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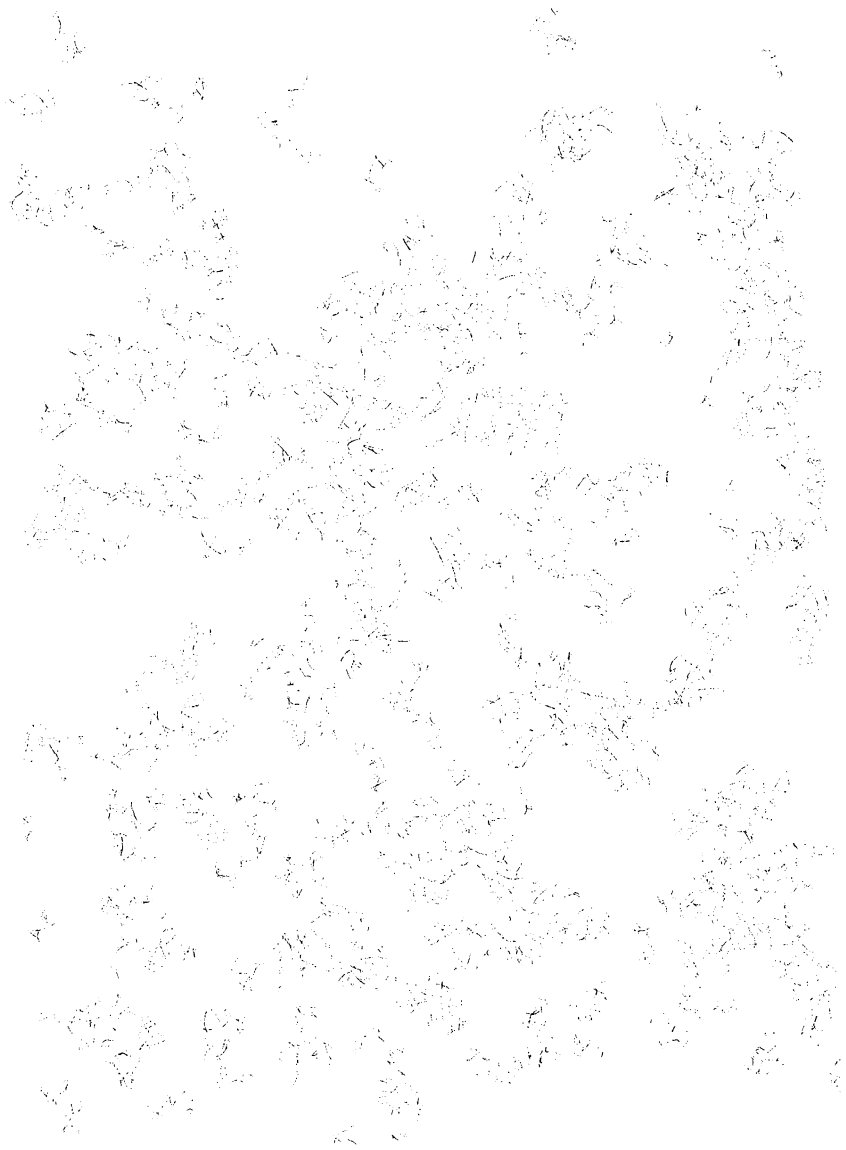
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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Delaware
Baptist State Convention

WITH THE

DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH

OF

DELMAR, DELAWARE

Thursday, May 11, 1939

(Being the Forty-sixth Anniversary of the Delaware Baptist Union
Association and the Sixty-first Anniversary of the Delaware
Baptist Union, the Parent Organization)



The Next Anniversary Will Be Held on Thursday, May 9, 1940, at
Second Baptist Church, Wilmington, Delaware



The Mid-Year Meeting Will Be Held on Thursday, November 9,
1939, at First Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware

THE TWENTY-THIRD 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. L. A. Thomas, Delmar, 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

Arthur M. Neal, 433 Geddes Street.....Wilmington, 1940
Frank M. RichardsonDover, 1940
Walter R. HopeWilmington, 1940
Charles H. LeibNew Castle, 1940
E. E. Borton, Citizen's Bank Bldg.....Wilmington, 1941
Richard Ludtke, MinquadaleWilmington, 1941
Mrs. Lizzie S. Wollaston, 1304 N. VanBuren Street.....Wilmington, 1941
Edward H. Porter, 1102 Brandon Lane.....Wilmington, 1941
James HansonWilmington, 1942
John H. Gilland, 608 Geddes Street.....Wilmington, 1942
Rev. E. P. Davis, Hamilton Park.....Wilmington, 1942
Ollie JohnsonDelmar, 1942

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Enrollment—Miss Mary A. Calhoun and Miss Maxine Elliott.

Place of Meeting—Miss Marion Gatley and Mrs. Willard Hinkle.

Resolutions—Mrs. C. Thorpe Martin, Mrs. J. Warner Mirrill and Rev. A. Pollard.

Nominations—Mr. Chas. Leib, Mr. Ollie Johnson and Rev. E. P. Davis.

Auditing—Mr. J. G. Crossan and Mr. M. A. Perkins.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND PROMOTION FOR 1939-1940

Rev. S. B. Hiley (Chairman), Mr. Everett E. Borton (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Albert Edge (Secretary), Mrs. Olin Carlisle, Rev. Clifford C. Greiner, Mrs. Charles Leib, Mrs. Thorpe Martin, Mrs. Edward H. Porter, Mrs. Norman Robertson.

EX OFFICIOS. Rev. F. Raymond Baker, Miss Ellen Samworth, Mrs. J. Ray Slawter, Mrs. Charles F. Wollaston.

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 the affairs of the Convention have been considered at regular meetings of the Board.

The Treasurer's report shows in detail the disbursement of the funds that have been received during the year. As in the preceding year, our funds have permitted continuing reduction on the debts covering the South Franklin Street Property and the Holloway Terrace Property. A major portion of the payments on the Calvery Church at Dover Building and Loan Mortgage have had to be paid out of our treasury. In slightly over one more year, the said mortgage will be wiped out by maturity of the Building and Loan shares.

The practice of recent years with reference to the Anne Semple fund has been continued, to wit: That of using the income as an addition to the principal thereof. Of course, this practice can be changed at any time upon the Trustees deciding upon a suitable use of the income.

The officers of the Board during the past year have been as follows:

Chairman	Walter R. Hope
Treasurer	Edward H. Porter
Secretary	Everett E. Borton

Mr. Hope has served as Chairman of our Board since his election as Trustee in 1932. He desires to retire from the Board at this time and accompanies this report with his resignation.

Submitted for the Board by

EVERETT E. BORTON, *Secretary*.

RESOLUTIONS

In that we, the Delaware Baptist State Convention, have set ourselves aside as a group having its loyalty centered in Jesus Christ, as workers with God and servants of men, do resolve:

(1) To do all within our power to promote and to support any movement or agency which genuinely seeks to build character and which endeavors to complete and make full, human personality.

This means: (A) That we will seek to assist "New American Groups" to become good citizens and that our Churches will include a place in their educational program for such groups. (B) That our Churches will co-operate with all others in promoting an educational program for the control and abolition of the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. (C) That we will discourage games of chance, such as: betting, lotteries, and all other general forms of gambling. We propose to advocate in the place of these types of amusement such sports and entertainments as are culturally beneficial and wholesome, morally constructive and physically strengthening. (D) This means, further, that we will seek to promote a clearer understanding between capital and labor. In bringing this to pass we help eliminate the need for strikes, low wages, excessively long hours of work, poor working conditions, poor housing conditions and to enable a more equitable distribution of the necessities of life.

In that these things have a direct bearing upon the development of character and personality, and in turn upon the Kingdom's work, we propose the adoption of this resolution.

(2) That, viewing with dismay the amount of secular business that is being conducted on the day, Sunday, that America has always regarded as a day of rest, and for those who desire, a day of worship:

Realizing that the use of the day for secular work began during the World War when a claim of necessity could be urged;

That today, with our beloved country at peace with all the world, we see no necessity for small stores to be open for business, for trucks journeying on our highways loaded with earth from excavations, with many types of raw materials, and with supplies and merchandise of various kinds that should have been provided in the six days that Holy Writ designates as the ones in which "Thou shalt do all thy work."

Knowing that the Day of Rest is essential to efficiency in labor for man and beast and equally essential as a day dedicated to worship of God for those who feel a call to worship;

Therefore, we beg our law makers to enforce the reasonable Sunday laws that are on our statute books without the degrading necessity of one citizen making complaint against his neighbor.

(3) Be it resolved that the Baptist Churches of Delaware declare their Christian position with regard to war. This means that we will not be passive in this matter, but that we will, among other things, exert our influence to prevent the sale of arms and munitions to warring nations, and that our attitude toward such nations will be that of reconciliation.

(4) Resolved: That we send a letter of appreciation to the National Broadcasting Company, expressing our thanks to them that they do not advertise alcoholic drinks in their programs. Also commending them for the fine religious and educational programs which they sponsor.

(5) Resolved: That we, as individual Churches and as a Convention, lend ourselves to greater evangelistic efforts, with the aim of guiding the growth of men and women into the Christian life.

(6) Resolved: That we give a rising vote of thanks to the hostess Church, to those who have prepared the fine meals for us, and to those who have assisted in making the program of this day worthwhile and inspiring.

MRS. C. THORPE MARTIN

MRS. W. J. MERRILL

ANTHONY POLLARD.

MINUTES OF CONVENTION

Delmar, Del., May 11, 1939.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Delaware Baptist State Convention was called to order in Delmar Baptist Church, Delmar, Del., by the President, Mr. J. Ray Slawter.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. L. A. Thomas, 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 for the Convention.

Greetings were extended from the Southern Baptist Convention by Mr. Stewart, of Salisbury, who also promised help in every way we need in starting Baptist work in Seaford, Del.

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

The Church letters were read.

Devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. S. B. Hiley, of Dover, and the Convention sermon was delivered by Rev. George F. Hanson, of New Castle, on the subject "Why be a Baptist."

Recess for dinner was taken at 12:45 P. M. Std. Time.

Morning attendance was 105.

The early part of the afternoon session was given over to the Women's Missionary Society. An interesting program was presented, and was featured by an address by Miss Jennie Anderson, of New York City.

The afternoon business session convened at 3:45 P. M. Std. Time. Several matters of business were taken up and disposed of, after which the members present listened with much interest to a talk on Evangelism by Rev. L. A. Murray, of Lansdale, Pa. This was followed by the nomination and election of officers. The Forum Hour was conducted by Rev. F. Raymond Baker, of Second Church, Wilmington, on the theme "Things that have worked in my Church."

Adjournment was taken at 6 P. M. Std. Time for supper.

Afternoon attendance was 121.

The evening session was called to order by the President, and heard reports of the Enrollment, Place of Meeting and Resolutions committees. The devotions were in charge of Rev. Anthony Pollard, of Judson Memorial Church, Wilmington.

This session was featured by an address by Rev. H. O. Wyatt, a Baptist Missionary to Burma.

After benediction the Convention adjourned at 9:10 P. M. Std. Time.

Evening attendance was 110.

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

April 29, 1939.

Balance on deposit, May 1, 1938:

In Equitable Trust Company	\$ 329.68	
In Wilmington Savings Fund	1,090.58	
(Mary C. Saulsbury Trust)		\$1,420.26
Received from Northern Baptist Convention.....	\$1,390.89	
Collections for Convention expenses	71.31	
Received from Calvary Church, Dover, for mortgage.....	40.00	
Received from Hamilton Park Church on mortgage loan:		
Interest	\$ 52.45	
On account of \$1,022.78 balance	292.55	
		345.00
Interest on Mary C. Saulsbury Trust to 12/31/38.....	38.48	
		1,885.68
		\$3,305.94

EXPENDITURES

Convention expenses, printing minutes, etc.	\$ 133.65	
Judson Memorial Church:		
Repairs	\$ 30.81	
Fire insurance	59.00	
Water rent	11.40	
Interest on mortgage	225.00	
Payments on \$3,800 mortgage	200.00	
		526.21
Holloway Terrace Church:		
Interest on mortgage	\$ 45.00	
Payments on \$800 mortgage	200.00	
Pastor	520.00	
Fire insurance	58.40	
		823.40
Less amounts paid by Church	265.23	
		558.17
Milford Church:		
Payments to pastor	260.00	

Calvary Church, Dover:

Building loan dues and interest	\$ 240.00	
Fire insurance	12.00	
		252.00
Women's Missionary Society for promotional work.....	50.00	
Stationery, postage and stenographic services for President	35.55	
		<u>1,815.58</u>
Balance on hand April 29, 1939		\$1,490.36
On deposit in Equitable Trust Company	\$ 361.30	
On deposit in Wilmington Savings Fund	1,129.06	
(Mary C. Saulsbury Trust)		<u>\$1,490.36</u>



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

April 29, 1939.

SUCCEEDING TRUSTEE UNDER WILL OF ANNE SEMPLE, DECEASED

Balance on deposit in Equitable Trust Company, May 1, 1938.....	\$ 19.94	
Received from Equitable Trust Company, Agent, net income from investments:		
July 15, 1938	\$ 335.41	
October 20, 1938	318.68	
January 16, 1939	280.51	
April 20, 1939	474.81	
	1,409.41	
		\$ 1,429.35

EXPENDITURES

Paid annual premium on surety bond	\$ 50.67	
Income reinvested in mortgages	1,240.04	
	1,290.71	
Balance on deposit in Equitable Trust Company, April 29, 1939.....	\$ 138.64	
The principal of the Anne Semple Fund is held by the Equitable Trust Company as Agent for Delaware Baptist State Convention, Inc., Trustee, and is invested as follows:		
Bonds and Mortgages	\$24,210.25	
Real Estate taken over under foreclosure	294.02	
Balance due on contract of sale for property taken over under foreclosure	1,121.68	
Principal uninvested	380.34	
	\$26,006.29	
April 30, 1938, Principal of the Trust Fund	\$24,766.25	
Income reinvested during year	1,240.04	
April 29, 1939, Principal of the Trust Fund	\$26,006.29	

COMPARISON OF "ANNE SEMPLE FUND" FOR THE TEN YEAR
PERIOD TO APRIL 29, 1939

May 1, 1929, Investments and Cash	\$17,177.25
Income received from investments for ten year period	11,077.34
Profit on sale of mortgage bond77
	\$28,255.36

EXPENDITURES

Surety bond premiums and costs of passing accounts....\$	568.60
Loss on mortgage foreclosure and sale of property	500.00
Books purchased for Howard High School library	1,041.83
	2,110.43
April 29, 1939, Total of Investments and Cash	\$26,144.93
April 29, 1939, Principal in hands of Equitable Trust Co.	\$26,006.29
April 29, 1939, Cash on deposit	138.64
	\$26,144.93



CHURCH LETTERS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Delmar, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

We have been looking forward to entertaining the Delaware State Convention in our Church and pray the Bonds of Fellowship may be stronger after meeting together again.

We have had a very good year both Spiritually and Financially, the attendance at morning services have been very good. The Sunday School average has held its own.

Through the cooperation of the members and friends we have been able to repair the roof and interior of the Church.

All other departments are functioning splendidly. We are praying the coming year may be much better.

We remain yours in Christ,

C. J. CALHOUN, *Clerk*.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Dover, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Reviewing the activities of the past year, we are pleased to report that, through the grace of God, the Spiritual life and progress of our Church has been surely and steadily pressing forward to reach the high calling that is in Christ Jesus.

Willing service and delightful fellowship have characterized our Church during the year.

Special emphasis has been laid upon the value and necessity of public worship for Spiritual development, and it has been encouraging to note the steady increase in the attendance at the morning and evening services.

Our various organizations are under efficient and progressive leadership, the results of their work are most helpful to the Church and a cause of thanksgiving.

The Church School has had its most successful year, with greatly increased attendance, especially in the Men's Class which has tripled its membership.

The Women's Missionary Society has had another successful year, meeting its full Missionary apportionment, and its White Cross quota.

The Ella Pierce Circle (Ladies' Aid) greatly enjoyed their work in caring for the interior of the Parsonage, keeping it in perfect repair.

The Easter services were a great inspiration, the congregation filled the Church to overflowing, at the evening service fourteen candidates were baptized.

We rejoice in that we have no debt and all bills paid.

However, our future problem is to find more room for our ever increasing Church School.

We report twenty-five baptisms for the year.

A wonderful spirit of harmony prevails in the Church, and with God's promised help we are looking forward with confidence to the accomplishment of even greater results during the coming year.

We pray God's richest blessing upon all the Churches and all the sessions of our Convention.

COMMITTEE.

PEOPLE'S BAPTIST CHURCH
Hamilton Park, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Another year has past, and records the Christian Service of our Church and that we are united by the Spirit of God, always striving for the soul of men to redeem.

On April 15, our Mission and present Church was organized twenty-two years ago, thirteen years at Hazel, Del., and nine years at People's Baptist Church, Hamilton Park. We have tried to take care of the needy of our neighborhood, the sick, and the fallen. Our Prayer meetings are well attended and with spiritual discernment. Robert Frazer and party conducted revival services, beginning March 28 to April 2, which was enjoyed spiritually.

There was three baptized, one joining with us. We have gained six new members this year, one by baptism, three by letter, one by experience and one restoration. There was three babies dedicated, two on Easter Sunday and one the following Sunday. We look back to the empty places left by those

who have gone on before us with the knowledge that they have now a life eternal.

Our financial condition is good, and the mortgage is now seven hundred thirty dollars and twenty-three cents (\$730.23). We have distributed several penny-a-meal banks among our members and community, which we know will in time liquidize our mortgage sooner.

The Church has enrolled ninety-nine (99) members and have about one-half regular attendance, some have moved away but are still satisfied to be united with us. Our Sunday School has one hundred and five (105) scholars, with the attendance ranging from sixty-five (65) to ninety (90). The departments of the school are cradle roll, beginners, boy's primary, girl's primary, boy's junior, girl's junior, boy's intermediate, girl's intermediate, young people's class, ranging from sixteen (16) to twenty (20) years, and the Bible class. The organized Bible class does great work in defraying incidental expenses. Erby Davis, Jr., is president of the Christian Endeavor Society. There are forty (40) members enrolled with the attendance varying from fifteen (15) to thirty-five (35) on Sunday evenings. The Ladies' Aid does its part in assisting in the work of the Church.

We feel that we are led by the Spirit of the Lord in doing his will, and do ask an interest in your prayers that we may still go forward.

HOLLOWAY TERRACE BAPTIST MISSION
New Castle, Delaware

To the Delaware Baptist State Convention:

The Holloway Terrace Baptist Mission sends greetings of love and fellowship to all our brethren in Delaware, and herewith submit our report of work for the year ending April 30, 1939.

We began the year, May 1, 1938, under the leadership of our new student pastor, Mr. R. C. Paulette, who succeeded Mr. Coleman Lamb our pastor of the past two years. Worship services were held each Sunday during the year meeting in the morning during the summer months and in the evening during the winter with an average attendance of 38.

During the year there were five baptisms, all adults. The baptismal service held early in the morning in the Delaware River at Battery Park was one of the highlights of the year. Other services of note were the Thanksgiving service and Easter service both of which were held at an early morning hour and proved very effective. The candle light installation service for the officers of the two young people's societies was also very impressive. Children's Day was observed on the third Sunday in June with a combined Sunday

school and worship service dedicated to the home. All in all this proved one of the best services of the year. On the first Sunday in February we exchanged choirs with the Judson Memorial Church, a large number of our people attended their morning service and many from their congregation coming to our service in the evening. This fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

Special services were held during the week preceding Easter with special speakers from Crozer Seminary on each night from Tuesday through Friday. These services were well attended and the general spiritual tone of our people was greatly improved by them.

Sunday School. This branch of our work has never been in such a healthy condition. All during the summer the attendance was maintained at a consistently high level, and during the winter months it has been the greatest ever known. Last fall we organized a cradle roll department and now have a number of infants on our roll. In February and March we held a leadership training course for teachers and officers. Mr. Frank Lovett, of the Publication Society and a student at Crozer Seminary taught the book, *New Trails for the Christian Teacher*. A total of nine were awarded credit on the course and as many more attended part or all of the sessions. This work is helping us to blaze some new trails in our Sunday school work. Much credit is due Miss Ella Burris and her able staff who are maintaining an excellent program of instruction in the Primary and Beginner's Departments.

Young People. We are very proud of our two thriving young people's societies. Resuming this work last fall we organized into two groups dividing them at age sixteen. The junior group has maintained an attendance equal to that of last year with an average of a little better than twenty. The older group with an average attendance of twelve has maintained a fine program all through the winter. Both groups affiliated with the state and national organizations of Christian Endeavor. A more complete outline of their work will be found in the report of the planning conference herewith enclosed. On outside activities, the Senior Christian Endeavor has accumulated \$48.60. This society has purchased and installed new brass plates for the vestibule doors of our Church. In the near future the members of this society plans to purchase many more accessories for the improvement of the entire Church building.

Physical Improvements. The most noteworthy improvement to the building during the past year was done in the basement. This rather damp and drab place has been transformed into a pleasant place of meeting for the Primary Department of our Sunday School; the Senior Christian Endeavor, and all week-day meetings. The side walls were resurfaced to stop all leakage. For this work we are greatly indebted to Mr. Harvey Burris who gave his time and work on this job. Under the leadership of our Board of Trustees we contracted for the laying of a wooden floor. This job was completed

adding greatly to the appearance and healthfulness of the basement. The basement was wired for better lighting at cost of materials only; Mr. Cathell, Mr. Truax and Mr. Green donating the work. A number of sturdy seats were entrusted to our keeping by the Grange which recently sold its quarters. These were refinished by Mr. Green, our sexton, who devoted all his time for the space of about two months to such improvements about the Church. Mr. Green also refinished some of our old pews for use in the basement and choir lofts. The Holloway Terrace Fire Department donated a reading desk to the Senior Christian Endeavor and this was placed in the basement. A good piano to replace the old one, in the basement was donated by Mrs. Hitchens through the efforts of Miss Ella Burris. Mr. Smith donated an electric pump which was installed by Mr. Hardy at no cost to the Mission thus saving us the monthly water bill.

The lock on the Church door was repaired by Mr. Green, while the Senior Christian Endeavor donated and installed new brass door plates on the swinging vestibule doors. This partial list will serve to indicate the improvements which have been made to our physical equipment. We hope during the coming year to be able to provide a method for separating the different Sunday School classes and may even have to search for more room if our school continues to grow as anticipated. Mr. Legg and his senior boy's class painted the outside and varnished the inside of the Church which improved the appearance of our Church greatly.

The finances of the Holloway Terrace Baptist Mission for the past year was as follows:

\$108.78	Balance 5/8/38
666.73	Total Recorded
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775.51	
653.41	Total Expenses
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\$122.10	Balance in Treasury 5/5/39

Our outstanding bills are to the Morris Plan Bank \$100.00 to be paid monthly for lumber used in the basement.

Report of Missionary Society—The Missionary Society is doing splendid work with a membership of 44. It has accomplished its quota for the past year in addition to sending toys and gifts to the children in the foreign fields. The members of the society are striving to read at an average of three books a year in addition to their magazines, journals, and pamphlets on foreign missions.

Fifty Sunshine calls are made a month and cards and flowers are sent to the sick in our community.

A Missionary Program is presented each month, acted out by members of the society. The treasurer's report up to date is \$3.27. The members have

recently paid \$5.00 toward the Judson Fellowship Fund. We have a mite box offering which averages about \$20.00 a year.

Planning Conference—On the afternoon of December 11th, we held a conference of all our officers and workers to plan the work for 1939. This conference was marked by enthusiasm and confidence, and is showing results in our work at the present time. Following is a report of this conference. Most of the more definite objectives have already been accomplished.

PLANNING CONFERENCE

Holloway Terrace Baptist Church

December 11, 1938

This conference called to consider and plan for the work of the church for the year 1939. The following notations are from the reports of the leaders of the various departments of the work and the discussions of the group.

Sunday School—Promotion Day. One present problem is that of promotion. It has been the custom to promote scholars on the day following their respective birthdays (the Sunday following). This often is unsatisfactory for the pupil and for the class which he is entering. It was the general consensus of opinion that there should be definite times for promotion at which time there would be several scholars who could be promoted together. After some discussion it was decided that for the coming year, at least, we would have two promotion Sundays, these to be the last Sunday in January and the second Sunday in June. This latter date being the regular time for the observance of Children's Day seemed a very appropriate time.

Teacher Training—The need and desire for courses for teachers was indicated. The pastor was requested to arrange for a Leadership Training Course during the month of February, the classes to be held each Friday night during the month.

Literature—The uniform lessons are to be continued, with the possibility of setting them aside for one quarter in Mrs. Hirzel's class for a course on "How We Got Our Bible." Such procedure being permissible for other classes, of course, provided that notice is given the Treasurer to prevent an excessive order of literature.

Christmas—The date for this year's Christmas program was set for Friday, December 23rd, at seven o'clock in the evening. The program being already in state of preparation. Mr. Givvons was instructed to purchase candy canes and oranges for distribution to the children.

Missionary Work—A continuation of the regular program of gifts and white cross work was announced. The pastor was requested to obtain one of the seminary students from a foreign field to speak at one of the regular worship services.

Treasurer—A present balance of \$144.73 was reported. The pastor announced that weekly envelopes had been provided and were then ready for distribution. All members were urged to make use of them as well as the pledge cards contained in the box with them.

Trustees—The first project to be undertaken, one that is already arranged for is the placing of a floor in the basement. It is hoped that some plan for dividing this space so that more classes can meet on this floor can be devised.

Report was also made of the water-proofing of the basement. The work on this project was done by Mr. Harvey Burris as a donation, the church paying for material only.

The installation of a pump to furnish water was reported. This pump was donated by Mr. Smith and installed by Mr. Hardy at no cost to the church.

The church voted letters of thanks to Mr. Burris, Mr. Smith and Mr. Hardy.

Christian Endeavor—Special Good Deed for the Church

- A. 25% of C. E. offerings are turned over to the church Treasury.
- B. Will buy small accessories for church needs.
- C. Two members will assist in taking offering at worship service.
- D. Alternation of special music.
- E. Decorate the church for special occasions.

Special Service.

- A. Easter.
- B. Candle light installation service (in the fall).
- C. Christmas.
- D. Last Sunday evening in May request to have charge of the worship service.

Organized Personal Work.

- A. Charity—baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- B. Visiting.
- C. Social activities.
 - 1. Covered dish suppers.
 - 2. Bakes and soup sales.
 - 3. Parties.

Relationship to State and National Christian Endeavor. Once every two months visit another society or have another group as guests. 15% of offerings contributed to State and National C. E.

Missions. To be fostered through programs and contribution of 10% of offerings.

Membership. Will endeavor to enlist other young people in the work.

Discussions and debates to be held the first Sunday in every month.

Pastor—The pastor announced his desire to have a Vacation Church School and the conference gave its approval indicating willingness to cooperate.

The series of services during the week preceding Easter are planned again. The intention being to coordinate them with a decision day in the Sunday School.

It is hoped that this year will see our mission regain its status as a church. The constitutional committee will resume its work and present a constitution for adoption in the near future.

The pastor announced his intention to spend the summer months on the field, finances permitting.

The work of the past year has been a pleasure for the pastor. The people have co-operated beautifully, and whatever has been accomplished is due to their faithfulness and energetic service. With God's help we should make great advances in the year that lies ahead. We ask your prayers as we step forward into new fields of achievement.

We enclose \$5.00 for the printing of the minutes.

Faithfully yours,
R. C. PAULETTE,
Student Missionary Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Milford, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

It is with great pleasure and thanksgiving that we review the work of the past year and with a greater outlook for the upbuilding of the church and of Christ's work in all of its branches. We have made some increase numerically both in membership and attendance. We have also progressed in other ways.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was conducted with good results. The children look forward to it each year with interest. The Episcopal Church very kindly volunteered the use of their Parish Hall. This additional space was utilized and increased the efficiency of the school.

The Philathea Class and Missionary Society has continued faithfully their good work, helping in many ways both in the church and outside. The Class placed a dozen Bibles in the New Milford Memorial Hospital for the use of the patients.

We have increased our gifts to Missions including the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient. The church also contributed to the fund for retired ministers and widows.

Our Bible School officers and teachers have been giving the Gospel message to the best of their ability. The efforts of the teachers, our beloved Pastor, and the blessings of Jesus Christ have made possible five baptisms from the School. We have had an increase in Bible School enrollment and attendance.

The Pastor started a Bible Book of the Month Club. To those who sign a pledge to read a book of the New Testament during the month a copy of the portion is given. The sermons on Sunday are being preached from the Bible book of the month.

The invitation has been extended often in the church services. Five have joined the church by baptism, four by experience.

Our finances are in good order, with all bills paid and money raised to redecorate the outside of the church building. The members are still giving sacrificially for the support of the Lord's work.

We have continued to have prayer meetings every week with a good attendance and the Spirit in evidence.

For the coming year we ask an interest in your prayers that we may be faithful and go forward to do greater work in serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours prayerfully in Him,

CLARENCE LYNCH, *Church Clerk.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New Castle, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

The blessing of the Lord has been upon us the past year.

The Word has been preached, and though we report no additions to the church, the Word says, "My words shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereto I send it." Perhaps the harvest is not yet ready for the reaping. Several members of the Bible School have stood before the school, showing a desire to unite with the church, but whose parents are of other denominations, and whose consent it not yet given. We hope, in due time, to receive them.

The church auditorium has undergone much improvement, namely, enlarging the pulpit platform, new pulpit lights, recarpeting, and new Bibles placed in the pews, and new electric sign erected at the entrance to the church. The Men's League furnished most of the money for the platform,

assisted by the different organizations, and gave their services. They also, improved greatly, the vestibule, having linoleum laid.

The Trustees re-wired the cellar, giving their services.

The Bibles were given by the different organizations, Sunday School classes, and individuals.

The church bought a Bible to put in the waiting room of each doctor's and dentist's office in New Castle.

Our Board of Deacons, eight in number, assist the Pastor in communion services, and take charge of any service in the absence of the Pastor. They also make many calls on sick, in homes and Wilmington hospitals. They distributed food, clothing and medicine to needy, and contributed through the church, money to the Minister's Benefit Board. They invited The League of Many Nations to our church March 22nd, entertaining them in the homes of members. We feel the church was spiritually benefited by their coming.

At the invitation to follow Jesus, thirty or more young people responded, so we feel our efforts were well spent.

The Sunday School has grown in number, and teachers and pupils are faithful. It was through the efforts of the School that Bibles were put in the pews. They also assisted in other improvements.

Under the direction of the Deacons, an Easter Sunrise Service was held at the Delaware Street wharf, which was enjoyed by a large number. The other churches were invited to attend.

One Beginner was called to be with Jesus.

The Ladies' Aid led in re-carpeting the church, also did repairing at parsonage, and paid a good sum on the parsonage mortgage.

A Children's World Crusade was organized and took great pleasure in preparing a quota for the foreign field, also sent an offering.

The Women's Missionary Society gave several programs in the church, filled two quotas (and will finish a third) for missionary fields, and conducted a Mission Study Class, which was very helpful. They joined with the other churches in observing the Day of Prayer, the service being in charge of the Episcopal group.

Money in the Mite Boxes was sent to missions.

281 sunshine calls were made and 67 cards sent out.

The church lost one by death, one who had been a member more than thirty years, Mrs. Hanna Lunt.

The Missionary Committee for the Sunday School had four programs during the year.

DELAWARE AVENUE-BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

After another successful year in the service of the Lord, the Delaware Avenue-Bethany Baptist Church sends greetings and prays that His Spirit might be guiding the sessions of the Convention.

God has abundantly blessed us in our worship services both morning and evening and in our mid-week prayer and Bible Study service.

Our worship services have been greatly supplimented by a consecrated choir which has glorified the Lord in song.

The Church School is working under efficient Christian leadership with the object of further spreading the Gospel. A great number of our teachers have availed themselves for the second year of our Teachers' Training School.

The B. Y. P. U. is becoming a vital part of our church life with very interesting meetings and an extensive program.

The Gospel Team of the church has conducted very interesting and spiritually uplifting meetings in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

We now have two students at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. One is in the second year and one is in the first year, with another one entering in the fall, all of whom are studying for the ministry. One of our young ladies will enter Columbia Bible College, South Carolina, in September, to become a home missionary. Our Scholarship Fund for these students is steadily increasing.

Our chapel has just recently been painted along with the ladies' lavatory which has also been enlarged. New curtains have been secured for the entire first floor of the church building.

In our building program for the coming year, we hope to renovate the exterior of the building, especially the tower.

The Women's Missionary Society is a very active organization in our church. During the past year they have sent many white cross boxes and have contributed to the Judson Fellowship Fund.

For over a year we have been following a new system for admitting members to our church. Since it was so widely divergent from most systems used by Baptist Churches, we, in the beginning, thought it to be a bold experiment, but since we have already enjoyed many outstanding benefits as a result of it, we feel certain that the Lord led us in this step.

Again we, as a church, thank God for the many blessings He had bestowed on us.

Signed

THELMA M. CANNON
MARGARET H. MARTIN

JUDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Another year of our church work has past and during that time many progressive activities have taken place. We are happy in the Christian fellowship and association with our new Pastor, Anthony Pollard, and Mrs. Pollard. We are proud to announce that a Junior Choir has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Pollard and Miss Lavina Crossan. They are doing a splendid work. New vestments have been provided for them also new hymn books for the church.

The young people started a B. Y. P. U. with two groups, Junior and Senior, holding services on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

The missionary program of the church has been carried on in a manner that may seem small to some, but we feel it is a beginning to larger things. Our contribution for the work has been forwarded. Much spiritual comfort and cheer and financial help has been given to folks in the church and community and we are thankful that we could help along these lines. The White Cross quota was doubled.

The Sunday School is progressing in all departments, the average attendance being 65. We are looking forward to having a thoroughly organized Sunday School soon. We have been able to meet all financial obligations in the church and Sunday School. No new members have been received nor have any been dismissed, but we are not discouraged. Many plans are being considered for our future work, one of them being to conduct a Vacation Bible School if conditions permit. Mr. Pollard is sincere in his efforts to maintain that spirit of Christian fellowship in the community where it is needed so much. We feel there is a great work to be done here and we are striving to do it successfully. We ask your prayers be with us and with God willing pray that this church become a beacon light on the hill where it is established.

Respectfully submitted
MRS. ETHEL McDOWELL, Clerk.

EAST BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Under the leadership of our Pastor Rev. H. G. Kuhl, we are truly grateful to God for the blessings of the past year.

On June 6th, 1938, we were privileged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Miss Mary Sasse one of our oldest members' reception into Church membership. This was indeed a rare occasion and one we will ever remember.

All organizations of the church are active. We particularly mention our Sunday School which has grown considerably since the first of the year. This was due to an attendance contest with another Sunday School in our conference.

As our church is very badly in need of general repairs we have adopted the "Penny-a-Meal" boxes to help defray this expense.

We have added three to our membership during the past year, one by letter and two on Christian experience.

We regret the loss of one of our oldest members who has passed on to her reward.

We pray that the blessing of the Heavenly Father may be upon all of our Churches during the coming year.

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

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

In reviewing the work of our church for the year from January 1, 1938, to December 31, 1938, we feel that it has been one of the most encouraging, in many respects, in our history.

During the year our membership was increased by baptism, 10; by letter, 20; total increase 30. Decrease by death, 6; by letter, 11; placed on inactive roll, 19; total decrease 36; leaving 501 on our active roll the first of the present year.

During the past year we have lost through death the following members:

Mrs. J. F. Hyde died April 8th
Mrs. J. E. Blackburn died June 1st
Mrs. J. R. Farra died July 15th
Miss Esther R. Evans died October 15th
Mr. Wm. G. Mahaffy died December 5th
Mrs. O. H. Beardslee died December 12th

all members of several years' standing.

Our mortgage campaign for a little over \$21,000.00, which was started December 1, 1935, was brought to a successful conclusion during April of this year, the amount paid during 1938 being \$6,384.25, which is shown on statistical report herewith. Reports for previous years should have shown the amounts received during those years, viz.,

1935—\$ 600.00
1936— 7316.50
1937— 5005.50

Total contributions to Missions were \$2,531.48, and came from the following: Church envelopes, \$1,965.17; Ann Judson Society, \$375.00; Judson Fellows, \$45.00; Sunday School, \$80.00; Church Fellowship Fund, \$47.81; World Wide Guild, \$18.50.

The Ann Judson Society, under the able direction of Mrs. Arthur H. Wilkins, has 130 members and has not only contributed to Missions the \$420.00 mentioned above, but has done White Cross work amounting to approximately \$125.00, helped a needy family, contributed to migrant work and helped refit a missionary—in all amounting to over \$200.00 additional. They have worked untiringly along the lines of missionary education for themselves and others, putting on pageants, securing outstanding speakers in the Baptist missionary field and attending conventions and meetings in the interest of missionary education and work.

The men of the Church for over eighteen months have had a dinner meeting once a month, with outstanding speakers on their programs, and an average attendance of 35 members. Many new men have been brought into the church through this work, headed by Mr. Arthur Jarvis and Dr. Robert W. Maxwell.

For the very little people we have a Junior Church, a Children's Church Hour and a Junior Choir, all of which are well attended and stimulate interest among the little folks.

The B. Y. P. U., with a membership of 18, and the Sunday Evening Club, with a membership of 33, have had interesting and profitable meetings, and the World Wide Guild, with a membership of 18, carries out, as a junior group, work along the lines of the Ann Judson activities.

Our three choirs, under the leadership the first part of the year of Mr. Eugene Schramm, and later that of Miss Jean Cochran, have done excellent work and contributed much to the enjoyment of the church service.

At our annual business meeting in January of this year the church extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Edgar Hare, the retiring Church Clerk, for his faithful services over the past three years, and re-elected Mr. Everett E. Borton Church Treasurer for the 10th consecutive year.

The past year has been most encouraging and the present year has started out well, with an increase in membership to the present time of 27. On Easter Sunday morning nine were baptised and on the following Sunday 20 were received into membership—one a man 89 years of age.

For the thirty Sundays from October 1, 1937, through April 23, 1938, the church attendance averaged 181 persons; for the corresponding period from October, 1938, through April, 1939, the average was 206—an increase of 14%.

We send Christian greetings to our sister churches.

JENNIE H. PLISH, *Church Clerk*,
(Mrs. Walter Plish)

FIRST SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Since the last meeting of the Delaware State Baptist convention held a year ago, our church has had a very busy and active year in the work for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

In the early part of the year our church was completely renovated outside and in, and a new pipe organ was installed, and on June 1st we rededicated our renovated church to the service of the Master with a fitting program.

In June we entertained the Swedish Baptist General Conference of America and session started June 22nd in the P. S. DuPont High School.

In the fall of the year we engaged the services of Evangelist J. C. Broomfield of Monmouth, Ill., who held extra meetings for 2 weeks with inspiring messages filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number of souls openly confessed that they had been born again.

In January of this year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of our church by early Swedish pioneers in 1889, this celebration lasted from the 10th until the 15th of January, with a number of visiting pastors who had served our church in the past.

Two of our members have died during the past year, Brother Nils Anderson died in December, he had been Vice Chairman of our church for 40 years and Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years, and on April 6th Mrs. Anna Leaf died, both of these have been life long members of our church.

We are blest with a fine Sunday School, Young Peoples Society, and Ladies' Missionary Society all who are for the cause of the Kingdom of Christ.

Our Church now has a membership of 128, enrolled in our Sunday School 178, the Young People's Society membership is 65 and the Ladies' Missionary Society 43.

We will continue to work for the Master until that day when he calls us home.

Yours in the Service of the Master

G. E. BERGSTROM, *Church Clerk.*

MINQUADALE BAPTIST MISSION
Minquadale, Delaware

Dear Brethren:

Continued activities vouch for the love of God toward the Minquadale Baptist Mission. A year that was unrivaled by any previous concludes with the urgent necessity of numerous essentials, mainly an adequate place of assembly. Worthy of note is the increase in finances, although expenditures have increased accordingly.

Sunday evening worship in the form of Vesper services have continued successfully since commencing July 24, 1938. Pastors, selected preacher Laymen and others from the conventions churches in Wilmington and vicinity aided immensely in inaugurating this dignified worship.

Among our activities are the Sunday School with its five classes, and our pastor Richard Ludtke, Superintendent; Sunday Evening Vesper services; the Iris Club, a young people's society; the Helping Hands, a junior group; efforts to organize a Boy Scout Troop; and a mid-week special instruction period in the scripture and Christian work.

May God's love continue to bless His children.

Yours sincerely,

MAY LASAGE, *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	Erby P. Davis	1931	Arthur Leatherbery	Mrs. M. V. Ross
Holloway Terrace Mission	—	R. C. Paulette	1938	Wm. Stierle	Mrs. Florence I. Truax
Milford, First	1873	Clifford C. Greiner	1935	Harry Matthews	A. C. Howe
New Castle, First	1876	G. F. Hanson	1923	Chas. H. Leib	Mrs. Flora A. Hewitt
Wilmington, Del. Ave. Bethany	—	Philip R. Licalzi	1936	John F. Plummer	Thelma M. Cannon
Wilmington, Judson Memorial	1931	Anthony Pollard	1938	J. Irvin Crossan	Mrs. Ehel McDowell
Wilmington, East	1856	H. G. Kuhl	1929	John Florick	Miss A. E. Ludwig
Wilmington, Second	1835	F. R. Baker	1929	H. K. Lockhart	Mrs. Jennie H. Plish
Wilmington, First Swedish	1889	M. A. Larson	1929	Evald Streed	G. E. Bergstrom
Minquadale, Mission	—	Richard Ludtke	—	Richard Ludtke	May LaSage

