WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

It Will Meet In Cambridge Next Wednesday.

THE annual session of Wilmington M. E. Conference will convene in Cambridge on Wednesday, March 22, lasting about a week. Arrangements have been completed for the conference, also for the preliminary meetings. The following program has been arranged:

Monday. March 20, 7 30 p. m. — Examinations. The Board of Examiners and Students of Conference Course of Studies will meet in Masonic Temple.

Tuesday morning and afternoon, Examinations. Evening, reception in the lecture room and parlors by the Epworth League to members of the Wilmington Conference.

Wednesday.—9 a.m., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Conference session. 2 p. m., celebration of the 120th anniversary of the introduction of Methodism into Cambridge, by the Wilmington Conference Historical Society. Address by Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Phœbus, "Freeborn Garrettson and the Cambridge Jail." 7.30 p. m., the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; speakers, Drs. John W. Hamilton and C. H. Payne.

Thursday morning Conference session. 2 p. m., Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; speakers, Dr. John F. Goucher and Mrs. E. B. Stevens. 7.30 p. m., the Church Extension Society; speaker, Dr. Manley S. Hard.

Friday morning, Conference session. 2 p. m., the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. C. C. Browne, president. 7.30 p. m., the Missionary Society; speaker, Dr. Palmar.

Saturday morning Conference session. Afternoon, Conference session and the Memorial Service. Night, the Temperance Anniversary; speakers, Rev. Jas. Crow, D. D., and F. Burgette Short.

Conference Sunday.—9 a. m., the Conference Love Feast, in charge of Rev. Dr. T. E. Martindale; 10.30 a. m., preaching by Bishop Foss, followed by ordination of deacons; 2 p. m., preaching by Rev. Dr. Henry Baker, of Grace Church, Wilmington, followed by the ordination of elders; 7.30 p. m., preaching; also anniversary of the Epworth League in Grace M. E. Church. South; speaker, Dr. Jos. F. Borry.

Monday, Conference session, both morning and afternoon.

At 3 p. m., Saturday, a business meeting of the Conference Epworth League will be held in Grace M. E. Church, South. There will also be "Pentecostal Services," in charge of Revs. Alfred Smith, D. D., and Ralph T. Coursey. These services will be held every afternoon during the Conference week, beginning immediately at the close of the afternoon anniversary meetings.

Bishop Foss, of Philadelphia, will preside over the conference. It is likely that Epworth Church, Wilmington, will invite the conference to meet there next year.

ABOUT FERTILIZERS.

The Advantage of Peas to Enrich The Soil

Mr. A. D. McNair, of Dansville, N.Y., lectured in Chestertown, Monday, on the use of peas for fertilizing the soil. He said: "There are three methods of fertilizing the land either with peas or clover, namely, turning down the full green growth when matured; feeding the vines and putting the manure back on the land, and thirdly, the Tennessee plan of grazing the crop the same as clover. The best results follow when the full crop is turned under, although there were some disadvantages to this plan. When the peas are in a green state it may result in some soils that it will sour the land or make it puffy. Another crop should not be planted immediately after the peas are turned down, because the sour should have time to escape and the crop time to rot. The cowpea, which is botanically a bean, should be plowed under in the fall and the crop next succeeding should be the spring crop, after the land has passed through the freezing of winter, which is necessary to counteract the disadvantages of planting a crop immediately after the crop of peas are plowed down.

"If we graze the crop then most of the nitrogen gathered from the peas finds its way back into the soil, as but one-fourth of it is converted into milk. Peas and clover are the best fertilizing crops because they gather their nitrogen from the air. There are forty pounds of nitrogen in a ton of pea hay, which, valued at fifteen cents a pound, would be worth $6. According to an experiment made by the Alabama station it was found that the roots contain but a small quantity of nitrogen as compared with the tops, which explodes the theory that the virtue is in the root. As the crops of peas and clover gather their nitrogen from the air farmers should avoid fertilizers containing this component part. The best materials are phosphoric acid and potash. Formula: 1,600 pounds South Carolina rock, 400 pounds muriate of potash."

He advised against putting fertilizer in the hill. It prevents the roots from spreading over the surface, because it is a peculiarity of the roots to cling to the region where the fertilizer is placed, and consequently the necessary moisture is not obtained thereby. He also spoke of the relative value of manures, placing that of the hennery at the top of the list and cow pound manure as containing least nitrogen. He closed by appealing to a study of the nature of the soil and a proper application of fertilizers. It was a waste of money to purchase fertilizer unless it is known in what the soil is deficient. He distributed a book bearing on the use of phosphate.

The State Board of Health at its monthly meeting Thursday, passed an order prohibiting farmers, canners and fish packers from taking into their employ any person or persons who do not show proof of successful vaccination of more recent date than July 1st last. The penalty for violation is a fine not less than $50 and not greater than $500. The secretary of the board, Dr. John S. Fulton, made a report relative to the smallpox situation in the localities where the disease prevails. He said he is having great difficulty in securing prompt action by local boards of health in attending cases in their first stages and in isolating cases when the first evidences of the disease appear.

THE Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, which held its session in Baltimore this week, passed resolutions indorsing the course of President McKinley in regards to the issues growing out of war with Spain.

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	$55,006,629 43

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To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$13,265,908 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	11,485,751 35
For all other accounts	10,493,379 53
	$35,245,038 88

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other securities	$160,956,141 33
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	68,503,580 90
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,396,619 00
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,534,826.88: Book Value	20,604,649 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,621,377 36
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,434,957 16
	$277,517,325 36

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	$233,,58,640 68
Contingent Guarantee Fund	42,238,684 68
Divisible Surplus	2,220,000 00
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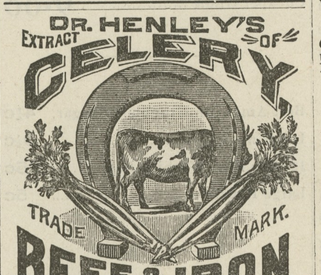

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