for the previous question; (4) when the previous question has been called and sustained, and is still pending; and (5) when a motion to adjourn has been negatived and no business or debate has intervened.
- Rule 17. These rules shall not be suspended or amended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

E. C. HALLMAN,  
J. LEAS GREEN,  
H. P. FOX.

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