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THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Delaware
Baptist State Convention

WITH THE

**DELAWARE AVENUE - BETHANY
BAPTIST CHURCH**

OF

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Thursday, May 12, 1938

(Being the Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Delaware Baptist Union
Association and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Delaware
Baptist Union, the Parent Organization)



The Next Anniversary Will Be Held on Thursday, May 13, 1939, at
Delmar Baptist Church, Delmar, Delaware



The Mid-Year Meeting Will Be Held on Thursday, November 12,
1938, at Peoples Baptist Church of Hamilton Park

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Delaware
Baptist State Convention

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

President—Mr. J. Ray Slawter, 112 Westmoreland Avenue, Bellemoor (Wilmington), Del.

Vice-President—Rev. George F. Hanson, 16 E. 5th St., New Castle, Del.

Executive Secretary and Director of Promotion—Mrs. Albert Edge, 1900 Monroe Street, Wilmington, Del.

Recording Secretary—Edgar Hare, 827 W. 9th Street, Wilmington, Del.

Treasurer—Edward H. Porter, 1102 Brandon Lane, Wilmington, Del.

Assistant Treasurer—Robert U. Altemus, 3206 Fernwood Place, Wilmington, Del.

Representative on Board of Finance and Promotion—Rev. S. B. Hiley, Dover, Del.

TRUSTEES

James Hanson Wilmington, 1939
Rev. M. A. Larson, 2101 Church Street..... Wilmington, 1939
Rev. E. P. Davis, Hamilton Park..... Wilmington, 1939
John H. Gilland, 608 Geddes Street..... Wilmington, 1939
Arthur M. Neal, 433 Geddes Street..... Wilmington, 1940
Frank M. Richardson Dover, 1940
Walter R. Hope Wilmington, 1940
Charles H. Leib New Castle, 1940
E. E. Borton, Citizen's Bank Bldg..... Wilmington, 1941
Richard Ludtke, Minquadale Wilmington, 1941
Mrs. Lizzie S. Wollaston, 1304 N. VanBuren Street..... Wilmington, 1941
Edward H. Porter, 1102 Brandon Lane..... Wilmington, 1941

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Enrollment—Mrs. Elmer Keiser and Mrs. Breiel May.

Place of Meeting—Rev. George F. Hanson, Chairman.

Resolutions—Rev. George Apel, Jr., R. C. Paulette and Mrs. John Lansing.

Nominations—Rev. C. C. Greiner, J. Ray Slawter and Thomas S. Taylor.

Auditing—Mr. John F. Plummer.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND PROMOTION FOR 1938-1939

Rev. S. B. Hiley (Chairman), Rev. George F. Hanson, Rev. Philip R. LiCalzi, Rev. E. P. Davis, Mr. Everett E. Borton (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Thomas S. Taylor, Mrs. Charles F. Wollaston, Miss Ellen Samworth, Mrs. J. Ray Slawter, Mrs. Albert Edge (Secretary), Mrs. Rhoda Leib, Mrs. Wm. Cadell, Rev. Clifford C. Greiner.

SUGGESTIONS

The Recording Secretary wishes to call attention to the fact that the enlarged Minutes were authorized at the 1937 Convention meeting.

The Secretary would suggest that the Churches submit a list of deceased members, with their age and date of death; this information to be included in the Church Letters.

It would be appreciated if the next Annual Report would include any money paid on Church mortgages, and show complete figures as to debt.



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Body shall be known as "The Delaware Baptist State Convention."

Section 2. The object of this Convention shall be to develop denominational unity consistent with the independency of the Churches; to promote the preaching of the Gospel throughout the State; to aid young men and women in Baptist Churches who give promise of usefulness in Christian work in this and other lands, in acquiring a suitable education; to encourage and foster our young people in Christian life and service; to give increased efficiency for the evangelization of America and the World, and to give expression to the interest of our constituency upon matters of denominational importance and of religious and moral interest.

Section 3. The membership shall be composed of those persons named in the Act of Incorporation and such other persons as may from time to time be appointed delegates by the Baptist Churches in the State of Delaware. Each Church shall be entitled to five delegates, including the Pastor, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or fraction thereof. The incorporators and delegates shall constitute the voting membership of the body.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, a Board of Trustees and a member of the Board of Missionary Co-operation of the Northern Baptist Convention, who shall be the Chairman of the Board of Missionary Co-operation of this Convention and also a director of missions of this Convention, who shall be a member of the last-mentioned State Board. The last mentioned officer may be the person holding any one of the other referred to offices. The Board of Trustees shall consist of twelve members. The President of the Convention, when not a Trustee, shall be a member of the Board ex-officio. The President may also hold the office of Executive Secretary.

Section 2. The management and control of all the real and personal property of the Convention shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, which shall be divided into three classes of four members each to serve three years, requiring an annual election as the term of each class expires. In the disposition of any real estate belonging to the Convention the Board shall be subject to the direction of the Convention.

The Trustees shall maintain a separate and special Church Edifice Fund out of the resources of the Convention for the purpose of aiding needy Churches in the erection or repair of meeting houses, and the erection or repair of parsonages. Loans from this fund may be made upon such terms as the Trustees shall determine, after careful investigation of the necessity for and wisdom of such loans, taking into consideration the resources of the Church applying for such aid.

When loans are granted, the Church so favored shall be required to keep its property adequately insured, and shall give a mortgage for the loan, or transfer title of its property to the Convention, until such time as the loan shall be paid in full.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect its own officers, consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and shall present to the Convention a report in writing at each annual meeting. The election of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be subject to the approval of the Convention.

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Convention, who shall also be the Treasurer of the Board, shall receive all money of the Convention and pay all orders drawn on him by the Board of Trustees, which orders shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary. He shall also keep a true and fair book of accounts, and shall lay before the Convention at each annual meeting a statement of his receipts and expenditures, which statement, with the vouchers thereof, shall be audited by a committee of three appointed for that purpose. The Assistant Treasurer shall serve in the absence of the Treasurer and perform such duties as generally fall on an Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

All elections of officers shall be by ballot, and shall be held at the annual meetings. A majority of all votes cast by the voting members present shall be necessary to a choice. By unanimous consent the Convention may instruct the Secretary, or some other person, to cast the ballot for the body.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The President shall preside, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered; and when two or more rise to speak at the same time he shall name the one entitled to the floor. Motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President previous to any discussion thereof. All resolutions shall be made in writing.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the functions of the President in the absence of the latter.

ARTICLE V.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting in a book permanently used for that purpose, which record shall be the property of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Convention shall be held for two days, on the second Thursday and the Friday following in the month of May. Notice shall be given by the Secretary two weeks previous to each meeting to every Church which is a member of the Convention.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Convention shall request the Churches to send a letter and statistics of the work of the Churches to be presented at each meeting. The statistical year shall close on the 30th day of April.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. The first session on Thursday shall open at 10 A. M., or as soon thereafter as practicable. The regular standing committees shall be appointed as early in the session as possible.

Section 2. The Committee on Program shall arrange the program for the next meeting of the Convention and shall consist of five members, including the Pastor of the Entertaining Church as Chairman.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Missionary Co-operation to become acquainted with the spiritual conditions and needs of the field, and to meet at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Convention for determining what Churches or Missions need spiritual attention. It shall have a place on the program for the proper consideration of its recommendations. The committee shall consist of nine members, at least three of whom shall be women.

Section 4. Any Church assisted by the Convention in the payment of its Pastor's salary must give the Missionary Committee notice when a change of Pastor is desired. The time necessary to make such a change shall be settled by the Missionary Committee and a committee of four from the Church in consultation with the Pastor.

Section 5. Missionary Churches shall qualify for assistance in the support of pastors by co-operating with the Missionary Committee in the selection of pastors, allowing at least thirty days for investigation by the Missionary Committee before the formal call is extended.

ARTICLE VIII.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chairman, or any three members of the Board; provided all the members have timely notice. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies in their number until their successors are elected, and shall also have power to fill vacancies in any elective office of the Convention until the next regular meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

Section 1. All candidates for ordination in the State of Delaware are required to appear before an Advisory Council previous to the calling of a council by the Church.

Section 2. The Advisory Council shall consist of the members of the State Missionary Committee, who shall be empowered to examine into the character and ability of each candidate and to recommend to the Church the calling of an Ordination Council.

Section 3. Councils of Ordination, thus regularly called, shall consist of pastors and delegates from MEMBER Churches of this Convention.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution or By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Convention.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Board of Trustees reports that it has held its regular quarterly meetings and has also held two special meetings during the year. Due consideration has been given to the affairs of the Convention and particular attention to matters concerning the properties of the Convention.

The Treasurer's report sets forth in detail expenditures for our properties that have been approved by our Board. Chiefly, these were as follows:

Calvary Church, Dover, improved by repairs to Church roof, addition of toilet facilities to Church and parsonage and thorough repairs to parsonage. The cost of these items amounted to more than \$800.00 but were considered vital to this property. The Convention holds title to this property and this additional outlay has been added to our present investment therein.

Hamilton Park, Peoples Church, the work and Church was assisted by the taking over of the first mortgage and only mortgage on the Church, saving the property from foreclosure and by compromise, effecting a substantial saving for this Church; the total investment made was just in excess of \$1200.00 and this is being reduced through monthly payments by the Church, the payments already made having brought the principal down to below \$1,000.00; the real assistance above noted was made possible through the paying off by C. E. Yost of his \$1,000.00 mortgage and interest to the Convention, thus completing the liquidation of the 28th and Jefferson Streets investment.

Judson Memorial Church, starting in paying off the first mortgage thereon, \$200.00 having been paid on the principal, the building improved by the adding of a wooden floor to the basement thus permitting the use thereof for Sunday School and other uses in the near future.

Submitted for the Board by

WALTER HOPE, *Chairman.*

EVERETT E. BORTON, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved: That we express our hearty thanks to the committee for arranging the program and various activities of the day.

2. Resolved: That we express our appreciation to the Rev. Philip R. LiCalzi and the Delaware Avenue-Bethany Baptist Church for their fine hospitality, and also the ladies of the Church for providing the luncheon.

3. Resolved: That we give at least a rising vote of thanks to all those who have brought to us the helpful messages of the day.

4. Resolved: That we as a Baptist State Convention commend all workers engaged in furthering the causes of temperance and peace.

5. Resolved: We reaffirm our belief in the historic faith of the Church and the Gospel of Christ as the only way of deliverance from the present world dilemma.

6. Resolved: That we reaffirm our historic Baptist stand for the separation of Church and State; and that we condemn the appropriation of Federal or State funds for any use by sects or denominations or their agencies.

We believe in a program of weekday religious education conducted by the Churches and assert that this is not a proper function of the State. Wherefore, we call upon all our people to oppose all efforts to induce the State of Delaware to assume responsibility for the religious education of its youth.

7. Resolved: That a copy of the sixth resolution be sent to the proper Federal and State authorities and to the Northern Baptist Convention.

8. Resolved: That we commend all efforts toward a closer co-operation between the evangelical Protestant denominations and such unity as will preserve freedom of interpretation in regard to the ordinances and Church polity, and will guarantee to each group the right to preserve and teach its distinctive beliefs.

9. Resolved: That the Churches of the Convention give serious thought to the urgent need of more time for prayer and intimate communion with God in the secret place of the Most High. That thereby we may keep clear the Vision of His purposes for humanity, and that through this communion we may be of greater value to the world around us.

Committee on Resolutions,

GEORGE APEL, Jr.,

R. C. PAULETTE,

MRS. JOHN LANSING.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Wilmington, Del., May 12, 1938.

The twenty-second meeting of the Delaware Baptist State Convention was called to order in Delaware Avenue-Bethany Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., at 10.15 A. M. (DST), by the President, Rev. F. Raymond Baker.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. Philip R. LiCalzi, Pastor of the host Church, and was responded to by the President. The program committee submitted a printed program, which was adopted as the official program of the Convention.

Appointment of committees was made by the President, and this was followed by reports of Convention Missionaries, Board of Missionary Co-operation, Ann Semple Memorial Fund, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees, Treasurer and President.

After the introduction of Mr. R. C. Paulette as Pastor of Ann Judson Memorial Church, the Church Letters were read.

Devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, Pastor of East Baptist Church, after which Rev. S. B. Hiley preached a very interesting Convention sermon.

Recess was then taken for luncheon, which was served free with the compliments of the host Church.

Morning attendance was 102.

The early part of the afternoon session was given over to the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. Ray Slawter, President, and was featured by an address by Miss Alma Clifford, of the First Spanish Baptist Church of New York City, and by a pageant titled "Aunt Elizabeth's Missionary Tea," by the World Wide Guild Girls of Second Baptist Church.

The afternoon business session convened at 4.10 P. M. and heard reports of committees on Place of Meeting, Enrollment and Resolutions, this being followed by the nomination and election of officers. The Forum hour following was featured by an address by Rev. Floyd L. Carr, Field Representative of the Northern Baptist Convention, on the subject, "Building Boys."

Adjournment for supper was taken at 5.30 P. M. Attendance at this session was 86.

The evening session was called to order by the President, who announced that the Trustees had re-appointed Mr. Edward H. Porter as Treasurer.

The devotions were in charge of Rev. George Apel, Jr., of the host Church.

The feature of this session was an inspiring address by Dr. Gordon Palmer, President of Eastern Baptist Seminary, who chose for his subject, "The World Challenges the Church."

The new president was introduced by Mr. Baker.

After benediction the Convention adjourned at 9.15 P. M. (DST).

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DELAWARE
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.**

April 30, 1938.

Balance on deposit May 1, 1937:

In Equitable Trust Company.....	\$1,467.34	
In Wilmington Savings Fund Society.....	1,053.41	
(Mary C. Saulsbury Trust)		\$2,520.75
Received from Northern Baptist Convention.....	\$1,437.32	
Collections for Convention expenses.....	62.14	
Received from Calvary Church, Dover, for mortgage.....	10.00	
Received from Hamilton Park Church on mortgage loan:		
Interest	\$ 50.47	
On account of \$1,215.83 loan.....	193.05	
		243.52
Received principal of C. E. Yost mortgage.....	1,000.00	
Interest on Yost mortgage from 2-21-36 to 11-1-37.....	101.83	
Interest on Mary C. Saulsbury Trust to 12-31-37.....	37.17	
Loan from Equitable Trust Co. for Calvary Church.....	450.00	
		3,341.98
		\$5,862.73

EXPENDITURES

Convention expenses, printing minutes, etc.....	\$ 101.53	
Judson Memorial Church:		
Repairs	\$ 5.20	
New basement floor	119.73	
Fire insurance	17.60	
Water rent	11.40	
Interest on mortgage	237.00	
Payments on \$4,000.00 mortgage.....	200.00	
Street paving lien and interest.....	318.98	
		909.91
Holloway Terrace Church:		
Interest on mortgage	\$ 60.00	
Payments on \$1,025.00 mortgage.....	225.00	
Pastor	520.00	
		\$ 805.00
Less amounts paid by Church.....	252.72	
		572.28

Real Estate taken over under foreclosure proceedings:	
Interest in 913 Delaware Avenue.....	\$ 294.02
Balance due on \$1,500.00 contract of sale for property in Hamilton Park.....	1,230.79
	<u>1,524.81</u>
Principal uninvested	6.19
Principal of Trust Fund as of May 1, 1938.....	\$24,766.25
May 1, 1937, Principal of Trust Fund.....	\$22,941.25
Income invested in mortgages during year.....	2,325.00
	<u>\$25,266.25</u>
Loss on James C. Ross mortgage; property now under contract of sale for \$1,500.00.....	500.00
	<u>\$24,766.25</u>

CHURCH LETTERS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Milford, Delaware

Dear Brethren :

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we scan the past year. Numerically speaking, we cannot report any increase but we do believe that in other ways progress has been made.

Last summer our annual Vacation Bible School was conducted with an increase in attendance over the previous year.

In January the week of prayer was observed with special meetings every evening in the Church. Special emphasis was laid on the subject of prayer in a series of messages on that topic presented by our Pastor.

The Philathea Class and Missionary Society sent a barrel of clothing and toys to the orphanage in Bacone, Oklahoma, at the Christmas season.

In addition to an increase in our missionary gifts to the Northern Baptist Convention, our Church recently voted to tithe all its loose offerings to the support of the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient, Inc. For this same work the Bible School decided to give two dollars a month, and the Philathea Class and Missionary Society half of its voluntary offering received at the monthly business and social meetings.

Our Bible School officers and teachers have faithfully continued in the teaching of the Word of God to needy souls.

There have been five professions of faith in response to the Gospel message. We have not had, however, any additions to the Church.

The Philathea Class and Missionary Society has placed a copy of the Bible in the waiting rooms of each of the doctors and dentists in Milford with the hope that someone may be blessed through the reading of God's Word while waiting their turn with the doctor. Permission was easily received from the doctors and already several comments have come to us that assure us of the worthwhileness of such a work.

Our finances are in good order with all bills paid. Members who are themselves needy give sacrificially for the support of the Lord's work.

For the future we ask an interest in your prayers that we may in every way go forward in the great work of serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed,

C. H. LYNCH, *Church Clerk.*

Milford Church:		
Payments to Pastor	105.00	
Delmar Church:		
Costs in connection with deed.....	3.00	
Calvary Church, Dover:		
Building loan dues and interest.....	\$ 240.00	
Improvements to Church and parsonage.....	841.10	
		<u>1,081.10</u>
Hamilton Park Church:		
Loan made for mortgage settlement.....	1,215.83	
Equitable Trust Company, note and interest.....	453.82	
		<u>4,442.47</u>
Balance on hand April 30, 1938.....		\$1,420.26
On deposit in Equitable Trust Company.....	\$ 329.68	
On deposit in Wilmington Savings Fund.....	1,090.58	
(Mary C. Saulsbury Trust)		<u>\$1,420.26</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DELAWARE BAPTIST
STATE CONVENTION**

April 30, 1938.

**Succeeding Trustee Appointed by the Chancellor under Will of
Anne Semple, Deceased**

Balance on deposit in Equitable Trust Company, May 1, 1937.....\$1,112.68
Received from Equitable Trust Company, Agent, net income from
investments:

July 6, 1937	\$ 200.00	
July 15, 1937	38.52	
October 20, 1937	414.69	
January 15, 1938	285.24	
April 12, 1938	380.00	
April 18, 1938	3.98	
	1,322.43	
		\$2,435.11

Paid annual premium on surety bond.....	\$ 50.67	
Paid Everett E. Borton, Esq., for services in preparing Second Account	25.00	
Paid Register in Chancery, costs of passing Second Account	14.50	
Income invested in mortgages:		
"Donahue" mortgage	\$1,250.00	
"Shaw" mortgage	1,075.00	
	2,325.00	
		2,415.17

Balance on deposit in Equitable Trust Co., April 30, 1938.....\$ 19.94

The principal of the Anne Semple Fund is held by the Equitable Trust Company as Agent for Delaware Baptist State Convention, Trustee, and is invested as follows:

Bonds and Mortgages:

Nellie Mae Guthrie Donahue.....	\$ 1,250.00	
Matilda L. Donaldson	1,300.00	
John W. Doyle	2,975.00	
Frank W. Grubb & Sons Co.....	1,575.00	
Edward L. Jones	550.00	
Ada C. Kyle	1,200.00	
Emil Leichter	900.00	
Rena R. C. Newlin	3,800.00	
William R. Rhoads	2,775.00	
Carl A. Roeper	3,000.00	
James R. Shaw	1,800.00	
Frank Talmo	1,110.25	
Eliza H. Thompson	1,000.00	
	\$23,235.25	

HOLLOWAY TERRACE BAPTIST MISSION

Holloway Terrace, New Castle, Delaware

To the Delaware Baptist State Convention, Greeting:

The year just closed has been a great one for Holloway Terrace Church. A comparison of this report with that for last year will show that we have made gains in every direction. We feel that our work has been wonderfully blessed. Our report for the year is as follows:

The Sunday School. Present enrollment, 132. Aggregate attendance, 3624; lowest, 45; highest, 130; average, 69. Contributions, \$214.87.

The 130 mark was reached on Easter Sunday, when Decision Day was observed. Ten young people from the school took a stand for Christ.

The Preaching and Worship Services. Aggregate attendance (not including the number listed under "Special Days and Occasions"), 2208; lowest, 21; highest, 80; average, 42. Contributions, \$242.95.

Prayer Meetings. Aggregate attendance, 453; lowest, 6; highest, 28; average, 17. Contributions, \$21.59. These meetings have been, for the most part, informal devotional periods, designed for fellowship and worship, but on several occasions the pastor conducted Bible quizzes, and gave series of talks of an instructive nature. The response has been gratifying, and there is a general feeling that the prayer meetings are a vital part of the program of the Church.

The Missionary Society. From the time of its first meeting last year, this organization has been steadily on the march, and it is now one of the most dependable societies in the Church. The attendance at its meetings has aggregated approximately 180, the meetings being held once a month, and the average attendance being 15. The present enrollment is 30, a gain of 10 members over last year. Missionary projects engaged in include: a Christmas box to Morrow Indian Orphanage, Bacone, Okla., and a box to Dr. H. W. Kirby, at the hospital in Joshat, Assam, India. Notable among the local activities of this group is the work of the Sunshine Committee, headed by Mrs. Wm. Cadell. This committee is responsible for the sending out of more than 100 get-well cards to the sick in local hospitals and homes, and for making personal calls upon the sick in the community. Contributions to missions total \$24.92 for the year.

The active officers of the Society remain the same until the first annual election of officers, to be held soon.

The Young People's Society. Aggregate attendance, 689; lowest, 10; highest, 38; average 21. Collections, \$14.89.

One of the chief interests of this group is the Sword Drill, which is given every Sunday evening. This stimulates interest in Bible reading, as well as increasing facility in handling the Scriptures.

Miss Pearl Cathell is President of the Society, and the Rev. R. C. Paulette, a student in the Junior class at Crozer Seminary, is the Director.

Special Days and Occasions. On June 13 the annual Children's Day exercises were held, in the evening. A program planned by the various departments in the Sunday School was presented to an audience of 100, and it was well received.

The semi-annual fellowship meeting of the State Convention was held at the Holloway Terrace Mission in November. A worthwhile program was presented, and the attendance was the largest in the history of this meeting. The attendance at night was more than 100. We were honored by the presence of this body, and we hope that you will come again.

On Thanksgiving morning a quiet meeting for praise and worship was held. The choir rendered appropriate music, and the pastor spoke on the subject, "A Morsel of Bread, or an Unspeakable Gift." Members of the assembly gave thankful testimonies. The attendance at this service was 26.

As an experiment this year the Christmas Candle Light Service was held at 10.30 P. M. on December 24th. The choir rendered a fine program of music, and the Pastor delivered the sermon, using as his theme, "A Candle of Reason in a Windy World." The attendance at this service was 41.

A Watch Night Service was held on December 31st, at 11.00 P. M., at which 33 were in attendance.

On Thursday evening, February 17th, the Missionary Society held an open meeting in the Church auditorium. Miss Vashapogu Gulbhanu, a native missionary from Jangoan, Hyderabad State, India, who is now studying in Crozer Seminary, was the speaker. The members of the Missionary Society of the Newcastle Church were our guests at that time. The response was very good. The total attendance was 40.

It is the feeling of many that the best services of the year were those held during Holy Week. The Pastor was assisted in these services by the Rev. Mr. Paulette and two of his classmates at the seminary. These services were designed to bring into the membership of the Church those unenlisted in the community, and also to enrich the spiritual life of the membership. The results were quite gratifying. 18 new members were taken into the Church, 13 by baptism and 5 otherwise. The aggregate attendance upon these services was 188; lowest, 30; highest, 67.

Finances. Receipts—Sunday School, \$214.87; Church, \$242.95; Missionary Society, \$9.05; Improvement Fund, \$232.27; birthday offerings, \$8.49; prayer meetings, \$21.59; collections for literature, \$1.64. Total receipts, \$730.86.

Expenditures—Church current expenses, \$466.80; building and improvements, \$124.98; Sunday School expenses, \$33.21; missions, \$9.05; printing of minutes (State Convention expenses), \$5.00. Total expenditures, \$639.04.

Balance on hand in treasury, including balance of \$16.96 from last year, \$108.78. Outstanding obligations, none.

Physical Improvements. Last year we reported the establishment of an Improvement Fund. We little suspected that we should be able to accomplish as much as we have been able to do in the way of physical improvements. Our dream for some real pews in our Church auditorium came true when Mr. Chas. H. Gibbons, one of our trustees, arranged with the Wilmington Trade School to build these pews for us at a nominal cost for material and transportation. When the announcement was made in the Church that work

had already begun on the pews, every organization in the Church set to work with tremendous enthusiasm to raise the required sum. In a very short while the fund was oversubscribed, and, the money having come in promptly, the pews were paid for on delivery, and we had a nice balance in the fund besides.

It seemed altogether fitting and proper to close our work for the current year with a Service of Dedication of the Pews. This service was worked out by the Pastor, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Paulette, and Miss Bernice Davis, the Pianist. It consisted of special music and responses, the Rite of Dedication, and the sermon by the Pastor, the theme of which was "Keeping Something Sacred." A number of visitors from the various Churches, as well as the Supervisor of Instruction at the Wilmington Trade School, Mr. Rothenhauser, honored us with their presence.

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The Pastor desires to express his sincere appreciation to the members and friends of the Holloway Terrace Church, for their fine co-operation and interest during the year; to the faithful workers in the Church for their untiring efforts to enrich the life of the Church; and to the State Convention for its allowing us unlimited freedom in the working out of a program best suited to the exigencies of the time.

Special consideration is due my classmate and friend, the Rev. Clarence Jones, Jr., for his fine services during my absence last summer, and to both Mr. Jones and Mr. Paulette, for their fine work during my illness in the month of January. Without their help, we could have done nothing.

Surely our cup is running over, and our spirits are exultant.

We enclose \$5.00 for printing of minutes.

Faithfully yours,

H. COLEMAN LAMB, *Pastor.*

PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

Hamilton Park, New Castle, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Another year has added to the record of Christian Service of our Church, of which we are thankful for His many blessings.

On April 15th, the Pastor and members celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the Church and Sunday School; thirteen years at Hazel Del Mission, at the foot of Pyle's Lane, and eight years at the Peoples Baptist Church.

We do think back at the time of memories with a sad heart, reminding us of those who have moved out of our community, and those deceased.

There are one hundred members on the Church roll, with one-half regular attendance that are active; some have moved from our community but are still members of our Church.

The Sunday School records one hundred five, this department averages about one-half regular attendance.

The Christian Endeavor records about thirty-five out of approximately forty as active members. The C. E. Society with its young President, Charles Shumar, seems encouraging, for the young people have shown great interest in their work for the Lord. An orchestra of string music has been organized. This consists of six members, with their leader the Rev. Erby P. Davis, is showing its ability as our future musicians.

Our financial condition is good, and the mortgage on the Church is decreasing.

Beginning March 21st, we had two weeks of revivals, which were conducted by the Rev. John Hackett and party of Whiley Mission; there were six conversions, they were baptized and joined with us.

The Ladies' Aid of the Church do their part in financing expenses, and are always ready to do their part in any case of emergency.

We feel that the spirit of God is guiding us in our work, and we look forward with the courage of faith and the inspiration of hope for another year.

MRS. M. V. ROSS, *Church Clerk.*

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

The past year has been one of progress in all departments of Church work.

New members received: by Baptism, 15; by letter, 23; by experience, 7; by restoration, 7; a total of 52. Our membership loss has been by death, 8; by letter, 10; dropped, 1; a total of 19.

The mortgage campaign for \$21,500 has up to the present time been reduced to less than \$3,000.00, all of which has been subscribed, and will no doubt be received by the end of the year.

Our four choirs, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Schramm, Minister of Music, have had one of their most successful years.

Total contributions to Missions were \$2,352.73, and came from the following: Church envelopes, \$1,827.73; Ann Judson Society, \$400.00; World Wide Guild, \$20.00, and Sunday School, \$105.00.

The Ann Judson Society, under the direction of Mrs. Warner J. Merrill, has 115 members, has made excellent progress in growth in Missionary education and activities, and in raising over \$400.00 for Missions, beside contributing to the support of many needy families in our community.

The Children's departments of our Church School have had excellent attendance and an encouraging increase in enrollment during the year.

The B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday evening Clubs, young people's groups meeting on Sunday evenings, have had their most successful year.

The spirit of the Church is in excellent condition, and we look forward to even greater work in the year ahead.

We send Christian greetings to our sister Churches.

EDGAR HARE, *Church Clerk.*

DELAWARE AVENUE BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Delaware Avenue Bethany Baptist Church greets the Convention with the prayer that the Spirit of the Master shall prevail over the deliberations of the meetings.

We are truly thankful for the splendid way in which the Lord has blessed our Church in spiritual, numerical and material gains since the last convention.

We wish to report that in our mid-week meetings we are having an extensive Bible study, spirited singing of hymns and choruses which we use in the mid-week and Sunday service. This meeting has grown from a few to an average of well over a hundred.

A large number of our Church members have organized a Gospel Team whose main object is to present Christ to Non-Christians. It will assist the Pastor or conduct any prayer or evangelistic type of service in his absence.

Our Religious Education Department is progressing. The Church School is in excellent condition. Our extended interest in religious education is simplified by the very successful Community Bible School held each Saturday afternoon.

We are in our second semester of our Teachers' Training School which has been a means of adding more efficient and highly trained teachers to our Church School staff.

We have organized a "Try-Me" Tithers' Club for the duration of three months. Our objective was to secure one hundred tithers. To date we have secured nearly all of our quota.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Clara Righter Circle have just completed another successful year. Both societies have been very liberal and faithful to the Church and have made definite study of our denominational responsibility to the world.

We feel the efficient work of our Senior and Junior Chorus should be noted. We have been most fortunate in securing choir directors of unusual ability who have given many of the choir members intensive training in private vocal instructions. We are more than grateful for the steady and fine way our worship hours are enriched.

Our Young People have re-organized under the Moorestown Plan B. Y. P. U. with promises of great developments in lines of sustained service to the Church.

An intensive building program outlined for this year, comprising of an additional room in the basement providing more spacious accommodations for the Scout Troops and the Men's Bible Class. The balcony of the Church has been refitted and refurnished to accommodate one of the rapidly growing Church School departments. New and more spacious lavatories and a drinking fountain were included in this project. Also new floor covering for the upper hall, lower hall and steps was laid and many other improvements.

We wish to report that we have one member of our Church in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, preparing for the ministry and that there are several others waiting to enter the seminary as soon as school permits. The Church has established a Scholarship Fund with which to aid these students while at the seminary.

One of the members of the Church has passed on to his reward and left the Church a legacy of quite a sum of money. From this legacy the Church has purchased a Communion Service to be given as a memorial in honor of the benefactor, Mr. Robert C. Tolmie.

We are grateful to the men and women who have so splendidly borne the burden of the Church's responsibilities. We are very happy to relate that there is a growing peace and harmony through which we confidently believe that Delaware Avenue Bethany Church will hasten the coming of the Kingdom of Christ.

AUBREY A. WHITMAN,
MARGARET H. MARTIN,

May 12, 1938.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Delmar, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Since the last Convention our Church has received the deed to our Church property. We are very grateful to the Association for the manner in which it was conveyed to us, and the feeling of brotherly love that prevailed at the meeting in Wilmington, Del., December 16, 1937, at Second Baptist Church.

While our membership remains about the same, we do feel we are moving forward, as the attendance at prayer meetings, preaching and Sunday School is steadily increasing under the spiritual leadership of our Pastor, officers and teachers in the Sunday School.

We have lost through death three (3) of our oldest members who we miss very much.

Thanking you for your assistance and co-operation, we remain

Yours in Christ,

C. J. CALHOUN, *Clerk.*

NEW CASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

New Castle, Delaware

Dear Brethren :

The Church has been greatly blessed during the past year. God has blessed us abundantly, far more than we could ask. Services having been continued the whole year.

The Church has granted Deacon Charles H. Leib a license to preach. He has been superintendent of our Bible School for sixteen years. A true believer in the fundamental principles of Christ. Doing great work among the unbelievers and visiting the sick. May God bless him in His Master's work.

There has been received into our Church five members, one by letter, four by baptism, two being from the Bible School. Our Bible School shows progress, with teachers who love the Lord and whose hearts are in His work.

The Ladies' Aid is active and has done much toward improvement of Church properties. Papering in the parsonage, at present are making plans to recarpet the Church. The Sunshine Committee has done good work, sending cards and flowers to the sick and shut-in.

The Women's Missionary Society is very active, having an active membership of thirteen. We filled our White Cross quota sent to Bacone Indian Orphanage, of Oklahoma, and received a very nice letter of acceptance. The mite boxes for the year have been opened twice realizing \$29.00. The Sunshine Committee reports 243 sunshine calls and fifty-nine cards were sent.

We also held the Day of Prayer with the combined Churches of the city. We held a birthday party celebrating the 60th year of Home Missions, sending offering to Birthday Fund.

The Men's League have been very helpful, doing much needed work about Church properties, thus saving much expense. They are now making plans to rewire the Church.

Our Deacons have done good work helping those in need, and giving to the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund.

Our Trustees are ever careful of Church properties. Helping to keep them in good condition. During the year they have had the chimney and roof of parsonage repaired. Tore out partition between parlors, had a new door frame placed, cellar braced, new cellar steps built. They also painted the Primary Department Room, built a cupboard upstairs for supplies.

We praise God for his goodness and grace, and look to the future for His continued guidance and blessing.

We send Christian greetings to our Sister Churches.

FLORA HEWITT, *Church Clerk.*



JUDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren :

We are grateful for God's blessing during the past year. Although we regret the loss of four members by letter we are thankful we have added one other by baptism.

All departments of the Sunday School are showing progress in their work.

The Crusade work has been reorganized and it is showing success in its endeavors.

Through the influence of our Pastor, we have had five speakers from the seminary; three were Oriental students, one returned worker from Burma, and one from the Philippine Islands. Each one pointed out the needs, the benefits and the customs of their country. We also increased our missionary contribution.

Through the efforts of the A. B. C. Bible Class five families were taken care of during the holiday seasons

The entire auditorium and Sunday School rooms were redecorated during the vacation period. This was made possible by the generosity of one of our members and the willingness of the young men to do the work. Another member installed new lighting fixtures, new water pipes and rain-spouting.

With the help of the trustees a new floor has been laid in the basement. The men of the Church and their friends did the necessary work.

We wish to extend to the trustees at this time our sincere thanks for their help in this improvement.

Two and one-half years of pleasant Christian fellowship will terminate with the resignation of our Pastor, taking effect June 12th. He has accepted a call to Petersburg, West Virginia. We solicit the prayers of our Sister Churches that we may be properly guided in our selection of another leader. We are striving against many obstacles to keep the Gospel of Christ and this place of worship in the community where it is needed and pray that others may see this need.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ETHEL McDOWELL, *Church Clerk.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dover, Delaware

Dear Brethren :

The past year has been one of continued progress. We greatly rejoice in the unity of spirit that has been manifest in all the work of the Church.

There has been a steady increase in attendance at morning and evening worship. We rejoice in the inspiring leadership of our Pastor, and his

messages at the mid-week service. This service proves to be a vital force in our Church life. At the beginning of the Church year, it was resolved that we make a special effort to clear the indebtedness of \$2,700.00 by the Pastor's seventh anniversary, April 1st of this year. The victory was announced at the anniversary dinner, April 5th.

The Bible School under the leadership of our Superintendent, Mr. E. W. Buchanan and a faithful body of officers and teachers, is showing increased spiritual interest and a steady growth and a record attendance revealed for the year.

The Missionary Society, under the able leadership of the President, Miss Kate Richardson, reached the goal set for the year.

The Ella Pearce Circle (Ladies' Aid), Mrs. W. P. Forkum, President, has done a great work during the year in keeping the interior of the parsonage in perfect repair.

Easter Sunday was one of the greatest in the history of our Church. The Church was crowded at morning and evening services. At the morning service the Pastor baptized 18. At the evening service an Easter Cantata was given by the choirs.

An inspiring new feature in our Church is a Young Men's Chorus of 20 voices, all from the Young Men's Class, 6 of whom were baptized at Easter.

God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. We praise Him for the experience of the past, from which we gather hope and inspiration for still greater achievement in the year to come.

We pray that the blessing of the Heavenly Father may be upon all our Churches during the coming year, and that we may be more steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

May God's richest blessing be upon all of the deliberations of our convention.

W. P. FORKUM, *Church Clerk.*

EAST BAPTIST CHURCH

Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

As we look back over the past year we are indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father in that He has kept and blessed us far more than we deserve.

For two weeks during the month of September we were privileged to have evangelistic services under the leadership of Rev. Estelle and Mr. Gibbons. These meetings were sponsored by the Young People of the Church and were a spiritual uplift and were well attended.

The Young People have re-organized and are doing good work.

The Ladies' Aid take a great interest in the missionary work of our denomination and are also doing active work in the Church.

Our Sunday School is progressing and our prayer is that in the coming year many of our scholars will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

We have only one addition by letter.

We pray for our Sister Churches and that the Delaware Baptist Convention may be blessed during its session.

MISS A. E. LUDWIG, *Church Clerk.*

FIRST SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

In reviewing the work of our Church during the past year, we have as an organization, bounded together by the Spirit of Christ, and through the grace of God worked for the salvation of souls and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on our home as well as our foreign mission fields.

Under the leadership of our Pastor, Martin A. Larson, and through the leaders of our different organizations, Ladies' Aid, B. Y. P. S. and Sunday School, we have been able to accomplish more than we expected at the beginning of the year. There has been received into our Church eight new members by baptism. Death has reduced our membership by one during this past year.

On June 22nd-26th, our Church will be the host to the Swedish Baptist General Conference which at that time will meet in our city. Through the generosity of the City of Wilmington the P. S. duPont High School has been given to us as a meeting place for the conference. It will be our privilege to welcome to our city about 1000 delegates and as a Church we are very thankful for the co-operation of other Churches for opening their homes as a means of lodging and entertaining our delegates.

To make it pleasant for our visitors we have renovated and beautified our Church, and in a few weeks a new pipe organ will be installed. We thank God for His goodness and pray that our Sister Churches may be likewise blessed.

JOHN I. BERGSTROM, *Church Clerk.*

MINQUADALE BAPTIST MISSION
Minquadale, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Solomon worded it quite fittingly when he said, "I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste." Week after week we assemble as though under the shadow of the Almighty One and the moments we spend together really are pleasant.

The basement of our Pastor's home still serves as the chapel, and with certain alterations and improvements affords but little more space than in

the previous year. The fluctuations in attendance sometimes make it very difficult to house those who attend. When we only have a seating capacity of about forty, and sometimes the attendance runs up to sixty or seventy and over, you may realize our difficulty. Then let us understand the attitude of the youthful scholars in our Sunday School who after attending since childhood do not care to be crowded together with the younger ones. The teachers also cannot teach efficiently even though partitioned into separate groups; you see we have four classes.

The School Board has granted us permission to use the public school of Minquadale any time we wish to use it, and the past Sunday we used the public school building, but it presented a problem of a different nature, and worse than those mentioned. All this makes it plain that a larger building is an apparent necessity, and if it be God's will, He will grant an appropriate place.

Asking God to establish and sustain us all, we are ever

Yours in Christ,

Minquadale Baptist Mission,

MISS RUTH WILSON, *Secretary*.



CHURCH OFFICERS

CHURCH	WHEN ORGANIZED	PASTOR	PASTORATE BEGAN	SUPERINTENDENT	CLERK
Delmar	1883	L. A. Thomas	1937	Levin R. Lowe	C. J. Calhoun
Dover, First	1850	S. B. Hiley	1931	Edgar W. Buchanan	Wm. P. Forkum
Peoples, Hamilton Park	1931	Erbe P. Davis	1931	Arthur Leatherberry	Mrs. M. V. Ross
Holloway Terrace Mission		H. Coleman Lamb	1936	R. F. Paulette	Mrs. Florence I. Truax
Milford	1873	Clifford C. Greiner	1936	Harry Mathews	Clarence Lynch
New Castle	1876	G. F. Hanson	1923	Chas. H. Leib	Mrs. Flora A. Hewitt
Wilmington, Del. Ave.-Bethany	1932	Philip R. LiCalzi	1936	John Plummer	Miss Ella E. Martin
Wilmington, Ann Judson Memorial	1931	Paul E. Bowling	1935	J. I. Crossan	Mrs. Ethel McDowell
Wilmington, East	1856	H. G. Kuhl	1929	John Florick	Miss A. E. Ludwig
Wilmington, Second	1835	F. R. Baker	1929	C. F. Wells	Edgar Hare
Wilmington, Swedish	1889	M. A. Larson	1929	Evald Streed	J. I. Bergstrom
Minquadale Mission		Richard Ludtke		Richard Ludtke	Miss Ruth Wilson

