WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE!

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served by such illustrious fathers of Methodism as Freeborn Garrettson, Jno. Cooper, David Abbott, William Lynch, Thomas Ware and Philip Gatch. The last named, Philip Gatch, was one of the first native born American Methodist itinirants. In illustration of the persecution to which the early Methodist preachers were subjected, this incident in the life of the intrepid Freeborn Garrettson, who, like Paul, "bore on his body the marks of the Lord Jesus," might be mentioned. When Mr. Garrettson was stationed on Kent circuit in 1778, when he came to Queen Anne's he was threatened with imprisonment. As he was riding into Kent, between Church Hill and Chestertown, his enemies, lying in wait, seized his horse and told him he must go to jail. When Mr. Garrettson remonstrated, he was beaten over the head and shoulders with a club, and was left on the ground in an insensible condition. He was restored to consciousness by friends and brought to Dudley's, where he sat on his bed that night and preached ,to a few who gathered to hear the illustrious hero. The precise spot where Mr. Garrettson was beaten, says Lednum, the Methodist historian who relates this circumstance, was at what is called Brown's Branch, on the road leading from Chestertown to Church Hill. We cannot but think in passing the shot how different the lot of the Methodist pioneer preachers and those who build upon their foundations.

Fifteen years after the Christmas conference in 1784, the Methodists of Kent who had increased wonderfully in numbers and influence, especially in Chestertown and the region round about, resolved to construct a house of worship in Chestertown. In endeavoring to secure a grant of land on the public square in a day before this stone of Methodism, which the builders rejected had become the head of the corner, great opposition was manifested by the established church against the project. It was only by calling up the bill in a night session when many of its opposers were absent that its passage was secured. The enemies of the new church endeavored to avenge themselves when in the majority on a committee to apportion the ground. The smallest allotment possible was made on the western part of the public square, where was erected the first Methodist church in Chestertown. The building stands yet, opposite the Voshell House, owned by Dr. Sam'l W. Thomas, now a presiding elder of the Philadelphia Conference, and occupied by Collins & Hopper, editors and publishers of the *Chestertown Transcript*; Eben F. Perkins, Esq., and the I. O. O. F. of Chestertown.

Within these historic walls the voice of the great apostle of Methodism, the tireless Asbury, first bishop of the church, has been heard, as well as scores of the illustrious fathers of the church. Chestertown then became the centre of the great Kent Circuit, and many noted events in the church's history occurred here. But amid all the church grew in numbers and power. A parsonage was built and a strong organization formed. One of the most noted characters in connection with the history of this church was the Rev. Thos. Smith, a local preacher. So strong was the affection of the church for him that when he died in 1844 his remains were laid to rest under the pulpit of the church. When the new church was erected the casket was removed and placed under the pulpit of the new edifice, where his body now waits the resurrection morn. A tablet to his memory will be observed to the right as the vestibule of the church is entered.

In 1868 the church in Chestertown felt that its welfare would be enhanced by being made a station, and it was set off from the old Kent Circuit, of which it was the head. The interest of the circuit in the parsonage was bought for $2,000, and all arrangements in the separation were amicable and satisfactory to all concerned.

About 1870 the need of a new church edifice was realized and preparations for building made. The late Thomas W. Eliason, Sr., who had been a pillar of the church for years, was chairman of the building committee.

A Miss T. Bradshaw, a faithful member of the church, bequeathed a legacy of $8,000 toward the construction of the church, which was the nucleus of the building fund. 'Squire John N. Usilton, a prominent methodist, since deceased, contributed the present beautiful site, and the present church edifice was soon comp eted at a cost of about $20,000. It was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, free of debt, in 1877, and in 1878 the Wilmington Conference convened in the new edifice. The eloquent sermon delivered by the presiding bishop, the now venerable R. S. Foster, D. D., LL. D., on that occasion will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to hear it. It was pronounced by an eminent jurist, now deceased, as the most eloquent discourse he had ever heard in church or State.

Since the erection of this house of worship the church has continued to grow and prosper. A few years ago the sweet toned pipe organ was erected and dedicated at a cost of about $2,000.

Great revivals have blessed the church from time to time. The last of note was in 1894, when the present pastor was assisted by Rev. W. K. Galloway, and some one hundred souls were converted to God.

This is a very brief and imperfect history of the church that now welcomes with joy the Wilmington Conference in the session of 1897. May the God who has blessed her in the past guide and guard her future, and may the efforts of this branch of the church militant ever recruit the great church triumphant, which is without fault before the throne of God.

Rev. W. P. Compton.

Rev. W. P. Compton was born in Churchtown, Lancaster county, Pa., July 10th, 1858. His parents were Geo. W. and Jane E. Compton, both deceased. The former spent his life in the mercantile business in the town where the subject of this sketch was born. After a rudimentary education had been acquired in the public schools and academy of his native town, William was sent to the State Normal School at Millersville, and later to Alleghany College in Meadville, Pa. On the death of his father in 1878, he left college and taught a public school in his native district, at the same time assisting his mother in carrying on the business which devolved upon her. Nearing his majority he gave his attention to the choosing of his life's occupation. Having been reared by the most pious of parents, under religious influence from infancy, he early felt a call to the holy ministry, but being rebellious against this conviction and desirous of a more lucrative and less responsible profession, he resolved to adopt the legal profession.

One month before reaching his majority he entered the law office of J. W. Johnson, Esq., of Lancaster City, Pa., as a student of law. After two years and a half of study he successfully passed the examination and was admitted to the Lancaster bar in December, 1881, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession in Lancaster City. For four years he followed this pursuit with very flattering success, having in that time supported himself and saved several thousand dollars, which afterwards carried him through a three years' theological course.

In 1884, during a great revival conducted by the Rev. W. W. Cookman, of Philadelphia Conference, in his native town, while he was home during Christmas vacation, his early religious conviction returned to him with seven fold power, and although he could see no possibility of his being able to lead a Christian life unless a surrender was made to his call to the ministry, which during the years of his legal life was ever before him, he resolved to make the surrender, moved by the mercies of God and the Saviour's question: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" During that revival he kneeled at the altar of family church and consecrated his life to the service of Almighty God. As soon as his six months probation in the church was over he was licensed a local preacher and has since then been proclaiming the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ from the sacred desk.

As soon as practicable, his law business was closed and he entered Drew Theological Seminary in the fall of 1885. After the three years' course he was graduated from Drew in 1888, entered Wilmington Conference and was stationed at Princess Anne, Md. After a short service at Princess Anne he was married May 8th, 1888, to Dora Louisa Fahnestock, of Lancaster City, who now shares his fortunes and cares for the three children who have since come into their home.

After three years service in Princess Anne he was transferred to Greenwood and Bridgeville in Sussex county, Delaware, and after spending three years in these two appointments he was returned to Maryland soil in 1894, and has for the last three years served the church of Chestertown, where he is at present bending all his energy to make the twenty-ninth session of the Wilmington Conference a success, and the visit of his ministerial and lay brethren to our hospitable town an occasion of pleasure and profit to all.

Officials.

Rev. A. S. Mowbray; A. M., is the conference secretary. He was chosen in 1892, and has proven in every way most efficient. He joined the conference in 1883, and has served Oxford, Marydel, Pocomoke City, Newport, and has been two years at Elkton. He is a careful student, a strong and instructure preacher and his work abides. His degree was conferred last year by Dickinson College. Mr. Mowbray is a native of Caroline county.

Rev. C. A. Grice, Ph. D., has been treasurer of the conference for a number of years, and his aptitude as a financier keeps him at this important post in the conference. There passes through his hands at each session from forty to fifty thousand dollars. He joined the conference in 1879, and has served Harrington, Annamessex, Smith's Island, Berlin, Onancock, Brandywine, and is serving a five year term at Georgetown, Del., where he has succeeded in building a beautiful church, which was dedicated on last Sabbath. His degree is from Grant University. He is a good preacher, always builds up his charge, an industrious pastor, a busy man, and leaves his mark wherever he serves.

Rev. W. R. Mowbray is the statistical secretary of the conference, and for correctness cannot be surpassed. It is a most trying position to fill, but Mr. Mowbray does such work as insures his being chosen annually as long as he will consent to do the work. He is a brother to A. S. Mowbray, joined the conference in 1886, and has served Sassafras, Royal Oak, Pomona, and has been on Smyrna circuit since 1893. He is a hard worker as pastor or student, and preaches with clearness and force his unique and helpful sermons; he has been invited to return to his present charge for the fifth year, and has accepted.

Written for the NEWS.

"Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid?"

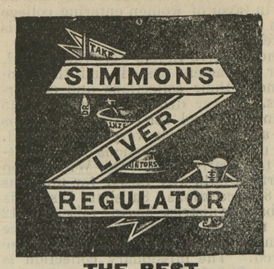
I. H. M.—HANESVILLE.

She was a pretty maid,
As all had truly said,
And as she tipped along
Humming her matin song,
Looking so sweet,
It was a treat
To see her cheery smile.

The sun was barely up,
And the dainty butter cup
With its tiny coral friends,
All watch her as she wends
Her way along—
Till she is gone
Across the meadow stile.

A Confused Conductor.

Popular belief is that millionaires go around with at least a thousand dollars of loose change in their pockets, but they do not. Baron Rothschild was once caught in a Paris bus without a sou in his pocket. The driver was very angry, and threatened to put him out. "I am Baron Rothschild," explained the capitalist, "and there is my card." The driver scornfully tossed away the card. "Cards don't go here," said he. "I want your fare." "Very well," said the baron. "Here is an order for a million francs. Give me the change." The driver starred and the passengers laughed. Just then a friend of the baron entered the bus and paid the fare. Then the driver realized his mistake, and feeling remorseful, said to the baron: "If you want ten francs, I don't mind lending them to you on my own account."—*Golden Days.*



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

SARAH A. HANDY,

late of Baltimore City, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of September, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded bylaw from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 9th day of March, 1897.

PHILIP G. WILMER,
March 13, 1897—4t. Executor.

No. 1,240 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Henry Parr, Trustee,
versus
George C. Walls.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 6th day of March, 1897, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by HENRY PARR, Trustee, under a Deed of Trust from George C. Walls to him, dated the 3d day of February, 1897, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of April next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of two successive weeks before the 29th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $304.67.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
True copy, Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
March 13, 1897—4t.

No. 972 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent Co.,
versus
Richard K. Legg and Mary R. Legg, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 11th day of March, 1897, that the sale of the Real Estate of Richard K. Legg ane Mary R. Legg, his wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, Attorney, under the power in a mortgage from said Richard K. Legg and Mary R. Legg, his wife, to The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, dated the 23d day of January, 1889, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, in Liber S. B., No. 11, Folio 540, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 13th day of May next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper, printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three succesive weeks before the 13th day of April next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $475.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
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SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
March 13, 1897—3t.

Number 1225 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Franklin H. Harper
versus
John Hurlock.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 2d day of March, 1897, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by FRANKLIN H. HARPER, vendee in a Bill of Sale from John H. Hurlock, dated the 11th day of January, 1892, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 3, folios 160, &c., one of the Chattel Records for Kent county, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 7th day of April next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 22d day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $737.04.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
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SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
March 6, 1897—4t.

No. 1246, Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Samuel Vannort, Mortgagee,
versus
Comegys Brown and Elizabeth Brown, his wife, Mortgagors.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 3d day of March, 1897, that the sale of the Real Estate of Comegys Brown and wife, made and reported by SAMUEL VANNORT, Mortgagee, under the power contained in a mortgage from Comegys Brown and Elizabeth Brown, his wife, the said Sam'l Vannort, dated August 17th, 1887, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 9, folio 441, &c., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 6th day of May next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 6th day of April next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $4,209.00.

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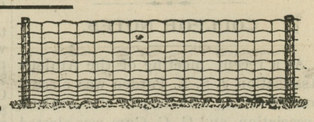
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