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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer and from what Conference?*
None.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
Wm. J. Jackson, James L. Cole, Chas. A. Tindley, Jos. W. Pinkney,
Joshua R. Brinkley.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
John W. Lankford, Thomas S. Als, John H. Harman, Lewis W. Deakins.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
None.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
John H. B. Hubbard, Andrew J. Wallace, George T. Townsend.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
None.
8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
A. J. Wallace, G. T. Townsend.
9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
A. J. Wallace, Geo. T. Townsend.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Charles Earles, John H. Harman.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Charles Earles, John H. Harman.
12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of first class?*
A. J. Wallace, Geo. T. Townsend, John H. B. Hubbard.
13. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*
Daniel A. Ridout, Jas. E. A. D. Grigsby, Silas E. Adams, Isaiah H.
Johnson.
14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
King J. Still, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter, James K. Adams.
15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
King J. Still, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter, James K. Adams.

16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
Chas. Ash.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
John W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Chas. Pollett, Nathan Young, Charles
Wing, Joshua Brinkley, Isaiah Broughton, Samuel G. Waters, Peter J.
Adams, Stephen P. Whittington, Wm. F. Butler.
20. *Was the character of each examined?*
This was strictly attended to by the calling over of each name.
21. *Have any died?*
Geo. E. Snead, Wm. Phillips, Philip Kennedy.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*
None.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
John W. Stevenson Wm. H. Taylor.
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, J. A. Scott, J. D. Elbert, J. H. Riddick, W. C. Dickerson,
H. A. Monroe, A. R. Shockley.
29. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See General Statistics.)
30. *What are the claims on Conference Fund?*
(See Steward's Report.)
31. *What has been received on these claims, and how 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?*
Bainbridge Street Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST Day—Thursday, May 28th, 1885.

The Twenty-second Session of the Delaware Annual Conference convened in John Wesley Church, Salisbury, Md., Thursday, May 28th, at 9 a. m. The Conference was called to order by Bishop R. F. Foster, who conducted the devotional exercises, following the same by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Bishop was assisted in the latter by Rev. W. M. Frysinger, D. D., Presiding Elder W. H. Coffey and others.

By direction of the Bishop, H. A. Monroe secretary of the last Conference, called the roll and the ministers present answered to their names. Philip Kennedy, William Phillips and George E. Snead, were reported "deceased."

H. A. Monroe was elected secretary and D. A. Ridout assistant. A. R. Shockley was elected Statistical Secretary, with E. H. Webb, J. H. B. Hubbard J. J. Campbell and John H. Nutter, assistants.

A list of the Conference Committees was read by Presiding Elder William H. Coffey, and after the necessary corrections and additions, was adopted on motion of A. Brown.

On motion by W. C. Dickerson, it was ordered that the sessions open at 8.30 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to devotional exercises; to close at 12 m. The bar was fixed at the fifth bench from the altar.

E. H. Webb, E. E. Parker and W. C. Dickerson were appointed a special committee to assist W. M. Frysinger, D. D., in collecting and reporting the funds raised for the Endowment Fund of the Centenary Biblical Institute.

The Bishop made an address to the ministers present in which he made an appropriate reference to the death of his colleague Bishop Wiley, who was to have held the Conference, indicated his pleasure at meeting them again after an absence of three years, and especially spoke of the great duty of making it a religious session.

W. M. Frysinger, D. D., was introduced to the Conference and made a short address.

By direction of the Bishop the Secretary read the action of the last General Conference in relation to the manner of reporting the statistics. Also a circular from the Book Committee was read stating that the Delaware Annual Conference was entitled to receive a dividend of \$101, and a draft was ordered for the same; also a draft upon the Chartered Fund for \$30.

Papers in relation to the Episcopal Fund and the Annual Statement of the Book Concern were received and read.

On motion of W. C. Dickerson, the Conference ordered that all papers be received and referred to the proper Committees without reading. F. J. Lee was appointed to collect the account due the Publishing House at New York.

The consideration of the 20th question was then taken up, beginning with the Easton District, L. Y. Cox, Pres. Elder. Bro. Cox's name was called, character passed and he read a report of his work.

Revs. J. A. B. Wilson and Dare of the Wilmington Conference, Rev. Rider of the Washington Conference, and Rev. W. J. Parker of the M. E. Church; Revs. Smith of the Baptist Church, and Spencer of the Zion A. M. E. Church were introduced to the Conference.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and collections reported. A. W. Hamilton, Jas. H. Johnson, A. Grinnage, Isaiah Broughton, Joseph D. Elbert, J. S. Willis, Jas. H. Winters, S. G. Waters, H. Morris, Chas. H. Hutchins, A. Brown, Peter Burrows.

Wm. H. Coffey, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District was called, character passed, and read a written report of the condition of his work.

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed, and they reported their collections; J. H. Holland, E. E. Parker, W. H. Johnson, J. W. Brown, G. W. Young, R. J. Waters, H. T. Rich, J. A. Scott, A. J. Handy, J. R. Waters, Albert Lowber, M. Horsey, S. P. Whittington, T. B. H. Coleman, C. H. Horsey.

In accordance with the order adopted, a statistical session was ordered to be held at 3 P. M. The Bishop appointed N. Young to preside at the Statistical Session, and Chas. Pollett to conduct the devotional exercises at the session Friday morning.

The usual Committee notices were given, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 P. M.

N. Young occupied the chair. W. J. Parker opened the Conference with devotional exercises, after which the order of the day was proceeded with. The Secretary called the Conference Roll by Districts, and those presenting their statistical reports were credited with the same.

SECOND DAY—Friday, May 29th, 1885.

The Conference opened at 8.30 A. M., Bishop Foster, present; Chas. Pollett conducting the exercises of the prayer meeting. At 9 A. M. the Bishop took the chair and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous session, which were adopted. The roll of absentees was called, after which, on motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with. Consideration of the 20th question resumed.

The following effective Elders absent at the previous sessions were called, characters passed, and they reported their collections. J. H. Riddick and Jas. H. Mason of the Eastern District.

Rev. I. H. White, Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District, was called, character passed and he presented a report of the work on his district.

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed and their collections reported. T. M. Hubbard, J. J. Campbell, F. J. Lee, G. W. Landin, D. J. Waters, J. H. Holley, J. H. Fearce, H. Jolley, W. C. Dickerson, A. R. Shockley, W. M. Webb, W. H. Rodgers, H. A. Monroe, W. F. Butler. Dr. Butler not being in charge his collections were reported by J. Brinkley.

G. H. Washington, Presiding Elder of the Dover District was called, character passed and he presented a written report of his work.

The following effective Elders were called, character passed and they reported their collections. W. H. Thomas, P. J. Adams, J. E. Webb, W. B. Green, D. J. Brittingham, D. R. Dunn, Noah Morris, C. H. Ash. J. W. Stevenson having abandoned his work, the collections were reported by N. Young.

The 3rd question was taken up: J. W. Lankford, John H. Harman, Lewis W. Deakins, Thos. S. Als reported their collections and were continued on trial. The 13th question was taken up. D. A. Ridout and Jas. E. A. D. Grigsby reported their collections and were advanced to the fourth year.

The consideration of the 19th question was taken up. J. W. Saunders, B. W. Gibbs, Chas. Pollett, C. Wing, J. Brinkley, were called, characters passed and their relation continued. N. Young's character was passed, relation continued.

The statistical Secretary reported the list of imperfect and delinquent statistics. Rev. Dr. Brice, Presiding Elder of the Newark Conference was introduced and made a short address.

On motion by W. C. Dickerson, the Conference ordered that at all future sessions, the ministers report all benevolent collections at the calling of their name prior to the passage of their character.

At 11 A. M. the order of the day was taken up, and the memorial service, proceeded with. Rev. George E. Snead, Philip Kennedy and William Phillips, were reported "deceased." After singing an appropriate hymn, W. C. Dickerson read a paper upon the death of Bishop Wiley, and Dr. Brice and J. H. Riddick followed in a few remarks. I. H. White and W. J. Parker spoke in reference to the death of Bishop Simpson, and a suitable paper was ordered to be prepared for insertion in the Minutes. J. H. Holland read a paper upon the death of Wm. Phillips, and W. C. Dickerson made some remarks on the same. A paper was read on the death of G. E. Snead, by G. W. Young, and remarks were made by N. Morris and J. H. Holland. J. C. Carroll spoke in reference to the death of P. Kennedy. After ordering that memorials in reference to the death of others be printed in the Minutes, without reading, the service was closed.

W. M. Webb was added to the Committee on Missions. Bills for stationery for Secretary, amounting to \$8.33, were ordered to be paid. G. M. Landin was requested to open the morning session on Saturday. After making the usual announcements, the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Saturday, May 30th, 1885.

The Conference opened at 8.30 A. M., Bishop Foster, present. G. M. Landin conducting the exercises of the prayer meeting.

At 9 A. M. the Bishop took the chair. Minutes of previous day read and adopted. J. C. Carroll, an effective elder of the Eastern District, was called, character passed, and collection reported.

J. A. Scott was, on motion of H. A. Monroe, elected Recording Secretary.

The following committees presented their reports, which were received and adopted:

"Bible Cause," "Tract," "Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders," "Freedmen's Aid," "Education."

F. B. Clegg, of the Philadelphia Book Depository; W. L. Gray, of the Philadelphia Conference, and B. W. Allen, of the Newark Conference, were introduced. Bro. Clegg made a few remarks.

J. H. Riddick presented the report of the "Committee on Temperance," and after a discussion, in which several of the ministers participated, the report was adopted by a rising vote.

The consideration of the 14th question was then taken up. King J. Still, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter and James K. Adams, reported their collections, characters passed, and they were elected to Elders' orders.

Silas E. Adams' character was passed, collections reported, and was ordered to be continued in the fourth year's class another year. Isaiah Johnson's character was passed, collections reported, and was ordered to be continued in the

fourth year's class and to be admonished by his Presiding Elders, that in case of further failure to bring up his studies he would render himself liable to be discontinued.

The 5th question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up. Andrew J. Wallace, John H. B. Hubbard, George T. Townsend, were called forward and addressed at length by the Bishop upon the duties of the Christian Ministry, after which the candidates answered the disciplinary questions. J. H. Hubbard's character was passed, he reported his collections and was admitted into full connection. Andrew J. Wallace and George T. Townsend's characters were passed, collections reported and they were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' orders.

The 10th question was taken up, and Charles Earles and John H. Harman were elected to Deacons' Orders.

The Daughters of Conference were then introduced to the Bishop and Conference, by J. D. Elbert, and Miss Addie Enalls, Secretary of the Society presented an address and a gift of \$136.18. On motion of J. H. Riddick, a rising vote of thanks was extended to the Daughters of Conference.

The transfer of T. H. Johnson of the New York East Conference and W. J. Parker of the Newark Conference was announced.

On motion of J. H. Riddick a vote of thanks was extended to A. R. Shockley for his able and eloquent missionary sermon, and it was ordered that a synopsis of the same be printed in the Conference minutes.

Rev. Dr. Smith of the Presbyterian Church was introduced and made a short address; also S. H. Hodgeman of the Presbyterian Church was introduced, and addressed the Conference. The usual notices were given after which the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day—Monday, June 1st, 1885.

Conference opened at 8.30 A. M., Bishop Foster present. Prayer meeting led by D. J. Waters. 9 A. M. Bishop took the chair. Minutes of previous day's session read and approved.

The consideration of the second question was next in order. Wm. J. Jackson, James L. Cole, Charles A. Tindley, Joseph W. Pinkney and Joshua R. Brinkley, were admitted on trial.

I. H. White, Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District, was allowed five minutes to present the claims of his "Stewards' Plan and Record Book," also the Bishop spoke highly of the book, and the "Blank Minute Book for Trustees," prepared by J. E. Webb; on motion of L. Y. Cox, the Conference formally adopted the same, and recommended them to the several charges.

The 19th Question was taken up and the names of Isaiah Broughton, Samuel G. Waters, Peter J. Adams, Stephen P. Whittington and W. F. Butler, were added to the Superannuated List.

A resolution was changed from "Effective" to "Supernumerary." and on motion of W. H. Coffey, adopted.

On motion by H. A. Monroe, the Constitution of the Daughters of Conference was ordered to be printed in the Conference Minutes.

The reports of the "Endowment Fund," and the "Visiting Committee to an address in relation to the work of the Institute during the past year. Dr. Gray, of the Philadelphia Conference, spoke in reference to the claims of the Tract Cause.

On motion by W. C. Dickerson, the Tract collection was ordered to be paid over to Dr. Gray.

On motion by I. H. White, a Committee of twelve was appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a "School for the Education of Females." The Presiding Elders, J. H. Riddick, Hooper Jolley, W. C. Dickerson, A. R. Shockley, W. E. Grinnage, Wm. Perkins, Thos. B. Chamberlain, R. H. Gillett. Bainbridge Street Church, Philadelphia, was selected as the place of holding the next Annual Session of the Delaware Annual Conference.

The following were appointed a Committee on "Sites and Titles." L. Y. Cox, J. D. Elbert, Jas. A. Scott, Wm. H. Thomas, John H. Grinnage, Philadelphia, Peter J. Webb, Robt. H. Boggs, John R. Webb.

The Conference Stewards presented their reports, which were, after revision, adopted. A. Brown and J. H. Nutter were ordered to procure duplicates of the vouchers for Missionary collections, reported, but lost.

The following Committees presented their reports, which were adopted, "Missions," "Sustentation," "Sunday School," "Conference Education," "Sanctity of the Sabbath." The latter report was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

Report of "Conference Missionary Society," "Episcopal Fund," "Minute Money," were received. The last two were recommitted for revision, and the first adopted.

After giving the usual notices, the Conference adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

FOURTH DAY—Monday, 1.30 p. m., 1885.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference opened at 1.30 p. m., by singing and prayer led by J. H. Riddick. The Bishop not being present, L. Y. Cox was by vote of the Conference made Chairman pro tem. The report of the election of the officers of the Preachers' Aid was received and adopted.

Rev. H. Jolley presented a resolution of thanks to the retiring editor of the *Conference Standard*, which was adopted.

The report of Episcopal Fund was received back from the committee and adopted with the understanding that the Secretary in compiling the minutes would append an explanatory note in reference to the discrepancies between the cash received and the reports.

The Bishop entered and took the chair.

Report on "Women's Foreign Mission," received and adopted.

Rev. W. H. Cole, agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference and made a short address.

The Statistical Report was read and adopted.

Committee on Minutes presented their report which was adopted.

The Conference authorized the publication of 3,000 copies of the minutes. A copy to be sent to each family entertaining a minister or delegates to the Conference.

Committee on Resolutions presented their report which was adopted.

A collection was taken for the sexton amounting to \$10. The Conference authorized the committees to pay over the collections as follows: "Minute Money," "Sustentation," Women's Foreign Missions," to H. A. Monroe, "Tract and Sunday School," to W. L. Gray of Philadelphia, "Bible," to W. H. Cole, agent Maryland Bible Society.

The address of W. C. Dickerson delivered before the Philadelphia preachers' meeting was presented to the Conference by J. H. Reddick and it was ordered that the Conference recommend said address to the favorable consideration of the membership.

The Bishop made a few parting remarks, read the appointments, and the Conference, on motion of I. H. White, adjourned *sine die*.

Anniversaries.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, May 28th, 1885.

At 8 P. M., the audience was called to order by Dr. A. J. Kynett, who conducted the responsive reading in the first part of the Church Extension Service of Song. After singing the hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," G. M. Landin led in prayer. This was followed by the hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking." Rev. J. R. Waters then introduced Dr. Kynett, who made a lengthy and pointed address; singing "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Rev. J. Hudson Riddick was then introduced, who delivered a spirited address upon the subject of the evening. Singing Church Extension hymn, "We're Building two a Day."

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the speakers of the evening. A collection was taken, amounting to \$13.56, after which the doxology was sung and the congregation dismissed.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, May 29th, 1885.

A. R. Shockley began the service by reading the hymn, "From every Stormy Wind that Blows," which was sung. Charles Pollett led in prayer, after which the hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" was sung. J. H. Riddick then introduced A. R. Shockley, as the one appointed by the Bishop to deliver the Missionary sermon. He announced as his text, II King's 4, 42; "Give unto the people, that they may eat." The theme was "Bread for the people; or an incentive to a higher life." The sermon was very apposite, pointed and illustrated with convincing truths, and greatly enjoyed by all present.

The sermon was followed by an address by J. H. B. Hubbard, on "How to reach the masses."

A collection was taken amounting to \$13.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 30th, 1885.

J. E. Webb presided, and after calling the meeting to order, B. W. Allen of the Newark Conference, announced as the opening hymn, "I Know that my Redeemer Lives," and after the singing, he led the audience in prayer. The hymn, "When Jesus Comes," was sung. The Chairman then introduced W. J. Parker, who proceeded to address the meeting on the subject of Missions, Sunday Schools and Tract Cause. He made an excellent address, replete with useful and attractive information. The hymn, "Over the Line," was sung, after which the Chair-

man introduced Dr. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society. "Beulah Land" was sung, Rev. M. H. Horsey was the last speaker, and his address was spirited and to the point.

SATURDAY EVENING, May 30th, 1885.

Wm. M. Frysinger, D. D., and John H. Nutter, a former student of the Centenary Biblical Institute, were the speakers. A. Brown presided. There was considerable enthusiasm manifested at the strong speeches, and this was one of the most interesting anniversaries of the session.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Bishop Foster preached in the Court House, at 10.30 A. M., from the text "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, etc." In the afternoon, H. A. Monroe preached in the same place, from the text, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John Wesley Church, in the morning, W. P. Ryder, of the Washington Conference; in the afternoon, Bishop Foster ordained the Deacons and Elders elected to orders. In the evening, J. H. Riddick preached a fine sermon, from the text, "Behold I stand at the door and knock."

The pulpits of the other colored churches were filled by ministers from the Conference, but we could not obtain the list. (Secretary.)

MONDAY EVENING.

The Daughters of Conference were addressed by E. E. Parker, and after the sermon, a reception was held.

Presiding Elders' Reports.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—In presenting this annual report, I cheerfully acknowledge my responsibility to Almighty God and my brethren. I confess with pleasure that his saving health has been the strength of my life, and the consciousness of his presence and peace, the joy of my soul. I regret that time and space will not permit me to justly represent my brethren, who with their people have worked so faithfully this year.

Those who go to their work when appointed, and, when it is reached, commence then and there to do their whole duty, are commendable. The Steward's plan and Record book, and the Trustees' Minute book which have been adopted throughout the District, will, (I think,) greatly aid in this particular. Truly the depression of business has greatly retarded the progress of our churches; this together with the extremity of heat and cold, alternately, combating with blasting hurricanes, we have braved through, though some have fallen by the stroke of death, we are glad to learn that even they have conquered. Thanks be to God for the victory.

This District at present, embraces a part of five (5) States with nineteen (19) charges, consisting of thirty-three (33) churches, besides three (3) Missions. Two charges have been transferred to other parts, probably the Bishop can explain: One with \$1,800, of which (dollars) this Conference is responsible for the grant, also void of all of the appointments. But with all of this, the remaining charges report 450 converts, and benevolent collections equal if not in advance of any previous years. We have not less than \$400 for Missions, and \$100 for Church Extension.

May I say here, the work of Church Extension is much needed among us, and strict attention should be given to this collection. The Board of Church Extension, with our warm-hearted friend, Rev. A. J. Kynett at its head, is doing more for the supplying of our needs than any other benevolent enterprise of the Church at this time. We have 4 parsonages, two of which with 14 churches, are insured. I have repeatedly called the attention of each Quarterly Conference to this matter, and our people are becoming more attentive to this, as well as other important duties.

We have made a move for a District Parsonage, which is greatly needed, and have hope, that with the favor of the pastors, at least \$500 of the purchase money can be raised next year, after which a moderate rent will pay for it. The day schools in the State of Delaware have an increased average attendance this year. Support is the most needed, and Sunday Schools are all improving. More care should be given to the sending of children, and selection of proper teachers.

The work on the charges, respectively: Bridgeton—This charge, was supplied with Rev. J. W. Cook. They reported 28 converts and are holding their own.

Bainbridge street Church in the beginning of the year: This charge was at least \$13,000 in debt, though there was not sufficient record from which to gather a different statement, and seemingly just in their hardest struggle, they lost their great friend, our lamented Bishop Simpson. But Dr. Kynett survived. His assistance with other friends of Church Extension Board, they have raised and paid about \$3,000. See a special report by H. Jolley, pastor. Although he had poor health during the winter, the congregation continued good, and a weekly increase in membership. A splendid Sunday School.

Cape May—This charge is unable to do what ought to be done for them, the church edifice being situated in the country and the people in the city; yet they report their collection and the charge in a healthy condition. Rev. T. M. Hubbard pastor.

Camden—is hopelessly in debt, amid all of this they have had a soul stirring revival, and report 63 converts, with an increased Sunday School. Rev. J. H. B. Hubbard, pastor.

Chester Charge—Rev. John J. Campbell pastor, they have increased their church property by purchasing a lot on which to build a new church, for which Judge Clayton of Delaware County Penn., has donated \$200. An increasing membership and a good full congregation, and a Sunday School in good order.

Frankford and North Penn— with less than 60 members has paid for pastor's support \$700, and desire his return. Their financial condition is not healthy, yet they are in good spirits. J. S. Holly pastor.

Germantown—This seems to be a place of exceptions; they all work; no drones there. They have gotten out of debt, and are seeking to get in again by repairing. Three years of peace and prosperity has passed with their pastor, J. H. Pearce.

Haven Mission—Here is a debt begun above the ability of the people. \$100 (dollars) has been donated between this and Bainbridge street Church by Mrs. Sarah Haywood. The Missionary Society gave additional help towards the pastor's support. The spiritual condition is good. An increased Sunday School. W. C. Dickerson pastor.

Merchantsville—This charge was by Rev. Wm. T. Cole, and have made a desired improvement in the Sunday Schools.

Middletown—This place has improved fifty per cent. this year. A good Day School, Church and Sunday School. Church in a healthy condition. Rev. F. J. Lee, pastor.

Mount Zion—The people at this place have improved beyond description, and are (as can be seen by the pastor's report) in a good financial condition. Rev. G. M. Landin, pastor.

New Castle is still in progress. Rev. J. K. Adams, pastor.

Odessa—This charge is in need of special attention; they are in debt for one church edifice, and in need of two others; the people have worked beyond all expectation. Rev. D. J. Waters, pastor.

Port Deposit—This charge is in the act of building a new church, and paying as they go, with the aid of the Church Extension. S. W. Deakins.

Salem is holding their own. Rev. Wm. M. Webb, pastor.

Salem Circuit is progressing. Rev. William H. Rogers, pastor.

Wilmington—This is a No. 1 charge; the report for Mission, \$150; this with other collections, are in advance of any previous year; the spiritual strength is good; the local preachers and class leaders are active in the sub-pasture of the church. They have the best arranged room for Sunday school that I have ever seen in the Peninsula, and the school is kept up to the requirements of the church. See special report from pastor (by request).

Wilmington Circuit—Rev. W. F. Butler, pastor. Dr. Butler, who was afflicted, when appointed, was soon compelled to give up the work, and has since remained without support. The charge was supplied with Rev. J. Brinkley, and a local preacher, Bro J. H. Grinnage. The Sunday schools are good.

Zoar—This charge gave considerable trouble in the beginning of the year, being dissatisfied with the appointment, but the result is they report 94 converts.

a Sunday school increase of 65, and the financial condition equal, if not in advance of any previous year. See report, A. R. Shockley, pastor.

The great monster (death), has been in our midst. Rev. A. R. Shockley and family have suffered with sickness and accidents during the winter. Rev. H. Jolly was smitten down for a month; Rev. J. J. Campbell, and wife, lost their only son; sister Letitia Hinson (widow of the late Father Isaac Hinson), departed in peace last February. In the local ranks, Rev. Wilson Grace, of Port Penn, a local deacon, and Henry Nelson, of Port Deposit, local elder, both died in great peace. In the pastoral labor they report 3,542 visits.

In conclusion, I, your unworthy servant, have traveled 5,142 miles, attended 78 quarterly Conferences, being all but one; preached 89 times; held 32 love-feasts, with many other duties that I will not mention now.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. WHITE.

DOVER DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS:—With unlimited gratitude to Almighty God, I am thankful that I have been spared to submit the following as my first annual report, of the Dover District. While the lives of all the pastors have been spared, several of them have suffered physically; though they were not detained long from their work. Their families have enjoyed a portion of good health.

This District embraces all that part of Delaware which is south of Townsend, and all of Dorchester County Md. We have fifty-five Sunday Schools which are well attended, and bid fair for the future Churches.

The number of Churches on the District, 54. Probable value, \$50,368. Number of Parsonages, 10. Probable value, \$5,650. Membership, 3,406, under the care of seventeen pastors.

We have been favored with grand revivals, the effects of which are greatly felt.

It may be seen in the pastor's reports, that we have not done so much, but are done the best we could. Owing to uncontrollable circumstances, (and they are those which usually follow the political campaigns, and leave us to suffer the evil effects,) we failed to fill the measure of expectation financially.

We also remember that we were visited by an unusually hard winter, the effects of which is felt throughout my District. The subject of Missions has been fairly set before the people, with other benevolent objects, and the pastors do expect to have something for all.

The interest of education has not been forgotten. There are, within the bounds of this District 60 Day Schools, with 3,005 scholars; of which 1,373 are in the State of Delaware. The State pays this year, \$3,120 to educate them, while they furnish their own school houses. In Dorchester Co. Md., there are 1,632 scholars; the State finds their school houses, and pays \$4,611 to educate them. I am glad to say that the day has come, when we as a race have lived to know that ignorance is death; but to live we must be educated.

Townsend Circuit—Rev. C. Ash pastor, is in poor health this year. He has been faithful to his work. This ends his third year on this charge. This circuit is clear of debt, and is in a fair condition.

Hard Smyrna Station—Rev. D. A. Ridout pastor. This ends his second year of hard and faithful service rendered in removing the debt that is resting on this charge, as may be seen in the pastor's report.

DISTRICT REPORT.

Dover Circuit—Rev. J. E. A. D. Grigsby pastor. This ends his second year with a favorable report. Completed and paid for one church. Paid other large debts; and is in a good condition.

Dover Station—Rev. J. E. Webb pastor. He has suffered much with sickness. This ends his second year, and he, with the assistance of the people, has done much to diminish the large and long standing debt against that church and is determined to push through. They are doing well.

Milford Circuit—Rev. N. Morris pastor; this closes his first year on this charge. By dividing this work at the last Conference gives existence to a mission now organized, and is the outlook for the better. The condition of this charge is good.

Milton Circuit—Rev. G. Townsend pastor. This ends his first year. He has small charge; but willing people, and are getting along nicely. They desire his return.

Nassua Circuit—Rev. T. S. Als, pastor. This ends his first year in the Conference. He and his people are doing well. This work was divided last Conference from Lewis circuit, and the present condition is better than the past.

Lewis and Rehoboth, Rev. K. J. Still, pastor. This ends his first year on the charge. He and his people, though few, have done much for God and his cause. Built one church, paid large sums of money on old and new debts, as may be seen in the pastor's report.

Seaford Circuit—Rev. John Lankford pastor. This ends his second year. He and his people though small in numbers, have completed the long contemplated end at Seaford and are preparing to build a new church at Cokesbury. This charge is in progression.

Laurel Circuit—Rev. D. J. Brittingham pastor. This ends his third year. He and his people have done a grand work. Built two nice churches, this year. One at Sharptown and paid for it. The other, at Laurel, on which they have paid a large sum. There remains yet room for much to be accomplished.

Bridgeville Circuit—Rev. Wm. B. Green pastor. This ends his first year on this charge. He and his people have done well under the present circumstances. There has been a mission organized which bids fair for a future church.

East New Market—Rev. J. W. Stevenson was appointed pastor; but on finding it not what suited him, left. It was supplied by Rev. N. Young, with whom the people of that charge have done a great and good work, in building and paying old debts, and organizing missions: A grand future is not far distant.

Hicksborough Mission—Rev. Charles Earle pastor. This is his third year. The charge is small, but not the least on the District in performing the assigned duties. The work reflects great credit on both pastor and people.

Vienna Circuit—Rev. J. H. Harman pastor. This ends his second year. This charge seems to have gotten into the spirit of building churches: One at Salem inclosed, one at Fork Neck inclosed, now preparing to build one at Cross Roads. Some of these should have been built at least four years ago, though I am glad to have them even now.

Church Creek Circuit—Rev. P. J. Adams pastor. This ends his first year. He has been sick, and his work is not in the best condition; yet he and his people are building a church.

Cambridge Station—Wm. H. Thomas pastor. This ends his first year. He was stricken down with affliction which disqualified him for duty from 6 to 8 weeks; but his officials clung the closer to the church, and thus carried on the work. The pastor's report will tell well for Cambridge.

Madison Circuit—Rev. D. R. Dunn pastor. This ends his second year. He and his people are doing better than we expected. This is a very large work, distances of 30 miles. I am glad to say that the pastors report will speak very favorably for that charge. Now as regards myself: I feel to be nothing more than a servant; and nothing less than a humble preacher of Christ, placed in the midst of my brethren, to help build up the Christian church. I feel to be

at home with all the pastors. Peace and harmony prevailed in all of our quarterly Conferences. I have travelled on the District 4,755 miles; tried to preach 109 times; held 67 quarterly conferences: baptized 17 children; organized one church, and changed bed 146 times. This ends my 13th year, as a member of this Conference.

There have been only two Sundays in which I was absent from church. My first time was at Vienna, Feb. 17th 1877, my last time, Milford March 22nd 1885. How I have stood it, I am unable to say, more than this. There is nothing impossible with God. With Him we can do much. So pray that I may trust in Him.

G. H. WASHINGTON.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Mr. President and members of the Conference.

It is through Divine permission and with devout reverence and gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that I now present the following as my fourth annual report of what was formerly the Cambridge District, but now the Easton District. The past year has been one of many sorrows, bereavements and great financial embarrassment. Yet in the midst of all, the Lord has blessed us with good revivals and a measure of financial success, though we have come far short of our expectation. Several of the pastors have suffered very much during the year with protracted illness, and also some of their families, but all of them, some extent, have recovered. Rev. Fathers Phillips and Kennedy, both on the superannuated list, have passed to the Spirit World, and Brother Charles Wing, who is on the same list, has been very feeble all the year more or less; he has had the kind attention of the pastor and members of Janes Church at Chester-town, where he resides. And we hope the Conference Stewards will have a special reference to his case. The following is a brief detail of the financial and spiritual condition of the district as far as we have been able to gather the facts.

Sassafras Circuit: A. J. Wallace, pastor. This charge has three appointments. They have raised for church debts \$130.00; raised for the benevolent objects, \$39.25, and for the Endowment Fund, \$9.00. Number of conversions this year, 12. This circuit is nearly out of debt.

Millington Circuit: C. H. Hutchins, pastor. This charge has six appointments, one of them has been organized this conference year, at a place called Riley's Neck, with about seven members, which has since increased to forty-six, mostly by conversions. A Tabernacle has been built for them to worship in for the present. Also the parsonage has been nicely remodeled and an entire new front; two story with three rooms and a hall, eight rooms in all, at a cost of \$529. They have raised and paid on the same \$234.63. They have raised for benevolent objects, \$51.00. Number of conversions this year, 106. This charge is in a prosperous condition.

Still Pond Circuit—J. H. Mason is pastor. This charge has four appointments. A lot has been purchased for a parsonage in the village of Still Pond, and a very handsome and convenient parsonage has been completed upon it with six rooms, two story front, 16x22 ft., and back building, 12x14. Total cost of house, lot and stable, etc., \$1,100.00. They have raised and paid on the same \$905.00, balance due, 195.00. Also they have raised for benevolent objects, \$53.00. Number of conversions this year, 28.

Chesterstown—Janes Church. J. H. Riddick is pastor. This church is in a very fine and prosperous condition. The pastor with the co-operation of his people has done a grand work this year, his efficient service has been realized in every department of the church, and especially in hunting up the sick and needy to comfort them, and in planning the financial interest of the church and connec-

tion, also a good revival has been in progress here and a deep spiritual interest manifested throughout the church. This church is about out of debt. The Sunday School also is in a flourishing condition and always does much to aid the missionary cause. They have raised for benevolent objects, \$190.00. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$75.00, conversions this year 125.

Fairlee Circuit—J. H. Winters is pastor. This charge has five appointments, one of them has been organized this year at a place called Raisintown, with 16 members, which has since increased to forty. Funds are being raised to build a new parsonage. For building purposes and indebtedness, \$111.61 has been raised, and for benevolent objects, \$40.00, and for the Endowment Fund, \$8.00, number of conversions, 26.

Edesville Circuit—J. S. Willis is pastor. This charge has three appointments. They have raised for old debts and improvements \$85.00, and for benevolent objects, \$31.00; for the Endowment Fund, \$4.00; number of conversions, 20.

Crumpton Circuit—A. Grinnag³ is pastor. A new church has been commenced at Mt Pleasant 36x26, 14 ft. corner posts. \$246.00 has been raised for building purposes. They raised for benevolent purposes \$18.00, and for Endowment Fund, \$16; conversions, 15.

Marydel Circuit—H. Morris is pastor. This charge has five appointments, two of these churches, which have been some time in building, were completed and dedicated this year, and one of them, namely Mt. Zion, is all paid for by the assistance of a donation which was given by the Church Extension society; also they have commenced to rebuild at Ferrell's Chapel. They have raised for building purposes and indebtedness \$425.52; raised for benevolent objects, \$21; for the Endowment Fund, \$10.00; conversions this year, 29.

Church Hill Circuit—J. H. Johnson is pastor. This charge has three appointments and a lot in Church Hill where a mission church is contemplated, a good work has been done in this charge this year.

The new church commenced last year at Spanish Neck has been completed and dedicated, and the parsonage has been remodeled. Raised for indebtedness and improvements in this charge \$802.68; raised for benevolent objects, \$39.00. A good revival has also been in progress here, 70 persons have professed conversion.

Centreville Circuit—A. W. Hamilton is pastor. This charge has four appointments. Brother Hamilton is winding up his three years with marked success. A glorious revival has been in progress here, in which 213 have professed conversion. They have also raised for indebtedness and improvements \$582.00, and for benevolent objects, \$54.10.

The church at Ruthburg has been dedicated and the membership has increased from 12 to 41. The membership of the circuit has more than doubled itself within the last three years. The Sunday School work is also in a flourishing condition and is one of the best in the district, also a new church has been commenced at Gouldtown.

Kent Island Circuit—S. G. Waters is pastor. This charge has four appointments. Brother Waters has been in very feeble health nearly all the year, yet a good revival has been in progress in the charge and 72 have professed Faith. The circuit is out of debt. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$54.00.

Skipton Circuit—S. E. Adams is pastor. This charge has four appointments. The churches are in quite a dilapidated condition, but preparations are being made at three of these for rebuilding. They have in hand for that purpose \$398.00. And the frame for one of them is on the ground, which was given by Mr. Charles Spencer. Raised here for benevolent objects, \$20; for building and improving \$346; conversions, 20.

Denton Circuit—I. Broughton is pastor. This charge has four appointments. The new church which was commenced last year near Concord, is completed and \$500.00 has been raised on the same this year. Conversions this year, 20.

Greensborough Circuit—J. C. Carroll is Pastor. This charge has met with the misfortune of losing a church by fire, with no insurance. The society has been granted the privilege of worshipping in a Methodist church near by, which is owned by the white people, for a limited time, free of charge. The prospects are that the building will be turned over to them on very reasonable conditions, as it has been vacated for some time, as a place of worship. There are five appointments in this charge. \$275 has been raised for building purposes, including a loan of \$150 from the Church Extension Society. Raised for benevolent objects, \$3.50. Number of conversions, 25.

St. Michaels circuit, A. Brown is Pastor. This charge has four appointments, all in a thrifty condition. The Sunday School work is tolerably good—a deep spiritual interest has been manifested throughout the charge. Old and young have professed to find pardon. Number of conversions, 75. Raised for building and improving, \$214.97. Raised for benevolent objects, \$61.00. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$10.00.

Royal Oak Circuit—J. H. Nutter is Pastor. This charge has three appointments and all of them are in an excellent condition. Brother Nutter has suffered much during the year with ill health, but with all, he has been successful in doing a good work. His thrilling energy has been felt to great profit in every department of his charge. His people feel that they have the right man. They have raised for indebtedness and improvements, \$325. And for benevolent purposes, \$42.00. For the Endowment Fund, \$35.00. Number of conversions, 80. The Sunday Schools are all in a very good condition.

Easton—Asbury Church, J. D. Elbert is Pastor. This charge is in a prosperous condition. A good revival has been enjoyed and 56 have professed conversion. The Sunday School is doing well. They have raised on old debts and improvements, \$371.71. And for benevolent objects, \$52.50. Raised for Endowment Fund, \$27.00.

Talbot Circuit, J. Q. Dennis is pastor. There are four churches in this charge. This circuit is only in a tolerable good condition. 28 have professed conversion. They have raised for benevolent objects, \$4.00. And for the Endowment Fund, \$18. There are no debts against the churches.

Trappe Circuit, P. Burrows is Pastor. This charge has three appointments. All in a very good condition. They have raised for indebtedness and improvement, \$158.38. Raised for benevolent objects, \$36.65. Raised for the Endowment Fund, \$47.50. Number of conversions, 12. The number of Pastoral charges in the District, nineteen. They are principally situated in Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties, Maryland. Total number of churches, 63. And three preaching places without churches. Number of parsonages, 15. Probable value of church property according to the best information received, \$66,380. And the probable value of parsonages, \$9,669. Total value of churches and parsonages, \$76,049. The amount of insurance on the above named churches and parsonages is, \$15,975.50. The whole amount raised this year for building and improving, and old debts on church and parsonage property not including the current and incidental expences, \$6,089. Amount of debts remaining on the same \$3,769.57. Received this year for ministerial support, holding house rent and rental value as far as has been received up to the time of benevolent objects, as far as we have been able to get the figures, \$686.00. And for the Endowment Fund, \$217.50. For Conference claimants, \$139.80.

Number of full members as per reports given, 4007. Number of Probationers, 709. Number who have professed conversion this year, 1,042, and nearly all of them have joined our church. Number of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the District, 66, and 48 of them have been organized into Missionary Societies. Number of scholars of all ages, 3,202. Number of officers and teachers, 445. The majority of the Sunday Schools in the District are doing well under the surrounding circumstances, and many of them use the International lesson. The following is a brief review of the work in the District during the past four years.

Whole number of churches built and those which we have purchased already built 12. Whole number of parsonages, 9. Also a large number of both churches and parsonages have been extensively repaired. Seven new societies have been organized and the majority of them are growing finely and bid fair to add much to the interest of the Conference. Whole amount raised for building and improving, and old debts, not including the current and incidental expenses, \$28,319.85. Whole amount raised in the same time for benevolent objects, \$2,640.63. Whole amount raised for Conference Claimants, \$425.55. Whole amount raised for the Endowment Fund, \$678.42. Whole amount raised during same time for ministerial support, including rent and rental value, \$34,273.40. Grand total \$66,337.82. In conclusion, the brethren and myself have labored harmoniously together in the good work during the last four years, and we are in peace; and I feel to be in peace with God and all mankind. I have been present and held every Quarterly Conference except four, and three of them were missed by reason of sickness and death in my family, and the fourth one missed was by reason of a misunderstanding on the part of one of the brethren, with reference to the time. I have endeavored to preach 94 times during the year and three hundred and seventy-two times during the four years. In token of respect and good feelings of the pastors and people whom they serve, and the People's Cyclopaedia of universal knowledge in three volumes, of the very best binding, and many other acts of kindness for which they have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers for a continued success, and I ask the prayers of this Conference, for a more abundant success in my future field of labor, feeling that I have done the best I could under the circumstances. And now, with a special invocation for God's perpetual benediction to be upon and abide with the pastors and people of the Easton District, I willingly and cheerfully retire to the pastoral ranks. All of which I respectfully submit.

L. Y. COX.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop, Fathers and Brethren.

It is with profound gratitude to Almighty God, through whose kind Providence I have been enabled to complete the work of this year's official service, that I present this, my first annual report. I do here, from the bottom of my heart, thank my Christian brethren, both in the ministry and laity, for the unbroken kindness which I have received at their hands; they have greatly aided me in performing my official duty, and may the Lord bless them and their families.

Last Conference, this District had six appointments detached from it and attached to the Dover District, which left it with nineteen appointments. This District is bounded on the north by the state of Delaware, on the east by the Atlantic ocean, on the south by Northampton county and on the west by the Tangier Sound and the Nanticoke river. I found the District in a good condition. My worthy predecessor, Rev. J. H. Holland, did a grand work for God. I feel under many obligations to him for his fatherly advice; may the Lord bless and protect him.

The health of the ministers has been very good, with a few exceptions. The grim monster has entered only one home, but that visit robbed the family circle of Bro. Snead of two darling little children, and on March 30th, at 11 o'clock A. M., the dark shadow entered the home of Rev. G. E. Snead for the second time; this time Bro. Snead himself was called from labor to reward. He was a hard working minister, and true to the church of his choice. He preached

what he believed, and lived what he preached. He fell at his post full of faith, conquered, conqueror. His widow is very much in need, I hope this Conference will give her some assistance.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

A few of our ministers receive a very small support, (if it can be called a support at all) Hence, as a consequence, they are greatly embarrassed and very often compelled to go in debt or go hungry; especially so, when this so-called support is paid in dribbles of 50 or 75 cents per week. Too many people have the idea that a minister should merely live from hand to mouth. In most cases it is not for want of the ability to do better, but simply for the want of the disposition and the effort. How is a minister to support his home, clothe and educate his children, and hold a respectable standing in the community, on such a small salary? It is a burning shame that God's heroic ministers should be thus treated. There is a great need of a higher education among our people, upon the question of ministerial support.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

For some cause, this collection which ought to stand side by side with the missionary collection, is shamefully too small. These dear fathers who have labored so hard and fought so bravely, should have a better support. Have we good places, and are we doing well? It is because our fathers have suffered to make them so; they had the bitter, we have the sweet. These true hearted men of God, hardly get enough to keep a roof over their heads. God help us to take better care of the fathers, widows and orphans of the Delaware Conference.

INTEMPERANCE.

Thus far in the history of our race, the forces that have worked for evil have dominated, and are still exerting a malevolent influence. Who can depict the woes that have followed in the wake of intemperance? Who can estimate the waste of life, happiness and money, caused by this great and terrible monster? May God raise up noble men and women, with holy hearts and hands to put down this great evil, the curse of the nation. The churches have awakened from the slumbers of the past and have armed themselves for a contest with this powerful enemy.

CHRISTIAN LOVE.

There is a great deal of Christian love manifested by the white and colored members of our church, for each other, in this section of the country. Thank God that the religion of Jesus Christ conquers prejudice, and Calvary restores the lost sentiment of brotherhood.

OUR FEARS.

We fear that a few of our churches on this district are drifting away from the old and well tried paths. In some of our churches the worship is losing its solemnity and power. Where are our grand old prayer meetings, class meetings, and love feasts, the strength and joy of the days of our fathers?

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This cause has, in many places, mere existence; it needs life and growth. Too many of our schools are closed during the winter and commence too late in the spring. Some of our schools need more books, better teachers, and more attention from the pastors. The pastors should keep their hands on the Sunday School, and remember, that here is the future church; we must hold the children for Christ and His cause.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At some of the appointments we have very good schools and well qualified teachers, while at other places we have poor schools, and miserable teachers;

and in a few places the children are influenced against the doctrines of our grand old church. I think, if the pastors would pay more attention to the education of our children, we would have better schools and better teachers. Let us urge and help our people to secure better teachers; teachers, who are not only after the money, but who are willing to give a helping hand in elevating the race.

The pastors have been brave, trustful and self-sacrificing. Our work is the work of works, and cannot be done without divine help.

The benevolent collections have all been earnestly and faithfully cared for, and notwithstanding the fearfully hard times among our people, they are all in advance of last year's collections from the same number of appointments. The Missionary collection is increased about 100 per cent.

CHURCHES.

Chincoteague—The Church at this place has about twenty members. They have struggled hard to keep the church alive; the oyster trade, their only hope, failed this year. These people are kind and willing, but too poor to support a preacher. The pastor has suffered terribly, but being a man of God, and a true Methodist preacher, he stayed at his post.

Hornstown—A good work has been done, progress made in every department of the church. The pastor has been faithful, and nothing has been left undone. The members all love him, and would like to keep him longer.

Pocomoke—A golden harvest has been reaped, the greatest for years. Under the earnest labor of their faithful pastor the church has been wonderfully built up and the community blessed. A live man, makes a live people.

Crisfield—This circuit is well organized; faithful and successful pastoral work has been done. Many souls have been converted and added to the church. A nice two story brick church has been erected at Crisfield, size 30 by 50, cost when completed, \$3500, paid \$1950. The pastor of this charge, is what I call a model pastor.

Wiseville—This work is in a pretty good condition; the pastor has worked hard. Love and harmony prevail.

Locust Mount—On this circuit, earnest pastoral labor has been done in every department of the church. The circuit is moving onward.

Green Hill and Kingston—This circuit is in better condition than for several years, good work has been done; the pastor has been successful.

Fairmount—This is a strong circuit; the spiritual condition is excellent; the pastor has been wonderfully successful, nothing has been neglected. A good commodious two story frame church has been erected at Fairmount, size, 45 by 65, cost when completed \$5000; paid \$3000.

Deal's Island—This is a very good circuit, but on the account of the long illness of the pastor, it has not done so well; it will do better in the future.

Snow Hill Circuit—Greatly revived; many converts added to the church; the pastor has worked hard and faithfully; the people are very poor.

Stockton—Some hopeful signs of awakening; some good pastoral work has been done; debt reduced, improvements made.

Princess Anne—This is a vigorous station, and takes high rank among the appointments of this district; it has an able pastor, who knows how to drill the people for God; spiritual condition good; the people are preparing to build a new brick church, at the cost of \$4,500.

Friendship—This circuit has been blessed with a gracious revival; there are signs of progress in every department of the work; the pastor has been true and faithful; nearly everybody loves him.

Quantico—A good spiritual life prevails; considerable advancement has been made; the pastor has done faithful work, and has made a good record.

Salisbury Station—This Church is strong, and should be the leading church of the district; spiritual condition is very good; the pastor has been true and faithful to every interest of the church, in spite of opposition, and success has crowned his efforts. A few more years of such earnest pastoral work and this church will stand second to none among the town appointments.

Salisbury Circuit—A faithful year's work has been done; progress is visible everywhere on the work; spiritual condition good; outlook very hopeful.

N. Berlin—New parsonage contemplated; united church; good revivals; solid and faithful pastoral work; aggressive and successful in every respect.

S. Berlin—Kind hearted and willing; a good foundation laid; spiritual condition good; the pastor has been faithful in his work: the future is very bright.

Snow Hill Station—The people are noble and kind, with hearts full of love; the church is united, and is holding her own; the pastor has worked hard, and is highly respected by members and friends in Snow Hill.

We are looking forward to the time when all along the line, there shall be a hearty adoption of our denominational spirit and usages.

The result of the late national election has had very little effect upon our people; they are here to stay.

Increase in salary over last year, \$1,300.

Paid on building and improvements, \$7,000.

Paid on old debts, \$1,000.

Present indebtedness, \$5,000.

Number of converts, 940.

Number of adult members who can read, 1,300.

Number of children attending our church, who can read, 2,700.

Value of real estate owned by members of our church, \$350,000.

Value of real estate owned by non-members, who attend our church, \$160,000.

The district has bought a beautiful parsonage in this town, at the cost of \$900, which, we think, is a credit to the Conference.

God's mighty men and women are now counting the days when the glad shout shall go up from the mountains and valleys of all lands. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and the whole earth is full of His glory. The kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our God, and His Christ. Our motto is, "Hard work and advance."

Respectfully submitted, W. H. COFFEY.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR THE YEAR 1886.

- Dunn. For admission on trial—A. R. Shockley, M. H. Horsey, J. H. Riddick, D. R. Webb.
- For first year—J. E. Webb, F. J. Lee, J. H. Mason, A. Lowber.
- For second year—G. W. Young, G. M. Landin, W. H. Thomas, E. H. Webb.
- For third year—A. J. Handy, T. M. Hubbard, A. Brown, T. H. Johnson.
- For fourth year—H. Jolley, J. J. Campbell, J. D. Elbert, J. A. Scott.
- Local Preachers for Orders—J. R. Waters, A. W. Hamilton, D. Brittingham, P. Burrows.
- To preach the Missionary sermon—J. H. Riddick; alternate, J. J. Campbell.
- To preach to the Daughters of Conference—J. H. Pearce.
- Triers of Appeals—H. Jolley, J. A. Scott, J. D. Elbert, J. H. Riddick, W. C. Dickerson, H. A. Monroe, A. R. Shockley.
- Visitors to Centenary Biblical Institute—A. R. Shockley, J. R. Waters, layman. J. H. Scott, T. B. Chamberlain.

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.	Wesley J. Parker.
12th.	1875	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
13th.	1876	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	George H. Waters.
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.	A. R. Shockley.
19th.	1882	C. Wesley, Centreville	Randolph S. Foster.	A. R. Shockley.
20th.	1883	Ezion, Wilmington.	E. G. Andrews.	H. A. Monroe.
21st.	1884	Asbury, Easton.	C. H. Fowler.	H. A. Monroe.
22nd.	1885	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	R. S. Foster.	

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	Germantown, 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.
Wm. Phillips,	1865	1884	Fowling Creek, Md.
Philip Kennedy,	1865	1885	Marydel, Md.
Geo. E. Snead,	1883	1885	Monie, Md.

MEMOIRS.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

Rev. Wm. Phillips was born in Caroline County Md., in 1802, and departed this life at his residence at Harmany in said county, Sept. 2nd, 1884.

He sought the Lord in the days of his youth, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over 56 years. He was licensed to preach in 1858, was received in the Delaware Annual Conference in 1865, and filled the following appointments with great credit: Denton, two years, Bridgeville, two years, Snow Hill, three years, Pocomoke City, three years, and Salisbury, three years. At the Conference in 1877, held in Chestertown, Md., at his own request he was granted a supernumerary relation, and two years after that, his relationship was changed to superannuated, which continued until his death.

Bro. Phillips was a gospel preacher, and a wonderful counsellor for both young and old. A man who was always ready to assist in time of need. The Lord blessed him with wealth, and he was willing to distribute it among the poor. The church and ground known as the Harmony M. E. Church, on the Denton Circuit, Caroline County, Md., was presented to that congregation by Bro. Wm. Phillips.

He has left four daughters, children by his first wife, to mourn his loss. He was married three times, and a beloved wife is left to mourn with his children. But we believe their loss is his infinite gain.

Bro. Phillips died triumphant in the faith, when asked by his daughter-in-law a few hours before his death, how it was with him, he looked back like Paul of old, and said: "My work is done. It is all finished; I am just waiting—waiting—Yes; I'm waiting till my Lord shall come."

J. H. HOLLAND.

PHILIP KENNEDY.

We regret to say that in the case of Father Kennedy, as with many of our older ministers, the facts connected with his early life are not accessible. He was admitted on trial in the Delaware Annual Conference at its second session held at Wilmington, Del., in the year 1865, and was appointed in succession to the following charges: Hillsborough, Centreville, Millington, Marydel, Church Creek and Greensborough, all in the State of Maryland. In 1877 he took a supernumerary relation without appointment, and was soon after superannuated. We learn from his pastor in charge that he died at his home near Marydel, Caroline Co., Md., in peace, in the month of March, 1885.

H. A. MONROE.

GEORGE E. SNEAD.

Rev. George E. Snead, pastor of Deals Island Circuit, died at his residence near St. Peter's, Maryland, March 30th 1885, at 10 A. M. The remains were carried to Burton's Chapel, Accomac Co., Va., where the funeral services were conducted by Revs. H. T. Rich, Chas. Horsey and G. W. Young. The text used on the occasion was "I know that my Redeemer liveth." A few minutes before he died he said to the friends around him, "I am steering my way to glory."

Bro. Snead was converted in his twentieth year and united with Burton's Chapel in 1867. He soon came to the front as a useful young man, was licensed an exhorter and soon after a local preacher. He was received on trial in the Delaware Conference in 1883, and appointed to the Deals Island Charge where he remained until removed by death. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss.

G. W. YOUNG.

ELIZABETH COX.

Elizabeth, beloved wife of Rev. L. Y. Cox, daughter of Charles and Deliah Sands, was born in Bucks county, Pa., Oct. 16th 1824. She embraced religion over 30 years ago, and joined the Methodist Church, of which she was a faithful member. Being afflicted, she could not devote much of her time to church, still health permitting, one would find her in the church and at Sabbath school. Suffering intensely for more than a year, she was taken from labor to reward on the 19th of July, 1884. She bore her afflictions and suffering with great fortitude and was perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord.

One of her last remarks were "I have gained the victory:" She was a faithful wife, a tender and indulgent mother.

A husband, four children, and an aged mother remain to mourn her loss.
N. MORRIS.

A MEMORIAL OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF BISHOP ISAAC W. WILEY, D. D.

One of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Who died in Foochow, China, Saturday, Nov. 22nd 1884.

Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, Dead; was the solemn words and sad news, that flashed with lightning speed over telegraph wires, through the air, and through the sea, over hills, plains and mountains; and across rivers, brooks and vales, until it reached the City of New York, Saturday November 22nd 1884. In Foochow, China, a heathen land, just on the opposite of us, on the other side of the globe, was where the messenger of death was sent for Bishop Wiley, that he might be the King's Guest on Sunday, and be with the church of the first born; the general assembly, surrounded by saints, and just men made perfect, and to an innumerable company of angels.

In a land far away, from the land that gave him birth, did this sympathetic, meek, humble, righteous and good man of God; take the chariot for glory. There the sons of the prophets saw him; and cried! My Father! My Father. The chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof. And they saw him no more; and we patiently waited for him, to come to us, but we shall see him no more, on this side of the river.

Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, D. D., was born in the year of our Lord, 1825, March 29th. He died November 22nd 1884. He was therefore 59 years, 7 months and 22 days old when he died.

When but a child, ten years of age he gave his heart to God; and having a thorough knowledge of time and place where God for Christ's sake forgave him of his sins. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in——— There his constant attendance upon the various means of grace soon won for him the confidence of the entire church of which he was a member. The signs of future usefulness in the church, was so early seen in him that when he was licensed to exhort and to hold meetings at 18. And at 19 was regularly licensed to preach the gospel of Christ.

He was in Dickinson College, studying for the sophomore class, and carrying on a successful revival meeting, and by excessive labor, brought on him a disease of the throat, thought to be incurable, this deterred his progress in the ministry for a while, and he turned to the study of medicine. This was done with great reluctance on his part, knowing that the great head of the church had called him to this all important work. So with impaired health, and a sad heart, he left Dickinson College, and went to the city of New York, and attached himself to the Medical Department of the New York University, from which he graduated with great honors in 1846. After practicing as a physician in Western Pennsylvania, in 1849 he settled as he supposed permanently in Pottsville, Pa.

This was soon revealed to Dr. Durbin, and he prevailed with him (Bishop Wiley,) and he went as Medical Missionary to Foochow, China, making the

necessary preparations for the work to which he was called, as he always did. He embarked for China, March 1850, the very month that he was twenty-five years of age.

But he went not knowing what awaited him, he soon learned what it was to sow in tears, and to go forth weeping bearing precious seed. For there his health failed, there his wife died, away from those who knew and loved him and her. He buried her in a shroud all wet with his tears, and her grave was a hill of lamentations to him, until he laid down a cross of sorrow for the crown. I heard him speak of those sad hours once, and having gone through such affliction myself I know how he felt. To walk through such desolated streets and over such desolate plains, and to stand under such dark clouds. The only way that one can get any comfort, is by trusting in the promises of God, and an unshaken confidence in his word, and a hope of a glorious resurrection. He use to say that was the time when the iron entered his soul; and notwithstanding all this, he worked on building up the church of Christ, and won many true and tried friends in the young Mission.

He returned in four years, and was transferred from the Philadelphia Conference to the Newark, receiving appointments all the time in Newark and Jersey City. In 1858 he was elected Principal of Pennington Seminary, and remained there five years.

In 1864 he was one of the first elected Delegate to the General Conference by which he was elected Editor of Ladies Repository. In 1868 he again led the delegation and was re-elected Editor. In 1872 for the third and last time his Conference conferred this honor upon him, for at that General Conference he was made Bishop.

In 1877 he re-visited the land revived the scenes of his early Missionary labors rejoiced with them, to see the seed he had sown in tears, had already commenced to produce a harvest, whose golden grain was maturing for the garner of the Lord. He also visited Japan, and greatly strengthened our infant Mission there, by his care, sympathy and love for suffering humanity. As a preacher he was one of the finest type; clear, plain and impressive his words fell on ones ears and went to the heart as the gentle dew drops fell upon Mt. Horibe, and if there was any out-break at all, it was as gentle as some rill flowing from some holy hill, to water the garden of the Lord, where the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley grew.

AS AN EDUCATOR.

He was second to none he was not a storm, he was not thunder, neither was he a whirlwind, but he was the great center of gravitation, that by the perfect laws of God, holds everything in its proper place forever. He was the simple power of gravitation in the christian world, that held fathers and mothers together as one, brother to brother and sister to sister. These natural cords, when touched make the whole world a kin, was always around his heart, and he seemed never to be satisfied until he had tied them to the Supernatural cords that binds the world to the throne of God. This grand man of God, when led in the Sabbath School by a lady, who saw him sitting or playing about the church yard, has in christendom proved a Moses, taken from an ark, drifting on the river Nile. He has helped to save millions, there is hardly an Institute in the Methodist Church for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the land that do not in some shape or form, owe Bishop Wiley, a tribute of respect for its existence, or continuation. He was present, when the grand old Freedmen's Aid Society, was organized and gave his voice, and approved of every university, seminary, college or any other institution throughout the land. And when he changed worlds, he was among the poor heathen, whom he loved as he did himself; and thousands no doubt had been saved from barbarism, and made the sons and daughters of our God, through his energy, zeal and love for every child of Adam. I had the honor when I was a member of the Newark Conference, of hearing him speak of the sufferings, and deprivation of fallen humanity, both home and abroad, and when he had finished speaking I said to a brother sitting by my side, "I have learned something of suffering humanity to-day."

HE WAS OUR BISHOP.

He could get as near you as you could get to him; he chose to stay with his brethren of color, that he might teach them the right kind of lessons. He knew how to kill prejudice as well as any man living. But alas! the ticking of that metallic tongue said to me and to you "Bishop Wiley, DEAD"—he is missing, he is not visible with us. But he is here, he speaks in Pennington Seminary, Dickinson College, New York University. He speaks and lives in China, Japan and all over the south and throughout the world. Bishop Wiley lives and speaks in the hearts of the community, and I hear a voice from heaven saying, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Yea saith the spirits of just men made perfect, that they may rest from their labors, and their good works do follow them. Dear fathers and brethren of the Delaware Conference, now assembled, that mourn our loss of that grand man, rise up and wipe your weeping eyes, and look with me toward the celestial skies, and up the shining way, just across the river, over the ever-green shore, where our sun will no more go down, and where no mourners go about the streets, where mothers shall see their children, husbands their wives, and wives their husbands, and brothers and sisters, pastors and people, and elders, and Bishops, in that blood washed army, and around that shining throne. You and I, if faithful, will see Bishop Isaac W. Wiley not dead, but alive with Janes, Ames, Haven, Peck, Simpson and millions more, changed from glory to glory, and sitting on thrones at the right hand side of God, arrayed in robes of righteousness, palms of victory and crowns of glory that shall never fade away.

We feel a strong immortal hope,
Which bears our mournful spirits up,
Beneath their mountain load.
Redeemed from death, and grief, and pain,
We soon shall find our friends again
Within the arms of God.

W. C. DICKERSON.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

We the Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath beg leave to offer the following report. Our Heavenly and Divine Creator has given us six days to accomplish all that is necessary pertaining to work, and commanded us to keep the Seventh day holy, for in six days God made Heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the Seventh day and hallowed it. *Resolved* 1st, 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 keeping the Sabbath day.

Resolved 2nd, That we condemn the running of trains and boats on the Sabbath in connection with our camp meetings, and instruct our brethren to manage our camp meetings so as to keep the commandments of God concerning the Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

K. J. STILL,
P. BURROWS,
C. WING.

TEMPERANCE.

Those who are careful readers of current news, cannot have failed to observe that there is now more activity among the temperance people of the United States than at any time within the history of our country. The churches of the various denominations are taking a deep interest in the subject, and the Conferences, Synods, and Conventions are moving with a steady determination and earnest

conservatism that means business. Not only the religious organizations, but secular bodies, the press, and the people in their individual capacity, are giving the cause of temperance unusual prominence, and directing argument and influence to arrest the strides of intemperance.

There is more volume and purpose in the general movement in behalf of temperance, than at any time in the past, which may be properly traceable to the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Added to this is the deep concern manifested by the churches, and the growth of the Good Temp-lars, showing that powerful agencies and organizations have enlisted for a determined and universal crusade against the great evil. It is a cause that should enlist the earnest endeavors of every father and mother in the land, and the agitation kept up until the reproach, which has been cast upon our country, that "America is a nation of drunkards" is removed.

Therefore, Resolved 1st, That we the members of the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are in hearty sympathy with this great movement to put down strong drink, which tends to level all persons who use it as a beverage, to the lowest depths of degradation and utter ruin of mind, body and soul.

Resolved 2nd, That we will preach and practice temperance among our people, and insist upon the total prohibition of the liquor traffic, until this gigantic evil and curse shall be swept by healthy and enlightened public sentiment from our fair land. Then "peace shall flow as a river, and righteousness as the waves of the sea."

P. J. ADAMS,
A. W. HAMILTON,
J. H. RIDDICK,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference:
We, your Committee on Auditing the Accounts of the Presiding Elders, have examined their books, and find that they are correct, and properly received to the amounts, as follows:

Philadelphia District,.....	\$ 430 00
Easton District,.....	230 00
Dover District,.....	355 00
Salisbury District,.....	235 00
Total,.....	\$1,250 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. NUTTER,
T. B. H. COLEMAN,
P. J. ADAMS,
Committee.

FREEDMEN'S AID COMMITTEE.

Your committee recognize the important part which the Freedmen's Aid Society is performing, in the work of elevating our race, and recommend still more earnest efforts on the part of our pastors to sustain its interests. As the Society is practically represented by the Centenary Biblical Institute, of Baltimore, we append the report of the President.

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Notwithstanding the depression in business and industrial circles, the number of students in the Institute has largely increased, denoting an increasing interest on the part of those whom the institution is intended to specially benefit, and commending it more strongly to those who have been its benefactors. There has been enrolled during the current school year, 163 regular students, besides 36 who recite at night only, 9 who take special studies on Saturdays, and 18 in the

Model school connected with the Normal department, making 226 in all who have been receiving instruction, an increase of 46 regular students, and of 49 over the whole number taught during the year preceding. The average age of the regular student is eighteen. There are three departments of study, the Theological, the Classical, and the Normal. There have been 20 taking studies in the Theological, 17 in the Classical, and 100 in the Normal department. Besides the Theological students have Africa in view as a field of future labor. In addition to the classes in common branches, there are classes in Latin, Geometry, Algebra, Natural Science, Elocution, vocal Music, and Bookkeeping. Mrs. I. Diffenderfer has been rendering special service as teacher of Elocution, and Prof. Burns, of the Eaton and Burnett Business College, as teacher of Bookkeeping. Additional school and dormitory furniture, and some scientific apparatus have been placed in the building during the year. Should the increase in the number of students next year be proportionably large, the present building will be scarcely adequate for the work of the school. This remarkable showing challenges the patronizing Conferences to increased efforts for the aid of so laudable and successful enterprise.

It is gratifying to know that the prospect for the future support of the Institute is brightening. Besides the \$10,000 pledged toward the Endowment Fund, by the Washington Conference, and \$5,000 by the Delaware Conference, the following subscriptions have been made for the same object: Rev. J. F. Goucher, \$5,000; German H. Hunt, Esq., \$1,000; Robert Poole, Esq., \$1,000; Rev. L. F. Morgan, D. D., \$500; a Methodist preacher and wife, \$500; and various smaller subscriptions \$1,000. Encouraging as this is as a beginning, it is barely one-half the amount the Centenary Year should have yielded. We rely with more confidence on the general interest which the Institute and its work will awaken as it becomes better known, than upon any special occasion, to develop liberality on its behalf, which will greatly aid its operations and augment its usefulness.

W. MASLIN FRYSDINGER,
President.

The receipts from the various charges:

Philadelphia District,	\$ 66 25
Dover "	58 00
Easton "	136 00
Salisbury "	75 01
Total,	\$335 26
Last year,	232 48
Increase,	\$102 78

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. BUTLER,
H. HORSEY.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

Of the Delaware Annual Conference to the Centenary Biblical Institute.

We, your Committee, appointed to visit the Centenary Biblical Institute, having performed that duty, beg leave to report as follows: The first thing noticed by the Committee, was the fact that the hard times, and the general business depression, had not reduced the number of students in attendance, nor impaired the prospects of the Institute. The figures giving the increase may be gleaned from the report of the President, and it is not necessary for us to repeat them here.

It was with pleasure that we learned that for the first time in its history, the Institute had begun the most important part of its legitimate work. A Theological department, taking a regular and thorough course of Theological study, has been established, with twenty students. Probably twelve will pass the examination this

year, and another cheering fact, indicating the coming glory that will yet brighten the gloom of the Dark Continent, is that three of these students are destined for the Missionary work in Africa.

We heard recitations conducted in Prof. Rounds department, Mrs. Cadden's and Mr. Bird's. We also visited Miss Dennis' room, Prof. Snowden's class had been dismissed. The mode of teaching at the Institute, is characterized by a thoroughness that compares favorably with the superficial gloss of learning that is imparted in more than one so-called College, University or Theological School. While "comparisons are (generally) odious things," yet as the question is frequently asked, how do the colored instructors compare with the white; we deem it justice to say that the departments in charge of the colored teachers are in no respects inferior to the others. The discipline, recitations, neatness of person and apparel, and the respect and love between teacher and pupil was especially noticed in Mr. Bird's department, and the Committee deemed it right to give favorable notice of the same, in their report.

Lessons in book-keeping and elocution have been given, both of which are useful features to be added to a Theological course. A model school of twenty pupils has been maintained, as an annex to the normal department, which is thus enabled by its aid, to combine theory and practice.

Mention should be made of the devoted work of the faculty. They have been earnest, hopeful, self-sacrificing in the hard task that is theirs. Never was there a time when the needs of the Institute are so urgent, nor when the liberal gifts of the friends of education could be more wisely applied. We are indeed about a great work. May God help the church to arouse to her duty on the subject of education.

The plan adopted by the Washington Conference to raise their intended gift of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund, is commended by the Committee to this Conference. Let the Delaware Conference raise her \$5,000, every cent of it, if it takes the next five years to come. Let the balance not yet raised, be apportioned among the Districts and appointments, on the basis of their membership, and year by year, let our gifts flow on the altar, until the entire sum be raised.

We heard no complaints from the students, but on the contrary, a general spirit of enthusiasm seemed to pervade all. Never in our former visits to the Institute, have we seen such cheering indications as on this, and in concluding our report, the Committee will say that the Centenary Biblical Institute is worthy of our hearty support by prayer, by the presentation of its claims to others, and by our personal gifts to its support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. G. WEBB,
R. H. GILLETT,
Laymen.

H. A. MONROE,
J. H. NUTTER,
Ministerial Delegates.

ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.	
St. John, Newark.....	\$20 00
Bridgeton.....	2 00
Cape May.....	3 00
Chester.....	1 00
Frankford.....	1 00
Bainbridge St.....	3 11
Zoar.....	25 00
Port Deposit.....	4 00
Salem Circuit.....	30 30
Ezion.....	50 00
Total.....	\$109 41
DOVER DISTRICT.	
Cambridge.....	2 00
Church Creek.....	1 00
Dover.....	15 00
Madison.....	18 00
Total.....	\$36 00

EASTON DISTRICT

Centreville.....	5 00	Edesville.....	4 00
Chestertown.....	75 00	Fairlee.....	9 00
Church Hill.....	2 00	Greensborough.....	11 20
Crumpton.....	16 00	Kent Island.....	3 00
Denton.....	7 00	Skipton.....	17 00
Marydel.....	12 00	Talbot.....	47 50
Royal Oak.....	35 00	Trappe.....	15
St. Michael.....	9 00	Millington.....	15
Sassafrass.....	9 00	Still Pond.....	
Easton.....	27 00		
		Total.....	\$300 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Chincoteague.....	\$ 1 00	Snow Hill.....	3 00
Friendship.....	1 00	South Berlin.....	5 00
Horntown.....	40 75	Crisfield Circuit.....	5 00
Locust Mount.....	5 00	Wiseville.....	3 30
Pocomoke City.....	5 00		
Salisbury.....	4 04	Total.....	\$73 09

Recapitulation by Districts.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 109 41
Dover.....	36 00
Easton.....	300 00
Salisbury.....	73 09
	\$518 50
	1 80
Total.....	\$520 30
Collection at Freedmen's Anniversary.....	

The original amount pledged by the Conference for the Endowment Fund was \$5000.00.

On this there was raised last year, \$1,102.73, this year, \$520.30, making \$1,623.03 in all, and leaving \$3,376.97 yet to raise. Your Committee recommend that, as heretofore, the Presiding Elders be appointed as a Committee to co-operate with the President of the Institute, in apportioning this balance to the several Districts and charges on such plan as in their judgment they may think best adapted to redeem the pledge of the Conference as speedily as possible.

E. E. PARKER,
W. C. DICKERSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRACT COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned Committee, beg leave to submit the following report. Being convinced of the good that has been accomplished by the distribution of tracts among the masses of the people, resolve that each pastor will, for the coming year, make every effort to increase the collections for that department.

Received as follows:

Philadelphia District.....	\$14 50
Easton.....	12 75
Dover.....	5 75
Salisbury.....	9 58
	\$42 58

Total.....
Respectfully submitted,

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

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Philadelphia District.....	\$74 84
Easton.....	43 00
Dover.....	34 00
Salisbury.....	75 00
	\$126 84

J. H. JOHNSON,
F. J. LEE,
H. MORRIS,
Committee.

There being quite a discrepancy between the reports in the statistical columns, and the cash receipts of the Committee, it was deemed best by the Conference to insert this note, in explanation and satisfaction to the changes, where payments are not reported. (*Secretary.*)

CHURCH EXTENSION.

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

Philadelphia District.....	\$111 25
Dover.....	34 50
Easton.....	50 00
Salisbury.....	55 50
Public Collection.....	12 00
	\$263 25

T. M. HUBBARD,
N. YOUNG,
J. S. WILLIS,
Committee.

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 most of the religious instructions have been derived from it, we therefore advise that our pastors give more attention to this department of their work than in the past; therefore be it

Resolved, That each minister bring the subject before each society on his work.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 5 25
Easton.....	8 50
Dover.....	5 50
Salisbury.....	11 10
	\$30 35

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, the committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to submit our report as follows: the Sunday school is one of God's great plans in saving the world; no interest of the church occupies a more important relation to her success. The Sunday school is the nursery of the church; it 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 such a noble institution—the Sunday school.

Philadelphia District.....	\$21 50
Dover ".....	10 50
Salisbury ".....	15 75
Easton ".....	16 64
Total.....	\$64 39

Increase of \$9.17 of last year.

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

BIBLE CAUSE.

We, the committee on Bible cause, desire to submit the following report: Whereas, seeing that the great and glorious work accomplished, through the word of God, and knowing that the Bible is the foundation of Christianity, resolved that we endeavor to do more for this great and noble cause this conference year, and each pastor preach a sermon on the occasion.

Philadelphia District.....	\$12 25
Dover ".....	7 75
Easton ".....	12 25
Salisbury ".....	8 90
Total.....	\$41 15

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

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are fully convinced that the church is God's gift to Christ. He has said in his word, "ye who were once rebels having returned to me, your King, I devote you to my only Son. Henceforth live for Him, seek Him, ask everything through Him. We may describe this band of men, the church; it in His guard of honor. The world is represented as a mansion he has left for a time, and his church as the servants keeping it in order. There is one glory of the church, is another of Christ; the glory of the church, as we have learned and believed, is also the glory of Christ, while he has a glory peculiar to himself, which no eye shall see in its fullness, except the eye of the faithful. Hereafter He shall be seen as He shall reveal Himself in the full glory of the church, for the church is God's throne. Believers are those who have surrendered themselves to Him; men who have adjourned this state of revolt and have received pardon of God's throne. Therefore, we, the ministers of the Delaware Conference, do pledge ourselves to do all in our power for the church of God.

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

MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Missions, met Friday May 29th, 1885, organized by electing Rev. L. Y. Cox, Chairman, Wm. M. Webb Secretary, H. Jolley Treasurer.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 420 60
Dover ".....	195 25
Easton ".....	456 00
Salisbury ".....	589 50
Total.....	\$ 1,661 35
Last year.....	1,208 43

Increase.....\$ 452 92
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, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.	
Philadelphia District.....	\$ 150
Bridgeton.....	20
Cape May.....	25
Camden.....	50
Frankford.....	20
Total.....	\$ 415

EASTON DISTRICT.	
Easton District.....	\$ 140
Sassafras.....	30
Talbot.....	30
Total.....	\$ 200

DOVER DISTRICT.	
Dover District.....	\$ 140
Smyrna.....	35
Milford.....	25
Milton.....	25
Nassau.....	30
Lewes and Rehoboth.....	40
Seaford.....	20
Thompson Mission.....	20
Total.....	\$ 335

SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
Salisbury District.....	\$ 150
Snow Hill Circuit.....	60
Philadelphia District.....	25
Dover ".....	415
Easton ".....	335
Salisbury ".....	200
Total.....	\$1,210

L. Y. COX, Chairman, J. D. ELBERT,
I. H. WHITE, J. H. PEARCE,
G. H. WASHINGTON, H. JOLLEY, Treasurer,
W. H. COFFEY, WM. M. WEBB, Secretary,
Committee.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report of minute money:

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.	
J. W. Cook.....	\$ 1 00
J. H. B. Hubbard.....	2 00
T. M. Hubbard.....	2 00
J. Campbell.....	4 00
F. J. Lee.....	2 00
W. C. Dickerson.....	2 50
A. R. Shockley.....	6 00
L. W. Deakins.....	
W. M. Webb.....	1 50
W. H. Rogers.....	75

G. M. Landin.....	2 00	H. A. Monroe.....	12 00
J. K. Adams.....	2 00	J. Brinkley.....	.....
D. J. Waters.....	2 00	Merchantsville.....	2 50
J. H. Holley.....	3 00	W. J. Parker.....	.....
J. H. Pearce.....	1 50	T. H. Johnson.....	.....
H. Jolley.....	4 00		
		Total.....	\$50 75

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. H. Thomas.....	\$ 3 50	D. R. Dunn.....	\$ 4 50
P. J. Adams.....	30	N. Morris.....	2 75
J. E. Webb.....	2 05	T. S. Als.....	1 25
J. E. Grigsby.....	2 90	J. W. Lankford.....	50
N. Young.....	5 50	G. T. Townson.....	2 00
W. B. Green.....	1 90	D. A. Ridout.....	1 50
C. H. Earles.....	.....	C. H. Ash.....	1 75
D. P. Brittingham.....	1 75	J. H. Harman.....	4 35
K. J. Still.....	1 50		
		Total.....	\$38 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

A. W. Hamilton.....	4 00	J. D. Elbert.....	1 75
J. H. Riddick.....	2 00	J. S. Willis.....	3 50
J. Johnson.....	1 25	J. H. Winters.....	2 25
A. Grinnage.....	1 75	J. C. Carroll.....	3 00
I. Broughton.....	1 75	S. G. Waters.....	3 00
H. Morris.....	1 70	S. E. Adams.....	1 40
C. H. Hutchins.....	3 65	J. H. Mason.....	4 00
J. H. Nutter.....	1 65	J. Q. Dennis.....	2 50
A. Brown.....	2 50	P. Burrows.....	3 75
A. J. Wallace.....	75		
		Total.....	\$43 15

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

G. E. Snead.....	.....	T. B. Coleman.....	2 25
E. E. Parker.....	1 50	I. H. Johnson.....	1 00
W. H. Johnson.....	2 15	J. H. Holland.....	3 50
J. W. Brown.....	2 00	C. Horsey.....	1 75
E. H. Webb.....	1 25	H. T. Rich.....	3 50
G. W. Young.....	75	J. A. Scott.....	3 00
R. J. Waters.....	2 00	A. J. Handy.....	3 50
A. Lowber.....	3 00	J. R. Waters.....	2 00
M. H. Horsey.....	3 00	J. S. Cole.....	1 60
S. P. Whittington.....	1 25		
		Total.....	\$39 00

Philadelphia District.....	.....		\$50 75
Dover.....	.....		38 00
Easton.....	.....		43 15
Salisbury.....	.....		39 00
		Total.....	\$170 90

Total.....
The amount of cash received by the Committee was \$169.19.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bainbridge St.....	50	Mt. Zion.....	50
Bridgeton, N. J.....	20	Odessa.....	25
Cape May.....	24	Port Deposit.....	25
Camden.....	30	Salem N. J.....	40

Chester.....	48	South Wilmington.....	10
Frankford.....	30	Wilmington.....	200
Germantown.....	30	Wilmington Circuit.....	25
Haven Mission Philadelphia.....	25	Zoar.....	100
Merchantsville.....	15		
Middletown.....	30	Total.....	777

DOVER DISTRICT.

Aireys.....	10	Milford.....	35
Bridgeville.....	30	Milton.....	20
Church Creek.....	40	Madison.....	40
Cambridge.....	40	Nassau.....	15
Dover.....	40	Thomason's.....	10
Dover Circuit.....	40	Townsend.....	25
East New Market.....	25	Smyrna.....	20
Golden Hill.....	60	Seaford.....	15
Lewes and Rehobeth.....	10	Vienna.....	40
Laurel.....	20		
	30	Total.....	525

EASTON DISTRICT.

Centreville.....	80	Sassafras.....	20
Chestertown.....	80	St. Michaels.....	40
Church Hill.....	80	Skipton.....	20
Crumpton.....	50	Still Pond.....	50
Denton.....	30	Talbot.....	25
Easton.....	30	Trappe.....	50
Fairlee.....	50	Marydel.....	20
Edesville.....	50	Millington.....	50
Greensborough.....	40	Royal Oak.....	30
Kent Island.....	30		
	50	Total.....	775

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac.....	25	Princess Anne.....	40
Crisfield.....	60	Quantico.....	30
Deals Island.....	25	Salisbury.....	100
Fairmount.....	25	Salisbury Circuit.....	20
Friendship.....	40	South Berlin.....	30
Green Hill.....	30	Snow Hill.....	40
Horntown.....	30	Stockton.....	40
North Berlin.....	30	Snow Hill Circuit.....	20
Pocomoke City.....	30		
	50	Total.....	640

Philadelphia District.....	777
Dover.....	525
Easton.....	775
Salisbury.....	640
Conference Secretary.....	283
Total issue.....	3000

SUSTENTATION FUND.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$ 50	Haven Mission.....	1 00
Camden.....	.....	Zoar.....	5 00
Cape May.....	.....	Port Deposit.....	1 00
Chester.....	25	Salem.....	.....
	3 00		

Middletown.....	1 00	Salem Circuit.....	3 00
Mt. Zion.....	2 00	Ezion.....	2 00
New Castle.....	1 50	Wilmington Circuit.....	
Odessa.....	2 00	Merchantville.....	
Frankford.....	75		
Germantown.....	50		
Bainbridge Street.....			
		Total.....	\$23 50

DOVER DISTRICT.

Cambridge.....	\$ 1 00	Milford.....	25
Church Creek.....	25	Nassau.....	50
Dover.....	1 00	Seaford.....	50
Dover Circuit.....	50	Smyrna.....	50
East New Market.....	1 00	Milton.....	1 00
Federalburg.....	1 00	Townsend.....	1 00
Hicksborough.....		Vienna.....	1 00
Laurel.....	75		
Lewes and Rehoboth.....		Total.....	\$10 25
Madison.....	1 00		

EASTON DISTRICT.

Centreville.....	\$ 2 00	Edesville.....	2 00
Chestertown.....	5 00	Fairlee.....	3 00
Church Hill.....	3 00	Greensborough.....	1 50
Crumpton.....		Kent Island.....	2 00
Denton.....		Skipton.....	1 00
Marydel.....	2 00	Still Pond.....	5 00
Millington.....	50	Talbot.....	3 40
Royal Oak.....	2 00	Trappe.....	3 40
St. Michael.....	3 00		
Sassafras.....	2 00	Total.....	\$40 90
Easton.....	3 50		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Chincoteague.....	\$	Salisbury.....	1 05
Deal's Island.....	50	Salisbury Circuit.....	25
Fairmount.....		Snow Hill.....	50
Friendship.....		Snow Hill Circuit.....	25
Green Hill.....	50	South Berlin.....	2 00
Horntown.....	2.00	Stockton.....	05
Locust Mount.....	75	Crifield.....	
North Berlin.....	1 25	Wiserville.....	\$11 60
Pocomoke City.....	1 00		
Princess Anne.....	1 00	Total.....	23 50
Quantico.....	50		10 25
Philadelphia District.....			40 90
Dover District.....			11 60
Easton District.....			
Salisbury District.....			\$86 25

Grand total.....

Respectfully submitted,

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash in hand from last year.....	\$ 79 52
" received this present year.....	86 25
Total.....	\$ 165 77

EXPENSES.

To clerical aid in preparing Minutes.....	\$10 00
" Expenses delegates to Centennial Conference.....	5 75
" " Visiting Committee to Biblical Institute.....	4 20
" " Committee in case of Wm. Taylor.....	3 60
" " Two meetings, Conference Church Extension.....	20 67
" Stationery, etc., for session of 1885.....	8 33
" J. W. Cook, supply to Bridgeton.....	5 00
Total expended.....	57 55

Balance cash in hand.....	\$108 22
Respectfully submitted,	WILLIAM E. GRINNAGE, Treasurer.
F. J. LEE, President.	105 W. Eighth street, Wilmington, Del.
W. H. THOMAS, Secretary.	

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash in hand from last year.....	\$ 162 48
Cash and note received from Minute money in 1885.....	169 19
Total.....	\$331 67
Expended for printing Minutes of 1884.....	162 48
Balance cash in hand.....	\$169 19
Respectfully submitted,	WM E GRINNAGE, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Report of Treasurer for the year ending May 28, 1885.

Amount paid to Treasurer on the day of adjournment.....	\$22 25
Paid out by order of Presiding Elder, Rev. J. H. White, of the Philadelphia District, and by approval of the Board of Control, to Rev. J. P. Stephens, student in the Centenary Institute in Baltimore, and member of St. John's Quarterly Conference, Newark N. J., Philadelphia District.....	10 00
Balance in treasury.....	\$12 25
	H. JOLLEY, Treasurer.

Received this year.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.	
Ezion.....	\$5 00
Frankfort.....	50
Zoar.....	3 00
DOVER DISTRICT.	
Dover.....	\$1 00
EASTON DISTRICT.	
Janes church.....	\$5 00
St. Michaels.....	1 00
Trappe.....	1 00

Fairlee.....	1 00
Easton.....	1 50
RECAPITULATION.	
Philadelphia District.....	\$8 50
Dover ".....	1 00
Easton ".....	9 50
Total.....	\$19 00

Wm. M. WEBB,
H. JOLLEY.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

[No report up the date of going to press has been received from the Conference Stewards, although the Chairman has been written to for one. The following table of payments is from a memorandum taken by the Secretary, and cannot be vouched for as entirely correct.—SECRETARY.]

RECEIPTS.	
Chartered Fund.....	\$ 30 00
Book Concern Dividend.....	101 00
Daughters of Conference.....	100 00
Conference Claimant's Collection.....	408 00
Total.....	\$639 00

APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:			
Rev. B. Gibbs.....	\$ 75	Mrs. P. Kennedy.....	20
" C. Pollett.....	50	" H. Long.....	20
" J. W. Brinkley.....	20	" S. Johns.....	10
" Charles Wing.....	50	" P. Pipes.....	30
" S. P. Whittington.....	50	" Manluff.....	25
" W. F. Butler.....	50	" S. P. Marshall.....	10
" I. Broughton.....	50	" J. R. Webb.....	20
" S. G. Waters.....	20	" Tilghman.....	25
" P. J. Adams.....	25	" S. Taylor.....	10
" G. W. Young.....	20	" George Waters.....	20
" W. C. Dickerson.....	19	" Phillips.....	20
Total to ministers.....	\$429	George Snead.....	210
		Total to widows.....	\$210

Whole amount paid to Ministers and Widows, \$639.00

EDUCATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference:
Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report: We have received the general circulars of Board of Education, and are pleased to learn of rapid progress made since its organization, and the great good ever, of greatly increased effort upon our part to meet the growing demands of our educational work. We therefore recommend that our pastors urge upon their people the importance of this collection in a special sermon. There is need, how-
The Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore, Md., Rev. W. M. Frysinger, D. D., President, has done, and is doing, a great work in preparing young ladies as teachers, and young gentlemen as teachers among our people, and we commend it heartily to the sympathies and prayers of our people.

Received Philadelphia District.....	\$29 25
" Easton ".....	28 50
" Dover ".....	13 50
" Salisbury ".....	23 01
Total.....	\$94 26

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE PASTOR OF EZION M. E. CHURCH, WILMINGTON, DEL., FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING MAY 28th, 1885.

MEMBERSHIP :

On Roll at beginning of Conference year.....	507
GAIN: Received from probation.....	56
Received by letter, etc.....	14
Total gain.....	70
Loss: By death.....	10
By removal.....	2
Withdrawn from church.....	3
Total loss.....	15
Net gain in membership.....	55
PRESENT NO. OF FULL MEMBERS.....	562
Probationers on roll at beginning of year.....	68
Probationers received during year.....	83
Total enrolled.....	151
Read in full membership.....	52
Removed and dropped.....	9
Present No. probationers.....	90
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.....	652

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

(These figures represent the net cash raised and expended.)

STEWARDS: Pastor's salary.....	\$1,002 00
Presiding elder.....	100 00
Bishop.....	18 00
Conference claimants.....	30 00
Poor support from Steward's Fund.....	56 41
Total.....	\$1,206 41
TRUSTEES: Reduction of old debt.....	\$ 362 00
Improvements on Church.....	740 51
Improvements on parsonage.....	110 00
Current expenses.....	700 00
Total.....	\$1,912 51
Raised for benevolent collections.....	282 50

SUMMARY :

Raised by stewards.....	1,206 41
Raised by trustees.....	1,912 51
Benevolent collections.....	282 50
Total for Conference year.....	\$3,401 42

PASTORAL LABOR.

During the year I have preached 89 sermons, attended 31 funerals, baptized 17 children and 2 adults, married 5 couples, administered the sacrament 16 times, held class 41 times, conducted the services at 57 Bible and Praise meetings, and made over 400 pastoral visits. In addition to the above I have taught the senior class in the Sabbath school each Sunday, and once a week conducted the recitations of the Chautauqua Circle. When it is remembered that I have had also to perform my duties as Secretary of the Delaware Conference and Editor of the Conference paper, it will be seen that the past year has not been one of idleness.

MISCELLANEOUS:

During the Fourth Quarter a special Committee was appointed to revise and correct the Church Record, and, as the result of their labor, the Record now contains only the names of *known members*, and a list of their residences has also been compiled for the purpose of systematic pastoral visiting, and to serve as an annual Church Directory.

The *number of conversions* during the year was 80. Fully one-half of these being among the young people of the Sabbath school speaks well for the future of the Church, as it adds a permanent element to our membership, besides testifying to the spiritual influence of our Sabbath school teachings. Since January, weekly *Bible Readings* have been given on Thursday afternoons, with good results in promoting the spiritual welfare of the Church.

Class meeting attendance has revived greatly. One new class has been established, and the increase in number and attendance will soon compel the creation of others.

Gospel Praise Meetings have been held monthly. The result has been, increased attendance at all the other meetings as well, great improvement in the singing, the joining of Church and Sabbath school in a closer union, and a deeper spiritual power upon the congregation.

The *Sabbath School*, already one of the largest in the city, has made a marked improvement this year. A new organ has been purchased, new books, maps and pictures for the walls, while the Sunday school room has been entirely re-fitted and furnished with new seats, etc., at a cost of about \$700. The spiritual growth of the school has kept pace with its temporal improvement. Outside of the Infant Class the percentage of Church members on the Sabbath school roll is 61. Between 40 and fifty conversions are recorded. A new feature which promises well, is the establishment of a special department for our aged Church members whose early opportunities were limited. Already an increased attendance of the older people is noticed, showing the wisdom of an attempt to provide for all, both old and young.

The establishment of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle has also been a great benefit. It now numbers 30 members. The course of lectures given by the Society, reflected great credit upon the Church, and elicited favorable comments from the press of this city. The Society has donated all its receipts for lectures, etc., to the improvements made on the Church.

The *Trustees* have not been idle during the past year. One very important work done has been the changing of our corporate name which was done at the last session of the State Legislature. The church was organized in 1805 under the title of "Ezion African Methodist Episcopal Church" a name used merely to designate the color of the worshipers, for this was a period long before the founding of any African M. E. denomination in America, but the establishing of such, separate, colored denominations made our title a misnomer, although the plain provisions of the deed and act of incorporation secured the property to the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This has been remedied, and the corporate name is now "Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church."

At my suggestion the Trustees adopted a system of *Quarterly Rallies* in place of the former collections which came at irregular intervals. The result has been all that we anticipated, while the tone of the services generally has been

improved from the fact that the calls for money are not so frequent. Despite the long, hard winter and business depression we have succeeded in reducing the debt reported at last Conference of \$2362 to about \$2000. Additional improvements have been made without any corresponding increase in the debt.

This result has been reached by hard labor continued throughout the entire year. The health of the pastor has been exceptionally good, and in looking over the year's work we may exclaim together, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The secret of our success lies in the one word "Union." Pastor and people have worked in perfect harmony, and we close the year with devout thankfulness to God, and a determination to do even better in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wilmington, Del., May 4th, 1885.

H. A. MONROE, *Pastor.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EDUCATION SOCIETY OF THE DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4th. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to have a general oversight and direction of the affairs of the Society; to adopt measures to procure, preserve, increase, and disburse its funds, and to find out and aid suitable objects of its bounty. All appropriations of aid from this Society shall be made by the Board, either directly to properly recommend 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 to act 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 towards a permanent fund, (unless the 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:

Friday afternoon, May 29th, 1885. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Isaiah Johnson. Mrs. Miriam Lowery, of Newark, was introduced. Credentials and reports were called for.

PLACEMENT	MEMBERS	DELEGATE	PLACE.
\$ 3 00	70	W. H. Rodgers, Pastor	Salem
15 05		Annie Gibson.	Townsend
9 60		Rhody Caulk.	Cambridge
5 00		W. H. Thomas, Pastor	Centerville
20 50	71	Annie Pollet.	Bowers' Chapel
10 00		S. E. Adams, Pastor	Church Hill Circuit.
3 75	25	Eliza Cheers.	St. Michael's.
10 00	16	Mary L. Johnson.	Fairlee.
10 00	8	Sarah E. Adams.	Easton.
1 00	39	J. H. Winters.	N. Berlin, Circuit.
16 00		Emma Collins	Salisbury Station.
3 80	15	Rutie Puller.	Locust Mount.
2 00	12	Hester Pinket.	Middletown
5 00	10	Harriet Burton.	Princess Anne.
4 00	20	F. J. Lee.	Chestertown.
10 00		Caroline Gale.	One Pastor.
1 00		Bishop R. Foster, presented	Dr. Gray, of Philada, "
2 00		Dr. Gray, of Philada, "	Dr. Frysinger, of Balto "
1 00		Dr. Frysinger, of Balto "	Dr. Cray, of Phila.
1 00		Total	Expenses.
\$140 98			
4 80			
\$136 18			Grand Total

Of which sum one hundred dollars was paid over to the Conference Steward, and thirty-six dollars and eighteen cents to the Preachers' Aid Society. The following officers were elected for the next Annual Conference: Mrs. ELIZABETH HAMBLETON, Vice President. Mrs. ANNIE GIBSON, Treasurer. Mrs. ANNIE POLLET, Treasurer. Mrs. ADDIE L. ENNALS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH

ORGANIZATION.

1st. WE, THE FEMALE MEMBERS OF CHURCH, feeling it to be our duty to assist in forwarding the cause of religion and the spread of the Gospel, have resolved to form ourselves into an Association to be known as "THE DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE," for the purpose of raising funds to assist the needy in the ministry, as we are aware that many of our ministers and families at home; and we are confident that we shall be rewarded, if faithful in this world.

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 doctrine 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 Board and 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 whole, or any portion of 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 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.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

SALISBURY, May 29th 1885.

The Daughters of Conference, of the Delaware Annual Conference, met on Friday morning, May 29th, in the basement of the Salisbury M. E. Church, in the absence of the annual officers, the following sisters were called to the chairs: Mrs. Sarah E. Adams, President, Mrs. Elizabeth Hambleton, Vice President. The delegates from different points, spoke of the condition of their work, notwithstanding the discouragements that they have met with during the year. Bro. J. H. Mason, of Still Pond, addressed the association and gave many words of encouragement. A vote of thanks was extended. Bro. Winters, of Fairlee, also spoke in regard to his ill health, but he remembered the case and took a collection. A vote of thanks was rendered. Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

and everlastingly rewarded in the world to come, according to the promises of Holy Scripture, which declare—"Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." "Then shall the King say unto them on the right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "God loveth a cheerful giver." "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." "To do good and communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifice God is well pleased." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth, and Thou wilt not deliver him to the will of his enemies; the Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing. Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness, and the liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth, shall be watered." Let these few promises of Scripture encourage us in the great works of our mission. Though we are females, and considered weak vessels, yet the Holy Spirit, who teaches all things, teaches us that we are a part of the great body that composes the Christian Church; and we feel it to be our duty to do what we can for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. The assistance of females was accepted in the days of the prophets and of Christ and his apostles; for example—the Widow of Zarephath administered to Elijah when he was in a famishing condition; in the day of Christ, Martha served him at the table, while another (Mary,) anointed his feet with a very costly ointment, and wiped them with her hair; and also, Phœbe, Priscilla, Tryphena and Tryphosa, with a number of others, who were in great esteem amongst the apostles, and ministered unto them. Saith Solomon, "He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given, will he pay him again. He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor. He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou knowest not what many days; give a portion to seven, and also to eight, for thou shalt find it after evil shall be upon the earth." Hence, it has become prevalent for hundreds and perhaps thousands of females, to be engaged in the great missionary work, without regard to race or color, according to their various and distinguished talents and capacities; and, though we are few in number here, yet we have a disposition to help forward the cause of Christianity. God grant that it may spread to the earth's remotest bounds! The Prophet declares: "It shall come to pass that I, the Lord, will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall see my glory," Saith the great Apostle Paul: We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing, your work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

"How beautiful are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill;
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal."

REGULATIONS, RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. *Resolved*, That the officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and a Standing Committee of three, all of whom shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the first regular monthly meeting, after the session of the Annual Conference.
2. *Resolved*, That the meetings shall be held on the evening in each month.

3. *Resolved*, That the entrance fee be not less than twelve, nor more than twenty-five cents; monthly dues not to be less than five, nor more than ten cents, unless the members feel disposed to pay more.
4. *Resolved*, That the meeting shall be opened by prayer, singing, and reading a portion or lesson of Scripture; after which the roll shall be called, and each member shall answer to their names.
5. *Resolved*, That any female may become a member of this Association, whether a member of the Church or not, if she comes well recommended, by paying the above fee of 25 cents.
6. *Resolved*, That a settlement be made and full satisfaction rendered every three months; at which time the Treasurer shall be requested to bring forward the funds of the Association.
7. *Resolved*, That there be a fine of 5 cents upon those who neglect their meetings without a lawful excuse; and the money shall go into the funds of the Association.
8. *Resolved*, That we have a stated time to commence our meeting, and endeavor to be punctual to it, as punctuality is the way to success.
9. *Resolved*, That there be prayer meetings held by the Association, one each month, praying for the success of the Gospel and the prosperity of the Church; to be conducted by the President, or whoever she may appoint.
10. *Resolved*, That there be a Committee elected annually, whose duty it shall be to go to the Conference and report whatever funds there may be in hand—the Association bearing the expenses of the Committee while transacting business for the same. Said Committee shall account for all moneys they may receive from the Treasurer and pay out.
11. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the above Standing Committee to assist in all things relating to the Association that may be required of them.
12. *Resolved*, That public meetings be held by the Association once each year, and a sermon or lecture be given for our encouragement in this undertaking, at which time we may receive public contributions for the benefit of our Association; and at intervals the members shall devise the best means possible to increase the Association funds.
13. *Resolved*, That the proceeds of public meetings, festivals subscriptions, donations, or from other sources, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall take an exact account of amount of money received and paid out.
14. *Resolved*, That all of our Rules and By-Laws be strictly observed as they are laid down here, willingly, with loving kindness, peace, harmony, and gladness; without harshness, roughness, quarreling, wrangling; and without loud words, so as not to stir up wrath and strife, presumptuous, unnecessary matters of discourse, but receive the instruction of the Apostle: "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace."
15. *Resolved*, That if any of the members of this Association willfully and presumptuously break any of our rules, they shall pay a fine of 25 cents, and if they continue to do so, and endeavor to lower and bring disgrace upon the Association as a religious organization, by their their wicked and pernicious ways, the President shall bring the case before the Association, and if a majority of the members think that they are of little or no benefit to us, the President shall dismiss them with the prayers and well wishes of the Association, and their names shall be stricken from the roll; and all persons dismissed from the Association, or leaving of their own accord, will not be permitted to draw from the funds what they have paid in.
16. *Resolved*, That the President or Vice President shall be punctual at all meetings, especially those for business; to give advice on all matters, and decide all disputes, and carefully endeavor to keep all the rules of the Association herself, that she may be a guide and a pattern for the rest to walk by; for they are all plain and easy to retain, and useful to practice.

17. *Resolved*, That any male member, coming well recommended, and complying with the requirements laid down in the Constitution, may become a contributing and advisory member.

A WORD OF ADVICE. — Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life and death; and death and life are in the power of the tongue. Entertain not a sensual imagination for a moment, and give not way to the least glance of the eye toward vanity. Be always expecting some trouble or other to interrupt thy outward peace and rest. Never expect anything from the world, and when it offers thee anything that is good for thee, receive it, but catch not at it greedily. Be always mindful of what thou mayest do for thine own and others' salvation, in every instance and on every occasion. Die daily. When arguing with another, watch against every heat of passion, loud speaking, and every rash word. If any neglect or slight thee, care not for it; yet observe, when sensual imagination or passion breaks in; and then excite the taste for the powers of the world to come, and delay not to recover the divine frame. In thy actions, consider not only what is lawful, but what is best in the present circumstances, and do that. And if any despise thee, do not bear a grudge against him for it; and be not offended with any merely because they do not honor thee.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions, made to the D. of C. Convention, held at Dover, Del., Jan. 15 & 16 1878, and which were adopted as an addenda to the Constitution, and given the force and authority of Law:

PREAMBLE: We, the undersigned, the Committee on Resolution, beg leave to submit the following, as a Plan for the future management of the work of the Daughters of Conference of the Delaware Annual Conference:

After a careful consideration of the state and condition of our worn-out and superannuated preachers and their families, and the families of our deceased ministerial brethren, conclude, that, unless some *special* efforts are made, in this or some other direction, much suffering, and, probably, starvation, awaits them in the future. We, therefore, respectfully submit the following Resolutions, and ask that they be adopted as part of the law governing the Associations of D. of C. and all others concerned:

1. *Resolved*, That each minister be requested to preach a sermon, or deliver an address on the subject, and organize an Association of Daughters of Conference, at each appointment on his charge:

2. That each minister be instructed to make a statistical report of the condition and work of the D. of C., within his charge, to each Annual Conference as follows:

- (1) Number of Associations,
- (2) Whole number of members,
- (3) Amount of money received from each Association,
- (4) Total amount received,

Faithfully submitted, &c.,

3. That there be a Board of Control, consisting of Five sisters, one from each Presiding Elder District, and the four to appoint the fifth. It shall be their duty to receive and examine the reports from the ministers or delegates; to audit all accounts; receive all monies that come in hand, and pay the same, or cause it to be paid, over to the Annual Conference; and, in connection with the Presiding Elders, to exercise a supervision of the work of the D. of C., during the interval of the Annual Conference session. Said Board of Control shall be elected annually, viz: on the second day of the regular session of the Annual Conference at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, each Daughter of Conference present being entitled to one vote for each and every District Member of the Board; a majority of votes necessary to an election.

4. That we heartily recommend, and do re-adopt the 17th Article of the Constitution, admitting males as members of the Association.

5. That there be a District Convention, for each District, once in each and every year; the Presiding Elder to be chairman of the Convention for his own district, with the power to call or appoint the time of meeting.

6. That each Association shall have the privilege of admitting male members on the same conditions and with the same privileges as females, provided a majority of the members so decide.

7. That the foregoing Resolutions become part and parcel of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. JOHNSON, HOOPER JOLLEY,

S. A. JENKINS, J. A. JONES,

W. PERKINS,

} Committee on Resolutions.

* Blanks will be furnished for these reports.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt thanks and warmest gratitude to our beloved Bishop, R. S. Foster, D. D. LL. D., for the kind, able and impartial manner in which he has presided over our Conference, for his wise and impressive addresses, and his instructive sermon which we will ever remember for its clear presentations of the truth, upon which we build our faith. We pray that his useful life may be long preserved, and we do assure him a hearty welcome among us, when, in the order of Providence, he may be appointed as our President.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the trustees and pastor of this church, for the use of the same.

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

Resolved, That we tender to the citizens of Salisbury, our sincere thanks for their generous hospitality in opening their houses for our accommodation, during our stay.

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

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to our secretaries, for the able manner in which they have recorded the proceedings of our deliberations.

WM. M. WEBB,
C. H. HUTCHINS.

TO THE MESSRS. JACKSON AND OTHERS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender a vote of thanks to the Messrs. E. E. and W. H. Jackson of Salisbury, for their liberal contributions of \$50 each, to assist us in meeting the expense of this Conference, and also to Messrs. Wm. Tilghman and Solomon T. Huston, for \$5 each, and to the citizens and friends generally, for their liberality in contributing to the support of the Conference.

J. HUDSON RIDDICK,
W. C. DICKERSON.

ON CONFERENCE EDITOR.

WHEREAS, The Rev. H. Monroe has been for eighteen years connected with and engaged in the various educational movements within the bounds of the Delaware Conference, such as day-school teacher and instructor of children, also in Sabbath schools. And

WHEREAS, The said Rev. H. A. Monroe is the first man of his race to shoulder the responsibility of sustaining a press and paper on this side of the Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Delaware Conference have been greatly benefited by the circulation of the papers edited and printed by him; and

WHEREAS, The annual meeting of the Joint Stock Association did, by their recent action, relieve Rev. Monroe from the responsibility of editorship of the *Conference Standard*, and did elect in his stead, Rev. A. R. Shockley; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender Rev. H. A. Monroe our highest appreciation for the earnest and tireless efforts he has made in order to sustain the publication of a paper within the bounds of said Conference.

Resolved, That our most sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered for his continued labors in that direction.

H JOLLEY.

RESOLUTION ON SITES AND TITLES.

WHEREAS, We find much embarrassment in securing suitable sites upon which to erect churches and parsonages, and also in securing suitable titles to the same,

Resolved, That there be a Judiciary Committee appointed by the Conference, to consist of presiding Elders, one Preacher, and one Layman, from each district, to attend to this important matter.

W. J. PARKER.

Signed,

BISHOP WILEY.

We, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference, having heard with solemn regret of the death of

Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, D.D.,

do hereby show sympathy, and record our high esteem and appreciation of this godly man, and Bishop of our Church, by offering the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, we have not only lost a Bishop, but a Christian teacher, a great sympathizer, a leader, father, and friend.

Resolved, That we will ever revive and cherish his memory, and do all we can to carry on the work which he has so gloriously begun in educating a down-trodden race.

Resolved, That we are a part of the Methodist family that mourn our loss, which is his infinite and eternal gain, and that we are in sympathy, and are sorry with his family; and our prayers and cares are due them, and them they shall have, until cares and tears shall end. And we pray that the bright sunshine from the heavenly world may dry away tears from all eyes, in hope of a glorious resurrection, and a grand re-union where death can no more separate you.

W. C. DICKERSON.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO REV. HENRY NELSON,

Of Port Deposit Charge, of Philadelphia District, of Delaware Conference, of M. E. Church.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his all-wise Providence, to remove from our midst our beloved brother and father in Zion, the late Rev. Henry Nelson, and, whereas, he has been a member of this charge for fifty years; faithful to duty, earnest and zealous of this charge for more than ten years; a local preacher for twenty-four years, and a local Elder for more than ten years; faithful to duty, earnest and zealous in his appeals, constant and judicious in his efforts to advance the interest and promote the harmony of Zion. And,

WHEREAS, We believe that he had finished his course, and having kept the faith once delivered to the saints, has received a crown of glory and a palm of victory, at the right hand of God, And,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that some expression of appreciation of his work and labor of love be placed on record, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Quarterly Conference, of Port Deposit Charge, of the Philadelphia District, of the Delaware Conference, of the M. E. Church, while bowing in humble submission to the will of Heaven, do deeply deplore the loss of our brother and father, and realize that a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel.

April 25th, 1885.

Resolved, That, in the death of Rev. Henry Nelson, this charge has lost a member who ever set before him the will of God as his rule, the glory of God as his end, and the approbation of God as his highest reward; who was a man of integrity, both in spirit and in life, a preacher who was a workman that needed not to be ashamed, studying and applying himself diligently to divide rightly the word of truth, that spent and was spent, in the service of his Lord; that was a living epistle for Christ, known and read by all around him.

Resolved, That we commend his services and faithfulness to the whole visible Church for emulation.

Resolved, That heart-felt sympathy of the Conference be extended to his family, and that these resolutions be placed upon the church record, and a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

APPOINTMENTS.

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

1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

- Bainbridge street, Phila.,—H. Jolley.
- Bridgeton, N. J.,—J. R. Brinkley.
- Cape May, N. J.,—C. A. Tinley.
- Camden, N. J.,—J. H. B. Hubbard.
- Chester, Pa.,—A. W. Hamilton.
- Frankford, Phila.,—J. S. Holley.
- Germantown, Phila.,—L. Y. Cox.
- Haven Mission, Phila.,—J. J. Campbell.
- Merchantsville, N. J.,—J. W. Pinkney.
- Middletown, Del.,—F. J. Lee.
- Mt. Zion, N. J.,—J. H. Pearce.
- Odessa, Del.,—D. J. Waters.
- Port Deposit, Md.,—L. W. Deakins.
- Salem, N. J.,—G. M. Landin.
- South Wilmington, Del.,—A. J. Wallace.
- Wilmington, Del.,—H. A. Monroe.
- Wilmington Circuit, Del.,—D. A. Ridout.
- Zoar, Phila.,—A. R. Shockley.

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

Thurlow, Pennsylvania.

- Aireys Circuit, Md.,—Chas. O. Waters.
- Bridgeville, Del.,—Wm. B. Green.
- Church Creek, Md.,—J. A. D. Grigsby.
- Cambridge, Md.,—Wm. H. Thomas.
- Dover Circuit, Del.,—W. J. Jackson.
- East Station, Del.,—J. E. Webb.
- East New Market, Md.,—Wm. M. Webb.
- Golden Hill, —J. H. Griffin.
- Lewes and Rehoboth, Del.,—K. J. Still.
- Laurel, Del.,—J. W. Lankford.
- Milford, Del.,—N. Morris.
- Milton, Del.,—Geo. Townsend.
- Madison, Md.,—D. R. Dunn.
- Nassau, Del.,—Thos. S. Als.
- Thompson Circuit, Md.,—Chas. Earles.
- Townsend, Del.,—A. Brown.
- Smyrna, Del.,—T. M. Hubbard.
- Seaford, Del.,—N. Young.
- Vienna, Md.,—J. H. Harman.

EASTON DISTRICT, W. J. PARKER, P. E.,

1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

[All these appointments are in Maryland.]

- Centerville—W. C. Dickerson.
- Chestertown—J. H. Riddick.
- Church Hill—J. H. Johnson.
- Crumpton—Wm. H. Rogers.
- Easton—G. W. Young.
- Easton—J. D. Elbert.
- Fairlee—J. H. Winters.
- Edesville—J. S. Willis.
- Greensborough—J. C. Carroll.
- Kent Island—T. H. Johnson.
- Marydel—H. Morris.
- Millington—C. H. Hutchins.
- Royal Oak—J. H. Nutter.
- Sassafras—S. E. Adams.
- St. Michael's—D. J. Brittingham.
- Skipton—A. Grinnage.
- Still Pond—J. H. Mason.
- Talbot—J. Q. Dennis.
- Trappe—P. Burrows.

SALISBURY DISTRICT, W. H. COFFEY, P. E.,
Salisbury, Md.

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| Accomac, Va—C. A. Horsey. | Princess Anne, Md—J. R. Waters. |
| Crisfield, Md—J. H. Holland. | Quantico, Md—A. J. Handy. |
| Deal's Island, Md—J. W. Brown. | Salisbury, Md—J. A. Scott. |
| Fairmount, Md—E. E. Parker. | Salisbury Circuit, Md—I. H. Johnson. |
| Friendship, Md—A. Lowber. | S. Berlin, Md—T. B. H. Coleman. |
| Green Hill, Md—E. H. Webb. | Snow Hill, Md—M. H. Horsey. |
| Horntown, Va—R. J. Waters. | Stockton, Md—W. H. Johnson. |
| N. Berlin, Md—J. L. Cole. | Snow Hill Circuit, Md—L. E. Tolson. |
| Pocomoke City, Md—H. T. Rich. | |

This certifies that in Salisbury, Maryland, on Sunday, May 31st, 1885, Andrew J. Wallace, George T. Townsend, John H. Harman, and Charles Earles, were ordained Deacons by the undersigned, and that King J. Still, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter, and James K. Adams, were ordained Elders by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders, according to the Ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

R. S. FOSTER.

SALISBURY, MD., May 31st, 1885.

CERTIFICATION OF THE MINUTES.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its twenty-second session, held in John Wesley Church, Salisbury, Md., May 28th to June 1st, inclusive.

Signed, R. S. FOSTER, President.

H. A. MONROE, Secretary.

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.]

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| 1 | 1880 | Adams, J. K. | E.. New Castle, Del. | 3 |
| 2 | 1870 | Adams, P. J. | S.. | 1 |
| 3 | 1881 | Adams, S. E. | D.. Sassafras, Kent Co., Md. | 1 |
| 4 | 1884 | Als, Thomas S. | P.. Nassau, Sussex Co., Del. | 1 |
| 5 | 1872 | Ash, Charles. | Sp. | 1 |
| 6 | 1864 | Brinkley, Joshua. | S.. Bridgeton, New Jersey. | 1 |
| 7 | 1885 | Brinkley, J. R. | S.. | 1 |
| 8 | 1864 | Broughton, I. | P.. Townsend, Del. | 1 |
| 9 | 1864 | Brown, A. | E.. St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md. | 1 |
| 10 | 1880 | Brittingham, D. J. | E.. Monie, Somerset Co., Md. | 1 |
| 11 | 1871 | Brown, J. W. | E.. Trappe, Talbot Co., Md. | 1 |
| 12 | 1865 | Burrows, P. | S.. 1119 Adams St., Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 13 | 1871 | Butler, Wm. F. | E.. 1018 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. | 1 |
| 14 | 1883 | Campbell, J. J. | E.. Greensborough, Caroline Co., Md. | 1 |
| 15 | 1869 | Carroll, J. C. | P. E.. Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md. | 1 |
| 16 | 1872 | Coffey, W. H. | P.. Berlin, Worcester Co., Md. | 1 |
| 17 | 1885 | Cole, J. L. | P.. Berlin, Worcester Co., Md. | 1 |

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| 19 | 1867 | Cox, L. Y. | E.. Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. | 1 |
| 20 | 1884 | Deakins, L. W. | P.. Port Deposit, Md. | 2 |
| 21 | 1865 | Dennis, J. Q. | E.. Easton, Talbot Co., Md. | 3 |
| 22 | 1870 | Dickerson, W. C. | E.. Centreville, Queen Anne Co., Md. | 1 |
| 18 | 1877 | Coleman, T. B. H. | E.. Berlin, Worcester Co., Md. | 2 |
| 23 | 1874 | Dunn, D. R. | E.. Madison, Dorchester Co., Md. | 3 |
| 24 | 1865 | Elbert, J. D. | E.. Easton, Talbot Co., Md. | 2 |
| 25 | 1864 | Gibbs, Benj. | S.. Wilmington, Del. | 2 |
| 26 | 1867 | Green, W. B. | E.. Bridgeville, Del. | 2 |
| 27 | 1882 | Grigsby, J. E. A. D. | D.. Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md. | 1 |
| 28 | 1866 | Grinnage, A. | E.. Skipton, Talbot Co., Md. | 1 |
| 29 | 1878 | Hamilton, A. W. | E.. Chester, Pa. | 1 |
| 30 | 1871 | Handy, A. | E.. Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md. | 2 |
| 31 | 1879 | Holley, J. S. | E.. Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. | 2 |
| 32 | 1866 | Holland, J. H. | E.. Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md. | 2 |
| 33 | 1869 | Horsey, C. A. | E.. Leemont, Accomac Co., Va. | 2 |
| 34 | 1884 | Harman, J. H. | P.. Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md. | 2 |
| 35 | 1878 | Horsey, M. H. | E.. Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md. | 3 |
| 36 | 1883 | Hubbard, J. H. B. | D.. 8th Ward, Camden, N. J. | 2 |
| 37 | 1877 | Hubbard, T. M. | E.. Smyrna, Del. | 1 |
| 38 | 1881 | Hutchins, C. H. | E.. Millington, Kent Co., Md. | 2 |
| 39 | 1885 | Jackson, W. J. | P.. Moornton, Del. | 1 |
| 40 | 1881 | Johnson, Isaiah H. | D.. Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md. | 1 |
| 41 | 1879 | Johnson, Jas. H. | E.. Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md. | 3 |
| 42 | 1872 | Johnson, Thos. H. | E.. Kent Island, Queen Anne Co., Md. | 1 |
| 43 | 1875 | Johnson, Wm. H. | E.. Stockton, Worcester Co., Md. | 1 |
| 44 | 1867 | Jolley, H. | E.. 1018 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. | 2 |
| 45 | 1884 | Lankford, J. W. | P.. Laurel, Del. | 1 |
| 46 | 1877 | Landin, G. M. | E.. Salem, N. J. | 1 |
| 47 | 1869 | Lee, F. J. | E.. Middletown, Del. | 2 |
| 48 | 1876 | Lowber, A. | E.. Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md. | 1 |
| 49 | 1879 | Mason, Jas. H. | E.. Still Pond, Kent Co., Md. | 2 |
| 50 | 1878 | Monroe, H. A. | E.. 429 E. 11th St., Wilmington Del. | 2 |
| 51 | 1865 | Morris, H. | E.. Marydel, Caroline Co., Md. | 3 |
| 52 | 1866 | Morris, N. | E.. Milford, Del. | 2 |
| 53 | 1881 | Nutter, J. H. | E.. Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md. | 2 |
| 54 | 1879 | Parker, E. E. | E.. Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co. Md. | 2 |
| 55 | 1864 | Parker, W. J. | P. E.. 1018 Arch St. Phila. Pa., | 1 |
| 56 | 1864 | Pearce, J. H. | E.. Haddonfield, N. J. | 1 |
| 57 | 1885 | Pinkney J. W. | P.. Merchantsville, N. J. | 1 |
| 58 | 1864 | Pollett, Chas. | S.. Centreville, | 1 |
| 59 | 1866 | Rich, H. T. | E.. Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md. | 2 |
| 60 | 1884 | Riddick, J. H. | E.. Chestertown, Kent Co., Md. | 2 |
| 61 | 1882 | Ridout, D. A. | D.. Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 62 | 1883 | Rogers, W. N. | E.. Crumpton, Queen Anne Co., Md. | 1 |
| 63 | 1864 | Saunders, J. W. | S.. Lima, Ohio. | 1 |
| 64 | 1877 | Scott, J. A. | E.. Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md. | 1 |
| 65 | 1877 | Shockley A. R. | E.. 1633 Darien St. Phila, Penn. | 2 |
| 66 | 1881 | Still, K. J. | E.. Lewes, Del. | 2 |
| 67 | 1877 | Thomas, W. H. | E.. Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md. | 2 |
| 68 | 1885 | Tinley, C. A. | P.. Cold Spring, Cape May Co., N. J. | 1 |
| 69 | 1883 | Townsend, G. T. | D.. Milton, Del. | 2 |
| 70 | 1872 | Washington, G. H. | P. E.. Thurlow, Penn. | 2 |
| 71 | 1872 | Waters, D. J. | E.. Odessa, Del. | 2 |
| 72 | 1872 | Wallace, A. J. | D.. Wimington, Del. | 1 |
| 73 | 1883 | Waters, Jos. R. | E.. Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md. | 1 |
| 74 | 1879 | Waters, R. J. | E.. Horntown, Accomac Co., Va. | 1 |
| 75 | 1876 | Waters, S. G. | S.. Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md. | 1 |
| | 1864 | | | |

76	1881	Webb, E. H.	E.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	1
77	1870	Webb, J. E.	E.	Dover, Del.	3
78	1875	Webb, W. M.	E.	E. New Market, Delaware Co., Md.	1
79	1874	White, J. H.	P. E.	1018 Arch St., Philada., Pa.	3
80	1864	Whittington, S. P.	S.		2
81	1873	Willis, J. S.	E.	Pomona, Kent Co., Md.	2
82	1865	Wing, C.	S.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	2
83	1879	Winters, J. H.	E.	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.	2
84	1876	Young, G. W.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	1
85	1864	Young, N.	S.	Milford, Del.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS SUPPLYING CHARGES.

- Chas. O. Waters, Aireas, Dorchester Co., Md.
- L. E. Tolson, Snow Hill, Md.
- J. H. Griffin, Golden Hill, Dorchester Co., Md.
- Chas. Earles, Salem, Dorchester, Co:

LOCAL PREACHERS.

The letters designate the present relation. as D for Deacon, ad E for Elder.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

L	F. B. Nichols	Greenwich, New Jersey.
L	Anthony Buck	Bridgeton, "
L	William P. Coombs	" "
L	Benjamin Roberts	" "
D	E. J. Miller	" "
D	Peter Wise	Haddonfield, "
L	Elias Williams	Centreville, "
L	Robert Cox	Newport, Del.
L	David Trusty	Cape May City, N. J.
D	Jabez Hill	Cold Spring, "
L	J. H. Johnson	Salem, "
L	James Scott	Salem, "
E	Isaac Foster	Lincoln University.
D	Samuel Laws	1210 Locust street, Philada.
D	Edward Lewis	1227 Lawrence street, Philada.
L	Benjamin Lowber	Camden, N. J.
L	Robert Coleman	2623 York street, Philada.
L	William Johnson	Lyma, "
L	Stephen Pinket	2340 Wright street, "
D	John Griffin	2222 Tuner, "
L	George W. Coleman	2838 York, N. Penn.
L	Charles W. Pinkney	Unknown.
L	J. E. Webster	2818 York street, Phila.
L	Uriah Camper	Thurlow, Pa.
L	Ellis Watts	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.
L	King Van Harler	
L	G. W. Clarkson	
D	James H. Smith	
L	John E. Shockley	826 King street, Wilmington, Del.
L	Charles O. Waters	826 " " " "
L	James H. Trusty	" " " "
L	B. B. Fisher	Delaware City, Del.
L	L. T. Bantom	South Wilmington, Del.
L	C. Griffin	" " " "
L	M. Meekins	Merchantsville, New Jersey
		Atlantic City, "

L	Moses Osborn	1632 Sansom street, Philada.
L	G. H. Selby	Bainbridge Church, "
L	Henry Simon	" " " "
L	Robert Berry	" " " "
L	G. W. Thomas	Quintin, Salem County, N. J.
L	James Goldborough	Spring Mills, Camden, "
		Bainbridge Church, Phila.

DISTRICT STEWARDS.

1	F. B. Nichols	Greenwich, N. J.
2	N. J. Jefferson	Haddonfield, "
3	S. P. Smallwood	Goshen, "
4	Theodore Benson	Salem, "
5	David Barnett	Port Deposit, Md.
6	Theodore Manluff	1705 Edwin street, Phila., Pa.
7	James A. Bart	2205 Reder " " "
8	Thomas Gibbs	106 Modon " " "
9	Absalom Parsson	Chester, Pa.
10	L. Rhodes	Central street, Camden, N. J.
11	John E. Shockley	826 King street, Wilmington, Del.
12	Charles Jordan	Middletown, Del.
13	L. H. Collins	Front and Union, care D. B. Anderson.
14	G. H. Thomas	Spring Mills, Camden Co., N. J.
15	William Butler	Germantown, 183 Haines street, Pa.
16	Robert Berry	Quaintin, N. J.
17	Henry Gray	Kirkwood, Del.
18	Arnold Finley	723 Morrow street, Phila., Pa.
19	James H. Trusty	Delaware City, Del.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charles Potts	Smyrna, Del.
Robert Coursey	Dover, "
Isaac Moseley	" "
Joseph Bells	" "
Julius E. Wright	" "
Wm. Jones	" "
Charles Horsey	Milford, "
David Simpler	" "
Moses Young	Milton, "
Julius Tingle	" "
Moses Porter	Nassau, "
Samuel Spencer	" "
James Dulaney	Laurel, "
Louis Burrows	" "
George E. Johnson	" "
Cyrus W. Moore	" "
G. B. Coleman	" "
Thomas Brummel	Federalsburg, Md.
Julius N. Brummel	" "
T. J. Webb	" " " "
Edward Julius	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.
Mathew Cole	" " " "
J. H. Thompson	" " " "
W. J. Jackson	East New Market, Md.
W. H. Jackson	" " " "
I. A. Kinson	" " " "
J. W. Stanley	" " " "
Isaac Camper	Vienna, Md.
Nathaniel Basel	Salem, "
Enoch W. Wilson	" " " "
Stephen Earle	Aireys, "

Geo. W. Stanley.....Vienna, "
 Francis Coleman.....Aireys, "
 Frederick H. Stanley....." "
 Gabriel Kiah.....Church Creek, Md.
 Timothy Keene....." "
 Robert Otis....." "
 Julius States....." "
 Washington Jolley.....Cambridge, "
 Moses E. Wing....." "
 George E. Ross....." "
 Charles Coplus.....Madison, "
 John Jones....." "
 Charles Cetus....." "
 Joseph Alexander....." "

EASTON DISTRICT—LOCAL PREACHERS.

G. Graves.....Maryland.
 A. H. Caulk.....Millington, Kent County, "
 C. W. Jones.....Galena, "
 H. Cristy....." "
 W. Scott.....Sassafras, "
 S. Black.....Warwick, Cecil "
 W. M. Raisen.....Galena, Kent "
 H. S. Chambers.....Still Pond, Kent "
 W. Frisby....." "
 G. W. Nickleson.....Chestertown, Kent "
 B. Ringold....." "
 E. Graves....." "
 S. L. Dunn....." "
 S. Raison....." "
 W. Pierce.....Fairlee, "
 R. Hinson....." "
 P. P. Wilson.....Pomona, "
 W. Ash.....Crumpton, "
 A. Thomas.....Marydel, "
 G. Hackett....." "
 J. Pembroke....." "
 E. Holters.....Centreville, Queen Anne County.
 J. W. Cook....." "
 C. Kennedy....." "
 W. McDaniels.....Church Hill, "
 W. Stevens....." "
 P. Lee....." "
 J. Hazelton.....Kent Island, "
 C. E. Shephard....." "
 S. Scott....." "
 William Brown.....Skipton, Talbot County, Maryland.
 H. Taylor.....Hillsborough, Caroline Co., "
 H. Buley.....Denton, "
 P. Kennedy....." "
 J. Carter.....Greensborough, "
 J. Stevens.....Ridgley, "
 M. Wells.....St Michael's, Talbot County, "
 J. Johnson....." "
 J. H. Yates....." "
 C. Murray.....Royal Oak, "
 D. Foot.....Talbot, "
 J. H. Staton....." "
 C. Thomas....." "

G. W. Turner....." "
 G. Keys.....Easton, "
 J. W. Smith....." "
 J. W. Brown....." "
 T. Nickerson.....Trappe, "
 " "

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Abram Pernel....." "
 Wm. Bowen.....Berlin, Worcester "
 Ephraim Spencer....." "
 Joshua Rodgers....." "
 Edw. Harmon.....Black Water, Sussex Co., Del.
 James Fisher.....Girdletree Hill, Wicomico Co., Md.
 Geo. Ginn.....Stockton, "
 John Noel.....Pocomoke City, Accomac Co., Va.
 Parker Gunter.....Chincoteague Island, Accomac Co., Md.
 Isaac Wilkins.....Fairmont, Accomac Co., Md.
 Stephen Willing.....Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
 Samuel Spencer.....Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.
 Geo. Johnson.....Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
 Jas. Delany....." "
 Samuel T. Ward....." "
 John Turner.....Pocomoke City, Md.
 Wesley Parker....." "
 Moses Holland....." "
 Isaac Armstrong....." "
 Henry Milbourn.....Snow Hill, Md.
 Wm. Coulborn....." "
 Owen Grinnell.....Farmtown, Accomac Co., Va.
 James H. Williams....." "
 Robert Coulborn....." "
 Isaac Collins.....Westover, Somerset Co., Md.
 Lambert Walters....." "
 Wm. E. Walters.....Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.
 Robert Hoggs....." "
 Joseph Williams....." "
 Herod Armstrong....." "
 Arnold Wallace.....Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.
 Henry Wallace....." "
 Geo. White....." "
 Alfred White....." "
 Henry White.....Dame's Quarter, "
 Francis Fields....." "
 Levi Johns....." "
 Geo. Jones....." "
 Geo. Hardy.....Monie, Somerset Co., Md.
 Joshua Bell....." "
 Jacob Bell.....Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.
 Wm. Stirling....." "
 Wm. Stirling....." "
 Washington Miles.....Crisfield, "
 Joseph Brittingham....." "
 Isaac T. Pealade....." "
 Albert Morris.....Westover, "
 Samuel Morris....." "
 Charles King.....Princess Anne, "
 Charles Tinley.....Berlin, "

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 IX.

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 X.

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."

BY - LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

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

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

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

ARTICLE V.

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

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

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

ARTICLE IX.

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

ARTICLE X.

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

ARTICLE XI.

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

ARTICLE XII.

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware Conference was called in John Wesley M. E. Church, Salisbury, Md., June 1, 1885. The meeting was opened in due form, Rev. A. Brown, in the chair. Rev. R. J. Waters offered prayer. The roll was then called to give the members an opportunity to pay their Annual dues.

Receipts from roll.....	\$56 00
Received from Daughters of Conference.....	33 41
Total.....	\$89 41

On motion, a Committee was appointed to nominate the officers for the ensuing year. The following were nominated, and afterward elected:

OFFICERS THAT CONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

- REV. H. JOLLEY, President.
- REV. A. BROWN, Vice-President.
- REV. J. H. NUTTER, Secretary.
- REV. N. YOUNG, Treasurer.

MANAGERS.

- Ministerial—REV. WM. H. JOHNSON, REV. J. H. B. HUBBARD, REV. A. HANDY.
 - Laymen—BRO. R. H. GILLET, BRO. C. W. MOORE.
- Respectfully submitted, W. C. DICKERSON, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The annual meeting of the Board of Control of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware Annual Conference, convened in John Wesley M. E. Church, Salisbury, Md., June 1st, 1885. Rev. J. D. Elbert, in the chair. The following members were present: Revs. A. Brown, W. C. Dickerson, H. T. Rich, M. H. Horsey. After calling roll, and reading minutes, we found that the expenses of the Society during the year were as follows:

PAID OUT FOR SICK DUES.	
Rev. P. J. Adams, August 22, 1884.....	\$ 8 00
Rev. S. G. Waters, September 11, 1884.....	10 00
Rev. J. E. Webb, September 15, 1884.....	8 00
Rev. G. M. Landin, September 15, 1884.....	4 00
Rev. Wm. F. Butler, December 20, 1884.....	24 00
Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, January 27, 1885.....	6 00
Rev. P. Kennedy, June 1, 1885.....	6 00
Rev. P. Kennedy's funeral expenses, to Rev. H. Morris, June 1, 1885...	28 00
Rev. H. Morris, June 1, 1885.....	6 00
Rev. Charles Wing, June 1, 1885.....	6 00
Total.....	\$106 00

FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES, ETC.

Bro. H. T. Rich, February 5.....	\$ 5 18
Bro. R. H. Gillett, February 5.....	5 18
Rev. M. H. Horsey, Feb. 5.....	3 20

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.	
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
Bridgeton	J. H. Cook	\$ 350 00	\$ 311 55	\$ 39 50	\$ 36 31	\$ 31 98	\$ 3 00	\$ 11 50	\$ 2 00
Camden	J. H. B. Hubbard	506 00	472 00	34 00	32 32	2 68	3 00	3 00	3 00
Cape May	T. M. Hubbard	476 50	421 50	55 00	43 43	11 07	1 00	7 50	7 50
Chester	F. J. Campbell	584 00	584 00	0 00	50 50	0 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Middleton	F. J. Lee	480 00	400 00	80 00	50 00	30 00	3 00	4 00	4 00
New Zion	G. M. Landin	528 00	528 00	0 00	28 28	0 00	3 00	4 00	4 00
New Castle	J. K. Adams	420 00	420 00	0 00	50 50	3 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Odessa	D. J. Waters	560 00	560 00	0 00	60 60	2 00	3 00	4 00	4 00
Frankford & N. Penn.	J. H. Holley	768 00	768 00	0 00	40 40	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Frankford Street	H. Jolley	1000 00	1000 00	0 00	50 50	2 00	15 00	15 00	15 00
Haven Mission	W. C. Dickerson	650 00	475 00	175 00	25 25	0 00	2 00	4 00	4 00
Zoar	A. R. Shockey	992 00	992 00	0 00	100 100	0 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Salem	W. M. Webb	472 00	472 00	0 00	34 34	1 50	1 00	2 00	2 00
Merchantville	W. H. Rodgers	400 00	400 00	0 00	28 28	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Port Deposit	W. T. Cole	300 00	275 00	25 00	36 36	1 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
Wilmington	L. W. Deakins	360 00	378 21	18 21	40 40	0 00	18 00	3 34	3 34
Wilmington Circuit	H. A. Monroe	1002 00	1002 00	0 00	100 100	0 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Germantown	W. F. Butler	227 00	216 37	10 63	20 20	0 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Wilmington Chapel	J. H. Pearce	536 00	536 00	0 00	30 30	0 00	1 60	1 60	1 60
	Jas. H. Grinnage	175 00	100 00	75 00	13 13	36 00	1 60	1 60	1 60
		10792 50	10186 83	596 67	855 839	84 85	10 82	94 101	95 99

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.	
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
Centerville	A. W. Hamilton	\$ 600 00	600 00	0 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00	3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00
Cheserown	J. H. Kiddick	440 00	440 00	0 00	44 00	44 00	3 00	5 50	9 00
Church Hill	J. H. Johnson	440 00	440 00	0 00	45 00	45 00	3 00	4 00	4 00
Denton	A. Grinnage	366 00	354 12	11 88	45 00	42 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
Easton	J. D. Elbert	340 00	275 00	65 00	44 00	38 00	2 00	8 00	7 00
Edesville	J. S. Willet	560 00	560 00	0 00	36 00	36 00	2 00	15 00	15 00
Frankford	J. H. Willis	465 00	454 11	11 89	40 00	34 00	3 00	7 00	4 00
Greensborough	J. C. Carroll	360 00	390 10	30 10	46 24	40 24	3 00	5 00	5 00
Kent Island	S. G. Waters	400 00	390 10	10 90	55 00	50 00	8 00	15 00	15 00
Millington	H. Morris	475 00	475 00	0 00	56 00	56 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
Myrtle	C. H. Hutchins	400 00	390 10	10 90	55 00	50 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
St. Michael's	J. H. Nutter	314 00	300 14	14 86	44 00	38 25	1 00	2 00	2 00
Royal Oak	A. Brown	500 00	400 10	100 90	44 00	42 67	3 00	3 00	3 00
Sassafras	A. J. Wallace	510 00	438 72	71 28	36 00	36 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Skippon	S. E. Adams	515 00	290 10	225 90	42 00	42 00	2 00	8 00	14 00
Still Pond	T. H. Mason	300 00	200 10	100 90	36 00	36 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Tabor	T. O. Dennis	380 00	380 00	0 00	40 00	40 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
Trappe	P. Burrows	325 00	251 99	73 01	42 40	42 40	2 00	11 00	11 00
		500 00	457 43	42 57	40 00	40 00	2 00	173 00	145 00
		8420 00	8094 436	325 564	881 826	841 881	47 50	49 00	173 00

DOVER DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.	
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
Cambridge	W. H. Thomas	\$ 596 00	596 00	0 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 40 00	10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00
Church Creek	P. J. Adams	400 00	560 00	160 00	54 31	181 00	100 00	43 00	100 00
Dover	J. E. Webb	560 00	543 36	16 64	30 30	30 30	200 00	7 00	7 00
Dover Circuit	E. A. F. Grigsby	455 00	400 15	54 85	47 30	300 15	125 00	7 00	7 00
East New Market	N. Young	425 00	340 85	84 15	50 50	43 00	400 00	5 00	5 00
Federalsburg	W. B. Green	301 00	301 00	0 00	10 10	10 10	100 00	1 00	1 00
Hicksville	Chas. Earles	70 00	63 70	6 30	7 10	32 300	300 00	2 00	2 00
Laurel	D. J. Brittingham	375 00	333 32	41 68	30 30	150 150	15 00	2 00	2 00
Lewis and Robinson	D. R. Dunn	315 00	250 250	65 00	30 30	30 300	300 00	8 00	8 00
Mildred	K. J. Still	450 00	500 00	50 00	55 49	49 300	300 00	1 00	1 00
Nassau	Nash Morris	330 00	330 00	0 00	32 32	32 100	100 00	1 00	1 00
Northampton	T. S. Als	434 00	370 270	64 00	30 30	30 100	75 00	1 00	1 00
Northampton	G. T. Townsend	270 00	255 310	15 00	24 24	24 300	300 00	3 00	3 00
Northampton	D. A. Ridout	366 00	366 00	0 00	36 36	36 36	200 00	6 00	6 00
Northampton	C. H. Ash	410 00	410 00	0 00	49 49	49 49	4 00	4 00	4 00
Northampton	J. H. Hartman	410 00	361 410	49 00	100 100	100 100	4 00	15 00	15 00
		6521 00	5979 600	542 00	830 694	421 435	354 105	105 58	58 3

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 2.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.	
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
Chincoteague	J. L. Cole	\$ 170 00	142 77	27 23	13 00	13 00	3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00
Deal's Island	G. E. Snead	48 00	48 00	0 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	12 00	12 00
Farmington	E. E. Parker	536 00	536 00	0 00	36 00	36 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Friends Hill Ct.	J. W. Brown	390 00	345 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Greenwood	W. H. Johnson	430 00	380 00	50 00	45 00	45 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Leontown	E. H. Webb	500 00	300 00	200 00	34 00	34 00	5 00	8 00	8 00
North Mount	G. W. Young	318 00	203 62	114 38	48 00	48 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Pocomoke	R. J. Waters	420 00	420 00	0 00	44 00	44 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Princes Anne	H. T. Rich	440 00	417 00	23 00	60 00	60 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Quantico	J. A. Scott	536 00	536 00	0 00	50 00	50 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Salisbury	J. A. Hand	455 00	455 00	0 00	32 00	32 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Salisbury	J. R. Waters	510 00	510 00	0 00	32 00	32 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Snow Hill Ct.	A. Lowber	436 00	336 00	100 00	42 00	42 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
South Berlin	M. H. Horsey	475 00	433 00	42 00	34 00	34 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
South Berlin	P. Whittington	475 00	433 00	42 00	17 00	17 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Cricket	T. H. B. Coleman	480 00	430 00	50 00	35 00	35 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Cricket	A. H. Johnson	455 00	386 00	69 00	26 00	26 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Cricket	J. H. Holland	534 00	534 00	0 00	48 00	48 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Cricket	C. Horsey	350 00	225 00	125 00	32 00	32 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Recapitulation by Districts		8095 00	7312 39	782 61	746 00	746 00	88 00	80 50	143 00
Philadelphia District		10792 50	10186 83	596 67	855 839	841 881	47 50	49 00	173 00
Dover		6521 00	5979 600	542 00	830 694	421 435	354 105	105 58	58 3
Salisbury		8095 00	7312 39	782 61	746 00	746 00	88 00	80 50	143 00
Grand total		33828 50	31572 22	22637 74	3257 04	3257 04	262 74	247 98	522 95

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken.	No. S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teach'rs who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Bridgeton	3	23	62	21	14	27	40	.....	\$ 4 00	.....	.....	13	18	8	20
Camden	1	15	183	125	43	15	75	.....	53 00	.....	.....	48	12	5	1
Cape May	2	15	50	15	12	12	12	.....	12 00	.....	.....	40	50	40	1
Chester	1	19	221	81	70	70	180	.....	100 00	.....	.....	7	19	95	6
Middleton	1	14	115	45	98	40	80	.....	16 00	.....	.....	15	10	05	1
Mount Zion	1	20	178	55	98	30	100	.....	25 00	.....	.....	12	6	5	4
New Castle	4	18	175	350	30	50	95	.....	10 00	.....	.....	36	12	20	1
Odessa	1	17	80	32	16	20	40	.....	8 00	.....	.....	15	4	34	5
Frankford North Penn.	3	17	80	32	16	20	40	.....	26 00	.....	.....	3	15	4	5
Germantown	1	5	48	25	10	13	30	.....	500	.....	.....	144	7	71	8
Bainbridge Street	1	15	123	57	42	24	80	.....	19 80	.....	.....	5	2	10	8
Haven Mission	1	8	35	20	15	.....	20	.....	2 75	.....	.....	2	2	7	1
Zoar	1	23	175	100	55	82	600	.....	232 79	.....	.....	7	5	6	15
Salem	1	11	86	50	25	11	60	.....	12 00	.....	.....	7	4	19	4
Salem Circuit	1	0	50	35	5	30	30	.....	12 00	.....	.....	10	38	373	20
Wilmington	2	38	622	385	175	62	478	.....	700	.....	.....	8	22	20	9
Wilmington Circuit	1	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275 00	.....	.....	10	5	5	1
Merchantsville	1	20	128	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	4	5	20	20
S. Wilmington	1	1	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	24	5	20	20
Total	35	307	2609	1472	706	509	1676	4306	931 94	10	30	486	276	817	418

DOVER DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken.	No. S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teach'rs who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Cambridge	2	27	240	60	40	140	130	370	\$ 37 00	.....	.....	40	27	37	20
Church Creek	2	18	150	.....	.....	60	100	337	28 00	.....	.....	20	25	52	31
Dover	5	12	201	120	20	61	82	100	12 00	.....	.....	15	26	70	10
Dover Circuit	3	30	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. New Market	3	40	250	96	123	31	150	300	20 00	.....	.....	12	95	15	15
Federalburg	5	28	172	63	58	51	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	10	30	18
Hickborough	4	15	42	18	24	.....	27	26	.....	.....	.....	3	173	.....	18
Lauriel	4	43	275	188	47	40	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	10	30	18
Lewis and Rehoboth	4	15	42	18	24	.....	27	26	.....	.....	.....	3	173	.....	18
Madison	4	43	275	188	47	40	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	10	30	18
Milford	8	63	268	90	35	20	35	250	3 00	.....	.....	15	173	.....	18
Nassau	3	19	92	32	30	30	57	125	22 50	.....	.....	173	.....	.....	18
Seaford	3	20	70	90	89	89	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	173	.....	.....	18
Milton	2	12	50	25	15	10	40	.....	5 00	.....	.....	40	15	10	0
Samyria	2	11	40	19	13	8	38	.....	13 00	.....	.....	9	15	98	0
TOWNSEND	1	11	40	19	13	8	38	.....	13 00	.....	.....	9	15	98	0
Vienna	1	3	18	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Total	57	470	2581	1009	685	97	111	330	35 00	.....	.....	137	664	400	133

EASTON DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. 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 Inf't Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probat'ns.	No. of Conversions in S. School this year.
Centerville	3	20	237	77	93	67	158	33	\$ 38	.....	.....	12	19	59	50
Cheserown	3	20	180	50	75	55	75	237	25	.....	.....	17	18	50	24
Church Hill	3	26	200	185	5	10	100	.....	5	.....	.....	15	15	38	8
Crumpston	3	15	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denton	4	40	175	65	55	55	120	200	25	.....	.....	96	18	36	7
Easton	4	24	190	70	74	46	97	242	18	.....	.....	10	12	52	6
Fessville	3	20	200	100	60	74	151	375	5	.....	.....	10	10	54	35
Garlee	3	51	149	60	74	50	75	300	.....	.....	.....	29	10	62	4
Greensborough	5	20	110	30	30	48	145	250	.....	.....	.....	14	14	11	4
Kent Island	5	40	234	122	64	30	72	180	3	.....	.....	27	27	65	45
Marydel	4	16	101	32	39	30	100	225	66	.....	.....	14	26	20	22
Milford	3	16	101	32	39	30	100	225	66	.....	.....	14	26	20	22
Rowton	3	16	101	32	39	30	100	225	66	.....	.....	14	26	20	22
St. Michael	3	31	169	54	80	65	100	382	29	.....	.....	30	31	15	15
St. Michael's	3	31	169	54	80	65	100	382	29	.....	.....	30	31	15	15
Sisestras	4	35	245	145	80	13	36	25	5	.....	.....	5	28	22	1
Slippon	4	9	67	.....	.....	.....	83	322	.....	.....	.....	30	50	60	3
Still Pond	3	9	168	56	84	13	25	264	.....	.....	.....	6	25	30	3
Talbor	4	32	260	175	50	50	35	90	.....	.....	.....	6	25	30	3
Thappe	4	32	260	175	50	50	35	90	.....	.....	.....	6	25	30	3
Total	67	535	3516	1416	1033	743	1977	4245	376	.....	.....	276	421	716	297

Missionary Collections.

EZION M. E. CHURCH, WILMINGTON DEL.
 (Each person in this list gave \$1.00 or more for missions.)

- Austin, Annie,
- Allen, Eliza,
- Bradley, Eliza,
- Batson, Mary E.,
- Boyer, Lizzie,
- Pantam, John H.,
- Butler, Mary E.,
- Burk, Francis,
- Bayard, Martha,
- Berry, Emeline,
- Brown, Rachel A.,
- Boulder, Annie,
- Boulder, Isaac,
- Backus, Ida,
- Brown, Rachel A.,
- Bayard, George,
- Benton, James A.,
- Brown, Annie E.,
- Burris, Mary,
- Colter, Purnetta,
- Craig, G. W.,
- Crozier, Henrietta,
- Crozier, James B.,
- Chandler, Sarah,
- Caldwell, Maggie,
- Caldwell, Wm. H.,
- Crawford, Thomas,
- Colter, Horace,
- Done, Horace,
- Done, Sarah J.,
- Dunn, Isabella,
- Durham, Mary,
- Davis, Mary E.,
- Ellis, Wm.,
- Fisher, Henrietta,
- Freeny, Mahala,
- Frazier, Eliza J.,
- Frisby, Emeline,
- Fountain, Alice J.,
- Graves, Mary,
- Graves, Ellen,
- Gibbs, Charlotte,
- Gibson, Wm. E.,
- Huston, Annie,
- Holland, Susan,
- Herron, Eliza J.,
- Irons, Sarah,
- Irons, Emma,
- Jackson, Annie,
- Jenkins, Henry S.,
- Mason, John,
- Mason, Charles,
- Medford, Allen,
- Monroe, H. A.,
- Monroe, Christiana,
- Parker, Augusta,
- Price, Alphonsa,
- Riley, John W.,
- Reading, Isabella,
- Rochester, Sarah C.,
- Rogers, Caroline,
- Rhodes, Hannah,
- Roy, John H.,
- Ryan, John,
- Songs, Margaret,
- Sullivan, Annie,
- Sullivan, Mary E.,
- Sullivan, Charles H.,
- Sipple, Lina,
- Short, Annie,
- Short, Lida,
- Stanley, Martha,
- Spencer, Eva B.,
- Stanley, Susan A.,
- Shockley, Mary E.,
- Spencer, Edward D.,
- Spencer, Samuel,
- Spencer, Levin J.,
- Spencer, Henrietta,
- Tinch, Elias,
- Tilghman, Granville,
- Tilghman, Lula,
- Tilghman, Daniel,
- Tompson, Elias Jr.,
- Tomlinson, Benj. L.,
- Todd, Laura,
- Tilghman, Mary,
- View, Comfort,
- View, Charles,
- Wiggins, Wilson,
- Webb, Jane,
- Woodland, William,
- Why, Amey,
- Wheatly, Henry P.,
- Wheatly, Laura,
- Wilson, Alfred,
- Wright, Sarah,
- Waters, Jane,
- Williams, Emma^A,
- Wilson, Mrs. W. E.,
- Waters, N. B.,

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OR CHARGES.	SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.														
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probat'ns.	No. of Conversions.
Chincoague	1	5	38	12	9	17	24	90	\$ 1 00	2	2	2	4	5	11
Deal's Island	4	45	262	133	100	39	180	387	55 00	60	60	27	27	40	15
Fairmount	2	27	178	90	39	40	165	252	17 00	6	6	18	18	25	4
Friendship	3	23	107	75	61	55	126	224	25 00	18	18	9	9	15	25
Green Hill	4	25	140	100	40	88	95	200	10 00	4	4	9	9	13	15
Homtown	4	25	140	100	40	88	95	200	10 00	4	4	9	9	13	15
Locust Mount	2	20	160	40	40	71	170	303	18 50	5	5	33	33	10	15
North Berlin	3	24	196	45	100	51	150	203	44 00	8	8	11	11	20	28
Pocomoke City	3	24	196	45	100	51	150	203	44 00	8	8	11	11	20	28
Princess Anne	5	33	255	95	100	60	200	225	33 00	12	12	35	35	45	18
Quantico	2	12	120	40	70	10	70	200	15 20	6	6	19	19	61	18
Salisbury	5	35	300	120	80	100	200	200	1 29	2	2	30	30	14	25
Salisbury Circuit	1	22	170	35	103	35	130	339	12 10	18	18	71	71	20	27
Snow Hill	4	36	170	78	57	35	85	125	6 00	30	30	109	109	27	31
Snow Hill Circuit	2	18	82	25	25	25	200	200	21 32	30	30	30	30	5	5
South Berlin	3	18	82	25	25	25	200	200	21 32	30	30	30	30	5	5
Stockton	4	16	100	50	25	25	75	150	13 00	9	9	18	18	00	34
Christfield Circuit	4	16	100	50	25	25	75	150	13 00	9	9	18	18	00	34
Wiseville	1	4	40	20	10	10	25	500	2 00	2	2	4	4	5	34
Total	59	497	3314	1271	1120	705	2221	4542	295 21	2	2	349	410	818	348
<i>Recapitulation by Districts.</i>															
Philadelphia District	35	307	2609	1472	706	509	1676	4366	933 94	10	10	486	276	847	133
Dover District	57	470	2581	1079	685	705	1856	3331	251 32	2	2	137	664	407	278
Eastern District	67	535	3516	1416	1033	743	1977	4245	376 00	2	2	276	421	818	316
Salisbury District	59	497	3314	1271	1120	705	2221	4542	295 21	2	2	349	410	818	348
Total this year	218	1809	12020	5338	3544	2722	7730	16424	1856 47	14	14	1248	1771	2799	1048
Increase	215	1680	11458	4262	3145	2215	8091	14280	1477 63	19	19	435	575	1426	758
Decrease	3	129	562	976	399	507	961	2144	378 84	5	21	813	396	364	257

Jefferson, Katie,
 Jefferson, Janie,
 Kirkman, Roxalina,
 Kirkman, John,
 Lewis, George,
 Lovekins, Mary,
 Leebo, Hannah,
 Layton, Amelia,
 Mason, Isaac,
 Murray, Mrs. Abraham,
 Morris, Rosie,
 Morris, James J.,

Wilson, Mary F.,
 Williams, Sophia,
 Wilson, Mary,
 Wilson, Elizabeth,
 Wayman, Lizzie,
 Wayman, John,
 Williams, Sarah,
 Wilson, James R.,
 Wallace, Amanda,
 Young, Annie,
 Young, Elizabeth.

ROYAL OAK CHARGE—J. H. NUTTER, PASTOR.

I. FROM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Miss Elizabeth Williams	25	Miss Sarah E. Gibson	25
" Minnie Green	25	" Mamie E. Williams	25
" Emily Stephens	25	" Elanore Skinner	25
" Josephine Green	25	" Mary J. Gibson	25
" Mary L. Lawrence	25	" Mary Stephens	25
" Henrietta Green	25	Mrs. Annie E. Nutter	25
Mrs. Josephine Roberts	25	Miss Lucretia V. Nutter	25
Miss Annie Fields	25	Jacob Howard	25
" Annie Thomas	25	Chas. H. Lowery	25
Mrs. Maria Adams	25	L. Fields	25
" Louisa Ross	25	Henry Oliver, Sr.	25
Miss Annie Green	25	Geo. Harris	25
" Sarah E. Thomas	25	George E. Hammond	25
" Rosetta Blay	25		

2. FROM ST. LUKE CHURCH.

Miss Clara Gardner	25	William Cooper	25
Mrs. Silvester Williams	25	Oliver C. Green	25
Miss Ella Harris	25	Lewis D. Green	25
Miss Sarah Davis	25	H. S. Lowery	25
Mrs. Carrie Johnson	25	L. H. Brummell	25
Miss Mattie Williams	25	E. B. Harris	25
Mrs. Mary A. Davis	25		

3. FROM DASHIELD'S CHAPEL.

Mrs. Harriett A. Blackwell	25	Isaac G. Turner	25
Mrs. Eliza Jane Blake	25	James Johnson	25
John Blackwell	25		

II. FROM ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Rev. J. H. Nutter	25	Francis Jones	25
Murray Williams	25	Hall Lawrence	25
Lafayette Fields	25	Mrs. Benena Elliott	25
Edward Fields	25	Miss Mary H. J. Gibson	25
C. H. Tilghman	25	" Sarah E. Moore	25
Charles Long	25	" Clara Thomas	25
Augustus Tilghman	25	" Charlotte Foster	25
Clifton Jones	25	" Annie E. Fields	25
Joseph Moore	25	" Mary E. Williams	25

JANES M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL, OF CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Missionary Annual Report for this Conference year ending May 30th, 1885, as rendered this 22d day of May, 1885, with the names of the teachers and the amounts of their monthly, and the total amount raised by their classes opposite their names, although three or four months of the year we are not able to show

any amounts raised, nevertheless, I congratulate our many Sabbath Schools and friends, upon the fact that since I took charge of the school last October, we have raised by the following named teachers, \$75.00 as follows:

	Oct. 1884	Nov. 1884	Dec. 1884	Jan. 1885	Feb. 1885	March. 1885	April. 1885	May. 1885	Total for year.
Miss A. A. Harris	20	22	40	75	06	30	1 30	14	\$3 37
" M. E. Jenkins	15	24	40	79	13	08	50	50	2 79
Mrs. Hattie Carmichael	30	12	25	60	06	20	50	50	2 33
Miss Hannah Chambers	50	13	10	50	50	04	75	04	2 56
" Jane Tilghman	14	25	19	49	05				1 12
" Alice Cann	06	18	30	60	10	10	15	05	1 54
Mrs. M. A. Royal	30	05	25	40		04	10	08	1 22
" S. M. Dunn	04	14	40	1 00	10	14	30	05	2 17
" Eliza Dunn	20	05	36	70	09		45	10	1 95
" A. E. Freeman	30	05	15	50	06	04	45	25	1 50
" M. Wright	50	12	38	60	04	06	16	30	2 16
Miss M. E. Baily				1 50	50	2 00	7 00	10 00	21 00
" Mag Wright	40	09	50	60	10		30	20	2 19
" Deborah Brown				50	04	05	6 00	87	7 46
Mr. F. T. C. Chambers		1 08	30	75		06	34	1 50	4 03
" John E. Dent				1 00	35	2 00	6 00	4 00	13 35
" M. Pitman				40	10		10	12	1 52
" Zacariah Dunn	05	50	25	40	10		10	06	2 34
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All of which we respectfully submit in behalf of Janes Sunday School and Teachers.

J. H. RIDDICK, Pastor.

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Isaac Houston	50	James E. Johnson	25
Sydney Waters	50	Littleton Waters	25
John H. Waters	25	George Fountain	25
Wm. Waters	25	Margret Wilson	25
Upture Waters	25	Maria Williams	25
Mary J. Wilson	50	Mary F. Waters	25
E. Johnson	25	Emanuel Waters	25
Benjamin Waters	25	Julia Maddox	25
Littleton Gillis	25	Wm E. Curtis	25
Isabella Wilson	25	E. E. Parker	25
Hester Maddox	25	Rosey Robertson	25
Lucy Waters	25	Wm. Robertson	25
Levi Hicks	25	Sallie Collins	25
Robt. Maddox	25	Anna Curtis	25
Ardella Handy	25	Samuel Jones	25
Anna Collins	25	Emerson Curtis	25
Wm. S. Mills	25	Henry Jones	25
Isaac Waters	25	Maria Jones	25
George Perry	25	Isaac Collins Jr.	25
Hester J. Selby	25	Geo. Williams	25
John W. Waters	25	James Maddox	25
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Melia Potter	25	Robt Colburn	25

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Joshua Waters.....	25	Oliver Wallace.....	25
Eliza Waters.....	25	Levin Waters.....	25
Wm. Savage.....	50	Isabella Bell.....	25
Tubman Hall.....	50	Patience L. Parker.....	25
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Anna E. Driver.....	25	Arthur Dugees.....	25
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