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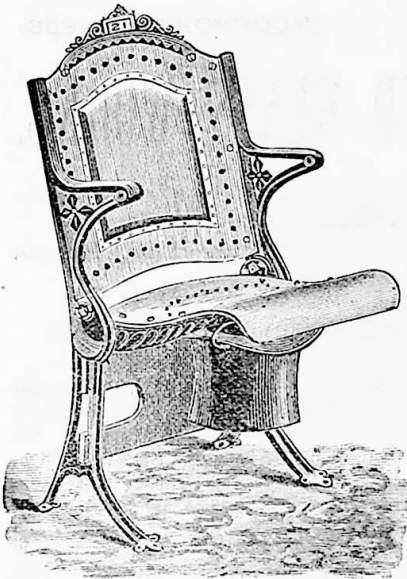
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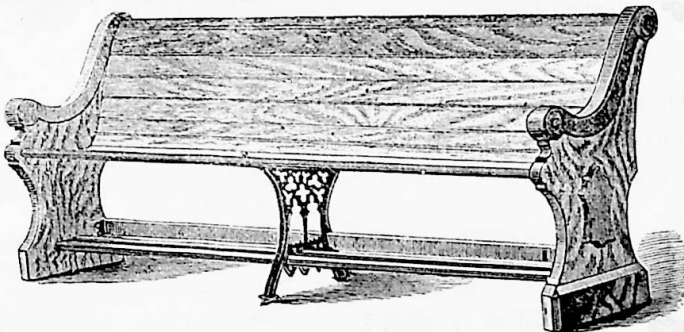
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders ?*
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders ?*
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?*
None.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?*
John W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Chas. Pollett, Nathan Young, Joshua Brinkley, Isaiah Broughton, Samuel G. Waters, Peter J. Adams, Stephen P. Whittington.
20. *Was the character of each examined ?*
(This was strictly attended to by the calling over of each name.)
21. *Have any died ?*
Charles Ash, Wm. F. Butler, D. D.
22. *Have any been transferred and to what Conference ?*
None.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request ?*
None.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges ?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled ?*
None.
28. *Who have been selected as triers of appeals ?*
N. Young, J. H. Pearce, L. Y. Cox, W. H. Johnson, E. E. Parker, T. B. H. Coleman, Jos. R. Waters.
29. *What is the Statistical Report ?*
(See General Statistics.)
30. *What are the claims on Conference Fund ?*
(See Stewards' Report.)
31. *What has been received on these claims and how applied ?*
(See Report of Committee on Conference Claimants and Conference Stewards' Report.)
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed ?*
(See List of Appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held ?*
Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Thursday, May 6th, 1886.

The twenty-third session of the Delaware Annual Conference, convened in the Bainbridge street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday, May 6th, at 9.30, a. m. The Conference was called to order by Bishop Stephen Merrill, D. D., who read Isaiah 35th chapter, and Acts 20th, for the lessons, and announced as the opening hymn, "Jesus the name high over all." The sacrament of the Lord's supper, was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Revs. White, Jolley, Parker, Brinkley, Morris, and others.

By direction of the Bishop, H. A. Monroe, Secretary of the last session, called the roll, and the ministers present answered to their names. W. F. Butler, and Chas. Ash, were reported deceased.

H. A. Monroe was elected Secretary, with D. A. Ridout, and W. C. Dickerson, Assistants. Jos. R. Waters was elected Statistical Secretary, with J. L. Cole, J. H. Nutter, J. H. B. Hubbard.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the eighth bench from the altar.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8.30 a. m., for prayer meeting, with a business session lasting from 9 a. m., to 12 m.

The list of Standing Committees nominated at the last session, to serve at this, was approved with the following additions. PUBLIC WORSHIP, H. Jolley, I. H. White, J. H. B. Hubbard.

COMMITTEE ON RECEIVING STATISTICS:—J. J. Campbell, Wm. H. Thomas, Jas. H. Johnson, M. H. Horsey.

SECRETARY ON RAILROAD PASSES:—J. E. A. D. Grigsby.

A resolution was offered by W. J. Parker, conveying the gratitude of the Conference at the selection of Bishop Merrill to preside, was adopted.

Drafts upon the Chartered Fund for \$30, and upon the Book Concern for \$107, were ordered.

A delegation from the Philadelphia Methodist Preachers' meeting was introduced, and fraternal addresses were made, by Rev. Jerome Lindemuth, President, T. S. Fernley, Cor. Secretary, W. J. Paxson, George R. Morris and T. F. Crouch, Presiding Elder. J. Hudson Riddick responded on behalf of the Conference. Dr. Marshall W. Taylor, of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, was introduced, and made a telling address. He was followed by Dr. Sanford Hunt, of the Book Concern, who also presented the cause of the Southwestern.

Dr. A. J. Kynett, of the Church Extension Society, also made a short address to the Conference.

Rev. D. H. Carroll, of the Baltimore Book Depository, gave a notice in regard to the collection of accounts, and Rev. Dr. Morrow, agent of the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Bible Society, also addressed the Conference.

After the usual notices were read, the Conference adjourned, to meet at 3 P. M., in a statistical session. Dr. B. T. Tanner pronounced the benediction.

The following visitors were present: Revs. J. Lindermuth, T. A. Fernley, W. J. Paxson, Geo. R. Morris and J. T. Crouch, of Philadelphia Conference M. E. Church; Revs. Geo. Cummings, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Jas. Morrow, D. D., Robt. DeBow, C. L. Adamson, Jacob Dickerson, W. L. Gray, Dr. A. J. Kynett, Rev. Brice, of the Pittsburg Conference of the M. E. Church; Revs. J. S. Thompson, B. F. Lee, D. D., Editor *Christian Recorder*; B. T. Tanner, Editor of the *A. M. E. Church Review*; A. Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, J. H. Accoo.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A statistical session was opened at 3 P. M. with J. D. Elbert in the chair. By appointment of the Bishop, the committee on receiving statistics called the roll, and the brethren reported their collections.

The Conference adjourned at 5 P. M.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION—Friday, May 7th.

The Conference prayer meeting began at 8.30 A. M., by N. Morris, with Hymn "Try us, O God, and search the ground," and led in prayer.

The business session began at 9 A. M. with Bishop Merrill in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session, and of the statistical session which were approved.

Communications in reference to the Freedmen's Aid, Education, Episcopal Fund, Temperance and the Local Preachers' Association were presented by the Bishop and referred to the respective committees.

Rev. Dr. Kidder, of the Board of Education, was introduced and made a very interesting address on the work of the Board, particularly in reference to the aid extended.

The 13th question was taken up. "Who are the Deacons of the second class?" Geo. T. Townsend, Andrew J. Wallace and J. H. B. Hubbard reported their collections and were advanced to the class of Deacons of the second year.

The 14th question. "What Travelling Deacons have been elected Elders?" D. A. Ridout, James E. A. D. Grigsby, Silas E. Adam, Isaiah H. Johnson, reported their collections and were elected to Elders Orders.

On motion of I. H. White it was ordered that the monies collected for Women's Foreign Missions and Women's Home Missions be retained by the Conference until called for by the proper officers of the respective societies.

The 5th Question, "Who are admitted into Connection?" was taken up. John W. Lankford, Lewis W. Deakins, Thomas S. Als and John H. Harman reported their collections, and the Committee of Examination not being ready to report, action in their cases was deferred until Saturday's session. The candidates were examined by the Bishop who made an address.

The payment of \$15.24 for Conference supplies, and \$13 for printing, was ordered. Also the different committees were directed to pay over to the authorized agents present, the benevolent and other monies in their possession.

Dr. Gray, agent of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society was introduced and addressed the Conference on the importance of that work.

After the usual notices the Conference adjourned; Benediction by Dr. Hunt. The following visitors were introduced to the Conference during the session: C. M. Boswell, J. R. Merrill, J. C. Wilson, Geo. M. Broadhead, Philadelphia Con-

ference; J. H. Hargis, S. W. Thomas, J. S. J. McConnell, J. B. McCullough, S. O. Garrison, W. H. Zweig, Philadelphia; A. S. Brice, Newark, N. J., J. W. E. Bowen, Newark, N. J.; J. T. Meredith, Philadelphia, A. S. Urban, Philadelphia; Joseph P. Thompson, A. M. E. Church, T. A. V. Henry, A. M. E. Church; B. W. Allen, Newark N. J.; J. Height, Bean A. M. E. Church.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.—Saturday, May 8th, 1886.

The Conference opened at 9 A. M., with Bishop Merrill in the chair. D. J. Waters opened the devotional exercises by reading the 145th hymn, which was sung, followed by prayer.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved. Papers relating to Freedmen's Aid and Educational Causes were received, and referred to the respective committees.

The consideration of the 5th Question was resumed. J. W. Lankford, J. H. Harman, Thomas S. Als and Lewis W. Deakins, having passed a good examination, were admitted into full connection.

The 3d Question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. Wm. J. Jackson, James L. Cole, Joseph W. Pinkney, Charles A. Tindley and Joshua R. Brinkley reported their collections, and by vote of the Conference were continued on trial.

The 10th Question was taken up, and the recommendation of Thomas U. Campher from the Quarterly Conference of Chester charge, Philadelphia District, was read. The committee of examination reported favorably, and he was, by vote of the Conference, elected to Deacon's Orders. The recommendation of Charles H. Faucett from Mt. Zion charge, Philadelphia District, was withdrawn.

The 16th Question, "What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up, but no recommendations were offered.

On motion by A. R. Shockley, the Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate the "Triers of Appeals," and a Committee of three was appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders; E. E. Parker, T. H. Johnson, A. Lowber, were appointed. A special committee on Memoirs was appointed, consisting of A. Brown, W. M. Webb, Jas. H. Mason and H. A. Monroe.

The 20th question, "was the character of each examined?" was taken up. Rev. I. H. White, Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District, was called, character passed, and he presented a written report of his work.

The following effective Elders of the Philadelphia District, were called, reported their collections, and their characters were passed. A. W. Hamilton, F. J. Lee, J. H. Pearce, J. K. Adams, D. J. Waters, J. H. Holley, L. Y. Cox, H. Jolley, J. J. Campbell, A. R. Shockley, H. A. Monroe, G. M. Landin.

Geo. H. Washington, Presiding Elder of the Dover District, was called, and he presented and read a written report of his work for the year; his character was passed.

The following effective Elders were called, reported their collections, and their characters passed. W. B. Green, W. H. Thomas, K. J. Still, J. E. Webb, D. R. Dunn, N. Morris, T. M. Hubbard, A. Brown, W. M. Webb.

W. J. Parker, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, was called, character passed and he presented and read a written report of his work.

The following effective Elders were called, reported their collections and their characters were passed. W. C. Dickerson, J. H. Riddick, Jas. H. Johnson, T. H. Johnson, Wm. H. Rogers, Geo. W. Young, J. D. Elbert, J. S. Willis, J. H. Winters, J. C. Carroll, H. Morris, C. H. Hutchins, J. H. Nutter, D. J. Brittingham, A. Grinnage, J. H. Mason, J. Q. Dennis, P. Burrows.

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

The following were appointed a Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference; L. Y. Cox, W. H. Thomas, T. H. Johnson, E. E. Parker, ministers, and W. H. Caldwell, Sam'l Long, Wm. Perkins, Robt. H. Gillett, laymen.

The memorial services were fixed for Monday morning at 11 a. m. After reading the notices the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Frysinger.

The following visitors were introduced; Rev's. H. F. Isett, Geo. W. Lybrand and A. G. Kynett of the Philadelphia Conference; R. H. Miles and T. G. Steward, D. D., of the A. M. E. Church.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION--Monday May 10th, 1886.

The Conference opened at 9 a. m., with Bishop Merrill in the chair. J. H. Riddick conducted the devotional exercises as follows: reading 62nd Psalm, singing 1st hymn, and prayer.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved. The consideration of the 20th Question was resumed, and the following effective Elders of the Salisbury District reported their collections, and their characters were passed. J. H. Holland, J. W. Brown, E. E. Parker, Albert Lowber, E. H. Webb, R. J. Waters, C. A. Horsey, H. T. Rich, J. R. Waters, A. J. Handy, J. A. Scott, M. H. Horsey, T. B. H. Coleman, W. H. Johnson.

The 18th Question was taken up. Charles Ash; the only Supernumerary preacher on the list, was reported "deceased."

The 19th Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. J. W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Chas. Pollett, N. Young, Charles Wing, Joshua Brinkley, Isaiah Broughton, P. J. Adams, S. P. Whittington's characters passed and relation continued. W. F. Butler was reported "deceased." S. G. Water's character was passed, but on a motion to change his relation to "effective" his case was laid over until the next session.

The 33rd Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called. The following places were placed in nomination: Milford, Del., by N. Morris; Chestertown, Md., by J. H. Riddick; Chester, Pa., by A. W. Hamilton. The vote resulted in the choice of Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.

Dr. W. M. Frysinger presented the claims of the Centenary Biblical Institute in a convincing address as to its great usefulness. On motion of I. H. White, the Conference endorsed the founding of a school for both sexes, to be called the Delaware Conference Academy, and to be an auxiliary and preparatory school for the Centenary Biblical Institute.

The order of the day, the Memorial Services was taken up at 11 a. m. The hymn "Why do we mourn for dying friends" was sung, after which W. M. Webb read the memoir of Charles Ash; and A. Brown made some appropriate remarks. H. A. Monroe read a memoir of Wm F. Butler, and G. M. Landin; I. H. White and J. H. Riddick made brief addresses in reference to the deceased. On motion by A. R. Shockley, leave to print a memoir in the Conference minutes, of Sarah E. Johnson, wife of Thos. H. Johnson, was obtained.

On motion by H. Jolley the Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate a Board of Control for the Conference Educational Society for election at the next session.

The usual notices were given, after which the Conference adjourned. Benediction by I. H. White. The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Presiding Elders, J. H. Morgan and Geo. A. Mills, Ira S. Yemmans of the A. M. E. Church; J. Brown of the Zion Wesley Connection.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference re-assembled at 3 P. M., and after the Secretary had called the members to order, S. G. Waters conducted the devotional exercises. The 797th hymn was sung, and R. J. Waters led in prayer. Bishop Merrill took the chair and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted: Bible, Sunday School and Tract Cause. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by the Secretary. I. H. White moved its adoption, but on motion of H. A. Monroe, an amendment was offered to strike out that portion of the report relating to the political duties of voters. The amendment prevailed, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Daughters of Conference were introduced to the Bishop and Conference, by W. J. Parker. The Bishop made a short address of welcome, and Miss Addie L. Enalls, Secretary, read the report of the year's work, and presented \$211, on behalf of the Society, to the Conference Stewards. By permission of the Conference, Mr. Wm. Perkins also addressed the Conference, and H. Jolley, W. J. Parker, W. H. Coffey and others made remarks.

On motion by J. H. Riddick a rising vote of thanks was tendered the Daughters of Conference for their valuable donation.

The 2d Question "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. The recommendations of Jas. H. Scott, of Port Deposit Charge, Philadelphia District; Chas. O. Waters, of Airey's Quarterly Conference; John H. Griffin, of Golden Hill Charge; and W. T. Cole, of Seaford Charge, Dover District; Walter J. Moore, of Easton Charge, Easton District; and Lewis E. Toulson, of Snow Hill Circuit, Salisbury District, were presented by their respective Presiding Elders, and having passed a satisfactory examination, were admitted on trial.

The consideration of the 19th Question was resumed. I. H. White moved that the Conference request the Bishop to appoint S. G. Waters a "Tract Agent" within the bounds of the Delaware Conference. By request of Bro. Waters the motion was withdrawn, and his relation continued as "super-annuated."

The following reports were received and adopted; "Auditing Committee," "Education," "Conference Education," "Sanctity of the Sabbath" and "Freedmen's Aid."

The report of the Conference Stewards was read and re-committed.

The 30th Question "What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?" and the 31st Question "What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?" were taken up and explained by the Bishop.

A collection was taken for the sexton, amounting to \$20. The Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. Jolley.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference convened at 10 p. m. immediately after the conclusion of the Daughters of Conference anniversary. Bishop Merrill took the chair and the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved. The Conference stewards presented their report which was adopted, and then the funds in their possession were distributed to the claimants. The Conference then adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Tuesday morning. Benediction by J. H. Pearce.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION—May 11th, 1886.

The Conference opened at 9 A. M. with Bishop Merrill in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by E. E. Parker, who announced 1037th hymn and read Math. 5 ch., afterward led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. Bishop A. Wayman, D. D., of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced to the conference, and by the request of the Bishop took a seat upon the platform.

The following committees presented their reports. Church Extension, Missions, State of the *Church*, Minute money, Sustentation, On entertainment of General Conference, Female College.

The following nominations by the the Presiding Elders were approved.

District committee on Location of Churches.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, H. A. Monroe, H. Jolly, Ministerial; Lay, D. T. Johnson, Philadelphia, L. H. Collins, Wilmington.

DOVER DISTRICT, W. M. Webb, F. J. Lee, Ministerial; Lay, S. J. Molison, Dover, J. H. Driver, Cambridge.

EASTON DISTRICT, J. H. Mason, J. H. Nutter, Ministerial; Lay, Wm. Perkins, Chestertown, Jas. Emry, Centreville.

SALISBURY DISTRICT, J. H. Holland, J. A. Scott, Ministerial; Geo. H. Handy, Marion Station, Stephen Peters, Lay.

Conference Board of Church Extension: L. Y. Cox, President; W. F. Morgan, Philadelphia, Vice President; J. D. Elbert, Secretary; J. A. Scott, Treasurer.

Additional members, A. W. Hamilton, J. E. Webb, A. Calles, J. Jeffreys, J. E. Johnson, Peter Bell.

Conference Missionary Society: A. Brown, President; H. Jolly, Vice Pres.; J. R. Waters, Secretary; W. C. Dickerson, Treasurer.

Additional members, D. J. Waters, D. J. Brittingham, D. A. Ridout.

Conference Educational Society: J. D. Elbert, President; W. H. Thomas, Vice President; J. H. Nutter, Secretary; J. R. Waters, Corresponding Secretary; J. H. Holland, Treasurer; Managers, J. H. Mason, J. H. Pearce, A. J. Handy, W. H. Smith, Cyrus W. Moore.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, the Assistant Secretary of the Church Extension Board, was introduced, and made a short address to the Conference.

W. C. Dickerson offered a resolution on the Historical Address, which was adopted. T. H. Johnson presented a series of resolutions which were adopted, with certain amendments. J. H. Riddick presented resolutions relating to the Carrollton Outrage, and the Blair Educational Bill, which were unanimously adopted.

The Bishop announced the list of Examining Committees, etc., for 1887. (See list.)

The Conference approved the following list. Visitors to the Centenary Biblical Institute, D. A. Ridout, W. H. Thomas, ministers. J. A. Watts, R. H. Boggs, Laymen.

H. Jolley was appointed by the Conference to preach the sermon to the Daughters of Conference, and Jas. A. Scott was elected Recording Secretary.

I. H. White moved that the Minute money be a special fund for the publishing of the Minutes, and the Sustentation Fund be reserved especially for necessitous cases; the motion prevailed.

On motion of J. E. Webb, the Conference ordered that the Minute monies be paid to the Secretary, and that he be the Publishing Committee.

J. H. Riddick moved that 2,500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

The Constitution of the Preachers Aid, Conference Education, and Daughters of Conference, were ordered to be omitted from the minutes.

The Statistical Secretaries presented their report and were received with the necessary corrections. Bishop Wayman was introduced and made a speech of fraternal greeting; the Conference extended a vote of thanks to the Bishop. A collection was taken for the sexton, amounting to \$20.

The minutes of the session were read and approved. The Conference moved that after the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*. The Bishop made an address to the brethren, read the list of appointments, the Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Anniversaries.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 6th.

The anniversary of the Church Extension Society was observed. The meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. H. Jolley. Rev. Dr. Kynett, Secretary of the Church Extension Board, opened the services by reading a portion of the responsive service published by the Board, after which the hymn 919 was sung and Dr. Lindemuth led in prayer. Coronation was sung as a second hymn.

Dr. Kynett made the opening address, and was followed by Dr. Marshall W. Taylor, of the "Southwestern Christian Advocate," who made a strong appeal in behalf of a cause that has done much in the building of the church among our people. A collection was taken amounting to \$17.28.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARY.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SERVICES:

The 22d anniversary of the Delaware Annual Conference. Rev. H. Jolly called the house to order and introduced Rev. J. H. Pearce as President, and Mr. B. L. Maston, of Zoar M. E. Church as Musical Director.

The exercises commenced by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Rev. S. P. Whittington. Singing by the Bainbridge St. Sunday School. After this Rev. L. Y. Cox read a very excellent and appropriate paper on the organization and progress of the Delaware Conference. Singing by the Zoar Sunday School. The assembly was then addressed by Rev. J. Brinkley. The Rev. N. Young then addressed the audience upon the general growth of the Church.

Rev. Dr. Whittaker was the last speaker; his was a valedictory in which he gave incidents connected with the origin of the Conference. Doxology was sung; and benediction by Rev. L. A. Malensbury.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

FRIDAY EVENING—May 7th.

Anniversary services were opened with singing hymn 930, by Zoar M. E. Choir. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Thomas, after which, hymn 821 was sung; Rev. J. H. Riddick was introduced and preached an excellent sermon from Cor., 2d chapter, 14-15.

SUNDAY SERVICES—10.30 A. M.

Was opened with Love feast at 8.30 a. m. All felt that it was good to be there. After which Bishop Merrill announced Hymn 316 and prayed.

The Bishop then took for his text, Acts, 10 chap. 44 v. The sermon was not only eloquent but replete with logical thought.

AFTERNOON.

The ordination of Deacons and Elders took place after an interesting address by the Bishop. D. A. Ridout, J. E. A. D. Grigsby, J. H. Johnson, Silas E. Adams were ordained Elders. T. U. Camper was ordained local Deacon.

EVENING.

The pulpit was ably filled by Bro. J. L. Cole, who preached an interesting sermon from Luke 13 and 24.

ANNIVERSARY.

Monday evening May 10th, the Daughters of Conference Anniversary was held in the audience room of the Bainbridge street Church. The opening hymn, 821, was sung, followed by prayer by J. H. B. Hubbard; hymn 909 followed, after which N. Morris introduced, as the speaker of the evening, Rev. John Pearce, who announced as his text, Ecclesiastes, 11-6. "In the morning sow thy seed, and at evening withhold not thy hand, etc." The sermon was an earnest, plain appeal, preached with such feeling as touched the hearts of the listeners.

The sermon was followed with prayer by J. Brinkley. The collection amounted to \$15.70.



COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1887.

For admission on trial—J. R. Waters, J. A. Scott, and A. Brown.

First year—J. H. Riddick, M. H. Horsey, and D. R. Dunn.

Second year—J. E. Webb, F. J. Lee, and J. H. Mason.

Third year—W. H. Thomas, E. H. Webb, and G. M. Landin.

Fourth year—T. M. Hubbard, T. H. Johnson, and A. J. Handy.

Local Preachers for Orders—J. D. Elbert, J. J. Campbell, and D. J. Waters.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—J. A. Scott; Alternate, A. Brown.

To visit the Centenary Biblical Institute—D. A. Ridout, W. H. Thomas, J. H. Watts, and R. H. Boggs.

Triers of Appeals—N. Young, J. H. Pearce, L. Y. Cox, W. H. Johnson, E. E. Parker, T. B. H. Coleman, and R. H. Waters.

Presiding Elders' Reports.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

In presenting this third annual report, allow me to say "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth; His church is going forth in battle conquering and to conquer in which I am permitted to live and labor. Praise His name. In this work the Philadelphia District is engaged. It comprises thirty-two (32) church edifices, thirty-five (35) congregations and thirty-eight (38) Sunday Schools situated in the bounds of one hundred and forty-eight (148) miles, by eighty (80) miles, three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of these churches are in good condition.

We have organized the district into a union to relieve and extend churches within its limits, since it is but a field for mission work. As the Missionary and church extension societies with the great assistance they have rendered us and the inestimable good they have done and are doing for the church, yet under the present conditions they are very inadequate. So great are the pressing needs and demands of our work that in order to save and secure property for the convenience of our people for places of religious worship, and moral and intellectual training, we should have a fund for this purpose at the command of those who oversee the work. This must be, in short, or we will lose ground.

The district consists of 48,000 persons of color. More than one-fourth of this number is in New Castle County, Delaware, besides one charge in Maryland. We have in our district all points north of Townsend. As this is in some respects the most deplorable part of our work, we speak of this first. In this county there are twenty-eight colored churches; of which we have eleven outside of Wilmington where the schools are under the public board of education. There are but four school-houses in this region built by the people with the assistance of the Delaware Association, lumber being furnished by the Freedmen's Bureau; other schools are held in their churches. As the state will not, and the poor people cannot, support their schools, they are, therefore, destitute of even a half-school advantage.

In this way the would-be slaveholders are still maintaining slavery about St. Georges and below. Our people in some places are deprived of access to either church or school. They are sorely oppressed.

It is true that man without intellectual training is either worthless or dangerous. It is also true that the sentiment of Delaware is greatly opposed to the intellectual development of people of African descent. May I say, whosoever impedes instruction, sets vice at liberty. This may be seen in the fact that there is more capital punishment of colored people in proportion to population in this county in Delaware, than in any other state in the union. I was in New Castle three weeks ago when they had fifty blacks shut up in prison out of a colored population of 12,600 with the same number of whites out of 30,200. When we look for the crimes there is another book to be opened. What we need is a better established church and school, and less prisons. Let caste be removed and honest debts be paid, and we will have them. The public schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey

are for the whole people, as all should be. Though the line of caste is drawn in some places and in some schools, by teachers, such are rapidly diminishing.

Temperance—Our ministers and people are getting awake to a sense of the danger of king alcohol; therefore, temperance and literary associations are being organized in most churches in the district by which this king has been greatly reduced in power this year; yet we could do better were he entirely overthrown. But we can say that we have not a saloon-keeper in our bounds that attends the M. E. Church, to our knowledge. We have some that have been.

The Knights of Labor have affected our work some, and thereby retarded its progress. We have had no trials, no strikes among the ministers. But few of the churches have. Peace and harmony prevail. All are in good health at this time.

Rev. Wm. F. Butler, D. D., was relieved from a homicidal insanity by death. He departed sensibly and peaceably, February 2d, in hope of a blessed immortality. The Conference will be favored with a eulogy by Rev. H. A. Monroe.

Death has visited the home of the Rev. Jas. K. Adams and taken away two lovely little children, his all.

We have suffered destruction of property by wind, water and fire. I heard many of the sufferers interrogating the Father, after the manner of John Newton, saying, "My Lord if indeed I am thine, if thou art my sun and my song, say, why do I languish and pine, and why are my winters so long."

In the face of all, we are able to make full report.

Probable value of church and parsonage property, over \$1,012,000. Full membership, 3,000. Collections, both for benevolence and support, I fear will be short where the brethren did not take them up in time, as is generally the result in such cases.

We are glad and encouraged to report over 400 conversions in the district; raised for missions, not less than \$425; for church extension, \$116; for endowment fund in hand, other collections fairly represented. (See reports.)

The charges respectively: Bridgeton, N. J.—J. R. Brinkley, Pastor. This charge reports \$2,000 in property, and 80 members. They are suffering for the want of a church edifice situated conveniently for the people. They seem, however, encouraged, and report 9 converts and \$10 for missions.

Bainbridge St—H. Jolley, pastor. Value of church property, \$12,000. This church is held by the Church Extension Society. She is the mother church of the Conference.

The Board of Church Extension, on motion of Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, has detached from the Philadelphia Conference \$500 which is one-sixth of proportion due that Conference in favor of the Delaware Conference, to be applied to embarrassed churches in Philadelphia. This increases our Conference proportion to \$2,000. We should give this our undivided attention, or we may lose this favor.

The membership here has increased two for one. The Sunday School numbers 120 scholars, and is in a growing condition.

Camden, N. J.—J. J. Campbell, pastor. Bro. Campbell was removed from Haven Mission, on account of a strike, to this charge, to settle the same on 16th of November last, while Rev. J. H. B. Hubbard, for the same reason, and at the same time, was removed to the mission. Complete success in both cases is the result. The Camden Church has been sold, and the officials are taking their own way to redeem the property, with the advice of their creditor only. The membership is 120. Sunday school numbers, 175. Church edifice will hold 400. They are very anxious to keep the church. They have paid about \$2,000, for which they get nothing. They are to be pitied.

Cape May N. J.—This people is delighted with their present pastor. They have prospered this year in every way possible, but have no convenient house of worship. C. A. Tindley, pastor in charge.

Chester, Pa.—A. W. Hamilton, pastor. This charge has inclosed a new church building of very fine and neat architecture, comparing favorably with any in the Conference. They expect to dedicate in July, and to have paid by that time \$5,000. They report 122 converts, and collections in full.

Germantown, Pa.—L. Y. Cox, pastor. Bro. Cox has taken a wife who has proved to be his equal this year. They have pulled through with the banner. They have 59 members, paid \$500 salary, and \$15 per month house rent; other supports full, and benevolent collections in advance. So you see, in proportion to membership, they take the lead.

Frankford—J. S. Holly, pastor. This charge equals Germantown in supports, having less members, but fails in other collections, but they are coming, and ask their pastor's return.

Haven Mission—J. H. B. Hubbard, pastor, as was above mentioned. The membership of the church and Sunday school have increased one-third. They have paid \$275 in interest, are preparing to free themselves from debt.

Merchantsville Circuit—J. W. Pinkney, pastor. This charge has 4 churches, two of which have made some marked improvements; one is, preparing to build. They ask the return of their pastor.

Mt. Zion—J. H. Pearce, pastor. This charge was somewhat divided in the beginning of the year, but have since greatly revived, and several have been added to the church. They are now united and march on to victory.

Middletown—F. J. Lee, pastor, finishes his two years with abundant success, having an increased church and Sunday school.

New Castle, Delaware—This charge has done remarkably well for times and place. The working people have been idle for nearly a year. One congregation has abandoned, (St. Georges,) yet Rev. J. K. Adams closes 3 years in great harmony.

Odessa—D. J. Waters, pastor. This circuit is not very well off financially, having 3 churches, two in need of repair, and the other burdened with debt.

Port Deposit—L. W. Deakins, pastor. These people have been washed out this winter by a flood; many of them having nothing left. Notwithstanding, they have built a new church, after plan 20, which is a credit to the Conference, and report \$1,000 paid on improvements; \$14 for missions.

Salem—G. M. Landen, pastor. This charge desired last year that the circuit and station be united, which was done, but they were displeased at it, and therefore have not done so well this year.

South Wilmington—A. J. Wallace, pastor. This charge is in need of a church edifice. In this they should have help. They are a willing people and still alive.

Wilmington Circuit—D. A. Ridout, pastor. They report \$2,000 in church property, a good parsonage, all insured; 40 conversions; collections all full.

Wilmington, Ezion—H. A. Monroe, Pastor. This is an extra part of Delaware. Our people are settled, and are being well trained. Nearly two-thirds of six hundred (600) members and 600 Sunday School scholars own their homes. The church was last January partially destroyed by fire, and was, therefore, without shelter, with loss of over \$4,000. Despite all this they are rebuilding with neatest finish, interior, and finest front in our work. They only received \$1,300 insurance, but have paid this year on old debts and improvements, \$5441, raised \$308 of benevolent collections. They fight to conquer.

A. R. Shockley, pastor of Zoar, Philadelphia. This charge has increased nearly 100 members in two years; has an excellent choir and a growing Sunday School.

We have organized two missions in New Jersey, one with 15 members, and the other with 35 members, and 60 in Sunday School, each are preparing to build.

Our Superannuated Fathers, though at times feeble, are in good spirits, are ready to lend a helping hand at any time, Father Gibbs excepted, who is entirely disabled. They cannot be forgotten.

Donations were made by Messrs. Simpson and Wade, of a lot for a church at Chiselhurst, N. J., and by Mr. Wm. Herbert, of New Castle, Del., of \$100 for our church in that place.

In conclusion, I have striven to do my duty; attended 75 quarterly conferences and held 74, which is all but two; traveled 7,440 miles attending the official requirements of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
I. H. WHITE.

DOVER DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—With immeasurable gratitude to Almighty God for his care and protection, I have been spared to submit the following as my second annual report:

The health of all the ministers has been very good with a few exceptions. Our much esteemed minister and friend, Rev. Charles Ash, has been removed by death from our ranks.

He departed this life July 10th, 1885; he leaves a dear wife and daughter, and the church of his choice, to mourn their loss. He was a true and faithful minister in the church of Christ.

The Dover District, while it includes all that part of Delaware which is south of Townsend, and all of Dorchester Co., State of Maryland, be it remembered that two years ago it was a part of three Districts, namely: The Philadelphia, Cambridge and Salisbury, with a small piece detached from each of the original. I have striven to build up a Dover District. We have 57 Sunday Schools, with 2,853 scholars, whom we trust will, in the near future, help to take this world for God and his Christ.

No. of Churches, 55; valued at \$50,138. No. of Parsonages, 10; valued at \$5,800. No. of Members, 3,337, and Probationers, 397, under the care of twenty pastors. The revivals have been good and were attended with marked interest. I have carefully studied the duties of this office, and brought them in due form, and at the proper time, before the several quarterly Conferences; and urged upon its members the necessity of carrying them out. While the fields have been sown, there is but little fruit seen as yet; and as I look over the work I cannot say that any preacher has neglected them.

DISTRICT REPORT.

Townsend Circuit—Rev. A. Brown, pastor. This charge is in a fair condition; it, with all the rest, tells the story of hard times. Benevolent collection, \$23.25.

Smyrna Station—Rev. T. M. Hubbard, pastor; he and his people have done a noble work this year, as may be seen in the "Pastor's Report." Benevolent collection \$15.00.

Dover Circuit—Rev. Wm. J. Jackson, pastor; this ends his first year on trial with a favorable report; benevolent collections, \$29.75.

Dover Station—Rev. J. E. Webb, pastor. He has suffered much with sickness and has lost by death one of his dear children after a long illness. This ends his third year of faithful service trying to remove the long standing debt against that charge. Benevolent collection, \$28.00.

Milford Circuit—Rev. N. Morris, pastor. This charge has improved regardless of hard times. It reports \$27.60 benevolent collection.

Milton—Rev. G. T. Townsend, pastor. This ends his second year on the charge with successful labor. He and his people have done well. Benevolent collections, \$26.75.

Nassau Circuit—Rev. T. S. Als, pastor. He and his people have done tolerably well.

Lewes Circuit—Rev. K. J. Still, pastor. This charge is doing as well as may be expected at present. The pastor reports \$200.00 raised on debts, and \$17.75 for benevolent collections, while the charge is minus \$160.00 on his salary.

Seaford—Wm. T. Cole as a supply. He having done well, his return is desired if it meet the approval of the Conference. Benevolent collection, \$20.00.

Laurel Circuit—John W. Lankford, pastor. He and his people have not done as much as they desired to do, owing to hard times they failed. Benevolent collection, \$34.00.

Bridgeville Circuit—Rev. W. B. Green, pastor. This charge has lost one of its churches by fire, with no insurance. The people are in the act of supplying its place with a new one. Benevolent collections, \$20.00.

East Newmarket Circuit—Rev. Wm. M. Webb, pastor. This charge has done grand this year as may be seen in the pastor's report. Benevolent collection, \$61.75.

Thompson's Mission—This place brought into existence last Conference, is doing well under the care of Rev. Chas. Earle, pastor. The outlook is good.

Vienna Circuit—Rev. J. H. Harmon, pastor. He and his people have worked faithfully as may be seen in pastor's report. This ends his third year. Benevolent collection, \$32.50.

Aireys' Circuit—This charge was detached from the Vienna circuit last year, and supplied by Rev. C. O. Waters, pastor. They have done as well as could be expected. Benevolent collection \$13.50.

Church Creek Circuit—Rev. J. E. A. D. Grigsby, pastor. This charge has not done well; for two years it has failed, but I am glad to say at present it is on the increase. Benevolent collection, \$15.90.

Cambridge Station—Wm. H. Thomas, pastor. Here may be said that disappointments and failures help to make up time, and are due to all people while eternity holds its own.

This charge has failed in its financial expectation, though much against the wishes of both people and pastor. Benevolent collection, \$39.00.

Madison Circuit—Rev. D. R. Dunn, pastor. This ends his third year on charge. He and his people have done well. \$113.34 on debts paid. Benevolent collection, \$19.50.

Golden Hill Circuit—Supplied by John H. Griffin. This charge was detached from Madison Circuit last Conference. The pastor and people are getting along well. Benevolent collection, His return is desired.

Amount of money raised during the year: Paid on indebtedness, \$6,637; for ministerial support, \$5,814.95; for mission, \$205.76; for church extension, \$34.35; for Freedmen's aid, \$54.00; for Endowment fund, \$48.80; for sustentation, \$11.25; for Conference Educational fund, \$11.10.

The pastor's reports will speak favorably on the other collections.

Now, as regards myself, I was stricken down in bed, February 5th, with pneumonia, which lasted me until March 15th, at which time I returned to my work.

I feel to be at home with all the pastors; peace and harmony prevail throughout the district. I have travelled 5,622 miles; tried to preach 80 times; held 64 quarterly conferences; baptized 51 children; changed beds 151 times; organized one circuit with two churches valued at \$700, with a membership of about 40, and conducted 34 "love feasts." Unto Him be the honor and praise, that giveth us all things to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. WASHINGTON.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder's report of the Easton District, to the 23rd session of the Delaware Conference, held at Bainbridge street, M. E. Church, May 6th, 1886.

Dear Fathers and Brethren.—With a humble heart and much thankfulness to my Heavenly Father, I make my first report. We have had a short conference year, and notwithstanding the very hard and disagreeable winter, I think the financial report will equal, if not surpass, that of any previous year since the organization of the Conference. My health has been good, except for about ten days. I had a cold which settled on my breast, and prevented my preaching March 21st; with that exception I have filled all of my appointments, and preached one hundred and one times. I have also held all of my Quarterly Conferences except two. I missed one last August, having received an invitation, and filled an appointment at the Great Camp Meeting, at Martha's Vineyard, Cottage City, Mass. The other was occasioned by the heavy snow drifts on the road.

The ministers and a majority of the laymen, have manifested much earnestness in trying to build up the spiritual and temporal part of the work. There has been much attention paid to the temperance cause, which has resulted in lessening the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. There are five election districts in Kent Co., and each was carried for local option. The majority in the county for temperance, was 592. With no reflection on any other race, it was done by the vote of the colored people. In Queen Anne County there are seven districts, all for local option but one, and there are not many colored people living in that district. In Caroline Co., there are seven districts, all local option but one. There are six in Talbot Co., all local option but one, and that is high license. Our people in Maryland are doing better all the time. They are using economy, buying land, and building themselves homes. At least sixty per cent. of the married men are living in their own homes. There is much improvement in morals.

EDUCATION.

The day schools, in the bounds of the district, are not as they should be. The school terms are very short, and the salaries very meagre. Notwithstanding this, there has been some improvement on this line. Many of the teachers are scholars of our own schools. Our best teachers are graduates of the Institute for Colored Youth, Philadelphia, Mrs. F. M. Jackson Coppin, Principal; the Roberts Vaux Grammar School, Philadelphia, Prof. J. C. White, Principal; and the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore, of which Rev. W. M. Frysinger, D. D., is President. These teachers are working hard, and making many sacrifices. Their labors show encouraging results. Number of schools in Cecil County, 13. Teachers, 13. Pupils in attendance, 821. Average amount of salary paid per annum, \$254 60. Kent Co., number of schools, 18. Number of teachers, 19. Number of pupils in attendance, 1207. Average amount of salary paid, \$146 58. Queen Anne Co., number of schools, 16. Number of teachers, 16. Number of pupils in attendance, 1205. Average amount of salary per annum, 237,40. Talbot Co., number of schools, 14. Number of teachers, 15. Number of pupils in attendance, 1247. Average amount of salary per month, \$26.78. Caroline Co. is something less

CHURCH WORK.

Chestertown Station, of which Rev. J. Hudson Riddick has been pastor for two years, is in a first class condition in almost every respect. One church valued at \$4,000, insured for \$2,600. Good, parsonage valued at \$1,000, insured for \$625. Incorporation and title to the deeds all perfect. Raised for improvements this year, \$325. Indebtedness on improvements, \$60. Old indebtedness, \$30. The church will seat 500. Number of conversions, 35. The Sunday School is

in good condition, and is organized into a Missionary Society. Pastoral visits made, 125. Raised for missions, \$135. Church Extension, \$7. Conference claimants, \$25, and all other collections taken. Members, 216; 56 increase in two years. Pro. 20.

Still Pond Circuit, of which Rev. J. H. Mason has been pastor for two years is in a flourishing condition. It has four churches valued at \$3,500. It has the best parsonage on the district, valued at \$1,675. Raised for improvements, \$75. Indebtedness on improvements, \$12. Old indebtedness, \$10. Number of members, 300. The churches will seat 500. Number of conversions, 52. Number of Conference standards taken, 8. Pastoral visits made, 75. There are four Sunday Schools, all organized with missionary societies. Raised for missions, \$25, and all other collections taken. Love and peace prevail, and the people wish the return of their pastor another year. They have in hands of Treasurer over \$500 on building a new church at Union.

Fairlee Circuit, of which Rev. J. H. Winters has been pastor for two years, is holding its own. There are four churches and one mission. Valuation of church property, \$3,525, insured for \$1,000. Parsonage valued at \$300, no insurance. Raised for improvements, \$73.75. Indebtedness for improvements, \$19. Old indebtedness, \$53.60. Number of members, 242. Seating capacity, 1,200. Number of schools, 5, all organized into missionary societies. Converts this year, 10. Conference Standards taken, 6. Pastoral visits made, 75. Raised for missions, \$25. Conference claimants, \$15, and most of the other collections taken. Ministerial support increased. The people very much desire his return.

Edesville Charge—Rev. J. S. Willis, pastor, has three churches, one is new, almost complete, which will cost over \$1,000, \$550 of which has been paid. Valuation of church property, \$3,000, amount of insurance \$600. Value of parsonage, \$800, amount of insurance, \$375. Indebtedness on improvements, \$500. Old debt, \$30. Number of members, 210. Seating capacity, 800. Number of Sunday Schools, 3, all organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions this year, 12. Number of Conference Standards taken, 20. Pastoral visits made, 80. Raised for missions, \$25. Conference claimants, \$10. Church Extension, \$3. Nearly all other collections taken. Bro. Willis has been on the charge two years, and is at peace with all.

Marydel Circuit has four churches. Rev. Henry Morris, pastor, has closed his third year. During his incumbency he has built one church. Value of church property, \$2,600, with an insurance of only \$925. Parsonage valued at \$250, with no insurance. Amount of improvements, \$38, all paid. There are four Sunday Schools, one of which is organized into a missionary society. Conversions this year, 24. Conference Standards taken, 3.

Kent Island charge has four churches valued at \$3,110; insured for \$1,900. Parsonage valued at \$523; insurance on same, \$300. Amount raised for improvements, \$200; no indebtedness. Number of members, 250; seating capacity, 600. Number of Sunday Schools, four, not organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions, 72; Pastoral visits made, 25; Missionary collection, \$40; Church Extension, \$5; other collections taken. This charge is doing well and gives more for ministerial support, than any other charge on the district. Rev. Thos. H. Johnson has closed his first year and the people desire his return.

Talbot Circuit, of which Rev. J. Q. Dennis has been pastor for three years, is in only tolerably good condition. There are four churches valued at \$2,000; no insurance. No parsonage. Raised for missions, \$20; Church Extension, \$3.00; Conference claimants, \$5, and some of the other collections taken. The churches will seat 950.

St. Michaels' Circuit has done well this year under the pastoral care of Rev. D. J. Brittingham. It has four churches valued at \$4200; insurance on same, \$1500. Parsonage valued at \$550, insured for \$300. Raised for improvements, \$262. Indebtedness on same, \$40. Old indebtedness, \$85. Number of mem-

bers, 278; seating capacity in churches, 1150. Number of Sunday Schools, four, all organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions, 31. Number of Conference Standards taken, 15. Ministerial support all full. Missionary collection, \$35; all other collections in full. The pastor has closed his first year and has done much in making a oneness of sentiment among the people.

Royal Oak charge has three appointments. Rev. J. H. Nutter, the pastor, has labored under much embarrassment through the year, having been sick a great part of the time, but while such has been the fact he has kept his work going on. The valuation of church property is \$2,500, with no insurance. Value of parsonage, \$550, insurance on the same, \$350. Raised for improvements, \$75. Indebtedness on improvements, \$38. Old indebtedness, \$150. Number of members, 135. Seating capacity, 500. Number of Sunday Schools, 3, organized into missionary societies. Conversions, 10. Conference Standards taken, 13. Pastoral visits made, 205. See pastor's report for amount of ministerial support and benevolent collections.

Skipton Charge is in only tolerable good condition financially. They commenced a new church last summer, but it was not shut in when we were there in March. There are four churches valued at \$2,600, with no insurance. Parsonage valued at \$400, no insurance. Members, 280. Conversions, 75. Number of Sunday Schools, 4, organized into missionary societies. For further information see pastor's report. Rev. A. Grinnage is pastor.

Church Hill Circuit, on which Rev. James H. Johnson has finished his third year, is in fair condition. It has three churches, two of which are new, valued at \$2,700, insured for \$800. Parsonage property worth \$500, with no insurance. Raised for improvements, \$432.80, with no indebtedness. Old indebtedness, \$246. Number of members, 203. Churches will seat, 700. Sunday Schools, 3, organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions, 46. Conference Standards taken, 8. Pastoral visits made, 35. Raised for missions, \$24. For other collections, see pastor's report.

Trappe Charge—Rev. Peter Burrows, pastor, has finished two years with much success. There are three churches and one mission valued at \$4,000. Insurance on same, \$1,600. Value of parsonage property, \$525. They have purchased lumber for the purpose of building an addition to the parsonage, and have \$63 in the treasury for that purpose. There has been raised and expended by the trustees this year more than \$400. Paid on old debts, \$237. Number of members, 206. Seating capacity, 800. Raised for missions, \$25. Church Extension, \$5. Conference claimants, \$12. For other benevolent collections and ministerial support, see pastor's report.

Denton Circuit has not succeeded very well from the fact that the pastor, Rev. G. W. Young, has been sick, with a nervous fever all the year. There are four churches and a schoolhouse where regular services are held. Value of church property, \$2600, with an insurance of \$600. Parsonage valued at \$300, no insurance. Amount raised for improvements, \$22.85. Indebtedness on improvements, \$13. They have finished a new church on which there is an indebtedness of \$240.31. Number of members, 239. Seating capacity of churches, 1030. Sunday Schools, five, all organized into missionary societies. Converts 6. Pages of tracts distributed, 30. Pastoral visits made, 20. For pastor's report and benevolent collections, see pastor's report.

Easton Station, Rev. J. D. Elbert pastor, is in a prosperous condition. Church property valued at \$10,000, with an insurance on same of \$1000. Parsonage valued at \$500, no insurance. Amount raised for improvements, \$125. Indebtedness on improvements, \$45. Old indebtedness, \$782. Number of members, 178. The church will seat 425. There is one Sunday school organized into a missionary society. Number of conversions, 26. Conference Standards taken, 8. Pastoral visits made 233. Pastoral support and benevolent collections are all full as apportioned.

Crumpton Circuit, Rev. W. H. Rodgers pastor, has four churches. The one at Mt. Pleasant has been substituted by a new one at a cost of \$736; paid on same,

\$445, leaving a balance of \$291. It will be dedicated soon after Conference. They also contemplate building a new church at Rich Neck and have \$80 in hand for that purpose, and are getting ready to remodel the church at Ingleside. A new parsonage is contemplated as the work of next Conference year. The pastor is doing a good work and is beloved by all. For ministerial support and benevolent collections, see his report.

Sassafras Charge—Rev. S. E. Adnms, pastor. Has three churches valued at \$1,600; no insurance. Raised for improvements, \$17. Indebtedness on improvements, \$31.16. Old indebtedness, \$42.10. Number of members, 115. Seating capacity of churches, 300. Number of Sunday schools, four, all organized into Missionary Societies. Number of converts, 15. Pages of tracts distributed, 350. Conference Standards taken, 5. For further information see the pastor's report.

Centreville Circuit, on which Rev. W. C. Dickerson has finished his first year, has four churches, valued at \$4,700. Parsonage valued at, \$1,500. Raised on building and improvements, \$800; on old debts, \$200. Missions, \$40. Episcopal Fund, \$5. Conference claimants and other collections very poor. Present indebtedness, \$750, a part of which is due on a new church, built this year. Number of members, 326. The people desire his return another year.

Millington Charge, of which Rev. C. H. Hutchins, has been pastor for seven years, has seven appointments, six churches, and one tent. Church property valued at \$3,650, with no insurance. Parsonage valued at \$936, with an insurance of \$575. Raised on improvements, \$200. Indebtedness on improvements, \$280. Amount of old debts, \$250. Number of members, 400. Seating capacity, 1,027. Number of Sunday schools, seven, all organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions, 50. This charge has not done so well on benevolent collections; for amount of which see pastor's report.

Greensboro Circuit—Rev. J. C. Carroll, pastor. Has labored under much embarrassment this year, caused by a ripple of dissatisfaction at the beginning of the year, which hindered their financial success. There are five churches valued at \$3,060. One new church has been finished, on which has been paid, \$225; indebtedness on same, \$300. Old indebtedness, \$50, due the Church Extension Society. Insurance on church property, \$900; on parsonage, \$200. Number of members, 200. Number of Sunday schools, four, organized into missionary societies. Number of conversions, 30. Bro. Carroll has been sorely afflicted this conference year, having lost by death a daughter, son-in-law, and two grand-children.

We apportioned the Endowment Fund according to the medals which each charge had in hand, but fear they have not all been disposed of, and the amount for that collection, will be very poor.

I have brought the subject of having perfect titles to the deeds of church and parsonage property before nearly all the Quarterly Conferences, but most of the trustees have neglected this duty. I shall still urge it.

I feel unworthy for the work imposed upon me. I enjoy religion in my soul, and have peace with God, and all mankind. I still remain the servant of God, and the Conference.

W. J. PARKER, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop, Fathers and Brethren of the Delaware Annual Conference:

With heartfelt gratitude to the Father of mercies for the many blessings we have received, and after a year of hard fighting and great victories, we come to make our second annual report. Thank God that the health of the pastors and their families has been very good, with a few exceptions.

Death, the temporary separator, entered the homes of Revs. J. A. Scott, C. A. Horsey, and J. L. Cole, to take from the first, two sons; the second, an only daughter; and the third a son. These were plucked from the earthly garden, to bloom in the Heavenly. A little while and we shall meet to part no more.

PASTORS.

The pastors have worked hard and faithfully. They had many oppositions to fight through—enemies in all forms, but with a resolution that is only felt by God's heroes, they pressed forward, drove the enemy, and won many battles. When we view the ground on which they fought, and the enemies with whom they had to contend, and the victories won, they deserve great credit; and yet, if these noble men of God, would read and study more, and work a little harder, more would be accomplished. We find, as a rule, like priest like people. It will not hurt some of our brethren to know more of the history, laws and doctrines of our beloved Zion. We would advise the pastors to be more studious in their habits, and more careful to spend much time alone with God in prayer and holy meditation. Let them urge the people to buy good books; and put, as far as possible, the church literature in every family.

A hard year and failure of crops. This has been a very hard year on both preachers and people. The crops of oysters, grain and potatoes, upon which the people of this district depend for a livelihood, have been a complete failure. The people have struggled hard to keep starvation from their doors; for about five months they have had little or nothing to do; and yet, thank God, out of their little savings they have given freely to the cause of God. We hail with christian rapture the rising glory of this liberal giving among the people, and may it continue until the Bible and a living ministry are carried to every people on the face of the whole earth. They have done nobly. God bless them.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR NEEDS.

Some of the people of this district are economical in many respects, but very extravagant in campmeetings, picnics and like gatherings. If they would only give this ill-spent money to our noble school, the "Biblical Institute" at Baltimore, we would send out such a mighty army of the sons of God that would make sinners tremble and believers shout for joy, and no man would be able to predict the result.

The people of this district need a higher standard of morals and religion; our homes need the influence of high intellectual and moral training, and we hope that the Salisbury District will hereafter be considered one of the fields for home missionary work. We invite the home missionaries to this field of labor. The fields are ripe, waiting for the reapers. I hope these poor people will not be forgotten. We need industrial schools, they are really a necessity among us. And, as a race, we need more race-pride and unity; more negro doctors, lawyers, merchants, mechanics, and farmers. We need educated christian gentlemen as leaders both in church and state. We need educated hearts, heads, and hands. We need good comfortable homes of our own. The negro is making a history and at some future day it will be written with an unbiased pen in shining characters. In some of the churches faith in God is at low ebb; the people believe too little, they ask too little. It seems that they are afraid to take God at his word and ask largely.

The church has a mighty work to do, and she wants mighty men with mighty faith to do it. We need more entire consecration among us; having this, we can take the world for God and his Christ.

TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance is advancing. The church members, as a rule, are sound on the temperance question. At some of the appointments the people need a great deal of teaching on this important subject; heavy guns should be fired from the pulpits against this great evil, the enemy of loving homes, pure character, national peace and human happiness, in general. In one or two places

on the district, King Alcohol is raging because he knows his time is short; the end must come. The signs of success are already in the sky surrounded with letters of light; we read them and press on to victory with God as our leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday Schools, with some exceptions, are in a pretty good condition; they are generally well attended, and but few have been closed this winter. The catechism is taught in nearly all the schools. In many places the parents take no interest in the religious training of their children, but leave it all with the Sunday school. This a fatal mistake and may God help the parents to see it. In some places the children fail to attend preaching services simply because they have been taught that the Sunday school is the children's church, and to attend this is sufficient. I hope the pastors will correct this mistake. We want pastors who know how to love and win the little ones, and to exercise more care in selecting superintendents and teachers. We must prepare our children to enter the Methodist Episcopal church. God bless the children.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public school system on this district, as far as it concerns the colored schools, is very defective. Most of the schools are taught in the churches; these are over crowded and badly ventilated, and are without blackboards, charts, maps and globes, and only have from two to three short terms and the parents are compelled to find the fuel; the teachers are very poorly paid. Notwithstanding all these draw-backs, the children are wonderfully advancing. This is a clear demonstration that the negro has brain. The intellectual man has an up-hill road in these schools. The intellectual and moral standing of a few of our teachers is not very high, and if such persons are to teach our children, the race is doomed. Pupils as a rule, imbibe the intellectual and moral traits of their teachers. Our children are now forming character and need more care now than they will at any other period of life. We can not be too careful in securing proper persons to train our boys and girls for the future. I hope the pastors will take more interest in the public schools, and do all they can to secure proper teachers. Classes for religious instruction are organized throughout the district, but poorly conducted. There is a general increase in church and class attendance.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. BERLIN—This is a live charge, with a live pastor, and doing a live work. The church at N. Berlin, has been remodeled in good taste—it is a beauty. The pastor is a leader in the highest sense; he works for God and his race, with all his might.

S. BERLIN—Wonderfully revived and is pushing the battle to the gate. The church at S. Berlin has been nicely remodeled and nearly paid for. The pastor is an earnest, hard working man and deserves much credit.

SNOW HILL—A permanent foundation has been laid; some advancement made: outlook very good. The Pastor is beloved by all his members, and they are sorry that his time is out.

SNOW HILL CIRCUIT—This is a small and a very poor charge, but a willing one. The pastor is a faithful young man; he has worked hard and suffered much.

STOCKTON—This place has had a resurrection—it was full of dry rot, but the pastor went wisely to work and infused life and health into the dry bones, so that we now have a living army marching unto victory, and no dry rot. The pastor is, Fabian like—watchful, slow and sure.

POCOMOKE—This charge is in a pretty good condition. The people are looking up and are not willing to be behind. The pastor is a good worker and very spiritual, and has the happy art of making every body around him spiritual.

HORNTOWN—Still alive, earnest and moving to the front. The work has been greatly revived. The pastor is holding the fort.

ACCOMAC—This place is spiritually alive: a good work has been done. The

pastor has worked hard to push the work forward and has secured the material to erect a church at Whitesville.

CRISFIELD—A kind hearted liberal people; possessing a true Methodist spirit, and has a bold judicious pastor, who cares for every interest of the church: he is still a "model pastor".

FAIRMOUNT—Aggressive and successful; Methodistic to the back bone, with an able pastor who knows how to drill the people for God and loves to do his whole duty. The beautiful church at Fairmount which was nearly completed at the last session of the conference, has since been dedicated to Almighty God, and is the largest church on the district.

GREEN HILL—This circuit is alive: and is doing better than it has done for many years—a glorious work has been done. The outlook is bright. The pastor is faithful and true, and has won the hearts of his people.

DEAL'S ISLAND—A good people, and a good year's work done. The right man in the right place. Three churches being built; head, heart and hands full. He almost makes the dead walk. This pastor, for work, belongs in the front rank.

PRINCESS ANNE—Princely people, with a princely pastor, and are building a princely church, which will be a credit to any people. God's great avenues of light have been opened here; and God has wonderfully poured out his Spirit upon these people, resulting in 153 converts. This is a united working membership, with a masterworkman at their head.

FRINDSHIP—This circuit has been greatly improved. The pastor has done a hard and faithful year's work. He stands as a burning light among these people—they love and trust him.

QUANTICO—This is a good work, the people love to work for God. At Nanticoke Point a commodious edifice was dedicated to Almighty God free of debt, April 11th. The pastor is earnest and slow, but sure, and has certainly done a good work for God and his church—he deserves great credit.

SALISBURY CIRCUIT—The people are loving and willing; something has been done for God. The pastor has worked hard, and I believe he has done his best to bring the work up. The work is not what it should be, and yet, the outlook is hopeful; and we are praying for better things.

SALISBURY STATION—A genuine church; ever ready with loving hearts and willing hands to work for God, to the full extent of their ability. They are full-blooded Methodists, with a blood-earnest pastor, whose motto is, conquer or die; and is a hard worker in the benevolent cause; and is certainly a christian gentleman.

Converts this year, 893.

Raised for church building and improvement, \$4,000 00.

Paid on old indebtedness, \$1,600.00.

Present indebtedness, \$3,800.00.

Paid on the district parsonage since last Conference, \$250.00.

Increase in salary over last year, \$700 00.

I have been severely afflicted all the year, but I am able to report, thank God, that every interest of the church has been cared for. I have only missed two Conferences. By the help of God I stayed, though very weak, at my post and cheered the soldiers on to victory.

Last year we increased the missionary collection about one hundred per cent. and I am happy to report that we have not fallen back one inch, but have advanced. The success of the church is assured. Our King is still saying, "And upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail." Yes, I see the banners, I hear the trumpets, I hear the heavy tramp of the mighty host of God pressing forward, tramp, tramp, tramp, onward they come, and as they come, they shout victory! victory! victory! Sing on ye morning Stars! Shout on ye sons and daughters of God! for kingdoms and empires are bowing at the feet of Jesus! hallelujah; the Lord God is building up Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. COFFEY.

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

SESSION.	YEAR.	NAME OF CHURCH.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1st.	1864	John Wesley, Phila.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wilmore S. Elsey.
2nd.	1865	Ezion, Wilmington.	Levi Scott.	John G. Manluff.
3rd.	1866	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	Matthew Simpson.	Wesley J. Parker.
4th.	1867	Janes, Chestertown.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
5th.	1868	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
6th.	1869	St. Paul's, Milford.	Edmund S. Janes.	William Phillips.
7th.	1870	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	Wesley J. Parker.
8th.	1871	Mt. Hope, Salem.	L. Scott, E. R. Ames.	Wesley J. Parker.
9th.	1872	Whatcoat, Dover.	L. Scott E. G. Andrews	Hooper Jolley.
10th.	1873	Asbury, Easton,	Edmund S. Janes.	Hooper Jolley.
11th.	1874	Ezion, Wilmington.	Matthew Simpson.	Hooper Jolley.
12th.	1875	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
13th.	1876	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmund S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
14th.	1877	Janes, Chestertown.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
15th.	1878	Union, St. Michael's.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
16th.	1879	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
17th.	1880	Whatcoat, Dover.	Thomas Bowman.	George H. Waters.
18th.	1881	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
19th.	1882	C. Wesley, Centreville	Randolph S. Foster.	A. R. Shockley.
20th.	1883	Ezion, Wilmington.	E. G. Andrews.	A. R. Shockley.
21st.	1884	Asbury, Easton.	C. H. Fowler.	H. A. Monroe.
22nd.	1885	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	R. S. Foster.	H. A. Monroe.
23rd.	1886	Bainbridge St., Phila.	S. M. Merrill.	H. A. Monroe.

DEATH ROLL OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME.	RECEIVED.	DIED.	RES. AT TIME OF DECEASE.
Wilmore S. Elsey,	1864	1867	Cambridge, Md.
Jas. Davis,	1864	1871	Philadelphia.
Frost Pollett,	1864	1872	Salisbury, Md.
Samuel Dale,	1864	1872	Middletown, Del.
George W. Freeland,	1871	1873	Chestertown, Md.
Harrison Smith,	1864	1874	Wilmington, Del.
Solomon Cooper,	1869	1877	Wilmington, Del.
John G. Manluff,	1864	1879	Centreville, Md.
Stephen Johns,	1867	1879	Berlin, Md.
Handy Long,	1867	1879	Pocomoke City, Md.
Perry W. Pipes,	1875	1879	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.
George E. Snead,	1883	1885	Monie, Md.
Chas. Ash,	1872	1886	Townsend, Del.
Wm. F. Butler.	1871	1186	Wilmington, Del.

MEMOIRS.

CHARLES H. ASH.

The church should cherish with great religious care, the memory of her great heroes. Fortunate it is for us, that in the early history of our church, God endowed her with valiant men, who were filled with the divine fire, though not versed in the profundities of Plato. Such a hero was the Rev. Charles H. Ash, who died July 10th, 1885. He was born 52 years ago in Caroline Co., Maryland. He was converted at the early age of 15, and licensed to exhort in 1866.

He held appointments as follows: Hillsborough, 1872-1874; Denton, 1875-1877; Tobaccostick, 1878-1879; Kent Island, 1880-1882; Townsend, 1883-1885.

It will be seen that his religious training began in his early boyhood, and this, doubtless, accounts for his genuine religious life, manifested in advanced life.

Bro. Ash was a warm, genuine, clear Bible preacher. At times he waxed eloquent, when the whole congregation would be swayed by his burning sentences.

We are confident that the world is better for his having lived. He was visited by his pastor in his last hour, who found him waiting and ready to depart. And gladly and triumphantly did he depart at the Master's call. He leaves a wife and daughter. God buries his workmen, but carries his work on. We bow before God in our affliction, but we thank him for having given us so royal a man.

W. M. WEBB.

WILLIAM F. BUTLER. D. D.

It is impossible, in the narrow limits assigned to this memorial tribute, to do anything like justice to the true worth of the public services of our departed brother. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 7th, 1835, he came to the United States in 1853, at the age of 18.

His conversion and call to the ministry took place shortly after, and in 1856, he was received into the A. M. E. Zion Connection, by Supt. W. H. Bishop.

The ensuing thirty years of his life, was crowded with more earnest endeavor and grander results than many men have accomplishad. During the great anti-slavery contest preceding the war, our young brother, threw himself into the arena, with all the ardor of a St. Paul, and early attracted attention and, better still, influence. Although not a soldier, he in common with the loyal ministry of the North, lent an active hand in the organization of the colored troops, and in pleading their cause with an unjust government that denied a soldier's dress, and a soldiers pay, to the free colored men of the North, who were fighting the battles of the Union. Had he done nothing else, those of us who remember the young defender of the soldier's cause, in the dark days of the Civil War, would reverence his memory forever.

In the Zion Connection our brother did effective service in the West. Out of the chaos in which the Civil War plunged the colored membership of the Southern Church, Dr. Butler brought order, and soon added a large number of churches and members to the fold of the Zion Connection. In Kentucky he organized the first convention of colored men held after the war, and his utterances, in behalf of their rights, were so plain, outspoken, and just, that it aroused the wrath of the unsubdued rebel element, and finally for prudence sake, he was assigned to Eastern work. His pastorate at Zion Church New York City, was a stormy one, but his firmness, prudence, and good judgment, brought him out of it with honor. The negotiations for a union, between the Methodist Episcopal, and the Zion Connection, having proved a failure, he, with others, resolved to adhere to the original compact, and came over to the Mother Church. In 1871, he organized what is now St. Mark's Church, in New York City, and

both politically and socially, he was a prominent figure in the great metropolis. His transfer to the Missouri Conference, where he was made Presiding Elder of a colored district, followed his New York pastorate, and he did good and effective work in our western field. Returning East he was stationed at St. John's Church, Newark, N. J., and while there received the degree of D. D., from the Central Tennessee College. His transfer to the Delaware Conference followed, and his appointments were, successively, Zion, Wilmington; Zoar, Philadelphia; Haven Mission, Philadelphia; Chester, Pa.; and South Wilmington, Del. At the session of '85, held at Salisbury, he was superannuated, and returned to his home in Wilmington.

Of the cloud of insanity that darkened his later days, and caused such intense pain and mental agony to our brother, his relatives, and friends, "I need not speak." But as sometimes, even in the darkest night, one lone star shines through the rifted clouds, so in those hours of poignant suffering, the religious element in our brother's character, shone out all the clearer, because of the mental wreck around it. Thank God after all was over, and the tearful days of suffering ended, in the Insane ward of the Delaware Almshouse, Feb. 20th, 1886; we have reason to believe that however stormy the waves of the Jordan of death rolled on this side, that on the other side there was "a great calm," in the stillness of whose perfect peace, the soul mounted up to God. The funeral itself was a tribute to his worth and valuable services. The Masonic Fraternity of which he was a high and honored member, was represented by the St. John's Commandery of Knights Templar. Ministerial delegations were present from the Wilmington and Delaware Conferences of the M. E. Church, and from the other denominations, whose churches were located in Wilmington. Thus ended a useful and a faithful life, and if an epitaph be written to commemorate his service, let it be the word of Paul. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

H. A. MONROE.

SARAH E. JOHNSON.

The subject of this paper was born at Odessa, Del., May 14, 1848, and became a disciple of Christ when about twelve years old, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church near Odessa, Del. After remaining there for a few years, she went to Philadelphia and united with Zoar Methodist Episcopal Church.

She was united in holy wedlock to Rev. T. H. Johnson, April 25, 1867. She was called, by the blessed Master, from labor to reward, Aug. 7, 1882.

She was a loving mother, a devoted wife and an affable neighbor, and was loved by all who knew her. She was polite and pleasing in manner, sweet in spirit, and pure in life and conversation. Religion with her was more than an emotion and sentiment; it was a rule of life—the life of Christ in the heart, controlling her conversation and conduct. Bro. Johnson has been separated from a priceless jewel, an invaluable helpmate, a true friend and a trusty counsellor. She was modest, thoughtful and faithful. She bravely bore life's burdens and nobly met the conditions of this mortal state. She is no more—she has gone up to rest with her God on high.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

STATISTICS.—From its organization the M. E. Church has been blessed by God in the accession of members, while she has suffered somewhat from the various divisions that have occurred, yet she stands to-day, a strong church, recognized all over the civilized world.

At the beginning of this year there were 116 Missions or Annual Conferences, 11,902 traveling preachers, 1,890,308 church members. Take these together with those who have joined the Church Triumphant, and we have a mighty host.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

In the work of extending the cause by the building of churches, we have a history of which we need not be ashamed. We have 20,000 churches, valued at \$75,714,276; 7,086 parsonages, worth \$10,913,049, making the total value of church and parsonage property, valued at \$86,627,325.

EDUCATION.

Believing ignorance to be a curse, and education a blessing, the church has always bent her influence in this direction. First, in the way of Sunday Schools. Through this department of the church, great good is being accomplished. The Sunday School Union has proven a great aid in this work, especially in the way of finances, donations of books, periodicals, etc. The following are the statistics for the present year. 22,490 Sunday Schools; 246,054 officers and teachers; and 1,815,897 Sunday School scholars. Out of this number 98,868 were converted to God during the past year.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

The church claims that educated leaders are necessary to lead the people, and realizing the importance of an educated ministry, she has established her institutions of learning all over the world. We have 6 Theological Schools in the United States, 46 Colleges and Universities, 8 Female Colleges and Seminaries, 60 Classical Seminaries, 49 Foreign Mission Schools, total, 169.

THE PRESS.

Believing circulation of her doctrines in the shape of literature to be an important auxiliary to church work, there has gone out from our Book Concerns an influence to powerful too counteract.

According to statistics submitted this year, we have the following; 73 officially authorized periodicals of various sizes, languages and objects extending from the bi-monthly Review to the weekly Bureau Leaf. The net capital of the joint Book Concern is \$1,922,445. The amount of sales of books and periodicals in 1885 were \$1,798,247.

Through these agencies the church has spread christian intelligence, pure morality, and true religion.

MISSIONS.

The church has always recognized the importance of spreading the Gospel. The command "Go preach" is an important one and is being heeded by the world. As a result of this spirit we have many Missions established throughout the world, in the interest of which over \$19,000,000 have been expended.

Upon the great questions of the day the church has not been silent, lifting up her voice against slavery, intemperance, polygamy and all the other evils, and standing firmly in advocating the right.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a virtue enjoined, especially in regard to eating and drinking. We regard total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of temperance. We approve of all methods put forth to secure this end. The success of the Temperance movement depends upon the combined efforts of Family, Church and State. We favor the total prohibition of the Liquor Traffic by Constitutional Law both in the states, as such, and the nation at large.

DIVORCE.

No divorce except for adultery is considered lawful by the Church, and any minister is prohibited from solemnizing matrimony where there is a divorced wife or husband living.

POLYGAMY.

This evil is growing to a large extent in this country, not only in the territory of Utah, where it is chiefly practised, but in other parts of the United States. At the last General Conference, resolutions were passed beseeching Congress to enact such measures as will do away with this evil in the United States.

SLAVERY.

The buying and selling of human beings as chattels is inconsistent with the teachings of Scripture, especially the Golden Rule. The Church recommends that its members take no part in such, but endeavor to secure the liberation of such, as are in bonds, by all lawful and Christian means.

LOYALTY TO COUNTRY.

The Church has proven her loyalty to the country in all its history. The purest patriots of Revolutionary times were Christians, and during the dark days of the Rebellion, Christian men and ministers firmly advocated the cause of the Union. In fact the Church has been essential to the progress of the nation. For righteousness exalteth a nation. She also enjoins respect to magistrates, in all countries.

USE OF TOBACCO.

The Church enjoins upon its members and ministers to abstain from the use of tobacco as injurious to body and soul, and also recommends to the Annual Conferences that it ask the question of those who seek admission, "Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco?"

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

The opium traffic in India and China is carrying desolation and sorrow to many homes, and is proving a great barrier to Christianity. The church implores the governments engaged in the traffic, to abstain from it in the name of suffering humanity, and our holy religion.

SUNDAY DESECRATION.

We most solemnly and earnestly protest against violations of the fourth commandment by any individuals, churches, communities, states or the nation; and we recommend and urge our ministers and members to do all that is in their power, honorably and faithfully to arrest the flood-tide of Sunday desecrations, so commonly indulged in, in the line of trafficking, running vehicles, steamboats, and excursion trains to so called Bush, Day, and Camp Meetings; upon the pretext of accommodating the people who attend such gatherings; and we further protest against Sunday violations in the way of publishing Sunday Newspapers, Base

Ball Games, Theatrical Entertainments, Skating Rinks, keeping open Beer Gardens, Liquor Saloons, holding Secular Concerts, and all other classes of Sunday desecrations. They are unamerican and utterly unworthy of the enlightened age in which we live, of our grand civilization, and our glorious Christianity.

THE COLOR LINE.

We thank God that we are able to say, the Color Line is not recognized by the M. E. Church. Race distinctions were completely buried by the action of the last General Conference, declaring, "That no distinction shall be made in reference to our Church and Schools, on account of race, color, or previous condition. The spirit of our Church is not sectional, but national.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

As a church, we think it perfectly proper that the laboring classes of this country should organize for mutual benefit and protection, but we disapprove of strikes, which tend to injure rather than benefit the laboring classes in the end.

We think all differences and antagonisms between capital and labor, should be settled by judicious, peaceful arbitration.

J. HUDSON RIDDICK,
WM. M. WEBB,
J. H. JOHNSON,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

We, your committee on Freedmen's Aid, beg leave to submit the following report: Realizing the importance of the work done by this Society, in the way of providing schools and teachers for our people in the South, and glad of the results that have attended this work, we heartily indorse the labors of this Society, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to increase its interests and efficiency. And as the Centenary Biblical Institute specially represents this Society among our people, affording them advantages for a higher education which they would not otherwise enjoy, we pledge our special efforts to sustain this noble institution. To inform our people of the progress of the Institute, we append the President's report.

J. EMORY WEBB,
T. B. H. COLEMAN,
WM. JOHNSON,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

During the past year we have added to the facilities of the Institute by providing a Library and Reading Room, a Laboratory, a Printing Room, and a model School Room, all of which are proving valuable auxiliaries. It has been impossible to provide enlarged accommodations for students, however, without the erection of a new building, which the depressed condition of affairs prevents, and, greatly to our regret we have had to turn away from our doors more than sixty applicants, after crowding our present accommodations to their utmost capacity. More than 250 students have been enrolled during the school year. To meet the necessity for more room for school and lodging purposes, the Trustees have authorized the re-opening of the old building on Saratoga Street for next year, but this will no more than provide for the number turned away this year, and the probability is we will be just as greatly overcrowded next year as this. To accommodate the lower grades of our institution, (which are, in fact, intermediate between the common schools and our regular departments,) we need a Preparatory School in the Washington Conference, and another in the Delaware Conference, and these are among the possibilities of the near future.

Including the \$10,000.00 pledge of the Washington Conference, and that of \$5,000.00 of the Delaware Conference, we have now \$27,000.00 pledged towards our Endowment Fund. About \$10,000.00 of this is paid in and safely invested. With the return of more prosperous times, we hope to see our Endowment rapidly increased to a sum which will enable us to make our Institution still more useful in promoting the mental and moral welfare of the race for whose special benefit it has been established.

W. MASLIN FRYSSINGER, *President.*

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bainbridge street.....	\$17 00	Middletown	2 00
Bridgeton.....	5 00	Mt. Zion	15 00
Cape May	5 00	Odessa	2 00
Chester.....	12 00	Port Deposit	3 00
Frankford	10 00	South Wilmington.....	1 00
Germantown	20 00	Wilmington (Ezion)	40 00
Haven Mission, Philadelphia..	5 00	Wilmington Ct.,	20 00
		Zoar, Philadelphia.....	75 00
		Total.....	\$232 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Aireys Ct.,.....	\$ 2 00	Dover Station	5 00
Bridgeville.....	25	East New Market.....	13 00
Church Creek.....	2 00	Golden Hill.....	1 00
Cambridge.....	7 00	Lewes and Rehoboth.....	5 00
Dover Ct.,.....	3 00	Laurel.....	2 00
Milton	4 00	Smyrna	1 00
Thompson Ct.,.....	30	Seaford.....	50
Townsend	3 00	Vienna	3 00
		Total.....	\$ 52 05

EASTON DISTRICT.

Chestertown	\$25 00	Marydel	2 00
Denton.....	5 00	Royal Oak.....	1 00
Easton	9 00	Sassafras	5 00
Fairlee	2 00	St. Michael's.....	2 00
Edesville	5 00	Skipton	6 00
Greensborough.....	3 75	Talbot	1 00
		Trappe.....	14 00
		Total.....	\$ 80 75

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac	\$10 00	Princess Anne.....	20 00
Crisfield	35 00	Quantico	13 00
Deal's Island.....	20 00	Salisbury	15 00
Fairmount	25 00	Salisbury Ct.,.....	8 00
Friendship.....	5 00	S. Berlin	5 00
Green Hill.....	20 00	Snow Hill.....	5 00
Horntown	7 00	Stockton.....	10 00
N. Berlin	5 00	Pocomoke.....	20 00
		Total.....	\$223 00

Recapitulation by Districts.

Philadelphia District.....	\$232 00
Dover ".....	52 05
Easton ".....	80 75
Salisbury ".....	223 00
Total.....	\$587 80

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would report that there is great cause for encouragement and gratification among our people on account of the rising and growing sentiment among citizens of all classes in favor of the education of our race, and cause for especial gratitude to God for the interest which the Methodist Episcopal church still manifests on this subject. The board of education, in its worthy and widening work, makes no distinction of color in the distribution of its benefits, and many students of color have been aided by loans from the general and children's day fund, and we urge on all our pastors the importance of the observance of children's day and an intelligent presentation of the subject of education to their people. The wonderful growth and development of the Centenary Biblical Institute, which has been so overcrowded with students during the past year that great numbers had to be turned away, commands our admiration, and we commend this institution of learning to the liberality of our people, and especially to those who have sons and daughters to educate, and the means to provide them with the higher education which the Institute can give them. The committee recommends that the Conference order, as heretofore, that the general educational collection of the Conference be appropriated to the Centenary Biblical Institute, and that the adoption of this report be considered as such order. We would commend to our young men seeking a higher education, the Boston University, also, which opens its doors to them as to all, and affords unusual privileges.

The following collections for education have been taken during the past year:

Philadelphia District.....	\$24 25
Easton District.....	34 10
Dover District.....	15 50
Salisbury District.....	18 97
Total.....	\$92 82

WM. M. WEBB,
WM. H. THOMAS.

Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Ezion.....	\$ 5 00
Wilmington Circuit.....	2 00
Germantown.....	1 00
Port Deposit.....	1 00
Chester.....	2 00
Frankford.....	1 00
South Wilmington.....	1 00
Mount Zion.....	2 00
Zoar.....	2 00
Bridgeton Circuit.....	1 06
Merchantville.....	25
Cape May.....	25
Bainbridge Street.....	2 00

\$20 50

DOVER DISTRICT.

Cambridge.....	\$ 1 00
East Newmarket.....	1 00
Airey's Circuit.....	50
Dover Street.....	1 00
Church Creek.....	25
Madison.....	1 00
Vienna.....	1 00
Townsend.....	75
Milton Charge.....	50
Bridgeville.....	25
Dover Circuit.....	1 00
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	\$ 8 25

EASTON DISTRICT.

Trappe Circuit.....	\$ 1 00
Still Pond.....	2 00
Talbot.....	50
Kent Island.....	1 00
St. Michaels.....	50
Wilmington.....	50
Eadsville.....	1 00
Easton Station.....	1 00
Denton.....	50
Fairlee.....	50
Royal Oak.....	1 00
Greensboro.....	50
Chestertown.....	2 00
Laurel.....	1 00
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	\$15 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Princess Anne.....	25
Accomac.....	50
Salisbury.....	50
South Berlin.....	50
North Berlin.....	50
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	\$2 25
Philadelphia District.....	\$20 50
Dover ".....	8 25
Easton ".....	13 00
Salisbury ".....	2 25
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	\$44 00
Total in hand last year.....	<hr/>
	31 25
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Grand total.....	\$75 25

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FEMALE COLLEGE.

We, the Committee on Female College within the bounds of the Delaware Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

We were appointed by Bishop Foster to consider the necessity of founding such an institution, and to look out for a place, site, etc.

We have had, during the Conference year, two offer to locate. One at Princess Anne, Somerset County, and the other at Pocomoke City, Worcester County.

The Committee had one meeting at Dover, Del. At this meeting, Princess Anne was dropped from consideration, but Pocomoke City was still held on to, because of the strong inducements of aid held out by the citizens of that place, and of that section of the State of Maryland. But we think such an Institution should be located in or near some of our large centres of population, or in some place easy of access.

The opinion of the Committee is that such an Institution is a necessity within the bounds of the Conference. When we take into consideration the fact that the Centenary Biblical Institute was founded solely for the education of young men as preachers and teachers, and that it provides no accommodation for females, we see the need of such an Institution.

Notwithstanding the Female College contemplated, only exists in name and on paper as yet, we trust it will not be an Utopian idea, but that our best hopes will be realized, and that this Conference will give ample consideration to the matter, and take such steps as will lead to the ultimate success of the object in view.

J. HUDSON RIDDICK, *Chairman*,
HOOPER JOLLEY, *Secretary*,
W. C. DICKERSON,
A. R. SHOCKLEY,

I. H. WHITE,
W. J. PARKER,
W. H. COFFEY,
GEO. H. WASHINGTON,

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Auditing Accounts of the Presiding Elders, have examined their books, and finding that they are correct and properly received for the following districts:

Philadelphia District	\$ 415 00
Easton	200 00
Dover	335 00
Salisbury	260 00
Total	\$1210 00

E. E. PARKER,
T. H. JOHNSON,
A. W. LOWBER,

Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

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

Philadelphia District	\$116 50
Dover	32 74
Easton	45 75
Salisbury	85 25
Total	\$280 24

TRACT CAUSE.

Philadelphia District	\$15 20
Dover	9 12
Easton	10 90
Salisbury	9 25
Total	\$44 47

We have learned that the Tract Cause is a good cause, and should have its seat amid all other collections for its benefits.

S. P. WHITTINGTON,
C. A. HORSEY,
H. MORRIS,
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 the great and noble cause this Conference year, and that each pastor preach a sermon for said cause.

Philadelphia District	\$13 00
Dover "	7 07
Easton "	12 25
Salisbury "	12 50
Total	\$44 82

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

ON ENTERTAINMENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

May 10th, 1886.

The Committee organized by appointing I. H. White, Chairman, L. Y. Cox, Treasurer, W. J. Parker, Secretary.

On motion that the amount of \$254 be divided into 4 equal parts to each respective District, and that the Committee of each District apportion the same among the charges.

L. Y. COX,
W. H. THOMAS,
T. H. JOHNSON,
E. E. PARKER,
Ministers.

WM. H. CALDWELL,
SAMUEL LONG,
WM. PERKINS,
ROBT. H. GILLET,
Laymen.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

We the Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath, beg leave to offer the following report: God has given us six days to accomplish all temporal work, and commanded us to keep the Sabbath holy, for in six days God made all things and rested on the Sabbath. We are glad to learn the civil authorities of some of our northern states are assisting in this great movement in defending the Sabbath. May God hasten the time when all the world shall join in this great work.

Resolved, 1. 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, 2. 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,

P. BURROWS,
K. J. STILL,
G. T. TOWNSEND.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday schools beg leave to present the following report:

WHEREAS, we recognize in the Sunday school the great church of the future, and being deeply impressed with the great importance of having the children and youths instructed systematically, and thoroughly in the word of God:

Resolved, 1. That your Committee advise the study of the Berean Series of Sunday school instruction, the Methodist Catechism, numbers 1, 2, and 3, according to the grades of scholars, and the Rules and Doctrines of the church, as contained in the Discipline.

Resolved, 2. That we learn with great delight, the success which has attended this branch of our church work, and of the 736 conversions which have taken place the past year, and pray most fervently for a decided increase in the year to come.

Resolved, 3. That we very much deplore the tendency on the part of so large a portion of adult members of our churches, to withhold their influence and presence from the Sunday school.

Resolved, 4. That we recognize the great value of the Children's Day, and would most heartily recommend to all our pastors, churches and Sunday schools, its careful observance, according to the form of Discipline.

Resolved, 5. That we recommend the instruction of better Sunday school music, and to this end suggest that the Epworth Hymnal be used in school.

Resolved, 6. That we recommend to pastors, the wisdom of observing the monthly prayer meeting, at least in all of our Sunday schools.

Resolved, 7. That we recommend our schools to patronize our own publication houses, the literature of which being better adapted to our purposes should be purchased and used in preference to all others. Every school should have a full supply of good, religious literature, either in papers or well selected library, or, if practicable, both.

Resolved, 8. That we recommend the teachers to a more thorough fitness for their work, by devoting more time to the study of the lesson, and a deeper consecration of their lives unto God.

The amount received	
From the Philadelphia District.....	\$18 05
“ “ Dover “	11 25
“ “ Easton “	14 75
“ “ Salisbury “	13 25
Total.....	\$57 30

J. H. B. HUBBARD,
E. E. PARKER,
A. LOWBER.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$ 50	New Castle.....	1 00
Camden.....	25	Odessa.....	75
Cape May.....	25	Frankford.....	1 00
Chester.....	2 00	Germantown.....	1 00
Haven Mission.....		Bainbridge Street.....	1 00
Zoar.....	2 00	Ezion.....	5 00
Port Deposit.....	50	Wilmington Circuit.....	1 00
Salem Circuit.....	1 00	South Wilmington.....	1 00
Middletown.....	1 00	Merchantville.....	25
Mt. Zion.....	2 00		
		Total.....	\$21 50

DOVER DISTRICT.

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

EASTON DISTRICT.

Centreville.....	\$ 50	Easton.....	2 00
Chestertown.....	2 00	Edesville.....	2 00
Church Hill.....	1 00	Fairlee.....	2 00
Crumpton.....	25	Greensborough.....	
Denton.....	1 00	Kent Island.....	1 00
Marydel.....	2 00	Skipton.....	25
Millington.....	25	Still Pond.....	2 00
Royal Oak.....	1 00	Talbot.....	50
St. Michael.....	1 75	Trappe.....	2 00
Sassafras.....	1 00		
		Total.....	\$22 50

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Chincoteague.....	\$	Salisbury.....	2 00
Deal's Island.....	1 00	Salisbury Circuit.....	1 00
Fairmount.....	1 00	Snow Hill.....	
Friendship.....		Snow Hill Circuit.....	
Green Hill.....		South Berlin.....	50
Horntown.....	1 50	Stockton.....	
Locust Mount.....	1 50	Crisfield.....	2 00
North Berlin.....	50	Wiseville.....	
Pocomoke City.....	1 00	Accomac.....	3 00
Princess Anne.....	1 50		
Quantico.....	2 00	Total.....	\$19 00

RECAPITULATION.

Philadelphia District.....	\$21 50
Dover District.....	10 25
Easton District.....	22 30
Salisbury District.....	19 00
Total.....	\$73 05

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The morning dawneth, clouds are breaking, a year's march nearer the kingdom. A year of great activity and success. The conflict deepens. If judged of our success by the activity of our opponents, we have made more progress the past year than in any former year in the history of reform. Everywhere the liquor fraternity are aroused. Millions of money are pledged to help put down "Temperance fanatics" and exalt the reign of King Beer. But the signs of the coming triumph multiply on every hand. The Church of the living God is fast rallying under the banner of total abstinence, and millions have taken the pledge never again to taste the intoxicating cup. Kansas leads the advancing host of constitutional prohibition, and other states are moving slowly but surely

along the same rugged path way. Over thirty of the states of the union have had advanced liquor legislation under consideration and discussion, and not one has taken a backward step. The right must eventually triumph, although the struggle be long and severe. Total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the state, are the watch-words of the advancing host of the enemies of the liquor traffic. The national temperance society has been in the front rank helping to fight the battle on every line of advance. Its literature covers the nation and reaches hundreds of thousands of homes and millions of people with its blessed influence of love and mercy, of law and argument, of warning and entreaty. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Sons of Temperance, Good Templar's Reform Clubs, and numberless other similar organizations are every where united upon these two great fundamental principles, and pushing on to ultimate victory. In no former year has the Church of God come up so grandly to the work of temperance. Nearly all the great ecclesiastic bodies of Christian workers have declared for total abstinence and the suppression of the traffic, in tones that cannot be misunderstood. Let us thank God and take courage. The one great question to day before the American people is the suppression of dram-shops. License laws have had a full and fair trial for more than a century, and have ever and always proved stupendous failures.

We now ask Legislatures to allow the people to vote direct on this question at the polls. We are striking at the root, and when the root is cut, the tree fails to bear fruit, and when the manufactory and sale of liquor, or intoxicating liquor is stopped, drunkenness will cease. There never was a drunkard but came down Moderation Stairs. No soul was ever lost in the vortex of dissipation but drifted there over Moderation river. No one ever was or ever can be a drunkard unless he drinks. No one ever became a drunkard but was a moderate drinker first. More people have been slain by the bottle than by war, pestilence and famine. The bottle still stands erect, while its victim lies in the gutter unable to rise. There is a way which seemeth good to a man, but the end, thereof, is death. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Therefore,

Resolved, 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 drinks, which tend 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, 2. That we will preach and practice temperance among our people, and insist upon the total prohibition of the liquor traffic, until the 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.

A. W. HAMILTON,
P. J. ADAMS,
J. BRINKLEY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

Philadelphia District	\$118 00
Dover "	80 00
Easton "	161 00
Salisbury "	148 00
Total from Conference, Claimants.....	\$517 00
Dividend " Book Concern.....	107 00
Chartered Fund	30 00
Daughters of Conference.....	211 00
Total.....	\$865 00

G. W. LANDIN,
JAS. H. SCOTT, *Stewards.*

<i>Claimant.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Paid to</i>
Mrs. Wm. Phillips.....	\$ 14 00	John H. Holland
S. G. Waters	50 00	S. G. Waters
Mrs. Perry Pipes.....	11 00	A Shockley
E. Tilghman	40 00	Mrs. E. Tilghman
N. Young	20 00	N. Young
J. Brinkley.....	50 00	J. Brinkley
Mrs. H. Long.....	25 00	H. T. Rich
S. P. Marshall.....	40 00	Mrs. S. P. Marshall
Dr. Butler.....	35 00	Jas. M. Butler
J. Broughton.....	50 00	J. Broughton
Chas. Wing.....	60 00	P. Burrows
Mrs. J. Manluff.....	45 00	Mrs. J. Manluff
Chas. Pullitt.....	45 00	Chas. Pullitt
Mrs. I. Taylor.....	35 00	I. H. White
“ Chas Ash.....	35 00	G. H. Washington
“ G. H. Waters.....	35 00	G. H. Waters
“ S. Johns.....	25 00	J. R. Waters
“ P. Kennedy.....	35 00	H. Morris
P. J. Adams.....	50 00	S. E. Adams
S. P. Whittington.....	35 00	S. P. Whittington
Mrs. B. Gibbs.....	75 00	H. A. Monroe
“ J. R. Webb.....	20 00	W. M. Webb
John Saunders.....	35 00	J. Saunders

Total \$865 00

WHEREAS, We, the Stewards of the Delaware Annual Conference, appointed by the Conference, after looking carefully over the needs of our worthy Fathers who have served as valiant soldiers in the army of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, seeing the need of a place for them to rest their weary bodies, we would recommend that there be some steps taken for our superannuated and wornout preachers, widows and orphans,

Resolved, That the members of tis Conference go home feeling inspired to do all they can for this laudable work, looking forward to the time when our Blessed Saviour shall say, “When I was hungry ye gave me meat.”

G. W. LANDIN,
J. H. HOLLAND,
N. MORRIS,
JAMES H. SCOTT,

Stewards.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bridgeton.....	\$ 10 00	Haven Mission.....	
Camden.....	1 00	Zoar.....	100 00
Cape May.....	11 00	Port Deposit.....	14 00
Chester.....	15 00	Salem.....	10 00
Middletown.....	12 00	Salem Circuit.....	
Mount Zion.....	15 00	Ezion, Wilmington.....	150 00
New Castle.....	8 00	Wilmington Circuit.....	15 00
Odessa.....	15 00	Merchantsville.....	
Frankford.....	6 00	Germantown.....	22 00
Bainbridge.....	20 00	South Wilmington.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 429 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Church Hill.....	\$ 24 00	Marydel	10 00
Centreville.....	40 00	Millington.....	14 00
Chestertown.....	101 35	Royal Oak.....	20 00
Crumpton.....	2 00	St. Michaels.....	25 00
Denton.....	12 00	Sassafras.....	17 00
Easton.....	30 00	Skipton.....	10 00
Edesville.....	25 00	Still Pond.....	35 00
Fairlee.....	25 00	Talbot.....	20 00
Greensboro.....	11 00	Trappe.....	25 00
Kent Island.....	40 00		
		Total.....	\$ 486 35

DOVER DISTRICT.

Cambridge.....	\$ 23 00	Nassau.....	12 00
Church Creek.....	10 00	Seaford.....	1 25
Dover.....	15 00	Milton.....	12 00
Dover Circuit.....	15 00	Smyrna.....	9 00
East New Market.....	25 00	Townsend.....	12 00
Federalsburgh.....		Vienna.....	14 00
Hicksboro.....		Golden Hill.....	49
Laurel.....	15 00	Thompson Circuit.....	50
Lewes.....	10 00	Bridgeville.....	10 00
Madison.....	10 00	Aireys.....	4 00
Milford.....	15 00		
		Total.....	\$ 203 24

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac.....	\$ 30 00	Quantico.....	35 00
Deals Island.....	115 00	Salisbury.....	56 00
Fairmount.....	50 00	Salisbury Circuit.....	25 00
Friendship.....	25 00	Snow Hill Circuit.....	5 00
Green Hill.....	25 00	Snow Hill.....	15 00
Hortown.....	40 00	South Berlin.....	24 00
Locust Mount.....		Stockton.....	25 00
North Berlin.....	50 00	Crisfield.....	60 00
Pocomoke City.....	50 00	Wiseville.....	
Princess Anne.....	81 00		
		Total.....	\$ 711 00

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 429 00
Easton.....	486 35
Dover.....	203 00
Salisbury.....	711 00

Total.....\$1,829 35

By cash paid to Dr. Hunt.....	1,215 84
Vouchers.....	613 51

The following places were constituted Missions, and the sum apportioned for their support, for the ensuing year, as follows.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Philadelphia.....	\$ 150 00
Camden.....	40 00
Cape May.....	30 00
Delaware City.....	30 00

New Castle.....	40 00
Frankford.....	20 00
Germantown.....	40 00
Haven.....	30 00
South Wilmington.....	50 00
Merchantsville.....	20 00
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	\$ 450 00

DOVER DISTRICT

Dover District.....	\$ 140 00
Smyrna.....	30 00
Milford.....	20 00
Lincoln.....	20 00
Nassau.....	30 00
Lewes & Rehoboth.....	30 00
Seaford.....	20 00
Thompson.....	20 00
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	\$ 310 00

CHESTERTOWN DISTRICT

Chestertown District.....	\$ 140 00
Sassafras.....	30 00
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	\$ 170 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Salisbury District.....	\$ 150 00
Salisbury Circuit.....	20 00
Snow Hill Circuit.....	60 00
Green Hill Circuit.....	25 00
South Berlin.....	15 00
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Total.....	\$270 00

RECAPITULATION.

Philadelphia District.....	\$450 00
Dover District.....	310 00
Chestertown District.....	170 00
Salisbury District.....	270 00
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Total.....	\$1200 00

MINUTE MONEY.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Charles A. Tindley.....	\$1 40	J. H. Pierce.....	4 00
Joshua R. Brinkley.....	1 50	L. Y. Cox.....	3 00
Jas. K. Adams.....	2 00	A. W. Hamilton.....	3 00
F. J. Lee.....	2 00	D. J. Waters.....	2 00
Lewis W. Deakins.....	2 40	H. A. Monroe.....	15 00
Daniel A. Ridout.....	2 50	A. R. Shockley.....	7 00
Hooper Jolley.....	3 30	J. W. Pinkney.....	
A. J. Wallace.....	1 00	J. H. B. Hubbard.....	
G. M. Landin.....	2 00		
		Total.....	<hr/>
			\$54 85

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charles O. Waters.....	\$ 2 00	George Townsend.....	1 45
Wm. B. Green.....	2 45	D. K. Dunn.....	4 00
Wm. H. Thomas.....	3 75	Thomas S. Als.....	1 00
J. E. A. D. Grigsby.....	5 50	Charles Earles.....	50
W. J. Jackson.....	2 50	A. Brown.....	2 50
J. E. Webb.....	2 90	T. M. Hubbard.....	2 50
J. H. Griffin.....	1 00	W. T. Cole.....	
K. J. Still.....	1 00	J. H. Harman.....	3 60
J. W. Lankford.....	2 00		
N. Morris.....	3 25	Total.....	\$41 40

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. C. Dickerson.....	\$	Henry Morris.....	1 90
J. H. Riddick.....	7 00	E. H. Hutchins.....	4 00
Jas. H. Johnson.....	2 00	J. H. Nutter.....	2 70
W. H. Rogers.....		S. E. Adams.....	1 00
G. M. Young.....	1 00	D. J. Brittingham.....	3 60
J. D. Elbert.....	3 50	A. Grinnage.....	1 80
J. H. Winters.....	4 00	J. H. Mason.....	5 00
J. S. Willis.....	2 75	J. Q. Dennis.....	2 50
J. C. Carroll.....	2 75	Peter Burrows.....	4 60
T. H. Johnson.....	3 44		
		Total.....	\$53 54

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Charles H. Horsey.....	\$ 1 00	H. T. Rich.....	2 85
J. H. Holland.....	4 00	J. R. Waters.....	3 00
J. W. Brown.....	2 00	A. J. Handy.....	2 50
E. E. Parker.....	3 00	Isaiah H. Johnson.....	2 00
Albert Lowber.....	2 00	T. B. H. Coleman.....	2 75
E. H. Webb.....	2 75	W. H. Johnson.....	3 50
R. J. Waters.....	1 75	L. E. Toulson.....	1 75
J. L. Cole.....	2 70		
		Total.....	\$37 55

RECAPITULATION.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 54 85
Dover District.....	41 40
Easton District.....	53 34
Salisbury District.....	37 55
Total.....	\$187 34

The cash turned over to the Publishing Committee was \$189 25.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Bainbridge street.....	100	Haven, Philadelphia.....	20
Bridgeton, N. J.....	20	Merchantsville.....	10
Cape May.....	15	Middletown.....	20
Camden.....	15	New Castle.....	10
Mt. Zion.....	40	South Wilmington.....	10
Odessa.....	25	Wilmington.....	100
Salem.....	20	Wilmington Circuit.....	20
Port Deposit.....	20	Zoar.....	75

Chester	30	Delaware City	15
Frankford	15		
Germantown	25	Total	600

DOVER DISTRICT.

Aireys	10	Madison	40
Bridgeville	25	Slaughter Neck	20
Church Creek	40	Thompson's	10
Cambridge	40	Townsend	25
Cambridge Circuit	10	Smyrna	20
Dover	30	Seaford	15
Dover Circuit	25	Federalburg	10
East New Market	40	Vienna	40
Golden Hill	10	Nassau	15
Lewes and Rehoboth	20		
Laurel	30	Total	510
Milford	35		

CHESTERTOWN DISTRICT.

Centreville	50	Pomona	30
Chestertown	60	Royal Oak	20
Church Hill	40	Sassafras	20
Crumpton	25	St. Michael's	30
Denton	25	Skipton	20
Easton	40	Still Pond	40
Fairlee	30	Talbot	20
Greensborough	25	Trappe	40
Kent Island	40	Galena	10
Marydel	20		
Millington	40	Total	625

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac	20	Quantico	25
Crisfield	50	Salisbury	40
Deals Island	40	Salisbury Circuit	20
Fairmount	40	S. Berlin	25
Friendship	25	Snow Hill	35
Green Hill	30	Snow Hill Circuit	20
Horntown	25	Stockton	30
N. Berlin	25		
Pocomoke City	40	Total	525
Princess Anne	35		
Philadelphia District			600
Dover			510
Chestertown			625
Salisbury			525
Conference Secretary			240
Total			2500

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash received per H. A. Monroe, minute money,	\$ 166 44
Sustentation Fund.	73 97
Cash per W. J. Parker'	5 00
Total	\$ 245 41

Expended on Conference Minutes accounts.....	\$204 21
Order G. H. Washington.....	25 00
Total.....	229 21

Balance cash on hand.....	\$ 16 20
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WM. E. GRINNAGE, *Secretary.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Cash receipts, sale of minutes.....	\$ 166 44
Advertisements.....	89 00
Drawn from Sustentation Fund.....	33 56

Total.....	\$ 289 00
Expended, James & Webb.....	\$ 200 00
Clerical aid.....	10 00
Labels and packing.....	4 00
Agents Commission "ads".....	15 00
" " A. R. Shockley.....	15 00
Extra space, printing.....	15 00
H. A. Monroe, services.....	15 00

Total.....	\$274 00
Balance cash on hand.....	\$ 15 00
Received at session of 1886.....	189 25
Total.....	\$ 204 25

H. A. MONROE, *Secretary.*

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6th, 1886.

The daughters of Conference of the Delaware Annual Conference, met on Thursday afternoon in the basement of Bainbridge street M. E. Church. The meeting was opened in due form, prayer by Rev. Mrs. Green. The roll of officers was called—the president being absent, on motion, Mrs. Sarah A. Jenkins was called to the chair. The object of the meeting stated. Credentials were called for and received. Representatives from each District was introduced, and each one well represented. Mrs. H. E. Jolley addressed the Association, and gave a brief report of the Convention held at Bainbridge street M. E. Church, Philadelphia, in April, and remarked, that, if the different Districts would only do likewise, that the Association would grow more rapidly. Miss Addie L. Ennals moved that Article 5th in the Constitution be put into effect; adopted. Mrs. Sarah A. Jenkins also addressed the meeting, and made some very appropriate remarks. Mrs. L. Y. Cox also addressed the Association. The Secretary moved that each District delegate have the authority to hold a District Convention, at the most central point on their respective Districts, and be assisted by any of the Annual Officers of the Association, together with Presiding Elder of said District. Mrs. A. P. Brinkley, moved that all unfinished business be laid over until next meeting; adopted. Adjourned to meet on Friday.

ADDIE E. ENNALS,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, May 7, 1886.

The meeting was opened in due form, prayer by Rev. E. E. Parker; minutes read and adopted. Unfinished business called. On motion, the district delegates were appointed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the President, Rev. H. Jolley, Dec. 9th, 1885.....	\$ 18 00
" " Wm. Perkins per W. S. Westcott, Jan. 19, 1886.....	200 00
Total receipts.....	\$ 218 00

PAID OUT TO CLAIMANTS.

January 29, 1886, Rev. S. G. Waters, sick dues.....	\$ 8 00
" " " " Joshua Brinkley, donation.....	10 00
" " " " C. Wing ".....	20 00
" " " " B. Gibbs ".....	15 00
" " " " Wm. F. Butler ".....	18 00
" " " " Mrs. M. E. Waters ".....	15 00
February 9, " Funeral expenses of Rev. C. Ash.....	40 00
" " " " " " " P. Kennedy.....	12 00
" 19, " Rev. I. Broughton, donation.....	10 00
" " " P. J. Adams, sick dues.....	6 00
March 4, " Funeral expenses of Rev. Wm. F. Butler.....	38 00

Travelling expenses of the Board, Dec. 9th, 1885, to Wilmington, and Dec. 29th, 1885, to Chestertown.

Rev. H. Jolley.....	\$ 6 - 7
" A. Brown.....	5 64
" N. Young.....	8 52
" W. J. Parker.....	1 78
" G. H. Washington.....	3 16
Paid out for money orders, stamps, etc.....	2 56
Total paid out.....	\$ 219 17
Overpaid.....	1 17

The following claims were presented and ordered paid.

Rev. W. H. Coffey, four weeks' sick dues.....	\$ 8 00
" G. H. Washington, six weeks' sick dues.....	12 00
Overdrawn Treasurer.....	1 17
Rev. Mrs. Hinson's funeral expenses.....	15 00
	\$ 36 17

On motion, Presiding Elder White was requested to attend to collecting the amount due the Preachers' Aid Society from Rev. I. Hinson's estate, also, a motion prevailed that the balance of sister Hinson's funeral expenses be paid from our funds.

At the annual meeting of the Preachers' Aid Society which convened May 8, 1886.

Annual dues received.....	\$ 78 00
Received of Wm. Perkins in cash and note.....	70 82
	\$ 148 82
Paid out for sick dues, burial expenses and donations, etc.....	36 17
	\$ 112 65
Amount secured by note.....	32 82
	\$ 79 83

W. J. PARKER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

The members of the Delaware Annual Conference, having enjoyed the privilege of a brief sojourn in the city of Brotherly Love, hereby express their high appreciation of the christian and fraternal manner in which they have been welcomed and entertained during their stay. We believe this kind reception has been sincere and hearty on the part of the citizens. An impressive declaration that "In Christ, the whole family is named," and that we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the saints, and of the household of God. We have been particularly impressed by the spirit of Christian devotion and prayer with which all our exercises have been attended, making our hearts to burn within us, as we have conversed with each other, and with Jesus by the way.

As ministers and laymen cemented by one common devotion to the church, and by our common labors and sacrifices, and feeling our hearts strangely warmed by the same divine comforter, we have sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and we shall cherish, while memory lasts, the most pleasant recollection of our present annual session. As Methodist ministers, we shall pray for heaven's richest blessing of providence and grace to rest upon the churches, the christians and citizens of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That our hearty thanks are due, and are hereby given to the citizens of this city for the cordial greeting extended to the Conference at its opening, and the hospitable entertainment given to its members during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. J. Hudson Riddick for the able and instructive missionary sermon preached before this body last Friday evening.

Therefore, Resolved, That he be requested to furnish a synopsis for publication in the minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the Choirs of Zoar and Bainbridge Street M. E. Churches, for their appropriate and excellent music discoursed at our various meetings during the session, and we pray that all may join in the everlasting song of the redeemed in that fair land beyond the river.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Superintendents and Officers of the P. W. & B. R. R., for their constant kindness and favor to the members of this Conference.

Resolved, That while, as loyal Methodists, we recognize the value of our "Itinerant General Superintendency," we are especially glad to recognize in Bishop S. M. Merrill D. D., our present presiding officers, one whose courteous bearing, wise ruling and Christian dignity has increased our admiration and respect, both for him and for the office which he so worthily fills, and we will gladly welcome his return.

THOS. H. JOHNSON.

BLAIR EDUCATIONAL BILL.

WHEREAS, The Blair Educational Bill has passed one House of Congress, and is now pending in the other; and WHEREAS, there is great need, especially in the South, for the education of the masses, in order to maintain the virtue, intelligence, stability, and perpetuity of our government. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the U. S. Senate for already having passed the Blair Educational Bill, and most earnestly pray the House of Representatives to promptly pass the bill, and urgently request President Grover Cleveland to sign the bill when passed by the lower house of Congress.

Resolved, That the secretary of our Conference forward a copy of these resolutions to both houses of Congress and to President Grover Cleveland.

J. HUDSON RIDDICK,
W. H. COFFEY,
THOMAS S. ALS,
J. H. B. HUBBARD,
J. H. NUTTER,
J. J. CAMPBELL.

CARROLLTON OUTRAGE.

WHEREAS, We have learned with chagrin and painful hearts, of the recent massacre of at least twelve of our race in cold blood, in the Court House of Carrollton, Miss., by a lawless band of outlaws, in the place of justice itself. Therefore,

Resolved, That we most earnestly disapprove of, and righteously protest against, the murder of these men, and all such lawless acts, on the part of any class of American citizens. And,

Resolved, We respectfully call upon the law abiding citizens, and enlightened public sentiment of Miss., to arrest and mete out justice to all such violaters of law and order.

W. J. PARKER,
J. HUDSON RIDDICK,
H. A. MONROE,
THOS. H. JOHNSON,
J. R. WATERS,
W. C. DICKERSON,
A. R. SHOCKLY,
J. J. CAMPBELL.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

WHEREAS, Having heard a very able, historical and instructive paper, read by Rev. L. Y. Cox, which gave such a grand stimulation to our Twenty-third Anniversary of the Delaware Annual Conference. We, therefore,

Resolve, That the author, L. Y. Cox, be requested and authorized to have his paper printed in pamphlet form, that it may go down to generations yet to come.

Respectfully,

M. C. DICKERSON,
D. A. RIDOUT.

WHEREAS, It was the pleasure of the Bishops in their Episcopal meeting, last November, to assign the holding of this, our Twenty-third session of our Conference, to Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, D. D.

Resolved, We are glad to have him in our midst, to preside over the business of our Conference, for the first time.

Resolved, We will do all in our power to enable him to have a pleasant and spiritual time, while with us. Signed on behalf of the Conference,

W. J. PARKER.

APPOINTMENTS.

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

1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bainbridge street, Phila.,—L. Y. Cox.	Mt. Holly, N. J.,—To be supplied.
Bridgeton, N. J.,—J. R. Brinkley.	Middletown, Del.,—L. W. Deakins.
Cape May, N. J.,—C. A. Tindley.	Mt. Zion, N. J.,—J. H. Pearce.

Camden, N. J.,—J. J. Campbell.
 Chester, Pa.,—A. W. Hamilton.
 Delaware City,—M. L. Duffin.
 Frankford, Pa.,—J. S. Holly.
 Germantown, Pa.,—H. Jolley.
 Haven Mission, Phila.,—J. H. B. Hubbard.
 Merchantsville, N. J.,—J. W. Pinkney.
 Odessa, Del.,—J. H. Johnson.
 Port Deposit, Md.,—J. C. Carroll.
 Salem, N. J.,—J. E. Webb.
 South Wilmington, Del.,—A. J. Wallace.
 Wilmington Circuit, Del.,—D. A. Ridout.
 Wilmington, Del., Ezion—H. A. Monroe.

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

Thurlow, Pennsylvania.

Airey's Circuit, Md.,—T. S. Als.
 Bridgeville, Del.,—G. T. Townsend.
 Cambridge, Md.,—W. H. Thomas.
 Cambridge Circuit,—Chas. O. Waters.
 Church Creek, Md.,—J. E. Grigsby.
 Dover, Del.,—A. Brown.
 Dover Circuit,—W. J. Jackson.
 East New Market, Md.,—W. M. Webb.
 Federalsburg, Md.,—C. J. Hall.
 Golden Hill, Md.,—J. H. Griffin.
 Laurel, Del.,—J. W. Lankford.
 Lewes & Rehoboth, Del.,—I. H. Johnson.
 Madison, Md.,—J. H. Harman.
 Milford, Del.,—D. J. Waters.
 Nassau, Del.,—W. B. Green.
 Seaford, Del.,—W. T. Cole.
 Slaughter Neck, Del.,—A. J. Handy.
 Smyrna, Del.,—T. M. Hubbard.
 Thompson, Md.,—C. O. Earle.
 Townsend, Del.,—F. J. Lee.
 Vienna, Md.,—D. R. Dunn.

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

1111 Rodman st., Phila. Pa.

[All these appointments are in Md.]

Centreville,—W. C. Dickerson.
 Chestertown,—A. R. Shockley.
 Church Hill,—C. H. Hutchins.
 Crumpton,—W. H. Rogers.
 Denton,—M. H. Horsey.
 Easton,—J. D. Elbert.
 Fairlee,—J. H. Winters.
 Galena,—W. J. Moore.
 Greensborough,—G. M. Landin.
 Kent Island,—T. H. Johnson.
 Maryland,—G. W. Young.
 Millington,—A. Lowber.
 Pomona,—J. S. Willis.
 Royal Oak,—J. H. Nutter.
 Sassafras,—S. E. Adams.
 St., Michaels,—D. J. Brittingham.
 Skipton,—A. Grinnage.
 Still Pond,—J. H. Mason.
 Talbot,—H. Morris.
 Trappe,—P. Burrows.

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

Salisbury, Md.

Accomac, Va.,—J. K. Adams.
 Crisfield, Md.,—N. Morris.
 Deals Island, Md.,—J. W. Brown.
 Fairmount, Md.,—J. A. Scott.
 Friendship, Md.,—H. T. Rich.
 Green Hill, Md.,—E. H. Webb.
 Horntown, Va.,—R. J. Waters.
 North Berlin, Md.,—J. L. Cole.
 Pocomoke City,—T. B. H. Coleman.
 Princess Anne, Md.,—J. R. Waters.
 Quantico, Md.,—J. H. Holland.
 Salisbury, Md.,—E. E. Parker.
 Salisbury Circuit,—J. Q. Dennis.
 South Berlin, Md.,—C. A. Horsey.
 Snow Hill, Md.,—K. J. Still.
 Snow Hill Circuit,—L. E. Toulson.
 Stockton, Md.,—W. H. Johnson.

This certifies that on Sunday, May 9th, 1886, I ordained Thomas U. Campher to the office of Deacon, and, by the assistance of Elders present at the same time and place, I ordained Daniel A. Ridout, James E. A. D. Grigsby, Silas E. Adams, and Isaiah H. Johnson, to the office of Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Done at Bainbridge street,

S. M. MERRILL.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10th, 1886.

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-third session, held in Bainbridge street church, Philadelphia, Pa., May 6 to May 11th, 1886.

S. M. MERRILL, 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.]

1	1880	Adams, J. K.	E.	Leemont, Accomac Co., Va.	1
2	1870	Adam, P. J.	S.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
3	1881	Adams, S. E.	E.	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.	2
4	1884	Als, Thomas	D.	Aireys, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
5	1864	Brinkley, Joshua	S.	Bridgeton, New Jersey	2
6	1885	Brinkley, J. R.	P.	Bridgeton, New Jersey	2
7	1864	Broughton, Isaiah	S.	Camden, N. J.	2
8	1864	Brown, A.	E.	Dover, Del.	1
9	1880	Brittingham, D. J.	E.	St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.	1
10	1871	Brown, J. W.	E.	Monie, Somerset Co., Md.	2
11	1865	Burrows, P.	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.	3
12	1883	Campbell, J. J.	E.	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.	1
13	1869	Carroll, J. C.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
14	1872	Coffey, W. H.	P. E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
15	1885	Cole, J. L.	P.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	2
16	1886	Cole, W. T.	P.	Seaford, Del.	1
17	1877	Coleman, T. B. H.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
18	1867	Cox, L. Y.	E.	720 Florida St. Phila., Pa.	1
19	1884	Deakins, L. W.	D.	Middletown, Del.	1
20	1865	Dennis, J. Q.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
21	1870	Dickerson, W. C.	E.	Centreville Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
22	1874	Dunn, D. R.	E.	Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
23	1865	Elbert, J. D.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	3
24	1864	Gibbs, Benjamin	S.	Wilmington, Del.	2
25	1867	Green, W. B.	E.	Nassau, Del.	1
26	1886	Griffin, J. H.	P.	Golden Hill, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
27	1882	Grigsby, J. E. A. D.	E.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
28	1866	Grinnage, A.	E.	Skipton, Talbot Co., Md.	2
29	1878	Hamilton, A. W.	E.	Chester, Pa.	2
30	1871	Handy, A. J.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
31	1879	Holly, J. S.	E.	Frankford, Phila., Pa.	3
32	1866	Holland, J. H.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico Co. Md.	1
33	1869	Horsey, C. A.	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co. Md.	1
34	1884	Harman, J. H.	D.	Madison, Dorchester Co. Md.	1
35	1878	Horsey, M. H.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co. Md.	1
36	1883	Hubbard, J. H. B.	D.	2645 York street, Phila., Pa.	1

37	1877	Hubbard, T. M.....	E..	Smyrna, Del.....	2
38	1881	Hutchins, C. H.....	E..	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co. Md..	1
39	1885	Jackson, W. J.....	P..	Morton, Del.....	2
40	1881	Johnson, Isaiah H.....	E..	Lewes, Del.....	1
41	1879	Johnson, Jas. H.....	E..	Odessa, Del.....	1
42	1872	Johnson, Thos. H.....	E..	Kent Island, Queen Anne Co. Md..	2
43	1875	Johnson, W. H.....	E..	Stockton, Worcester Co. Md.....	2
44	1867	Jolly, H.....	E..	5015 Wilson St., Germantown Phila. I	
45	1884	Lankford, J. W.....	D..	Laurel, Del.....	2
46	1877	Landin, G. M.....	E..	Greensborough, Caroline Co., Md..	1
47	1869	Lee, F. J.....	E..	Townsend, Del.....	1
48	1876	Lowber, A.....	E..	Millington, Kent Co., Md.....	1
49	1879	Mason, J. H.....	E..	Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.....	3
50	1878	Monroe, H. A.....	E..	Wilmington, Del.....	3
51	1886	Moore, W. J.....	P..	Galena, Kent Co., Md.....	1
52	1865	Morris, H.....	E..	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.....	1
53	1866	Morris, N.....	E..	Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md..	1
54	1881	Nutter, J. H.....	E..	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.....	3
55	1879	Parker, E. E.....	E..	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.....	1
56	1864	Parker, W. J.....	P E.	1111 Rodman St., Phila., Pa.....	2
57	1864	Pearce, J. H.....	E..	Merchantsville, N. J.....	2
58	1885	Pinkney, J. W.....	P..	Merchantsville, N. J.....	2
59	1864	Pollett, Chas.....	S..	Centreville, Queen Anne Co., Md..	
60	1866	Rich, H. T.....	E..	Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md.....	1
61	1884	Riddick, J. H.....	E..	1220 Wood street, Philadelphia, Pa. I	
62	1882	Ridout, D. A.....	E..	3d & Dupont St., Wilmington, Del..	2
63	1883	Rogers, W. H.....	E..	Crumpton, Queen Anne Co., Md.....	2
64	1864	Saunders, John.....	S..	Morton, Del.....	
65	1877	Scott, Jas. A.....	E..	Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md. I	
66	1886	Scott, Jas. H.....	P..	New Castle, Del.....	1
67	1877	Shockley, A. R.....	E..	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.....	1
68	1881	Still, K. J.....	E..	Snow Hill, Md.....	1
69	1877	Thomas, W. H.....	E..	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md....	3
70	1885	Tindley, C. A.....	P..	Cold Spring, Cape May Co., N. J...2	
71	1886	Toulson, L. E.....	P..	Snow Hill, Md.....	1
72	1883	Townsend, G. T.....	D..	Bridgeville, Del.....	1
73	1872	Washington, G. H.....	P E.	ThurLOW, Pa.....	3
74	1886	Waters, Chas. O.....	P..	Cambridge, Md.....	1
75	1872	Waters, D. J.....	E..	Milford, Del.....	1
76	1880	Wallace, A. J.....	D..	South Wilmington, Del.....	2
77	1879	Waters, Jos. R.....	E..	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md...2	
78	1876	Waters, R. J.....	E..	Horntown, Accomac Co., Va.....2	
79	1864	Waters, S. G.....	S..	Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	
80	1881	Webb, E. H.....	E..	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.2	
81	1870	Webb, J. E.....	E..	Salem, N. J.....	1
82	1875	Webb, W. M.....	E..	E. New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.2	
83	1874	White, I. H.....	P E.	1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa...4	
84	1864	Whittington, S. P.....	S..	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.....	
85	1873	Willis, J. S.....	E..	Pomona, Kent Co., Md.....	3
86	1865	Wing, C.....	S..	Centreville, Md.....	
87	1879	Winters, J. H.....	E..	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.....	3
88	1876	Young, G. W.....	E..	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.....	1
89	1864	Young, N.....	S..	Milford, Del.....	

LOCAL PREACHERS SUPPLYING CHARGES.

Charles Earles, Salem, Dorchester Co., Md.
M. L. Duffin, Delaware City, Del.
C. T. Hall, Federalsburg, Md.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

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

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

L	F. B. Nichols.....	Greenwich, New Jersey.
L	Anthony Buck.....	Bridgeton " "
L	William P. Coombs.....	" " "
L	Benjamin Roberts.....	" " "
L	George Clarkson.....	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.
L	Benj. Van Harber.....	" " " "
L	C. H. Hayman.....	" " " "
L	Robert Cox.....	Cold Springs, N. J.
L	David Trusty.....	" " " "
L	Richard Crawford.....	173 Meadow street, Frankford, Pa.
L	William Ellis.....	" " " "
L	John Davis.....	" " " "
E	Isaac Foster.....	1210 Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa.
D	Samuel Laws.....	825 Lawrence street, " "
L	Benj. Lowber.....	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.
L	Edward Lewis.....	41st street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L	J. H. Griffin.....	2222 Turner street, Philadelphia, Pa.
L	Thomas U. Camphor.....	Chester, Pa.
L	Ellis Watts.....	Thurlow, Pa.
D	James Smith.....	1104 Lombard street, Wilmington, Del.
L	John C. Shockley.....	826 King " "
L	John H. Blake.....	Centenary Biblical Institute, Balto., Md.
L	Elias Williams.....	Newport, Delaware.
L	Lewis H. Bantom.....	911 B street, Wilmington, Del.
L	Solomon T. Bantom.....	1211 Townsend street, Wil., Del.
L	B. B. Fisher.....	Cor. Locust and B street, " "
L	John Davis.....	Christiana, Delaware.

DISTRICT STEWARDS.

John E. Johnson.....	111 Buttonwood street, Wilmington, Del.
Eleven H. Collins.....	3rd and Dupont, " "
James Marshall.....	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.
Samuel Clayton.....	Chester, Pa.
F. B. Nichols.....	Greenwich, N. J.
Charles Collins.....	Middletown, Del.
J. M. Clark.....	4803 Frankford, Pa.
J. H. Griffin.....	2222 Turner street Phila, Pa.
Nelson Hurlkless.....	Germantown, Pa.
J. C. Goldsberry.....	1511 Carver street, Phila, Penn.
Benj. S. Brown.....	Port Deposit, Md.
Sewell Hodges.....	804 Darien street, Phila, Penn.
Jeremiah Sharp.....	Pennsville, N. J.
James Trusty.....	Delaware City, Del.
Albert Caroles.....	Box 3, Haddonfield, N. J.
Henry Gray.....	Kirkwood, Del.
William Robbins.....	Spring Mills, N. J.
James W. Cox.....	Cold Spring, N. J.
John Shockley.....	826 King street, Wilmington, Del.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charles Potts.....	Smyrna, Delaware.
Robert Coursey.....	Dover, " "

Isaac Moseley.....	“	“
Joseph Bells.....	“	“
Julius E. Wright.....	“	“
Charles Horsey.....	Milford,	“
William Jones.....	Dover,	“
David Simpler.....	Milton,	“
Moses Young.....	“	“
Julius Tingle.....	Nassau,	“
Moses Porter.....	“	“
Samuel Spencer.....	Laurel,	“
James Dulaney.....	“	“
Levin Burrows.....	Sharptown,	“
George E. Johnson.....	“	“
Cyrus W. Moore.....	“	“
G. H. Coleman.....	Laurel,	“
Thomas Brummel.....	Federalsburg, Md.	
Julius N. Brummel.....	“	“
P. J. Webb.....	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.	
Matthew Cole.....	“	“
J. H. Thompson.....	East New Market, Md.	
W. H. Jackson.....	“ “ “ “	
P. Atkinson.....	“ “ “ “	
Edward Johnson.....	“ “ “ “	
J. W. Stanley.....	Brickton, Md.	
Nathaniel Basil.....	“	“
Isaac Camper.....	Aireys,	“
Enoch W. Wilson.....	“	“
Stephen Earle.....	“	“
Francis Coleman.....	“	“
Frederick Stanley.....	“	“
John H. Stanley.....	“	“
Peter H. Stanley.....	“	“
Josiah Coleman.....	“	“
Geo. W. Stanley.....	Vienna, Md.	
Gabriel Kiah.....	Church Creek, Md.	
Timothy Keene.....	“ “ “ “	
Robert Ottis.....	“ “ “ “	
John Slater.....	Cambridge, Md.	
Washington Jolley.....	“	“
Moses E. Wing.....	“	“
George E. Ross.....	“	“
Charles Cephus.....	Golden Hill,	“
Joseph B. Alexander.....	“	“
John Jones.....	Madison,	“
Curtis Lane.....	“	“

EASTON DISTRICT.

Henry Graves.....	Millington, Kent County, Maryland.		
Chas. W. Jones.....	Chestertown	“	“
Arthur Caulk.....	Galena	“	“
Henry Christy.....	Sassafras	“	“
Samuel Black.....	Galena	“	“
William Scott.....	Warwick	“	“
Warner Reason.....	Still Pond	“	“
Horten Chambers.....			
William Frisby.....	Chestertown	“	“
Geo. W. Nicholson.....	“	“	“

Benjamin Ringgold	“ “ “ “
Lorenza Dunn	“ “ “ “
William J. Lively	“ “ “ “
James M. Butler	1119 Adams street, Wilmington, Del.
Solomon Reason	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.
William H. Pearce	“ “ “ “
Richard Henson	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.
P. P. Wilson	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.
W. H. Woodland	Sudlersville, “ “ “ “
Allen Thomas	Templeville, “ “ “ “
Charles H. Kennedy	Centreville, “ “ “ “
William McDaniel	“ “ “ “
Wesley Stephens	Church Hill, “ “ “ “
John Pembroke	Centreville, “ “ “ “
E. J. Holters	“ “ “ “
J. W. Cook	“ “ “ “
C. E. Sheppard	Kent Island “ “ “ “
Jacob Hazelton	“ “ “ “
Perry Lee	Queenstown “ “ “ “
William E. Brown	Queen Anne, Queen Anne Co., Md.
Henry Scott	Skipton, Talbot County, Md.
Perry Kennedy	Greensborough, Caroline Co., Md.
Harrison Beulah	Potters Landing, Md.
Henry Taylor	Vursville, Md.
James H. Gates	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
Charles H. Murray	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
John Stephen	St. Michael's “ “ “ “
Joseph Johnson	“ “ “ “
Martin Wills	“ “ “ “
Daniel Foot	Chapel, “ “ “ “
John H. Stanton	Matthews' Town “ “ “ “
Charles Thomas	Long Woods. “ “ “ “
George W. Turner	Easton, Talbot Co., Md. “ “ “ “
John H. Smith	“ “ “ “
James W. Brown	“ “ “ “
Walter J. Moore	“ “ “ “
Thomas Nixon	Trappe, “ “ “ “

DISTRICT STEWARDS.

Thomas Neal	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.
Henry E. Scott	Galena, “ “ “ “
Jas. H. Cotton	Still Pond, “ “ “ “
Edward Miller	Chestertown, “ “ “ “
Simon Smith	Edesville, “ “ “ “
Henry Wright	Melitota, “ “ “ “
Noah Daniels	Marydel “ “ “ “
Wm. H. Trusty	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.
Charles H. Kennedy	Centreville, “ “ “ “
Emory Nichols	“ “ “ “
Alexander Hazelton	Stephensville, Kent Island, “ “ “ “
James Hemsley	Wye Mills, Queen Anne, “ “ “ “
Perry Kennedy	Greensborough, Caroline “ “ “ “
George W. Stokes	Denton, “ “ “ “
James H. Gates	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
Abner Harvey	St. Michael's “ “ “ “
C. H. Flamer	Cardover. “ “ “ “
Nathan Hopkins	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
Charles H. Turner	Easton, “ “ “ “

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

William Bowen.....	Berlin Worcester Co., Md.			
A. Purnell.....	" " " " "			
J. J. Rodgers.....	Black Water Sussex Co., Del.			
I. Armstrong.....	Snow Hill Worcester Co., Md.			
S. W. Waters.....	" " " " "			
J. Dennis.....	Stockton Wicomico Co., "			
J. Fisher.....	" " " " "			
C. Harman.....	Girdletree Hill, Wicomico Co., Md.			
I. T. Collins.....	Pocomoke Cit. " " "			
S. F. Ward.....	" " " " "			
Moses Holland.....	" " " " "			
J. Turner.....	" " " " "			
W. Parker.....	" " " " "			
W. H. Hinson.....	" " " " "			
J. M. Gillett.....	" " " " "			
G. Ginn.....	" " " " "			
J. T. Parks.....	Locust Mount, Va.			
T. T. Turlington.....	" " " " "			
P. Gunter.....	Leemount, " "			
L. T. Tunnel.....	Oak Hall, " "			
W. Colburn.....	Atlantic, " "			
W. Stirling.....	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.			
W. Miles.....	" " " " "			
J. Stirling.....	" " " " "			
J. H. Brittingham.....	" " " " "			
G. W. Whittington.....	Marion Station, " "			
G. Handy.....	" " " " "			
J. Bell.....	" " " " "			
W. E. Waters.....	Upper Fairmount, " "			
J. M. Williams.....	" " " " "			
R. H. Boggs.....	" " " " "			
L. Waters.....	" " " " "			
R. Colburn.....	Westover, Somerset Co., Md.			
I. J. Collins.....	" " " " "			
Z. Dashiel.....	" " " " "			
H. Cottman.....	Deal's Island, " "			
H. Armstrong.....	" " " " "			
A. Wallace.....	" " " " "			
Geo. White.....	Dame's Quarter " "			
H. Fields.....	" " " " "			
Alfred White.....	" " " " "			
F. Johnson.....	Monie, Somerset " "			
H. T. Johnson.....	" " " " "			
S. Jones.....	" " " " "			
J. A. Reese.....	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.			
A. Morris.....	" " " " "			
J. Bell.....	" " " " "			
S. King.....	" " " " "			
W. W. Gale.....	Weegien, Md.			
I. H. Wilkins.....	" " " " "			
S. Willing.....	Nanticoke Point, Md.			
W. J. Hudson.....	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.			
W. Cornish.....	" " " " "			
A. Pinkett.....	" " " " "			
J. James.....	" " " " "			

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 1.

(Continued.)

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			
	FOR MISSIONS.					FOR SOCIETY.					For Pastors, Presiding Bishops, and For Conference Claimants.	For Ing Bldg and Other Collections.		
	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.			For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	
Accomac.....	\$ 25	\$ 5	\$ 30	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 608	\$ 15	\$ 41
Catfield.....	40	20	60	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	608	15	41
Deal's Island.....	75	40	115	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	576	20	33
Fairmount.....	15	35	50	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	605	20	33
Friendship.....	15	10	25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	394	5	20
Green Hill.....	10	15	25	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	471	5	20
Hortown.....	19	21	40	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	430	10	10
N. Berlin.....	25	25	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	559	2	2
Pocomoke City.....	35	15	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	509	4	4
Princess Anne.....	61	19	80	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	675	15	21
Quantico.....	20	15	35	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	530	10	10
Salisbury.....	26	29	55	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	547	10	8
Salisbury Circuit.....	13	7	20	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	382	5	5
S. Berlin.....	5	10	15	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	450	10	10
Snow Hill.....	20	5	25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	443	10	10
Stockton.....	5	2	7	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	179	2	2
Snow Hill Ct.....	5	2	7	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	179	2	2
Total.....	426	285	711	83 25	13 75	11 75	88 50	21 00	10 00	8 50	8 00	8350	152	126
<i>Rec'd by Disks.</i>														
Philadelphia.....	176	259	436	104 00	19 75	17 50	79 25	40 75	13 50	11 85	5 25	0024	113	283
Dover.....	163	73	236	35 40	12 04	7 72	51 00	19 80	6 20	3 60	2 60	6684	6915	212
Easton.....	320	227	547	48 25	16 50	13 40	85 25	25 25	12 15	16 25	10 67	0711	175	165
Salisbury.....	426	284	711	83 25	13 75	11 75	88 50	21 00	10 00	8 50	8 00	8350	5200	126
Total this year.....	1086	844	1927	271 40	62 04	50 27	303 00	106 80	41 85	40 00	26 52	33769	409	886
Total last year.....	1008	672	1680	243 75	67 64	40 25	330 00	136 94	43 62	35 45	10 00	33330	412	260
Increase.....	78	172	247	27 65	5 60	10 02	27 00	3014	1 77	3 55	16 52	439	210	626
Decrease.....														

*Cents omitted from the report so as to give it in even dollars.

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

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.			PRES' DNG ELDBRS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.	
		Claims, 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.
Bainbridge Street.	H. Jolley	\$ 864 00	\$ 744 00	\$120 00	\$60 00	\$ 50 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00
Bridgeton.	J. R. Brinkley	400 00	332 00	68 00	36 00	34 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Cape May.	C. A. Tinley	348 00	332 00	16 00	35 00	35 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00
Camden.	J. J. Campbell	279 00	255 00	24 00	34 00	34 00	4 00	.....	5 00	1 00
Chester.	A. W. Hamilton	652 00	652 00	.....	60 00	60 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00
Frankford.	J. S. Holley	534 00	594 00	40 00	24 00	24 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Germantown.	L. Y. Cox	645 00	645 00	.....	35 00	35 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	8 00
Haven Mission.	J. H. B. Hubbard	720 00	550 00	170 00	50 00	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Merchantsville.	J. W. Pinkney	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.	F. J. Lee	500 00	250 00	250 00	40 00	28 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	6 00
Mt. Zion.	J. H. Pearce	500 36	465 00	35 36	45 00	41 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	7 00
Odessa.	D. J. Waters	560 00	460 00	100 00	65 00	47 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	4 00
Port Deposit.	L. W. Deakins	425 00	409 15	15 85	40 00	40 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
Salem.	G. M. Landin	640 00	640 00	.....	61 00	55 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	2 00
South Wilmington.	A. J. Wallace	372 00	372 00	.....	16 00	16 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Ezion.	H. A. Monroe	980 00	1084 00	.....	125 00	125 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	30 00
Wilmington Cir.	D. A. Ridout	400 00	410 00	.....	40 00	40 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Zoar.	A. R. Shockley	1127 50	1127 50	.....	125 00	125 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00
New Castle.	J. K. Adams	472 00	350 00	72 00	50 00	42 50	5 00	2 50	8 00	3 00
		10578 66	9671 65	911 21	976 00	856 00	99 00	86 50	104 00	119 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.
Airey's Circuit.....	Charles O. Waters.....	\$311 00	\$123 00	188 00	\$40 00	\$36 51	\$4 50	\$1 00	\$7 15	\$2 00
Bridgeville.....	William B. Green.....	450 00	375 00	75 00	62 96	40 30	4 00	4 00	6 00	1 00
Church Creek.....	J. E. D. Grigsby.....	400 00	316 00	84 00	75 60	33 66	8 00	4 00	13 30	4 00
Cambridge.....	Wm. H. Thomas.....	596 00	560 00	36 00	88 00	63 76	8 00	3 00	15 00	8 00
Dover Circuit.....	Wm. Jackson.....	400 00	400 00	.....	43 00	43 00	5 00	5 00	7 45	5 00
Dover Station.....	John E. Webb.....	560 00	485 41	73 59	45 64	43 77	4 00	2 00	7 00	5 00
E. New Market.....	Wm. M. Webb.....	536 00	536 00	.....	95 76	95 76	9 50	9 50	15 00	15 00
Golden Hill.....	John H. Griffin.....	.....	.....	.....	31 08	24 08	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Rehoboth.....	K. J. Still.....	336 00	177 00	159 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....
Laurel.....	John W. Lankford.....	375 00	262 36	112 64	70 00	68 56	7 00	4 00	3 00	3 00
Milford.....	Noah Morris.....	385 00	385 00	.....	35 26	35 26	4 53	3 63	12 60	1 00
Milton.....	G. T. Townsend.....	300 00	283 59	16 41	28 00	28 00	2 00	2 00	7 55	6 60
Madison.....	D. H. Dunn.....	400 00	375 50	24 50	66 92	51 92	8 00	5 00	15 00	2 00
Nassau.....	Thomas S. Als.....	330 00	280 00	50 00	27 16	27 16	4 00	1 50	5 00	.....
Thompson.....	Charles Earls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townsend.....	A. Brown.....	650 00	650 00	.....	.....	32 00	4 75	4 75	6 00	2 50
Smyrna.....	T. M. Hubbard.....	440 00	435 00	5 00	32 00	19 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Seaford.....	W. T. Cole.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	24 40	.....	.....	.....	25
Vienna.....	J. H. Harman.....	390 00	314 31	75 69	24 40	54 42	8 00	4 00	14 00	5 00
		7259 00	5958 17	892 83	887 76	741 24	80 28	58 13	711 05	136 80

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.
Centreville.....	W. C. Dickerson.....	\$550 00	\$500 00	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$15 00	\$1 00
Chestertown.....	J. Hudson Riddick.....	600 00	635 00	.....	48 00	53 00	3 00	8 00	20 00	25 00
Crumpton.....	Wm. H. Rogers.....	512 00	400 00	112 00	60 00	60 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	3 00
Denton.....	Geo W. Young.....	440 00	307 42	132 58	43 50	31 77	5 00	6 00	10 00	2 50
Easton.....	J. D. Elbert.....	560 00	560 00	.....	40 00	40 00	5 00	6 00	12 00	12 00
Fairlee.....	J. H. Winters.....	430 00	435 00	.....	50 00	50 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	15 00
Edesville.....	J. S. Willis.....	475 00	475 00	.....	4 00	44 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	10 00
Greensborough.....	J. C. Carroll.....	386 00	316 00	70 00	59 00	45 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	7 25
Kent Island.....	Thos. H. Johnson.....	720 00	693 00	25 00	60 00	60 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Marydel.....	H. Morris.....	405 00	390 00	15 00	48 00	48 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	4 00
Millington.....	C. H. Hutchins.....	625 00	549 51	75 49	62 80	57 70	8 00	4 00	15 00	7 00
Royal Oak.....	J. H. Nutter.....	510 00	506 00	4 00	40 00	40 00	5 00	4 00	10 00	9 00
Sassafras.....	S. E. Adams.....	320 00	276 00	44 00	40 00	40 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	7 00
St. Michael's.....	D. J. Brittingham.....	530 00	524 00	6 00	48 00	48 00	6 00	6 00	15 00	15 00
Skipton.....	A. Grinnage.....	400 00	400 00	.....	44 00	44 00	8 00	.....	.....	4 00
Still Pond.....	James H. Mason.....	575 00	575 00	.....	52 00	52 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00
Talbot.....	John Q. Dennis.....	375 00	359 00	16 00	46 40	37 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	10 00
Trappe.....	Peter Burrows.....	490 00	474 40	15 60	44 00	40 25	6 00	6 00	12 00	18 00
Church Hill.....	J. H. Johnson.....	400 00	465 00	.....	44 00	44 00	4 00	5 00	10 00	12 00
		9303 00	8842 83	565 07	923 70	884 72	88 00	79 00	219 00	175 75

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.		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.	
	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.													
Accomac	3	25	195	30	40	125	90	200	\$25 00	12	10														
Crisfield.....	5	65	384	122	200	62	132	350	37 00	23	44	81	51														
Deal's Island.....	5	65	355	200	100	55	250	1000	50 00	15	30	25	20														
Fairmount.....	2	24	203	133	42	30	180	272	25 00	5	46	23	30														
Friendship.....	4	50	209	100	67	42	125	224	20 00	185	6														
Green Hill.....	4	30	144	65	45	34	90	400	10 00	8	20	41	10														
Hornstown.....	2	14	192	64	98	30	153	200	3 00	20	4	51	37	11														
North Berlin.....	4	30	208	102	40	66	121	203	23 00	13	25	60	6														
Pocomoke City.....	5	41	267	96	146	25	230	477	45 00	5	32	41	80	12														
Princess Anne.....	2	32	195	77	118	120	170	34 00	12	32	108	41														
Quantico.....	4	32	260	120	75	65	140	300	23 00	25	32	140	23														
Salisbury.....	1	17	111	40	47	24	70	339	9 00	12	16	50														
Salisbury Circuit.....	4	20	100	50	30	50	75	400	7 00	8	15	25														
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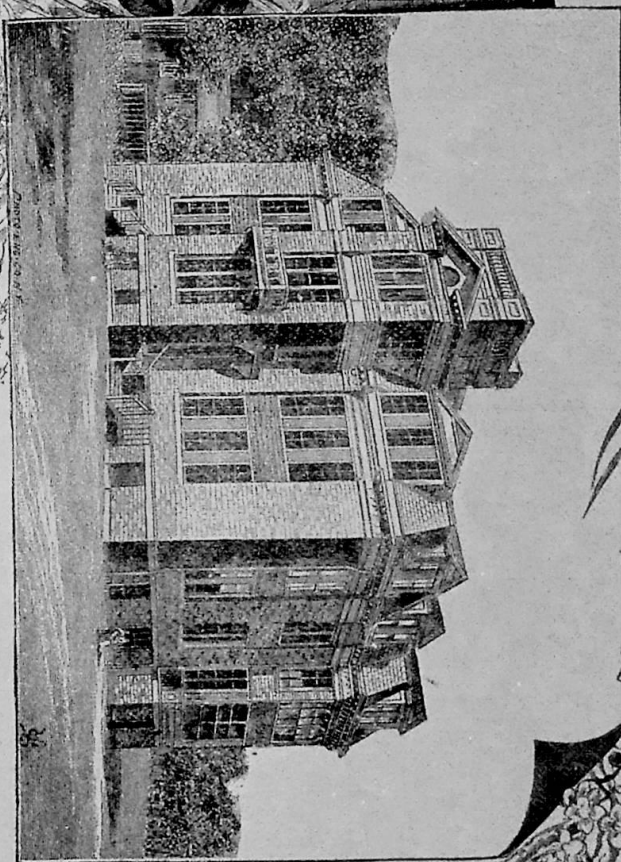
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