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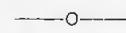
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MINUTE MONEY.—C. H. Faucet, A. Grinnage, H. T. Rich.

COLLECTING ACCOUNTS OF NEW YORK BOOK CONCERN.—J. H. Peace, S. E.

Adams, J. A. Scott.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—A. Brown, W. J. Parker, W. B. Green.

RESOLUTIONS.—W. M. Webb, C. H. Hutchins, J. R. Waters.

DELINQUENT MINUTE MONEY.—D. R. Dunn, F. J. Lee.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer and from what Conference?*
Wm. H. Coffey, Newark Conference; Alfred R. Shockley, Washington Conference; J. H. Riddick of the Washington Conference, and T. H. Johnson of the New York East Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
John W. Lankford, Thomas S. Als, John H. Harman, Lewis W. Deakins.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
John H. B. Hubbard, George E. Snead, Andrew J. Wallace, George T. Townsend.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
Charles H. Faucet.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
Daniel A. Ridout, James E. A. D. Grigsby.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
None.
8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Daniel A. Ridout.
9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Daniel A. Ridout.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
John W. Lankford, Thomas Als.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
John W. Lankford, Thomas Als.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Daniel A. Ridout, James E. A. D. Grigsby.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
King J. Still, Isaiah H. Johnson, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter, Silas E. Adams, James K. Adams.
14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Daniel J. Brittingham, James H. Winters.
15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Daniel J. Brittingham, James H. Winters.
16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
None.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
John W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Wm. Phillips, Philip Kennedy, Charles Pollett, Nathan Young, Charles Wing, Joshua Brinkley.
20. *Was the character of each examined?*
This was strictly attended to by the calling over of each name.
21. *Have any died?*
Harrison D. Webb, November 27th, at Preston, Md.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*
None.
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 as triers of appeals?*
H. Jolley, W. F. Butler, H. A. Monroe, Wm. M. Webb, A. Brown, J. H. Pearce, A. R. Shockley.
29. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See General Statistics.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*
(See Steward's Report.)
31. *What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?*
(See report of Committees 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?*
Salisbury, Md.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Wednesday June 11th 1884.

The Twenty-first Session of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Asbury Church, Easton, Md., Wednesday, June 11th at 9 A. M.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop C. H. Fowler, who conducted the devotional exercises preparatory to the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Bishop was assisted in the latter by Rev. Marshall W. Taylor, D. D., and the Presiding Elders.

By direction of the Bishop, A. R. Shockley, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, and the Ministers present answered to their names. H. D. Webb was reported "deceased."

H. A. Monroe was appointed Secretary and W. F. Butler, assistant. W. J. Parker, Statistical Secretary, with Joseph R. Waters, D. A. Ridout and J. H. Nutter, assistants. Recording Secretary, J. A. Scott.

Rev. W. C. Dickerson, pastor of Asbury Church made an address of welcome to the Conference, and to Bishop Fowler, which was responded to by Rev. W. J. Parker. Bishop Fowler made a few remarks relative to the illness of Bishop Simpson which had prevented him from attending the Conference.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a resolution of sympathy with Bishop Simpson in his affliction. The Bishop made the following appointments: H. Jolley, Wm. M. Webb and Jas. A. Scott.

The different Conference Committees were appointed. Rev. Marshall W. Taylor, D. D., of the Lexington Conference, Editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, was introduced to the Conference and addressed the members relative to the work of his paper.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the seat inside of the third window from the altar.

The hour of meeting 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.

A motion was carried that the same committee appointed to draft resolutions in relation to Bishop Simpson be empowered to draw up suitable resolutions expressing the sense of the Conference in regard to the appointment of Dr. M. W. Taylor to the editorship of the "Southwestern Christian Advocate," and their determination to support him in the same.

The 20th question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. I. H. White, Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District was called, character passed, and written report presented. (See reports of Presiding Elders.)

The following effective Elders of the Philadelphia District were called, their character passed, and Missionary collections reported: J. S. Holley, T. M. Hubbard, N. Morris, J. E. Webb, P. J. Adams, S. P. Whittington, T. B. H. Coleman, G. M. Landin, J. H. Mason, W. H. Rogers, J. H. Pearce, J. Brinkley, W. F.

Butler, W. H. Thomas, W. M. Webb, C. H. Ash, W. J. Parker, J. J. Campbell.

The Committee on Resolutions in regard to Rev. M. W. Taylor, D. D., presented their report which was read and adopted after striking out the preamble down to the words, "We hail."

The following visitors were introduced: A. B. Wilson of the Washington Conference, A. J. Myers of the Baltimore Conference, and D. W. D. Schureman of the A. M. E. Church.

The Chairmen of the different committees made their announcements.

A motion that a "Committee on Auditing accounts of Presiding Elders" be appointed, was passed.

On motion, it was ordered that the Conference held a statistical session at 3 P. M., and the Bishop appointed W. J. Parker to preside over the same.

The Conference adjourned. Doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, June 12th, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference opened at 8.30 A. M. by a prayer meeting conducted by N. Morris. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and the roll of absentees was called. The Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The twentieth question was taken up. L. Y. Cox Presiding Elder of the Cambridge District was called, character passed and presented a written report. (See Report of Presiding Elders.)

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed, and collections reported: H. A. Monroe, A. W. Hamilton, G. H. Washington, J. H. Johnson, Chas. Wing, I. Broughton, W. C. Dickerson, C. H. Hutchins, J. D. Elbert, J. C. Carrell, S. G. Waters, D. R. Dunn, H. Morris, E. E. Parker, A. Grinnage, A. Brown, J. S. Willis, J. Q. Dennis, D. J. Waters.

The Conference ordered a draft upon the Chartered Fund for \$30, and one of \$105 as dividend upon the Book Concern, which were received and handed to the Stewards for collection.

Communications were received from the Committee on Book Concern, presenting an Annual Report and from the Bishops relative to the proper observance of the Centenary year.

The following were appointed a Committee on auditing the accounts of the Presiding Elders: J. H. Nutter, P. J. Adams, T. B. H. Coleman.

J. H. Holland, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, was called, character passed, and written report read. (See report of Presiding Elders.)

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed, and collections reported. N. Young, C. Horsey, W. H. Johnson, A. Handy, G. W. Young, R. J. Waters, F. J. Lee, J. A. Scott, H. T. Rich, J. R. Waters, A. Lowber, M. Horsey, W. B. Green, P. Burrows, H. Jolley.

Wm. Taylor's name was called and a statement of his abandoning his work made. A Committee was appointed to investigate the case of Bro. Taylor, and report to the Conference.

The name of J. W. Stevenson of the Philadelphia District was called. The Presiding Elder of his District stated the facts of his suspension in the interval of the Conference session. The Conference ordered that the case be referred to a committee of thirteen, to be appointed by the Bishop.

The third question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. H. D. Webb was called, and the facts of his decease announced. L. W. Deakins, in charge since Bro. Webb's death, reported his collections. J. H. Hubbard, G. E. Snead, A. J. Wallace, and G. T. Townsend, reported their collections, and were con-

tinued on trial. C. Faucet was permitted to appear before the Committee of Examination before action was taken in his case.

The Bishop nominated the following as a select number in the case of J. W. Stevenson.

N. Young, F. J. Lee, G. H. Washington, J. R. Waters, J. H. Johnson, A. W. Hamilton, Wm. Johnson, P. Burrows, H. T. Rich, J. S. Willis, M. H. Horsey, D. R. Dunn, P. J. Adams, H. Jolley, Chairman, J. A. Scott, Secretary. These nominations were approved by the Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of W. H. Coffey from the Newark to the Delaware Conference.

W. H. Coffey was appointed counsel for the church, in the case of J. W. Stevenson, and J. D. Elbert, associate counsel.

A. Brown was appointed counsel for J. W. Stevenson. The committee was ordered to meet at the Methodist Episcopal Church at 2 P. M.

Dr. Ridgway, a Professor at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, was introduced and delivered a fine address to the Conference.

The eighteenth question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. J. W. Brown's name was called, and his Presiding Elder having notified the Conference of his suspension during the interval of the Conference Session, a Committee of thirteen was ordered to be appointed in the case. The following Committee was appointed; Rev. J. H. Pearce, Chairman; C. Ash, T. B. H. Coleman, T. M. Hubbard, J. S. Holley, Wm. M. Webb, J. J. Campbell, N. Morris, J. H. Mason, J. Brinkley, S. G. Waters, Wm. B. Green, A. J. Handy.

J. E. Webb was appointed Secretary.

W. H. Thomas, W. F. Butler, counsel for church.

W. J. Parker, W. C. Dickerson, counsel for J. W. Brown.

The fifth question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up. D. A. Ridout reported his collection, and was ordered to be advanced to the third-year class, admitted into full connection and elected to deacons' orders. James E. A. D. Grigsby reported his collection, and was ordered to be advanced to the third-year's class, and admitted into full connection.

The thirteenth question, "Who are the traveling deacons of the second class?" was taken up, and K. J. Still, I. H. Johnson, E. H. Webb, J. H. Nutter, Silas E. Adams, Jas. K. Adams, reported their collections, and were advanced.

After the usual announcements, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by D. Ridgway.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, June 13, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference prayer meeting was opened at 8.30 A. M., by J. Q. Dennis. At 9 A. M., the Bishop called the Conference to order, and on motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The appointment of a Committee to collect the moneys in the hands of the brethren for Children's Day and Endowment was ordered, and N. Morris, A. W. Hamilton, and W. H. Johnson were appointed.

The following were appointed a Committee of Inquiry in the case of Wm. Taylor: The Presiding Elders, Chas. Horsey and Wm. H. Rogers.

The following were appointed a Committee on Sunday School Anniversary for the next year: J. H. Pearce, W. C. Dickerson, H. Jolley.

Saturday, June 14th, at 11 A. M., was appointed as the time for holding the Conference Memorial Service.

A superannuated relation was granted to N. Young, C. Wing, and J. Brinkley, and their cases were referred to the Conference Stewards for favorable consideration.

The nineteenth question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. J. W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Wm. Phillips, Philip Kennedy and Charles Pollett's characters were passed, and relation continued.

The tenth question, "What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was answered by the election of J. W. Lankford and Thomas Als.

At 10.15 A. M., the order of the day was taken up, and after a very appropriate address to the class of candidates, Daniel A. Ridout and James E. A. D. Grigsby were admitted into full connection.

By resolution of the conference, E. E. Parker, Charles Horsey and J. H. Pearce were added to the Board of Conference Stewards.

The report of the Committee in the case of Wm. Taylor was presented and adopted by the Conference. (See report.)

The sixteenth question, "What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was called. There were none offered.

The fourteenth question, "What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was called, and Daniel I. Brittingham and James H. Winters reported their collections, characters passed and they were elected to Elders' orders.

Committee in the case of J. W. Brown, reported. (See report.)

The transfer of Alfred R. Shockley from the Washington to the Delaware Conference was announced.

Question three was resumed by the calling of the name of Chas. H. Faucet, and after the report of the Committee of Examination he was discontinued.

The second question, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. The recommendations of John W. Lankford from the quarterly conference of Seaford charge; Thomas S. Als, from the quarterly conference of Bainbridge St., charge, Philadelphia, Pa.; John H. Harman from the quarterly conference of Vienna charge, and Lewis W. Deakins from the quarterly conference of Port Deposit charge, were received and they were admitted on trial. J. H. Harman was required to prepare the studies he was deficient in, at the next session.

A recommendation of Jacob W. Cook from the quarterly conference of Kent Island charge was allowed to be withdrawn, with the privilege allowed the Presiding Elder of employing him as a supply. The committee made their announcements and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, June 14th 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference prayer meeting was opened at 8.30 A. M. by M. H. Horsey. At 9 A. M. the Bishop took the chair. The Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Eighteenth question, "who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up, and the relation of John W. Brown was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The reports of the Committee on, "Bible Cause" and "Sanctity of the Sabbath" were received and adopted.

Rev. Jas. M. Freeman, D. D. Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the ministers on the work of the Sunday School and Tract cause.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. Freeman, offered by J. E. Webb, was passed by the Conference. The report of Committee on Church Extension was received and adopted.

The Committee in the case of Rev. J. W. Stevenson reported. (See report.)

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was received and adopted.

The consideration of the twentieth question was resumed. J. W. Stevenson's name was called, character passed and he reported his collection.

Report of the Committee on Education presented and adopted.

The Committee on Episcopal Fund reported \$177 cash received.

Committee on Tracts presented their report which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Women's Foreign Mission was received and, after amendment, adopted.

Reports of Committees on "Education," "Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders," "Conference Educational Fund," and "Sustentation," were received and adopted.

A Committee of five was ordered to be appointed to draw up a constitution for the Sustentation Fund. The following were appointed. W. H. Thomas, A. R. Shockley, D. W. Young, F. J. Lee, P. Burrows.

Bills of \$14.35 to H. A. Monroe and \$1.85 to W. J. Parker for Conference supplies, were ordered to be paid from the Sustentation Fund.

The 33rd question, Where shall the next Conference be held? was answered by the selection of Salisbury, Md., The secretary was ordered to communicate to the secretary of the Board of Bishops, a request of the Conference in regard to the time of holding the annual session.

Report of the Committee on Temperance received and adopted. On motion, the time was extended, and an afternoon session ordered, beginning at 3 P. M. with the memorial service.

The Daughters of Conference were introduced to the Bishop and Conference, by H. Jolley. Miss Addie Enalls made an address on behalf of the society, presenting the annual donation of \$179, which was received and acknowledged on behalf of the Conference, by Bishop Fowler.

Rev. W. M. Frysinger, D. D., and Prof. T. B. Snowden of the Centenary Biblical Institute, were introduced to the Conference.

The usual notices were given by the different Committees, after which the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Frysinger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference opened at 3 P. M., and the order of the day was taken up, by beginning the Conference Memorial Service with the 97th hymn, "Why do we mourn for dying friends?" Bishop Fowler led in prayer, after which he read appropriate Scripture selections, from 1 Cor. 15 chap.

The Committee on Memoirs not being prepared to report, H. Jolley made an address upon the services and last hours of Harrison D. Webb; singing, "Fare, fare each earthly joy." Thos. M. Hubbard, and J. K. Adams, also spoke of the life and character of Bro. Webb.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read, announcing in addition to H. D. Webb's, the death of Emily Broughton, Lizzie Webb, and Annie C. C. Webb.

Remarks were made by L. Y. Cox, upon the death of sister Broughton, and by I. H. White, upon the deaths of sisters Lizzie Webb, and Annie C. C. Webb. The services were closed by singing, "Come, let us join our friends above."

The Journal of the previous session was read and adopted.

Reports of the Committees "On the state of the Church," "Resolutions in regard to illness of Bishop Simpson," "Minute Money," "Missions," and "Conference Stewards," were received and adopted.

The Committee on Missions reported a total of \$1,207.43, the Conference Steward \$500, and the Committee on Minutes, \$143.82.

The Secretaries were made a Board of Publication of the Conference Minutes, and authorized to have an edition of 2500 copies printed, and all unnecessary tables to be omitted.

A motion to require each minister to pay for all minutes ordered after deducting cost of expressage, was passed.

Report of Committee on "Delinquent Minute Money" received, and Committee ordered "discontinued."

A resolution offered by A. R. Shockley, that each minister be requested to raise five cents per member on his charge for Conference claimants, was passed.

A collection amounting to \$10.07, was taken for fathers Young, Brinkley and Wing, who entered the superannuated relation at this session.

The resolution adopted that each family entertaining ministers, receive a copy of the Minutes, free, was adopted.

The officers of the Sustentation Fund, and Conference Educational Society, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

After the usual announcements the Conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, June 16th, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference prayer meeting was opened by G. W. Young at 8.30 A. M., and at 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

A motion was adopted that each minister bring up for publication in the Conference Minutes next year, a list of all his members who contribute, at least, 25 cents to the Missionary cause.

The Triers of Appeals and the different Examining Committees, Committee on Sustentation and Constitution were nominated and approved. The certificate of the ordination of Elders and Deacons was received.

The funds in the hands of the Committee on minutes, and the balance in the hands of the Committee on Sustentation, after paying all bills ordered by the Conference, were ordered to be paid over to W. J. Parker for transmission to the Conference Treasurer.

A motion was passed that the Presiding Elders be added to the officers of the Sustentation Fund, and with them have authority to appropriate such funds as they deem necessary for the good of the work.

J. E. Webb, W. H. Thomas, J. H. Holland, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions appropriate to the retirement of fathers Young, Brinkley, and Wing, from the effective work.

Reports from the Committee of Children's Day, and Freedmen's Aid, were received and adopted.

Dr. Frysinger addressed the Conference upon the importance of the Freedmen's Aid collection.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. H. Riddick from the Washington Conference and T. H. Johnson of the New York East Conference.

W. H. Cofey was appointed to preach the annual sermon to the Daughters of Conference.

The Committee on Missions reported the apportionment of the money received by them, and it was paid by them to the persons entitled. (See report).

The following were appointed visitors to the Centenary Biblical Institute. H. A. Monroe and J. H. Nutter, ministerial; J. E. G. Webb, of Easton, and R. H. Gillett of Pocomoke city, Md., lay.

The committee in the case of Fathers Young, Brinkley and Wing reported. The Committee on Resolutions presented their report which was adopted.

A collection amounting to \$10 was taken for the sexton.

A copy of the resolutions pertaining to the gift of Zoar Church, Phila., by Mr. Jos. M. Bennett was ordered to be sent to the donor.

A copy of the minutes was ordered to be sent to each family entertaining ministers during this session.

The Journal was read and approved, and after the Bishop led in prayer, the apportionments were read, and the conference adjourned *sine die*. Benediction by the Bishop.

EVENING SERVICES.

Tuesday evening, Thomas S. Als preached, to a large audience, a creditable sermon.

Wednesday evening, the Committee of Publication held their annual meeting in behalf of the "Delaware Conference Standard." The editor read a report of the work done in the past eight months, giving the circulation of the paper as 900 copies, and the net gain from subscriptions, etc., as over \$150 in that time. A fine new press has been purchased for the use of the Conference. W. H. Coffey made the address of the evening upon the importance of education and the needs of the Conference paper. The entire balance of the capital stock of the association was subscribed, and the paper enters upon its second year, free from debt.

Thursday evening, W. J. Parker preached the Missionary sermon from the first clause of Phil. 3: 8—"I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord." It was a noble effort, worthy of the grand occasion. The collection was \$21.39.

Friday evening, the Daughters of Conference turned out in large numbers to hear the annual sermon which was preached by W. H. Thomas, from Prov. 31:29; Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all." The collection was \$10.07.

Saturday evening was devoted to Centenary Observance and Freedmen's Aid. Dr. Frysinger, and Prof. Snowden were the speakers.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Music Hall; 10 30 A. M. Bishop C. H. Fowler preached from Phil. 2.6, and ordained the class of Deacons.

Afternoon; sermon by Pro. T. B. Snowden.

Asbury Church: 10 30 A. M., T. M. Hubbard.

3 P. M., Dr. Freeman preached and Bishop Fowler ordained Elders.

8 P. M., W. H. Coffey.

The A. M. E. Church pulpit was also filled during the day by speakers whose names we have not been able to secure.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

To the Conference held at Easton, Maryland, June the 11th, 1884.

MR. PRESIDENT:—Dear Father, and Brethren:—In retrospecting the past, as the work of the year has passed from us, but as the record of it now and forever remains, I beg leave, therefore, to submit to you my first annual report of the Philadelphia District. This district embraces four States, *viz: Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey*: the two latter States have free public schools; Maryland has a provision for the education of the colored people. In Delaware they find their own school houses, and a part of the tuition, and the State pays a part. (Wilmington excepted, which pays all.) School attendance is less than one-fifth the population. The Philadelphia District contains twenty-five charges with fifty-three church edifices and four missions, fifty Sunday Schools, over one-half of which are organized into Missionary Societies. Conversions about five hundred. Full members about four thousand. This science of know-

ledge and faith has spread wonderfully the last *twenty* years of this hundredth year of Methodism. May I add, as a summary history of the Delaware Conference, which has existed one-fifth of this century, that prior to this, *twenty years*, the Philadelphia Conference (which then covered all of the Eastern Shore, Virginia and Maryland, and the State of Delaware) did about all that was done toward educating and christianizing our people. The number of members then, over all that territory, was 4,871. If this be multiplied by 3 it will give a product about equal to the present report, the Philadelphia District covering one-fourth of that space. (This district no doubt being the least successful.) We give this for a comparison that you may see what has been done for the cause of Christ and Methodism in the last twenty years of this century, since having (and may be, by having, the Delaware Conference.) *Then* the Philadelphia District had only 600 members and probationers. *Now* 6000. Then they had, in all, 34 Churches. *Now* the Philadelphia District has 53 churches, and 8 parsonages. Public schools at that time, *none*. *Now* 90 in Philadelphia District. Probable value then \$38,000. *Now* on the Philadelphia District. \$132,000. Number of Sunday Schools then (in all) 20. *Now* on this District 75. Sunday School scholars, *then*, 841, *now*, on Philadelphia District, 4000. All of this our parents have left to the present heirs, who are seemingly trying to live, and improve with the times. We have had an unusual hard winter. Rain in abundance. Roads impassible for weeks. Then freezing cold. Snows covering our land, earth seemingly whiter than the Heavens, trees glittering with icicles.

Churches closed about 28 days out of 90, (only) fit for man to be out. Besides this we have had afflictions and death. For this cause, while sowing precious seed we have gone forth weeping. At Port Deposit both pastor and wife have been removed by the stroke of death.

Rev. Harrison D. Webb and wife. Sister Webb was sick when moved there on the charge, soon after which she was relieved by death, and about three months later our beloved brother followed her to Heaven, leaving four small children, and the charge has been ever since in a cloud of solemnity, though they are at work and about to build a new church. Rev. L. W. Deakins supplying as pastor.

At Zoar the pastor and wife lost from their midst two of their dear little children by death. This congregation has moved from the old church edifice on Brown street above Fourth, to Melon street above Twelfth street; a much better locality, and far more to the convenience of the people interested. Since repaired at a cost of \$2,000. This building is only second among our churches in Philadelphia. It was bought without the ground for \$3,500, and donated to this people by the most respected Joseph M. Bennett of this city. God be praised for the gift of such a man to earth; *May he live long and prosper and then be taken to Heaven*. Nothing less than a life-size portrait of this man should be placed in the wall or window of that church, in honor to him for his great beneficence. For it a prayer felt, heard and seen, such as cannot be forgotten by our people. (Lord send us more Josephs.) They are moving on successfully. Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, Pastor.

At Dover the Rev. J. E. Webb and family have been merged in a severe affliction nearly all the spring, ending with the death of their daughter on May 28th. This church has had a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit upon it. Over a hundred converted and joined the church this year. The debt is reduced to about \$400. Insurance \$4,600. They are moving on successfully. Camden, Delaware: The mission at this place, formerly connected with us until the last of April, or first of May '83, under charge of Rev. Wm. H. Webb, Pastor, and J. E. Webb, P. E., when they seceded and went with one Mr. Morris into the C. M. E. Church. Having no report of this at last session, therefore we were ignorant of the fact until September *last*. They are still in possession and using the said property. It belongs to the M. E. Church.

The next place of affliction, Ezion, Wilmington, Del., Rev. W. J. Parker. Six

long years has this pastor's home been a furnace of affliction, (many of you know,) no doubt, but he has suffered in both body and mind. His sick daughter was better in last account, and waiting until Jesus calls. Bro. Parker in winding up his third year, had the last *wine* the best. This people are in advance a little, I think, of any on the district. For average piety as a specimen; I attended the second quarterly love feast, first of December, hour appointed 8 o'clock A. M. I was seven minutes behind by their time. Two hundred had assembled and were opening when I came. They report seventy converts. Benevolent collections in the lead. Though it may seem that they have increased the debt, \$126, they have increased the probable value, \$4000. They have fitted up a house for the sexton, and now own church and home for preacher and sexton. They are going on to perfection.

Mt. Zion, New Jersey, Rev. G. M. Landin, Pastor. Sister Lavinia was very sick last fall, but has since recovered. Bro. Lardin and people have done a good work. They have raised the church at Mt. Zion, put a new basement under it, fitted up and furnished, much to their credit. The Circuit is too large to give proper attention, but they are moving along peaceably. The above shows a mix of joy and sorrow. Having survived all of these difficulties, may we say, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." One Mr. Littleton Williams, has donated \$100 to this Church during the year. *May he reap four-fold.*

Camden; Scotts Church. The people have built a new church edifice, and furnished it with great credit to themselves and to all. They have dedicated leaving a debt of about \$5,000. The house will seat five hundred. They have 129 members, nearly all poor laborers, but in good spirits. They have taken shares to the amount of \$4,000, payable in four years, at \$10 and \$25 per annum. After all, these people have done so nearly all that they could do, and the best they knew how, they are deserving a good word and a dollar from every lover of righteousness. Rev. J. S. Holly closes his third year in peace.

Salem; Mt. Hope charge. God has greatly owned the work of his servants at this place, in meeting them in the baptism of a revival, at which time many were converted and several joined the church. Current expenses kept up, debt reduced, and they are going on doing good. Rev. Wm. M. Webb, pastor. Salem Circuit: At Penn's Neck on this Circuit, they have built a new church edifice. It is a model little church, nearly all paid for, and the work in general is moving on finely. Rev. King J. Still, pastor. Where much has been done, there is little to say; this I wish to say, where there has been little or nothing done, there is much to say, so let it be said.

At Cape May they have remodeled the Old Church, much to the credit of the people at Cold Spring. The condition of the charge is exceedingly good, Rev. T. M. Hubbard, Pastor. For Bridgeton, Frankford, North Penn, Haven and Chester, See Reports. They have not done so much, but some of them are trying. The pastors no doubt have suffered with the people.

Bainbridge Street: This Church is second to none in Philadelphia; passed through the main part of the year in prosperity; what has since taken place I need not state. Germantown;—this congregation has got about where they can sing "All is freely mine," being nearly free from debt. They have passed through the year peaceably, with Rev. J. H. Pearce, Pastor.

Wilmington Circuit: Wilmington Chapel, on this Circuit gave us some trouble at first, as they were dissatisfied with their pastor because they did not get whom they wanted. The other Churches were pleased at once and moved on, the former afterwards saw that they had whom they needed, so they joined in and the circuit has since prospered in the good work. They have repaired both Simpson and Haven Chapels, built a nice Parsonage, so they are better prepared now than ever to receive and take care of their ministers. We leave them in peace; Rev. J. J. Campbell, pastor.

New Castle is moving along quite successfully. Rev. J. K. Adams pastor.

Odesa: This charge has a considerable debt but their pastor Rev. J. H. Mason who is an excellent financier, has managed very cautiously for two years, leaving the circuit in a good condition. Middletown is in hope of progress. Rev. S. P. Whittington, pastor. Townsend: This circuit is progressing. Rev. C. H. Ash pastor.

Smyrna: This is a No. 1 little charge, they work together, have no excuses at their quarterly conference; they have the work done and their reports made out correct. They are pulling for the shore. Rev. D. A. Ridout pastor.

Dover Circuit: The people have done an extra work this year. Forty souls have been hopefully converted. One church repaired, another, debt paid off, one new church edifice built and paid for. Rev. J. E. A. D. Grigsby pastor. Milford is moving on slowly, much improvement is needed. Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, pastor. Lewis and Harmony have a mission in progress at Rehobeth, for which Mr. Elijah Burton has given a half acre of ground, in honor to which it is called Burton's mission, The Circuit has not been very progressive this year. Rev. P. J. Adams, pastor.

In relation to myself, your unworthy servant, was appointed by Bishop E. G. Andrews one year ago, on the Philadelphia district. I obediently proceeded, seemingly willing but rather timid. However, in honor to God and his church, I went forth determined to do my duty, to stand by church and my fellow sufferers in the ministry. I say sufferers, because I find that the support and comfort of many of them are so little, that had they gone out seeking the peoples, rather than the people, they would go in. Thank God I believe that they are true, only a few could I pay for their kindness toward me, and when the conference paper, the Church Extension, and the Freedman's Aid are raised to their standard, I shall be more indebted to my brethren. My wife was greatly afflicted for two months of this last spring. Death took from me a dear sister, in the month of February. I had poor health two months in the last fall, myself. It is to be expected that these jars would weaken me some. But withal I have traveled 8400 miles on railroad, held 92 quarterly conferences, preached 91 times, administered the sacrament 29 times, baptized 16 subjects. Finally report an increase in the number of conversions. Ministerial support and benevolence, all full, or in advance of last year. Very respectfully submitted,

I. H. WHITE.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHER and BRETHREN:—With humble gratitude to Almighty God, I submit the following as my third annual report of the Cambridge District. While we have had many hindrances to encounter during the past year, yet through the kind providence of God the lives of all the brethren have been preserved, and a reasonable degree of good health and strength have been enjoyed. There have been a few exceptional cases of illness among the brethren, with which they were not detained long from their work, and are now in possession of good health. The dark cloud of bereavement has passed over the homes of some of our pastors during the year, and removed from them some of their fondest ties.

Rev. E. E. Parker and wife have sustained the loss of their youngest and very promising little boy. Rev. J. H. Johnson and wife, their little and only daughter, who was suddenly removed from them. Rev. D. J. Waters and wife, their eldest son, by the sad and fatal stroke of insanity. And Mrs. Emily A. Broughton, the beloved wife of Rev. Isaiah Broughton, departed this life, May the 25th, in the triumphs of faith.

The brethren and myself are in peace and harmony. While there has not been done as much as we have desired owing to surrounding circumstances, yet

the Lord has blessed our labor and has given us a measure of success. The Cambridge District has within its bounds twenty-two circuits and stations, and eighty-three churches including five new churches that have been built this year. Also four new societies have been organized. The probable value of church property is about \$82,120. We have eighteen parsonages, probable value about \$10,575. Total value of church and parsonage property \$92,695. Number of church members 4910. Number of probationers, 511. Number of conversions during the year, 660.

While the past year has not been one of general revival in the District, yet we have had some increase in conversions and accessions to our church over last year, while the number of full members have decreased, which may be accounted for as follows: In many of the charges there is no record of the members outside of the class-book. And some of the class-leaders have a practice of reporting only the regular attendance. A great many of the members of our churches are leaving and going North on the account of low wages and stringent laws which interfere with their natural privileges, so that in many localities large numbers of our people, who have nothing to depend on, but working by the day and by the month, are unable to make a comfortable living at home. And, therefore, many of them call for certificates, and others remove without certificates, and are dropped from the roll, and quite a number have been removed by death. Number of Sunday Schools now in operation 65; 53 of them have been organized into Missionary societies. Number of scholars, 3,337. Also 199 Sunday School Journals have been subscribed for, to be used in said schools. Amount raised during the year for building and improving churches and parsonages, and for old debts, \$9,120.40. Increase over last year of \$2,434.90. Debts remaining on church and parsonage property \$3,344.92. \$818.43 less than the amount of debts remaining at the last Conference. The Missionary cause has been urged upon the minds of the brethren. And the disciplinary plans have been to some extent carried out, for missions and the other benevolent purposes. Amount raised for benevolent purposes, \$499.76. Raised for the Endowment Fund of the Centenary Biblical Institute, \$428.61. Estimated for ministerial support including rent and rental value \$10,789.42. The average amount of the same for each charge would be \$490.42, which is nearly, if not quite, all paid.

Sassafras Circuit is doing well under the pastorate of A. J. Wallace. One church has been rebuilt and nearly paid for, and have raised on old debts and building purposes, \$351. Raised for benevolent purposes \$51.31. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$7.00. Number of conversions this year, 9. This circuit is small but the people are willing.

Millington Circuit, under the pastorate of E. E. Parker, has done a noble work during the three years of his administration. One church has been rebuilt, others has been repaired, and several long standing and burdensome debts have been removed. They have raised this year on old debts, and building and improving, \$535.74. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$46.50. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$43. Number of conversions this year, 61.

Still Pond Circuit has been under the pastoral care of J. S. Willis, three years, and is in a prosperous condition. One new church has been built this year at Bloomfield, and dedicated. It is very neat and commodious. The entire cost when completed, \$355.47, which has all been paid except \$20.34. The plans are drawn for another church in Still Pond Neck, 28 x 52 feet. \$476.20 have been raised toward the building of the same. Raised this year on old debts and building, and improving church and parsonage property, \$480.13. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$50.25. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$46.53. Number of conversions this year, 26.

Janes Church, Chestertown: G. H. Washington, Pastor. This charge is in quite a flourishing condition, and has a fine prosperous Sunday School which is second to none in the District in raising missionary money. Raised in this charge this year on old debts on church and parsonage property, \$785.08. Raised for

benevolent purposes, \$88.03. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$26. Number of conversions this year, 26. This church has been leading the District in raising missionary and other benevolent money, when under a heavy burden of debt. We may reasonably expect much more now as the last dollar of indebtedness has been paid. And Janes Church is free at last.

Fairlee Circuit has made a considerable progress under the pastorate of J. D. Elbert. They have raised on old debts and repairs, \$316.29. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$40.05. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$23.33. Number of conversions this year, 43.

Edesville Circuit has done a grand work during the three years' pastorate of C. H. Hutchins. A new parsonage has been built and paid for, at a cost of about \$600. One church has been finished, and another repaired. Raised this year on old debts and building and improving, \$389.52. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$35. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$14. Number of conversions this year, 42.

Marydell Circuit is making good progress under the pastorate of H. Morris. Raised on old debts and building and repairs, including a donation from the Church Extension Society of \$150, \$425.22. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$26.25. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$23.00. Number of conversions this year, 18. A small society has been organized in this charge in Kent County, Delaware.

Crumpton Circuit: C. Wing, Pastor. This circuit is out of debt, yet the pastor has been very much embarrassed in his work in this charge the past year, for want of a conveyance to travel, and a suitable and comfortable place to live. They have raised for benevolent purposes, \$35.50. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$16. Number of conversions this year, 4.

Church Hill Circuit: J. H. Johnson is pastor, and has proved to be the right man, in the right place. A very nice and convenient church has been built at Spanish Neck. Estimated cost from \$800, to \$1,000. They have paid as far as they have gone. Also they have paid nearly all the debt on Salem Church, and the Parsonage property. The whole circuit is coming right up with the times. Raised for building and improving, and old debts, \$707.60. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$30.50. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$13. Number of conversions this year, 12.

Centreville Circuit is making excellent progress under the pastorate of A. W. Hamilton, who has done a grand work upon this circuit in building up the cause of Christ in every department of the church. Especially the Sunday School work, which is in a flourishing condition, and well organized, and a deep spiritual interest is manifested. Also a society has been organized this year at Ruthbury, where we have never had a colored organization before. A lot has been purchased, and the old meeting house of the white Methodist, in that place, by whom we were greatly favored through the timely and friendly assistance of their pastor, Rev. T. E. Terry, of the Wilmington Conference. The lot and house are both paid for, and when fitted up will make a very decent and commodious place of worship. Although Brother Hamilton has served two years on this charge, it is the unanimous request of all the churches for his return the third year. They have raised this year to complete the parsonage commenced last year, and for building and improving, and old debts \$1,185.78. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$42.60. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$60.00. Number of conversions this year, 38.

Kent Island Circuit: S. G. Waters is pastor. Raised on old debts and improving, \$51.25. The circuit is free of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$42.10. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$18.00. Number of conversions this year, 22.

Skipton Circuit is doing well under the pastorate of S. E. Adams, who has very wisely economized his work, and has gained the good graces of his people, so that the request for his return to them the third year is unanimous. \$192.22

has been raised this year, toward building two new churches. The circuit is free of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$31. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$38. Number of conversions this year, 40.

Denton Circuit is under the pastoral care of J. Broughton. Brother Broughton is the oldest member of this Conference, in the effective work. Yet he has completed a new parsonage this year, which cost, \$319.46. And paid on the same, \$254.46, which leaves only, \$65.00 due on the parsonage. Also he has commenced a new church near Concord, 40 x 26 feet, 14 feet corner posts. The building is inclosed and nearly ready for plastering. It will be finished in good taste with a recess pulpit, and gallery in front, with one main audience room. The estimated cost about \$1,000 when complete. \$310 has been paid on new building. Whole amount raised this year on this charge for building and on old debts, \$564.46. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$50.00. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$7.00. Number of conversions this year, 46.

Creensborough Circuit is in a prosperous condition, under the pastorate of J. C. Carroll. A new church has been commenced on this charge, this year, at Boonsborough. It is nearly inclosed, when finished will be a very neat building, with some of the modern improvements. The estimated cost when completed, about \$800. Raised this year on old debts and building and improving, \$183.96. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$11.02. Raised for Endowment Fund, \$9.00. Number of conversions this year, 20.

St. Michael's Circuit is under the pastoral care of A. Brown, who has accomplished a good work upon this circuit. He has organized a society at Clayburn, and a very thrifty Sunday school with 36 scholars. Also a church has been built this year for the new society 32 x 21 feet. 12 feet corner posts, which adds much to the interest of the circuit, and reflects great credit upon the pastor, who has also purchased a very fine lot in St. Michael's, which is worth from \$250 to \$300. for the benefit of the society there, the old church having become inadequate to the growing congregation. There is a unanimous request of the brethren of all the churches for the return of brother Brown, without fail, the third year. They have raised for old debts and building purposes, \$467.31. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$44.25. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$11.00. Number of conversions this year, 31.

Royal Oak circuit, which was formed at the last session of this conference of detachments from Talbot and Skipton circuits, is making fine progress under the pastorate of A. Grinage. They have raised for old debts on church and parsonage property, \$150, raised for benevolent purposes \$28.00, raised for endowment Fund \$19. Number of conversions this year, 23.

Asbury Church Easton, in which the conference is now assembled, has quite a history. It has grown out of the old frame structure of the same name, and occupying the same spot in which a very memorable session of this Conference was held, for the first time, in this town, 1873, and was presided over by the sainted Bishop Edmond S. Janes. This present edifice was dedicated in 1879 by our highly esteemed and venerable Bishop Matthew Sumpson, D. D. LL. D., and was renamed after Bishop Asbury. It has been for some time under a very heavy burden of debt, but by the wise and able management of the Pastor, W. C. Dickerson, the debts are gradually passing away and the congregation is becoming more and more encouraged. Brother Dickerson has held the people, and has given general satisfaction during his two years pastorate among them. He has raised on old indebtedness this year, \$760. Raised for benevolent purposes \$30. Raised for the endowment Fund \$10.50. Number of conversions this year, 58, and most of them are from the Sunday School, as there is a first class Sunday School in progress here.

Talbot circuit, J. L. Dennis, pastor, is in a tolerable good condition, but might have been much better had it not been for a Local Preacher who resigned his membership in the M. E. Church and joined another connection, and is sowing discord and doing all he can to draw the people away from Talbot circuit,

which has doubtless interfered very much with the progress of the work there. \$85 has been raised for old debts and repairs, and no debts remaining. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$30. Raised for the endowment Fund \$6.72. Number of conversions this year, 25.

Trappe Circuit: D. J. Waters pastor; An excellent work has been done upon this charge during the three years pastorate of Brother Waters. A very nice church has been completed this year at Oxford. It is in good style, 40x26 feet, 16ft. corner posts with a modern recess pulpit and front end gallery. A society has been organized there, and a good Sunday school is in progress. Also a Sunday school has been organized this year at Bambury with 22 scholars and a good prospect for an increase. \$435.09 has been raised on the new church this year. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$37.15. Raised for the Endowment Fund \$35.00. Number of conversions this year, 30. This circuit is in a very fine condition spiritually and temporally.

Waugh Church, Cambridge: H. A. Monroe is pastor. This is one of our best appointments in the district, and none more able to support the general interests of our Great Church. An excellent work has been done here during the three years pastorate of Brother Monroe. And the people of Cambridge are saying, if it were possible, they would welcome his return to them the fourth year. The spiritual, moral and financial condition of the charge is very good. \$790. has been raised here this year for the cemetery and re-building the church at Christ's rock. The charge is nearly out of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$57.00. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$6.00. Number of conversions this year, 35.

Church Creek Circuit: J. H. Winters is pastor. Brother Winters has labored hard for the up-building of the circuit, it being in a low condition, when he was appointed there one year ago. \$220.57 has been raised on old debts, building and improving. The circuit is now free of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$31.25. Raised for Endowment Fund, \$8.00. Number of conversions this year, 24.

Madison Circuit: D. R. Dunn is pastor. This circuit covers a very wide range of territory, and, therefore, cannot be wrought to as good advantage as it would were the same number of appointments closer together. The people are able and willing to do as far as they understand. A society has been organized at Smithville, and is making arrangements to build a church. \$98.77 has been raised this year on old debts, building and improving. The circuit is free of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$32.00. Raised for the Endowment Fund \$4. Number of conversions this year, 40. During the three years which I have been on the district, I have been present and held every quarterly Conference. I have preached eighty seven times this year. With a brighter future before us than ever, I conclude by saying we are working, praying and trusting, that the world will soon be taken for Christ. Respectfully submitted,

L. Y. COX.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference. It is with a feeling sense of gratitude to Almighty God for his kind favors bestowed upon me, that I make this my fourth annual report, of the condition of the churches on the Salisbury District.

North Berlin Circuit is composed of four churches and one parsonage, under the pastorate of Rev. R. J. Waters. This circuit is in a flourishing condition spiritually and also financially. Class meetings are lively and are well attended. Prayer meetings are good, preaching services are also attended with great interest. Four Sunday Schools are organized and attended with great interest. The Berean lessons and also the catechism are used regular. One new church has been built

since the last Conference, at a cost of \$355 they also have paid on old indebtedness \$294.24; total collected and paid this conference year, \$649.25.

South Berlin circuit is also composed of four churches and one parsonage; Rev. W. B. Green, pastor. This circuit is in the same condition as the above described. Brother Green has completed the church at Sinepuxent and dedicated it in October.

Snow Hill Station, pastor, Rev. M. H. Horsey: He has two churches and one parsonage; it is in a splendid condition spiritually. A very good school; I will almost venture to say it is second to none in the Delaware Conference; the plan prescribed by the discipline is strictly carried out. Brother Horsey has paid over \$100 on a debt on the parsonage, leaving a debt, standing on the parsonage, of \$150.

Snow Hill circuit is composed of three appointments under the pastorate of Rev. G. Townsend. These churches are about seven miles apart. The traveling being so very bad during the winter and Brother Townsend having no way to make his appointments only to walk. The financial part has been quite dull also; his support has been very limited. But when his congregation can get together they seem very zealous for their spiritual welfare. Since the weather has become settled the Sunday school work has greatly increased on this circuit.

Stockton circuit is composed of five churches; Rev. I. H. Johnson pastor. This circuit is in a growing condition; meetings are well attended; five Sunday Schools in good working order; also they have completed the church which was commenced by Rev. H. Morris, and they have made a rapid improvement on three of the other churches on the circuit, leaving them at this time under a debt of \$400 which they are making arrangements to remove very soon.

Chincoteague Island, Rev. J. H. Hubbard pastor, has one church in a splendid condition both spiritually and financially; no debt on the church; they have also bought a one-half acre of land to build a parsonage, at a cost of \$100; paid \$50 on the same.

Horttown circuit; pastor Rev. E. H. Webb: This circuit is composed of four churches; also has four Sunday Schools, and they are in a splendid condition. The spiritual meetings are also lively; three of the churches are clear of debt, and only \$27 resting upon the fourth one. They have commenced a nice two-story parsonage. It is now shut in; this circuit is moving to the front.

Pocomoke City, five churches, Rev. F. J. Lee, pastor. There has been a good revival of religion on this circuit this year; there are five Sunday schools in a prosperous condition. The financial matters are good and they are going ahead in the right way.

Wisecville circuit, Rev. J. H. Nutter, pastor. This circuit has one church and a tent; they have had a good revival this year, many have joined them on probation. They also are making the arrangements to build a new church, they have the plan from the church extension society to build, also they have a part of the lumber secured.

Locust Mount circuit, Rev. G. W. Young, pastor. Two churches, one not quite completed. At brother Young's return from conference last year he found a debt of \$200, against that property, they have very near freed the church of debt and also bought $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of ground for the seat of a parsonage and got the lumber on the ground to build; they also have two schools in a flourishing condition.

Union circuit, Rev. P. Burrows, pastor. This circuit was composed of four churches, but from some unknown cause the church at Crisfield was destroyed by fire, July last. This was a new church and they had just finished paying for it, but Brother Burrows and his people are hard at work trying to build a new church of brick; they have received \$600 from the Insurance Co. They also make an earnest appeal to the ministers and members of this conference to assist them in their effort to build another church at Crisfield. The remaining three churches and also the parsonage are in a good condition spiritually and also financially; the Sunday Schools are also in a good condition.

Green Hill Circuit is composed of three churches; Rev. A. J. Handy is the pastor. This circuit is free of debt, excepting the parsonage, it has a debt of \$150 resting on it. The meetings are very lively, and the Sunday Schools are well attended.

Fairmount Circuit is composed of two appointments; Rev. N. Young the pastor. These are working people. These churches are clear of debt, and the meetings are very lively, and are attended with great interest. The Sunday Schools are very good. They are making arrangements to build a new church at Fairmount, a two story building.

Deal's Island Circuit is composed of five churches; Rev. G. E. Snead, pastor. Bro. Snead has had a severe attack of illness during the winter. But the circuit is in a very good condition, as will be seen from his report. He has also been making arrangements for building and improving. His people have a mind to work. The spiritual condition is also good. Five Sunday Schools singing "Hold the Fort for we are coming."

Princess Anne Station, has two appointments: Rev. J. A. Scott, the pastor. This charge is going ahead, both spiritual and financial; they are making arrangements to build a brick church in the town; expect to commence this summer. They have two splendid Sunday Schools, which are well attended by the old and young.

The Friendship Circuit is composed of three churches: Rev. Wm. Johnson, pastor. The churches are in a good condition, and clear of debt. The spiritual work is prosperous. Three Sunday Schools doing well.

Quantico Circuit is composed of five churches; Rev. H. T. Rich, the pastor. Bro. Rich and his people have done a great work this year. There has been a large number of converts this year, also the Sunday Schools are in a fine condition. Bro. Rich has commenced two new churches since the Conference has shut them in. But he will not work without the money to work with, so he has raised and paid on these churches \$991.22, and I do not know how much more.

Salisbury Station: Rev. J. R. Waters, pastor. This church is in a good spiritual condition, everything appears to be alive, and perfectly uplifted. They have had a large number added to the church this year. The Sunday School is grand. Bro. Waters has seated the new church, and paid over \$300 on the same.

Salisbury Circuit: This circuit is composed of four churches. Rev. A. Lowber, pastor. This charge is also in a good spiritual condition. They love Bro. Lowber, and say they have just got the right man, they also desire his return. There has been a large number of conversions on this circuit, during the year. They have four good Sunday Schools. They have also collected \$19.00 toward purchasing a lot to build a parsonage.

Laurel Circuit is composed of four churches; Rev. D. Brittingham, pastor. This circuit is in a good spiritual condition, also financial; the Sunday Schools are doing well. Bro. Brittingham, since the Conference, has built a new church at Sharptown, 24 x 34, paid on the same, \$224.72; he is also making arrangements to repair the church at Laurel, this summer.

Seaford Circuit has two churches; they were supplied with the J. W. Lankford. This circuit has been wonderfully improved this year, there have been added eighteen on the list of members, and a large number of probationers. Sixty-one Sunday School pupils. Total debt on the charge, \$56.91. There is a good work being done on this circuit.

Vienna Circuit has six appointments. Rev. Wm. Taylor was assigned there. But he and the brethren could not agree on wages, so after staying about three months, he left the work and I supplied it with an active young man by the name of John H. Harman; the members of that circuit received Bro. Harman as a messenger sent from God. Bro. Harman has the people stirred up spiritually, and also in temporal matters. The Sunday Schools are good on this circuit, the entire charge is getting in a good condition.

Hicksborough Mission is under the supervision of Rev. C. Earle, a local

preacher of the Vienna circuit. This is quite a prosperous little mission, having twenty-three members and four probationers, and forty-seven Sunday School scholars; the spiritual work is good. They are also making the arrangements to build a church this summer. The lot is paid for, the frame and weather boarding is on the ground. They have paid \$88 on the same; this house is to be 22 x 32 feet and 12 feet corner post. They have in hand at this time, \$110.00 for to help carry up the building.

Washington circuit is composed of 4 churches, the Rev. H. Jolley pastor. This circuit is in a nice condition both spiritually and financially, Brother Jolley is driving everything up to the line; they have on this appointment six Sabbath Schools one at each church, and two mission schools, they have paid \$ on the debt of East New market church, also they have built a very nice new church at Washington, and have it ready for plastering and seating, Brother Jolley is a go ahead man.

Federalburg circuit is composed of 4 churches, Rev. C. Horsey, Pastor. The schools were not so well attended during the winter. But since the spring has opened they are improving. The spiritual meetings are also tolerably good, there have been 18 persons confessed conversion, there is no debt on churches nor parsonage.

I will close my report by saying, notwithstanding the dreary winter that we have passed through, the health of the ministers and their families has been good excepting Brother G. E. Snead; there have been no deaths in any of these. The salaries of the brethren are promptly met, with a few exceptions, and they are all very much interested in their benevolent collections. Personally, my health has been tolerably good, I have attended my appointments regularly with one exception; an attack of rheumatism confined me at home three weeks during the winter. Though I must acknowledge that the past year has been one of hard toiling; but I am able to say that the Lord has ever been with me and has raised me up. Friends, the kind receptions that I have received from both the ministry and also the laity of the church around the entire work, will never be forgotten by me. You shall have my prayers. Yours in the work.

J. H. HOLLAND.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR THE YEAR 1885.

For admission on trial—J. D. Elbert, J. A. Scott, J. J. Campbell.

“ first year—W. J. Parker, T. M. Hubbard, J. S. Holly.

“ second year—W. H. Thomas, N. Young, George W. Young.

“ third “—F. J. Lee, J. E. Webb, J. H. Mason.

“ fourth “—A. R. Shockley, W. C. Dickerson, Peter J. Adams.

Local Preachers for Orders—J. R. Waters, J. Q. Dennis, M. H. Horsey.

To preach the missionary Sermon—J. R. Waters, alternate, A. R. Shockley.

“ “ sermon to daughters of Conference—W. H. Coffey.

Triers of Appeals—Hooper Jolley, W. F. Butler, H. A. Monroe, W. M.

Webb, A. Brown, J. H. Pearce, A. R. Shockley.

Sunday School Anniversary—J. H. Pearce, W. C. Dickerson, H. Jolley.

Visitors to Centenary Biblical Institute—H. A. Monroe, J. H. Nutter, ministeral. J. E. G. Webb, of Easton, R. H. Gillett, Pocomoke. City, lay.

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

SESSION.	YEAR.	NAME OF CHURCH.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1st.	1864	John Wesley, Phila.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wilmore S. Elsey.
2nd.	1865	Ezion, Wilmington.	Levi Scott.	John G. Manluff.
3rd.	1866	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	Matthew Simpson	Wesley J. Parker.
4th.	1867	Janes, Chestertown.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
5th.	1868	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
6th.	1869	St. Paul's, Milford.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
7th.	1870	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	Wesley J. Parker.
8th.	1871	Mt. Hope, Salem.	L. Scott, E. R. Ames.	Wesley J. Parker.
9th.	1872	Whatcoat, Dover.	L. Scott, E. G. Andrews	Hooper Jolley.
10th.	1873	Asbury, Easton.	Edmund S. Janes.	Hooper Jolley.
11th.	1874	Ezion, Wilmington.	Matthew Simpson.	Hooper Jolley.
12th.	1875	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
13th.	1876	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
14th.	1877	Janes, Chestertown.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
15th.	1878	Union, St. Michael's.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
16th.	1879	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
17th.	1880	Whatcoat, Dover.	Thomas Bowman.	George H. Waters.
18th.	1881	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
19th.	1882	C. Wesley, Centreville	Randolph S. Foster.	A. R. Shockley.
20th.	1883	Ezion, Wilmington.	E. G. Andrews.	A. R. Shockley.
21st.	1884	Asbury, Easton.	C. H. Fowler.	H. A. Monroe.

DEATH ROLL

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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

MEMOIRS.

HARRISON D. WEBB.

This brother rested from his labors in the church militant on the 27th day of November 1883. After having served a year or two, as a supply, he was admitted into the conference on trial at its last session in Ezion, Wilmington, and assigned to Port Deposit charge. His wife died in two weeks after their removal to their new field of labor, leaving him with four dear little children, who were destined soon after to be fatherless as well as motherless. After his wife's death he sank rapidly into a decline, was removed from his work to his former home at Preston, Md., where he passed away in great peace. We may wonder at this stroke of Divine Providence, but

"God hath his mysteries of grace,
Ways that man cannot tell."

LIZZIE WEBB,

wife of the above named, preceded her husband to the world beyond, and from her last testimony there must have been a joyful meeting in the eternal mansions; "From labor to reward."

EMILY A. BROUGHTON.

Beloved wife of Rev. Isaiah Broughton, died after a sudden and severe illness at Denton, Md., May 25th 1884. She rests in peace.

ANNIE C. C. WEBB,

the amiable and accomplished daughter of Rev. J. E. Webb, died May 28th, in the 19th year of her age. Just entering womanhood with all its graces, and with the ardent zeal of a young disciple laying willing hands to God's work in school and church, it must have been a bitter cup that death pressed to these young lips, but the smile of Jesus sweetened the draught and for His sake she drank it and fell asleep in Jesus.

WM. H. ROGERS,
C. H. HUTCHINS,
M. H. HORSEY,
Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are fully convinced that the church was divinely instituted and inspired for the grand spread of the gospel throughout the world, notwithstanding the relations of the church to the world are those of antagonistic aggression, and all its agencies must be adapted to that order of things.

The world, the human race, is at once the antagonist to be opposed, and in its individual members the mass of enslaved victims to be rescued and elevated.

The gospel accordingly comes with a declaration of war against the world as the enemy of Christ's Kingdom and of condemnation against each individual in whom the spirit of the world prevails, it also comes to offer terms of pardon and gracious acceptance of present purification and eternal glory. To all who receive its provisions the terms of the Church's commission binds it to push out its agencies till the last of the race shall be brought into subjection to Christ, and

to meet at life's earliest stages each coming generation of the race, to guide their step to Christ and to his church. Even before the ascending Lord gave the word that specifically sends the gospel to every creature, he solemnly charges his disciples to build up the church in every place.

Among the chief characteristics of the church are its stability and perpetuity, and yet as to the individuals that make up the church on earth it is a state of constant and rapid flow, like a steadily flowing river. It is ever the same and yet perpetually changing, but the added waters requires to be continually transmuted in its character. The work of the church is therefore an endless one, to be begun anew at every moment. It is, therefore, the work of the church to change through the Holy Ghost; souls born in sin into new men, it becomes the first duty of the church to work earnestly in behalf of every soul within its reach.

For one hundred years she has worked faithfully to save souls and to bring them to Christ. Therefore we the ministers of the Delaware Conference do pledge ourselves to do all in our power for its spread.

A. BROWN,
W. J. PARKER,
W. B. GREEN,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is one of the greatest evils of the age, and through its manufacture and sale, poverty and crime are greatly increased, and causing our prisons to be filled, taxes to be heavy upon the public, and causing great suffering to thousands of families. We believe its use is injurious physically, intellectually and morally, and sending thousands annually to a drunkard's grave.

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the gospel, will use our utmost power to overthrow the liquor traffic in our midst.

Resolved, That we recommend that each of our ministers do preach or cause to be preached at least one sermon annually upon the subject.

Resolved, That we recommend that Temperance Societies should be organized in every congregation, and Sunday Schools wherever practical.

PETER J. ADAMS,
A. W. HAMILTON,
A. J. HANDY,
Committee.

SANCTITY OF SABBATH.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Our blessed Heavenly Father has given us six days to accomplish all that is necessary in the way of 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 1st, That the ministers of the Delaware Annual Conference preach against the desecration of the Sabbath Day.

Resolved 2nd, That we discountenance the sale of lemonade, cigars, ice-cream, beer and candies on the Sabbath Day.

Resolved 3rd, That each minister shall preach a sermon on observing the Sabbath Day.

Resolved 4th, That we condemn the running of trains on the Sabbath in connection with our camp meetings, and instruct our brethren to so manage our camp meetings as to keep the commandments of God concerning the Sabbath.

PETER BURROWS,
CHARLES WING.

EDUCATION.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to present the following report:

The subject of education is a most important one, and is absolutely essential to the elevation of any race or people. The value of education is inestimable. Without it we can never reach that degree of development and manhood which our Creator has designed and capacitated us to attain.

The Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore, Md., Rev. W. Maslin Fry-senger, D. D., President, has done a very commendable work in the education of young men for the ministry, and young men and young women as teachers among our people. Efforts are now being made for the raising of an Endowment Fund for the Institute, which are meeting with a hearty response from our people, and the committee earnestly recommend to our pastors to push forward the battle till complete victory shall be ours.

In view of the foregoing facts, therefore

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Delaware Annual Conference, pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to impress upon the minds of our people the great importance of education, and that in order to this end we will preach and lecture upon the subject.

Received this year as follows:

Philadelphia District,	\$ 43 80
Cambridge District,	60 00
Salisbury District,	28 60
Additional,	63
Total,	\$133 03
Received last year,	119 31
Increase this year,	\$ 13 72

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMAS,
W. F. BUTLER,
J. H. NUTTER.

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

I. *Scholastic*.—Encouraged by the increased interest which the pastors and people of the patronizing Conferences have manifested, the Trustees and Faculty of the Centenary Biblical Institute have, during the past year, inaugurated plans which, while aiming at the same thoroughness characterizing the instruction heretofore given, are designed to make it more thoroughly and distinctively a theological school. The Preparatory Department, as such, will be discontinued after the present scholastic year. The necessity and importance of the work of the Normal Department is appreciated, and it will be continued, as a convenience, until it can be dispensed with without injury to the cause it is so greatly aiding. The institution will be conducted on the policy of gradually approaching the original design of making it a school for students for the ministry only, and of consummating this plan as soon as it can be done consistently with other interests it has of necessity been made to serve. Accordingly, a three years' course of theological study has been outlined, and will constitute the curriculum proper hereafter. The Theological Faculty consists of the President, Senior Professor, J. E. Round, D. D., and Professor T. B. Snowden, B. D. In the Preparatory Department, Mrs. M. A. H. Cadden presides, assisted by Mr. B. O. Bird and Miss Lizzie Dennis.

II. *Statistical*.—In pursuance of the above plan, no students have been enrolled this school year without passing the examination required to enter. Night sessions for irregular students have been conducted by one of the assistant teachers, but the names of these students will not appear in the catalogue. The number of regular students is at present 109, and of night students 60, an increase of 18 over the total number reported last year. Of the regular students, 16 are preparing to enter, and two are already in the ministry, and the remainder have

either teaching or a higher academic education in view. The students for the ministry are pursuing preparatory academic and theological studies, and several of them will likely enter upon the regular theological course next school year.

III. *Financial*.—The annual expenses of the institution are about \$7,500. The Freedmen's Aid collections from the four patronizing Conferences did not reach half of this amount last year, although largely increased over the previous year. The remainder was secured by soliciting private donations. It is confidently expected that the collections from the Conferences will exhibit a gratifying increase this year, but a large deficiency will remain, nevertheless, and private liberality must be relied upon to supplement the gifts of the churches. Rev. J. F. Goucher has generously contributed \$1,000, others have given smaller sums, and it is hoped that the year will end without debt of any kind. As long as the institution is dependent on such uncertain resources, however, it must be more or less embarrassed in its operations, and an endowment is its imperative need.

IV. *Prospective*.—Present indications point to the future as full of promise for the Institute. As its importance and value as an institution of learning for a needy race, and its consequent truly benevolent character become more apparent to its white friends, their numbers multiply and their interest increases constantly; and as its need becomes more apparent to the people whom it is specially designed to benefit, their interest takes on the form of enthusiasm. Students more advanced in years and attainments are being attracted to its halls. There is no reason why it should not soon become as important a means of aid to candidates for the ministry from among the colored young men of our Church as Drew Theological Seminary is to our white young men who are such. Its one need, as has already been intimated, is an endowment. We depend upon the interest which this Centennial year is awakening to at least begin the work of supplying this need.

As an expression of gratitude to God for what he has done for and through our church in the last hundred years, it is proposed to endow our institutions of learning so as to give to the cause of education an impetus for a hundred years to come. The future of the colored race is largely involved in the success of this grand scheme. Their offerings, therefore, should be as full and free as it is possible to make them, nor is it making any invidious distinction to say that they should be given to institutions which are specially intended for their own benefit. Instead of helping others, they have a right to expect help from others, but they would render them utterly unworthy of such help if they refuse to help themselves. The Centenary Biblical Institute challenges the utmost endeavor of the preachers and the fullest liberality of the people of the Washington and Delaware Conferences during this Centennial year. Their combined offerings ought to become a monument, from the summit of which shall be sent out a stream of light which shall pierce through the century to come. Every man, woman, and child connected with the congregations or Sunday Schools of these Conferences should have his or her name inscribed on that monument by contributing to its erection. Just as it would be a reproach to the entire colored race, if the Methodists among them would fail to take advantage of the opportunity which this year of jubilee presents, to show their gratitude for what God has done for them, so ought it to be counted a reproach to any individual within the bounds of those patronizing Conferences who fails to contribute something to the endowment of the Centenary Biblical Institute. Let the rich man contribute his noble gift, which he can well spare out of his abundance, and which will do more for him and his children than if hoarded up, perhaps, to be squandered in the end. Let the poor widow give her two mites, which, perhaps, she has saved out of the earnings of her own toil, and will be counted of more worth in the Master's sight than the most royal gift. Let the fathers and mothers, who are laboring for the welfare of their children, count it a good investment for their sakes to put some of their means into this object. Let the young men and maidens bring their

offerings, and let the children share in the work which is going to do more for them than any which will be accomplished for a hundred years. May God put it into the hearts of the people to do nobly for this great enterprise. His hand has been seen in its past history, and

We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come.

W. MASLIN FRYSSINGER,
President.

CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Report of amounts raised by awarding medals, including Children's Day collections. The total amount reported and actually paid over in cash and vouchers to Dr. Frysinger by adjournment of Conference, was \$1,102.73, contributed by districts and charges as follows:

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$2 00	John Wesley.....	4 60
Camden.....	7 00	North Penn.....	2 00
Cape May.....	4 00	Haven Mission.....	14 00
Chester.....	3 00	Zoar.....	66 00
Dover.....	13 00	Port Deposit.....	9 00
Dover Circuit.....	3 00	Salem.....	2 00
Lewes and Harmony.....	6 00	Salem Circuit.....	2 00
Middletown.....	67	Smyrna.....	12 00
Milford.....	7 00	Townsend.....	12 00
Mt. Zion.....	35 00	Ezion, (Wilmington).....	25 00
New Castle.....		Wilmington Circuit.....	
Odessa.....	8 00	I. H. White, P. E.....	5 00
Frankford.....	3 00		
Germantown.....	2 00	Total.....	\$245 27

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Cambridge.....	\$6 00	Marydel.....	23 00
Centreville.....	66 00	Millington.....	43 00
Chestertown.....	26 00	Royal Oak.....	19 00
Church Creek.....	8 00	St. Michael's.....	11 00
Church Hill.....	13 18	Sassafras.....	6 00
Crumpton.....	19 25	Skipiton.....	38 00
Denton.....	7 00	Still Pond.....	46 55
Easton.....	10 00	Talbot.....	6 72
Edesville.....	14 00	Trappe.....	34 89
Fa rlee.....	23 33	L. Y. Cox, P. E.....	5 00
Greensborough.....	9 00		
Kent Island.....	13 00	Total.....	\$451 92
Madison.....	4 00		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Chincoteague.....	\$3 00	Locust Mount.....	4 60
Deal's Island.....	7 00	North Berlin.....	14 22
Fairmount.....	64 50	Pocomoke City.....	12 00
Federalsburg.....	11 00	Princess Anne.....	36 00
Friendship.....	6 50	Quantico.....	33 00
Green Hill and Kingston.....	12 00	Salisbury.....	28 00
Hicksborough.....	4 00	Salisbury Circuit.....	
Horntown.....	12 00	Seaford.....	5 00
Laurel.....	18 10	Snow Hill.....	15 00

Snow Hill Circuit.....	3 00	Washington.....	55 00
South Berlin.....	9 60	Wiseville.....	14 00
Stockton.....		J. H. Holland, P. E.....	2 00
Union.....	33 32		
Vienna.....	9 00	Total.....	\$405 51
Philadelphia District.....			
Cambridge.....			\$245 27
Salisbury.....			451 92
			405 54
Total.....			\$1,102 73

N. MORRIS,
A. W. HAMILTON,
W. H. JOHNSON,
Committee.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Dover, Del.....	\$3 00	Zoar, Phila.....	3 00
Dover Circuit.....	2 00	Townsend.....	25
Middletown.....	25	Ezion, Wilmington.....	2 00
Milford.....	50		
John Wesley, Phila.....	1 00	Total Phila. District.....	\$12 00

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Cambridge, Md.....	\$1 00	Madison, Md.....	75
Chestertown.....	80	St. Michael's.....	50
Church Creek.....	50	Sassafras.....	25
Church Hill.....	50	Still Pond.....	50
Easton, Md.....	50	Talbot.....	25
Fairlee.....	50		
Greensborough.....	50	Total Cambridge District.....	\$7 05
Kent Island.....	50		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Fairmount, Md.....	\$1 00	Wiseville, Va.....	50
Quantico.....	1 00		
Snow Hill.....	35	Total Salisbury District.....	\$2 85
Philadelphia District.....			
Cambridge District.....			\$12 00
Salisbury District.....			7 05
			2 85
Total.....			\$21 90

WM. M. WEBB,
E. H. WEBB,
H. JOLLEY,
Committee

CONSTITUTION

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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 of 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, re-assure 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 of 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 Managers 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.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

WHEREAS, The Board of Bishops under direction of the General Conference has recommended that this Centenary year of the organization of the Methodist Church be made an occasion of grateful offerings on the part of our people, and that the cause of Education be made a special object of these offerings, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Centenary Biblical Institute have asked its friends to contribute at least \$5,000 towards its endowment during the Centenary year, Therefore

Resolved, That we exhibit our gratitude to God for what he has done for us through the Methodist Episcopal Church as well as our appreciation of the cause of education, especially among our own race, by using our utmost endeavors as a conference to raise \$5,000 of the sum asked for the Institute.

2. That the Presiding Elders be constituted a committee to co-operate with Dr. Frysinger, the President of the Institute, to carry out plans for the accomplishment of this purpose. We have received the following:

Philadelphia District,.....	\$ 73 30
Cambridge District,.....	100 50
Salisbury District,.....	54 60
Total,.....	\$228 40
Last year,.....	219 05
Increase,.....	\$ 9 35

W. F. BUTLER,
J. R. WATERS,
J. Q. DENNIS,
Committee.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We, the Committee on Bible Cause, desire to submit the following report:
WHEREAS, Seeing the great and glorious work accomplished through the

word of God, and knowing that the Bible is the rock on which Christianity is founded,

Resolved, That we endeavor to do more for the cause this Conference year, and each pastor preach a sermon on the occasion.

Philadelphia District.....	\$13 50
Cambridge District.....	13 50
Salisbury District.....	12 60
Total.....	\$39 60

J. BRINKLEY,
J. C. CARROLL,
G. W. YOUNG,
Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Dear Brethren :

We, the Committee on Church Extension, beg leave to submit our report as follows :

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 78 25
Cambridge District.....	61 00
Salisbury District.....	48 65
Collection.....	13 50
Total.....	\$201 30

Seeing, therefore, the great importance of such an enterprise and the great good accomplished through the Church Extension Society, we do advise each and every minister of the Delaware Annual Conference to do all they can this Conference year for this good cause.

THOMAS M. HUBBARD,
M. YOUNG,
J. S. WILLIS,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit our 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.

The Sunday School is the nursery of the church: the Sunday School is the future church. This fact is well known to all Denominations: 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.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 25 57
Cambridge ".....	15 55
Salisbury ".....	14 10
Total.....	\$55 22

J. S. HOLLY,
E. E. PARKER,
A. LOWBER,
Committee.

TRACT.

To the Bishop and Brethren: We the undersigned committee beg to submit the following as our report :

Being convinced that the circulation of religious literature is a medium through which many have been convinced of their sins, we, therefore, most heartily commend to the church and its members, the distribution of such readable matter to the masses, that they may arrive at a clear conception of their duties as members of society.

Received as follows :

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 12 06
Cambridge ".....	10 05
Salisbury ".....	10 61
Total.....	\$32 72

T. B. H. COLEMAN,
D. J. WATERS,
Wm. H. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEES.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference:—

We, your Committee on auditing the accounts of the Presiding Elders, have examined the accounts, and find that they are correct, and that the amounts apportioned to the several missions have been paid and properly received for.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 621 00
Cambridge District.....	280 00
Salisbury District.....	300 00
Total.....	\$ 1,201 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. NUTTER,
T. B. H. COLEMAN,
P. J. ADAMS.

DELINQUENT MINUTE MONEY.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report :

We have called on the brethren but have no report from any of them; your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged.

D. R. DUNN,
F. J. LEE,
Committee.

MINUTES.

The report of the Committee on Minutes was submitted in such a shape that it is impossible to arrange it for publication. The committee report cash in hand \$143.82.

H. A. MONROE, *Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$ 50	Haven Mission.....	1 00
Cape May.....	60	Zoar.....	4 00
Dover.....	2 00	Scott.....	1 00
Dover Circuit.....	2 00	Salem Circuit.....	50
Lewis and Harmony.....	50	Smyrna.....	1 00
Milford.....	3 00	Townsend.....	1 00
New Castle.....	1 00	Wilmington.....	5 00
Odessa.....	1 00	Wilmington Circuit.....	1 50
Port Deposit.....	2 00		
North Penn.....	30	Total.....	\$27 90

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Burrisville.....	\$ 3 00	Marydel.....	3 50
Cambridge.....	5 50	Millington.....	2 00
Centreville.....	3 00	Madison.....	6 00
Chestertown.....	2 00	St. Michael's.....	1 77
Church Creek.....	4 00	Sassafras.....	2 06
Crumpton.....	1 00	Still Pond.....	5 00
Denton.....	50	Talbot Circuit.....	50
Edesville.....	3 00	Trappe.....	3 00
Easton.....		Skipton.....	50
Fairlee.....	3 00	Royal Oak.....	1 00
Greensborough.....	67		
Kent Island.....	3 00	Total.....	\$54 00

SAULISBURY DISTRICT.

Locust Mount.....	\$1 00	South Berlin.....	4 00
Deal's Island.....	2 00	Stockton.....	2 00
Fairmount.....	1 00	Union.....	2 00
Friendship.....	50	Washington.....	1 00
Green Hill.....	2 00	Vienna.....	1 00
Hornstown.....	2 00	Pocomoke City.....	50
Laurel.....	1 00	Wiseville.....	50
North Berlin.....	3 00	Seaford.....	50
Princess Anne.....	75	Salisbury Circuit.....	50
Quantico.....	1 25	Total.....	\$26 75
Salisbury.....	25		
Philadelphia District.....			\$27 90
Cambridge ".....			54 00
Salisbury ".....			26 75

Unaccounted for..... \$108 65
 14 00

Grand total..... \$122 65

J. K. ADAMS,
 J. H. WINTERS,
 R. WATERS,
Committee.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

EASTON, MD., June 14, 1884.

To the Bishop and Members of Delaware Conference:

After a careful examination of the needs of the Conference claimants, report as follows:

First, we have done the best we could do and hope that it will meet the approval of the Conference. We will give you the amount from the different appointments by districts:

Philadelphia District.....	\$121 61
Cambridge District.....	117 00
Salisbury District.....	75 50

Total.....	\$314 11
Book Concern Dividend.....	\$105 00
Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Daughters of Conference.....	50 00
Collection.....	89

Total Receipts..... \$500 00

Which has been apportioned as follows:

Rev. B. Gibbs.....	100 89
" P. Kennedy.....	30 00
" Rev. C. Pollett.....	25 00
Mrs. H. Long.....	25 00
" S. Johns.....	30 00
" P. Pipes.....	10 00
" J. S. Manluff.....	30 00
" S. P. Marshall.....	35 00
" J. R. Webb.....	19 11
" J. Tillman.....	25 00
" S. Taylor.....	25 00
" G. H. Waters.....	25 00
" I. Hinson.....	30 00
Rev. W. Phillips.....	20 00
" J. Brinkley.....	30 00
" C. Wing.....	25 00
" N. Young.....	15 00
Total.....	\$500 00

C. M. LANDIN,
 G. H. WASHINGTON,
 J. A. SCOTT,
 E. E. PARKER,
 CHARLES HORSEY,
 J. H. PEARCE,
Committee.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We, your committee, having been appointed on this important subject, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We are thoroughly convinced of the great good that has been accomplished through the instrumentality of Women's Foreign Missionary Society among our people, and in view of the fact that much of the religious instructions has been derived from it, We therefore advise that our pastors give more attention to this department of their work than in the past. Therefore

Resolved, That each minister bring the subject of Women's Foreign Mission before each Society on his work.

Philadelphia District.....	\$24 61
Cambridge District.....	25 00
Salisbury District.....	16 50

Total..... \$66 11

C. H. ASH,
 S. G. WATERS,
 D. J. BRITTINGHAM,
Committee

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

The Daughters of Conference of the Delaware Annual Conference met Thursday afternoon, June 12th, in the basement of Asbury Church. The meeting was opened in due form, with prayer by Rev. J. E. A. D. Grigsby. The following were elected officers:

MARY E. RUSS, President.
 CASSIE HENSON, Vice President.
 ADDIE T. ENNALS, Secretary.
 MARY A. WEBB, Treasurer.

In the absence of sister Russ, on motion, Mrs. Hester E. Jolley was called to the chair. The following sisters were introduced as Delegates from the Newark Daughters of Conference.

MRS. GEORGIANA QUEENE,
MRS. MIRIAM LOWERY.

Brother W. C. Dickerson spoke of the growing condition on his charge and of the affectionate manner in which it has been controlled by our delegates.

Also Miss Addie Ennals spoke of the deep sympathy which we feel for our earnest workers, Sister Sarah A. Jenkins, and Brother William Perkins, who are now having very poor health, and offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that the members of the Daughters of Conference do hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy, that while they are detained at home on account of illness, they shall have their earnest prayers.

Friday afternoon, June 13th, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Parker. Credentials and reports were called for.

PLACE.	DELEGATE.	MEMBERS.	DONATION.
Scotts, Camden, N. J.	J. S. Holley, Pastor	13	\$10 00
Wilmington	Mary E. Russ	30	15 00
Zoar, Phila.	W. H. Thomas	---	12 25
Middletown	S. P. Whittington	9	5 00
Dover, Del	Rhoda Harper	5	5 00
Townsend	{ Rhoda Davis	24	26 00
	{ Zippora Davis		
Salem Circuit	King J. Still	---	3 00
Bower's Chapel	Henrietta Flamer	12	5 00
St. Michael's	Mary Honey	30	10 00
Chestertown	Caroline Washington	20	10 00
Centreville	Annie Pollett	30	16 00
Easton	Addie Ennals	105	20 00
Cambridge	{ Cassie Henson	46	10 00
	{ Annie Driver		
Church Hill	Hester Wilson	14	1 00
Princess Anne	J. A. Scott	---	8 00
Locust Mount	Harriet Burton	25	5 00
E. New Market	Hester E. Jolley	19	6 75
Wiseville	J. H. Nutter	13	1 00
St. Jol'n's, Newark, }	Georgiana Queene	---	10 00
Total....			\$179 00

Thanks were extended to the sisters of Newark for their charity and encouragement and we hope that the blessings of God may rest upon them.

The following were elected officers for the next Conference session.

MARY E. RUSS, President.
ADDIE ENNALS, Secretary.
MARY A. WEBB, Treasurer.

MISSIONS.

JUNE 16th, 1884.

We, the Committee on Missions, met Monday, June 16th, 1884, and organized by appointing Rev. L. Y. Cox, Chairman, F. H. White, Secretary, and J.

D. Elbert, Treasurer. The amount received this year having been submitted. The following named places were constituted Missions, and the sum apportioned for their support for the ensuing year, is as follows:

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Philadelphia District.....	\$140	Middletown.....	20
Bridgeton.....	20	Salem Circuit.....	25
Cape May.....	25	Salem Station.....	25
Centreville.....	50	Haven Mission.....	50
Frankford.....	20		
Germantown.....	30	Total Philadelphia District....	\$430
Merchantsville.....	25		

EASTON DISTRICT.

Easton District.....	\$140	Church Hill Circuit.....	10
Sassafras.....	20		
Royal Oak.....	20	Total.....	\$230
Talbot.....	40		

DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover District.....	\$150	Smyrna.....	35
Lewes and Rehoboth.....	40	Hicksborough.....	20
Nassau Circuit.....	40	Seaford.....	20
Milton.....	25		
Harrington.....	25	Total.....	\$355

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Salisbury District.....	\$140	Locust Mount.....	20
Salisbury Circuit.....	20	Virseville.....	15
Snow Hill Circuit.....	25		
Chincoteague.....	15	Total.....	\$235

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 430 00
Dover District.....	355 00
Easton District.....	230 00
Salisbury District.....	235 00

Total..... \$1,250 00
I concur in the above.

C. H. FOWLER.

The Committee on Missions received the following amounts:

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 474 25
Cambridge District.....	402 50
Salisbury District.....	310 40
By Collection.....	21 28

Total..... \$1,208 43
Last year..... 1,078 06

Increase..... \$ 130 37

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. White,
L. Y. COX,
J. H. HOLLAND,
J. H. PEARCE,
J. D. Elbert,
H. JOLLEY,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks, and warmest gratitude to Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over our Conference, and for the cheering and helpful words which he has given us, and for the timely impression and appropriate sermon which was full of marrow and fat things to the soul. He came to us not only as a new Bishop, but as the first time he has held a Conference. We congratulate the M. E. Church in having selected such an able man as one of her chief officers. Our prayers and best wishes shall ever continue to follow him, trusting that he may be spared long to do efficient work for our beloved Zion.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the trustees and Pastor of the Church for the use of the same.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the choir and sexton, for their faithful service rendered during the session of our Conference.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is due, and is hereby tendered the kind citizens of Easton, for the generous hospitality in opening their homes for our accommodation during our stay.

Resolved, That we thank the Railroad Companies for their special favor granted in carrying us over their roads.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is due our Secretaries for the able manner in which they have recorded the proceedings of our deliberations.

W. M. WEBB,
JOS. R. WATERS,
C. HUTCHINS.

NATHAN YOUNG, JOSHUA BRINKLEY, CHAS. WING.

NATHAN YOUNG. This veteran of the Delaware Annual Conference entered the traveling ministry, in a local association, in 1860, and traveled three years under white Presiding Elders, before the organization of the Delaware Conference. He served the following places with much credit: Milford, Dover, Lewes and Salem circuit. Then the Delaware Conference was organized in the year 1864. He was one of its honored members. He was then appointed to Smyrna. In 1867 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Choptank District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. Wilmore S. Elsey. He served that responsible position nearly eight years, with credibility, and in the year 1872 he was elected delegate to the General Conference. He has served many of the prominent charges of the Conference with acceptability. He has ever been true to the church of his choice, standing up for her rights and maintaining her purity. He has also been a wise and faithful counselor to the young men, and a true brother to the old men.

REV. J. R. BRINKLEY, another of our pioneer fathers, was converted to God in his sixteenth year, and entered the local conference, serving there for two years with great acceptability. He was one of the two who laid the foundation of the Delaware Annual Conference in 1864. Thus for twenty-three years, he has labored in the cause of the trustees, and now retires from the effective work to await the summons that calls the faithful home.

REV. CHAS. WING united with the Delaware Annual Conference in 1864, and has served, with great acceptability, the following charges: Wilmington, Cambridge, Salisbury, Chestertown, Chester, Pocomoke City, Princess Anne, Middletown, Smyrna, Crampton. He is a man of deep piety, and an able expounder of evangelical holiness. In view of the foregoing facts, *Resolved*, That the members of this conference will always hold them in remembrance and appreciation for the grand and noble service which they have rendered to the church.

Resolved, That we welcome them to our charges whenever they feel disposed to visit us.
Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WEBB,
J. H. HOLLAND,
W. H. THOMAS.

THANKS TO J. M. BENNETT.

Having learned of the generous gift coming from the hands of that noble servant of God, J. M. Bennett, of Philadelphia, whose heart and hand has for so many years been engaged in the service of God, and has ever been ready to be extended toward those who are most in need, and when the news of the intention on the part of the church Ex. Society to purchase the church on Melon Street, above 12th, for the use of the members of Zeal M. E. Church, had reached his ears, he holding a mortgage of \$3,500 upon said property, began to think upon the subject of donating the said amount, and returning the canceled mortgage over as his gift to the trustees of the church.

Therefore, on the day of the dedication he was found at his post with mortgage in hand and presented it to the trustees of the church.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that we, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference, tender to him our heartfelt thanks for so noble a gift to the church of God, and for our much beloved people. Hoping that the blessings of Almighty God may ever rest upon him and his posterity and that his life may be spared long in this present world, to do much good for the Master, and that, at the end, his sun may set without a cloud; that he may enter in through the gates into the City of God, and there receive his reward of "welcome thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many; enter thou into the Kingdom of thy God."

W. M. WEBB.

MARSHALL W. TAYLOR, D. D.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the election of Rev. Marshall W. Taylor, D. D., as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and have been electrified and encouraged by the learned and eloquent address delivered by him before the Conference at this session.

Resolved, That each member of the Conference subscribe for the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and labor assiduously to place the paper in the homes of the members of our several charges.

Resolved, That we will give our earnest co-operation and support in every way we can to advance the Southwestern Christian Advocate, that it may become a greater power for good in the Church, and especially among our people.

H. JOLLEY,
W. M. WEBB,
J. A. SCOTT.

WM. PERKINS, ESQ.

We have heard with deep regret that William Perkins, Esq., a layman of our Church and a very useful man, who has filled responsible positions as Treasurer of Church Extension Society and the Preachers' Aid Society, is now at home very ill. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference, sympathize with Brother Perkins in his afflictions, and that we will commend him to the kind mercies of God, that he may be restored to health again, and usefulness in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WEBB.

RESOLUTION OFFERED TO DR. J. M. FREEMAN.

We have heard the Rev. Dr. Freeman with pleasure. Therefore,
Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to him for his practical address concerning the Sunday School and tract cause.

J. E. WEBB.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

WHEREAS, The Conference heard with great satisfaction and profit, the able Missionary Sermon preached by Rev. W. J. Parker, during this session; therefore,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered him for the same.

WM. M. WEBB.

SERMON TO THE DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That as a Conference, on behalf of the sisters, we express our great pleasure in having been permitted to listen to the very eloquent and powerful sermon of our brother Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, preached before the Daughters of Conference at their annual meeting.

WM. M. WEBB.

ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That each minister do all he can to raise five cents per member for Conference Claimants.

A. R. SHOCKLEY.

COMMITTEE ON BISHOP SIMPSON.

We, the Committee appointed by the Bishop to draw up a paper with reference to Bishop Simpson, beg leave to report the following.

Having heard of the illness of our beloved Bishop, and feeling as we do, the profound regret, that he cannot be with us in this session of the Conference, do hereby express our deepest sympathy in behalf of the Bishop and his family, in their sore trouble, and pray that the special blessing of Almighty God may rest upon and abide with the Bishop, and, also, if it is the will of God, that his life may yet be spared and his usefulness extended long in the church.

H. JOLLEY,
 W. M. WEBB,
 J. A. SCOTT.

WM. TAYLOR.

We, the Committee appointed in the case of Rev. Wm. Taylor, beg leave to recommend the following: Inasmuch as the said Rev. Wm. Taylor, who was appointed at Vienna Circuit by the Bishop at last Conference session, unlawfully left his charge, and his whereabouts is unknown, we recommend that his case be referred to the Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District for investigation, and that his character be not passed.

I. H. WHITE,
 L. Y. COX,
 J. H. HOLLAND,
 CHAS. HORSEY,
 WM. H. RODGERS,
Committee.

CASE OF J. W. STEVENSON.

EASTON, MD., June 14th, 1884.

We, the Committee appointed by Bishop C. H. Fowler, in the case of Dr. Stevenson, convened at 2 P. M. in the M. E. Church on Main street, to investigate said case. Meeting was called to order by Rev. H. Jolley Chairman, by

singing and prayer after holding three sessions, as follows: June 12th, from 2 P. M., to 6; and June 13th, from 2 P. M., to 6; also June 13th, from 8 P. M., to 1; beg leave to submit the following.

After a careful consideration of the depositions, and all other papers and documents presented both by plaintiff and defendant, also statements made by defendant including the arguments delivered on both sides, find that the charge was not sustained. Signed by the following members of the Committee.

N. YOUNG,
 J. H. JOHNSON,
 A. W. HAMILTON,
 WM. JOHNSON,
 PETER BURROWS,
 H. T. RICH,
 J. S. WILLIS,
 M. H. HORSEY,
 D. R. DUNN.

J. W. BROWN.

The select number appointed in the case of Rev. J. W. Brown met in the Maine St., M. E. Church, at 2 00 P. M., June 12. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. S. Holley. After carefully considering the papers referred to them, the committee beg leave to submit the following:

We, the select number appointed to try the charges of immorality preferred by a committee of investigation against J. W. Brown, find that the charges are not sustained; but the act was one of imprudence, and we therefore recommend that he be reprimanded by the presiding Bishop.

G. M. LANDIN,
 N. MORRIS,
 S. G. WATERS,
 T. B. H. COLEMAN,
 J. S. HOLLEY,
 WM. M. WEBB,
 J. H. PEARCE, Chairman.

J. H. MASON,
 T. M. HUBBARD,
 CHAS. H. ASH,
 A. J. HANDY,
 W. B. GREEN,
 J. J. CAMPBELL,
 JOHN E. WEBB, Secretary.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

Ash, Chas.....	18	Johnson, W. H.....	25
Adams, P. J.....	40	Jolley, H.....	40
Adams, S. E.....	20	Landin, G. M.....	60
Adams, J. K.....	20	Lankford, J. W.....	10
Als, Thos. S.....	15	Lee, F. J.....	25
Brown, A.....	25	Lowber, A.....	20
Brown, J. W.....	20	Mason, J. H.....	40
Broughton, I.....	25	Monroe, H. A.....	100
Burrows, P.....	40	Morris, H.....	17
Butler, W. F.....	20	Morris, N.....	30
Brittingham, D.....	25	Merchantsville Circuit.....	10
Carroll, J. C.....	25	Nutter, J. H.....	20
Coleman, T. B. H.....	25	Pearce, J. H.....	25
Cole, J. L.....	20	Parker, E. E.....	20
Cook, J. W.....	20	Parker, W. J.....	25
Deakins, L. W.....	20	Rich, H. T.....	40
Dickerson, W. C.....	25	Riddick, J. H.....	40
Dennis, J. Q.....	25	Ridout, D. A.....	15
Dunn, D. R.....	45	Rogers, W. H.....	20
Earles, Chas.....	10	Scott, J. A.....	30
Campbell, J. J.....	40	Snead, G. E.....	20

Elbert, J. D.....	40	Stevenson, J. W.....	60
Green, W. B.....	25	Still, K. J.....	20
Grigsby, J. A.....	20	Thomas, W. H.....	35
Grinnage, A.....	30	Townsend, G. T.....	20
Handy, A.....	25	Wallace, A. J.....	15
Hamilton, A. W.....	60	Whittington, S. P.....	15
Harman, J. H.....	50	Waters, D. J.....	25
Holland, J. H.....	30	Waters, Jos. R.....	40
Holly, J. S.....	30	Waters, R. J.....	25
Horse, C. A.....	20	Waters, S. G.....	40
Horse, M.....	30	Webb, W. M.....	20
Hubbard, T. M.....	20	Webb, E. H.....	15
Hubbard, J. H. B.....	25	Webb, J. E.....	30
Hutchins, C. H.....	40	Willis, J. S.....	20
Johnson, I. H.....	10	Winters, J. H.....	35
Johnson, Jas.....	40	Young, G. W.....	15
Johnson, T. H.....	25	Shockley, A. R.....	50

APPOINTMENTS.

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

1773 Alder street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bridgeton, (N. J.)—J. W. Cook.	Philadelphia, Haven Mission—W. C. Dickerson.
Camden, (N. J.)—J. H. B. Hubbard.	Philadelphia, Zoar—A. R. Shockley.
Cape May, (N. J.)—T. M. Hubbard.	Port Deposit, (Md.)—L. W. Deakins.
Chester, (Pa.)—J. J. Campbell.	Salem, (N. J.)—W. M. Webb.
Middletown, (Del.)—F. J. Lee.	Salem Circuit—W. H. Rodgers.
Mount Zion, (N. J.)—G. M. Landin.	Wilmington, (Del.)—Ezion, H. A. Monroe.
New Castle, (Del.)—J. K. Adams.	Wilmington circuit—W. F. Butler.
Odessa, (Del.)—D. J. Waters.	Merchantsville, (N. J.)—To be supplied.
Philadelphia, Frankford and North Penn. J. H. Holley.	Newark, (N. J.)—St. John's W. J. Parker.
Philadelphia, Germantown—J. H. Pearce.	New Haven, Conn.—T. H. Johnson.
“ Bainbridge street—H. Jolley.	

DOVER DISTRICT, G. H. WASHINGTON, P. E.

Cambridge, (Md.) W. H. Thomas.	Madison, (Md.) D. R. Dunn.
Church Creek, (Md.) P. J. Adams.	Milford, (Del.) Noah Morris.
Dover, (Del.) J. E. Webb.	Nassau, (Del.) T. S. Als.
Dover Ct., (Md.) J. E. A. D. Grigsby.	Seaford, (Del.) J. W. Lankford.
E. New Market, (Md.) J. W. Stevenson.	Milton, (Del.) G. T. Townsend.
Federalburg, (Md.) W. B. Green.	Smyrna, (Del.) D. A. Ridout.
Hicksborough, (Md.) Chas. Earles.	Townsend, (Del.) C. H. Ash.
Laurel, (Del.) D. J. Brittingham.	Vienna, (Md.) J. H. Harman.
Lewes and Rehoboth, (Del.) K. J. Still.	

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

Milford, Delaware.

[All these appointments are in Maryland.]

Centreville—A. W. Hamitton.	Marydel—H. Morris.
Chestertown—J. H. Riddick.	Millington—C. H. Hutchins.
Church Hill—J. H. Johnson.	Royal Oak—J. H. Nutter.
Crumpton—A. Grinnage.	St. Michael's—A. Brown.
Denton—I. Broughton.	Sassafras—A. J. Wallace.

Easton—J. D. Elbert.
Edesville—J. S. Willis.
Fairlee—J. H. Winters.
Greensborough—J. C. Carroll
Kent Island—S. G. Waters.

Skipton—S. E. Adams.
Still Pond—T. H. Mason.
Talbot—J. Q. Dennis.
Trappe—P. Burrows.

SALISBURY DISTRICT, WILLIAM H. COFFEY, P. E.

Salisbury, Maryland.

Chincoteague, (Va.) J. L. Cole.	Quantico, (Md.) A. J. Handy.
Deal's Island, (Md.) G. E. Snead.	Salisbury, (Md.) J. R. Waters.
Fairmount, (Md.) E. E. Parker.	Salisbury Ct., (Md.) A. Lowber.
Friendship, (Md.) W. H. Johnson.	Snow Hill, (Md.) M. H. Horsey.
Green Hill Ct., (Md.) J. W. Brown.	Snow Hill Ct., (Md.) S. P. Whittington.
Horntown, (Va.) E. H. Webb.	S. Berlin, (Md.) T. B. H. Coleman.
Locust Mount, (Va.) G. W. Young.	Stockton, (Md.) I. Johnson.
N. Berlin, (Md.) R. J. Waters.	Crisfield Ct., (Md.) J. H. Holland.
Pocomoke City, (Md.) H. T. Rich.	Wiseville, (Va.) C. Horsey.
Princess Anne, (Md.) J. A. Scott.	

This certifies that in Easton, Md., on Sunday, June 15th, 1884, Daniel A. Ridout, John W. Lankford, and Thomas S. Als were ordained Deacons by the undersigned, and that Daniel J. Brittingham and James H. Winters were ordained Elders by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders, according to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EASTON, MD., June 16th, 1884.

CHARLES H. FOWLER.

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 second column indicate the year of admission on trial; in the last column the time of present relation.]

1	1880	Adams, J. K.	D.	New Castle, Del.	2
2	1870	Adams, P. J.	E.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
3	1881	Adams, S. E.	D.	Skipton, Talbot Co., Md.	3
4	1884	Als. Thomas, S.	P.	Nassau, Sussex Co., Del.	1
5	1872	Ash, Charles H.	E.	Townsend, Del.	2
6	1864	Brinkley, J.	S.	1018 Arch Street, Philada., Pa.	3
7	1880	Brittingham, D. J.	E.	Laurel, Del.	3
8	1864	Broughton, I.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	3
9	1864	Brown, A.	E.	St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.	3
10	1871	Brown, J. W.	E.	Kingston, Somerset Co., Md.	1
11	1865	Burrows, P.	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.	1
12	1871	Butler, W. F.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
13	1883	Campbell, J. J.	E.	Chester, Pa.	1
14	1869	Carroll, J. C.	E.	Greensborough, Caroline Co., Md.	2
15	1872	Coffey, W. H.	P. E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
16	1877	Coleman, T. B. H.	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	1
17	1867	Cox, L. Y.	P. E.	Milford, Del.	4
18	1884	Deakins, L. W.	P.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
19	1865	Dennis, J. Q.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	2
20	1870	Dickerson, W. C.	E.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1
21	1874	Dunn, D. R.	E.	Madison, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
22	1865	Elbert, J. D.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	1
23	1864	Gibbs, B. W.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	3
24	1867	Green, W. B.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	1
25	1882	Grigsby, J. E. A. D.	D.	Moorton, Del.	2
26	1866	Grinnage, A.	E.	Crumpton, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
27	1878	Hamilton, A. W.	E.	Centreville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	3
28	1871	Handy, A.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
29	1879	Holley, J. S.	E.	Frankford, Phila. Pa.	1
30	1866	Holland, J. H.	E.	Marion, Somerset Co. Md.	1
31	1869	Horsey, C. A.	E.	Lecomont, Accomac Co., Va.	1
32	1884	Harman, J. H.	P.	Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
33	1878	Horsey, M. H.	E.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	2
34	1883	Hubbard, J. H. B.	P.	8th ward, Camden, N. J.	1
35	1877	Hubbard, T. M.	E.	Cold Spring, Cape May Co. N. J.	2
36	1881	Hutchins, C. H.	E.	Millington, Kent Co., Md.	1
37	1881	Johnson, I. H.	D.	Stockton, Worcester Co., Md.	2
38	1879	Johnson, J. H.	E.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
39	1872	Johnson, T. H.	E.	New Haven, Conn.	1
40	1875	Johnson, W. H.	E.	Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
41	1867	Jolley, H.	E.	Philadelphia, Pa., 1018 Arch St.	1
42	1865	Kennedy, P.	S.	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.	3
43	1884	Lankford, J. W.	P.	Seaford, Del.	1
44	1877	Landin, G. M.	E.	Haddonfield, N. J.	2
45	1869	Lee, F. J.	E.	Middletown, Del.	1
46	1876	Lowber, A.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
47	1879	Mason, J. H.	E.	Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.	1
48	1878	Monroe, H. A.	E.	429 E 11th street, Wilmington, Del.	1

49	1865	Morris, H.	F.	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.	2
50	1866	Morris, N.	E.	Milford, Del.	1
51	1881	Nutter, J. H.	D.	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.	1
52	1879	Parker, E. E.	E.	Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co. Md.	1
53	1864	Parker, W. J.	E.	Newark, New Jersey	1
54	1864	Pearce, J. H.	E.	Germantown, Penna.	3
55	1865	Phillips, W.	S.	Fowling Creek, Caroline Co., Md.	3
56	1864	Pollett, C.	S.	Centreville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
57	1866	Rich, H. T.	E.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	1
58	1884	Riddick, J. H.	E.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	1
59	1882	Ridout, D. A.	D.	Smyrna, Del.	2
60	1883	Rogers, W. H.	E.	Salem, New Jersey	1
61	1864	Saunders, J. W.	S.	, Indiana	1
62	1877	Scott, J. A.	E.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	2
63	1877	Shockley, A. R.	E.	1633 Darien St., Philadelphia, Pa.	1
64	1883	Snead, G. E.	P.	Monie, Somerset Co., Md.	3
65	1883	Stevenson, J. W.	E.	E. New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
66	1881	Still, K. J.	D.	Lewes, Del.	1
67	1877	Thomas, W. H.	E.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
68	1883	Townsend, G. T.	P.	Milton, Del.	1
69	1872	Washington, G. H.	P. E.	Dover, Del.	1
70	1872	Waters, D. J.	E.	Odessa, Del.	1
71	1883	Wallace, A. J.	P.	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.	2
72	1879	Waters, J. R.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
73	1876	Waters, R. J.	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	3
74	1864	Waters, S. G.	E.	Kent Island, Queen Anne Co., Md.	3
75	1881	Webb, E. H.	D.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	3
76	1870	Webb, J. E.	E.	Dover, Delaware	2
77	1875	Webb, W. M.	E.	Salem, New Jersey	3
78	1874	White, I. H.	P. E.	1773 Alder street, Philadelphia, Pa.	2
79	1864	Whittington, S. P.	E.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	1
80	1873	Willis, J. S.	E.	Pomona, Kent Co., Md.	1
81	1865	Wing, C.	S.	Chestertown, Md.	1
82	1879	Winters, J. N.	E.	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.	1
83	1876	Young, G. W.	E.	Locust Mount, Accomac Co., Va.	3
84	1864	Young, N.	S.	Milford, Del.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS SUPPLYING CHARGES.

J. L. Cole, Chincoteague Island, Accomac Co., Va.
 J. W. Cook, Bridgeton, New Jersey.
 Chas. Earles, Salem, Dorchester Co., Md.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—LOCAL PREACHERS.

G. Coleman	
G. W. Clarkson	
R. H. Coleman	
Richard Crawford	
F. Dennis	
R. Kearney	
R. Cox	
J. Draper	
I. Foster	
F. E. Nutter	
G. Wilson	
W. P. Gibson	
J. H. Griffin	
C. Griffin	Merchantsville, N. J.
J. Hill	Salem, N. J.
W. F. Holland	
C. Horsey	
J. H. Johnson	
W. L. D. Johnson	
Wm. Jones	
S. L. D. Laws	
E. L. D. Lewis	
H. Little	Rehoboth, Delaware.
E. J. Miller	
M. Meekins	
J. Mousley	
H. L. C. Nelson	Port Deposit.
F. B. Nichols	Greenwich, N. J.
M. Osborn	
P. Norris	Georgetown, Del.
C. H. Patterson	
S. Pinkett	
C. Potts	Smyrna, Del.
J. H. Reason	
Benjamin Roberts	
D. H. Smith	
G. H. Silby	
Henry Simeon	
I. C. Shockley	
D. J. Simpler	Milton, Del.
James Trusty	
L. E. Yolson	
D. M. Trusty	
John West	
Peter Wise	Centreville, S. h Ward, N. J.
J. E. Webster	
William Ellias	Newport, Del.
Moses Young	
Robert Berry	Dwinton, Salem Co., N. J.
Elisha Shafer	
Wm. Coonsh	Bridgeton.
Robert Dixon	1223 Rodnon street, Philadelphia.
Lewis Nolen	
B. S. Dennis	Philadelphia.
John Brick	
G. W. Thomas	Spring Mill, Camden, N. J.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—LOCAL PREACHERS.

G. Graves	Millington, Kent County, Maryland.
A. H. Caulk	Galena, " " "
C. W. Jones	" " " "
H. Cristy	Sassafras, " " "
W. Scott	Warwick Cecil " " "
S. Black	Galena, Kent " " "
W. M. Raisen	Still Pond, Kent " " "
H. S. Chambers	" " " "
W. Frisby	Chestertown, Kent " " "
G. W. Nickleson	" " " "
B. Ringold	" " " "
E. Graves	" " " "
S. L. Dunn	" " " "
S. Raison	Fairlee, " " "
W. Pierce	" " " "
R. Hinson	Pomona, " " "
P. P. Wilson	Crumpton, " " "
W. Ash	Marydell, " " "
A. Thomas	" " " "
G. Hackett	" " " "
J. Pambrook	Centreville, Queen Anne County.
E. Holters	" " " "
J. W. Cook	" " " "
C. Kennedy	Church Hill, " " "
W. McDaniels	" " " "
W. Stevens	" " " "
P. Lee	Kent Island, " " "
J. Hazelton	" " " "
C. E. Shepard	" " " "
S. Scott	Shipton, Talbot County, Maryland.
William Brown	Hillsborough, Caroline Co., Maryland.
H. Taylor	Denton, " " "
H. Buley	" " " "
P. Kenneday	Greensborough, " " "
J. Carter	Ridgley, " " "
J. Stevens	St Michael's, Talbot County, Maryland.
M. Wells	" " " "
J. Johnson	" " " "
J. H. Yates	Royal Oak, " " "
C. Murray	Talbot, " " "
D. Foot	" " " "
J. H. Staton	" " " "
C. Thomas	" " " "
G. W. Turner	Easton, " " "
G. Keys	" " " "
J. W. Smith	" " " "
J. W. Brown	" " " "
T. Nickerson	Trappe, " " "
J. Slater	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Maryland.
M. E. Wing	" " " "
W. E. Jolley	" " " "
J. E. Tucker	" " " "
G. Karr	Church Creek, " " "
T. Keene	" " " "
R. Other	" " " "

J. Jones.....	Madison,	"	"	"
C. Cephus.....	"	"	"	"
J. J. Bailey.....	"	"	"	"
C. Lane.....	"	"	"	"
J. H. Griffin.....	"	"	"	"
J. Alexander.....	"	"	"	"

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Isaac Camper.....	P. O. E. New Market,	Dorchester Co., Md.
James Stanly.....	"	"
Nathan Bazzel.....	Buck Town,	Dorchester Co., Md.
E. W. Wilson.....	Salem,	Dorchester Co., Md.
Stephen Ginder.....	Aries,	"
Charles Earles.....	Salem,	"
S. A. Earls.....	"	"
Abram Pernel.....	Berlin,	Worcester "
Wm. Bowen.....	"	"
Ephren Spencer.....	"	"
Joshua Rodgers.....	Black Water,	Sussex Co., Del.
Ewd. Harmon.....	Girdletree Hill	Wicomico Co., Md.
James Fisher.....	Stockton,	"
Geo. Ginn.....	Pocomoke City,	"
John Noel.....	Chincoteage Island,	Accomac Co., Va.
Parker Gunter.....	Facemont	Accomac Co., Md.
Isaac Wilkins.....	Princess Anne	Somerset Co., Md.
Stephen Willing.....	Quantico,	Wicomico Co., Md.
Samuel Spencer.....	Laurel,	Sussex Co., Del.
Geo. Johnson.....	"	"
Jas. Delany.....	"	"
P. J. Webb.....	Preston,	Caroline Co., Md.
J. H. Thompson.....	E. New Market	Dorchester Co., Md.
W. J. Jackson.....	"	"
J. W. Jackson.....	"	"
P. Adkinson.....	"	"
Mathew Cole.....	Preston,	Caroline Co., Md.
Edward Johns.....	"	"
Samuel T. Ward.....	Pocomoke City,	Md.
John Turner.....	"	"
Wesley Parker.....	"	"
Moses Holland.....	"	"
Isaac Armstrong.....	Snow Hill,	Md.
Henry Milbourn.....	"	"
Wm. Coulborn.....	Farmtown,	Accomac Co., Va.
Owen Grinnell.....	"	"
James H. Williams.....	"	"
Robert Coulborn.....	Westover,	Somerset Co., Md.
Isaac Collins.....	"	"
Lambert Walters.....	Upper Fairmount,	Somerset Co., Md.
Wm. E. Walters.....	"	"
Robert Boggs.....	"	"
Joseph Williams.....	"	"
Herod Armstrong.....	Deal's Island,	Somerset Co., Md.
Orman Waldis.....	"	"
Henry Cottman.....	"	"
Geo. White.....	Dame's Quarter	"
Alfred White.....	"	"
Henry Fields.....	"	"

Francis Johns.....	Morris,	Somerset Co., Md.
Levi Jones.....	"	"
Geo. Hardy.....	Marion Street,	Somerset Co., Md.
Geo. Whittington.....	"	"
Joshua Bull.....	Crisfield,	"
Jacob Stirlin.....	"	"
Wm. Stirlin.....	"	"
Washington Miles.....	"	"
Joseph Brittingham.....	Westover,	"
Geo. Pealade.....	"	"
Isaac T. Collins.....	Princess Anne,	"
Albert Morris.....	"	"
Samuel King.....	Federalburg,	Caroline Co.
Thomas Brummel.....	"	"
John M. Brummel.....	Berlin.	"
Charles Tinley.....	"	"

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 given 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 VI.

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 VII.

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 two 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, also Ministers having been transferred from this Conference after having performed like service in the Conference—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 VIII.

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 XI.

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 IX.

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 - L A W S.

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 XIII.

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

REPORT OF PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

EASTON, Md., June 14th, 1884.

The twelfth annual report of the secretary to the Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware Annual Conference, held in Asbury M. E. Church. Easton, Md., June 14th, 1884.

Ballance in hand June 20th, 1883.....	\$1168.50
Out of this amount was paid for sick dues.....	26.00
For travelling expenses.....	4.00
Expressage on "seal," for stamps, envelopes and paper etc....	.50

Total for expenses.....	30.50
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Ballance in hand June 14th, 1884.....	\$1138.00
Received from members their annual dues.....	\$80.00
Received from Daughters of Conference.....	126.00

Total.....	\$206.00
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Leaves in treasury June 14th, 1884.....	\$1344.00
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Respectfully submitted,

W. C. DICKERSON, Secretary.

The following amendments to the Constitution offered by A. R. Shockley were adopted: In Article 8; Sec. 1 strike out "four" "years" and insert "two. In Sec. 3 of same article add after the words "being still members thereof" the following; "also ministers having been transferred from this Conference after having performed like service in the Conference."

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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 Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probats.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.									
Bridgeton	2	22	66	20	25	15	40	150	3	00	2	15	5	5	00	2	15	19	5	5	5
Cape May	1	18	52	20	20	12	35	200	4	00	1	18	10	10	00	1	18	19	10	10	10
Chester	1	20	201	60	30	30	100	31	73	2	00	24	13	50	5	50	23	23	23	23	23
Dover	1	14	160	60	25	75	70	100	2	00	24	13	50	5	50	23	23	23	23	23	23
Dover Circuit	1	30	116	15	160	30	115	15	15	300	1	20	20	2	00	1	20	20	20	20	20
Lewis and Harmony	1	15	160	30	115	15	15	300	1	20	20	20	2	00	1	20	20	20	20	20	20
Middletown	1	9	65	11	15	39	135	6	00	21	21	21	5	5	00	21	21	21	21	21	21
Milford	1	55	239	60	30	186	366	16	00	40	52	52	5	5	00	40	52	52	52	52	52
Mt. Zion	1	40	300	200	75	25	200	50	00	20	35	35	11	11	00	20	35	35	35	35	35
New Castle	1	25	123	50	50	23	95	12	00	25	25	25	75	75	00	25	25	25	25	25	25
Odessa	1	15	75	17	15	43	50	100	18	00	5	12	5	5	00	5	12	5	5	5	5
Port Deposit	1	12	133	10	5	6	20	100	4	00	5	7	5	5	00	5	7	5	5	5	5
Frankford	1	5	21	10	5	6	20	100	4	00	5	7	5	5	00	5	7	5	5	5	5
Germantown	1	9	60	30	20	10	40	100	17	00	25	9	12	3	3	00	25	9	12	3	3
Bainbridge St., Pa.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
North Penn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Haven Mission	1	6	54	20	20	100	150	300	10	25	25	15	3	4	00	25	15	3	4	3	3
Zoar	1	20	230	60	70	100	150	200	120	00	20	20	15	3	3	00	20	20	15	3	3
Salem	1	10	60	12	38	10	25	205	5	00	10	10	18	6	6	00	10	10	18	6	6
Salem Circuit	1	11	95	60	20	15	70	100	25	00	24	10	35	2	2	00	24	10	35	2	2
Scott	1	18	95	45	25	25	40	200	00	13	7	7	7	7	00	13	7	7	7	7	7
Smyrna	1	10	50	20	20	10	45	135	5	00	10	25	5	5	00	10	25	5	5	5	5
Townsend	1	8	35	20	15	15	75	60	15	15	40	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Ezion Wilmington	1	37	568	302	154	112	350	600	125	15	40	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Wilmington Circuit	1	20	166	135	16	15	75	136	1	50	1	6	13	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Totals	52	429	3124	1102	723	580	1506	3514	656	63	7	6	321	377	651	150	150	150	150	150	150

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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 Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probats.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.									
Cambridge	2	22	196	40	90	66	118	300	26	00	16	23	38	35	00	16	23	38	35	35	35
Centerville	1	19	210	52	72	85	198	43	78	00	12	15	97	8	8	00	12	15	97	8	8
Chestertown	1	30	240	75	80	79	175	200	30	00	14	25	20	25	00	14	25	20	25	25	25
Church Creek	1	63	63	63	63	63	63	337	337	337	50	50	12	12	00	50	50	12	12	12	12
Crumpton	1	24	170	130	20	20	20	150	7	00	6	6	30	30	00	6	6	30	30	30	30
Denton	1	52	280	150	190	325	150	7	00	6	6	30	30	00	6	6	30	30	30	30	30
Edesville	1	18	275	75	75	125	175	200	15	00	25	50	50	50	00	25	50	50	50	50	50
Easton	1	20	160	60	90	10	95	232	88	00	25	10	50	10	10	00	25	10	50	10	10
Fairlee	1	37	162	65	73	14	110	400	84	00	13	30	42	19	19	00	13	30	42	19	19
Greensboro	1	40	112	50	40	22	90	200	15	10	15	10	10	10	00	15	10	10	10	10	10
Kent Island	1	40	234	122	64	48	134	250	29	58	15	15	15	15	00	29	58	15	15	15	15
Madison	1	58	241	100	51	30	175	175	5	00	45	35	35	35	00	45	35	35	35	35	35
Marydel	1	17	123	30	55	38	68	287	4	00	11	25	11	11	00	11	25	11	11	11	11
Millington	1	40	334	133	128	73	195	645	64	00	22	36	20	19	19	00	22	36	20	19	19
St. Michael's	1	30	225	145	50	50	175	200	75	00	72	20	20	20	00	72	20	20	20	20	20
Sassafras	1	9	40	15	15	10	20	15	2	00	4	4	8	8	00	4	4	8	8	8	8
Still Pond	1	30	260	130	100	30	155	180	18	00	15	28	86	12	12	00	15	28	86	12	12
Talbot Circuit	1	20	75	50	15	10	50	125	10	00	16	10	10	10	00	16	10	10	10	10	10
Trappe	1	25	70	15	25	30	45	300	15	00	72	18	10	28	28	00	72	18	10	28	28
Skipton	1	30	110	40	52	18	55	250	1	00	16	18	30	12	12	00	16	18	30	12	12
Burrisville	1	25	100	12	12	12	12	1	00	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Oak	1	3	1	1	1	1	150	1	00	1	1	1	1	1	00	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	79	637	3609	1367	1102	831	2373	4814	523	00	299	487	683	328	328	00	299	487	683	328	328

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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 & 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 Probats.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probats.	No. of Conversions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.									
Chincoteague	1	5	73	25	30	18	35	625	4	50	6	3	17	2	2	00	6	3	17	2	2
Deal's Island	1	20	240	97	85	68	160	275	3	00	14	20	12	12	00	14	20	12	12	12	12
Locust Mount	1	26	150	45	57	48	80	150	00	00	5	9	15	1	1	00	5	9	15	1	1
Fairmount	2	18	210	73	72	65	175	200	35	00	13	25	26	26	00	13	25	26	26	26	26
Federalsburg	1	20	150	60	30	30	260	1	50	18	30	25	25	25	00	18	30	25	25	25	25
Green Hill and Kingston	4	12	180	110	70	87	75	255	11	00	12	45	26	26	00	12	45	26	26	26	26
Friendship	1	23	190	76	60	54	124	255	11	00	13	35	9	9	00	13	35	9	9	9	9
Horntown	4	25	230	100	100	30	130	200	5	00	12	60	30	30	00	12	60	30	30	30	30
Laurel	4	43	237	84	47	53	158	387	18	00	26	78	17	17	00	26	78	17	17	17	17
North Berlin	4	31	220	180	82	30	200	175	14	00	32	100	25	25	00	32	100	25	25	25	25
Salisbury Circuit	4	37	199	91	49	50	118	196	13	00	29	60	12	12	00	29	60	12	12	12	12
Princess Anne	1	10	140	45	75	20	65	70	10	00	3	10	10	10	00	3	10	10	10	10	10
Quantico	5	12	266	176	60	30	176	1150	20	00	15	11	100	20	20	00	15	11	100	20	20
Salisbury	1	25	165	30	100	35	105	387	30	00	6	17	26	20	20	00	6	17	26	20	20
Snow Hill	1	24	166	74	54	28	80	200	23	00	15	10	4	4	00	15	10	4	4	4	4
Snow Hill, Ct.	3	15	66	39	17	10	75	200	75	00	15	8	2	2	00	15	8	2	2	2	2
South Berlin	4	33	220	180	40	200	117	14	00	15	7	100	25	25	00	15	7	100	25	25	25
Stockton	4	19	139	60	60	19	100	100	15	00	15	7	100	25	25	00	15	7	100	25	25
Union	5	28	300	120	80	100	200	120	20	00	20	46	75	40	40	00	20	46	75	40	40
Vienna	6	60	317	140	180	299	12	00	18	22	36	7	7	00	18	22	36	7	7	7	7
Washington	6																				

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