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1. *Who are received by transfer and from what Conference?*
Wm. H. Rogers, Newark Conference and John W. Stevenson, Washington Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
Harrison D. Webb, Charles H. Faucet, John H. B. Hubbard, George E. Snead, Andrew J. Wallace, George T. Townsend.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
D. A. Ridout, J. E. A. D. Grigsby.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
J. H. Green.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, Ed. H. Webb, J. H. Nutter, Silas E. Adams, Jas. K. Adams.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
John P. Campbell, of the Philadelphia Conference, of the A. M. E. Church.
8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, John H. Nutter, Jas. K. Adams.
9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, John H. Nutter, Jas. K. Adams.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
James E. A. D. Grigsby, Lewis Deakins, Harrison D. Webb, George E. Snead, John H. B. Hubbard.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
James E. A. D. Grigsby, Lewis Deakins, Harrison D. Webb, George E. Snead, John H. B. Hubbard.
12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Ed. H. Webb, King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, John H. Nutter, James K. Adams, Silas E. Adams.
13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?*
Daniel J. Brittingham, James H. Winters.
14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
John S. Holley, James H. Mason, Eben E. Parker, James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters, Charles H. Hutchins.
15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
John S. Holley, James H. Mason, Eben E. Parker, James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters, Charles H. Hutchins.

16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
J. W. Brown.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
John W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Wm. Phillips, Philip Kennedy, Charles Pollett.
20. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*
This was strictly attended to by the calling over of each name.
21. *Have any Died?*
Isaac Hinson, March 28th, 1883, at Centreville, N. J., and George H. Waters, November 26th, at Smyrna, Del.
22. *Have any been transferred and to what Conference?*
Alfred R. Shockley, to the Newark Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*
None.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who have been selected for triers of appeals?*
A. Brown, W. F. Butler, W. Taylor, J. H. Pearce, N. Young, N. Morris, H. A. Monroe.
29. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See General Statistics.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*
(See Stewards Report.)
31. *What have been received on these claims and how has it been applied?*
(See report of Committee on Conference claimants, and Conference Steward's report.)
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See List of appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Easton, Md.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, June 20th, 1883.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Twentieth Session of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in Ezion M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., Wednesday, June 20th, 1883. At 4 p. m., Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., LL. D., opened the session by reading several appropriate Scriptural selections, when a few verses of the hymn, "Just as I am" were sung. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and other Elders present.

By direction of the Bishop, A. R. Shockley, Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and sixty-two answered to their names. I. Hinson and George H. Waters were reported "deceased."

A. R. Shockley, was appointed Secretary, with H. A. Monroe Assistant Secretary. Statistical Secretaries, I. H. White, D. Ridout, Joseph R. Waters, John H. Nutter. Recording Secretary, Jas. A. Scott.

The hour of opening the session was fixed at 8.30 a. m.; the first half hour to be devoted to religious exercises. The hour of adjournment was fixed at 12 m. The bar of the Conference was fixed inside the second post from the altar. The different Conference Committees were appointed.

The following were introduced to the Conference; C. Hill, P. E., of Wilmington District, Wilmington Conference; J. J. Campbell, Philadelphia Conference, A. M. E. Church; Rev's. Creamer, Hill, Gardner, Dodd, O'Brien and Carlson, of the Wilmington Conference; Rev. Dillon, of the Oregon Conference.

Rev. W. J. Parker, pastor of the Ezion Church, made an address of welcome to the presiding Bishop and members of the Conference, as well as all visitors. A motion made by G. H. Washington, that a Committee on Rules of Order be appointed, was defeated. The annual accounts of the Book Committee were presented and partially read by the Bishop. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Bishops, was received and referred to the Presiding Elders. Documents from the Secretary of the Board of Education were received and referred to Committee on Education.

A draft of \$86 as dividend to the Delaware Conference from the Book Concern was received and handed to the Stewards for collection. A draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for \$30.

A motion prevailed that each preacher name the amount collected for Conference Claimants, and report also if other collections are taken, on the passage of his character.

The appointment of a Committee on the proper Observance of the Centenary year of Methodism was ordered.

The Conference then adjourned, by the singing of the doxology and benediction by B. W. Gibbs.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, June 21st, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

A prayer meeting was held at 8.30 A. M. led by C. Wing. At 9 o'clock Bishop Andrews took the chair. List of absentees at previous session was called and attendance noted. The journal of the previous session was read and approved, with the necessary corrections.

An additional draft of \$5.00 from the Chartered Fund (not drawn last year), was ordered to be drawn. The transfer of Rev J. W. Stevenson, from the Washington Conference, was announced.

The twentieth question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up; J. E. Webb, P. E., of the Philadelphia District was called, character passed, and presented a written report. (See report of Presiding Elders.)

The following effective Elders were called, collections reported, and characters passed: N. Morris, S. P. Whittington, J. W. Stevenson, W. F. Butler, W. H. Thomas, C. H. Ash, Wm. H. Johnson, J. D. Elbert, J. Brinkley, T. M. Hubbard, C. Wing, W. J. Parker, J. H. Pearce, A. R. Shockley, W. M. Webb; T. B. H. Coleman reported later.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Rev's. T. E. Martindale and R. H. Adams, of the Wilmington Conference; Rev. Wiggins, of the Newark Conference; and Rev. Dr. Kidder, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. L. Y. Cox, Presiding Elder of the Cambridge District, was called, character passed, and written report read.

The character of the following effective Elders was passed, and their collections reported: G. M. Landin, H. A. Monroe, A. W. Hamilton, G. H. Washington, A. Lowber, J. Q. Dennis, W. C. Dickerson, D. R. Dunn, I. Broughton, S. G. Waters, J. C. Carroll, A. Brown, J. S. Willis, A. Grinnage, D. J. Waters.

Rev. J. H. Holland, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, was called, character passed, and written report presented.

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed, and their collections reported: N. Yoang, C. Horsey, A. Handy, R. J. Waters, P. J. Adams, I. H. White, H. T. Rich, Wm. Taylor, J. A. Scott, W. B. Green, H. Morris, M. Horsey, H. Jolly, F. J. Lee, G. W. Young, P. Burrows.

The Presiding Elders of the Districts, made the following nominations for a Committee on the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church: A. Brown, H. A. Monroe, H. Jolley, I. H. White, Wm. H. Thomas, W. M. Webb, and the nominations, so made, were confirmed by vote of the Conference.

The Bishop then read a communication from the Bishops relative to the proper observance of the Centenary year. The document was received and referred to the Committee on Centenary Observance, as were other documents from the Board of Education.

The eighteenth question was taken up: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" John W. Brown's name was called, and a Committee of Inquiry relative to certain rumors affecting the brother's character, was ordered to be appointed by the nomination of the Presiding Elders at the next session; said Committee to consist of five members.

The list of the different Committees was read, and the meetings of the same appointed.

The Conference then adjourned by singing the Doxology, and Benediction by Dr. Kidder.

THIRD DAY—Friday, June 22nd, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened at 8.30 a. m., with a prayer meeting led by Rev. King J. Still. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and called the Conference to order. On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The following were appointed as a Committee of Inquiry in the case of J. W. Brown: Chairman, N. Young, J. W. Stevenson, J. H. Pearce, H. T. Rich, N. Morris. In the case of alleged maladministration brought against J. A. Scott, by L. Dennis, L. White, and C. Bowen of Snow Hill, Md., W. J. Parker, Chairman; J. D. Elbert, G. H. Washington.

A. S. Hunt, D. D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, and W. M. Frysinger, D. D., President of the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Frysinger read the report of the Centenary Biblical Institute which was received and referred to the Committee on Centenary Observance.

Dr. Hunt addressed the Conference on the work of the American Bible Society.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. Hunt for his very able and instructive address was passed.

Dr. Kynett of the Church Extension Society, and Dr. Buckley, Editor of the Christian Advocate were introduced. Dr. Kidder of the Board of Education then addressed the Conference on the importance of the work of the Society, especially among our people. Dr. Buckley, Editor of the "Christian Advocate" made a very stirring address about the work of the paper, that awakened much enthusiasm. Dr. Kynett of the Board of Church Extension also made a brief speech.

Dr. Carroll of the Baltimore M. E. Book Depository, Rev. Coffey of the Newark Conference, Rev's. Todd, Prettyman, Murray, Smith, Dare and Brown of the Wilmington Conference, were introduced.

The fifth question, "Who are admitted in full connection?" was taken up, and K. J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, Ed. H. Webb, J. H. Nutter, Silas E. Adams and James K. Adams answered the disciplinary questions in the proper manner, reported their collections, and were admitted into full connection. King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, John H. Nutter and James K. Adams were elected to deacon's orders.

A motion to proceed to the election of delegates to the next General Conference prevailed. J. D. Elbert and J. A. Scott were appointed tellers. There were sixty-four votes cast of which W. J. Parker received thirty-eight, and was declared elected; H. A. Monroe having received the next highest number of votes was by resolution of the Conference elected reserve delegate.

The third question "Who remain on trial?" was then taken up; D. A. Ridout and J. E. A. D. Grigsby reported their collections and were continued on trial. J. H. Green having vacated his appointment, was by order of the Conference discontinued.

The fourteenth question, "What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" J. S. Holley, J. H. Mason, E. E. Parker, Jas. H. Johnson, Jos. R. Waters, C. H. Hutchins reported their collections, their characters were passed, and they were elected to Elder's orders.

Rev. D. H. Carroll, made a short address to the Conference, relative to the collection of accounts due the Book Depository at Baltimore.

Chairmen of the different Committees made their announcements, and the Conference adjourned by singing the doxology, and benediction by Dr. Hunt.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, June 23rd, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference opened at 8.30 A. M. with a prayer meeting led by G. W. Young. At 9 A. M. the Bishop took the chair, and the journal of the previous session was read, corrected, and approved. The committee in the case of J. W. Brown reported, but on motion, the report was re-committed with instructions to the committee and the Presiding Elder of the District to summon all brethren, the committee and the Presiding Elder of the District to appear before the Committee. The nineteenth question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. I. Hinson, reported "deceased" March 28th, 1883. J. W. Saunders' name was called. A motion to locate him without his consent was defeated, his present relation was continued, and his character passed. B. W. Gibbs made a short address to the Conference after which, his character was passed and relation continued. Wm. Phillips, character passed and relation continued. Philip Kennedy made a short address also, after which his character was passed and relation continued. Charles Pollitt's, character was passed and relation continued, after a letter from him to the Conference was read. Geo. H. Waters reported "deceased" November 26th, 1882.

Dr. C. H. Fowler Secretary of the Missionary Society, and A. J. Myers of the Baltimore Conference, were introduced. The Bishop introduced Wm. H. Rodgers and announced his transfer from the Newark to the Delaware Conference. The following local preachers were elected to Deacon's Orders upon the calling of question ten, J. E. A. D. Grigsby, Harrison D. Webb, Geo. E. Snead, John H. B. Hubbard, Lewis Deakins.

Question sixteen, "What Local Deacons have been elected Elders," and question seventeen, "What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?" were each answered in the negative.

The Committee of Investigation on the case presented by L. Dennis and others of Snow Hill, Md. presented their report, when by action of the Conference it was re-committed for a modification in its language.

Rev's. B. T. Ruley and S. Ambrose of the American Union M. E. Church, were introduced. Dr. Fowler, addressed the Conference on the claims of the Missionary Cause. Dr. Frysinger of the Centenary Biblical Institute spoke in relation to its work among our people, and its claims to their support.

The Daughters of Conference were then introduced, by Mr. Wm. Perkins, to the Bishop and Conference, after which the Secretary of the Association read the report of the year's work, and presented the Conference with \$124.52. Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, Moderator, also made a brief address, after which the Bishop returned thanks in the name of the Conference, who also gave a rising vote of thanks to the association.

Notices were given. The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Andrews.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, June 25th, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference opened at 8.40 a. m., with devotional exercises led by I. H. White. At 9 a. m., the Bishop took the chair, and the journal of the previous session was read, corrected, and approved.

The thirteenth question, "Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?" was taken up; Daniel J. Brittingham's and Jas. H. Winter's characters were passed, and they were advanced.

The Committee in the case of J. W. Brown reported. The report was accepted, and the case referred to the Presiding Elder of the Cambridge District for investigation during the interval of the Conference.

The Committee in the case of L. Dennis, and others of Sno v Hill, against J. A. Scott, made their report which was received and adopted. Committee on auditing Presiding Elders' accounts reported. The report of Committee on cation was received and laid over for future action. The report of Committee on State of the Church was read and adopted.

The report of Committee on Delinquent Minute Money was read. The account of \$5.00 against W. F. Butler, was, by resolution of the Conference declared closed, the money having been paid by mistake to the Committee on Missions. The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. By motion, Rev's. Parker and Elbert were excused, temporarily, from the Conference session.

The Committee on Education were ordered to nominate officers for Conference Auxiliary Society.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Foreign Missions was read. Mrs. Stevens of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made a very touching address, after which the report of the Committee was adopted, and a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stevens for her address was given.

The second question: "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. Harrison D. Webb, Charles H. Faucet, John H. B. Hubbard, George E. Snead, Andrew J. Wallace and George T. Townsend were recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their respective charges, and having passed a satisfactory examination were admitted on trial.

Question seven, "Who are received on credentials from other churches?" was called, when John J. Campbell an ordained Elder of the Philadelphia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was received. Rev. Gregg of the Wilmington Conference was introduced.

The thirty-third question was taken up, and Easton, Md., was fixed upon as the seat of the next Annual Conference.

Rev. S. C. Goosley of the African M. E. Church was introduced.

The business of the Conference was suspended for a few moments, when the Bishop by request of the ministers and laymen of the Philadelphia District, presented Rev. J. E. Webb the retiring Presiding Elder, with a handsome gold watch and chain, as a token of their love and respect for his faithfulness to duty, and Rev. J. E. Webb made an appropriate response.

The Committee on Education in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Conference, nominated a list of officers for a Conference Auxiliary Society, and presented a Constitution for the government of the same. The nominations were approved.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report, and in addition a supplementary document was read. The latter was by resolution of the Conference laid on the table, and the report of the Committee adopted. Reports of Committees on Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid and Sustentation were read and adopted.

Bills for Conference supplies to A. R. Shockley, to the amount of \$21.20, and W. F. Butler, for stamps and postal cards amounting to \$2.84 were ordered to be paid, and the balance in the hands of the Committee on Sustentation ordered to be turned into the treasury of the Society.

A Committee on Church Aid was appointed to inquire into certain applications for assistance, from those settling the estate of the late Geo. H. Waters. The Committee consisted of C. Wing, A. Brown and I. H. White.

Rev. H. A. Monroe offered a resolution relative to the decease of L. C. Matlack, D. D., of the Wilmington Conference, which was adopted, and a copy of the same ordered to be transmitted to the family of the deceased. Rev's. W. F. Butler, D. D. and W. J. Parker were appointed a Committee to attend the funeral of Dr. Matlack, at Port Deposit.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference opened at 3 P. M., by singing a few verses followed by prayer by Rev. N. Young. The journal of the previous session was read and adopted. Committees on Tract, Episcopal Fund, Missions, Bible, Sunday Schools and Sanctity of the Sabbath, presented their reports, which were read and adopted. The Conference Stewards presented their report which was adopted.

By resolution of the Conference the number of Conference Stewards was fixed at six, two from each District. A collection was taken for the sexton amounting to \$10.50.

The Statistical Report was read and adopted. The Committee of Publication read their report. On motion the Committee was re-appointed with power to organize a joint stock company, to purchase a press and begin the publication of a paper for the benefit of the Conference whenever practicable.

The Committee on Missions reported the apportionments made by them, and their action was approved by vote of the Conference. The Committee on Resolutions read their report, which was adopted.

On motion, a copy of the Minutes was ordered to be presented to each one of the families entertaining ministers during this session of the Conference.

The Committee on Centenary Observance reported a series of resolutions, which were adopted. Committee on Minute Money reported, and the report was accepted. Two thousand Minutes were ordered to be printed. On motion the Secretaries were made the Publishing Committee of the Minutes.

A motion that the Secretary be instructed to prepay all charges upon the Minutes when sent out was not approved, but a substitute empowering each minister to deduct the cost of forwarding the Minutes from the amount charged to them, was adopted.

Report of Committee on Memoirs was read and adopted. A resolution that the Committee on the State of the Church be continued was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Thomas read the list of the Committees on examination etc. Rev. W. H. Thomas was appointed to preach the Annual sermon to the Daughters of Conference.

Committee appointed to attend the funeral of Dr. Matlack were authorized to draw upon the Sustentation Fund for their travelling expenses, and a grant of \$9.50 from the Sustentation Fund was donated to the Sexton in addition to the public collection.

Committee on Memoirs were requested to prepare a suitable notice of the life and death of sister Johnson.

The journal was read and approved and a motion that the Conference adjourn after the reading of the appointments was passed. The Bishop made a very feeling address in conclusion, read the appointments for the ensuing year, and the Conference then adjourned "sine die."

PREACHING SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Tuesday evening, W. C. Dickerson of Asbury Church, Easton, Md., preached from the text "Occupy till I come" to a large and interested audience.

Wednesday evening, Rev. C. H. Hutchins of Edesville circuit preached a fine sermon to a crowded house.

Thursday evening the Missionary Anniversary was held, and Rev. H. A. Monroe, pastor of Waugh Chapel, Cambridge, Md. preached the annual sermon from the text "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." An immense audience was

present and remained with unabated interest until the close. It is enough to say of the sermon, that it was owned of God, and acknowledged by the descent of the Holy Ghost. The collection was \$26.

Friday evening the Freedmen's Aid Anniversary was held, and the audience was favored with interesting addresses by Rev. Dr. Frysinger, President of the Centenary Biblical Institute, and Dr. Fowler of the Missionary Society. A collection amounting to \$25 was taken for the Centenary Biblical Institute.

Saturday evening, Rev. J. H. Mason of Odessa, preached with great acceptance to a crowded house, and held their attention to the end of the service.

SUNDAY SERVICES—EZION CHURCH

Preaching at 10½ a. m. by Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., and ordination of deacons.

Preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Stevenson, followed by ordination of Elders.

Preaching at 7½ p. m. by Rev. M. H. Horsey.

At Haven Chapel, 10½ a. m. by Rev. J. Brown; 3 p. m. by Rev. A. Grinnage; at 7½ p. m. by Rev. J. H. Johnson.

At Newport, Del., Rev. J. H. Winters and Rev. N. Young .A. M. E. church 10½ a. m., Rev. D. A. Ridout; 7.45 p. m., Rev. J. H. Nutter.

A. U. M. P. church, 10½ a. m., Rev. E. E. Parker; 3 p. m., Rev. Charles H. Ash; 7 p. m., Rev. King J. Still.

U. A. M. E. church, 10½ a. m., Rev. George Washington; 7.45 P. m. Rev. R. J. Waters.

Asbury M. E. Church, 10½ a. m., Rev. H. A. Monroe.

Shiloh Baptist Church, 10½ a. m., Rev. N. Morris; at 7.45 P. M., Rev. R. J. Waters.

The Bishop's sermon at Ezion in the morning was a remarkably fine effort, in which beauty of thought was blended with judicious instruction, and the whole baptized by an outpouring of the Spirit.

Monday evening, the Daughters of Conference held their annual meeting and were very instructively entertained by Rev. M. H. Horsey, who in an impressive sermon pointed out to them the necessity of strong faith in their work. He was followed in a few apt remarks by Rev. J. H. Nutter. The collection was \$12, after which the members of the Conference and their wives, delegates and visitors were invited to a collation in the basement of the church, prepared by the Daughters of Conference.

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PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the close of four years of peace, harmony and hard labor on the District, I now present my fourth annual report: 1st. I am thankful to Almighty God for his mercy and goodness, that has followed me; and to the brethren in the ministry for their hearty co-operation, and the willingness of the laity to assist in carrying forward the glorious Church-work of the district; by which it may be seen, that the material value of churches and parsonages has gradually increased.

Death has visited us this year. Rev. G. H. Waters an intelligent and an able preacher, an efficient Secretary of this Conference has finished his work and gone home to rest.

Rev. Isaac Hinson, a superannuated preacher died in the triumphs of faith at his home near Haddonfield, N. J., March 28th, 1883. Rev. Wm. H. Thomas has been severely afflicted in the loss of a very precious little girl. Sister Ridout, Rev. D. A. Ridout's wife, has suffered a great deal; she has been sick from six to eight months. Wm. H. Johnson also has drunk from the bitter cup of affliction by his wife losing her mind and had to be moved home; but I have learned that she is better.

We have also lost some very useful laymen. Abraham Murray who was the lay delegate to the last General Conference, and has served as Sunday School Superintendent of this church for many years, departed this transitory life in the triumphs of faith last May. Robert Hargis, a local preacher of Lewes and Harmony Circuit, passed away in peace to his home in heaven, in the month of May. Rev. W. J. Parker has suffered much on account of the protracted illness of his daughter. Also Rev. T. B. H. Coleman was prostrated with the pneumonia last winter for several weeks, but it has pleased the Allwise Being to restore him to health and usefulness again.

This has been a short Conference year, when compared with previous years, and what made it seem more so, the weather being so changeable and bad, in some of our rural work the congregations did not meet more than once or twice during the quarter; but notwithstanding the short year and bad weather, the brethren have tried to comply with the apostle's advice of redeeming the time, therefore I think that their reports will be comparatively good.

There have not been any extraordinary revivals, but nearly all of the churches are in a good spiritual state, growing in grace and in the knowledge of the divine truth. Our Sabbath School work is gradually increasing. This branch of the church has more attention given to it by both pastors and people, and the result is that the Schools are largely attended and more interesting. The Children's Day was generally observed wherever practicable.

I cannot say that the Temperance cause has all the attention given to it that should be, but knowing how injurious and destructive intemperance is, in both church and society, and especially among our people, the pastors and the good thinking laymen are fighting against the great evil, and may God give us the advantage ground, that prohibition may prevail over our country.

I am glad to say Mr. President, that our people are coming up to a higher degree, both morally and intellectually. They are also getting homes for themselves, and good ones too.

Now in relation to the temporal department of the church. Port Deposit: Rev. T. M. Hubbard, pastor: this circuit is in a good state and is getting money into the treasury for building a new church at Cokesbury; has a membership of 120, a Sunday school numbering 85, 9 conversions, benevolent collections taken.

Mt. Hope: This church has done well under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. H. Thomas; it has a membership of 55, and a Sunday school numbering 60, has raised and paid on old debts \$527.50, for ministerial support \$400.00, for benevolent objects \$13.50, beside rent of parsonage and current expenses of the church. This is a grand work for a little man and a few people.

Salem Circuit: King J. Still, pastor; has built and nearly completed a new church down in Penn's Neck, and has raised and paid on the same \$400.00; paid on old debts \$40.00. The pastor has received a very meagre support, but he has worked faithfully. Membership 66. Conversions 2. Benevolent collections have been attended to.

Bridgeton Charge: This circuit is composed of three churches, and has a membership of 58: Sunday School scholars 40, Conversions 8. To our deep regret, the best church on the circuit, St. Johns, has run down to a low degree, in short, it is almost entirely neglected; the pastor, Rev. D. A. Ridout has used all his skill and judgment to bring them up, but has failed; but the other two churches are doing well. The benevolent collections are good.

Cape May: This circuit is composed of three churches; one of them has been rebuilt; was commenced over two years ago and is not completed yet; and another one located on Sea Grove point about three miles below Cape May City, it is more of a Summer church; neither of the two churches are completed; the cause of the first not being finished is negligence on the part of the leading men; and the other the neglect of the architect, for the money has been ready over a year ago, the pastor, Rev. James K. Adams has been very zealous. Membership 55, Sunday school Scholars 65. Benevolent collections attended to.

Centreville Charge: Rev. J. S. Holly, pastor; who is said to be worth his weight in gold by one of the officials; has been engaged in building a brick church 40 by 60 feet, two story, at a cost of \$6,500.00; it was to have been finished in last November; but unfortunately for them a poor man took the contract, and failed after he had got the church closed in, and the floor laid in the lecture room. He told them, that if he could get \$3,200.00 he would be able to go ahead and finish the church; under the consideration of getting their church completed, the building committee borrowed the money and paid him. About that time the weather came on bad, and of course he ceased to work. But the money got away from him, and the committee fell behind with their monthly payments; then he said that he must be paid up or else he could not work on the church; now since the Spring has come, the committee is busy trying to raise all the money they can, and have paid him some and he has gone to work again: and I trust that he will continue until the church is completed. Full members, 127, Sunday School scholars, 95; raised and paid on the new church \$806.63. Benevolent collections taken.

Zoar: This church has not prospered as much as desired. I think it has a membership of between 3 and 400, and a Sunday School numbering over 200, I think the benevolent collections have been taken. Rev. W. F. Butler, pastor.

Law Chapel: This is a very beautiful little edifice located in Frankford, Phila.; has 49 full members, 25 scholars in Sunday School, has raised and paid on the old debt \$160.00; the Board of Church Extension holds a claim of \$452 against it. The benevolent collections taken. Isaiah H. Johnson, pastor.

Haven's Cha el; This is a very nice church located on 26th and Jefferson St. Has done remarkably well under the pastorate of A. R. Shockley (it is a new brick church, was dedicated March 4, 1883, by Bishop Simpson.) Its size is 32 by 52 feet, one story; and has a small gallery in front and also class room space when partitioned off; aided by the Church Extension Society has raised and paid on the same \$2,807.22 leaving a balance against the church of \$3,016 00. Has a membership of 67, and a Sunday School numbering 50 scholars, and every thing being considered, has contributed largely for benevolent purposes, upon the whole a grand work has been accomplished by the pastor and people, (23 conversions.)

John Wesley: The little old John Wesley church on Bainbridge St. above 7th was sold last fall for \$300 subject to accumulated ground rent of \$50. A hall was rented and the congregation worshipped in it until on or about the 1st or middle of January, when they moved into the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian church on Bainbridge St. below 12th, that was purchased by the Board of Church Extension, at the cost of \$8,000, subject to ground rent, the lot may be bought for \$2,250, at any time: the Presbyterians worship in the audience room of the same church and hold their Sabbath school in the Lecture Room; our people have the use of the Lecture room early on Sunday morning and at night and nearly every night through the week. This is the agreement until the first of next October, when full possession will be given to our people. The church is in good repair and is in a good location, compares favorably with the leading denominations of color in the city of Philadelphia, in both beauty and size. Besides the \$300 received for the old church the people have raised about \$550 to apply on the new purchase. The John Wesley congregations have increased wonderfully since the change. The chief part of this work was done under the pastorate of Rev. B. W. Allen, who was transferred to the Newark Conference last Spring, and the Rev. J. W. Stevenson was transferred by Bishop Warren to the Delaware Conference

and was appointed by Bishop Andrews to take charge of said congregation until the present session of the Conference. May the blessing of God rest upon the Church Extension Society and its faithful officers for the great and noble deed done for the congregation of John Wesley.

James M. E. Church: This is a spacious little church located on Haines St. Germantown; the yard has been beautifully sodded, and is looking green and nice, has a membership of 52, and a Sunday School numbering 48, has paid on old debts \$100, leaving a balance of \$200. The benevolent collections will compare favorably with the larger appointments. J. H. Pearce, pastor.

North Penn: J. Brinkley, pastor; membership 18, Sunday school numbering over 25, congregation small. Notwithstanding the small numbers, both pastor and people are spunky, they don't like to be beaten. Have raised and paid on old debts \$75.34. Benevolent collections have been taken.

Lewes and Harmony: This circuit is located in Sussex county, Del. and is composed of five churches and one mission, and has a membership of 170; and a Sunday school numbering 205. This circuit is under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. A. D. Grigsby a very zealous young man, who has built a very neat church in the town of Lewes, 25 by 36 feet at a cost of \$907.70, and paid on the same \$431.75. Insured for \$600. Arrangements are being made to dedicate the edifice on the last Sunday in next July. Paid on old debts \$4.75. The benevolent collections, good.

Milford Charge: This circuit is composed of 5 churches; it is located in the counties of Kent and Sussex, Del., and is under the pastorate of J. D. Elbert who has labored hard to bring the church up to a higher grade in morals, in piety, and in intelligence, and his labors have not been without some fruit. The circuit has a membership of 261 and a Sunday school numbering 242. The benevolent collections have been looked after with much care.

Dover Circuit: The Circuit under the pastorage of Wm. H. Johnson has a membership of 159 and a Sunday School numbering 112. Has raised for building and improvements \$57.00; paid on old debts \$19.00; present indebtedness \$36.00; benevolent collections comparatively good.

Dover: This Church is in a prosperous state, with a membership of 183, and a Sunday School numbering 159, has had 25 Conversions, raised and paid for improvements \$43.85; raised and paid on old debts, \$403.66; present indebtedness \$15,00.00. The benevolent collections have been attended too. Rev. Wm. M. Webb, Pastor.

Townsend: This is composed of three churches, one new and the other two are in good repair; and all of them are insured; has a beautiful six room parsonage all paid for. Has a membership of 145 and a Sunday School numbering 58. Amount raised and paid on building and improvements \$134.49 paid; on old debts, \$61.40, present indebtedness \$16.00, benevolent collections good. C. H. Ash, pastor.

Middletown: This has a membership of 110 and one hundred Sunday School scholars, Brother S. P. Whittington the pastor has improved the church by adding a recess pulpit, painting, varnishing and kalsomining at a cost of \$117.05 all paid. Paid on old debts \$3.60; present indebtedness \$3.08. The benevolent collections are comparatively good.

New Castle: This circuit is composed of three churches, and one mission, and has a membership of 130, and a Sunday School numbering 78. This circuit was supplied with Charles H. Faucett, a local preacher, by the Presiding Elder. The church has been retarded: *First*, by the election of last fall, the political fever ran so high until it got into the church; *Second*, by the intrusion of the small-pox; the former impeded the church work for a while, the latter closed the church doors, but, by the persistent efforts of both pastor and people they managed to raise \$146.00 on the old debt, and keep up the dues in the Building and Loan Association with another of its churches. The benevolent collections are moderately good.

Smyrna: When all the disadvantages have been considered, it may be said, that this church, under the pastorate of Rev. Charles Wing, has done well, having paid on the old debt \$494.00, leaving a debt of \$1,226, this amount of debt includes the claims that rest against both the church and hall; the hall was built last year, and is a valuable property worth from \$600 to \$800, was built for the use of the church. Has a membership of 71, Sunday School scholars 51, benevolent collections moderately good.

Odesa: This circuit is composed of three churches, and all are well located, has a membership of 190, and a Sunday School numbering 75 scholars, conversions this year 16; amount raised for building and improvement \$74.00; paid on old debts \$338. The benevolent collections have been attended to. James H. Mason, Pastor.

Chester, Pa.: This church under the pastorate of Rev. N. Morris is in a prosperous state, effort is being made to buy a lot and erect a new and large church, the old one being too small and inconvenient for the accommodation of the large and increasing congregation, has a membership of 177, a Sunday school numbering 187, Conversions 12, Benevolent collections good.

Mt. Zion Charge: This circuit is composed of five churches, has a membership of 234, and at some of the appointments the Sabbath schools are in a flourishing state, but in others not much interest is being shown. I think this is owing to the large size of the circuit, the pastor cannot give the attention that he should or would; the new church at Homestead has not been dedicated. Raised and paid on the same \$125.00. The benevolent collections moderately good, Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, pastor. Conversions 15.

Ezion, Wilmington: This church is in a flourishing state under the pastorate of W. J. Parker; both the membership and the Sabbath school have been largely increased. Has bought house No. 429 on east Eleventh street for a parsonage, it is a new brick structure with all the modern conveniences attached, at the sum of \$1,750.00, paid for building and improvements \$1,192.03; present indebtedness \$2,225.70, has also beautified the church by repainting and varnishing, this is all paid; raised and paid on old debts \$271.56. Benevolent collections comparatively good.

Wilmington Circuit: This charge has done about as well as any Circuit in the District, under the pastorate of H. D. Webb, a local preacher, supplied by the Presiding Elder: the membership has been increased about forty per cent; the Sabbath Schools comparatively good, has raised and applied to old debts \$7.60; raised and paid on improvements, \$164.50; present indebtedness, \$95.96. Benevolent collections have been attended to. The Statistical Records of this year may show a decrease of members in some of the appointments; and also a less number of Sunday School scholars; the cause is not the lack of interest in the work, on the part of the preachers, nor of the laymen; it is known by experience that guess work, the looking over past reports and adding a few to, or deducting a few from, without knowing the facts, make up a bad record that will not bear the test of examination. Therefore, in view of these facts the preachers have been more careful in making their reports, and thus the falling off may be accounted for. Number of full members of the District, 3,509. Number of Local Preachers, 58. Number of exhorters, 55. It is very pleasant to me to look over the past four years of mingled joy and sorrow, with my companions in the Gospel of Jesus. Brethren, how tender and kind you were toward me, I never shall forget, and the kind reception tendered by the laity, I shall ever remember. And now in my official relation, I bid you farewell.

J. E. WEBB, P. E.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference. I submit the following as my second annual report of the Cambridge District. The past year has been one of great trial and perplexity. The smallpox has visited nearly every locality of our work in the bounds of the District and at some of the most important points have had to close the churches, until the disease abated. This terrible disease together with protracted storms, during the winter and spring have been very much against the general progress of our work. Notwithstanding the circumstances, with which we have been surrounded, we have yet very much to be thankful for, to Almighty God. He has prolonged the lives of all the brethren, He has greatly blessed us in building up the work, in the District as our report will further show. Mrs. Elizabeth Winters beloved wife of Rev. James H. Winters, departed this life in peace January 21st, 1883, after a protracted illness of more than two years. The brethren have all enjoyed good health with a few exceptions.

Millington Circuit: This charge has five appointments, one of which has been rebuilt this year. There has been raised for old indebtedness, building and improving churches and parsonages, \$699.95; debts remaining, \$352.63; raised for benevolent purposes, \$35.50; number of conversions this year, 16. The Sunday schools are in a fair condition.

Sassafras Circuit: This charge has three appointments; raised on old indebtedness for building and improving churches \$100; debts remaining, \$141; raised for benevolent purposes, \$28.58. The Sunday School is in a tolerable good condition; number of Conversions this year, 7. The pastor J. H. Winters has been very much embarrassed in his work for about one half of the Conference year on account of the helpless condition of his wife who required his constant attention day and night until she deceased.

Sill Pond Circuit: This charge has four appointments; raised this year on old indebtedness and improving church and parsonage, \$248.37; raised for benevolent purposes, \$36.00. The Sunday Schools are in a tolerable good condition. Number of Conversions this year, 22.

Chestertown, Janes' Church: This charge has raised this year on old indebtedness and improving church and parsonage, \$545.58. The parsonage at this station has been handsomely repaired and furnished and put in an excellent condition. Debts remaining; raised for benevolent purposes, \$114.60. The Sunday School is in excellent condition; number of Conversions this year, 13; The pastor G. H. Washington has been very much embarrassed in his work during the year on account of the raging of the smallpox in Chestertown, yet he has accomplished a grand work.

Fairlee Circuit: This charge has four appointments, raised this year on old indebtedness and improving church property \$535.95; debts remaining \$330.26. A lot has been purchased in Castletown upon which to build a new church, cost of lot \$150. Raised for benevolent purposes \$47.75; number of conversions this year 15. The Sunday Schools are in a good condition.

Edesville Circuit: This charge has three appointments. Raised this year on old indebtedness, and improving church and parsonage \$247.03. Debts remaining \$69.37. Raised for benevolent purposes \$15.00. Number of conversions this year 28. The Sunday Schools are in an ordinary condition.

Marydell Circuit: This charge has five appointments. Raised for building and remaining on Church and parsonage during the year, \$311.88; debts conversions this year, 20; the Sunday Schools at two appointments, are in a favorable condition.

Crumpton Circuit: This charge has four appointments. Raised for building a new church at Mount Pleasant, \$200.00; debts remaining, not any; raised for benevolent purposes, \$30.75; number of conversions this year, . The Sunday Schools are in a very good condition.

Burrisville Circuit: This charge has three appointments, it was detached at the last session of the Conference, from the Centreville Circuit. With the timely and persistent effort of their pastor, G. M. Landin, they have succeeded in buying a house one story and a half, with two rooms, located in the village of Salem, near Church Hill, for a parsonage. Cost of house and lot, \$185 00. The house has since been rebuilt by the addition of two rooms, which makes the building very commodious. Paid on house and lot and improving the same, \$169 74, raised on old debts, and towards building a new church in Spanish Neck, \$235.00; total, \$404.74; raised for benevolent purposes, \$28.00; number of conversions this year, 6; Sunday Schools, not very progressive.

Centreville Circuit: This charge has three appointments, it was divided at the last session of the Conference, and since it has been reduced from six appointments to three, it has paid more for ministerial support and other purposes, than any year previous to its division. They have raised this year, on old indebtedness \$500.00; debts remaining, \$95 00; also a new parsonage has been commenced in Centreville, 24 x 16 feet, with six rooms, full two story, a side porch and a bay window in front. The entire cost of building when completed \$850; the building is inclosed and will be ready for occupancy about the middle of July. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$48.50; number of conversions this year, 29. The Sunday Schools are in excellent condition.

Kent Island Circuit: This charge has four appointments, it has raised this year for old indebtedness, and improving church and parsonage \$138.33; debt remaining \$21.00; raised for benevolent purposes \$40.00; number of conversions this year 21. The Sunday Schools are in a good condition. For three months or more, during the Conference year, the pastor, S. G. Waters, was impeded in the progress of his work by reason of an attack of Typhoid Pneumonia, from which, we are glad to say, through the Providence of God, he has successfully recovered, and resumed his work.

Skipton Circuit: This charge has six appointments. They have raised this year on old indebtedness, improving church and parsonage \$154; debts remaining \$20.00; raised for benevolent purposes \$20.00; number of conversions this year 20. The Sunday Schools are in a tolerably good condition. The Pastor, S. E. Adams, is a young man and has done well under surrounding circumstances; he has worked earnestly and successfully.

Denton Circuit: This charge has five appointments, it has been supplied his year with R. H. Coleman, a local preacher. A new parsonage has been commenced during the year, amount raised for parsonage \$144 89; debts remaining \$40.00; raised for benevolent purposes \$20 00; number of conversions 32. Sunday Schools are in a tolerable good condition.

Greensborough Circuit: This charge has five appointments. I. Broughton is pastor. Raised on old indebtedness and improvements \$61.00; debts remaining, not any; raised for benevolent purposes \$17.00; number of conversions this year 35. Sunday schools not in a very good condition. The pastor of this circuit is the oldest member of the Delaware Conference in the effective work, yet he has achieved, perhaps, one of the greatest victories of his life during this Conference year; he has mastered the habit of using tobacco, which he has been addicted to for many years. Hoping that more of our fathers will do likewise, and all of our young men will follow the example.

St. Michael's Circuit: This charge has three appointments, A. Brown is pastor. In connection with this charge a Mission Church and Sunday School has been organized by the pastor during the year. Raised on old indebtedness, \$60.00; debts remaining, \$19.00; raised for benevolent purposes, \$54.15; number of conversions this year, 37. The Sunday Schools are in a tolerable good condition.

Talbot Circuit: This charge has five appointments. The church at Ferry-neck which was commenced last year has been finished and dedicated this year. Raised on old indebtedness, building and improving church and parsonage,

\$378.00; debts remaining, \$589.00, the greater part of which is secured by subscription. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$27.25; number of conversions this year. — Sunday Schools are in a tolerable good condition.

Easton, Asbury Church: W. C. Dickerson is Pastor, he has been much impeded in the progress of his work at this station on the account of the small-pox which caused the church to be closed, yet, despite of the adversities he has succeeded in raising on the old debt of the church and improving the parsonage, \$524.10; debts remaining on church \$1,324 00; the principal part of which is in the Building and Loan Association and the dues kept up by systematic arrangement. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$19 60; number of conversions this year, 25. Sunday School is in a very good condition.

Trappe Circuit: This charge has two appointments. A mission church has been commenced in the town of Oxford upon a lot which has been secured by the untiring efforts of the pastor, and hearty co-operation of our friends in Oxford. The building is 40 x 26 feet, 16 feet corner posts, it is now inclosed and progressing finely. There has been raised this year on the new church enterprise \$229.70; on old indebtedness and improving church and parsonage property \$146.00; total \$375.70; raised for benevolent purposes \$22.95, conversions this year 47. The Sunday schools are in a fair condition.

Cambridge, Waugh Chapel: This charge has a mission attached. There has been raised in this charge this year for old indebtedness and church improvements \$340.54. No debts remaining on church or parsonage. A lot has been purchased for a cemetery located on High street, Cambridge, Md., at a cost of \$500.00. Burying lots have already been sold therein to the amount of \$800.00. The lot contains three acres, which has been beautifully laid out in plots under the supervision and personal efforts of the pastor H. A. Monroe in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross, by a plan drawn by himself, leaving four building lots fronting on High street affording a broad entrance in center to the cemetery. The above named building lots will be a perpetual source of income to Waugh Chapel with which they have been incorporated. The cemetery promises to be the most handsome enterprise will not only be a standing monument of the faithful labor, genius and success of their pastor, but will also demonstrate much progress and taste on the part of the people themselves. Raised for benevolent purposes in Waugh Chapel \$55.00. Number of converts this year 34. Sunday schools are in a fair condition.

Church Creek Circuit: This charge has four appointments, one of which has been re-modelled and much improved at a cost of \$370.53; raised this year on old indebtedness and improving churches and parsonage, \$289.56; debts remaining, \$40.12; raised for benevolent purposes, \$22.00; number of conversions this year, 18. Sunday Schools are not in a very good condition.

Madison Circuit: This charge has six appointments. Raised on the debt of the parsonage which they bought last year, \$194.00; debts remaining, \$38.00; raised for benevolent purposes, \$21.63; number of conversions this year, 28. Sunday Schools not in a very good condition. The majority of the Sunday Schools in the District are in a fair condition, the balance of some of the Circuits being so extensive that the pastors have but little opportunity of working in the Sunday School, but we are glad to say that wherever practicable, that work is progressing finely and the international lessons are being used extensively. I have urged upon the Brethren the duty of organizing the Sunday Schools into Benevolent Societies, and also the importance of raising the mission and other My health has been tolerable good. I have been present at every appointment on Sabbath, although many times the congregation would not meet on account of the severity of the weather. I have held every Quarterly Conference during the year, and have held love-feasts whenever practicable, and have preached

ninety-two times. Peace and harmony prevails between the Brethren and myself throughout the District as far as I know. In conclusion I will give below, the following as far as I have received, and refer you to the Statistics for a fuller report. Total amount raised on old indebtedness, building and improving Churches and Parsonages during the year, \$6,458.59; total amount of debts remaining, \$3,379.26; total amount received for benevolent purposes, \$772.48; total number of conversions, 473. All of which I respectfully submit,

L. Y. COX.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Brethren of the Delaware Annual Conference: In presenting this, my third annual report, of the condition of the churches on the Salisbury District, I still desire to acknowledge, with fervent gratitude, the goodness of the Lord, and His blessings upon the labors of the year. My time and heart have all been given to the responsible work assigned me. I have been enabled to meet all of my engagements, with a few exceptions; bad weather prevented me three times, and ill health once, but, with these exceptions, my attendance has been regular. I have striven to preach the word of God, and instruct to the best of my ability.

The Lord has blessed me with good health during the year past. The health of the ministers and their families has been good with a few exceptions. George E. Snead, pastor of Deal's Island Circuit, lost his son, William Thomas, on the 24th of October, 1882, aged 9 years and one month; also P. J. Adams, of Parsonsburg Circuit, lost a dear infant son, named William Thomas, who departed this life, March 5th, 1883, aged one year and fifteen days. We believe our loss is their infinite gain.

I am glad to be able to report to this Annual Conference, that the past year has been one of glorious success on the Salisbury District, both spiritually and temporally, as will be seen from the reports of the ministers. There have been glorious outpourings of the Spirit, on many of the appointments, and a large number have been received on probation on most of the charges. The public services, generally, are well attended. The prayer meetings are attended with much interest, class-meetings are lively, and well attended. And more than three-fourths of the heads of families around the District observe family worship.

The Temperance meetings are appreciated with great interest, and a large number of societies organized on this District. There are seventy-eight houses of worship with Sunday Schools organized in each of them, which are well attended on the part of teachers and scholars, and the Berean Lessons are taught in a majority of the schools. The catechism is also used regularly in the most of them, and nearly all are organized into Missionary Societies. Also on many of the charges there are classes of children formed for religious instruction. I must say that our Sunday Schools are singing "Hold the fort, for I am coming."

Special attention has been given to the benevolent collections around the entire work. Though during the greater part of the winter, several of our churches were closed, on account of the raging of the small-pox on the Union Circuit, P. Burrows, pastor, and several other appointments, notwithstanding the disaster, I think you will see from the reports of the brethren, that they have been earnestly engaged in work.

The material prosperity of the District is steadily improving. Rev. I. H. White, pastor of the Princess Anne Station has built a nice little church at a cost of \$550.00, and has also purchased a lot in the town of Princess Anne for the site of a new church, at a cost of \$400; this latter lot being known as the "Old Jail House Lot." There is also said to be 100,000 bricks in the old building; \$100.00 has been paid on the latter.

Rev. H. Morris, pastor of the Stockton Circuit, has succeeded in framing and raising a very respectable church. He has raised since the last Annual Conference \$226.84, and paid the same on the church.

Rev. H. Jolley, Washington Circuit, has raised over \$500.00 on an old indebtedness, and for building a new church on the lot of ground where the former church had been destroyed by fire nearly five years ago.

Rev. H. T. Rich, Quantico Circuit, is also building a large church at the place known as Nanticoke Point, and many other large improvements are being made on the District.

Rev. A. Handy, pastor of Green Hill Circuit, has bought an acre of ground on which to build a parsonage. Rev. G. E. Snead has raised over \$205.00 for the improvement of the churches on Deal's Island charge. Hixboro mission supplied by C. Earle, is doing well. They are now worshipping in a plank tent and have a large congregation. 16 class members, 26 Sunday School scholars; officers and teachers, 7. They are making arrangements to get themselves a church before the winter, and have bought a lot on the county road, leading from East New Market to Linkwood, at a cost of \$60, paid the same, and are now making arrangements for the lumber to build. I may state with joy in my heart, that the brethren have all been hard at work in the past year, for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom, temporal and spiritual. Personally, the year past has been one of earnest labor, and much looking to God in prayer. I feel that there remains much more yet to be done; it will require more persistent effort and earnest prayer on the part of the ministers and also the people, that the work of the Lord may continue to prosper.

Yours respectfully,

J. H. HOLLAND.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR THE YEAR 1884.

For admission on trial—J. E. Webb, C. H. Hutchins, M. Horsey.
 First year—W. J. Parker, G. H. Washington, H. T. Rich.
 Second year—H. Jolly, W. C. Dickerson, G. W. Young.
 Third year—W. H. Johnson, W. H. Rogers, Chas. Wing.
 Fourth year—J. Q. Dennis, F. J. Lee, P. J. Adams.
 Local Preachers for Orders—J. D. Elbert, J. A. Scott, I. H. White.
 To preach the Missionary Sermon—J. W. Stevenson, alternate, T. B. H. Coleman.
 Triers of Appeals—A. Brown, W. F. Butler, W. Taylor, J. H. Pearce, N. Young, H. Morris, H. A. Monroe.
 To preach the Centenary Sermon—Hooper Jolly, alternate J. E. Webb.

HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE CONFERENCE.
ORGANIZED A. D. 1864.

SESSION. YEAR.	NAME OF CHURCH.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1st.	John Wesley, Phila.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wilmore S. Eisey.
2nd.	Ezion, Wilmington.	Levi Scott.	John G. Manluff.
3rd.	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	Matthew Simpson.	Wesley J. Parker.
4th.	Janes, Chestertown.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
5th.	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
6th.	St. Paul's, Milford.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
7th.	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	Wesley J. Parker.
8th.	Mt. Hope, Salem.	L. Scott, E. R. Ames.	Wesley J. Parker.
9th.	Whatcoat, Dover.	L. Scott, E. G. Andrews.	Hooper Jolly.
10th.	Asbury, Easton.	Edmund S. Janes.	Hooper Jolly.
11th.	Ezion, Wilmington.	Matthew Simpson.	Hooper Jolly.
12th.	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
13th.	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
14th.	Union, Chestertown.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
15th.	Union, St. Michael's.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
16th.	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
17th.	Whatcoat, Dover.	Thomas Bowman.	George H. Waters.
18th.	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
19th.	C. Wesley, Centreville.	Randolph S. Foster.	George H. Waters.
20th.	Ezion, Wilmington.	E. G. Andrews.	A. R. Shockley.
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DEATH ROLL
OF THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME.	RECEIVED.	DIED.	RES. AT TIME OF DECEASE.
Wilmore S. Eisey,	1864	1867	Cambridge, Md.
Ias. Davis,	1864	1871	Philadelphia.
Frost Pollett,	1864	1872	Salisbury, Md.
George W. Dale,	1864	1872	Middletown, Del.
Harrison Smith,	1871	1873	Chestertown, Md.
Solomon Cooper,	1864	1874	Wilmington, Del.
John G. Manluff,	1869	1877	Wilmington, Del.
Stephen Johns,	1864	1879	Centreville, Md.
Handy Long,	1867	1879	Berlin, Md.
Perry W. Pipes,	1867	1879	Pocomoke City, Md.
James R. Webb,	1875	1879	Germentown, Pa.
John Tilghman,	1869	1880	Fairmount, Md.
David Eaves,	1877	1881	Bridgeton, N. J.
Samuel P. Marshall,	1867	1880	(near) Cambridge, Md.
Simon Taylor,	1869	1881	Burnettsville, Md.
Vincent B. Wallace,	1864	1882	Townsend Inlet, N. J.
George H. Waters,	1881	1882	Philadelphia, Pa.
Isaac Hinson,	1874	1882	Smyrna, Del.
	1865	1883	Haddonfield, N. J.

MEMOIRS.

ISAAC HINSON.

Rev. Isaac Hinson departed this life March 28th, 1883, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was born in Kent Co., Md., in 1799. He came to New Jersey in 1815, when about sixteen years of age, in pursuit of his freedom. He was soundly converted to God when quite a young man, and joined the M. E. Church, of which he proved to be a faithful member and an excellent worker. He was one among the members of the Local Conference, prior to the Cape May Circuit. He labored faithfully with his colleagues, Revs. Prince G. Laws and James Davis. Father Hinson had the honor of being the first Presiding Elder of the Delaware Conference. Then, afterwards, labored as traveling preacher of the Delaware Conference. He then, afterwards, labored as traveling preacher for several years, when old age and impaired health constrained him to take a superannuated relation. He attended Mt. Zion Church, N. J., up to his illness, and was beloved as a christian father by all. He died at his residence, near Centreville, N. J., in the fullest triumph of his faith. He said before his death, that he should never meet the Delaware Conference again. He would meet the great Conference above, whose presiding officer is God. He was heard to say, "my work is done, and I shall soon hear God say, 'well done good and faithful servant.'" He was also heard to say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." He then closed his eyes in death, and passed away safely to his long and happy home.

GEORGE H. WATERS.

Rev. Geo. H. Waters, born in Somerset Co., Md., in 1851. He died November 26th, 1882, in the thirty-second year of his age. He joined the Delaware Conference in 1874, and was appointed to Germantown, Pa. In 1876, was appointed to Salem, N. J. In 1879, was appointed to Smyrna, Del., and in the winter of 1881, his church was surrounded by smallpox, so that he was compelled to leave home. While traveling northward for his health, he writes to his dear friend I. H. White, and said "I am in excellent spiritual health, though some times I feel to be standing on the verge of the grave and borders of eternity. I have no fear, the Lord of Hosts is with me, and the God of Jacob is my refuge. God's blessings never rested upon me more abundantly than at present. Pray that I may continue steadfast in faith. Joyful through hope and rooted in love."

ELIZABETH WINTERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winters, beloved wife of Rev. J. H. Winters, departed this life, January 21st, 1883. She was born in Queen Anne's Co., Md., in 1832. She was taken sick January 1st, 1880, and was a great sufferer until January 21st, 1883, for three years and three weeks. During her illness she was never known to complain. She was a devoted wife, yet no member of the Church. She possessed a pleasing appearance all through her illness.

A. MURRAY.

Brother Abraham Murray, was born in Chestertown Md. Came to Wilmington about the year of 1835. He was converted to the Religion of Christ in the year 1837. Appointed leader under M. E. Church at the time of its organization. He made superintendent of Ezion M. E. Church at the time of his faith. He departed this life February 25th, 1883 in the fullest triumph of his faith. He leaves many relatives and loving friends to lament his departure.

BISHOP PECK.

Bishop Jesse Truesdell Peck, after his long and severe illness peacefully passed from earth.

He was born in Middlefield N. Y., April 4th 1811 and was seventy-two years of age. He was converted when about sixteen years of age. He joined the Oneida Conference in 1832. He was elected to General Conference in 1844. He has closed his mission and has gone from the evil to come. In his last moments he was heard to exclaim, "I am now waiting." He then closed his eyes to open them in Heaven.

I am Waiting.

Mrs. Harriet Jones in the Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald.
[The last words of Bishop Peck, to the Rev. C. C. Wilbur, as reported in the *Herald*, were: "I am waiting."]

I am waiting for the summons
That my soul shall liberate,
Waiting for the blest uplifting,
Waiting at the heavenly gate;
Waiting for the welcome plaudit:
"Well done, servant, enter in:
Thou wast faithful in my service,
Thou hast toiled and thou shalt win."

I am waiting for the vision
That shall meet my longing eyes—
Christ, my King, in all his beauty
On his throne above the skies;
Waiting for the joyful greeting
From the souls he gave to me
While I labored for his kingdom,
Preaching Christ to set them free.

I am waiting, brother, waiting,
Every burden to lay down,
Waiting for the palm of victory
And the glorious jeweled crown;
Waiting for the blest reunion
With the dear ones gone before;
Waiting for the songs of welcome
On the bright eternal shore.

I am waiting for my golden
Harp, and for the sweet new name
That upon the stone is written,
Promised all who overcame;
Waiting to be made a ruler
Over nations of the blest,
For my faithfulness to Jesus
Ere I entered into rest.

I am waiting for the music
That resounds o'er all the plain,
In the land where saints and angels
Help to swell the loud refrain;
Waiting for the pure white raiment
Which through ages I shall wear,
And the never ending rapture
That awaits me over there.

Yes, my brother, I am waiting;
Not a fear disturbs my soul;
Through the shadows He will lead me
Safely to my heavenly goal.

T. B. H. COLEMAN,
D. R. DUNN,
I. H. WHITE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

It is with pleasure that we record the interest that is taken in every part of our Conference to rear up a standard for Christ, being fully convinced that the Church was Divinely instituted and inspired for the grand spread of the gospel throughout the world.

Resolved, That it is a matter of profound gratitude to Almighty God, that the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood, has been so widely extended, and that the great nations of the earth are so wonderfully saved by its influence and power.

Resolved, That we shall forever, recognize the church, as the only and yet sufficient organization, instituted of God, for the salvation of the world and that we, the ministers of the Delaware Annual Conference, do pledge ourselves to renewed efforts, for the spread of the gospel in our midst.

G. H. WASHINGTON,
WM. H. THOMAS,
J. R. WATERS,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance make the following report.
WHEREAS, we believe that intemperance is contrary to the will of God and the best interests of humanity, and that the high and holy mission of the church is to be the body of Christ, and that it is the duty of all true christians to use their influence to promote the cause of temperance as being the cause of God.

Resolved, That as intemperance is a barrier across the path of righteousness, and a prolific cause of misery, crime, sin and shame, that we will earnestly strive to awaken the consciences of our members and congregations on this subject.

Resolved, That while man has power, woman has influence, we will earnestly urge upon the sisters of our churches to use their influence in favor of temperance by co-operating with us, and by forming associations for the promotion of Gospel temperance.

Resolved, That as preachers we will labor, preach, teach, pray, and when called on will petition and vote for the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

J. D. ELBERT,
E. E. PARKER,
J. H. NUTTER,
Committee.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee beg leave to make the following report.
Whereas, God has given us six days to accomplish all that is necessary in the way of ordinary work; and commanded us to keep the seventh holy, "for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it."

Resolved, That the ministers of the Delaware Annual Conference preach against the desecration of the Sabbath day.

Resolved, That we discountenance the sale of lemonade, cigars, ice cream, beer and candies on the Sabbath day,

Resolved, That each minister shall preach a sermon on observing the Sabbath day.

C. WING,
J. C. CARROLL,
H. T. RICH,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference:—
Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report: Having given attention to the recently published reports of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, we see occasion to rejoice in the comprehensiveness of its plans, in the efficiency and far-reaching nature of its work, and in the increasing liberality it is challenging from the church at large. It is specially deserving

of our regard from the amount and timeliness of the aid it has already rendered and still proposes to render to students in attendance upon our Centenary Biblical Institute, as well as to those in other institutions of similar character throughout the South. From practical experience we also rejoice in the institution and observance of Children's Day now extensively known as the red-letter day of the church. We therefore commend it to the universal attention and co-operation of our people, not merely for the purpose of securing offerings to the Children's Fund, but also as a means of awakening a deeper and more general interest in behalf of religious and higher education among the children of our families and Sunday schools.

Having witnessed the favorable results of the free and liberal distribution of the orders of service and the letters to the children sent out the present year, we recommend to the Board the repetition of that experiment at least during another year.

The Centenary Biblical Institute is doing a work among our people which at once commends it strongly to their prayers and sympathies, and the Committee with unfeigned pleasure urge upon our people everywhere to contribute so largely as to put it forever beyond the possibility of want.

Philadelphia District.....	\$41 56
Cambridge District.....	43 75
Salisbury District.....	34 00

Total.....	\$119 31
Last year.....	118 09

Increase.....	\$1 22
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Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMAS,
W. H. HORSEY,
W. F. BUTLER.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The following officers are nominated for approval:

- President—Wm. M. Webb.
- Vice Presidents—W. J. Parker, H. A. Monroe, J. H. Nutter.
- Secretary—E. Webb.
- Corresponding Secretary—A. Lowber.
- Treasurer—H. Jolley.
- Managers—A. Shockley, A. Brown, I. H. White, Ministers; Jas. E. Webb, R. H. Gillett, Laymen.

The Committee recommend the accompanying Constitution for the government of said Society.

W. H. THOMAS,
M. H. HORSEY,
W. F. BUTLER.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Education Society of the Delaware Annual Conference.

Auxiliary to the Board of Education of the M. E. Church.

1st. This Society shall be called the Education Society of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, auxiliary to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2d. Any person may become a member of this Society, by the payment of one dollar annually, or a member for life, by the payment of \$10.00. A contribution of \$25.00 shall constitute the donor a patron for life, with full power to act as a member of the Board of Managers, if otherwise qualified, according to Article III.

3d. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and five Managers, three of whom shall be Ministers and two lay members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who, together with the life patrons, shall compose a Board of Managers.

These shall be appointed by the members of this Society at its regular annual meetings, to hold office till their successors shall have been appointed. All vacancies may be filled by the Board in the interim of the annual meetings.

The President and Secretary of the Society shall also be the President and Secretary of the Board of Managers.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to have a general oversight and direction of the affairs of the Society; to adopt measures to procure, preserve, increase, and disburse its funds, and to find out and aid suitable objects of its bounty. All appropriations of aid from this Society shall be made by the Board, either directly to properly recommended individuals, or to the officers of some educational institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of properly recommended students, or through the Board of Education. The Board may appoint persons to examine and judge of the fitness of applicants, and transact all business necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of the Society not otherwise provided for; and it shall make an annual report of all its proceedings to the Society.

5th. All donations, bequests, and legacies, given toward a permanent fund, (unless this Society become an incorporate body,) shall be forwarded to the Board of Education, to be held in trust for the purposes specified by the donors.

6th. All aid afforded by this Society shall be in the form of Loans; and no person shall receive aid until the Board shall be satisfactorily assured as to the following facts;

1. That he is of suitable age and in sound health.
2. That he has good natural powers of intellect and ability to learn.
3. That he is a person of undoubted Christian character, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of whose doctrines and discipline he cordially approves.

Every applicant for the Society's aid must also present a certificate from the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the Church of which he is a member, that he needs pecuniary assistance, and that in their opinion he possesses gifts and graces that promise usefulness in the ministry, and that there is good reason to believe that he is divinely called to that work. Each applicant who shall have received aid, shall annually exhibit testimonials from his instructors, that in intellect, diligence, progress, and general character, he is a proper person to receive aid from this Society. Every person who receives the aid of this Society shall, at least once a year, reassure the Board of Managers that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the work of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The negotiations necessary to carry out these provisions may all be made through the President or some other officer of the Institution with which the applicant is connected.

7th. The Treasurer shall keep, disburse, or fund the property of the Society, according to the directions of the Board of Managers; and shall annually present to the Board and Society a detailed report of the condition of the property of the Society.

8th. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society and the Board of Managers, and conduct all correspondence.

9th. It shall be the duty of this Society to present an annual report of its statistics to the Board of Education, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the Society may, by special vote, send the whole, or any portion of its income to the parent Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

10th. This Society shall meet annually at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall select, to elect officers for the next year, to receive the reports of the Board of Manager and of the Treasurer, and to transact any necessary

business. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the concurrence of three members of the Board of Managers, public notice of which must be given by the Secretary to all the members of the Society. Nine members shall constitute a quorum of the Society, and three a quorum of the Board of Managers.

11th. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular annual meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of those present, but fifteen affirmative votes shall be necessary to order any change, and in no case shall the funds of the Society be diverted from the purpose for which they were raised.

CENTENARY OBSERVANCE.

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on celebration of the Centenary year.

The Committee met in the audience room of Ezion Church at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, and organized in due form. Rev. A. Brown in the chair. H. A. Monroe was chosen secretary.

The circular sent out by the Board of Education, relative to the Centenary of 1884 was read and approved.

By request, Dr. Kidder of the parent Board of Education, addressed the Committee and presented a series of resolutions which were after some discussion adopted; after which the Committee adjourned.

The following are the resolutions adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That we hail with gladness the call of our beloved Bishops to celebrate during 1884 the first Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that we will do all that is within our power to comply with their recommendation.

2nd. That we recommend the appointment of Hooper Jolley, and J. E. Webb, alternate, to preach the Centenary sermon before the Conference at its next session.

3d. That preliminary to pecuniary efforts specially appropriate to our Centennial year, we will exert ourselves during the remainder of 1883, to pay off the existing debts on our churches.

4th. That in consideration of the unspeakable importance of education to our race and people, we highly approve of the plan of making our Centennial offerings, primarily, in the line of education.

5th. That in this view we will give great prominence to the Children's Day observance, and Children's Day collections in June 1884.

6th. That during the remainder of that year we will exert ourselves to secure as liberal collections as possible for our Conference Educational Society and for the Centenary Biblical Institute.

A. BROWN, President.
H. A. MONROE, Secretary.
H. JOLLEY,
I. H. WHITE,
W. H. THOMAS,
W. M. WEBB.

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

The condition of this institution exhibits continued progress. The total attendance of students thus far for the Academic year is one hundred and forty-eight, being an increase of twenty-three over the number reported to the last session of your conference, one hundred of the students are males, and forty-eight females. In age they rank as follows:—Over thirty, 16; from twenty to thirty, 59; from fourteen to twenty, 55; under fourteen, 18. Twenty-three are preparing for the ministry, and fifty-seven for teaching. They are graded as follows: Normal Department, 6; Preparatory—1st higher, 11; Preparatory—2nd higher, 13; Preparatory—Intermediate, 41; Preparatory—1st Primary, 13; Preparatory—2nd Primary, 23; Night School, 42.

The primary grades do not correspond with grades of that name in public schools. All of the first primary grade and some of the second are pursuing similar studies to those required in the Grammar Schools of Baltimore city. The lowest grade we have is needed for candidates for the ministry. We have rejected a number of such during the year because they could not meet the requirements of this grade, and this fact, in connection with accidental causes affecting individuals, account for a slight decrease in the number preparing for the ministry. Nearly fifty former students are in various Annual Conferences, some sixty engaged in teaching after leaving the institution, and nearly the latter number are now preparing to teach. The importance of the work of this kind which the institution is doing can hardly be over estimated. We have always more applications for teachers than we can fill.

During the last school year the number of students increased so greatly that the institution was filled beyond its resources. The Trustees found that a backward or forward step was necessary. They resolved to go forward. The undersigned was called to the position of President, and Rev. T. B. Snowden, B. D. a graduate of both Howard University and Boston School of Theology, and a member of the Washington Conference, was added to the Faculty. Dr. Round remained to aid in the work of instruction, for which he is so eminently fitted. Mrs. M. A. H. Cadden retains her position as Principal of the Preparatory Department, and is assisted by Mr. B. O. Bird and Miss Elizabeth Dennis. It is doubtful if a more competent corps of teachers could be secured for their positions. The only income assured the institution is the Freedmen's Aid collections of the Baltimore, Wilmington, Washington, and Delaware Conferences, and student fees. These combined may meet one-half of this year's requirements. The remainder must be raised by private donations. A well-known friend of the Institute has subscribed \$1500.00 of this balance. Others have contributed generously and it is hoped the entire expenses of the year will be provided for by its close.

It is confidently anticipated that, during the coming year, which will celebrate the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and which our Bishops have commended as a fitting occasion to endow our educational interests, the friends of Centenary Biblical Institute will rally in its favor, and crown it with an endowment which will put it above want. It is most earnestly hoped that the Delaware Conference will make it the one object of its offerings for the Centennial year. Let this be the monument on which the members of the Church within its bounds shall inscribe their gratitude to God for the providential organization of the "old Mother Church" which has always regarded them as a part of her family and fold.

Respectfully submitted,
W. MASLIN FRYSSINGER, President.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Dear brethren, we, the Committee on Bible Cause, desire to make our report: WHEREAS, seeing the great and glorious work accomplished through the word of God, and knowing that the Bible lies at the foundation of Christianity. Resolved, That the brethren endeavor to do more for the cause this year, and that each brother preach a sermon on the occasion.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 10 45
Cambridge.....	10 19
Salisbury.....	11 75
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Total.....	\$ 32 39

T. M. HUBBARD,
P. J. ADAMS,
S. E. ADAMS, Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, the Committee appointed to receive the church extension money, beg leave to submit the following report:
 We have received and paid over to Dr. Kynett the sum of \$163 22.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 63 85
Cambridge ".....	49 25
Salisbury ".....	46 62
Total.....	\$ 159 72
Excess unaccounted for.....	3 50

Grand total.....\$ 163 22

Through some mistake Bro. S. P. Whittington, and others, were not properly credited, which explains the excess of cash over the amount by districts. --Com.
 DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:--Such is the grand work that the Church Extension has done in the past, and is still doing, through the liberality of its generous members, for the building of churches and extending the borders of its Redeemer's Kingdom, since its organization in 1864, and there is so much more still to be done, we thought it would be proper, as a part of our report, to give a brief statement of what has been done, and is still being done, and we pray God that it may stimulate, not only the ministers of Conference, but the entire membership of all of our churches throughout the borders of this Conference, to do more for this part of our work, this year, than we have ever done before, and as it is our desire to make this Delaware Conference the Banner Conference.

What has been done?
 The Church Extension Society, was organized in the year 1864, and the first money was received by the Treasurer in October of the same year; and the first appropriation was made in the spring of 1866. During the seventeen years of active work ending November the 30th, 1882, the Board has collected and disbursed \$1,920,752.49 of which \$447,526.64, has been returned to the Treasury, and re-loaned to other Churches. The Board has aided in all, 3,900 churches. The total of our Methodist Churches in round number is 18,200 of which, 8,200 have been built within the last seventeen years, so that more than one-fifth of all our churches and nearly one-half of all the increase since our work begun, have received aid from the Board. Place the Churches, aided by the Board side by side allowing sixty feet front to each, and we have nearly forty-five miles of churches, but in lines three miles apart and they would extend across the Continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific four times or more than twelve times across from the Gulf to our northern boundary. And we are now adding to this line at the rate of over twelve hundred miles a year or as I believe it is said two churches every day in the year, and yet we are falling far below the necessities and opportunities that God in his providence opens before us. They have just bought a grand church for our people in Philadelphia which should inspire us to do more than ever before, as Dr. Kynett said "go on go on."

J. W. STEVENSON,
 E. H. WEBB,
 G. M. LANDIN,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit their report as follows: The Sunday School system is one of God's great plans in saving the world. No interest of the Church occupies a more important relation to her certain and permanent success, than that of the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, hence the Sunday School is the future of the Church. This fact is well-known to all denominations. The institution of the Sunday School enterprise, is one of the noblest achievements of our modern christian civilization. We feel it, therefore, our duty, as ministers and servants

of God, to put forth our utmost endeavors to promote the success of that noble institution, the Sunday School. Therefore,
Resolved, 1st, That each pastor instruct his people thoroughly, by sermons, addresses, &c., as to the necessity and duty of lay co-operation in the Sunday School.

Resolved, 2d, That we recommend a more general adoption of the international Bible lessons in our Sunday Schools. We have received from

Philadelphia District.....	\$28 15
Cambridge ".....	16 96
Salisbury ".....	25 55
Total.....	\$70 66

D. A. RIDOUT,
 A. LOWBER,
 C. HORSEY,
Committee.

TRACT.

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN: We, your Committee, having been appointed on this important subject, beg leave to submit the following report. Whereas thoroughly convinced of the good, that has been accomplished by the use of tracts among our people, and in view of the fact, that much of the religious instructions has been derived from them; We therefore advise that our Pastors give more attention to this department of their work than in the past.

And that our communities, be flooded with tracts on the subject of Missions, Temperance and Systematic Benevolence. The report from the following districts will show our great progress.

Philadelphia, District.....	\$ 7 40
Cambridge, ".....	10 02
Salisbury, ".....	10 60
Total.....	\$28 02

Yours Respectfully,
 JAMES MASON,
 F. J. LEE,
 JAMES H. WINTERS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

We, your Committee on auditing accounts of the Presiding Elders, have examined the accounts and find them correct; the amounts apportioned to the several Missions have been paid and properly receipted; for

Philadelphia District.....	\$624 00
Cambridge District.....	283 00
Salisbury District.....	293 00
Total.....	\$1200 00

NOAH MORRIS,
 GEORGE H. WASHINGTON,
 PETER BURROWS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENT MINUTE MONEY.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:
 We have called on the persons owing Delinquent Minute Money, and received from G. M. Landin, \$1.50.

N. MORRIS,
 S. G. WATERS,
 W. B. GREEN,
Committee.

MINUTE MONEY.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

N. Morris.....	\$3 75	W. H. Johnson.....	2 25
J. Grigsby.....	2 00	C. H. Ash.....	2 00
K. J. Still.....	1 50	J. H. Pearce.....	1 50
D. A. Ridout.....	2 00	J. S. Holly.....	3 45
H. D. Webb.....	2 00	Thos. Coleman.....	2 00
W. J. Parker.....	9 40	C. Faucet.....	1 50
Wm. H. Thomas.....	2 75	J. K. Adams.....	3 00
T. W. Hubbard.....	2 50	A. R. Shockley.....	2 25
J. Brinkley.....	2 00	J. Johnson.....	2 50
J. H. Mason.....	2 00	W. M. Webb.....	7 00
S. P. Whittington.....	1 50	W. F. Butler.....	
J. D. Elbert.....	4 00		
C. Wing.....	1 00		
		Total.....	\$63 60

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

G. M. Landin.....	\$2 20	J. Broughton.....	2 75
G. Washington.....	3 60	W. C. Dickerson.....	4 00
R. H. Coleman.....	1 50	D. J. Waters.....	2 00
A. W. Hamilton.....	3 00	A. Grinnage.....	1 80
E. E. Parker.....	3 75	D. R. Dunn.....	3 00
I. H. Johnson.....	1 75	S. G. Waters.....	1 50
J. S. Willis.....	2 75	A. Brown.....	3 50
J. H. Winters.....	2 00	H. A. Monroe.....	3 00
A. Lowber.....	3 00	C. H. Hutchens.....	1 65
S. E. Adams.....	2 50		
D. Dennis.....	2 50		
J. C. Carroll.....	1 75		
		Total.....	\$53 80

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. Webb.....	\$1 25	J. R. Waters.....	2 00
G. W. Young.....	1 00	D. A. Britingham.....	2 00
H. Morris.....	1 50	W. Taylor.....	2 60
H. Jolley.....	6 65	J. H. Nutter.....	1 90
W. B. Green.....	1 25	M. H. Horsey.....	3 00
N. Young.....	3 00	R. J. Waters.....	1 75
F. Lee.....	3 00	H. T. Rich.....	2 50
P. Burrows.....	1 75	A. Handy.....	1 50
J. A. Scott.....	3 00	C. A. Horsey.....	1 25
I. H. White.....	3 00		
P. J. Adams.....	65		
G. Snead.....	2 00		
		Total.....	\$46 55

Cambridge.....	\$ 53 80
Philadelphia.....	63 60
Salisbury.....	46 55
	\$163 95
	1 50
Total.....	\$165 45
N. Morris returned.....	

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. ADAMS,
A. GRINNAGE,
A. HANDY.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$ 1 00	Philadelphia, John Wesley..	1 00
Cape May.....	1 00	" North Penn....	1 25
Chester, Pa.,.....	3 00	" Haven Mission.	4 00
Dover, Del.,.....	4 00	" Zoar.....	1 00
Dover Circuit.....	1 00	Salem, N. J.,.....	1 00
Lewis and Harmony.....	1 00	Salem Circuit.....	1 00
Middletown.....	1 00	Scott, N. J.....	2 00
Milford.....	3 00	Smyrna.....	2 00
Mount Zion.....	3 00	Townsend.....	10 00
New Castle.....	2 00	Wilmington.....	2 00
Odessa.....	2 00	Wilmington Circuit.....	
Port Deposit.....	2 00		\$48 25
Philadelphia, Frankford.....	1 00		
" Germantown.....			

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Burrsville.....	\$ 3 00	Madison.....	3 00
Cambridge.....	3 00	Marydel.....	5 00
Centreville.....	3 00	Millington.....	3 00
Chester town.....	5 00	St. Michaels.....	3 00
Church Creek.....	2 00	Sassafras.....	5 00
Crumpton.....	3 00	Still Pond.....	2 00
Denton.....	4 00	Talbot Circuit.....	3 00
Edesville.....	2 00	Trappe.....	2 00
Easton.....	5 00	Skipton.....	
Fairlee.....	2 00		\$ 62 00
Greensborough.....	2 00		
Kent Island.....	4 00		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Chincoteague.....	\$ 3 00	Salisbury.....	3 00
Locust Mount.....	3 00	Snow Hill.....	1 00
Deals Island.....	3 00	Snow Hill Circuit.....	3 00
Fairmount.....	5 00	South Berlin.....	2 00
Federalburg.....	3 00	Stockton.....	5 00
Friendship.....	4 00	Union.....	5 00
Green Hill and Kingston.....	4 00	Vienna.....	4 00
Horntown.....	4 00	Washington.....	3 00
Laurel.....	4 00	Pocomoke City.....	3 00
N. Berlin.....	3 00	Wiseville.....	
Parsonsburg.....	4 00		\$ 76 40
Princess Anne.....	1 50		
Quantico.....	5 00		
Philadelphia District.....	4 90		\$ 48 25
Cambridge.....			62 00
Salisbury.....			76 40
			\$ 186 65
Total.....			

W. H. JOHNSON,
A. BROWN,
H. JOLLY,
Committee.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.	
Bridgeton.....	\$1 00
Cape May.....	45
Chester.....	50
Dover.....	
Dover circuit.....	
Lewes and Harmony.....	2 00
Middletown.....	
Milford.....	4 04
Mount Zion.....	2 00
New Castle.....	
Odessa.....	60
Port Deposit.....	1 29
Frankford.....	25

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.	
Burrisville.....	\$1 50
Cambridge.....	2 50
Centreville.....	3 00
Chestertown.....	3 60
Church creek.....	
Crumpton.....	1 00
Denton.....	20
Edesville.....	2 00
Easton.....	3 60
Fairlee.....	4 50
Greensborough.....	40
Kent Island.....	1 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
Chincoteague.....	\$2 00
Locust Mount.....	1 00
Deals Island.....	1 00
Fairmount.....	1 00
Federalburg.....	1 00
Friendship.....	2 00
Green Hill.....	3 45
Horntown.....	2 00
Laurel.....	1 75
North Berlin.....	1 50
Parsonsburg.....	1 00
Princess Anne.....	3 00
Quantico.....	1 00

Philadelphia District.....	\$19 93
Cambridge District.....	37 88
Salisbury District.....	35 55
Total.....	\$93 36

(The above footings are made by the Conference Secretary, but the discrepancy is so great between them and the report furnished by the Committee that we append their statement below,
SECRETARY.)

SUSTENTATION FUND.

We, the Committee on Sustentation Fund, beg leave to submit the following report :

All the appointments have brought something except eight, of which the minutes will show the blanks; received from

Philadelphia District.....	\$15 14
Cambridge District.....	28 54
Salisbury District.....	36 45
Total.....	\$80 13

J. S. HOLLY,
A. W. HAMILTON,
R. J. WATERS,
Committee.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Conference Stewards beg leave to submit the following report :

Received, Philadelphia District.....	\$ 103 35
“ Cambridge District.....	85 00
“ Salisbury District.....	87 00
Total received from Conference Collections.....	275 35
“ from Dividend of Book Concern.....	86 00
“ Chartered Fund.....	35 00
“ Unknown Source.....	1 85
Total.....	398 20

PAID OUT.

Rev. B. Gibbs.....	\$ 100 00
“ P. Kennedy.....	25 03
“ C. Pollett.....	23 20
Mrs. W. Phillips.....	15 00
“ H. Long.....	27 75
“ S. Johns.....	27 25
“ P. Pipes.....	20 00
“ J. G. Manluff.....	25 00
“ S. P. Marshall.....	20 00
“ J. R. Webb.....	15 00
“ J. Tilghman.....	25 00
“ S. Taylor.....	25 00
“ G. H. Waters.....	25 00
“ I. Hinson.....	25 00
Total.....	398 20

Respectfully submitted,
J. BRINKLEY,
D. J. WATERS,
N. YOUNG,
Committee.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

The Daughters of Conference of the Delaware Annual Conference met Friday afternoon, June 22d, in the basement of Ezion Church. The meeting was opened in due form with prayer by Rev. A. Brown. The following were elected officers: Mary E. Russ, President; Cassie Henson, Vice President; M. E. Brown, Sec-

retary; M. A. Webb, Treasurer. Credentials and reports of delegates were presented as follows:

St. Michael's, Sarah E. Adams.....	\$10 00
Ezion, Wilmington, Rachel A. Brown.....	25 00
Cambridge, Cassie Henson.....	4 00
Salisbury, Annie M. Huston.....	9 00
Chestertown, Caroline Washington.....	12 00
Mt. Zion, N. J., T. B. H. Coleman, Pastor.....	8 00
Dover, Julia Harper.....	10 00
Zoar, Philadelphia, S. A. Jenkins.....	9 70
Centreville, Md. Annie Pollett.....	11 00
Princess Anne, Emma Nutter.....	8 00
Hillsboro, Henrietta Flamer.....	12 00
Greensborough, Annie E. Broughton.....	2 00
Whitesville Church, Wiseville, Va., by pastor.....	1 32
Locust Mount, Va.....	1 60
Salem Circuit, per pastor.....	2 50
Total.....	\$125 52

Rev. S. P. Whittington, Middletown, Del., spoke of the newly organized Association on his charge, but being very young it had not been able to respond. He hoped by the next Conference year to hand in an encouraging report.

Bro. Dickerson also spoke of the Association on his charge as not being able to lend a helping hand, owing to their having to assist in paying off the heavy indebtedness on the Church. He was followed by Miss Addie L. Enalls, who made some very encouraging remarks. Sisters Brown, Durham and Steward were appointed a committee to select a minister to speak to the Daughters of Conference.

Monday morning, June 25th, the meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Adams, after which Dr. Stevenson addressed them in reference to their meeting, and made some suggestions relative to the advancement of the work. He also encouraged them to go on in their noble work.

At the afternoon session it was ordered that five, instead of three Sisters be appointed from each District as a Board of Control. Said Board of Control to be invested with full power to organize and re-organize Associations of the Daughters of Conference, in their several Districts. They are also recommended to call a sub-committee to assist in the work, of as many as they deem in their best judgment necessary to perpetuate the same. It was also recommended that this Board of Control hold within their respective districts, a Convention in the interests of this work, at least once a year.

The following were selected as a Board of Control:

- Philadelphia District*—Mary E. Russ, Wilmington, Del.; Emeline Ottiwell, Dover, Del.; Amelia Stevens, Mt. Zion, N. J.; Sarah E. Grinnage, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Cambridge District*—Elizabeth Hamilton, Centreville, Md.; Addie L. Enalls, Easton, Md.; Sarah Thomas, Trappe, Md.; Cassie Henson, Cambridge, Md.; Sarah E. Adams, St. Michaels, Md.
 - Salisbury District*—Ritta Pollett, Whaleysville, Md.; Mary Gale, Princess Anne, Md.; Charlotte Jones, Salisbury, Md.; Hester Jones, Snow Hill, Md.; Lovie Henry, Pocomoke City, Md.
- Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. M. E. RUSS, *President.*
 MISS MARY E. BROWN, *Secretary.*
 MRS. MARY A. WEBB, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S AID COMMITTEE.

WILMINGTON, June 25, 1883.

The Freedmen's Aid Society apportioned to this Conference, last year, the sum of five hundred dollars to be raised. The Presiding Elders immediately proceeded to apportion the amounts to their several districts and charges. This year we have made a grand advance in every district, the collections increasing nearly one hundred per cent. As this year includes the Centennial of all Methodism, we recommend that we make an effort to increase the giving of the coming year and raise the full amount of the apportionment.

REPORT OF DISTRICTS.			
This year.	Philadelphia District.....	\$65 45	
	Cambridge ".....	74 55	
	Salisbury ".....	79 05	
		<u>\$219 05</u>	
	Salary of Mr. Snowden.....	26 41	
		<u>\$245 46</u>	
Last year.	Philadelphia District.....	\$47 07	Gain \$17 39
	Cambridge ".....	28 25	" 46 30
	Salisbury ".....	25 15	" 53 90
		<u>\$100 47</u>	Gain \$117 59

Committee:

W. F. BUTLER,
 W. C. DICKERSON.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY, OF THE DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Held in Ezion M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, June 20th, 1882.

Balance on hand July 20th, 1882.....	\$922 68
But finding a mistake of.....	62
	<u>\$922 06</u>
Leaves a net balance on hand.....	60 00
Received at the roll called July 21st.....	22 50
" " from absentees at night.....	20 00
" " " July 24th.....	122 73
" " " Daughters of Conference.....	<u>\$1147 29</u>
Total assets.....	\$ 8 00
AMOUNT PAID OUT BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.	
Paid to Rev. G. H. Waters, June 14th, 1882 weekly dues.....	4 62
" " " J. H. Pierce, July 20th, 1882.....	16 00
" " " G. H. Waters, July 20th, 1882. weekly dues.....	5 00
" " " G. H. Waters, July 20th, 1882.....	24 00
" " " G. M. Landin; July 25th, 1882.....	30 00
" " " C. Wing, in behalf of G. H. Waters, Nov. 22nd, '82.....	21 00
" " " C. Wing, in behalf of G. H. Waters, Nov. 22nd, '82.....	12 85
THE TWO ABOVE PAYMENTS INCLUDE THE BURIAL EXPENSES OF BRO. WATERS.	
Paid to Rev. C. Wing, Nov. 22nd, 1882. traveling expenses and board.....	16 00
" " " S. G. Waters, December 11th, 1882. weekly dues.....	15 00
" " " I. E. Webb, P. E. in behalf of father Hinson.....	40 00
" " " W. J. Parker, in favor of sister Hinson's burial expenses.....	2 82
of father Hinson.....	
Postage Stamps and envelopes.....	<u>\$195 29</u>
Total expenses.....	

YEAR ENDING JUNE 20th, 1883.

Assets	\$1147 29
Expense	195 29
Left in hand	\$952 00
Daughters of Conference	124 50
Amount paid	82 00
Taken afterward	10 00
In hand	\$1168 50

The Preachers Aid Society, of the Delaware Annual Conference, met their annual meeting in Ezion M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware. June 22nd, 1883. The Rev. W. I. Parker, president being absent, Rev. J. Brinkley took the chair. The roll was called, the brethren present answered and paid, see roll. Two others joined the Society and paid respectively, Rev. Joseph Waters, paid \$4.00, Rev. I. H. White, paid \$2.00. Whole amount paid \$82.00.

A committee of nomination was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The report of the committee was received and adopted: and the following brethren were declared officers for the ensuing year.

President, J. D. Elbert; Vice President, A. Brown; Secretary, W. C. Dickerson; Treasurer, Wm. Perkins; Manager, H. T. Rich, M. H. Horsey, T. Gould; R. H. Gillet; C. M. Moore.

HOOPER JOLLY, *Secretary.*

MISSIONS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton	\$10 00	Phila., Pa., John Wesley	5 00
Cape May	8 00	“ North Penn.	15 00
Chester, Pa.	20 00	“ Haven Mission.	50 00
Dover, Del.	18 00	“ Zoar	8 00
Dover Circuit	10 00	Salem, N. J.	6 00
Lewes and Harmony	15 00	Scott's N. J.	5 00
Middletown	15 00	Salem Circuit	15 00
Milford	22 00	Smyrna	8 00
Mt. Zion	12 00	Townsend	100 00
New Castle	5 00	Wilmington	8 00
O'essa	16 00	Wilmington Circuit	
Port Deposit	10 00	Total	\$391 50
Philadelphia, Pa., Frankford ..			
Germantown, Pa.	10 00		

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Burrisville	\$14 00	Madison	15 00
Cambridge	30 00	Marydel	7 00
Centerville	20 00	Millington	15 00
Chestertown	84 00	St. Michael's	25 00
Church Creek	10 00	Sassalus	10 00
Crumpton	15 00	Still Pond	16 00
Denton	15 00	Talbot Circuit	15 00
Edesville	10 00	Trappe	15 00
Easton	5 00	Skipton	10 00
Easton	15 00	Total	\$382 80
Fairlee	18 00		
Greensborough	11 00		
Kent Island	22 00		

ADDRESS OF DR. HUNT.

Having heard for the first time the very able and instructive address of Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, I hereby move that our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to him for the same.

WM. J. PARKER.

ON THE TRANSFER OF A. R. SHOCKLEY.

WHEREAS, Our dear Brother and efficient Secretary, A. R. Shockley, has been transferred to the Newark Conference, and stationed at Paterson, N. J.,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, extend to our brother at parting, our sincere wishes for his success in the work that lies before him; that we invoke God's choicest blessings upon himself and family, and trust that in the providence of Almighty God he may be spared to return to our ranks again, where a cordial welcome will ever await him.

H. A. MONROE.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DECEASE OF REV. L. C. MATLACK, D. D.

WHEREAS, Intelligence has reached this Conference of the sudden decease of Rev. L. C. Matlack, D. D., of the Wilmington Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matlack has been, not only a heroic worker in Methodism, but a life-long friend of the oppressed of our race, and all other races:

Resolved, That the Delaware Annual Conference, in session at Wilmington Del., feels that, in the decease of Dr. L. C. Matlack, Methodism loses a bright and shining light, the Wilmington Conference will miss from its ranks a faithful, earnest worker; the colored race will lose a devoted advocate of their rights, and a sufferer for principles in which those rights were involved, and his family a kind, loving husband and father.

Resolved, That this resolution be printed in the minutes, and a copy of it transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Revs. W. J. Parker and W. F. Butler, D. D., be authorized to attend the funeral services of Dr. Matlack, as representatives of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

H. A. MONROE.

COMMITTEE IN CASE OF JAS. A. SCOTT.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Conference:

We, the Committee appointed to investigate the complaint of maladministration against Rev. J. A. Scott, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Snow Hill, Md., for erasing the names of Lewis Dennis, Lewis White, Charles Bowen and Sidney Roberts from the list, or class-books, without the proper course, found on examination that the complaint was unfounded. Rev. J. A. Scott, did try, and expel them according to the law of the church, which we proved by Isaac Armstrong, a leader in said Ebenezer Church.

W. J. PARKER,
J. D. ELBERT,
G. H. WASHINGTON,
Committee.

COMMITTEE IN CASE OF J. W. BROWN.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference:

Your Committee, appointed to inquire into the rumors concerning the selling of medicine upon the Lord's Day by Rev. J. W. Brown, after having heard the testimony, relative thereto, given by Revs. J. Johnson, A. Lowber, Charles Horsey, Hooper Jolley, George Young, I. H. White, and Wm. Jackson, find that said rumors are well founded.

NATHAN YOUNG, *Chairman.*
NOAH MORRIS,
HARRISON RICH,
JEHU PIERCE.

REPORT OF THE LAY DELEGATION

assembled in the basement of Ezion M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, June 22, 1883, for the purpose of electing a delegate to the General Conference. On motion Wm. Perkins was elected Chairman; Daniel Cottman, Secretary and J. W. Lankford, Assistant Secretary.

After organizing, the election of a delegate was proceeded with, and Robert H. Gillett of Pocomoke City, Maryland, Salisbury District, having received the largest number of votes was declared elected Lay Delegate to the General Conference which meets in Philadelphia, in May 1884.

Wm. Perkins of Chestertown, Maryland, Cambridge District, was elected alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. PERKINS, *Chairman.*
DANIEL COTTMAN, *Secretary.*

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

Adams, P. J.	20	Lowber, A.	20
Adams, S. E.	25	Landin, G. M.	40
Adams, J. K.	20	Morris, H.	30
Ash, C. H.	40	Morris, N.	30
Brown, A.	40	Monroe, H. A.	20
Broughton, I.	40	Mason, J. H.	15
Brinkley, J.	25	Nutter, J. H.	40
Burrows, P.	15	Pearce, J. H.	100
Butler, W. F.	20	Parker, E. E.	25
Brittingham, D.	20	Parker, W. J.	10
Carrol, J. C.	25	Rich, H. T.	25
Coleman, T. B. H.	35	Ridout, D. A.	30
Dickerson, W. C.	40	Rogers, W. H.	20
Dennis, J. Q.	20	Scott, J. A.	30
Dunn, D. R.	25	Snead, G. E.	15
Earles, Chas.	5	Stevenson, J. W.	35
Campbell, J. J.	20	Still, K. J.	70
Elbert, J. D.	30	Taylor, Wm.	10
Faucet, Chas.	20	Thomas, W. H.	20
Green, W. B.	20	Townsend, G. T.	20
Grigsby, Jas.	20	Wallace, A. J.	50
Grinnage, A.	20	Whittington, S. P.	25
Handy, A.	20	Washington, G. H.	30
Horse, C. A.	20	Waters, D. J.	20
Horse, M. H.	30	Waters, Jos. R.	20
Hubbard, T. M.	25	Waters, R. J.	20
Hamilton, A. W.	15	Waters, S. G.	25
Holly, J. S.	25	Webb, H. D.	15
Hutchins, C. H.	25	Webb, Wm. M.	30
Hubbard, J. H. B.	20	Webb, E. H.	30
Johnson, W. H.	20	Webb, J. E.	25
Johnson, Isaiah H.	25	Webb, J. S.	30
Johnson, Jas H.	10	Willis, J. S.	10
Jolley H.	20	Wing, C.	30
Lankford, J. W.	60	Winters, J. H.	30
Lee, F. J.	5	Young, G. W.	30
		Young, N.	30

APPOINTMENTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT. I. H. WHITE, P. E.

- 1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bridgeton, (N. J.)—C. H. Faucet.
 - Camden, Scott, (N. J.)—J. S. Holly.
 - Cape May, (N. J.)—T. M. Hubbard.
 - Chester, (Pa.)—N. Morris.
 - Dover, (Del.)—J. E. Webb.
 - Dover Circuit, (Del.)—J. E. A. D. Grigsby.
 - Lewes & Harmony, (Del.)—P. J. Adams.
 - Middletown, (Del.)—S. P. Whittington.
 - Milford, (Del.)—T. B. H. Coleman.
 - Mt. Zion, (N. J.)—G. M. Landin.
 - New Castle, (Del.)—J. K. Adams.
 - Odessa, (Del.)—J. H. Mason.
 - Philadelphia (Pa.)
 - Frankford—W. H. Rogers.
 - Germantown—J. H. Pearce.
 - John Wesley—J. W. Stevenson.
 - North Penn—J. Brinkley.
 - Haven Mission—W. F. Butler.
 - Zoar—W. H. Thomas.
 - Port Deposit, (Md.)—H. D. Webb.
 - Salem, (N. J.)—W. M. Webb.
 - Salem circuit, (N. J.)—K. J. Still.
 - Smyrna, (Del.)—D. A. Ridout.
 - Townsend, (Del.)—C. H. Ash.
 - Wilmington, (Del.)—Ezion—W. J. Parker.
 - Wilmington circuit.—J. J. Campbell.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT, L. Y. COX, P. E.

- Milford, Delaware.
- [All these charges are in Maryland.]
- Cambridge—H. A. Monroe.
 - Centreville—A. W. Hamilton.
 - Chestertown—G. H. Washington.
 - Church Creek—J. H. Winters.
 - Church Hill—J. H. Johnson.
 - Crumpton—Chas. Wing.
 - Denton—I. Broughton.
 - Easton—W. C. Dickerson.
 - Edesville.—C. H. Hutchins.
 - Fairlee—J. D. Elbert.
 - Greensborough—J. C. Carroll.
 - Kent Island—S. G. Waters.
 - Madison—D. R. Dunn.
 - Marydel—Henry Morris.
 - Millington—E. E. Parker.
 - Royal Oak—A. Grinnage.
 - St. Michaels—A. Brown.
 - Sassafras—A. J. Wallace.
 - Skipton—S. E. Adams.
 - Still Pond—J. S. Willis.
 - Talbot—J. Q. Dennis.
 - Trappe—D. J. Waters.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—J. H. HOLLAND, P. E.

- Federalburg, Md.
- Chincoteague, (Va.) J. H. B. Hubbard.
 - Deals Island, (Md.) G. E. Snead.
 - Fairmount, (Md.) N. Young.
 - Federalburg, (Md.) C. Horsey.
 - Friendship, (Md.) W. H. Johnson.
 - Green Hill and Kingston (Md.) A. Handy.
 - Hicksborough, (Md.) supplied by Chas. Earle.
 - Horntown, (Va.) E. H. Webb.
 - Laurel, (Del.) D. J. Brittingham.
 - Locust Mount, (Va.) G. W. Young.
 - North Berlin, (Md.) R. J. Waters.
 - Pocomoke City, (Md.) F. J. Lee.
 - Princess Anne, (Md.) J. A. Scott.
 - Quantico, (Md.) H. T. Rich.
 - Salisbury, (Md.) J. R. Waters.
 - Salisbury Circuit, (Md.) A. Lowber.
 - Seaford, (Del.) supplied by J. W. Lankford.
 - Snow Hill, (Md.) M. Horsey.
 - Snow Hill Circuit, (Md.) G. T. Townsend.
 - South Berlin, (Md.) W. B. Green.
 - Stockton, (Md.) I. Johnson.
 - Union, (Md.) P. Burrows.
 - Vienna, (Md.) W. Taylor.
 - Washington, (Md.) H. Jolley.
 - Wiseville, (Va.) J. H. Nutter.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.
This certifies that in Wilmington, Del., on Sunday the 24th, day of June A. D. 1883, King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, John H. Nutter, James K. Adams, Harrison D. Webb, James E. A. D. Grigsby, George E. Snead, John H. B. Hubbard and Lewis Deakins were ordained Deacons by the undersigned, and John S. Holley, James H. Mason, Eben E. Parker, James H. Johnson, Jos. R. Waters and Chas. H. Hutchins were ordained Elders by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders according to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Wilmington, Del., June 25th, 1883.
EDW. G. ANDREWS.

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.
WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation:—P, Probationer; D, Deacon; E, Elder; P. E, Presiding Elder; Sp., Supernumerary; S, Superannuated. The figures in the first column indicate the year of admission on trial, in the last column the time of present relation.]

Table listing members with columns for year of admission, name, relation, and address. Includes names like Adams, Ash, Brinkley, Brittingham, Broughton, Brown, Burrows, Butler, Campbell, Carroll, Coleman, Cox, Dennis, Dickerson, Dunn, Elbert, Faucet, Gibbs, Green, Grigsby, Grinnage, Hamilton, Handy, Holly, Holland, Horsey, Hubbard, Hutchins, Johnson, Jolley, Kennedy, Landin, Lee, Lowber, Mason, Monroe, Morris, Nutter, Parker, and W. J. Parker.

Table listing members with columns for year of admission, name, relation, and address. Includes names like Pearce, Phillips, Pollett, Rich, Ridout, Rogers, Saunders, Scott, Snead, Stevenson, Still, Taylor, Thomas, Townsend, Washington, Waters, Wallace, Webb, White, Whittington, Willis, Wing, Winters, and Young.

LOCAL PREACHERS SUPPLYING CHARGES.

John W. Lankford, Seaford Del. Charles Earle, Salem, Dorchester Co. Md.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS.

Mathew Simpson, D. D. LL. D., 1332 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa. Thomas Bowman, D. D. LL. D., 3029 Washington Ave., St. Louis Mo. William L. Harris, D. D. LL. D., 493 Lexington Ave., New York. Randolph S. Foster, D. D. LL. D., 59 Rutland, Boston, Mass. Isaac W. Wiley, D. D., 190 west Fourth street, Cincinnati, O. Stephen M. Merrill, D. D., 57 Washington street, Chicago Ill. Edward G. Andrews, D. D. LL. D., 805 Eleventh street, N. W. Washington, D. C. Henry W. Warren, D. D., 110 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga. Cyrus D. Foss, D. D. LL. D., 1117 Second Ave. Minneapolis, Minn. John F. Hurst, D. D., DesMoines, Iowa.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—LOCAL PREACHERS.

The letters in the first column indicate relation, the second the Post-Office.

E.....	Henry Nelson,	Port Deposit, Md.
L.....	James H. Reason,	" " "
L.....	James Trusty,	Delaware City, Del.
D.....	Wilson Grace,	Port Penn. Del.
L.....	Lewis E. Tolson,	Mount Pleasant, Del.
L.....	Benjamin Roberts,	Bridgeton, New Jersey.
L.....	Anthony Buck,	Greenwich, " "
L.....	Francis B. Nichols,	Greenwich, " "
D.....	Jabez Hill,	Salem, " "
L.....	Joseph H. Johnson,	Salem, " "
L.....	Robert Cox,	Cape May City, New Jersey.
L.....	D. M. Trusty,	Coldspring, " "
L.....	John West,	Cape May City, " "
D.....	E. J. Miller,	Haddonfield, " "
D.....	Peter Wise,	Centreville, Eighth Ward, Camden, N. J.
L.....	Edward Meekins,	Atlantic City, New Jersey.
L.....	C. H. Patterson,	Atlantic City, " "
L.....	W. P. Gibson,	Merchantville, " "
L.....	L. W. Deacons,	831 Centreville, Central Avenue, Camden, N. J.
L.....	Thomas Als,	416 Gaskil street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	George H. Silby	1825 Lombard street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	Henry Simons,	829 Carpenter street, " "
L.....	Moses Osborn,	1110 Wood street, " "
E.....	Isaac Foster,	1208 Locust street, " "
D.....	Wm. Johnson,	429 Lynd street, " "
D.....	Samuel Laws,	825 Lawrence street, " "
D.....	Edward Lewes,	244 Briar Place, " "
D.....	Wm. F. Holland,	A street, No. 3, South Wilmington, Del.
L.....	J. R. Brinkley,	1310 Ogden street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	Richard Crawford	173 Meadow street, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	Stephen Penket,	2344 Rice street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	J. H. Griffin,	2224 Turner street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	G. W. Clarkson,	4906 Tacawana street, Frankford, Phil'a., Pa.
L.....	Solomon Bantom,	B street, South Wilmington, Del.
L.....	Elias Williams,	Newport, Del.
L.....	J. H. Grinnage,	Scott street, West Wilmington, Del.
D.....	J. H. Smith,	1116 Lombard street, Wilmington, Del.
L.....	J. C. Shockley,	310 East Tenth street, Wilmington, Del.
L.....	Geo. W. Harmon,	241 Herman street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	J. E. Webster,	2818 York street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L.....	R. Carney,	Moorton Station.
L.....	Jos. P. Bell,	Dover, Del.
L.....	Isaac Mosley,	" "
L.....	John Draper,	" "
L.....	Wm. Jones,	" "
L.....	Chas. Potts,	Smyrna, Del.
L.....	R. F. Butler,	Milford, Del.
L.....	Chas. Horsey,	" "
L.....	Moses Young,	" "
L.....	Morris Porter,	Georgetown, Del.
L.....	Henry Little,	Rehoboth, Del.
L.....	D. J. Simpler,	Milton, Del.

CONSTITUTION
OF

Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware Conference.

ARTICLE I.

The corporate name of this Society shall be the "PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY OF THE DELAWARE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association is to raise and perpetually maintain a fund for the relief of Preachers of said Conference and their families—said fund to consist:

First—Of such moneys as may be collected, from time to time, from the several Circuits and Stations within the bounds of said Conference, for that purpose.

Second—Of such sums as may be specifically appropriated to that object by the Daughters of Conference or other like organizations.

Third—Of such sums as may be received for annual or life subscriptions of its members.

Fourth—Of funds accruing from bequests, donations, and such other sources as may be opened up. The fund shall be permanent, and the whole of the proceeds, after payment of incidental expenses, shall be annually applied as herein directed.

ARTICLE III

All members of this Conference may become members of this Society, and shall pay the sum of \$2.00 annually. Any person, not a member of this Conference shall or may become a member of this Society, for one year, by the payment of \$1 00; or a life member, by the payment of \$5.00 at one time, or a life patron, by the payment of \$20.00 in like manner; and such persons shall be entitled to participate in all the proceedings of the Society while members.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Managers. The said officers and managers shall constitute a Board of Control, having full power to manage the affairs of the Society, subject to this Constitution and such By-Laws as may be enacted under it. The Treasurer shall be indefinite, and three of the managers shall be laymen. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold their office to the close of the Annual Conference next ensuing, or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond and security for double the amount he holds in hand at any time; which may be at any time increased by the Board at their discretion; said bond to be approved by the Board, and filed with the Secretary. The Board shall have the power to make By-Laws for their own government and that of the Society; *provided*, said By-Laws are not inconsistent with this Constitution. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies occurring in the interim of Conference, by death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of the Board shall be one day previous to the meeting of the Conference, and at the place designated for the same. And special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or any two members thereof, upon reasonable personal notice. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the second day of the session of the Annual Conference, at 7 o'clock P. M. at which time the Society shall elect officers for the ensuing year, and the Board of Control shall present a full and detailed report of the condition of the Society, its receipts and expenditures, with all other matters that may be necessary to a full understanding of its doings by the members. Meetings of the Society may be called by the President or any two members of the Board—twenty days notice having been giving in the Church journal having the largest circulation in the Conference. The Board shall have power to appoint an agent, and fix his salary, who shall labor for the increase of the Fund in such manner as they shall direct.

ARTICLE VII.

The Board shall, after defraying the necessary incidental expenses, invest all moneys of the Society according to their own discretion, with the following restrictions; All investments shall be made by direct loan, secured by first mortgage on productive real estate, for one-third its value, insured to the value of the amount of the loan, and policy assigned to the Board, or by the purchase of United States bonds. No loan shall be made by the Board, or any member or members thereof, without the written order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary; and at the annual meeting of the Board, the Treasurer shall present a full report of the receipts and expenditures during the current year, and of amount on hand. The board shall thereupon fix the amount to be applied to the objects of the Society for the Conference year closing, and shall order accordingly, which amount they shall pay over to the Stewards of the Conference. Contingent expenses shall be paid by the Treasurer, upon the order of the President, and countersigned by the Secretary; and no sum shall be paid out by him, except as herein directed.

ARTICLE VIII.

The proceeds of the Fund shall be applied to the aid of the following classes of persons, and under the following limitation and restriction, viz:

First—The Superannuated Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who shall have performed four years of effective service in the Delaware Conference after the date of their reception on trial by the Conference or transfer to the Conference, and also the families of such Ministers.

Second—The widows and orphan children of deceased Itinerant Ministers, who shall have performed like service in said Conference, and being still members thereof at the time of their decease; *provided*, that such widows or orphan children are persons of good, moral Character.

Third—Ministers who have been embarrassed in their circumstances by protracted sickness, said Ministers having performed like service in said Conference, and being still members thereof—such Ministers shall receive the sum of \$2.00 per week, for three months; then at the discretion of the Board of Control. Also, there shall be appropriated for the burial of such deceased Ministers, that have performed like service in said Conference, the sum of \$40.00.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board shall, at their annual meeting, appoint a Distributing Committee to serve to the close of the ensuing session of the Conference. Said Committee shall consist of three members of the Conference, who may be the Stewards. This Committee shall, in the interim, and during the session of the Conference, obtain all necessary information, as to the necessities of the claimants on the

Fund, and shall, upon such information, recommend appropriations to the full aggregate amount allowed by the Board for distribution, which recommendation shall be submitted to the Conference for approval.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be altered, or amended at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting—such amendment or alteration having been first recommended by a majority of all the members of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE XI.

The corporate seal of this Society shall be a metallic impression, with the following words and letters, to wit:
"THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY, DELAWARE CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH."

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BY - LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

No person shall be entitled to any dues from this Society, who shall have been suspended by his Presiding Elder, until his case shall be disposed of, and he deemed not guilty.

ARTICLE II.

If any members are found trying to defraud this Society, by pretending that they are sick, they shall be brought before a Committee for trial, and if found guilty, they shall be expelled; nevertheless they shall have a right to appeal at the next annual meeting of the Society, where the case shall be finally disposed of.

ARTICLE III.

Any member that shall be taken sick, shall consult with a regular physician, whose certificate as to the fact shall be received.

ARTICLE IV.

Any member that shall bring sickness on himself voluntarily, shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of this Society.

ARTICLE V.

If any member of this Society shall be sick for one week, and thereby entitled to dues, he shall forward to the President a certificate given by the Doctor under whose care he shall be placed; and the President shall, after general satisfaction, give an order on the Treasurer for the amount due to the sick member, forthwith, as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member of this Society living near a sick member, shall be a visiting committee to wait on him, to ascertain the nature of the sickness of the member, and to give the President a full account of the case; provided, that the disease is not contagious.

ARTICLE VII.

The two nearest brothers shall be a committee to wait on the sick member, and any brother that neglects to wait on a sick member after being notified, unless prevented by some contagious disease, shall pay a fine of \$2.00, or the amount of one week's dues, to the sick.

ARTICLE VIII.

All members of the Board of Control shall have their fare paid out of the Society's funds, when attending the meeting of the Board of Control, by the nearest and cheapest route from their homes, to the place designated.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall hold \$100.00 in hand at all times, to be ready to discharge our obligations to the sick members of this Society.

ARTICLE X

No member shall be allowed, while speaking, to use personalities, or cast reflections on other members while speaking.

ARTICLE XI.

No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless called to order by the President, or to allow a brother to make explanations.

ARTICLE XII.

No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at a time, unless called on by the President.

MISSIONARY REPORT FOR JAMES M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL, AT CHESTERTOWN, MD., JUNE 18, 1883.

To the Delaware Annual Conference, at Wilmington, Delaware:

DEAR SIRs AND BRETHREN:—We, the undersigned, Officers and Teachers of James Sunday School, having ended our Missionary labors for this Conference year, ask the privilege to make our Report, as to the amounts collected, monthly and yearly, by the several Classes, together with the amount for the Sunday School for the year, &c., to-wit:

TEACHER.	August.	Sept.	October.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan'y.	Feb'y.	March.	April.	May.	June.		
Class No. 1, Miss A. A. Harris,.....	00	00	\$ 19	70	\$ 24	\$ 15	\$ 5	00	00	29	\$ 45	\$ 40	\$7 33
" 2, Miss E. G. Anderson,.....	00	00	50	80	26	80	49	00	27	60	45	20	3 92
" 3, Miss H. A. Carmichael,.....	00	00	40	25	10	25	25	00	30	10	62	25	3 47
" 4, Miss M. E. Jenkins,.....	00	00	80	26	25	57	25	00	40	25	30	25	2 40
" 5, Mrs. Margaret Wright,.....	00	00	10	75	25	10	25	00	40	25	30	25	1 08
" 6, Mrs. Margaret Graves,.....	00	00	08	75	25	12	20	00	16	60	60	24	2 27
" 7, Miss A. A. Ringgold,.....	00	00	25	30	40	12	14	00	10	14	1	00	2 65
" 8, Miss E. Dunn,.....	00	00	21	11	75	20	30	00	00	18	30	62	3 90
" 9, Mrs. G. A. V. Munson,.....	00	00	25	18	19	25	16	00	24	43	15	21	1 40
" 10, Mrs. A. E. Freeman,.....	00	00	75	50	75	47	10	00	45	10	27	3	3 27
" 11, Mrs. M. J. Pearce,.....	00	00	18	13	05	12	10	00	40	84	90	4	4 49
" 12, Mrs. A. M. Bradly,.....	00	00	90	50	75	1 60	30	00	40	10	00	1	77
" 13, Miss M. C. Jones,.....	00	00	18	40	13	07	30	00	30	40	30	00	98
" 14, Miss Alace Cann,.....	00	00	10	19	13	11	15	26	25	30	00	00	1 00
" 15, Miss E. F. Anderson,.....	00	00	10	25	30	08	40	00	07	15	00	00	7 37
" 16, Miss Rebecca Ringgold,.....	00	00	10	05	20	01	2 05	00	26	2 85	91	10	5 52
" 17, Mr. G. B. Carmichael,.....	00	00	30	00	07	01	1 30	00	75	1 50	09	09	4 19
" 18, Rev. G. H. Washington,.....	00	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	00	20	25	1 00	00	4 16
" 19, Mr. M. Pitman,.....	00	00	20	30	75	1 00	20	00	75	15	1 00	00	4 06
" 20, Rev. Edward Graves,.....	00	00	50	45	70	1 00	30	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 16
" 21, Mr. William R. Key,.....	00	00	08	40	100	50	4 06	00	50	25	00	00	3 50
" 22, Mr. Jo. E. Dent,.....	00	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 23, Mr. W. J. Perkins,.....	00	00	1 00	50	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total per month,.....	00	00	\$6 17	\$7 77	\$7 24	\$9 45	\$17 06	26	\$6 55	\$11 41	\$7 34	\$72 92	

Having finished the work which was given us to do this Conference year, we herewith willingly submit the above statement as the result of our labor, to your best consideration, and with respect, we are yours, &c.,

F. NICHOLS, JR., Superintendent.
G. B. CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. I.

Table with columns: MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Rows list various churches with corresponding statistics for membership, baptisms, church property, Sunday schools, benevolent collections, and ministerial support.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, PROBATIONERS, MEMBERS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, PRESIDING ELDER, BISHOPS, CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. Rows list various churches with statistics for probationers, members, ministerial support, presiding elders, bishops, and conference claimants.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. I.

Table with columns: MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.

Table with columns: PROBATIONERS, MEMBERS, PASTORAL SUPPORT, PRESIDING ELDER, BISHOPS, CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, No. of Sunday-Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars of all ages, No. of Scholars 15 years old and over, No. of Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class, No. of Scholars in Infant Class, Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars, No. of Library Books, Total expense of Schools this year, No. S. S. Advocates taken, No. S. S. Classmates taken, No. S. S. Journals taken, Officers and Teach'rs who are Ch. Mem. or Probs., Scholars who are Members or Probationers, No. of Conversions.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, No. of Sunday-Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars of all ages, No. of Scholars 15 years old and over, No. of Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class, No. of Scholars in Infant Class, Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars, No. of Library Books, Total expense of Schools this year, No. S. S. Advocates taken, No. S. S. Classmates taken, No. S. S. Journals taken, Officers and Teach'rs who are Ch. Mem. or Probs., Scholars who are Members or Probationers, No. of Conversions.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, No. of Sunday-Schools, No. of Officers & Teachers, No. of Scholars of all ages, No. of Scholars 15 years old and over, No. of Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class, No. of Scholars in Infant Class, Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars, No. of Library Books, Total expense of Schools this year, No. S. S. Advocates taken, No. S. S. Classmates taken, No. S. S. Journals taken, Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs., No. of Scholars who are Members or Probat'ns, No. of Conversions.

Table with columns: Reception by Districts, Total this year, Total last year, Increase, Decrease. Includes entries for Philadelphia, Cambridge, and Salisbury.

MISSIONARY STATISTICS OF WISEVILLE CIRCUIT, SALISBURY DISTRICT, DELAWARE CONFERENCE, FOR 1883.

FROM MORRIS CHAPEL, M. E. CHURCH.

Mrs. Leah J. Finney, Collector	No. 1.	1
Wilson Wise.....	10	1
Peter Savage.....	5	5
George Lewis.....	5	10
Abram Riley.....	5	10
Mrs. Sarah Johnson.....	10	25
John T. Snead.....	10	1
Mrs. Sarah A. Conner.....	5	5
George T. Hall.....	5	5
Mrs. Rachel Hall.....	13	5
Samuel Scarborough.....	12	5
William Grant.....	5	10
George Hall.....	5	5
Mrs. Tamer Hall.....	13	5
John Conquest.....	12	10
James Lewis.....	5	5
Spencer Riley.....	10	5
Willie A. Wise.....	10	5
George Ames.....	5	5
Henry White.....	30	10
Mrs. Lucy White.....	10	10
Charles Conner.....	10	10
Oswell T. Finney.....	10	10

John Savage.....	1
George Savage.....	5
Miss Sarah Hall.....	10
Mrs. Tamer West.....	10
Jesse Conner.....	25
George S. Lawrence.....	1
Mrs. Cynthia Wise.....	5
Miss Annie Young.....	5
Nelson Drummond.....	5
George Hack.....	5
Daniel Savage.....	10
David Smith.....	10
Walter J. Redman.....	5
Edmond T. White.....	10
John T. Savage.....	5
Miss Sarah.....	5
Purnell Drummond.....	5
Emma Gunter.....	5
Henry West.....	5
Isaac Ayers.....	10
Robert Riley.....	10

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Jesse D. Conner, Collector.....	25
Miss Jennie Custis.....	5
Miss Maria Carr.....	5
Mrs. Lotty Wise.....	5
Miss Henrietta Gunter.....	5
Mrs. Tamar Hall.....	5
Mrs. Sarah A. Conner.....	10
Mrs. Charlotte Henderson.....	10
Thomas Drummond.....	5
Edmond White.....	5
Wm. A. Wise.....	5
Samuel Davis.....	5
G. S. Lawrence.....	5
Jesse Conner.....	25
	5

Mrs. Mary A. Conner.....	25
Miss Maggie S. Lewis.....	3
Mrs. Annie Parker.....	5
Sarah Grant.....	5
Elizabeth Poulson.....	10
Darkey Holden.....	5
Jane Turner.....	10
Miss Eva Baily.....	5
Mary Allen.....	5
Miss Adar Parker.....	6
Cash.....	6

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Lewis Bundick.....	5
Charles Drummond.....	5

Rosa West.....	10
Total.....	20

Miss Sarah A. Davis, collector.....	5
George Rayfield.....	5
Miss Mary Stephens.....	5
Miss Sarah Davis.....	10

G. S. Lawrence.....	25
S. Davis.....	10
Wm. Grant, Sr.....	5
Mrs. Adar Conquest.....	10

Mrs Sarah A. Conner.....	5
Miss Missouri Custis.....	5
Miss Mary A. Grant.....	10
Miss Sarah A. Grant.....	10
Mrs. Susan Davis.....	10
Mrs. Sally Baily.....	10
Mrs. Cynthia Wise.....	10
Miss Elizabeth Burton.....	10
Izariah Drummond.....	10
Wm. E. Hall.....	10
Isaac W. Blake.....	5
Mrs. S. Chandler.....	5
Mrs. Sarah Hall.....	5
Miss Emma Gunter.....	5
Tabitha Crippin.....	5
James W. White.....	5
Miss Tiny Parker.....	5
Edmond T. White.....	5

Henry West.....	10
Miss Agnes A. Davis.....	5
Miss Eva Davis.....	5
Purnell Wise.....	5
John Davis.....	2
Levin West.....	2
Joseph Drummond.....	3
George Bundick.....	4
Miss Comfort Kellam.....	5
George Parker.....	1
Dennis Chandler.....	5
Miss Maggie Lewis.....	5
Mrs. Rinthy Riley.....	2
Julius West.....	5
Savage Crippin.....	5

Total.....\$2 69

FROM WHITESVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

Harry Stran.....	3
Mrs. Siner White.....	10
George Hall.....	10
Mrs. Maggie Downing.....	10
Richard Phillips.....	10
Levin Drummond.....	25
Mrs. Nancy White.....	5
Handy Parks.....	10
John Patterson.....	10
George Vessels.....	10
Miss Amanda Downing.....	5
James Ewell.....	5
Revell Dicks.....	5
Mrs. Leah S. Patterson.....	5

Miss Sarah Ewell.....	5
Wesley Downing.....	5
George Strann.....	25
Mary F. Clayton.....	10
Master John H. Hall.....	5
James R. D. White.....	10
Henry White.....	20
Levin I. Melvin.....	25
John Fletcher.....	10
Smith Clayton.....	25
Mrs. Harriett Custis.....	10
Baily Savage.....	5

Total.....\$2 78

BURRISVILLE CIRCUIT, G. M. LANDIN, PASTOR

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Chas. H. Kannedy.....	10	Robert Cheers.....	5
Henry Mason.....	10	Jas. Cain.....	5
Joseph Anthony.....	10	John C. Kandia.....	5
Thos. H. Wilson.....	10	Eliza Trusty.....	5
John H. Wells.....	25	Nancy Ross.....	5
Frisby E. Wells.....	10	Charlotte Anderson.....	10
Robert Mason.....	10	Elizabeth Griffin.....	10
Sarah Bateman.....	10	Wm. Griffin.....	10
Horace Bateman.....	10	Mary E. Griffin.....	10
Sarah Mason.....	10	Wm. Bateman.....	10
Millie A. Anthony.....	10	Ellea Anthony.....	10
John Harris.....	10	George Bateman.....	10
Caroline Harris.....	10	John Griffin.....	10
Albert Cheers.....	10	Sarah J. Frisby.....	10
Henry Cheers.....	10	Anne Frisby.....	5
Oscar Wells.....	10	Susan E. Anthony.....	10
Albert Bateman.....	10	John Frisby.....	5
Jas. Crowner.....	10	Catherine Griffin.....	5
John Prichet.....	10	John H. Griffin.....	5
Chas. Coleman.....	10	Lidia Griffin.....	5
Wm. Stinson, Jr.....	10	Sarah E. Anthony.....	10
Thos. Worrick.....	10	Mrs. Stevenson.....	10
Lynda Worrick.....	10	Margret Frisby.....	10
Harriet A. Anderson.....	25	Rebecca Bateman.....	10
Annie Hutchan.....	10	Gerture Tyler.....	10
Amanda Trusty.....	11	Harriet Wright.....	10
Wm. J. Wilson.....	10	Mary E. Wilson.....	10
Jas. Wilson.....	10	Anna Wilson.....	10
Matilda Wells.....	10	Milly Pirece.....	10
John Lee.....	10	Sarah A. Berry.....	10
Hester Wilson.....	10	Betsy Deeden.....	10
Harriet Blake.....	10	Sarah Wright.....	10
George H. Landin.....	10	Sarah Dodd.....	10
Elizabeth A. Landin.....	10	Sarah Pekar.....	10
Lawrence Landing.....	10	Maggie Brown.....	10
Sarah A. Landing.....	10	Martha Blake.....	10
Josiah E. Landing.....	10	Samuel Wilson.....	10
Gilford M. Landing, Jr.....	10	Charlotte Askins.....	10
Chas. H. Landing.....	10	Pompey Blake.....	10
Laura Blake.....	10	Ellen Elbert.....	10
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