

1928. It is the earliest Methodist record we have yet received. The Chapel was located in Dorchester Circuit, which was organized in 1780, and it is the second oldest in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The charter and deed of the Chapel property are recorded in this volume.

Further light on the early history of Methodism is shed by the proceedings of the Convention of Reformers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Baltimore in 1827. The Reformers were concerned about certain phases of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church and, eventually, they established the Methodist Protestant Church.

As in the past, however, most of the records acquired were those of Protestant Episcopal congregations. The records of All Saints' Parish in Frederick County have been extraordinarily well preserved. The Parish Register covers over 200 years, the only gap occurring during and after the Revolution when the Parish Church was inactive.

Civil War "buffs" will find several of the items received from private sources of particular interest. Through the courtesy of Senator William S. James of Harford County, we were permitted to make photocopies of a poignant letter from Mary A. Ash to her brother, Amos, who was going off to war, and another letter written by Private Amos Dunbar to his aunt, in which he describes the tedium and discomfort of war, although it was occasionally enlivened by bursts of action such as the destruction of the *Cumberland* and the *Congress* by the *Merrimac*, which Dunbar witnessed while in camp at Newport News. Daily accounts of the last days of the War may be read in the issues of *The New York Herald* that were deposited by the Reverend and Mrs. Leslie L. Fairfield.

The entries in the Ledger of West and Wilmot, 1774-1781, disclose that these merchants dealt with Charles Willson Peale, Anne Catherine Green, Gabriel Duvall and other prominent residents of Annapolis. The Ledger was deposited by Mr. and Mrs. Seeley T. Feldmeyer.

A number of items were added to our collection of *Bible* records. Photostatic copies were made of entries relating to the Bowen, Buckler,