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ANNUAL CONFERENCES
AND OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
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ERRATA.

KANSAS CONFERENCE: The name of H. D. Kelley should appear in the committee on publications.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE: The statistical table should read; Corinth, Glens Falls, etc., Pastor's Receipts, \$170.00; Chairman's Receipts, \$24.65.

The answer to Disciplinary Question 21, should read \$260.00, instead of \$400.00; and the answer to question 23 is \$235.46, instead 83.68, this last sum being the amount raised for delegates' expenses.

In the list of appointments Oswego should be added to the Syracuse District.



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PROSPECTUS.

In presenting this, the first issue of the CONFERENCE RECORD, it will not be necessary for the publisher to enter into a detailed description of what this journal is expected to do. A perusal of this issue will give the subscriber a better idea of its worth than the most minute description. We expect, however, to be able to make subsequent numbers more presentable and interesting than this one. During the time while the fall conferences are in progress, our space will not admit of much matter besides conference reports, but when these are over the RECORD will be devoted to the discussion of such subjects as will be useful in preparing for conference, such as compil-

ing reports, taking collections, preparation of statistics, etc.

The value of such a journal will be obvious to all who will give the question a thought, and will be more and more obvious as the utility of the publication is practically demonstrated.

It will be a monthly periodical, and the subscription price will be ONLY ONE DOLLAR per year, fifty cents for six months. We already have a fair subscription list, and hope to add to it many names each month. We will print several thousand copies of the first issue, and each subscriber will be supplied with back numbers until they are exhausted.

T. B. ARNOLD, Publisher.

SOME IMPORTANT DO NOTS.

Do not neglect the collections ordered by your conference until the last quarter of the conference year.

Do not fail to take some one or more of the collections ordered by your conference, and then expect a collection to be taken at conference to make up the deficiency occasioned by your neglect.

Do not expect your delegate to give his time, give liberally to the collections taken at conference, and bring up a balance on his own ex-

penses besides. Raise the full amount and something over for incidentals.

Do not neglect to take a collection because your personal sympathies are not with the object for which it is ordered. The fact that your conference or the General Conference has ordered it should be a sufficient incentive to do your duty.

Do not wait until you get to conference before you make out your report. It will be called for as soon as conference is organized, and

should be ready so that the secretary may be able to get his statistical report made up before conference closes. Report blanks are always on hand and will be furnished *free* at this office.

Do not fail to meet your classes at the time appointed, the day before conference convenes. Whether you are an examiner or are to be examined, you should be on hand.

Do not preface your report of your work for the year by stating what a bad condition you found the circuit in when you went to it. This reflects unfavorably on your predecessor, and will not increase Christian fellowship or tend to growth in grace.

Do not go to conference merely because the Discipline requires it, or to see the brethren, but go to gain instruction, grow in grace and receive a special anointing of the Holy Ghost. To this end, pray much before going and while in attendance.

Do not be discouraged if you are sent to a small, poor, or difficult circuit. Remember you are called of God to preach, and to do the work of a pastor. That means you are called to conquer difficulties, obtain victories, and succeed in the work. If you do not see through, keep before the Lord until your faith penetrates the gloom and you see your triumph from afar and by faith bring it nigh.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

Remember that no amount of study, education, reading or painstaking can compensate for the want of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. While ministers are overseers of the flock they are placed, *ex officio*, under great obligation to be ensamples to the flock; and while the outward deportment and walk are important, they should, above all things, be examples of men possessed of deep spirituality.

Remember that you cannot make your pulpit efforts effective without you supplement them with much pastoral visiting. You will know the people better, and will be able to decide more accurately the special truths demanded, after you have visited their homes as their pastor.

They will feel that you have a personal interest in their spiritual welfare if you talk with them personally of their experience, and carry them, in the arms of your active faith, to God in prayer. Further, while you endeavor to water others your own soul will be watered. You can not neglect this important adjunct of pastoral work, and have the success which you ought to have or the clearness of personal experience that you may have while devoting yourself to this work.

Remember that as surely as a poor preacher may improve in his pulpit effort by prayerful study and practice, so a poor pastoral visitor may attain success by devoting himself conscientiously to his work. Every

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

other branch of work is improved by experience, and this is no exception. Christ taught by the wayside and also in the homes where he was made a welcome guest. You should, in your work, be *as your Master*. Seek every opportunity to win souls. Thus labor may be rest, and toil may be sweet, because the benediction of the Holy One will rest on you, and souls will be led to the sanctuary and to the fountain of cleansing.

Remember if you are pure in heart self-seeking will have no place in you. You will not ask for the left or right hand seat nearest the Saviour, nor seek the best places in his earthly church. The one who commissioned you to preach his gospel said to his disciples, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." Perfect humility was one of his characteristics; let it possess you, my brother. Only in humility can you glorify God.

Remember that if you neglect the souls of the children you are neglecting the most promising members of your flock. The children are observant and know intuitively who is interested in their souls and who is not. The Spirit notices them, visits them, woos them, says to them "This is the way, walk ye in it;" why should not you be a co-worker

with him in their salvation? In your pastoral visitations remember the children; find *the favorable opportunity* to speak to them of their souls' salvation and pray for them. They can be won. They will see in you Christ's representative, and if you are holy, harmless and vigilant you will garner them for the skies. Let us ask God for the children.

If one of you be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such an one. Jesus commanded this. The spiritual are to restore the erring. Now if the erring are left to perish, are not restored, is there not reason to fear that there is a sad decay of spirituality?

Remember that there is no promise to the sluggard—except that he shall beg in harvest and have nothing; but there are precious promises to God's faithful ministers. To those who go into all the world (wheresoever he sends them) at his command, Jesus promises "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." "He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Brother, are you one of his weeping ministers? Then you have the promise of sheaves.



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held at Centerville, Catahoula Parish,
Louisiana, February 26-28, 1886.

OFFICERS.

J. A. BIGGS, President. C. MATTENLEY, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—I. R. Adams, J. J. McKeithen, R. M. Walker.

On Publishing Minutes—Secretary.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—J. J. McKeithen.

On Education—I. R. Adams, C. Mattenley, J. A. Biggs.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—I. R. Adams, A. J. McKeithen.

On General Superintendents' Claim—J. J. McKeithen.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—A. J. McKeithen.

First Year—David Day.

Second Year—C. Mattenley.

Third Year—C. Mattenley.

Fourth Year—J. A. Biggs.

On Education—J. A. Biggs, I. R. Adams, C. Mattenley.

On Missions—A. J. McKeithen, C. Mattenley.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

J. A. Biggs,
David Day,
J. C. Pierce,

C. Mattenley,
A. J. McKeithen,
C. W. Roberts,

J. D. Byars,
R. M. Walker.

DELEGATES.

J. J. McKeithen,
S. T. McDonald,

I. R. Adams,

A. C. McDonald.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. A. Biggs, C. Mattenley, I. R. Adams.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. T. McDonald.

4. Who remain on trial? N. T. Holcomb.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. M. Walker, C. W. Roberts, J. C. Pierce.

6. Who are the deacons? R. M. Walker, C. W. Roberts, J. C. Pierce, F. Yarborough (a local deacon).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? David Day, A. J. McKeithen.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. D. Byars.

10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their characters were considered and passed.
13. Who have died this year? None.
- 14-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, etc.? Conference decided that the amount of \$15.00 be raised on the circuits toward the support of J. D. Byars.
22. What sum is necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference? On motion it was decided that on account of our financial circumstances we decline the election of a delegate to represent us at the General Conference to be held in Michigan, in October, 1886.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall the next session of our conference be held? The following were appointed a committee to decide where the conference should be held: J. A. Biggs, C. Mattenley, David Day. The time was left to be set by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Four sessions of this conference were held. Brother B. T. Roberts not being present, Brother J. A. Biggs was elected president.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education, recommend that the conference adopt the following resolutions:

1. That we, as a conference, use our endeavors to establish a school on the following basis, namely, on \$20.00 shares, allowing any person to take half or whole shares.
2. That this conference elect a committee to frame a constitution and draft by-laws for the control and government of said school.
3. That the school be under the supervision of the conference, and subject to such changes as it may deem proper to make at its annual sessions.
4. That the school be taught by religious teachers and be under strict religious discipline.
5. That each member of this conference do all in his power to bring about a speedy organization of this school by soliciting patronage and financial aid.

II.—ON SUPERANNUATED FUND.

Amount raised for Brother J. D. Byars..... \$40 00

APPOINTMENTS.

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT, J. A. BIGGS, *Chairman*.

Caldwell.....	A. J. McKeithen
Centerville.....	L. M. Jones
Catahoula.....	C. W. Roberts
Big Creek.....	S. T. McDonald
Holly Grove and Harrisonburg.....	C. Mattenley
Black River.....	J. C. Pierce
Winnfield and Rochester.....	R. M. Walker

ARKANSAS DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, *Chairman*.

Providence.....	N. T. Holcomb
Pine Bluff.....	To be supplied

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

J. A. Biggs.....	Funny Louis, Louisiana
A. J. McKeithen.....	Columbia, “
R. M. Walker.....	Winnfield, “
C. W. Roberts.....	Harrisonburg, “
C. Mattenley.....	Oakley, “
David Day.....	Thornton, Arkansas
J. C. Pierce.....	Glade, Louisiana
N. T. Holcomb.....	Princeton, Arkansas

LOCAL PREACHERS.

F. Yarborough.....	Columbia, Louisiana
L. M. Jones.....	Castor Springs, “
Martin N. Henry.....	Princeton, Arkansas
W. A. Taylor.....	Holly Springs, “
David A. Baird.....	Thornton, “
W. C. Pinson... ..	Pine Bluff, “

EXHORTERS.

John W. Taylor.....	Princeton, Arkansas
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach's.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairman's Re- ceipts	Superannuated Claim.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Coll	Value of Ch'rch Property
WELCOME HOME DIST.	J. A. Biggs, Ch'n.												
Caldwell.....	A. J. McKeithen.....	21	1	22	4	1	3	18	\$32 95	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$1 50	\$300
Centerville.....	R. M. Walker.....	16	8	24	..	1	5	50	71 00	2 50	2 50	.....	315
Catahoula.....	C. W. Roberts.....	28	2	30	..	..	..	.....	53 72	1 80	7 50	.....	....
Holly Grove.....	David Day.....	8	1	9	1	..	..	.....	51 00	5 00	3 00	90	...
Big Creek.....	C. Mattenley.....	15	2	17	..	1	4	12	5 25	.....	.....	.....	....
Black River.....	J. C. Pierce.....	2	..	2	..	..	..	.....	31 55	.....	.....	.....	....
ARKANSAS DIST.	J. A. Biggs, Ch'n.												
Providence.....	N. T. Holcomb.....	19	..	19	3	1	5	23	17 00	34 20	14 80	2 70	....
Pine Bluff.....	W. C. Pinson.....	7	..	7	1	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Total for Conference.....		116	14	130	8	4	17	103	262 47	\$60 50	\$28 80	\$5 10	\$615

Collection for Chairman at Conference, \$13.00



OREGON AND WASHINGTON TERRITORY CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Second Annual Session, held at Beaverton, Oregon, June 9-12, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. T. S. LA DUE, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On the State of the Work—T. S. La Due.

On Reforms—W. K. La Due.

On Publishing the Minutes—Secretary.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. Watson.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—F. Cathey.

First Year—J. La Due.

Second Year—W. K. La Due.

Third Year—T. S. La Due.

Fourth Year—J. Glen.

To Take Charge of the Missionary Boat—The chairmen of the districts, H. H. Brown, H. Van de Veene.

To Take Charge of the Tent—T. S. La Due, E. Grantham, F. Cathey.

To Attend to Incorporating this Annual Conference—J. Watson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

J. Glen,
A. P. Goode,

T. S. La Due,
G. Edwards,

G. Windust,
N. C. Mower.

DELEGATES.

G. Errickson,

J. Fardo,

O. Allison.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, T. S. La Due, O. Allison.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? A. Beers, F. Cathey, H. Van de Veene, J. La Due.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. K. La Due.

6. Who are the deacons? A. P. Goode, G. Windust, W. K. La Due.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9-11. None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of all were examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14-20. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next session of our conference be held? Left with the general superintendent and chairmen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Four sittings of the conference were held in the tabernacle.

Long distance, heavy expenses for travel, and sickness kept five of our preachers from attending.

Brother G. W. Coleman, of the Genesee Conference, and supply at Seattle, was present and elected to an honorary seat.

W. K. La Due was received by transfer from the California Conference.

It was voted that I. F. Ward be received into this conference by transfer from the Illinois Conference upon presentation from that conference of a certificate of good standing.

It was voted not to send any lay delegate to the General Conference at Coopersville, Mich., October 13, 1886, on account of the very heavy traveling expense. T. S. La Due was elected the ministerial delegate.

It was resolved that it is the sense of this conference that one general superintendent be assigned exclusively to the Pacific Coast work.

It was voted that the general superintendents' claim be raised the second quarter, and the missionary collection—general and conference—the third quarter.

It was resolved that, as the sloop, "Messenger", has been presented to the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church by Brother H. H. Brown and wife, of Bay Centre, for missionary work, and is important to this work, we cheerfully accept it in behalf of the General Conference, and we request that the missionary money raised in this conference be appropriated to the work done in connection with this sloop; and that T. S. La Due be appointed to receive said money, to be paid by him to H. Van de Veene who has charge of this sloop as river missionary.

Voted that our minutes be published in connection with the minutes of the other conferences.

The assessment of this conference for expenses of delegates to the General Conference is fixed at thirty-five cents per member.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on the state of the work would respectfully report that we have cause to praise God for the complete harmony which prevails in our borders, and that the work is pure and thorough, and extending surely, if slowly. We regret that so many of our preachers seem to be necessarily limited in their labors by the care demanded in the support of their families, and we exhort them to withdraw so far as possible from secular pursuits and give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms would respectfully report as follows:

The true definition of reform is found in the derivation of the word. Matters which are out of harmony with truth in their essential nature do not call for education, but for re-formation. In this work "the axe must be laid at the root of the tree." We notice a few out of many reforms needed.

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is sin; hence the only rule for us in regard to it is total abstinence. God's command is to "touch no unclean thing." Following on the line of this principle we find that high license and other polite measures for regulating the liquor traffic are to be shunned; the consistent course, therefore, is to adopt the cause of Prohibition, and to pray, vote—in short, use every proper means for its advancement. And not only do we urge abstinence in regard to strong drink, but also in regard to tobacco and kindred evils; and besides this, temperance in all things lawful.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

We should be careful in dealing with secrecy to keep the requirements of our Discipline. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Good Templars, Grange, and similar societies, are to be as certainly considered members of secret societies as Freemasons and Oddfellows. All these orders are exclusive and selfish. In dealing with them we need, especially on this Coast, to follow the Spirit closely, and to be filled with true wisdom.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

The Sabbath was not made for man in the sense that he is on this day at liberty to follow his own ways, but in the sense that he is at this time to consider himself as having special freedom to worship God in spirit and in truth. All days are to be holy to us, but this day has been blessed above all others, and deserves special honor. All temporal matters should be laid aside on the Sabbath.

APPOINTMENTS.

OREGON DISTRICT.—T. S. LA DUE, Chairman.

East Portland and Beaverton.....W. K. La Due
Gresham.....T. S. La Due and J. La Due
Dayton.....J. Watson, supply
Salem.....To be supplied
Sodaville.....F. Cathey

SEATTLE DISTRICT.—J. GLEN, Chairman.

Seattle and Snohomish.....G. W. Coleman, supply
Nooksack and Blaine.....P. H. Griggs, supply
Montesano.....To be supplied

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.—T. S. LA DUE, Chairman.

Walla Walla.....Ira F. Ward.
Waitsburg and Dayton.....G. Windust and A. P. Goode
Cheney and Waverly.....N. C. Mower
Pomeroy and Pataha.....G. Edwards
Colfax.....To be supplied

H. Van de Veene, missionary to labor in connection with the missionary sloop, "Messenger."
A. Beers, conference evangelist; attending Chesbrough Seminary.

STATISTICAL REPORT, OREGON AND WASHINGTON TER'Y CONF.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach's	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Coll.	Gen'l Conf. Mis- sionary Fund	Africa Mission'y Fund.	Am't Raised for Sunday-Schools	Tent Fund.	Value of Church Property.
OREGON DIST.	T. S. LaDue, Ch'n.														
Gresham.....	T. S. and J. La Due.....	29	1	30	2	1	..	..	\$368 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 5 25	.....	.....	\$300	.....
Dayton.....	J. Watson, supply.....	8	..	8	..	1	..	..	.....	1 60	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	To be supplied.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Portland....	W. K. La Due.....	23	4	27	1	1	7	17	148 47	2 80	6 75	.....	\$ 9 41	.....	.....
SEATTLE DIST.	J. Glen, Ch'n.														
Seattle, etc.....	G. W. Colem'n, A. C. Allen	53	12	65	3	2	11	65	460 00	8 46	11 75	\$10 28	15 75	.....	\$2000
Montesano.....	.....	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WALLA WALLA DIST.	T. S. La Due, Ch'n.														
Walla Walla, etc..	G. Edwards, G. Windust	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colfax and Waverly	N. C. Mower.....	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	100 00	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Conference.....		122	17	139	6	5	18	82	\$1076 47	\$21 86	\$28 75	\$10 28	\$25 16	\$300	\$2000

Sunday-schools at Gresham and Dayton are union schools.

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Osborne, Kansas, July 28-31, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. J. J. WAYT, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—J. Cripps, E. E. Miller, H. W. Farnham, E. P. Hart.
On Temperance—J. F. Garrett, G. M. Rowley, J. Adams.
On Sabbath-Schools—James Seals, Sister Ida Heffner, O. P. Smith.
On Publishing Minutes—J. J. Wayt, J. Adams.
To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—J. W. Glazier.
To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—Sister E. Cripps, A. Maxfield.
On Memoirs—J. F. Garrett, J. Cripps, O. P. Smith.
On Periodicals—E. E. Miller, F. Walters, R. M. Rhamy.
On Secret Societies—C. M. Damon, E. E. Miller, B. F. Closson.
On Education—C. M. Damon, James Seals, J. J. Wayt.
On State of the Work—J. Cripps, E. E. Miller, J. F. Garrett.
To Receive Home Missionary Funds—J. E. Dodge.
To Receive General Missionary Fund—H. W. Farnham.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—E. P. Hart.
To Receive Superannuated Preachers Funds—A. Maxfield.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. Adams, C. M. Damon, F. Walters.
To Receive Money to Defray Expense of Delegates to the General Conference—
J. Cripps.
Examiners in the Course on Study for 1887:
Preliminary—J. Adams, J. W. Glazier.
First Year—J. J. Wayt, James Seals.
Second Year—J. Ellison, C. C. Bruner.
Third Year—E. E. Miller, W. W. Hulet.
Fourth Year—J. Cripps, C. M. Damon.
To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee on third
year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

E. E. Miller,
J. F. Garrett,
B. F. Smalley,
J. M. Cook,
J. E. Whiting,
P. H. Arlington,

J. Ellison,
J. W. Glazier,
J. Cripps,
G. A. Loomis,
Robert Trevor,
N. Dehut,

C. M. Damon,
R. M. Rhamy,
W. W. Hulet,
B. F. Todd,
J. J. Wayt,
J. H. Taylor,

J. Adams,
C. C. Bruner,
James Seals,
T. H. Vipond,
D. J. Goode,
I. D. Pembleton.

DELEGATES.

Janius Caldwell,
I. B. Swaim,
Rachel Eckert,

Samuel Vincent,
Ida Heffner,
O. P. Smith,

J. P. Dopps,
William F. Cooke,
B. F. Closson,

H. J. Goode,
Abel Walz,
Lizzie Wright,

G. M. Rowley,
D. E. Dodge,
Joseph McCreery
B. Marr,

H. W. Farnham,
R. T. Anderson,
O. B. King,

Sister E. Cripps,
A. Maxfield,
Jister L. Gobiet,

F. S. Walters,
A. G. Dark,
Robert Porter.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. E. Miller, J. Cripps, J. F. Garrett, O. P. Smith, I. B. Swaim, H. W. Farnham.

3. Who are admitted on trial? James I. Council, Frank S. Atwell, James L. Dodge, J. Q. Murray.

4. Who remain on trial? C. H. Sawyer, Victor Roth, J. T. Strome, Joseph O. Risheill, G. Delmont, H. C. Collins, Henry Worley.

5. Who are admmitted into full connection? N. Dehut, J. H. Taylor, I. D. Pembleton.

6. Who are the deacons? Robert Trevor, Henry Worley, N. Day, J. J. Wayt, *N. Dehut, *J. H. Taylor, *J. W. Edwards, I. D. Pembleton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? James Seals.

8. Who have been located this year? D. J. Goode (at his own request).

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

10. Who have been expelled from conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of all were examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? J. H. Oney.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held. At Orleans, Nebraska, some time in October, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was held in connection with a camp meeting, in a beautiful grove, one mile south of Osborne City, Osborne county, Kansas; commenced July 28, 1886, and opened at the call of the president, E. P. Hart.

Each sitting of conference was opened with devotional exercises.

All the preachers on trial were invited to honorary seats. Brother John Ellison, of the East Michigan Conference, also the following other brethren from abroad: T. B. Arnold, of the *Free Methodist* office, Chicago, Ill., C. W. Sherman of the Central Illinois Conference, and editor of the *Vanguard*, and T. J. Gates of the West Iowa Conference, were invited to honorary seats in conference.

J. B. Roberts, of the Wabash Conference, and W. W. Nichols and Fred Scott, of the Kansas Conference, expressed by letters their desires to unite with this conference. The president was requested to transfer them as soon as practicable.

J. Cripps and O. P. Smith were elected delegates to the General Conference.

The following was addressed to the General Conference:

WHEREAS, The Colorado District is so far separated from the West Kansas Conference work as to make it very inconvenient and expensive for the members of said district to attend the annual sessions of said conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a conference, now in session near Osborne City, Kansas, July 30, 1886, request the General Conference of North America, of the Free Methodist

*Ordained this year.

Church, at its session to be held at Coopersville, Michigan, October 13, 1886, to set off and organize what shall be known as the Colorado Conference, to embrace the entire State of Colorado and the southern part of Wyoming Territory.

Brother T. B. Arnold gave a short and interesting address on the importance and mission of our publications, and also on the subject of secretism among the laboring classes—such as labor unions, orders of workmen, etc.—in which he clearly proved that they all tend to anarchy.

The following collections were ordered for the coming year: first quarter, general missionary fund; second quarter, for expenses of C. M. Damon as delegate to the anti-secret congress; third quarter, home missions; fourth quarter general superintendents' fund.

The conference requested the publication of the report on education in the *Free Methodist*.

A spirit of harmony and love prevailed, and the religious exercises were attended with power. Quite a goodly number of souls were converted and many believers sanctified.

There were from three to four preaching services each day, and the following preachers broke to us the bread of life: Brother and Sister Glazier, Brothers J. Ellison, J. Adams, R. M. Rhamy, J. L. Dodge, T. B. Arnold, T. J. Gates, C. W. Sherman, C. M. Damon and E. P. Hart. Taken altogether this was the best conference session we have yet held, and our principles were very plainly and faithfully presented to the vast crowds that daily thronged our grounds and large tabernacle.

The college enterprise was clearly represented by Brother Damon, and a subscription of about \$2,000 taken for the institution.

The following brethren were nominated to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Orleans College occurring by expiration of term: J. Travis, J. Ellison, C. W. Sherman, J. Adams and T. J. Gates.

A memorial service, in memory of J. H. Oney, deceased, was held on Friday, where many tributes of respect and love were paid to our departed brother.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Noland for the use of his grove and for other favors conferred by him.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON EDUCATION.

The importance of education needs no discussion. Public sentiment, civil law and natural desire combine to promote it. That which specifically engages our interest as a people is the promotion of *Christian education*. In this we have a deep interest; so has the country and the world. We hold that many branches of common learning can only be truthfully taught and rightly learned when exhibited in their relations to the doctrines of revelation. That is to say, the Author of revelation being the God of nature, it is evident that there will not only be no conflict between them but that many first truths of each will be found to coincide. Thus in regard to the natural sciences, the teachers of which differ among themselves as variously and widely as theologians, it is easy to see the difference in bearing upon a true science of the two theories of origin,—the materialistic and that of divine creation.

Again, who can correctly trace to their source the laws of gravitation, attraction, chemical affinity, instinct, heredity, etc., without recognizing the immanence of a divine person originating, controlling, guiding, in all such material and mental phenomena?

But Christian education involves the training of the conscience, the affections, the heart; it relates to the formation of character; it looks to qualification for all relative duties—family, social and political; it inculcates self-government, integrity in business, and pure and righteous citizenship. To compass these ends requires Christian teachers

and surroundings. It requires the free and constant appeal to, and use of, the Word of God, and the constant exercise of the presence of the Holy Ghost.

All these are imperative influences in promoting a true education. They are of incalculable value in the formation of the character, and in such preparation for usefulness as is the intense anxiety of Christian parents in behalf of their children.

We approve the American system of public schools. Its plan is admirable, and its execution is up to the level of the public conscience and character; but, with the Bible under the ban, as it is in many places, and its use generally limited, our public schools by no means meet the demand. We are forced to provide distinctively Christian schools. We use our liberty as Christian citizens to occupy at our own expense a higher level than the plane of the common system.

The Orleans College aims and expects to meet the demand of Christian education. Grounded in sacrifice and true to principle, it has the blessing of God and the devotion of our people. It is improving its facilities by the erection of a new brick hall 42x70 feet, three stories high. It has some apparatus and books, and is soon to have control of a library worth \$1,000. There are excellent opportunities for our people to procure building lots, and places containing five and ten acres of ground, near the school. As far as outstanding subscription, notes and realty are concerned, our finances are in good condition. When these resources are realized, we shall be nearly or quite out of debt with our fine property and facilities. But the collection of our large outstanding accounts is a source of anxiety both in respect to our convenience and necessities, and as regards the integrity of subscribers. We, therefore, urge, in view of all interests involved, upon all parties concerned, promptness, and the exercise of a sound conscience in securing the payment of all dues to the college. There should also be a large contingent fund immediately raised. We have the opportunity to secure a valuable farm of about 190 acres, at reasonable rates, for an industrial farm connected with the school. We should seize the opportunity, and should greatly increase our apparatus and library. God has put within our hands an agency, in the Orleans College, which may become a controlling power in Christian education from Chicago to California, and send out its vital pulsations in behalf of the cause of Christ to remote parts of the earth. Let us be wise to recognize and embrace our opportunity.

II.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Divine providence, which makes the wrath of man praise him, is favoring the righteous war on secretism. The intrigues of communists, socialists and nihilists in Europe, the assassinations of crowned heads and high officials, and the wreck and riot of the labor factions in this country, are forcing public thought upon the aims, opportunities and moral character of secretism as preaching cannot do. "As I live, saith the Lord, heaven and earth shall be full of my glory." If God chooses to overthrow giant wrongs and oppressions by the glory of national judgments, let us bow reverently and adore his wisdom who bringeth to naught the devices of the wicked. Still there is abundant work for the public teacher to do, and the utmost necessity that it be done thoroughly, by enlightening the minds of men as to the nature of the general principles of secretism and the dangerous character of particular societies. Such instruction prepares men to apprehend the bearing of public events in the administration of God's providence, and profit by their lessons. The influence of the church in its organic capacity is powerful in educating the public conscience. What it sanctions is widely held to be right; what it condemns, to be wrong. This influence against secret societies should not be weakened by any compromise of its standard of membership. Holding Freemasonry as the head and front of the secret orders, we should be posted upon the character of its oaths, the nature of its symbolism, and the interpretation of its religious tenets and ceremonies. Though men come to the knowledge of truth somewhat gradually, and should be kindly encouraged in their approaches, it is important that the public standard be correctly held. In our judgment the oaths of Freemasonry are abhorrent to all natural sense of right, binding men to acts unlawful under penalties that are horrible. They are absolutely null and void, and the conscience of those who renounce them should be free from all sense of obligation to conceal the facts concerning this iniquitous institution. The Bible rule is, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." The renunciation must be hearty and complete. Our business is, relying on God, walking in the Spirit and working in the Spirit, to secure the entire destruction of these enemies of man's welfare, and on their ruins build up the beneficent kingdom of Christ.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We regard the Sunday-school interest as one of the most vital importance to our church. God has commanded that we should "train up a child in the way he should go," and as character is generally formed in childhood, we would recommend that all our preachers having charge of a circuit see that all consistent means be adopted to enlarge and improve our Sunday-schools—

First, By employing only those officers and teachers who are saved and interested in Sabbath-school work.

Second, By not placing before our children light or trashy reading, in the shape of Sunday-school papers, which will poison their minds. We recommend our people to use our own publications, published by Brother T. B. Arnold, Chicago, Ill.

Third, By discountenancing mere social entertainments, such as pic-nics, fairs, festivals, jug-breakings, etc., which we believe are of the devil, and that no truly consecrated people will resort to such ungodly practices for means to maintain Sunday-schools.

IV.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance submit the following:

WHEREAS, Intemperance is one of the greatest evils of our land; and is the cause either directly or indirectly of nine-tenths of all the suffering and crime of this nation, and stands directly in the way of the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by deadening the moral sensibilities, darkening the understanding, shutting out the light of God, thus hindering the operation of his Spirit upon the soul; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a conference, will lift up our voice like a trumpet against this great evil, and will use our means, prayers and votes for its destruction.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, the committee of the West Kansas Annual Conference on publications, recognize the fact, that the power of the press has a great deal to do with the formation of Christian character, as well as the upbuilding and improvement of the human mind in general. We, therefore, consider it our duty to represent those publications which advocate and stand by our issues and doctrines as a church. The *Free Methodist* is a clear representative of the above, and should have the patronage of all our people as a church paper. We also recommend the Sabbath-school papers, the *Pearl*, *Lily*, *Sunshine*, *Pure Words* and the *Light and Life Infant Class* as being very good. The *Earnest Christian* is also recognized as one of the purest and clearest periodicals published in this country. We also recognize the *Orleans Advocate* as a genuine publication, devoted to religion, education and politics. We also recommend some temperance papers—the *Christian Statesman*, *Cynosure* and *American*. The *Voice*, published in New York, is a radical Prohibition paper.

We invite all who are interested in the salvation of mankind, and the improvement of society, to give their hearty support to the above, all of which is cheerfully submitted.

VI.—ON MEMOIRS.

Dear Brethren: We, as a conference, are called for the first time to mourn the loss of one of our fellow-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Our dear and much-beloved brother, J. H. Oney, well known among us, was called from labor to reward in September, 1885. We are told he died triumphant in the Lord. He was an able minister of the New Testament, sound in doctrine, and in perfect harmony with all our issues. We miss him from our ranks. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a conference, hold a short memorial service in memory of the departed, on the conference ground, near Osborne City, Kansas, July 30, 1886. And that we also extend our sympathies to his bereaved wife, Sister Oney.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALMA DISTRICT.—E. E. MILLER, Chairman.

Alma and Republican City.....	J. Adams
Minden and Graft.....	W. W. Hulet; A. Maxfield, supply
Custer County.....	J. T. Strome
Arborville.....	E. Ackerman and wife, supplies
Central City.....	To be supplied
Turkey Creek.....	Robert Trevor

NORTON DISTRICT.—E. E. MILLER, Chairman.

Almena and Pleasant Ridge.....	J. W. Glazier and wife
Kenona and Sappa.....	J. O. Risheill
Sappa Peak and Jack Creek.....	N. Dehut; J. Ogg, supply
Wilsonville.....	J. Higgins, supply
Logan.....	R. M. Rhamy
Woodston and Nicodemus.....	J. Cook and J. Dodge
Bird City.....	L. Brock, supply
Marvin and Kirwin.....	James Seals
Indianola.....	W. O. Nichols, supply
Densmore and Norton.....	A. S. Manning, supply

SALEM DISTRICT.—J. CRIPPS, Chairman.

Osborne and Glen Elder.....	I. D. Pembrleton
Salem and Mankato.....	J. Q. Murray and wife
Cuba and Elk Creek.....	G. H. Sawyer

Wilson and Lincoln Center.....F. Atwell
Remembrance.....J. Delmont
Springfield.....W. Morgan, supply

LARNED DISTRICT.—J. CRIPPS, Chairman.

Schoharie and High Point.....C. C. Bruner
Kansada and Dighton.....J. Taylor
Macksville and Clear Creek.....J. J. Wayt
Kingman, Lodi and Kiowa.....Fred Scott and C. Scott, supplies
Hutchinson.....D. R. Brown, supply
Dodge City and Englewood.....B. F. Smalley
Corondo.....C. Kirkland, supply

COLORADO DISTRICT.—J. F. GARRETT, Chairman.

Denver.....C. W. Stamp
Divide.....Victor Roth
Colorado Springs.....J. B. Roberts, supply
Manitou Park.....G. A. Loomis
Fountain and Pueblo.....B. F. Todd
Canon City and Beaver Creek.....T. H. Vipond
West Mountain Valley.....J. I. Council
Chico and Boonville.....To be supplied
Spanish Peak and Picket Wire.....To be supplied
Leadville.....To be supplied
Greeley.....To be supplied

J. E. Whiting, H. Worley, evangelists; members of Norton District Quarterly Conference.

J. Edwards, C. M. Damon, P. H. Arlington, evangelists; members of Alma District Quarterly Conference.

H. Collins, evangelist, member of Salem District Quarterly Conference.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.										Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Volunteers/Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairmen's Receipts.	Evangelists' Receipts.	Superintendent (Claim).	Gen'l Superintendents (Coll.)	Home Missionary Collection.	Gen'l Conf. Missionary Fund.	Africa Missionary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Tent Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Val. of Parsonage Property.	
LARNED DISTRICT.	J. Cripps, Chairman																															
Macksville.....	53	..	53	..	21	10	40	\$230 00	\$59 53	..	..	..	\$2 40	\$1 35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$1700	\$625
Lodi and Kiowa.....	19	4	23	1	1	4	30	150 00	27 18	..	..	..	2 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ness.....	24	5	29	2	1	1	36	25 55	41 59	\$18 20	..	..	2 34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kingman.....	25	2	27	1	1	9	56	75 00	25 50	5 20	..	..	1 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wilson and Lincoln Center.	22	1	23	1	1	1	3	..	63 89	..	..	..	2 56	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SALEM DISTRICT.	J. Cripps, Chairman.																															
Salem and Lebanon.....	34	8	42	2	2	1	37	163 80	59 24	..	..	..	6 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Class.....	23	6	29	2	1	6	37	94 00	15 00	..	..	..	1 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuba and Elk Creek.....	9	2	11	1	1	1	3	76 82	20 59	..	..	..	1 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Osborne.....	54	5	59	3	3	1	25	184 18	68 37	..	..	..	4 70	3 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTON DISTRICT.	E. E. Miller, Chairman.																															
Marvin.....	21	3	24	2	2	1	2	37 83	..	..	..	..	3 47	1 13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Logan.....	16	4	20	1	1	1	3	115 00	23 29	..	..	..	2 00	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sappa and Wilsonville.....	30	..	30	..	1	4	20	140 00	35 00	15 00	..	..	4 68	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Densmore and Otter Creek.....	10	1	11	..	..	..	..	4 25	2 25	..	..	..	1 20	1 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jack Creek.....	17	1	17	3	3	1	4	38 69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rooks County and Nicodemus.	44	5	49	3	3	1	25	122 50	27 00	..	..	..	2 60	4 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ALMA DISTRICT.	E. E. Miller, Chairman.																															
Alma.....	34	..	34	..	1	5	25	166 45	50 00	..	..	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orleans.....	51	6	57	4	1	6	35	281 25	53 00	..	..	..	10 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minden.....	15	5	20	1	1	6	25	192 00	40 00	1 50	..	..	2 80	3 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arberville.....	9	1	10	1	1	1	3	168 00	15 00	..	..	..	1 90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Custer County.....	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	48 30	..	..	..	..	2 60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
COLORADO DISTRICT.	J. F. Garrett, Chairman.																															
*Denver.....	7	..	7	..	1	7	..	263 50	28 00	..	..	..	1 80	1 65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Divide.....	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	55 00	48 88	..	..	..	1 20	1 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manitou Park.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88 00	19 80	..	..	..	45	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Silver Cliff.....	9	4	13	..	..	..	..	151 20	21 56	..	..	..	1 90	2 37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colorado Springs.....	22	1	23	2	1	4	30	110 00	26 00	..	..	..	4 60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fountain.....	14	1	15	..	..	..	..	150 00	133 67	..	..	..	2 60	3 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total for Conference.....	579	64	633	28	12	125	323	\$3136 31	\$903 34	\$39 70	\$17 55	\$72 43	\$38 93	\$26 10	\$4 55	\$72 55	\$98 15	\$37 50	\$25 50	\$6300	\$1275											

Almena, W. W. Hulet, no report.

Gen'l Superintendents' Claim was fully met by collection; also the claims of the Chairmen.

*Debt, \$251.00.

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CHURCH RECORDS.

There is manifestly a sad lack on the part of many of our preachers in reference to the business management of circuits. Many seem to think that if the spiritual interests of the church are looked after, the temporal or business interests will look after themselves. It is evident there are many who have no system in managing their circuits, no order in their records, no seeming care whether the machiney is kept in order or not. I fear that if some of our circuits were called on to produce their records, and thus give an account of themselves and their business transactions for years gone by, they would be as completely at sea as the defunct firm of Grant & Ward. One circuit with which I am acquainted within the last few years has transacted business amounting to hundreds of dollars paid in and paid out, and no record made of it. Ask where the money raised at such a time went to—no one knows, the record is silent, and every one seems to possess the same spirit of indifference. These things ought not so to be. This is certainly a very important matter, and should be agitated until each circuit is supplied with a record book, and has it written up in proper shape. If

the preacher in charge leaves it all for the recording steward to do, it will in all probability not be done. The preacher in charge should see that the records are put in proper shape, and kept that way. If he is no *business* man, let him study less theology for a while and more business. There is no reason why any circuit should not possess a record book of respectable appearance and proportions, rather than a squalid one with loose cover and half the leaves torn out.

A WORD TO THE RECORDING STEWARDS.

Don't trust to your memory for rough minutes. Record the proceedings properly, and do not mix things up. Study the form of procedure as noted in Discipline, page 132, and follow it in your record. If you keep your rough minutes on a piece of paper be sure and not lose it, as is often the case. A preacher's administration is sometimes called in question because the recording steward has failed to properly record the action of the board or has lost his rough minutes. Better keep them in a small blank book. Do not wait until the end of the year before you record your rough minutes; if you do you will perhaps come before the

board with the excuse that "the baby destroyed them," or "my wife thought it was some old letter, and burned them up," etc. Transfer them to the book as soon as possible, and then if the baby destroys the paper very well. If you are a poor writer do not deface the book with awful hieroglyphics that no one can read after they get cold, but get some one who writes a fair hand to record them. For a matter of convenience we suggest the following model as the proper way to record the minutes. Cut it out and paste it on the inside of the cover of your record book, where you can readily refer to it, and thus be enabled to record your minutes in proper shape:

MODEL FOR RECORD.

Official Meeting of G—— Circuit.

First Official Meeting for G—— circuit, convened May 10, 1884, at 2 p. m., at Parsonage [or church] in P——; called to order by Pastor J. M. C. Meeting opened by song and prayer.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Roll Call. Members present [here give names].

2. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved [or read, corrected and approved].

3. Amount raised for religious purposes.

Sunday-school collection.....	\$ 5 00
Coal and lights.....	3 00
Superannuated collection.....	6 00
Evangelists' expenses.....	15 00

Total.....\$29 00

4. Preachers' rec'ts since last report.....\$215 00

Total to date.....\$215 00

5. None.

6. None.

7. Several members having been absent from class and church services for several weeks, the class-leader was requested to explain the cause, and if negligence or waywardness to visit them and explain consequences—trial and expulsion.

8. None.

9. None, or if committees report, state for what the committee was appointed, what the report is and that the committee was discharged.

10. Brother L——, having been suitably recommended by the society at a society meeting held April 20, 1885, was granted an exhorter's license.

11. None.

12. Brother W——, being deemed a fitting person, was duly recommended to the quarterly conference for local preacher's license.

13. None.

14. Business here referred to is that which was laid on the table at the previous meeting and was not finally disposed of.

15. Here record motions and other business transacted, such as raising the preacher's salary, etc.

16. Read the minutes to the board and see that nothing has been omitted.

17. Moved and carried to adjourn.

W. C. M—Rec. Steward,
Or, E. L. G—Sec. Pro. Tem.

We should all interest ourselves in this matter, and if you have no proper record book at your next meeting take measures to purchase one; then keep it systematically, and there will be less said about poorly kept records. Let us all remember the divine precept: "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."—*H. in Free Methodist*

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Garfield Park, Topeka, Kansas, August 4-8, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

E. LEONARDSON, Secretary.

GEO. SEACORD, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, C. H. Lovejoy, G. B. Howard.

On Temperance—W. M. Adams, M. V. B. Phillips, C. H. Lovejoy, W. N. Hamby, C. D. Hoyt, E. Leonardson.

On Publications—W. W. Harris, W. N. Hamby.

On the State of the Work—G. B. Howard, M. V. B. Phillips, G. R. Tompkins, O. L. Spencer, G. G. Pritchard.

On Publishing Minutes—E. Leonardson, Geo. Seacord.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—O. Lineback.

On Secret Societies—C. H. Lovejoy, M. J. Parks, Henry Pyle.

Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—G. B. Howard, G. R. Tompkins, C. D. Hoyt, O. L. Spencer.

On Sabbath-Schools—D. M. Poor, S. V. Green, Wm. Pavey.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—I. N. Watson.

To Receive Superannuated Preachers' Funds—C. H. Lovejoy.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. M. Adams, L. C. Gould.

To Receive Home Missionary Funds—C. H. Lovejoy.

Examiners in the Course on Study for 1887:

Preliminary—E. Leonardson, I. N. Watson.

First Year—G. R. Tompkins, I. B. Allen.

Second Year—C. H. Lovejoy, L. C. Gould.

Third Year—S. V. Green, O. Lineback.

Fourth Year—G. B. Howard, W. W. Harris.

Local preachers recommended for ordination to appear before committee on Preliminary Course.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

W. M. Adams,
M. L. Wilkinson,
Henry Wærner,
M. J. Parks,
R. Abell,
S. V. Green,

W. N. Hamby,
J. D. Bennett,
C. H. Lovejoy,
G. B. Howard,
J. Mitchell,
I. N. Watson,

D. M. Poor,
G. B. Clark,
J. P. McElfresh,
C. C. McIntosh,
O. Lineback,
W. W. Harris,

D. R. Brown,
M. V. B. Phillips,
E. Leonardson,
I. B. Allen,
G. R. Tompkins.

DELEGATES.

D. H. Frantz,
Wm. Martin,
A. Darnall,

H. D. Kelley,
O. L. Spencer,
Wm. Pavey,

I. G. McMillan,
J. Horrel,
M. M. Root,

H. T. Pyle,
W. Phillips,
M. Henry,

E. A. Jackson,
G. G. Pritchard,
J. J. Lundy,

Sarah Williamson,
J. S. Swagerty,

T. A. Wilkinson,
E. Ballenger,

F. M. Hardy,
C. D. Hoyt.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, G. B. Howard, G. R. Tompkins, M. V. B. Phillips, I. G. McMillan, C. D. Hoyt, Wm. Pavey.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. Ballenger, G. G. Pritchard, W. E. Stewart, E. E. Clute, Walter Scott, E. N. Miller.
4. Who remain on trial? G. W. Saunders, Joseph Westwood, George Seacord, Fred Scott, J. A. Manning, H. W. Ruby.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. D. Bennett, John Mitchell, C. C. McIntosh, M. L. Wilkinson.
6. Who are the deacons? J. D. Bennett, John Mitchell, C. C. McIntosh, G. B. Clark.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Wm. Cooley.
9. Who have located this year? R. Abell.
10. Who have been expelled from conference this year? W. N. Hibbard.
11. Who have withdrawn? None.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of all were examined and passed.
13. Who have died this year? None.
14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
15. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
16. Where and when shall our next conference be held. At Clay Center, Clay county, Kan., about October 1, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The seventeenth session of conference was held at Garfield Park, Topeka, in connection with a camp meeting.

Rev. W. N. Hibbard, who was found guilty of a most beastly and revolting crime, was expelled from the church and conference.

Rev. E. Leonardson was elected ministerial delegate to General Conference, Rev. G. R. Tompkins as alternate. C. D. Hoyt was elected lay delegate to General Conference, F. M. Hardy as alternate.

W. M. Adams was elected financial agent for Neosho Rapids Seminary.

God seemed to be present in all the sessions and, as we believe, controlled the business to his glory.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Recognizing the enormous power of the press as an agent for good or evil, your committee feel the importance of using all such influence that can be brought into effect to promote the good and check the evil. We regard the light trashy literature with which our country is flooded as a source of great evil. We promise to do all we can to check its pernicious influence. We regard Sunday newspapers as a violation of the fourth commandment; and will not uphold them by either advertising, buying or reading them. We endorse the *Earnest Christian* as one of the purest, clearest and most able religious publications of the country; the *Free Methodist*, edited by Rev. J. Travis, as the official organ of our church and as a thorough holiness newspaper; and the Sunday-school papers and supplies published by Brother Arnold at the *Free Methodist* office. We not only endorse the

above publications, but hope that *Roberts' Miscellany* will soon be republished and obtain a general circulation throughout our denomination.

II.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, We recognize the value and importance of early religious training in its bearing upon the spiritual life of the children; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we recognize the Sabbath-school, rightly conducted, as an important agency for the salvation of the children.

2. That we are pledged to the organization of Free Methodist Sabbath-schools wherever practicable, and that we will encourage this work by our personal presence, influence and means as far as we are able.

3. That we favor the election of only saved persons for officers and teachers in our Sabbath-schools.

4. That we discourage the circulation of the light, trashy and fictitious literature, and everything that does not tend to the salvation of the children.

5. That we recommend the use of our own periodicals, published by T. B. Arnold, Chicago, Ill., as the most attractive, purest and soundest in doctrine.

III.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The committee appointed by the Kansas Conference of the Free Methodist Church, at Topeka, Kansas, August 4, 1886, report:

Beyond our expectations, on entering into an investigation of the state of the work in our conference, we are glad to report that we have made advancement—in some districts more, in others less—in spite of the powers of hell and our own discord and blindness. We are unable to account for the small success (for it is small to what it ought to have been) that has attended our labors, in any other way only that God has had the oversight of his own work, and has brought victory out of confusion. We feel that the proper thing to do this conference year is for every member of both conference and laity to get down before God and pray that he may remove every old difficulty, which may be in the hearts of any of its members, that is in any way detrimental to his work. In some instances there have been individual contentions during the year, that have greatly hindered God's work. In other instances there are societies that are not united, which makes it almost impossible to prosper where such a state of affairs exists. Some of our preachers and members in some localities have been tinctured with "come-outism," an ism that we believe came from the bottomless pit. Some of our preachers have not studied as they should, which has hindered them from presenting things new as well as old. Without study it is impossible to long edify a congregation. Presenting two or three issues is not the whole duty of a preacher, but a very small part of it. Sharp and witty sayings that are used by some of our preachers are not edifying, and in many instances are detected by discerning minds as not the product of their own heads. An erroneous doctrine, which is neither Bible nor Methodism, has made its appearance in a few cases, making the atonement equally for physical as well as moral disease. These and many other things stand in the way of the work. It is humiliating for us to confess these facts, but it is our duty, and the only way to get and keep clean before God.

The following is a report of membership: two years' increase, members and probationers, 161.

IV.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

WHEREAS, Secret societies, as such, antagonize the moral and civil rights of mankind, the spirit of the Bible, and the social interests of man; and,

WHEREAS, They bring to a level all grades of character, and bind their members with unholy and illegal oaths to fellowship, protect and sustain each other, regardless of character or moral issues; therefore as children of God and lovers of the true and holy One,

Resolved, That we will give no countenance to any secret organization or band; but, in the fear of God, and by all lawful and judicious means, labor for their overthrow.

We also advise this conference to appoint a delegate to the conference of Christian churches on secret orders.

V.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Intemperance is the greatest blight and curse from which our nation ever suffered. American slavery had its iron grasp upon 4,000,000 of immortal human beings, but intemperance to-day holds in its hellish grip 20,000,000 who, unless rescued, will surely find a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. That soul-destroying business, the liquor-traffic, in every part of this fair land of ours, with few exceptions, is sending its thousands annually to the world of woe. Not less than 1,000 saloons are cursing the very capital of this great and glorious nation, while more than \$1,500,000,000 are spent every year for those twin agents of death and ruin, alcohol and tobacco, which are sending more than 130,000 persons annually to drunkard's graves and hell. Under the license system, intemperance has been

making fearful strides: and, whereas, the subject of intemperance is of necessity a political issue, and the two great political parties of the nation, from fear of losing the spoils, or for some other reason fail to adopt the principle of prohibition, but rather encourage the horribly wicked traffic in drams; and, whereas, there is no hope that either of those parties will ever enforce prohibition, and as we are fully satisfied that prohibition is the only remedy for the curse of intemperance; and, whereas, we wish to be consistent and vote as we pray, and as there is a party organized on the basis of prohibition; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will pray that God, in his providence and grace, may so move upon the hearts of the people that they will put a stop to this nefarious traffic.

2. That we will support no man or party at the polls who will directly or indirectly give their influence to this God-dishonoring, heaven-provoking, soul-damning traffic.

3. That professing Christians are fearfully responsible for the liquor-traffic, and that those professors who vote for the parties who uphold the saloon are equally guilty with the saloon-keepers.

4. That we enter our decided protest against giving any man the right to traffic in alcoholic drinks, not excepting the professed Christian druggist.

5. That we will preach in our several congregations, or get some one to preach, not less than once during the year against the liquor-traffic.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

APPOINTMENTS.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—G. B. HOWARD, Chairman.

Lawrence.....	Walter Scott
Topeka.....	G. W. Saunders
Harmony and Prairie Center.....	M. B. Taylor
Ottawa, Old Union, and Pomona.....	L. C. Gould
Bronson and Mapleton.....	C. C. McIntosh
Crawford County.....	Joseph Westwood
Labette County.....	To be supplied
Cherokee County.....	A. A. Milton, supply
Garnett and Greeley.....	W. W. Harris
Neosho Rapids, Hartford and Badger Creek.....	J. C. Manning
Olathe and Spring Hill.....	W. W. Pratt, supply
Osage City, Peterton and Dragoon.....	Fred Scott
Burlington and Hopewell.....	G. G. Pritchard

EMPORIA DISTRICT.—G. R. TOMPKINS, Chairman.

Emporia	C. H. Lovejoy
Americus and Dunlap.....	O. Lineback
Florence and Matfield Green.....	M. L. Wilkinson
McPherson.....	I. B. Allen
Duck Creek.....	George Seacord
Greenwood County.....	M. J. Parks

WICHITA DISTRICT.—G. R. TOMPKINS, Chairman.

Caldwell and South Haven.....	John Mitchell
Argonia and Freeport.....	E. E. Clute
Arkansas City.....	I. N. Watson
Winfield and Grand Summit.....	To be supplied

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT.—E. LEONARDSON, Chairman.

Clay Center.....	To be supplied
Idana and Poplar Hill	H. W. Ruby
Junction City and Skiddy.....	J. D. Bennett
Industry	F. M. Hardy, supply
Washington County.....	M. E. Bonner
Barrett.....	To be supplied
German Mission.....	Henry Wærner

NEBRASKA DISTRICT.—M. V. B. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Rock Creek and Lincoln.....	W. E. Stuart
Yutan.....	J. M. Scott, supply
Wahoo, Colon and Willow Creek.....	D. M. Poor
Omaha.....	E. N. Miller
Tecumseh and DeWitt.....	E. Ballenger

Brainard and David City.....S. C. Scott, supply
 Friend.....T. Rose, supply
 Pierce.....To be supplied
 Wm. Cooley, superannuated; member of Nebraska District quarterly conference.
 S. V. Green, left without appointment; member of Emporia District quarterly conference.
 J. P. McElfresh, left without appointment; member of Emporia District quarterly conference.
 G. B. Clark, left without appointment; member of Wichita District quarterly conference.
 D. R. Brown, left without appointment; member of Wichita District quarterly conference.
 W. N. Hamby, conference evangelist; member of Lawrence District quarterly conference.
 C. H. Lovejoy, conference evangelist; member of Lawrence District quarterly conference.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

W. M. Adams.....	Neosho Rapids, Lyon Co., Kansas
W. N. Hamby.....	
D. M. Poor.....	Wahoo, Nebraska
D. R. Brown.....	Kingman City, Kansas
W. W. Harris.....	Greeley, "
G. B. Clark.....	
M. V. B. Phillips.....	Arkansas City, "
Henry Wœrner.....	Clay Center, "
I. B. Allen.....	McPherson Center, "
C. H. Lovejoy.....	Vinland, Douglas Co., "
L. C. Gould.....	Box 783, Ottawa, "
S. V. Green.....	Council Grove, "
Wm. Cooley.....	
J. P. McElfresh.....	Emporia, Kansas
G. R. Tompkins.....	Arkansas City, "
O. Lineback.....	Americus, "
I. N. Watson.....	Arkansas City, "
E. Leonardson.....	Clay Center, "
M. J. Parks.....	
G. B. Howard.....	224 Chestnut St., Topeka, "
J. D. Bennett.....	Junction City, "
John Mitchell.....	Caldwell, Sumner Co., "
C. C. McIntosh.....	Bronson, Allen Co., "
G. G. Pritchard.....	Hartford, Lyon Co., "
Walter Scott.....	Lawrence, "
Fred Scott.....	Osage City, "
M. W. Pratt.....	Spring Hill, Johnson Co., "
Geo. W. Saunders.....	Topeka, "
H. W. Ruby.....	Idana, Clay Co., "
M. L. Wilkinson.....	Florence, "
M. B. Taylor.....	Prairie Center, Johnson Co., "
E. E. Clute.....	Argonia, Sumner Co., "
E. N. Miller.....	Omaha, Nebraska
E. Ballenger.....	Tecumseh, "
S. C. Scott.....	Brainard, "
J. M. Scott.....	Yutan, Saunders Co., "
W. E. Stuart.....	Lincoln, "
M. E. Bonner.....	Washington, Kansas
J. A. Manning.....	Neosho Rapids, "
J. Westwood.....	



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claims.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Coll.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l Cont. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Tent Fund.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Val. of Person- age Property.	
LAWRENCE DISTRICT.	G. B. Howard, Ch'n.	18	2	20	3	1	9	26	\$135 74	\$45 50	.....	.....	\$3 85	\$ 23	.....	.....	\$27 50	\$15 75	\$19 47	\$1 25	.....	\$1000 00	.....
Lawrence.....	C. H. Lovejoy.....	21	16	37	2	1	8	35	62 77	55 10	\$6 21	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	35 00	1 10	.....	106 72	.....
Osage City and Peterton..	J. A. Manning.....	23	4	27	1	.....	.....	.....	170 00	32 50	1 50	\$1 50	81	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	\$350
Greeley and Garnett.....	W. W. Harris.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 16	.....	.....	.....	1 85	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
Old Union.....	A. K. Nichols.....	14	2	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 50	30 30	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	150
Bronson and Mapleton.....	Joseph Westwood.....	25	8	33	3	2	13	90	197 56	43 75	.....	.....	4 50	5 05	.....	.....	.....	15 00	12 03	1 70	.....	1000 00	350
Prairie Center, etc.....	G. W. Saunders.....	37	9	46	3	1	7	30	230 76	31 65	.....	.....	1 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 56	102 16	70	.....	.....	.....
Topeka.....	W. N. Hibbard.....	63	5	68	5	2	16	95	112 66	31 80	45 50	.....	.....	4 06	.....	.....	.....	18 00	17 89	90	.....	1200 00	.....
Neosho Rapids.....	E. Leonard's'n, M. L. Wilkins'n.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT.	G. R. Tompkins, Ch'n.	16	1	17	1	.....	.....	.....	263 30	60 00	.....	.....	3 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 05	1 70	.....	2000 00	500
Clay Center.....	J. D. Bennett.....	19	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 81	40 00	6 00	.....	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Idana.....	J. D. Bennett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
German Mission.....	H. C. Werner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenridge.....	Tressa Richardson.....	31	.....	31	1	1	8	90	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WICHITA DISTRICT.	G. R. Tompkins, Ch'n.	44	11	55	1	.....	.....	.....	165 00	44 05	2 50	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	2 60	\$75	50 00	.....
Caldwell and Argonia....	I. N. Watson.....	24	1	25	2	1	5	40	170 70	40 00	.....	.....	3 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1200 00	.....
Arkansas City.....	W. N. Hamby.....	10	.....	10	.....	2	7	60	205 85	15 30	.....	.....	1 85	1 70	.....	.....	1 00	6 21	.....	.....	.....	700 00	800
McPherson.....	John Mitchell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
EMPORIA DISTRICT.	G. R. Tompkins, Ch'n.	36	4	40	.....	1	8	50	193 06	43 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	16 00	.....	.....	2000 00	.....
Emporia and Grand View	George Seacord.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 90	18 21	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunlap.....	O. Lineback.....	16	3	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	33 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wrexford and Skiddy.....	L. H. Newberry.....	27	.....	27	1	7	.....	30	175 00	22 45	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....
Matfield Green, etc.....	M. J. Parks.....	12	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood county.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEBRASKA DISTRICT.	M. V. B. Phillips, Ch'n.	29	6	35	.....	3	.....	.....	147 70	34 75	50 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....
Rock Creek and Wahoo...	J. M. Scott.....	26	1	27	.....	1	5	25	167 26	23 70	.....	.....	1 00	87	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairview.....	D. M. Poor.....	32	7	39	.....	1	8	21	350 00	67 17	46 10	.....	5 60	9 00	.....	.....	27 70	11 21	31 03	2 80	5	1100 00	540
Clear Creek.....	S. M. Scott.....	10	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00	37 17	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	M. E. Bonner.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friend.....	T. Rose.....	19	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	223 49	43 23	.....	.....	75	1 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 94	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brainerd and David City	E. Ballenger.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Conference.....		576	81	657	22	18	81	592	\$3543 16	\$801 93	156 81	\$2 50	\$45 62	\$27 49	14 97	\$61 85	155 73	237 54	20 03	\$130	\$10431 72	\$2990	

Other Missionary Funds—Lawrence, \$2.50; Brainard and David City, 50 cents.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held near Grant City, Missouri,
August 12-14, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. L. C. EBEBY, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—C. E. Harroun, Sr., E. G. Cooper, J. M. Connard.
On Publishing Minutes—Secretary.
To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—W. H. Thomas.
On Secret Societies—E. P. Hart, E. G. Cooper.
On Publications—L. C. Ebey, J. W. Beavers.
On Temperance—C. E. Harroun, Sr., J. M. Connard.
On the State of the Work—L. C. Ebey, C. E. Harroun, Sr., S. A. Bales.
To Receive Money Collected for Missions—L. M. Willis.
To Receive Money Collected for General Superintendents—L. C. Ebey.
To Receive Money Collected to Pay Expenses of Delegates to the General Conference—C. G. Cox.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. E. Harroun, Sr., James Tiernan.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—E. P. Hart.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:
Preliminary Course—C. G. Cox.
First Year—W. H. Thomas.
Second Year—E. G. Cooper.
Third Year—L. C. Ebey.
Fourth Year—C. E. Harroun, Sr.
To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of third year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

C. E. Harroun, Sr.,	W. B. Walls,	M. C. Collins,	L. M. Willis,
W. H. Thomas,	H. K. Bowerman,	A. F. Hall,	L. C. Ebey.

DELEGATES.

J. W. Beavers,	S. A. Bales,	William Stotts,	J. M. Connard.
Filmore Needles,			

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, C. E. Harroun, Sr., L. C. Ebey, J. M. Connard, J. W. Beavers.

3. Who remain on trial? J. M. Tays, S. A. Milton, C. G. Cox and Wiley Johnson.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? L. M. Willis, W. H. Thomas.

5. Who are the deacons? L. M. Willis, W. H. Thomas.
6. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. W. Wines (local).
7. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
8. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of each was examined and passed.
9. Who have died this year? None.
10. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
11. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. When and where shall our next conference be held? A committee was elected to select the place; time not set.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fourth annual session of the conference was held near Grant City, Mo., August 12-14, 1886.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the president.

L. M. Willis and H. W. Thomas were ordained deacons Sunday morning.

The conference ordered that the work be supplied with two traveling chairmen. L. C. Ebey and E. G. Cooper were elected traveling chairmen.

L. C. Ebey was elected ministerial and J. W. Beavers lay delegate to the General Conference. E. G. Cooper was elected reserve ministerial delegate, and J. M. Connard reserve lay delegate.

The amount collected to pay for publishing Minutes, \$7.70, was ordered to be paid to T. B. Arnold.

The money collected to pay expenses of delegates to General Conference was paid to L. C. Ebey, and the amounts pledged for same purpose were ordered sent to him at Bowling Green, Mo.

The money collected for General Conference and Africa missions was paid to T. B. Arnold.

T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist*, was present. He preached twice, labored at the altar, and in the children's meetings, earnestly and successfully.

L. C. Ebey was appointed committee to procure reduction on railroad fare for those attending our next conference.

L. C. Ebey, E. G. Cooper and J. W. Beavers were elected a committee to select the place where our next conference shall be held.

H. K. Bowerman, having moved to Kansas, the conference unanimously voted to grant him a certificate of good standing as an elder in this conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The traffic in strong drink is the greatest evil with which this nation is cursed; and

WHEREAS, The two political parties which have administered the affairs of government for fifty years past have so far favored the drink-traffic that there has been a constant and rapid increase in the traffic, such as has never been known before; and so great has this evil become that the present drink bill (according to the official reports of these same parties) costs the nation \$900,000,000 each year, and also costs the lives of nearly 100,000 citizens yearly; and,

WHEREAS, There has been no considerable difference in these parties in this respect, but each has been apparently equally guilty, until each party has evidenced the fact that they two constitute the one great whisky party of this nation. Therefore, we declare our belief that the Democratic and Republican parties are but one on the subject of strong drink; so that on the subject of strong drink there is but one party in this nation. This accounts for the fact that the people have not been able to reach and suppress the traffic. Therefore,

Resolved, That we declare ourselves unanimously in favor of another party, commonly known as the third party, but really a second party; and while we witness with gratitude the remarkable success of the W. C. T. U., and all other open agencies, we still pledge ourselves to pray and work and vote for the Prohibition party.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are as much as ever convinced of the necessity of our people being supplied with a pure literature, both for the family and Sabbath-school. We do most heartily recommend to our members, old and young, our denominational paper, the *Free Methodist*, published by T. B. Arnold, and edited by Joseph Travis; and we will do what we can as ministers to place a copy of the *Free Methodist* in each family on our various circuits. We, as a conference, fully endorse the position taken by the *Free Methodist* on Prohibition and faith-healing. We do cordially recommend to all our Sabbath-schools the publications of T. B. Arnold, including Sabbath-school papers, lesson-leaves, and all Sabbath-school supplies. We still love the *Earnest Christian*, published by B. T. Roberts, and will do all within our power to extend its circulation. We believe its great excellency as a pure holiness monthly deserves the universal support of our conference. We also recommend the *Vanguard* to our members as a safe, radical holiness paper; but would suggest to them first to subscribe for our denominational paper, the *Free Methodist*.

III.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on the state of the work report that we have cause of gratitude to God for the union and Christian love that prevail among us as a people, and that there are no divisions among us on any of the doctrines of the Bible as believed by us and set forth in our book of Discipline. But, in our judgment, there is a lack of that aggressiveness that there should be. We need to pray for and cultivate a spirit of larger practical aggressiveness. In some places in our conference among our members there is a lack of genuine Bible holiness. We suggest that we, as preachers, strongly insist upon their coming up to the Bible standard of holiness. We disapprove of the practice, prevailing among us to some extent, of preachers leaving their circuits before the close of the conference year, and would refer such as have done so to § 3, ¶ 111 of the Discipline.

WHEREAS, The laws of several of the States in which we have conferences legalize the rite of matrimony, performed by licensed or ordained ministers; and as our Discipline is understood to allow none but ordained ministers to perform the rite of matrimony, we request our next General Conference to so change the Discipline that any traveling preacher will have authority to perform the rite of matrimony.

IV.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee on secret societies beg leave to submit the following report:

Our opposition to secret, oath-bound societies is not the result of a mere partisan spirit, or because of any personal affront or injury, but a conviction begotten of careful and unbiassed investigation of underlying principles and unprejudiced observation of practical workings.

1. We find them founded in selfishness, and that crafty and designing men are constantly taking advantage of them to advance their selfish and wicked purposes. We discover this in Church as well as in State; and, as a result, are forced to recognize the sad spectacle of civil and religious corruption and decay. We cannot, even if we would, close our eyes to the fact that oftentimes, through the influence of organized secrecy, the ends of justice in our civil tribunals are thwarted and defeated.

2. Professing to be followers of the Son of God, we feel we must hold inviolate the principles laid down by the Master when he said, "Freely ye have received, freely give;" and, as a consequence, hold, since all that is good comes as a free gift of God's grace, all that a man has received in the way of superior light on principles of truth he is morally bound to impart to his fellows. Having freely received, he is commanded to as freely give. And if any have been blindly led into the mysteries of the secret orders under the supposition that superior light and great good were to be realized, and have found themselves wofully duped, and instead of light have found darkness, instead of abiding principles of righteousness have found silly rites and hollow mockery, it is their bounden duty to expose the stupendous fraud.

As heretofore, we pledge ourselves to continued, intelligent and conscientious opposition to organized, oath-bound secretism.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALBANY DISTRICT.—E. G. COOPER, Chairman.

Albany.....	To be supplied
Grant City.....	To be supplied
Mount Moriah.....	To be supplied
High Prairie.....	C. G. Cox
Cameron and Meadville.....	J. M. Tays
Vernon County.....	J. Tiernan
Carroll County Mission.....	A. F. Hall
Newton County.....	W. N. Buckner, supply
S. A. Milton supply in Kansas Conference.	

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT.—L. C. EBEL, Chairman.

Bowling Green.....	To be supplied
Chantilly.....	W. H. Thomas
Troy.....	To be supplied
Ashburn.....	L. M. Willis

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.—L. C. EBEL, Chairman.

St. Louis.....	M. C. Collins
Mineral Point and Fort Shonah.....	W. B. Walls
Richmond and Mount Hope.....	To be supplied
Bunker Hill and Collinsville.....	To be supplied
C. E. Harroun, conference missionary; member of Albany District quarterly conference.	



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-schools.	Officers, Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chalmers' Receipts.	Evangelists' Receipts.	Gen'l Superintendents Coll.	Home Missions' Collection	Gen'l. Conf. Missionary Fund.	Africa Missionary Fund.	Other Missionary Funds.	Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection	Expenses Gen'l Court Delegates.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Val. of Parsonage Property.	
ALBANY DISTRICT.	C. E. Harroun, Chairman.																					
Albany.....	A. W. Parry.....	17	..	17	1	1	4	20	\$107 60	\$ 80 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$ 7 00	..	..	\$1950	..
High Prairie.....	C. G. Cox.....	28	11	39	1	1	6	40	115 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	..	..	1000	..
Cameron and Meadville.....	S. A. Milton.....	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600	..
Grant City.....	H. K. Bowerman.....	31	1	32	4	1	8	40	63 90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 00	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Moriah.....	F. Swift, supply.....	19	..	19	1	1	7	40	58 85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carroll County.....	A. F. Hall.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopkins.....	J. M. Tays.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon County.....	J. Tiernan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT	L. C. Ebey, Chairman.																					
Bowling Green.....	L. C. Ebey.....	7	1	8	..	..	..	..	150 00	13 00	\$53 50	1 50	1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	..	..	..	\$ 3 00	..	..	..
Ashburn.....	E. G. Cooper.....	24	..	24	1	3	25	..	141 50	113 80	..	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	..	..	11 60	..	2 40	500	\$290
Chanatilly.....	W. H. Thomas.....	14	5	19	1	8	50	..	155 35	119 25	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	..	25	4 60	19 30	1 00	650	250	..
Troy.....	L. M. Willis.....	9	..	9	2	11	50	..	117 66	12 20	5 00	1 35	..	..	..	..	6 90	..	90	..	..	..
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.	M. C. Collins, Chairman.																					
St. Louis.....	M. C. Collins.....	30	4	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mineral Point and Ft. Shouah.....	W. B. Walls.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Richwood and Mt. Hope.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bunker Hill and Collinsville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total for Conference.....	..	195	22	207	7	8	47	265	\$724 86	\$118 25	\$63 50	\$11 30	\$7 50	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$2 25	\$17 10	\$22 30	\$5 20	\$4700	\$450	..

†For four months.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session, held at Corsicana, Tex., February 18-20, 1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. H. V. HASLAM, Secretary. J. H. PADGETT, Assistant Secretary. GEO. MCCULLOCH, Conference Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, H. V. Haslam.
On Publishing Interests—H. V. Haslam, Geo. McCulloch.
On Missions—B. T. Roberts, Geo. McCulloch, Wm. Barrett.
On Publishing the Minutes—H. V. Haslam.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Geo. McCulloch.
On Sunday-Schools—Wm. Barrett, Geo. Causey.
To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—H. A. Hanson.
To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—Wm. Barrett.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—B. T. Roberts.
On Temperance—Geo. McCulloch, Wm. Barrett.
On the State of the Work—B. T. Roberts, Geo. McCulloch, Wm. Barrett.
On Secret Societies—J. P. Yates, John Steele.
Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:
Preliminary Course—H. V. Haslam.
First Year—Geo. McCulloch.
Second Year—A. F. Ferris, W. Parker.
Third Year—H. V. Haslam.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

A. F. Ferris, George McCulloch, Warren Parker, H. A. Hanson, H. V. Haslam.

DELEGATES.

Wm. Barrett, J. P. Yates, Asa Davis, John Steele.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, Geo. McCulloch, Wm. Barrett.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Charles Knapp, Geo. Causey, R. A. Thompson.

4. Who remain on trial? J. H. Padgett, R. L. Harris.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. A. Hanson, A. F. Ferris.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Padgett.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? S. H. Hurlock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I. ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

! We praise God for what has been accomplished during this short conference year. God is increasing the spirituality and earnestness of the ministry and members of the church throughout our bounds. Our material interests are also increasing. One church has been

lately built, and another is about to be erected, means having been provided for the same. Calls come in from every direction—"Come over and help us." We heartily invite preachers from other parts of our church to come and help us. By the grace of the Lord, whether we have other help or not, we are resolved to help ourselves and see the work move on. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we have waited too long for others to come and assist in this work.

Resolved, 2. That we will weep and pray before God, and hold on until the moral desert of Texas shall blossom abundantly and shall rejoice even with joy and singing.

Resolved, 3. That we will work as well as pray, going forth, pay or no pay, and have one object before our minds—the salvation of men and the upbuilding of the work on the fire-line for God.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to report that, we still look upon intemperance as one of the greatest evils of our land. Its demoralizing effects are seen on every hand in the wasted energies, shattered intellects and ruined characters of its slaves. It has robbed the wife of her husband, the children of their father, society of its morals, the state of many a noble citizen, and heaven of many souls. It has ruined the peace of many families, blasted the hopes of many a young heart, and it spreads woe and misery, destruction and death wherever it goes. It has filled many homes with poverty and distress, our poor-houses with paupers, our lunatic asylums with its slaves, our jails and penitentiaries with the worst class of criminals, furnished the gallows with its victims, and, more terrible than all, it is filling hell with lost souls. Therefore, in view of these facts, we hail with joy the glad era of prohibition and reformation which has dawned upon our land and country.

Resolved, 1. That we as a conference will do all in our power to advance the cause of Prohibition by our influence, our words, our ballots and our prayers; and we will never rest satisfied until the demon of drink has been banished from our land, total prohibition established by law throughout the length and breadth of our glorious republic, and it becomes a crime against the state to either manufacture, import or sell the soul-destroying liquid.

Resolved, 2. That we will instruct the children in our Sunday-schools on the evils of intemperance, both as regards the use of liquor and its twin destroyer, tobacco, so that we may be instrumental, in the hands of God, of raising up a generation of men and women who will not defile themselves by the use of either.

III.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Superannuated fund on hand.....\$ 5 78
Home missionary fund.....10 05

IV.—ON SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.

Amount brought to and raised at conference.....\$17 30

APPOINTMENTS.

ENNIS DISTRICT.—GEO. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

Ennis.....To be supplied
Corsicana.....H. V. Haslam, R. A. Thompson, supply
Whitney.....J. H. Padgett
Kosse.....A. F. Ferris; Geo. Causey, supply
Hubbard and Dawson.....H. A. Hanson; Charles Knapp, supply
R. L. Harris, missionary to Africa.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—W. PARKER, Chairman.

San Antonio.....W. Parker

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach's	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairmen's Receipts.	Gen'l Superintendents' Coll.	Home Mission's Collection.	Am't Raised for Sunday-Schools	Incidental Ex. Collection.	Value of Church Property.
ENNIS DISTRICT.	G. McCulloch, Ch'n.														
Ennis.....	Geo McCulloch.....	27	1	28	3	1	6	24	\$37 65	8 55	\$2 65	\$2 05	\$12 25	\$8 25	\$ 900
Corsicana.....	H. V. Haslam.....	33	1	34	4	1	7	42	33 15	6 05	4 00	.....	5 35	9 70	1500
†Kosse, Frosa, etc..	A. F. Ferris, supply..	19	5	24	1	.....	.....	.....	100 00	10 40	4 00	4 00	.....	5 50	350
Hubbard, Dawson..	H. A. Hanson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitney, Lebanon.	J. H. Padgett.....	18	1	19	1	1	5	31	51 00	9 45	.....	.....	2 25	16 25	.....
†San Antonio.....	Warren Parker.....	7	2	9	.....	1	4	25	9 80	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	500
Total.....		104	10	114	9	4	22	122	251 60	34 45	12 65	6 05	19 85	39 70	32 50

†Kosse and Frosa, etc., Africa Missionary Funds, \$3.00.

†San Antonio, Other Missionary Funds \$5.34.

A collection of \$4.65 was raised on Sunday to meet the deficiency in the General Superintendents' fund. The reports are meager on account of it having been but three and a half months since last conference.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session, held at Burlington, Des Moines Co.,
Iowa, August 25-29, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. L. MENDENHALL, Secretary. W. E. COQUILLETTE,
Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, C. E. Harroun, Jr., O. V. Ketels, M. L. Winegarden.

On Publications—C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. Y. Titus, S. T. Horton.

On Temperance—A. Steadwell, I. Stanhope, J. C. Long.

On the State of the Work—Chairmen of the districts.

On Sunday-school—R. W. Scott, S. S. Stewart, C. W. Carroll.

On Home Missions—L. Mendenhall, E. E. Hall, M. L. Winegarden.

To Solicit Funds for Publishing Minutes—S. S. Stewart.

On Publishing the Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Secret Societies—E. Y. Carl, C. E. Harroun, Jr.

On Education—A. Steadwell, E. E. Hall, S. S. Stewart.

On Ministerial Relations—S. T. Horton, E. E. Hall, H. S. Carpenter, John Burg.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. Y. Titus, H. S. Carpenter, E. E. Hall.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—The secretaries.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—E. Y. Carl, M. L. Winegarden.

First Year—J. C. Long, W. C. Thompson.

Second Year—A. Steadwell, H. S. Carpenter.

Third Year—O. V. Ketels, R. W. Scott.

Fourth Year—C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. E. Hall.

The committee on the Preliminary Course was appointed to examine local preachers in course of study who are recommended for deacon's orders next year.

To Secure Reduced Rates on Railroads to Conference Next Year—L. Mendenhall.

On Incorporating the Iowa Annual Conference—C. E. Harroun, Jr., O. V. Ketels, E. Y. Titus.

On Oskaloosa Church—The preacher in charge of the Oskaloosa circuit and the chairman of the district.

On Lost Nation Church—The preacher in charge and the chairman of the district.

On Selecting the Place of Holding the Next Session of Conference—The chairmen of the districts and L. Mendenhall.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

E. Y. Carl,

J. M. Scott,

PREACHERS.

W. C. Thompson,

S. C. Scott,

M. L. Winegarden,
C. E. Harroun, Jr.,
J. C. Long,
R. W. Scott,

S. S. Stewart,
C. Kirkland,
O. P. Crawford,
E. E. Hall,

O. V. Ketels,
J. W. Buckner,
L. Mendenhall,
H. S. Carpenter,

I. H. Gorrell,
W. T. Warren,
A. Steadwell.

DELEGATES.

Frances C. Humes,
E. Y. Titus,
I. Stanhope,
W. G. Dyer,
T. D. White,

E. Osborn,
Thomas Dunkerton,
H. D. Tiller,
Robert Hough,

Mary Cooledge,
W. Miser,
S. T. Horton,
J. A. Fenwick,

O. C. Stoughton,
J. Burg,
George Byard,
J. S. Rinehart.

2. Who are the stationing committee? C. E. Harroun, Jr., O. V. Ketels, S. T. Horton, E. Y. Titus.

3. Who are admitted on trial? Charles Carnes.

4. Who remain on trial? W. R. Bradfield, J. M. Lute, L. Rubardt, W. E. Coquillet, A. S. Doughty.

5. Who are admitted in full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. W. Buckner, I. H. Gorrell, W. T. Warren.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? M. L. Winegarden.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. Kirkland, without claim, at his own request.

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. M. Scott and S. C. Scott, transferred to the Kansas Conference.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were separately called and their characters were passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14-20. See statistical report.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The general superintendent was requested to hold the next session as near the third week in September, 1887, as possible. The place is to be selected by a committee appointed for that purpose (see standing committees).

MISCELLANEOUS.

The thirteenth annual session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church on North Hill, Burlington, Iowa.

L. Mendenhall was elected secretary by acclamation, and W. E. Coquillet assistant. There were seven sittings: on Wednesday, one; Thursday, two; Friday two; Saturday, two.

During the session the following persons were introduced to the conference and given honorary seats: Rev. C. E. Harroun, Sr., of the Missouri Conference; Rev. T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist*, and Rev. C. F. Hawley, of the Wesleyan Connection.

S. S. Stewart was continued in the relation of conference evangelist.

The following elders were elected delegates to General Conference: C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. E. Hall; reserves, L. Mendenhall, O. V. Ketels. The following laymen were elected delegates to General Conference: E. Y. Titus, S. T. Horton; reserves, John Burg, O. C. Stoughton.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the B. C. R. N. and C. B. & Q. railroads for reduced rates given persons attending this session of the annual conference.

A vote of thanks was tendered the people of Burlington for their kind entertainment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee would offer the following as their report: We are, if possible, more strongly entrenched in our opinion in regard to oath-bound secret societies than ever before. Every new phase of the subject of sworn secrecy which is evolved by the passage of time only presents new and confirming evidence that secret societies are not only unnecessary among civilized people and in a Republican government, but the principle lying at the base of such societies is positively dangerous. It is selfish in nature, unjust in effect, and exceedingly dangerous in tendency.

The spirit of fore-sworn secret societies is one. This spirit pervades, in common, Freemasonry, Oddfellowship, the Grand Army of the Republic, Knights of Labor, Good Templarism, as verily as it does socialism, nihilism and every other form of anarchy. That spirit is simply selfishness born of human depravity, and begotten of Satan. In the various secret societies there may be diversities of manifestations, there may be comparative degrees of visible activities with corresponding visible results, but they are all of the same spirit.

The murder of Wm. Morgan and the assault upon D. P. Rathbun and many others, by Masonry, and the Hay Market massacre in Chicago in May last by the anarchists, etc., are but the legitimate expressions of the spirit of secretism.

We believe that those societies whose workings are hidden from the outside world by the repressive force of fore-sworn secrecy are very largely responsible for the secret meetings and drills of anarchists, which laid and developed such a murderous plot as has been proven against them in their trial. The fore-sworn secretism of the so-called benevolent and reformatory societies has prevented the free discussion and investigation of the principles and workings of communism in its various forms.

Our opposition, therefore, is not only against the various forms of organized secretism, but fundamentally against the principle of foresworn secrecy.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

The term education, as generally used, signifies the training and development of the human mind to think; the storing of that mind with useful knowledge. Christian education is not only the training and storing of the mind, but the training of the heart by the Holy Spirit, and filling it with the knowledge of Christ. We believe in Christian education. The more of this we can obtain the more useful we shall be in the world. Though the opportunities for obtaining a secular education are abundant, the opportunities for securing a Christian education are few. We rejoice in God that Christian schools have been and are being established in many conferences. They certainly indicate that as a people we do not believe the old adage that "ignorance is the mother of devotion." We are glad for measures already taken toward establishing such a school in the bounds of our conference, and hope it will be pushed to a speedy consummation.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS. The Sunday-school is the nursery of the church of Christ, all its interests should be carefully guarded; therefore,

Resolved, That we in the fear of God will oppose every merely social entertainment, such as picnics, fairs, sociables, and everything that does not tend to the honor and glory of God.

Resolved, That we will as far as practicable select officers and teachers who are saved and will advocate our doctrines.

Resolved, That instead of forming union schools, as far as practicable we will establish Free Methodist schools.

Resolved, That we will do all that we can to guard against the great mass of Sunday-school literature now extant, it being light, trashy, fictitious, and at best only aims to amuse and not instruct the readers; and that we as a people will recommend the circulation of the *Free Methodist* paper and our own Sunday-school literature, published by T. B. Arnold, in all our schools.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would respectfully present the following as its report:

Such are the facilities through the printing press for the dissemination of knowledge, and so generally is this agency employed for this purpose, that as a factor among the institutions of the age, which materially aids in shaping the destinies of the people, it claims our candid attention.

We deeply deplore the fact that many editors of the weekly and daily publications are not only irreligious persons, but persons whose standard of morality is seriously defective. This is evident from the character of much which appears in their columns as editorial matter.

We shall hail with joy the time when the publications of the land shall issue forth under the management of editors who shall respect and practice the morality of the New Testament. We are glad to learn that, from time to time, men of acknowledged religious standing assume the control of some periodical of the secular press.

With regard to the religious periodicals, on them rests a very grave responsibility. As every phase of human action is in harmony with, or a violation of, or inconsistent with moral principle, it gives religious publications a very broad field of moral interests to conserve. Therefore, it comes within the province of religious journalism to scan the field, even of moral, social and political reforms, and maintain the true standard of New Testament moral principle. We would encourage a clear, fearless, outspoken course against all forms of social and political corruption. But while religious publications are at liberty to oppose the wrong in all its forms, yet they should not aim simply to be an obstruction in the way of the wrong. The primary work of a religious publication is to aid in the work of constructing a religious character in the individual and religious society in the community. The only warrant that any publication has for attacking any personal or public act, practice, tendency or sentiment, lies in the fact that such act, practice, tendency or sentiment stands in the way of constructing such a character. Journalistic combativeness should be the act of necessity and not the result of editorial propensity. Your committee are free to recognize the fact that there are numerous publications which aim at an advanced type of heart and practical piety, among which we heartily recognize the *Free Methodist*, *Earnest Christian* and the Sunday-school publications, all published within our own denomination, as aiming at this object.

V.--ON TEMPERANCE.

We consider intemperance one of the greatest evils of our land. As the cause of a greater part of the pauperism, taxation, crime and misery of mankind, we are called upon by the ties that bind us to God and humanity, to do our utmost toward its suppression.

We rejoice to know of the rising public sentiment in favor of legal prohibition in our nation. We are glad the law does prohibit in most of the towns in our State; but it can never become universal until officers, Prohibition to the core, can be successively vested with authority to execute the same. As this can never be done except by a political party organized on this issue, we pledge the present Prohibition party, while she stands on God's issues, our hearty and unqualified support. Nor will we cease our efforts till legal prohibition shall obtain in every State and Territory, and a prohibition clause shall be inserted in the constitution of the United States.

VI.--ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

We believe that the work among us is in good condition. God has blessed us and been with us. Beyond a doubt, in general, both preachers and people have a mind to work; hence, we have reason to take courage and move on. We believe it the work of the church to save sinners, and to build up believers in holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. We believe it is the duty of all our preachers to devote all their time to the work of the ministry; and also the laity of our membership to stand by them in this by supporting them and providing for the necessities of life.

We find that our stewards need to be urged and educated in their duty. We exhort our brethren to stand against all worldly conformity. In many places there is laxness and lack of sacrifice in regard to the attendance on the means of grace among some. We should stir each other up to attend all the means of grace. We exhort the brethren to cultivate more of an aggressive spirit, and reach beyond our present attainments. Keep the ear of the church open to all cries of Macedonia, and go forth filled with the spirit of the Master of the work.

VII.--ON HOME MISSIONS.

Cash on hand.....\$60.00

Appropriated as follows:

I. H. Gorrell.....	\$ 9.00
E. Y. Carl.....	9.00
J. C. Long.....	5.00
S. S. Stewart.....	9.00
H. S. Carpenter.....	9.00
L. Rubardt.....	5.00
L. C. Smith.....	5.00
J. M. Lute.....	9.00

VIII.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General superintendents' claim.....	\$146.70
By receipts from S. K. J. Chesbro, and cash on hand.....	\$111.70
By collection Sunday.....	35.00
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	\$146.70
General Conference Mission claim.....	\$203.75
By receipt from treasurer.....	\$ 33.34
By cash on hand.....	31.75
Deficiency.....	138.66
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	\$203.75
Superannuated collections.....	\$12.49
Paid O. P. Crawford.....	\$12.49
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	\$12.49
Foreign Missions: Burlington (German charge).....	\$1.00
Burlington.....	5.00
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	6.00

APPOINTMENTS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—O. V. KETELS, Chairman.

Burlington (South Hill).....	E. E. Hall
Burlington (North Hill).....	W. E. Boger, supply
Morning Sun.....	Wm. Van Horn, supply

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—O. V. KETELS, Chairman.

Cedar Rapids.....	M. L. Winegarden
Marion.....	M. L. Winegarden
Maquoketa, Monmouth, Lost Nation.....	W. C. Thompson, L. W. Rubardt
De Witt.....	To be supplied
Walker.....	W. R. Bradfield

WATERLOO DISTRICT.—O. V. KETELS, Chairman.

Waterloo and Lester Center.....	R. W. Scott, Chas. Carnes
Cedar Falls.....	J. C. Long
Conrad.....	O. P. Crawford
Radcliffe.....	O. P. Crawford

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, JR., Chairman.

Fairfield.....	L. Mendenhall
Birmingham.....	A. Hensley
White Elm, Ottumwa and Eldon.....	E. Y. Carl
Salina, Coalport and Mt. Zion.....	H. S. Carpenter
Drakeville & Dennis.....	A. S. Doughty
Mt. Pleasant.....	A. Steadwell

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, JR., Chairman.

Delta, Sigourney and What Cheer.....	J. M. Lute
Barnes City and Kinross.....	W. T. Warren
Colfax Springs.....	I. H. Gorrell
S. S. Stewart, conference evangelist; member of Fairfield District quarterly conference.	
J. W. Buckner supply in the West Iowa Conference.	
C. Kirkland, superannuated; member of Burlington District quarterly conference.	

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Un- duated alm.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Col- lary Collection.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l (Cont. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- School.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Tent Fund.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Val. of Parson- age Property.	
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.	Harroun Jr., Chairman	17	1	17	2	3	15	100	\$250 00	\$143 98			\$3 60	\$2 40	\$3 00			8 15		\$1 50		\$28 00	
Burlington (German).....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	35	1	36	1	1	13	73	414 54	47 57			4 33		3 45			17 95		\$4 15		6 00	
Morning Sun.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	53	2	55	1	1	13	73	414 54	70 80		\$6 49	10 62	11 80	14 75	\$6 00	39 53	\$128 89	5 90			27 00	
Burlington.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman																						
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun Jr., Ch'n	24	4	28	1	1	6	21		185 17		20	3 62	40	1 75		29 94	16 96	22			10 00	
Cedar Rapids.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	70	15	85	2	2	19	140	375 00	22 55			4 68	3 80	6 50		20 10		2 60				
Monmouth and Maquoketa	Harroun Jr., Chairman	17		17	1	1	4	20	173 59	24 68		83	2 30	93			5 90					18 00	
De Witt and Lost Nation	Harroun Jr., Chairman	57		57	3	3			62 75			1 65	6 50	2 80	9 65				1 60			12 00	
Walker.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	19	4	23	1	1	6	48	19 75	29 50	\$45 40		6 40				10 00	10 00				12 00	\$7 00
Marion.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman																						
WATERLOO DIST.	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Chairman	45	16	61	2	2	14	59	325 00	174 65			7 02	3 00	3 57		12 00	32 23				15 00	
Waterloo.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	45		45	1	1	10	51	350 00	71 37	77 00		10 62	8 60			17 54	59 96				17 50	
Cedar Falls.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	13		13	1	1	10	50	100 37	24 29			2 50				30 00	9 20					7 00
Conrad.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	18		18					37 65	25 95	4 80		2 65										4 00
Radcliffe.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman																						
FAIRFIELD DIST.	O. V. Ketels, Chairman	58	4	62	1	1	12	35	113 58	24 25			7 45	3 46	1 00		13 21	23 16	1 11			10 00	
Fairfield.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	34	5	39	1	1	8	28	315 00	35 10	10 68		5 76	5 78	5 20		10 03					12 00	
Birmingham.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	34	2	36	1	2	15	90	45 02	33 22		50	4 37	1 50	2 00		6 85		50			5 50	
White Elm.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman	32	1	33	1	1			156 65	39 50	15 60		4 11						3 20			8 00	
Salina Coalpt and Mt Zion	Harroun Jr., Chairman	40	7	47		2	10	20	125 31	44 05			3 28	75			5 00	6 00				8 00	
Drakeville and Dennis	Harroun Jr., Chairman	35	1	36		2			240 00	42 90		80	7 00	1 70						3 50		8 00	
Ottumwa and Eldon	Harroun Jr., Chairman																						
Mt Pleasant.....	Harroun Jr., Chairman																						
OSKALOOSA DIST.	O. V. Ketels, Chairman	40	2	42	3	2	8	20	254 56	170 06			6 38	4 10	5 50								

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session held in the Free Methodist Church
at Black River, N. Y., September 8, 1866.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. W. H. CLARK, Secretary. L. H. ROBINSON,
Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, O. Frink, B. Winget.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing Minutes—J. D. Osmun, E. N. Jenks.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Claims—M. N. Downing, Geo. Stover, O. S. Dorman.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—T. Whiffen, J. B. Newton, G. W. Gurley.

On Temperance—A. Smith, O. M. Owen, O. Winsor.

On Education—E. Owen, B. Winget, A. Wise, C. H. Austin.

On Secret Societies—B. Winget, J. N. Fulford, Z. Osborne, A. Newton.

On Sabbath-Schools—J. A. Odell, M. D. McDougall, B. Miles.

On Publications—Z. Osborne, A. F. Curry, O. Winsor, W. Southworth.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study for Next Year—B. T. Roberts.

On Reduction of Railroad Fare Next Year—O. M. Owen.

To Receive Funds Raised for Claims—George Stover.

To Receive Funds Raised for the General Superintendents—M. D. McDougall.

To Receive Funds for Home Missions—The stationing committee.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Missions—R. M. Snyder.

On Memoirs—M. N. Downing, O. Winsor, A. F. Curry.

On Ministerial Relations—Z. Osborne, M. N. Downing, M. D. McDougall, J. Lee, A. Newton, E. Owen, George Stover, W. Southworth.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary—J. B. Newton, W. Crossman.

First Year—George Stover, O. M. Owen.

Second Year—W. H. Clark, Z. Osborne.

Third Year—O. Frink, T. Whiffen.

Fourth Year—R. M. Snyder, L. H. Robinson.

On Publications—B. Winget.

Conference Tent Committee—The chairmen, A. F. Curry, B. Winget, O. M. Owen.

To Receive Funds for the Africa Mission—Z. Osborne.

The chairmen of the following committees for next year were appointed: On Temperance, M. N. Downing; Sabbath-Schools, W. J. Riker; Secret Societies, A. F. Curry; Romanism, A. Smith; to Apportion Claimants' Collection, M. N. Downing.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

A. F. Curry,
M. N. Downing,
Z. Osborne,
B. Winget,
E. Owen,
W. H. Clark,
J. B. Newton,

Thomas Whiffen,
O. M. Owen,
J. D. Osmun,
L. H. Robinson,
George Stover,
Wm. Crossman,
J. C. Kennedy,

J. Olney,
J. B. Stacy,
J. A. Odell,
J. W. Sawyer,
Wm. Southworth,
A. Smith,
O. Frink,

D. Dempsey,
L. Kelly,
L. S. King,
R. M. Snyder,
W. A. Hawkes,
J. N. Fulford,
M. D. McDougall.

DELEGATES.

O. Winsor,
E. N. Jenks,
John Lee,
J. P. Easterbrooks,
Wm. L. Wager,
E. V. Bowker,

Adolphus Newton,
Brewster Pooler,
O. S. Dorman,
Wm. Finch,
A. B. Burch,
O. S. Crouch,

Emmett Barrus,
G. W. Gurley,
Burns Miles,
John Benedict,
G. K. Townsend,

Wm. Sitzler,
A. Wise,
C. H. Austin,
Geo. Willard,
F. A. Town.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, A. F. Curry, B. Winget, O. M. Owen, O. Winsor, A. Wise, G. W. Gurley.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? W. Sitzler, D. W. Clark, M. S. Babcock, M. W. Fuller, Wm. Wager.

4. Who are continued on trial? F. J. Dunham, O. S. Baker, T. C. Givens, T. J. C. Warren, F. E. Fitch.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. C. Stanton, C. H. Hudson, W. J. Riker, J. A. Tholens, B. F. Tisdall, and C. H. Stevens (by transfer from the New York Conference).

6. Who are the deacons? D. C. Stanton, C. H. Hudson, J. A. Tholens, W. J. Riker, B. F. Tisdale, D. W. Clark.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? G. R. Harvey.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. B. Stacy, J. Olney, Wm. Southworth, C. H. Stevens, L. S. King, W. A. Hawkes, D. Dempsey.

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were called and characters passed.

13. Who have died this year? J. Guyon.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

15. What is the amount collected for the superannuated preachers? See statistics and report.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Relating to Sunday-schools? See statistical report.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$400.00.

22. What sum is necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference? \$129.50.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts? \$83.68.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. When and where shall our next conference be held? At Syracuse, as near the middle of September as the general superintendents can arrange.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Susquehanna Conference was a season of interest and profit.

Six sessions of the conference were held. The business, in general, was transacted with great harmony, and the religious services were characterized by the presence and power of God.

At the closing service on Sabbath evening several were at the altar, some of whom professed to find the Lord.

Rev. J. Travis, editor of the *Free Methodist*, and A. V. Leonardson, of the East Michigan Conference, also Rev. J. B. Hammond pastor of the M. E. Church of Black River, were introduced and invited to honorary seats.

The committee on memoirs reported Saturday morning, when a memorial service was held for Brother J. Guyon. The report was read after which the conference joined in singing hymn No. 814, and were led in prayer by A. F. Curry.

C. H. Stevens was received by transfer from the New York Conference.

The following brethren were ordained deacons at the close of the morning service on Sabbath: D. C. Stanton, W. J. Riker, C. H. Hudson, J. A. Tholens.

The following brethren preached during the conference: B. T. Roberts three times L. H. Robinson, T. Whiffen, George Stover, E. Owen, J. Travis, A. M. Leonardson, R. M. Synder, and Z. Osborne, once each. On Sabbath morning Brother O. M. Owen preached in the M. E. Church in Black River and Brother M. D. McDougall in the evening.

Three traveling chairmen were elected for the coming year. A. F. Curry, B. Winget and O. M. Owen were elected on the first ballot.

On Sabbath morning \$32.56 were raised to meet the deficiency in the general superintendents' collection.

Four collections were ordered taken the coming year as follows: First quarter general superintendents'; second quarter, claims; third quarter, General Conference missions; fourth quarter, conference missions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON EDUCATION.

“'Tis education forms the common mind—
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined,”

are words as true and comprehensive as they are common. They have an exemplification in individuals, communities and nations. People are what education makes them. Nothing is, therefore, more important than to rightly bend these intellectual twigs which must constitute immortal trees. While they need the vigorous touch of the hand of culture, it must be applied with the utmost care or they are spoiled. There are two great systems of education in operation in this land, which, while they have much in common, differ widely in their genius and results. One is adopted by the Roman Catholic Church and its defenders; the other by Protestants and non-Catholics. Were these facts well understood and kept clearly before the public mind, there would doubtless soon be an important revolution in educational movements in this country. That the Catholic Church claims the right to educate all the youth of this land, and are doing their best in this direction, is apparent to all intelligent, observing minds. That their schools have attained an undeserved reputation for thoroughness and catholicity is equally clear. While there is no question as to the scholarship of some of their teachers, it is certain that their paramount object is not to make scholars, but Catholics, which they seldom fail to do of Protestant pupils who are placed under them. From the many evidences which might be adduced in confirmation of the above statements, we give the following from Rev C. Chiniquy, a converted Catholic priest, and author of the book entitled, “Fifty

Years in the Church of Rome." He resides at St. Anne, Ill., a colony of his own make while a Catholic priest. His well-known reputation as a Catholic, a Protestant, a scholar and a Christian, entitles him to our fullest confidence. At pages 66 and 67 of said book he says: "I finished at the college of Nicolet in the month of August, 1829, my classical course of study, which I had begun in 1822. I could easily have learned in three or four years what was taught me in these seven years. It took us three years to study the Latin grammar, when twelve months would have sufficed for all we learned of it. It is true that during this time we were taught some of the rudiments of the French grammar, with the elements of arithmetic and geography; but all this was so superficial that our teachers seemed more desirous to pass away our time than to enlarge our understandings. I can say the same thing of the Belle Lettres and of rhetoric, which we studied two years. A year of earnest study would have sufficed to learn what was taught us during these twenty-four months."

"The student in the college of the Church of Rome is condemned to the torments of Tantalus. He has indeed the refreshing waters of science put to his lips, but he is constantly prevented from drinking them. To enlarge and seriously cultivate the intelligence in a Roman Catholic college is a thing absolutely out of the question. More than that, all the efforts of the principals in their colleges and convents tend to prove to the pupil that his intelligence is his greatest and most dangerous enemy; that it is an untamable animal which must constantly be kept in chains. Rome, in her colleges and convents, brings up the youth from their earliest years; but to what height does she permit the young man or woman to be raised? Never higher than the feet of the pope. As soon as his intelligence, guided by the Jesuit, has ascended to the feet of the pope it must remain there, prostrate itself, and fall asleep. If the intelligence does sometimes advance, it is in spite of the fetters put upon it. I know that the priests of Rome can show a certain number of intelligent men in every branch of science who have studied in their colleges; but these men have from the beginning secretly broken the chains with which their superiors had tried to bind them. Give me the names of the remarkable and intelligent men who have studied in a college of Rome and have become real lights in the firmament of science, and I will prove that nine-tenths of them have been persecuted, excommunicated and tortured, and some, even, put to death for having dared to think for themselves."

Here follows a long list of such instances, among whom he names Galileo, Copernicus and Pascal. Many like testimonies might be given from students in Catholic schools, would space permit. Side by side with mammoth Catholic machinery stand our Protestant institutions, which not only leave the intellect untrammelled, but offer it all possible aid in its upward flight, believing that intellectual development is a help instead of a hinderance to a right understanding of religious as well as scientific truth. These schools are hated by the Catholics, and their destruction aimed at as a religious duty. So deeply rooted is this hatred that our free schools are constantly opposed by them, and every possible means used to so change our laws as to enable them to apply our public school fund to the support of their private, sectarian institutions. Not only do they claim the right to educate this nation in their own peculiar way, but are making rapid strides in that direction. While we detest any imitation of their course, either in forcing upon our youth the peculiar dogmas of any religious sect or diffusing a spirit of persecution against our antagonists, we think it a duty we owe to the present and coming generations to see that they be so instructed in the history, doctrines and tendencies of these two great bodies as to discover the real differences between them. The present generation, with few exceptions, know but very little of the bloody history of the Roman Catholic Church, or the unscriptural dogmas that produced it, and must reproduce it wherever their strength becomes adequate to the task. This ignorance accounts for the painful fact that many Protestant children are drawn into their schools, and, by kind treatment and "cunning craftiness" of Jesuits, induced to become Catholics. Were these early and thoroughly instructed in papal history, such things could never occur. In the Lutheran Church this point is early and sacredly guarded. In addition to family and Sunday-school instruction they have week-day schools in which, not only the rudiments of learning are taught, but every pupil is thoroughly drilled in Bible history as contrasted with the unscriptural dogmas of Rome, which caused their separation from that persecuting body. The result is that these youths shun Roman Catholic institutions as they would perdition. If all Lutheran usages are not Scriptural, in this they certainly act wisely.

In view of the above facts, which might be greatly multiplied, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolution by this body:

Resolved, That while in our judgement our method as a church of educating the rising generation in our seminaries, and otherwise is among the best now in use, we still think that ours, as well as those of other Protestant bodies, should be improved by the adoption of measures for the more thorough instruction of those under our care in the history and tendencies of these two great conflicting systems; thus enabling them to make an intelligent choice between them, and to render a reason for such choice.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The greatest curse of the nation is the dram-shop. It is the gateway through which myriads of old, young and middle-aged are continually passing down to hell. It is the

cause of two-thirds of all the crime and pauperism in the land. It wastes millions of money, and causes wretchedness to thousands of homes.

How shall we rid the nation of this great curse? Moral suasion may reach individual cases of drunkenness, but as soon as we have pulled the drunkard out of the stream we find men ready, under the sanction of law, to hurl them back again. We also find the distillery running by government fire and stream. We believe we should go up the stream to the still and say to these drunkard-makers, "You shall no longer hurl men into the stream of death under the sanction of American laws. High license is a flag of truce to the enemy, and tends to make crime respectable. Local option is only cutting off the tail of the serpent. All efforts to regulate the evil are simply clipping off the buds, without laying the axe at the root of the tree. We see no radical cure for the nation, save Prohibition. We are not merely anti-saloon, but are for annihilation of the saloon, with this for our motto: "Total abstinence for the individual, moral suasion for the drunkard, and Prohibition from shore to shore."

The rum-power have taken the question into politics, until the saloon has become the most important factor in American politics. To meet the foe squarely we must go to the ballot-box; and there is nothing the saloon dreads more than the use of the ballot against it, backed up by public sentiment. The two great national parties are under the influence of the liquor-traffic, the Democrats being for whisky from principle and the Republicans for whisky for the sake of votes. Both are persistently subservient to rum, and when in power afford no relief to society from its oppression. Hence, we regard the organization and maintenance of the National Prohibition Party, or the American Party, as a political necessity; and we regard it a sacred duty we owe to our fellow-men and to our country to use our moral, social and political influence for the support of the party, and thus say, not only by our prayers, but by our votes, "*The saloon must go.*"

We do not believe that the vices of mankind are the proper subjects of taxation, and therefore think the tax on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors should be abolished and the necessary revenue for the support of government can best be obtained by means of a revenue on imports, and should be so distributed as to burden as lightly as possible honest labor.

Further, we disapprove of our people picking hops, or renting their buildings for the promotion of any form of intemperance, and are now and forever for local, State and national Prohibition.

We also favor the education of the children in reference to the poisonous effects of such narcotics as tobacco, opium, snuff and drams; and declare ourselves as heretofore utterly opposed to their use by the members of our church.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We rejoice in the fact that our Sabbath-school work is receiving increasing attention among our people; yet, we think not as much as it deserves. We regard it in importance as among the first interests of our church work. More laborers are needed in this department. More should be done to gather in and interest the young. The church of Rome regard the children as its future hope. If it is true of that organization, is it not of ours to some extent? Some of our children are drifting from us to other schools. Why is this? Can we not do something to draw them back? Our Sunday-school papers are the best in the land. We earnestly recommend that all our pastors see to it that these papers are put in our schools in preference to others.

In conclusion we ask the earnest prayers of the whole church for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all our superintendents, officers, teachers, and scholars.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee respectfully submit the following:

We believe the press to be one of the greatest powers for good or evil that now exists. What we read has much to do in fashioning our characters for weal or woe. A wise man once remarked that he could tell the character of a family by having access to their reading matter. It is of the utmost importance that we, as a people, print, read and circulate good, sound, healthy literature that will stand the severest criticism. We have reason to rejoice in the success already attained in this direction. The *Earnest Christian* has been the pioneer of the church, and has taken ground ahead of all other publications in purity and in practical and experimental piety. Our Sabbath-school papers, published by T. B. Arnold, compare well with the best Sunday-school papers in the land. The *Free Methodist*, the organ of the church, is good. It contains much that merits our admiration;

and while we admit this much, we feel that it ought to be superlatively good, and reflect more fully the principles of our best men and women in the church. Its editorials should sparkle with life-giving thoughts that breathe, and words that burn, ringing out from time to time, the heights and depths of God's saving grace, provided for fallen humanity. The dry rot of compromise should not appear in its columns. Its tap-root should strike deep in the soil of perfect love. We have, in many respects, taken ground in advance of all other church organizations, hence our literature ought to measure up to the standard of our profession. We ask the editor and those who write for the paper, as an improvement, to write shorter articles.

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Resolved, That we will be diligent in trying to place our literature in all the families connected with us, and others in regions beyond: especially "The History of Free Methodism," by Dr. Bowen; "Why Another Sect;" "Fishers of Men," and "First Lessons in Money," by B. T. Roberts; also the late work by Rev. O. M. Owen, on infidelity, or "Ingersoll against Himself," ought to have a large circulation.

We would recommend the tracts published by Rev. A. Smith as excellent for distribution, and also Rev. A. Sims' books and tracts, published in Canada.

V.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Organized secretism, especially that which derives its greatest strength from extra-judicial oaths, and which calls for the most inhuman punishment on all who divulge any of its so-called secrets; which sets most pompous and blasphemous titles; which tends to banish justice from church and state; whose pretended benevolence is a solemn farce, and whose claim to ancient and divine origin is most absurd and unfounded; and which seeks by the hand of the assassin, the tongue of slander and mob-violence, to carry out its own selfish and hellish plans is one of the most dangerous foes to our commonwealth, to the prosperity of the church, and to a healthful social life. Already it has hood-winked and cable-towed many professed ministers of the gospel, and sent them out from the solemn farce enacted upon them with a loss of self-respect, in bondage to a system that ignores the Christ whom they teach is theirs, and the world's only Saviour; and which sets up a false mongrel religion; with oaths upon them that they have promised never to divulge under the most fearful penalties, not even to their most fond and loving wives, and all of this is done to get the aid and support of worldly men. Like priest, like people: multitudes of the members have followed the examples of their preachers, until to-day throughout the churches of our land this anti-Christian system gives unjust favoritism to its adherents, and neutralizes or destroys the power of the church for the accomplishment of its God-given work, by bringing in worldliness and holding up a false religion.

This system tyrannizes over municipalities and manufacturing establishments, setting aside men of sterling worth and giving position to its dupes. Its poison extends to the national life, and men are elected to positions of honor and trust in our government through this unjust system. By it our halls of justice are made the places of injustice and wrong, and "equity is fallen in the streets." It is the deadly Upas whose secretions are poisoning the social, political, judicial and Christian life of the nation, and which, at times manifests its true character by its upheavings as shown in the want of justice given to good and true men in church and state, mob violence, secret murders, and especially by the recent Anarchism of Chicago and Seattle. The cry of, "Peace! Peace!" may be heard from many in church and state, but some whose eyes are opened, are declaring that war with this hydra-headed monster is inevitable and are already in the field pushing forward the battle. Among the forces are live and aggressive denominations, statesmen possessed of pure and high motives, philosophers with keen discernment, and judges who transcendently love justice. Let there be no drawing back on the part of any of the forces, but with a common watchword, *liberty*, which is guaranteed by our constitution, asked for by our aspirations, and demanded by our necessities, let the battle go on till liberty shall be enthroned, injustice and wrong scattered from the field; and this tyrant of secretism utterly overthrown. Thankful for the past, and hopeful for the future of this conflict, we pledge ourselves to be true to our acknowledged position in the van of the host.

VI.—ON MEMOIRS.

ELDER JAMES GUYON, a superannuated member of the Susquehanna Conference of the Free Methodist Church, was born on Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1811, and died at his home near Union, N. Y., May 19, 1886.

Brother Guyon was thoroughly converted to God after he had arrived at full manhood. He became a deeply devoted servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was one of the first to unite with the Free Methodist society at its organization in Union, N. Y. When the Susquehanna Annual Conference was organized he was appointed to Union charge as a supply. Subsequently he was associated with A. W. Perry on the Union and Binghamton charge, and the year following, 1863, he supplied Chemung and Naples charge, having T. W. Reid for a colleague. In October, 1868, he was ordained a local deacon; and in October, 1869, he was received into the conference on trial, and was appointed to Liberty charge. In September, 1871, he was received into the conference in full membership, and was appointed to Canaan, Beach Pond and Lenox charge, and afterwards served the following charges, to-wit: Schoharie, Columbus, Sherburne and Norwich, and Stratford and Salisbury. In September, 1873, he was ordained elder, and in September, 1875, was granted, at his request, a superannuated relation to the conference, and retired to his former home, where he remained until he departed for his "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Brother Guyon was an earnest, acceptable and efficient preacher. After his superannuation, he was ever ready to do what he could, and that with his might, to help on the work of the Lord. He was much beloved by the membership of Binghamton and Union charge, and highly respected by his neighbors and fellow townsmen. One year ago last winter he was stricken down with congestive apoplexy. He was given up by his family to die. He himself concluded that "the time of my departure is at hand." He

made arrangements for his funeral. He selected the text and the hymns he desired to be used on the occasion. He was very happy in the Lord, and joyful in anticipation of being soon "clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." It was a means of grace to be in his presence. But the Lord saw fit to add unto his days nearly one year and a half more of earthly pilgrimage. He desired "to depart, and be with Christ," but was willing to abide his Lord's time. He so far recovered as to be able to attend the public services of God's house quite regularly for several months. The last quarterly meeting he attended was held at Binghamton the 15th and 16th of last May. It was at that meeting where he rendered his last public service in the cause of his Master. He led in prayer, and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. His testimony in the love-feast was his last public one, and it was exceedingly rich. While he testified the Spirit of the Lord fell upon him, and upon the congregation. He said that, although he had been somewhat disappointed in not going to his heavenly home when he seemed to be so nearly over the river, "yet now," said he, "I had rather be here than in heaven, because I believe this is the will of the Lord." He returned home on Tuesday following, feeling very weak in body. The next morning he arose at about four o'clock, and on going out onto the back stoop of his house he lost his balance and fell to the ground, striking his head against a stone, resulting in a serious fracture of the skull. He expired in about fifteen minutes thereafter. His funeral was held in the M. E. church at Union, and was very largely attended by the citizens of the place. The writer used with liberty of Spirit our dear brother's Scripture selection for the sermon, which was 2 Tim. iv. 6-8. It is fervently believed that the text was no lie in his case. May his aged widow and his surviving children follow his Lord and ours, and with him be finally crowned in the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "Servant of God, well done," etc.

VII.—ON CLAIMS.

	Claim.	Paid.	Deficiency.
J. Olney.....	\$100.00.....	\$ 58.00.....	\$ 42.00
J. B. Stacy.....	85.00.....	49.30.....	35.70
Sister Young.....	50.00.....	30.00.....	20.00
“ Selby.....	25.00.....	14.48.....	10.52
Totals.....	260.00.....	151.78.....	108.22

VIII.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

Amount on hand from last year returned by G. R. Harvey.....	\$22.00
Amount raised.....	48.59
Total.....	70.59
Paid to L. Kelly.....	\$ 5.00
“ W. J. Riker.....	25.00
“ F. Fitch.....	5.00
“ T. C. Givens.....	5.00
“ D. C. Stanton.....	20.00
“ L. H. Robinson.....	10.59
Total.....	70



CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Year of admission to full connection.	Name.	Address.
1860	A. F. Curry.....	Canaseraga, Alleghany Co., N. Y.
1862	J. Olney.....	Bushnell's Basin, Monroe Co., "
1863	M. N. Downing.....	Binghamton, "
1865	J. B. Stacy.....	Albion, "
1865	Z. Osborne.....	Saratoga Springs, "
1866	J. A. Odell.....	Syracuse, "
1867	B. Winget.....	Alton, Wayne Co., "
1868	J. W. Sawyer.....	.....
1869	E. Owen.....	54 Schuyler St., Utica, "
1869	W. Southworth.....	North Pharsalia Che. Co., "
1869	Thomas Whiffen.....	Utica, "
1869	D. Dempsey.....	Black River, Jeff. Co., "
1872	O. M. Owen.....	Utica, "
1872	Levi Kelly.....	Johnsburg, "
1874	J. D. Osmun.....	Ithaca, "
1875	L. S. King.....	Box 222, Norwich, Che. Co., "
1875	L. H. Robinson.....	.....
1876	R. M. Snyder.....	Dansville, Liv. Co., "
1876	George Stover.....	Rose Valley, Wayne Co., "
1878	W. A. Hawkes.....	.....
1878	W. H. Clark.....	West Webster, Monroe Co., "
1879	Wm. Crossman.....	Alton, Wayne Co., "
1879	A. Smith.....	.....
1883	J. N. Fulford.....	Fulton, Oswego Co., "
1883	J. B. Newton.....	Norwich, Che. Co., "
1883	J. C. Kennedy.....	Middle Sprite, "
1883	O. Frink.....	Black River, Jeff. Co., "
1886	B. F. Tisdale.....	Auburn, "
1886	D. C. Stanton.....	West Brattleboro, Vt.
1886	C. H. Hudson.....	Oswego, N. Y.
1886	W. J. Riker.....	.....
1886	J. A. Tholens.....	Corning, Steuben Co., "

PROBATIONERS.

1885	F. J. Dunham.....	Rome, N. Y.
1885	T. C. Givens.....	Chittenango Station, "
1885	O. S. Baker.....	.....
1885	T. J. C. Warren.....	Glens Falls, "
1885	F. E. Fitch.....	.....
1886	D. W. Clark.....	Blood's Station, "
1886	W. Sitzer.....	Gibson, "
1886	Wm. Wager.....	.....
1886	M. S. Babcock.....	.....
1886	M. W. Fuller.....	.....

EVANGELISTS.

Mrs. Jeanett Osmun.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
Mrs. S. M. Stilwell.....	Binghamton, "
Mrs. Asenath Sullivan.....	Binghamton, "
Mrs. A. G. Warne.....	.....
Mrs. Laura Santmier.....	Otselic, Che. Co., "
Miss Addie Newton.....	North Chili, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

L. M. Orcutt.....	Hamelsville, Steuben Co., N. Y.
G. K. Townsend.....	Watertown, "
G. H. Lester.....	Carthage, Jeff. Co., "
Edson E. Collins.....	Oswego Center, "
L. W. Cronk.....	Victor, Monroe Co., "
George Milem.....	Rose, Wayne Co., "
Samuel Garlic.....	" " " "
J. V. Lyons.....	Blood's, "
Eugene N. Jenks.....	" " " "
Myron J. Parks.....	Arkport, "
Byron E. Lafler.....	West Italy, "
Ezekiel Osmun.....	Ithaca, "
*Asaph King.....	Jacksonville, Tomp. Co., "

Daniel Colgrove.....	Edmeston, Otsego, Co., N.Y.
Daniel White.....	Brookfield, Mad. Co., "
George Van Arsdale.....	
George Willard.....	Union Hill, Monroe Co., "
Warren Hames.....	W. Webster, Monroe Co., "
Wm. M. Sullivan.....	Binghamton, "
C. H. Austin.....	Ilion, "
*J. M. Burdick.....	" "
Perry Ball.....	New London, "
John Woodhall.....	Dix, Oneida Co., "
John Benedict.....	Plymouth, Che. Co., "
W. S. Lamphere.....	Salisbury, Herkimer Co., "
Daniel Clemons.....	Oppenheim Center, Fulton Co., "
Philo Miner.....	
Vernon Bowker.....	Summer Hill, "
A. H. Knapp.....	Lindley, "
H. F. Hill.....	" "
Henry Holmes.....	Norwich, Che. Co., "
G. S. Coons.....	
Foster J. Labrum.....	
James Brown.....	No.— Park Ave., Utica, "
Simeon Pennock.....	Chittenago Sta., Mad. Co., "
L. G. Hayes.....	Bridgeport, Mad. Co., "
A. Chrysler.....	
Samuel Ellis.....	Clayton, Jeff. Co., "
*Local deacons.	

LOCAL ELDER.

C. H. Austin.....

APPOINTMENTS.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—A. F. CURRY, Chairman.

Binghamton.....	To be supplied
Ithaca and Spencer.....	J. D. Osmun
Summer Hill.....	George Van Arsdale, supply
Norwich.....	J. B. Newton
North Pharsalia.....	To be supplied
Edmeston, Smyrna and Sherburne.....	Philo Miner, supply

TIOGA DISTRICT.—A. F. CURRY, Chairman.

Force Hill.....	J. W. Sawyer
Gibson.....	W. Sitzer
Corning and Woodtown.....	J. A. Tholens
Lindley.....	O. S. Baker
Mill Creek and Tioga.....	W. J. Riker

DANSVILLE DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

Byersville and Burns.....	R. M. Snyder
Blood's and Italy Hill.....	D. W. Clark

CLYDE DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

Rose, Clyde and Lyons.....	George Stover, one to be supplied
Alton.....	J. A. Odell
Webster and Ontario.....	W. H. Clark
Auburn.....	B. F. Tisdale
Montezuma and Port Byron.....	To be supplied
Fairport, Bushnell's Basin and Victor.....	F. E. Fitch

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

Fulton.....	J. N. Fulford
Syracuse.....	M. D. McDougall
Chittenango.....	T. C. Givens

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—O. M. OWEN, Chairman.

Saratoga and Greenfield.....	Z. Osborne
Johnsburg.....	L. Kelly
Corinth.....	G. S. Coons, supply

Glens Falls.....T. J. C. Warren
Charlotte, Jefferson and Harpersfield.....L. H. Robinson
Barnerville and Keyserkill.....W. Crossman
Grafton.....A. B. Burdick

UTICA DISTRICT—O. M. OWEN, Chairman.

Utica.....Thomas Whiffen
Herkimer and Schuyler.....M. S. Babcock
Frankfort.....To be supplied
Middle Sprite.....J. C. Kennedy
Rome, New London, Vienna, Stockbridge, Oneida, Blossvale, and Lee,
F. J. Dunham, M. W. Fuller, F. J. Labrum, P. Ball

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT.—O. M. OWEN, Chairman.

Black River and Watertown.....O. Frink, and W. Wager
Clayton.....To be supplied

M. N. Downing was left without an appointment at his own request.
W. Southworth, L. S. King, D. Dempsey, W. A. Hawkes and C. H. Stevens were superannuated at their own request.
J. B. Stacy and J. Olney superannuated and member of the Clyde District quarterly conference.
G. R. Harvey located at his own request.
E. Owen and A. Smith Conference evangelists.
D. C. Stanton Conference missionary.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sabbath Schs.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claims.	Delegates Ex- penses to Gen. Conf.	Gen. Sup't Col- lection.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen. Conf. Mis- sionary Collec- tion.	Africa Mission.	India Mission.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Value of Par- sonage Property.	
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.	A. F. Curry, Cha	76	5	81	3	1	12	40	\$611 00	350 00	\$17 55	\$8 30	\$14 94	\$4 74	\$16 25	\$25 00			\$26 25	\$8000 00	\$2000 00
Blighamton.....	M. N. Downing.....	19	2	21	2	1	7	35	300 00	28 01	4 02	2 00	3 80	1 00	5 00				27 29	2550 00	1000 00
Itasca.....	George Stover.....	5	2	7	1	1	6	30	93 36	10 36			99	99					8 25	1000 00	
Spencer.....	J. P. Goodwill.....	28		28	2	1	6	20	173 13				7 74		2 01				13 00	1800 00	
Summer Hill.....	C. E. Beeman.....	40		40	2	1	8	40	182 66				7 20		6 00				6 10	1000 00	
Norwich, etc.....	L. S. King.....	41	2	43	3	1	9	48	350 00	29 07	3 02	3 00			3 00	1 00				800 00	
North Pharsalia.....	W. Southworth.....	12		12	2				245 00		3 36	1 20	3 06	1 25	3 00	1 00				1000 00	
Edmeston, etc.....	J. C. Kennedy.....	18		18	3				177 10	12 09	1 00	1 50		25	50					500 00	
SMYRNA.....	Marcus W. Fuller.....																				
TIOGA DISTRICT.	A. F. Curry, Chairman.	35	5	40	1	2	16	72	292 50	23 31	5 67	2 70	4 86	1 30	6 75				17 28	2200 00	
Ulson, etc.....	O. S. Baker.....	36	1	37	1	1	6	25	135 55	33 34	6 82	3 60	7 02	8 24	9 75				3 73	2200 00	
Cornik, etc.....	H. Fish.....	40	3	43	1	1	6	40	351 24	27 04	8 82	4 20	7 56		10 50	5 00			15 23	2500 00	
Lindley.....	J. B. Newton.....	21	9	30		1	7	50	200 73	28 32	4 00	1 90	3 42	4 85	4 75				12 51		
Tloga, etc.....	W. J. Riker.....	36	2	38	1	2	7	60	360 00	307 53	3 88	2 00	5 41		5 01				7 00	2000 00	
DANVILLE DISTRICT.	R. M. Snyder.....	43	8	51	4	2	10	35	195 00	24 38	3 12	1 64	7 39	1 67	1 26				4 00	1125 00	
Riversville and Burns.....	J. A. Tholens.....	78	5	83	2	1	9	45	521 41	35 46	5 52	7 10	8 76	4 00	4 80				8 71	3000 00	
North Cobocoon.....	T. Whitin.....	60	11	71	2	1	20	45	255 00	43 8-	4 5	1 10	4 25	1 70	5 00	15 00			35 00	1000 00	
Clyde and Rose.....	J. D. Osmun.....	75	6	81	2	2	18	175	365 00	37 61	9 00	3 00	12 96						58 53	2200 00	
Alton and Lyons.....	W. H. Clark.....	17	19	36	1	1	6	15	125 33	8 88	1 25	1 25	2 00	1 25	1 00				2 10		
Webster and Ontario.....	B. F. Tisdale.....	22		22	1	1	4	10	143 90	8 19	47	52	2 00	22	1 00					1800 00	
Fairport and B. Basin.....	D. Dempsey.....	64	12	66	1	1	7	30	350 00	36 00	5 00	3 60	6 84	4 00	2 31				10 40	2000 00	
FULTON DISTRICT.	J. N. Fulford.....	41	10	51	1	1	8	30	320 46	38 51	7 77	3 70	6 66							2000 00	
Oswego.....	B. Winget, Chairman.	34	7	41	4	1	6	15	500 00	45 00	5 00	3 70							8 00	3400 00	
Black River District.	O. Fink.....	9	14	23	1	1	6	34	50 00	14 20	25		1 00		1 38				2 00		
Black River & Watertown.	A. Alligore.....	50	1	51	2	1	5	20	443 46	46 92	2 70	2 50	9 80	3 05	4 65	1 00				2500 00	
CLAYTON DISTRICT.	J. A. O'Dell.....	37	8	45	2	1	6	80	380 00			4 20	3 01	2 46						1400 00	
SYRACUSE DISTRICT.	T. C. Glvens.....	84	7	91	1	1	12	40	588 00	97 67	3 60	9 00	15 30						30 00	10000 00	
Syracuse.....	O. M. Owen, Chairman.	34	3	37	2				197 44	31 42	45	30	50	35	60					1800 00	
Chittenango.....	T. J. C. Warren.....	62	22	84	2	3	21	103	965 87	31 53		6 60	11 88	5 01	6 00	4 00			26 50	3500 00	
UTICA DISTRICT.	F. J. Dunham.....	24	6	30	2	2	10	48	210 00	23 81	2 00	87	3 13	1 69	1 34				4 53	700 00	
Utica.....	F. E. Kitch.....	10		10																	
Herkimer.....	O. M. Owen, Chairman.	63	3	66	1	1	6	30	600 00	80 76	10 75		7 00	4 00	11 13				7 50	7000 00	
Rome.....	Z. Osborne.....	29	3	32	1	1	5	25	174 29	16 89	2 00	1 20	3 00	1 60					15 00		
Middle Sprite.....	L. Kelly.....	28	8	36	1	1	11	50	144 74	2 00		75	3 00							400 00	
Vienna.....	D. C. Stanton.....	18		18	1	2	7	35	148 00	30 00	21 75	70	1 40	2 45							
SARATOGA DISTRICT.	F. I. Labrum.....	19		19	2	2	14	108		23 61	4 30		4 20							1200 00	
Saratoga.....	A. B. Burdick.....	32	6	38	1	1	12	27												2500 00	
Johnsburg, etc.....	t. R. Harvey.....	1330	180	1520	5343	263	1468	\$10963 19	\$1142 33	\$156 31	\$86 12	\$186 75	\$62 14	\$99 98	\$51 00	\$125 25	\$348 96	\$70180 00	\$13400 00		

†From last year's report.

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OHIO CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held in their place of worship, at
Summerfield, Ohio, August 18-21, 1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. J. E. WILLIAMS, Secretary. F. L. HALL,
Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, C. F. Irish, J. Hayden, James Wood, Mar-
tin Matheny.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. W. Wade.

On Reforms—J. E. Williams, C. F. Irish, M. Matheny.

On Ministerial Relations—J. Hayden, C. F. Irish, James Wood.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. F. Way, H. F. Hall.

On Publications—J. W. Headley, A. F. Swinehart.

On Education—J. Hayden, J. W. Wood.

To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study for Ensuing Year—B. T. Roberts.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary—J. E. Williams.

First Year—S. K. Wheatlake.

Second Year—C. F. Irish.

Third Year—J. W. Headley.

Fourth Year—J. Hayden.

Local preachers who desire to be ordained should appear before the committee
of second year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS.

C. F. Irish,
J. W. Headley,
S. Wellington,

J. Hayden,
W. B. Olmstead,

S. K. Wheatlake,
R. F. Brothers,

J. E. Williams,
S. F. Way.

DELEGATES.

James Wood,
A. F. Swinehart,
S. Hysell,

J. W. Wood,
Martin Matheny,
M. Miller,

H. F. Hall,
M. V. Eley,

John Clement,
J. Chappelier.

2. Who are the stationing committte? B. T. Roberts, C. F. Irish, J. Hayden,
James Wood, M. Matheny.

3. Who were admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? A. W. Thorpe, C. W. Wade, F. L. Hall.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. F. Brothers, S. Wellington.

6. Who are the deacons? W. B. Olmstead, S. F. Way, R. F. Brothers (or-
dained this year).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. E. Williams; J. W. Hamilton (local).
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.
10. Who have been expelled? None.
11. Who have withdrawn? M. B. Taylor, B. R. Jones.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their characters were duly examined and passed.
13. Who have died? None.
14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
15. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
16. When, and where, shall our next conference be held? At Big Prairie, Wayne county, Ohio; about the 18th of August, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sittings were held as follows: Thursday, 8:30 a. m.; Friday, 8:30 a. m.; Saturday, 8:30 a. m.; Saturday, 4:00 p. m.

Preaching in the Free Methodist place of worship was as follows: Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., C. W. Wade; Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., J. W. Headley; Thursday, 2:30 p. m., J. E. Williams; 7:30 p. m., B. T. Roberts; Friday, 2:30 p. m., B. T. Roberts; 7:30 p. m., F. L. Hall; Saturday, 2:30 p. m., B. T. Roberts; 7:30 p. m., S. Wellington; Sunday, 10:30 a. m., B. T. Roberts; 2:30 p. m., S. F. Way; 7:30 p. m., B. T. Roberts. In the Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday, 10:30 a. m., J. E. Williams; 7:30, C. F. Irish.

R. F. Brothers was ordained deacon Sunday forenoon, and J. E. Williams and J. W. Hamilton were ordained elders Sunday afternoon.

The conference ordered that the work be supplied with two traveling chairmen and J. Hayden and S. K. Wheatlake were elected traveling chairmen.

The conference ordered that a collection be taken on each of our circuits, equal to the amount of one dollar per member for the relief of the Cleveland, Big Prairie and Chicago Junction churches, and that the amount thus raised be sent to the chairman of Cleveland and Toledo Districts, to be equally divided to the churches.

The conference ordered that the collection to relieve the Cleveland, Big Prairie and Chicago Junction churches be taken the first quarter; collection for superannuated preachers, second quarter; for General Conference missions, third quarter; general superintendents' collection, fourth quarter.

M. B. Taylor was granted a certificate of his good standing, and general acceptability and usefulness in the Ohio Conference.

B. R. Jones was granted a certificate of his good standing, general acceptability and usefulness in the conference.

B. L. Knoll was discontinued.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered by the conference to the people of Summer field, who entertained them so hospitably during conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON MISSIONS.

Amount received.....	\$24.62
Paid to W. B. Olmstead.....	\$11.25
Paid to S. Wellington.....	12.95
Paid to Secretaries.....	.42
Total.....	\$24.62

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications report as follows:

Recognizing the enormous power of the press as an agent for evil or good, we feel the importance of using all such influences as can be brought into effect to promote the good and check the evil. We regard the light, trashy literature, which is flooding our land, a source of great evil. We endorse the *Earnest Christian*, published by B. T. Roberts, a one of the purest and one of the most able religious publications of our land; also the *Free Methodist*, published by T. B. Arnold, as a medium of general information, and religious instruction, and also the Sabbath-school papers, published by T. B. Arnold, as a source of great good to the youth; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a conference, will do more to increase the circulation of these publications in our midst.

III.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms beg leave to submit the following report:

We, as a church, are opposed to all that is opposed to the will of God and to the salvation of souls in our midst. And as we believe that all oath-bound secret societies, as well as the traffic in the manufacturing and selling of all alcoholic beverages, with tobacco and cigars, are a hinderance to God's work, in the salvation of souls, and also destructive to the souls and bodies of men, and the cause of innumerable and nearly all the crime committed in our land; therefore;

Resolved, That we, as a conference, will do our utmost to overthrow and destroy these evils from our midst.

APPOINTMENTS.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—S. K. WHEATLAKE, Chairman.

Cleveland, Madison and Thompson.....	S. F. Way
Youngstown.....	To be supplied
Ridgeville and Brunswick.....	W. B. Olmstead
Windsor and Chicago Junction.....	C. F. Irish

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—S. K. WHEATLAKE, Chairman.

Delta and Amboy.....	F. L. Hall
Holland and Monclova.....	J. E. Williams
Edgerton and Blakeslee.....	G. H. Thompson, supply
Deshler.....	W. P. Bennett, supply

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT.—J. HAYDEN, Chairman.

Summerfield and Tabor.....	P. E. Vincent
Perryopolis and Senecaville.....	To be supplied
Newell's Run.....	S. Archer, supply
Howard and Pleasant Grove.....	S. Wellington
West Liberty, West Va.....	To be supplied

ATHENS DISTRICT.—J. HAYDEN, Chairman.

Athens.....	A. W. Thorpe
Pomeroy.....	J. W. Headley, J. McCathran, supply
New Albany.....	R. F. Brothers
Logan.....	C. W. Wade
Jackson Co., West Va.....	S. L. Orr, supply



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.		Probationers.		Total.		L. Preachers, etc.		Sunday-Schools.		Officers, Teach's		Scholars.		Preachers' Re- ceipts.		Chairmen's Re- ceipts.		Gen'l Superin- tendents' Coll.		Home Mission'y Collection.		Gen'l. Conf. Mis- sionary Col.		Expenses Gen'l Counl. Delegates		Am't Raised for Sunday-Schools.		Value of Church Property.		Val. of Parson- age Property.		Miscellaneous.	
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CLEVELAND DISTRICT.	C. F. Irish, Chairman.	29	1	30	3	1	20	\$223 67	\$39 00	\$1 70	\$0 10	\$1 05	\$2500 00	\$1500 00																
	W. B. Olmstead.	30	30																
	N. R. Woods.	50	50	4	1																
	B. L. Knoll.	30	30																
	R. F. Brothers.	30	30	1	203 32	24 35	3 82	2 85	\$1 35	1 63	1200 00																
TOLEDO DISTRICT.	C. F. Irish, Chairman.	40	40	1	2	90	230 51	41 60	6 00	1 25	4 50	2 00	\$15 00	3400 00	600 00																	
	J. E. Williams.	20	20	162 41	40 00	3 60	2 25	8 60	2 00	18 65	3000 00																	
	F. L. Hall.	20	20	213 20	25 00	2 23	1 00	2 40	1 10																	
	A. W. Thorpe.	20	20	1 50																	
	W. P. Bennett, supply																	
SOUTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT.	J. Hayden, Chairman	171	43	214	3	3	195	369 00	34 30	8 65	7 55	7 03	12 40	54 53	2300 00	700 00																	
	S. K. Wheelake	52	7	59	3	2	130	216 75	25 10	6 38	3 80	8 00	4 00	18 00	6 00	\$35 00																		
	C. W. Wade.	48	3	51	1	60	23 00	20 00	2 00	1 50	50	1 00	15 00	5 00																		
	J. W. Headley.	52	8	60	2	80	50 90	12 82	2 60	82	700 00																		
	M. B. Taylor.																		
	To be supplied																		
	S. Wellington.	62	26	88	1	4	143	468 40	60 00	8 79	5 40	3 40	3 20	600 00	30 00																		
	To be supplied	8	8	17 00	1 00	20																		
	W. Virginia	5	5	15 75	50	1 25																		
	West Virginia Mission.	15	15																		
	New Albany.																	
Total for Conference.		632	94	726	18	19	820	2373 16	345 97	18 82	25 40	36 20	30 25	122 00	14500 00	800 00	\$70 50																		

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the thirteenth Annual Session held at Sixteenth St. Free Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., August 11-14, 1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. W. B. ROSE, Secretary. J. T. LOGAN, Assistant.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, A. G. Miller, W. M. Parry, J. Gray.

On Publishing Minutes—W. B. Rose, J. T. Logan,

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—C. H. Southworth.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. W. Hart, J. Gray.

To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study for 1887—A. G. Terry.

On Finance—W. B. Bertels, J. Wintsch, H. A. Williams.

On Reform—J. S. Bradbrook, D. J. Santmier, W. B. Bertels.

On Ministerial Relations—J. S. Bradbrook, D. J. Santmier, W. M. Parry, L. D. Southworth, I. R. Renjamin, I. S. Lloyd.

To Hear Statements of the Board of Trustees, Philadelphia, Master Street Church Property—J. Gray, D. J. Santmier, W. B. Bertels.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Assessment and collection of conference claims—J. J. Haviland.

On Conference Tent—President of missionary board.

On Parsonages—J. Gray, W. B. Bertels, A. C. Brown.

On Philadelphia Master Street Church Property—J. Gray, W. B. Bertels, D. J. Santmier.

Missionary Board—W. Gould, President; James Gray, Secretary; W. B. Bertels, Treasurer; L. Woodruff, Jr.; and the chairmen of the districts.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—J. J. Haviland.

First Year—C. H. Southworth, J. Wintsch.

Second Year—D. J. Santmier, C. F. Wurster.

Third Year—J. S. Bradbrook, J. W. Tamblyn.

Fourth Year—W. Gould, D. W. Hart.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

A. G. Terry,
J. Travis,
W. M. Parry,
W. Gould,
C. H. Southworth,
G. E. Ferrin,

R. Coons
S. V. McVey,
J. E. Bristol,
C. W. Stevens,
G. Eakins,
C. F. Wurster.

J. Wintsch,
J. W. Tamblyn,
J. S. Bradbrook,
D. W. Hart,
F. A. Perkins,
D. J. Santmier

A. G. Miller,
W. B. Bose,
L. D. Southworth,
J. J. Haviland,
J. T. Logan,
O. D. Seward.

DELEGATES.

C. Fl. merfeld,
W. B. Bertels,

A. C. Brown,
Chas. Potter,
J. McNeill,
I. R. Benjamin,

W. McLaughlin,
H. A. Williams,

Thos. Lane,
G. Scoble,

I. S. Lloyd,
C. D. Jamison,

J. Gray,
A. R. Henry.

J. Grossberger,
H. Stiegele.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, G. Eakins, A. G. Miller, J. Gray, W. B. Bertels.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. W. Dickson.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. Laning.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. H. Southworth, by transfer from the Susquehanna Conference.

6. Who are the deacons? J. T. Logan, O. D. Seward.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? C. W. Stevens, G. E. Ferrin. (The first at his own request).

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. G. Terry, with claim, and J. E. Bristol without claim.

10. Who have been expelled from conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of all were duly examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What are the number of church members? See statistical report.

15. What amount has been collected for superannuated preachers, etc.? See report of committee on finance, also statistics.

16-20. What is the number of Sunday-schools, etc.? See table of statistics.

21-23.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, etc.? See report of committee of finance, also statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Wilkes Barre Pa., the second week in March, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was held in the Brooklyn Sixteenth Street Free Methodist church, August 11-14, 1886.

There were five sittings: On Wednesday one; Thursday, one; Friday, one; Saturday, two. President Roberts opened the conference at two p. m. on Wednesday.

Seventeen preachers answered to roll-call.

Credentials having been presented by a delegate from Philadelphia Master Street, and by another delegate from Philadelphia 12th and Dickinson and Camden it was objected that all these places were but parts of one circuit, and as one preacher had been appointed to them all they were entitled to but one delegate. The chair decided that it appearing upon the records that the Philadelphia work constitutes but one circuit, and that but one preacher has travelled upon it the past year, it is, therefore entitled to but one delegate; but if the conference is satisfied there are two circuits upon each of which a preacher travelled according to the provisions of the Discipline, then each circuit is entitled to a delegate. It was testified by two members of the stationing committee of last year that it was in-

tended and ordered that there should be two circuits, viz., First Philadelphia Master street, and Second Philadelphia, 12th and Dickinson streets, and Camden, and that the record of the stations of the preachers is incorrect in putting these places together as composing one circuit. On motion, it was voted: That it is the sense of this conference that it was intended and ordered by the stationing committee that said charges should compose two separate circuits. On motion, it was voted: That the sense of the conference is that the Philadelphia circuits have each had a preacher travelling upon them according to provisions of discipline. Both delegates were then admitted.

W. B. Rose was elected secretary and J. T. Logan assistant secretary.

During the conference Prof. Coleman, of Evansville Seminary, and Thomas Ross of the Susquehanna Conference were introduced to the conference and they and J. Flomerfelt, W. F. Plumb, W. Laning, W. W. Dickson and J. Cavanaugh were, on motion, invited to honorary seats.

C. H. Southworth, elder, of Susquehanna Conference, and superannuated, was transferred to this conference, and, on motion, was made effective.

C. W. Stevens was granted location at his own request.

G. E. Ferrin, on motion, was located in accordance with Sec. 4, ¶ 81 of Discipline.

Calittsa Fairchild, evangelist, recommended by the Philadelphia District quarterly conference, was granted license as provided by ¶ 162 of Discipline.

The time of holding our annual session was changed to the spring of the year.

A collection was taken to pay for stationery and a cyclostyle for the use of the secretaries. Amount raised, \$13.55.

The religious services were interesting throughout. Thursday evening was devoted to home mission interests, and Saturday evening to the subject of Temperance.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

There are 756 members, in full, and 25 preachers (including one probationer), making a total of 781 members in the conference. * The president suggested that, as the number of members in the conference lacks but nineteen of the number necessary to entitle this conference to two ministerial and two lay delegates, and that as several preachers report that there are probationers on several circuits eligible to full membership, therefore, he recommends the conference to elect two provisional delegates one ministerial and one lay delegate. Conference elected, by ballot, W. Gould first clerical and James Gray first lay delegates; J. Travis was elected clerical provisional delegate and W. B. Bertels, lay provisional delegate. The provisional delegates to be the first reserves if not admitted. Reserve delegates: clerical, A. G. Miller; lay L. Woodruff, Sr.

*NOTE.—Since conference the secretary has received notice from the pastors or chairmen of all but three circuits; and they report additional full members as follows: Brooklyn, German work 3, Abingdon, etc., 2, Bambridge etc., 2.

CHAIRMANSHIP.

Conference decided to have two travelling chairmen the coming year. Geo. Eakins was elected to travel the Wilkes Barre and the Windsor Districts; A. G. Miller was elected to travel the New York and the Philadelphia District.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES.

The president of the missionary board stated that a sufficient sum had been guaranteed to support two missionaries during the coming year. Conference then elected two missionaries—D. J. Santmier and J. S. Bradbrook; subsequently D. J. Santmier resigned and was appointed to Brooklyn 16th street charge, after which the following, on motion, was passed: As it does not require all of the time of the chairman of the Windsor and the Wilkes Barre Districts for the holding of his quarterly meetings; therefore,

Resolved, That he be instructed to spend one month or more in each quarter in missionary labor, and that the missionary board be requested to pay him out of the missionary funds for that labor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

T. B. Arnold proposes to print the minutes of this conference with those of all others, including the General Conference, and to supply each subscriber with these, and also with an advance copy bound up with four other conferences, at the rate of \$23 for 66 copies. On motion the proposition was accepted.

II.—ON RAISING FUNDS TO PAY FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Seventy subscribers at 35 cents each have been obtained. Amount, \$24.50.

III.—TO HEAR THE STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PHILADELPHIA MASTER STREET CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee of three to co-operate with the incoming pastor and the board of trustees in necessary steps to determine their financial standing and title to their church property.

IV.—ON QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The committee had examined only one record, that of the Windsor District, which was reported in excellent condition.

V.—ON CONFERENCE TENT.

No report. On motion the tent was left in the hands of the president of the missionary board.

VI.—ON NEW YORK 37TH STREET CHURCH PROPERTY.

The committee made a final report and on motion was discharged.

VII.—ON BAINBRIDGE CHURCH DEBT.

All debts have been paid and the mortgage has been cancelled. Conference moved a vote of thanks to the committee for its efficient services.

VIII.—ON REFORMS.

We are convinced that this is no time for retrogression in radical reforms, but rather for more prompt and vigorous advancement all along our lines. Secrecy, as embodied in the numerous secret societies—social, political and protective—is the sworn enemy of the church of Christ, and we most earnestly hope our brethren will continue to wage uncompromising war in the Spirit of Christ against it in either, any or all of its forms. We renew our position of former years on the question of practical temperance and encourage our members to vote as they pray. We hope none of the members of our church will ever so far forget themselves and their vows to God and his church as to encourage, either by attendance in person or by rendering assistance in word or deed, any of the modern irreligious, worldly-spirited church fairs or festivals, or the entertainments of a similar character so frequently gotten up by secret temperance societies, Grand Army posts, the Salvation Army, and others.

IX.—ON CLAIMS.

Received cash from circuits.....	\$ 86.70
“ by A. G. Terry from circuits.....	114 90
“ at conference.....	3.30
Total.....	204.90

Paid to A. G. Terry.....	\$ 85.00
“ “ A. G. Terry by circuits.....	114.90
“ A. G. Terry at conference.....	3.30
“ for stationery.....	1.00
In hand.....	70
Total.....	204.90
Terry's claim.....	\$200.00
Less surplus 1885.....	3.47
	196.53
Paid as above.....	203.90
Overpaid.....	7.37

X.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we take two collections —the superannuated in first quarter, conference missions in second quarter. Other collections to be arranged by spring conference.

Resolved, That the amount of collections to be taken shall be in proportion to the time as compared with the ordinary year.

Resolved, That the candidates and examiners in the course of study are required to be present at the seat of conference next year, twenty-four hours before the time of opening the session.

Resolved, That it is our opinion that all street-car riding, Brooklyn Bridge and Ferry crossing, hiring and using liveries on the Sabbath is a violation of the Sabbath law and consequently is an evil that ought to be extirpated from among us.

Resolved, That we tender the people of Brooklyn our thanks for kindness shown in the entertainment of this conference.

Resolved, That we tender the officers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. Co., our hearty thanks for their kindness shown in reduction of fares to those attending the conference.

XI.—REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Balance on hand last year.....	\$ 19 45
Received from various sources.....	619 13
“ from the circuits during intervals of conferences.....	87 00
“ “ “ at conference.....	26 48
Total.....	752 06
Paid to D. J. Santmier, salary.....	517 50
“ “ “ fares.....	23 08
“ fare Brother Lyons.....	12 00
“ “ Brother Eakins.....	2 66
“ “ Brother Price.....	1 80
“ “ C. H. Southworth.....	3 30
“ “ Sister Brown.....	2 60
“ “ Sister A. E. Haviland.....	15 00
“ for books and tracts.....	12 89
“ “ postage and money order.....	99
“ hall rent at Asken.....	15 00
Balance in hand.....	145 24
	752 06

XI.—REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from circuits for superannuated claims during interval of conf.	\$201 30
“ “ “ “ “ “ at conference.....	3 30
	\$204 90
“ “ “ “ superintendents' claims during interval of conf.	33 68
“ “ “ “ “ “ at conference.....	89 27
Credit over last year.....	20
	123 15
“ “ “ “ conference missions during interval of conf....	87 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ at conference.....	26 48
	113 48
“ “ “ “ General Conference missions during int. of conf.	43 25
“ “ “ “ “ “ at conference.....	127 75
	171 00
“ “ “ “ India mission during interval of conferences...	20 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ at conference.....	13 95
	33 95
“ “ “ “ Africa mission during interval of conferences..	65 00

"	"	"	"	delegates' expenses to General Conference.....	62 87	127 87
						<u>774 35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to superannuated claimant during interval of conferences.....	\$ 201 60	
" " " " conference order.....	3 30	204 90
" " S. K. J. Chesbro, supt.'s treasurer, during interval of conferences.	33 88	
" " B. T. Roberts, by conference order.....	89 27	123 15
" " conference missions treasurer during interval of conferences.....	87 00	
" " " " " by conference order.....	26 48	113 48
" " general missions treasurer during interval of conferences.....	43 25	
" " " " by J. Travis, conference order.....	127 75	171 00
" " India mission treasurer during interval of conferences.....	20 00	
" " T. B. Arnold, by conference order.....	13 95	33 95
" " Africa mission treasurer during interval of conferences.....	65 00	
" " W. Gould, delegates', exp. to General Conference, by order of conf.	62 87	127 87
		<u>774 35</u>

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—A. G. MILLER, Chairman.

Brooklyn (16th street) and Farmingdale.....	D. J. Santmier
New York, Newark and Rahway (German).....	W. Gould and C. F. Wurster
Brooklyn (Navy street German).....	J. Wintsch
Dover.....	W. W. Dickson
Stanhope, Roseville and Springdale.....	To be supplied
Hacketstown and Beattytown (in charge of chairman).....	F. A. Perkins
Phillipsburg.....	J. J. Haviland
Allentown.....	To be supplied
Centre Valley.....	To be supplied
Windham.....	A. R. Henry, supply

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—A. G. MILLER, Chairman.

Philadelphia (Master street).....	M. W. Parry
Philadelphia (12th and Dickinson streets), Camden and Chester.....	To be supplied
Vineland and Millville.....	D. W. Hart
Elkton, North East and New Leeds.....	L. D. Southworth
Washington and Alexandria.....	J. T. Logan

WILKES BARRE DISTRICT.—G. EAKINS, Chairman

Wilkes Barre, White Haven and Forty Fort.....	W. H. Laning
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Rush Four Corners and Messhoppen.....	J. W. Tamblyn
Orange Falls and Harvey's Lake.....	To be supplied
Abingdon, Scranton and Highland.....	C. H. Southworth
Uniondale.....	To be supplied
Bench Pond and Canaan.....	O. D. Seward
Hemlock Hollow and Hollisterville.....	To be supplied

WINDSOR DISTRICT.—G. EAKINS, Chairman.

Windsor, Sanford and Stevens' Point.....	W. B. Rose
Bainbridge, Unadilla, Oneonta and Milford.....	To be supplied
Liberty, Beaverkill and Lock Sheldrake.....	G. W. Swingle, supply

J. S. Bradbrook, conference missionary.

A. G. Terry, superannuated; member of the Wilkes Barre District quarterly conference.

J. E. Bristol, superannuated; member of the Windsor District quarterly conference.

Joseph Travis, editor of *Free Methodist*; member of the Philadelphia District quarterly conference.

R. Coons and S. V. McVey were left without appointments by recommendation of the stationing committee and vote of the conference.

Year of admission to full connection.	Name.	Address.
1861	A. G. Terry.....	Uniondale, Susquehanna Co., Pa.
1861	J. Travis.....	106 Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.
1863	W. Gould.....	246, Fourteenth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1867	W. M. Parry.....
1870	C. H. Southworth.....	Waverly, Lack Co., Pa.
1872	R. Coons.....	Breakabeen, Schoharie Co., N. Y.
1872	S. V. McVey.....	61 Church St. Wilkes Barre, Pa.
1875	J. E. Bristol.....	Harpersville, Broom Co., N. Y.
1876	G. Eakins.....	Uniondale, Susquehanna Co., Pa.
1877	C. F. Wurster.....	273 Tillary St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1878	J. Wintsch.....	281 Henry St., New York, N. Y.
1878	J. W. Tamblyn.....	Vose, Wyoming Co., Pa.
1879	J. S. Bradbrook.....	Hackettstown, Warren Co. N. J.
1879	D. W. Hart.....	Vineland, Cumberland Co. N. J.
1880	D. J. Santmier.....	173 Twelfth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1881	F. A. Perkins.....	Hackettstown, Warren Co., N. J.
1881	A. G. Miller.....	Phillipsburg, Warren Co., N. J.
1882	W. B. Rose.....	Windsor, Broom Co. N. Y.
1882	L. D. Southworth.....	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.
1882	J. J. Haviland.....	Phillipsburg, Warren Co., N. J.
1885	J. T. Logan.....	Alexandria, Va.
1885	O. D. Seward.....	Simon, Wayne Co., Pa.

1885	W. H. Laning.....	Wilkes Barre, Pa.
1886	W. W. Dickson.....	Dover, Morris Co., N. J.

Order.	Name.	Circuit.	Address.
D.	John Gray.....	Brooklyn, (16th Street).....	244 14th Street, Brooklyn.
D.	James Gray.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	244 14th Street, Brooklyn.
D.	W. Bundesen.....	Brooklyn, (16th Street).....	271 Tillary Street, Brooklyn.
	R. F. Macy.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Nantucket, Mass.
D.	C. F. Kæppel.....	German Work.....	349 W. 40th Street, N. Y.
D.	I. C. Aiken.....	German Work.....	Perthamboy, N. J.
Ev.	Mrs. Emily Dickson.....	Phila. 23d and Master.....	3503 Race Street, Phila.
D.	Jesse L. Stiles.....	" 12 and Dickinson.....	1207 Chestnut Street Phila.
Ev.	Emma E. Walter..	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1506 S. 18th Street, Phila.
	W. W. Bartholomew....	Liberty, etc.....	Liberty Falls, Sullivan Co., N. Y.
	Levi S. Landis.....	Centre Valley.....	Centre Valley, Pa.
D.	W. B. Bertels.....	Wilkes Barre, etc.....	Wilkes Barre, Pa.
	W. A. Bertels.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Wilkes Barre, Pa.
E.	Noah Patrick.....	Abingdon, etc.....	Mill City, Wyoming Co., Pa.
	A. R. Henry.....	Windham.....	Windham, Green Co., N. Y.
	B. F. Schautz.....	Allentown, etc.....	Parryville, Pa.
Ev.	C. Fairchild.....	Washington, etc.....	1014 10th, N. W. Wash., D. C.
	W. K. Wright.....	Elkton, etc.....	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.
Ev.	Marie Rose.....	Windsor, etc.....	Windsor, Broom Co., N. Y.
	W. Wilhelm.....	Phillipsburg.....	Phillipsburg, N. J.
	F. Nixon.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Phillipsburg, N. J.
E.	G. W. Swingle.....	Liberty, etc.....	Liberty Falls, Sullivan Co., N. Y.
	W. H. Sands.....	Canaan.....	Beech Pond, Wayne Co., Pa.
	Chas. McKinney.....	Canaan.....	Simon, Wayne Co., Pa.
Ev.	Ellen M. Reed.....	Canaan.....	South Canaan, Wayne Co., Pa.
	Peter Vandyke.....	Bainbridge, etc.....	Milford, Otsego Co., N. Y.
	G. Brazee.....	Liberty, etc.....	Walton, Del. Co., N. Y.
Ev.	Mary E. Santmier...	Brooklyn 16th St..	173 Twelfth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ev.	M. Manzer.....	Uniondale.....	South Gibson, Susquehanna Co., Pa.
D.	L. Woodruff.....	Windsor, etc.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
E.	J. Cavanaugh.....	Bainbridge, etc.....	Unadilla, N. Y.
	A. H. Price.....	12th and Dickinson Phil.....	Chester, Pa.
	John Raymond.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Chester, Pa.
D.	B. G. Elv.....	Beech Pond, etc.....	Madisonville, Lack. Co. Pa.
	P. Phillips.....	Uniondale.....	Glenwood, Susquehanna Co. Pa.
	H. Palmer.....	Bainbridge, etc.,....	Wells Bridge, Otsego, Co., N. Y.
E.	G. E. Ferrin.....	" " " " " " " " " " " "	Fairport, Monroe Co., N. Y.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Amount Raised for Sunday Schools.	Preachers' Rec'pels.	Superannuated Claim.	Gen'l Superin- tendents Coll.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	India Mission- ary Fund.	Exp. of General Conference.	Tracts.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	
Brooklyn 16th.	W M Parry	67	9	76	4	1	22	115	\$75 14	\$10 94	\$20 70	\$13 00	\$22 55	\$29 75			\$13 95	\$7 00	\$15 00	\$5500 00
Farmingdale	W. Gould, C. F. Wurster, J. Wintsch	3	73	76	2	3	21	128	97 50	1322 25	23 40	11 40	29 43	20 00				8 30	21 20	800 00
Jer. work, B. N. Y., N. Y., N. Y., N. Y.	W. W. Dickson, supply	27	3	30	2	1	10	78	46 12	301 99	10 50	6 30	2 45	8 75				3 50		4000 00
Dover.	F. A. Perkins	44	18	62	2	2	18	60	20 00	310 00	8 10	4 78	3 16	2 83				2 70		5000 00
Stanhope, Roseville & Springdale	J. J. Haviland	17	3	20	2	1	10	145	6 56	268 81	3 60	2 23	4 10	3 00				1 32		2000 00
Phillipsburg	Supplied by J. J. Haviland.	20	1	21	1	1	8	36	28 14	83 67	2 40	1 52	2 00	2 00				2 00		20 00
Attentown and Lenigh Valley	Supplied by A. R. Henry.	13	2	15	1	1	5	20		136 40	7 50	4 51	1 10	3 25				80	1 00	20 00
Centre Valley	J. N. Bradbrook	25	1	26	1	1	5	20		590 58	16 80	9 94	3 83	7 91				2 60		20 00
Windham	D. W. Hart.	68	10	78	5	1	8	30	11 65	400 00	4 50	2 70	2 25	7 29				1 50	3 00	1500 00
Phila. (12th & D. & M. sts.), Cam	J. T. Logan, supply	32	8	40	1	1	5	18	12 93	114 65	8 10	4 86	2 00	6 75				2 70	2 11	1000 00
Vineland and Millville	J. T. Logan	21	4	25	1	1	3	15	7 60	340 46	5 10	3 06	3 00	4 25				1 70	10 6	1650 00
Elkton, North East & New Leeds	V. H. Lanning	37	13	50	2	1	9	75	45 00	491 90	7 80	4 66	6 50	6 50				2 60	3 00	5600 00
Washington and Alexandria	J. W. Tamblyn	44	39	83	2	4	20	100	20 00	365 00	12 30	7 40	3 08	9 25				3 70		4250 00
Wilkes Barre and White Haven	I. D. Southworth.	34	3	36	1	1	10	50	8 00	284 73	9 90	5 94	3 00	8 00				3 30	2 00	3200 00
P. Hill, K. R. 4 cor., Or. & H's L	O. D. Seward	66	12	78	3	2	21	74	16 60	435 33	18 60	11 16	5 51	15 5				6 45		350 00
Abingdon, Scranton & Highland	G. W. Swingle, supply	15	2	17	1	1	11	21		25 00	1 80	1 08	2 82	1 50				1 00		200 00
Beech Pond and Canaan	Supplied by L. D. Southworth	16	1	17	1	1	11	21	6 00	100 00	3 00	1 80	2 82	1 50				1 00		200 00
Hemlock Hollow & Hollisterville	W. B. Rose.	64	1	65	1	1	10	57	8 23	475 31	20 70	12 42	6 62	17 25				6 90	1 50	3000 00
Unondale	Supplied by G. Brazee.	22	1	23	2	1	2	12		27 00	5 70	2 48	1 50	2 32				1 70		1800 00
Windsor, Sanford, H. & S. Point.	J. Cavanaugh, supply	25	8	33	2	1	3	20	2 60	145 61	7 50	4 50	6 25	6 25				2 50		
Bainbridge, Unadilla, O. & Mil.										637 36										
Liberty, Beaver Kill and Walton	G. Eakins									746 74										
Chairman.	A. G. Miller.																			
Chairman.																				
Conference Collection.																				
Total for Conference.		138	736	874	24	27	196	054	\$471 27	\$8232 00	\$ 04 90	\$122 95	\$113 46	\$171 00	\$65 00	\$33 95	\$12 87	\$61 41	\$46300 00	

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Gerry, New York,
August 25-28, 1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. S. K. J. CHESBRO, Secretary. W. T. HOGG, WILLIAM
MANNING, Assistants.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellw, J. H. Harmon, J. K. Wilson.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
On Education—J. G. Terrill, W. S. Chamberlain, T. Sully.
On Sunday-Schools—J. H. Harmon, R. S. Phillips, B. Burritt.
On Claims—J. Robinson, O. O. Bacon, R. Wolston.
On Church Literature—J. G. Terrill, H. Hornsby, W. A. Sellw.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—T. Slocum, M. E. Brown.
On Temperance—H. Hornsby, A. A. Burgess, L. Metcalf.
On the Observance of the Sabbath—J. R. Chesbro, I. C. White, J. Crandall.
On Secret Societies—C. D. Brooks, W. A. Sellw, Wm. Richards.
On Quarterly Conference Records—H. Hornsby, E. E. Adams, T. Sully.
On General Superintendents' Salaries—S. K. J. Chesbro.
On General Missions—A. A. Burgess.
On the State of the Work—J. G. Terrill, S. K. J. Chesbro, W. A. Peters.
On Memoirs—A. H. Bennett, J. O'Regan, W. Manning.
On General Conference Delegates' Expenses—W. A. Sellw.
Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:
Preliminary Course—M. E. Brown, J. H. Harmon.
First Year—A. H. Bennett, J. R. Chesbro.
Second Year—W. T. Hogg, W. Manning.
Third Year—J. G. Terrill, W. W. Browne.
Fourth Year—W. A. Sellw, J. Robinson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

B. T. Roberts,
L. Wood,
C. D. Brooks,
H. Hornsby,
O. O. Bacon,
W. Manning,
G. W. Coleman,
M. E. Brown,
I. C. White,

T. B. Catton,
J. Robinson,
A. A. Burgess,
C. C. Eggleston,
S. K. J. Chesbro,
W. T. Hogg,
A. H. Bennett,
W. G. Oakes,

R. S. Phillips,
J. H. Harmon,
W. B. Pattridge,
M. T. Marriott,
W. W. Browne,
J. R. Chesbro,
L. D. Perkins,
W. Jones,

J. O'Regan,
G. D. Mark,
W. A. Sellw,
E. A. Taylor,
T. Slocum,
J. G. Terrill,
R. Worthington,
A. C. Leonard.

DELEGATES.

Harriet S. Peters,	B. Burritt,	Hart Smith,	Frank Cowen,
E. Acton,	A. K. Bacon,	R. Wolston,	T. Sully,
Geo. Booth,	D. Hall,	T. Allen,	J. A. Adams,
T. D. Miller,	U. R. Hecox,	S. Hudson,	S. Witmer,
W. McBurney,	A. Shearman,	H. Carpenter,	A. Newkirk,
Mary Sweetapple,	R. H. McCoy,	J. E. Randall,	A. G. Matthewson,
C. H. Cary,	N. A. Bennett,	L. Metcalf,	Wm. Richards,
N. Warner,	John Crandall,	W. A. Peters,	John Taylor,
Marietta Champlin,	Geo. Hill,	Wm. Hodges,	L. Gifford.
J. K. Wilson,	Addie Wait,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, W. T. Hogg, C. O. Eggleston, W. W. Browne, A. H. Bennett, S. K. J. Chesbro, A. K. Bacon, Geo. Booth, A. Shearman, J. E. Randall, J. K. Wilson.

3. What are the names of the preachers admitted on trial? Omar C. Blowers, William McCormick, Leroy Barmore, E. M. Sandy, A. Beers.

4. Who remain on trial? W. W. Manning, G. M. Allen, C. W. Bacon, J. J. Thompson, D. S. Warner.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. C. Leonard.

6. Who are the deacons? R. Worthington, A. C. Leonard, M. H. Boyd (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. A. Taylor, T. Slocum, M. H. Monroe (local).

8. Who have located this year? E. E. Adams.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. Hornsby, T. B. Catton.

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn this year? W. S. Chamberlain, transferred to Dakota Conference.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? C. B. Essex.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

15. What is the amount collected for superannuated preachers, for superintendents, for general missionary society, for conference missions, for expenses of delegates to General Conference? See reports and statistics.

16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, relating to Sunday-schools. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers for the coming year? See reports on claims and missionary appropriations.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? At Akron, Erie county, New York, on the second Wednesday in September, 1887, or as near that date as will suit the arrangements of the general superintendents; to commence at 2 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the conference was held at Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., August 25-28, 1886. Rev. B. T. Roberts presided. Eight sittings were held.

S. K. J. Chesbro was elected secretary by acclamation, who selected his former assistants; viz.: W. Manning and W. T. Hogg.

At the calling of the roll twenty-one preachers reported to the calling of their names, and twenty-six delegates presented their credentials.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference, and were invited to honorary seats, viz.: Rev. J. Travis, editor of the *Free Methodist*; Revs. J. McGeary, R. W. Hawkins and A. D. Gaines, of the Pittsburg Conference; Rev. F. M. Foster, pastor of the Protestant Methodist Church, in Gerry; and Rev. W. W. Kelley, returned missionary from Africa.

Three names were dropped from the roll, viz.: C. B. Essex, "who had passed over" to answer to his name when the "general roll is called"; W. S. Chamberlain, who took a transfer to the Dakota Conference; and E. E. Adams, who at his own request was granted a certificate of location. One was added to the roll, and five joined on trial.

Sunday morning M. H. Boyd was ordained deacon (local); in the afternoon T. Slocum, E. A. Taylor, and M. H. Monroe (local), were ordained elders.

The preaching services were held in a large tent procured by the Gerry church, and accommodated the large numbers that attended each service.

Gerry was alive with preachers, delegates, and visitors—over two hundred; but ample accommodations were provided for all. "They need not go away, give ye them to eat," was true. Brother Sellew was abundant in labors, and was every time in the right place, to see that every man, woman and child was individually cared for.

The D. A. V. and P. R. R. very kindly gave *free return tickets* to all who paid full fare in coming over their road. The Erie also gave us their usual reduction of two-thirds fare on return tickets.

Local chairmen are on all the districts again this year.

Fifty dollars were raised Sunday evening for Sister Henning.

The following brethren preached during the conference: B. T. Roberts, twice; R. W. Hawkins, A. D. Gaines, A. A. Burgess, J. G. Terrill, W. T. Hogg, J. Travis, J. McGeary and Wm. Manning.

The delegates to the general conference were Revs. S. K. J. Chesbro, H. Hornsby, W. T. Hogg; reserves, A. H. Bennett, W. Manning; lay delegates, A. K. Bacon, T. Corliss, J. K. Wilson; reserves, T. Sully, J. E. Randall.

The entire session was harmonious. It was good to be there. (Psalms cxxxiii.)

The following action of the conference is respectfully submitted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the Church in Rochester should apply the proceeds of the sale of the "Old Church" on Atwater street towards the reduction of the debt on the Alexander Street Church; and that measures be taken to raise annually the interest on the debt remaining.

On motion it was ordered that we appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the Rochester Society in raising the annual interest on the debt due upon the Alexander Street Church. S. K. J. Chesbro, W. T. Hogg and B. T. Roberts were appointed such committee.

On motion it was ordered that the chairman (S. K. J.

District, and the preacher in charge at Pine Valley (J. Robinson) be authorized to take subscriptions within the bonds of Genesee Conference to the amount of \$250,-00 for the relief of our church at Pine Valley.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Ministerial: S. K. J. Chesbro, H. Hornsby, W. T. Hogg. Ministerial Reserves: A. H. Bennett, W. Manning. Lay: A. K. Bacon, T. Corliss, J. K. Wilson, Lay Reserves: T. Sully, J. E. Randall.

I.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

Amount of assessment for 1886.....	\$313 02
Amount remitted to treasurer.....	\$219 34
Amount paid at conference.....	96 38
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	315 72

Surplus, paid to B. T. Roberts.....	2.70
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II.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMS.

Amount ordered to be raised, 1886.....	\$350 0
Total amount received from circuits.....	313 9

Deficiency.....	
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Paid to Sister McAlpine.....	\$ 90 00
“ “ Etta McAlpine.....	40 00
“ “ Willie McAlpine.....	40 00
“ “ Sister Moore.....	30 00
“ “ Blanche Moore.....	40 00
“ “ Earl Essex, son of C. B. Essex.....	35 00
“ “ Sister Buckley.....	25 00

The above is the full claim.

Paid to Sister Moore.....	7 00
“ “ “ Buckley.....	6 96
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	313 96

Amount ordered to be raised next year to meet claims, \$365.00.

III.—ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

Amount from circuits forwarded to T. B. Arnold.....	\$ 18 50
Amount paid at conference from circuits.....	99 33

Total.....	117 83
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The money on hand, \$99.33, was forwarded to Brother Arnold by the order of conference.

IV.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

Amount ordered by conference.....	\$10 0 00
To am't from circuits.....	97 30

Deficiency.....	2 70
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Amount paid A. C. Leonard as per vote of conference? Sept. 1885.....	\$ 50 00
“ “ J. R. Chesbro.....	15 00
“ “ J. Robinson.....	15 00
“ “ R. Worthington.....	17 30
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	97 30

Amount ordered to be raised, 1887, \$150.00; \$50.00 to be appropriated to Leon and Pine Valley circuit; balance to be appropriated at conference.

V.—ON AFRICA MISSIONS.

Amount forwarded to T. B. Arnold during the year.....	\$15 87
“ paid in at conference.....	11 52

Total.....	27 39
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VI.—ON INDIA MISSIONS.

Amount forwarded to Brother Arnold during the year.....	\$13 25
“ paid in at conference.....	5 95

Total.....	19 20
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The money for Africa, \$11.52, and India, \$5.95, was forwarded to T. B. Arnold by vote of conference.

VII.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised for 93 copies.....\$32 55

VIII.—ON EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Amount assessed..... \$173 90

Amount paid by circuits..... 141 47

Deficiency..... 32 43

IX.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on the state of the work begs leave to report as follows:

In order to have a clear view of the state of our work as a denomination it is essential that we consider it from the stand-point of what it should be. When Mr. Wesley said that "Methodism was raised up to spread Scriptural holiness over these lands," he but stated the mission of every evangelical church. Consequently that is the mission of the Free Methodist Church. If this be true, then just in proportion as we succeed in this is the state of our work good. There are four things that are essential to this purpose, viz.: sound doctrines, sound experiences, pure lives, godly zeal.

We are living in a day when almost every imaginable excess is perpetrated in the name of deep experience in the things of God. These are always attended by, and are usually the fruit of wrong doctrines. There are but few doctrines that are essential to salvation; those are adapted to simple minds, that salvation may be within the reach of all. The doctrines that seem to be the object of attack by the enemy of souls, above all others, are justification by faith, the witness of the Spirit, and Christian perfection. These cannot be too carefully guarded. One of the curious phases of the corruption of Christian doctrine is the tendency to loosen the bonds of obligation, and particularly in regard to the marriage relation and the association of the sexes. The inexperienced and unversed, as a rule, may take it for granted that any teaching that opens the way for an invasion of the sanctity of the marriage bond and personal purity is of the devil. Again, the Scriptures teach us that "the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." This, and no more than this, is required of men by the religion of Jesus Christ. Any teaching that demands more is a delusion and a snare.

The experiences provided for in the essential Christian doctrines are the conservators of the doctrines. The human mind seems of itself incapable of holding the truth steadily and clearly. The tendencies of the heart inspire thought, and thought in harmony with those tendencies. Men become apostate in heart before they become apostate in doctrine. Such is the nature of genuine Christian experience, consisting of the renewal of the heart by the Holy Ghost, and fellowship with the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, that no man can be religiously deluded while enjoying such experiences. St. John says, "If we say that we have fellowship with him [God], and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth." The great essential, then, to the preservation of sound doctrines, is a pure heart filled with divine love. That love is not a maudlin sentimentalism that gets between the criminal and a wholesome execution of the law. That love has some regard for God and the good; and while it loves the sinner, it does not sacrifice righteousness in the interest of mercy.

But what avails sound doctrine and sound experience if the life be impure? Christian character is a fruit. It is the production of doctrine in the mind, and of experience in the heart. One may have the doctrine alone, and be without the fruit; but none can have the doctrine and experience both without the fruit. That fruit will be in harmony with the law of love. Fidelity to the truth forbids our calling a man a Christian who does not bear the fruit of a Christian. It works confusion of conscience as well as of ideas to do so. It is not Christian charity to do so, for Christian charity must be faithful. Such is the nature of Christian doctrine combined with Christian experience and the law of Christian fruit, that Christian zeal must be the result. Zeal is manifest in labor and sacrifices for a desired end. The end desired in this instance is the "spread of Scriptural holiness over these lands."

From this stand-point let us sincerely view our work:

1. There is an evident lack in the teaching of Christian doctrine. The circumstances that thrust us out were so closely identified with the idea of practical holiness that they have tended somewhat to confine our minds to that phase of truth to the neglect of doctrine, and it is feared, somewhat, to the neglect of experience. A stranger might think sometimes while listening to our sermons, that we believed in justification by works, instead of justification by faith. Again, there is too little preaching on the witness of the Spirit. Many of our people seem to confound it with their religious emotions, and the result is an unsteadiness of experience and life. There is confusion in the minds of many of our people, especially among the younger portion, in regard to the experience of Christian perfection. The standard character connected with Christian perfection is sometimes presented as the standard of justification, to the confusion of young converts and others who are weak in the faith. Confusion and distraction, and disaster in some instances,

have resulted from teachings that put sincere souls on the strain for something different from and higher than purity of heart.

2. There is too little of clear definite experience among us. This is manifest in the testimonies of our love-feasts, class and prayer meetings. This is especially true of the experience of Christian perfection.

3. The result of this lack of clearness in doctrine and experience is unsteadiness in the religious life of many, and the "going back" of young converts. It explains the want of simplicity in apparel and the increasing worldliness in appearance and the manifestations of covetousness seen in many instances. It explains the empty seats in many of our places of worship, and the lack of spirituality of many of our people. It explains the lack of fervor in singing, prayer, testimony and preaching.

4. Our zeal is not equal to the truths we hold, nor the experiences the gospel provides. Who preaches and works and sacrifices as though he fully believed that the mass of mankind were on the road to an eternal hell, and will soon be there? What hard work it is to provide the scanty support some of our ministers receive! How hard it is to raise the small sums of our conference collections! How amazed angels must be to hear the excuses made! How long will it take for the millennium to come, at the rate at which we work, and the slow progress which we make! How much time we spend on trifles in our conference sessions when great matters are suffering for want of attention!

But while we feel sad because of these manifestations of failure, we think we see evidences of improvement and advancement in some directions. Interest is widening and deepening in regard to foreign missions, the Sunday-school and education. For this we thank God and take courage. We humbly hope that the coming General Conference, in all the amendments of our polity it may make, the election of officers, and the inauguration of methods will regard simplicity and effectiveness, that what little talent and learning and means and influence we may possess, may accomplish the most possible for God and humanity.

X.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

It is not necessary that we should present a collection of facts and figures to convince you that intemperance is at once the sin, the shame and the scandal of our country, also the prolific cause of more suffering and degradation than any other vice in the land. For it robs man of his manhood, changing him into a criminal and a brute. It degrades womanhood and blights all the visions of a happy home. It defrauds childhood of its natural protectors, and consigns it to poverty and disgrace. It robs labor of the fruit of its toil, and burdens property with taxation; it corrupts morals and fosters crime to an alarming extent. It fills with inmates the poor-house, the insane asylum, the reform schools, the county jails, the state prisons, and provides victims for the gallows. It is the great hinderance of civilization; it stands square across the path of every good cause; it is an enemy to education, and the foe of religion. The Christian church has no enemy out of perdition itself equal to the liquor traffic, and the drinking habits of the day. We stand face to face with this great evil. The responsibility for its continuance rests somewhere. We frankly recognize the power of habit, the cravings of appetite, and the influence of custom, but cannot but see that the liquor traffic is the fountain from whence this evil flows. This traffic reverses that law by which the demand regulates the supply. In this case the supply creates the demand. It is the devil-fish of the world, and exists but to devour all who come within its power. How, in the most speedy and effectual way, it can be destroyed is the great question of the hour. This work naturally divides itself into two methods of procedure, moral and legal suasion. First, the reformation of the individual, the victim of intemperance; second, organized effort for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. The first, or moral suasion, standing alone, has proved a failure. We recognize its value, but it must be supplemented by legal suasion or fail. Law is an educator as truly as the gospel. Some learn morality from the law sooner than from the Bible.

The government of our country is one of law, not of will. Law implies legislators, and legislators imply a constituency back of them; they are the representatives of the organized sentiment or opinion of the voters. Now let us notice the attitude of the political parties whose representatives make the laws of our land. One party, with consistent honesty, openly avows itself as the friend and defender of the traffic, and cheerfully accepts the responsibility of the evil resulting therefrom. The other, with studied carefulness, seeks to evade the issue, or makes vague promises or some "Delphic" utterance, the meaning of which depends upon the locality where uttered. It "keeps the promise to the ear, but breaks to the hope." It now proclaims its infamy by advocating license (to do evil). Weighed in the balance on this question the two great political parties of the country are found wanting. Yet, notwithstanding the active opposition of the liquor interest, the indifference and connivance with the traffic by the politicians of the country, the sneers of the skeptical and the inaction of professed friends, the cause of temperance—prohibition—is grandly moving on to victory. People are waking up to the momentous fact that the liquor traffic must be destroyed or the country will be ruined. To license the traffic is only to give it a measure of respectability. It is demoralizing, and prevents its final destruction. To license it is like toying with the tentacles of the devil-fish, instead of killing it. Therefore, we believe that to aid, abet or in any other way assist the

drink traffic, by voting for parties or men for office who favor license, is to become accessory to the continuance of the liquor business, and responsible for perpetuating the curse drunkenness, with all the evils arising therefrom. We are convinced that our only hope and safety is found in constitutional prohibition, and such laws as will give it effect. But prohibition to be completely effectual must be backed by a party unconditionally committed to its enforcement. We are sincerely thankful that there is such a party organized. Therefore, we not only will give the National Prohibition party our sympathy in its work, and our prayers for its success, but our support at the ballot box, so long as it remains true to this principle, and the principle remains the greatest moral and political question before the people.

Resolved. That, as Christians and citizens, we will by precept, example, prayer, petition and ballot use our best endeavors to secure constitutional prohibition, as also the election of civil officers who will vote for, sustain and faithfully enforce such laws; and we consider it to be a betrayal of Christian principle for any one to vote for party rather than principle.

XI.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

The fundamental idea of education is such a training of the mental and moral powers that the subject shall have the disposition and ability to find out what duty is and to do it. The work of educating has to do with the young more than with the old, as long life is before the one and not before the other, and the habits of the old will not admit of the changes that education demands. This training is primarily committed by our Creator to parents. It is their duty to see that their children have the best possible training for their life work. Such is the nature of human circumstances that in the struggle for subsistence, and the vicissitudes of life, most parents are unable to do this training themselves. This necessitates trained professional teachers. Brought into such close and constant contact with the young, these should be of ascertained and settled character, and of a high moral standard. Such cannot always be obtained for the common schools. For this reason every parent should rejoice at the multiplication of schools especially adapted to this high ideal of educational work. That they may be the most effective possible, parents should insist upon keeping them up to the highest tone of excellence.

We rejoice to know that as a denomination we have so many schools that aim at this high standard. We should encourage them in every way possible. The great want is more students. Crowd them with these, and accommodations, and money to make accommodations is likely to follow. Especial effort should be made to assist young people to an education who are unable to help themselves. The ranks of the ministry are filled mostly from among the poor. Aid to them will build up the church, and help to advance the kingdom of God.

XII.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully submit the following:

The Sabbath-school as a factor in spreading truth and righteousness in the earth is conceded to be among the first; and we are pleased to see that there is a growing conviction among us as a church regarding its importance—a conviction which is leading to practical results. We should, as a church, keep before us this important work, and every available means should be used to save the young from being snared by the superficial teaching of the day. Ungodly persons and worldly professors of religion generally ignore much which is of vital importance, and if they do not directly, yet indirectly they will often neutralize much which the Word of God enjoins. We need therefore to exercise much discretion in the organization of the school and the selection of those who are to teach. No person should be allowed a place as teacher who does not believe the established doctrines of the church as laid down in our book of Discipline. Better have no teaching at all than to have that which is heterodox. Another important feature to which we wish to call attention is the selection of reading matter for the school. This we believe to be a very important feature. After teaching a class that worldliness is forbidden by the Bible, how does it appear to place in their hands books or papers which illustrate worldliness? Let us be careful that we do not appear inconsistent. We recommend, further, that there be held on each district Sunday-school conventions or institutes. That there be one day in the year at least set apart for the children, and that the pastor, or a committee appointed for that purpose, arrange appropriate services for the occasion. We need to look for the divine blessing to rest upon us in this important work that in the crowning day we may rejoice that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

XIII.—ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

In the mere light of natural religion men often acknowledge the necessity of the Sabbath, while nature's unwritten law demands such a day of rest. That the Sabbath was made for man was the declaration of him who is Lord thereof; however, a perverted use of the gifts of God renders the blessing a curse, and with the alarming extent to which the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath is being trampled under the nation's feet, with sorrow we behold it being rapidly reduced to the semblance of a legal holiday in this Christian (?) land. On whom will blood be found? We answer, upon the church, unless she moves forward in placing this question abreast of other issues in the battle of moral reform

Hopeful would it be were her voice never faint in reproof, by precept and example, of the numberless desecrations of the Sabbath in church, state and home. But, alas! too often she is silent. From her we expect better things; but without dwelling on many glaring forms of Sabbath breaking in which the church of to-day mingles with the world, we ask how can we keep the garments of our beloved Zion clear? We answer, by placing before the world a higher standard, and with tender conscience and correct example, avoiding all questionable conduct on the Lord's day—such as pursuing any worldly business or arranging thereof, for instance, the unnecessary display of church accounts, at the same time avoiding being over-ighteous in forbidding the bringing in of tithes, remembering "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day." Great care should be taken to refrain from all worldly visiting in even our own families, or allowing it to be carried on in our homes when control is proper; also the practice of traveling to or from general gatherings on the Sabbath, to save time for work on the week day. We believe the tendency is to carelessness rather than evil intention on these points. To procure symmetry in moral reform we would pray and labor and vote for Sabbath-keeping rulers, throughout the land, ere we wake to the possibility of finding that as a nation our advance has been simply to heathen morality, in many reforms, while in their very progress we ignore the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and thus bring upon us swift retribution from a just and offended God.

XIV.—ON MEMOIRS.
REV. CYRENUS B. ESSEX.

Brother Essex was born in Westford, Otsego Co., N. Y., July 12, 1827. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. Henry Hornsby in the M. E. Church at Cadiz, N. Y., in the winter of 1857-8, from which time until the day of his death we do not know of his having wilfully departed from the Lord. He was among the first that united with the Free Methodist Church after its organization. Early in life he felt the call of God upon him to preach the gospel. He united on trial in this conference at its session held at Parma in the fall of 1876, and served acceptably the following circuits: Belmont, East Otto and Springville, East Otto and Cattaraugus, Le Roy and Bethany, Perry and Burke Hill, Wales, Colden and West Falls, Gaines, Yates and Carlton.

Brother Essex was not a man of rugged health at the best. He received his last appointment at the session of conference held at Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., in the fall of 1882, which was the Gaines, Yates and Carlton circuit. This year was one of affliction and bereavement; death entered the family circle, and soon after conference his beloved wife was called to her reward. Brother Essex felt the stroke keenly. He remained on the circuit during that year, but the condition of his health was such that he was compelled to take a superannuated relation at the next session of the conference. Although his health remained poor, yet he occasionally occupied the pulpit, and at one time for several weeks he supplied the work at Bolivar, N. Y. When death came, it came quite unexpectedly; four short weeks told the sad tale of his mortality. He was very sick, but quite free from pain, and he was comparatively easy, with the exception of a labored effort to breathe.

The tribute we would offer to the memory of Brother Essex is well expressed in the language of one under whose labors he was converted: "With some men their abilities are more apparent than real. Brother Essex was just the opposite; his ability and worth was more real than apparent. He was a good, true man, not showy, but of real sterling worth."

Through his last sickness he was conscious of divine help. His last moments were more than peaceful, they were triumphant. He passed peacefully and sweetly into rest on the morning of July 16, last. He leaves two children, one sister and many friends to mourn his departure.

JOSEPH HENNING.

Brother Joseph Henning, the subject of this notice, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 25, 1848. He came to America when but seven years of age in company with his parents. His father dying soon after, Brother Henning was left an orphan. He was placed in the Orphan Home in Toronto, Canada, where he stayed for a few months; he then was given a home with a kind family until he was fourteen years old. He was converted at the age of nineteen and united with the M. E. Church at Aurora. Sometime afterward he attended a camp meeting at Akron, Erie Co., N. Y. Here he was entirely sanctified, and in the winter of 1871 he united with the Free Methodist Church at Colden, N. Y. He joined this conference on trial in September 1873, and was appointed to the Oil City circuit. He served respectively Oil City, Great Valley, Emporium, Gainesville and Granger and Randolph circuits. Believing it to be the will of God that he should do so, he called for a certificate of location, at the session of conference in 1880, and dropped into the local ranks, where he remained until he was called home to rest. He was very conscientious: he walked with God; he died well.

A short time before he passed away he exclaimed: "Let sin and the devil do their work, I shall be redeemed! redeemed! redeemed!" He leaves a wife and five children who are bereaved of a kind husband and a loving father, and who mourn their loss. We commend them to God and the word of his grace.

SETH M. WOODRUFF.

Your committee wish to make mention also of the death of our beloved brother, Seth M. Woodruff, of Parma and Chili circuit, who was quite suddenly taken from labor to reward by apoplexy, February 3, last, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Brother Woodruff was identified with this movement from its beginning, and was a member of the first Laymen's Convention. He was an interested party in organizing the Free Methodist Church, and became one of its most honored and respected members. He joined the church in the spring of 1861, and remained within its pale an honored, useful and faithful servant, until removed to the church triumphant. His example as a Christian was worthy of imitation. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. May his mantle fall on some one who shall do honor to his memory. May God comfort his beloved and bereaved wife.

"God buries his workmen, but carries on his work."

Resolved, 1. That in the death of the above mentioned brethren the church has sustained a great loss.

Resolved, 2. That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved.

Resolved, 3. That we take a collection for the benefit of Sister Henning.

All of which your committee respectfully submit.

APPOINTMENTS.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—W. T. HOGG, Chairman.

Rochester.....	W. W. Browne
Parma and Chili.....	J. G. Terrill, W. Jones
Brockport.....	W. Manning
Sweden.....	W. Manning
Kendall and Hulburton.....	A. A. Burgess; one to be supplied
Albion.....	W. T. Hogg
Gaines, Kenyonville and Lyndonville.....	A. C. Leonard

BUFFALO DISTRICT.—C. C. EGGLESTON, Chairman.

Buffalo, Virginia St.....	C. W. Bacon
Buffalo, Clinton Avenue.....	E. A. Taylor
Tonawanda and Suspension Bridge.....	W. B. Patridge; M. H. Boyd, supply
Ransomville.....	M. I. Marriott
Lockport, Pendleton and Newfane.....	J. J. Thompson; R. E. Bigelow, supply
Wilson.....	To be supplied
Akron.....	C. C. Eggleston
Wales and Town Line.....	Leroy Barmore

WYOMING DISTRICT.—R. S. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Bethany, Batavia, Alexander and Greigsville.....	R. S. Phillips; one to be supplied
Perry and Burke Hill.....	M. H. Monroe, supply
Java, Gainesville and Eagle.....	G. D. Mark and W. McCormick
West Falls.....	To be supplied
Colden and Bragg S. H.....	Noah Palmer, supply

ALLEGANY DISTRICT.—A. H. BENNETT, Chairman.

Allegany and Olean.....	T. Slocum
Gowanda and Collins.....	A. H. Bennett
East Otto and Springville.....	I. C. White
Cattaraugus and Champlin.....	J. H. Harmon
Belmont and Pikeville.....	W. W. Manning
Rushford and Caseville.....	M. E. Brown
Elton, Yorkshire and Sandusky.....	G. M. Allen
Franklinville.....	W. G. Oakes
Bolivar.....	J. O'Regan

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT.—S. K. J. CHESBRO, Chairman.

Dunkirk and Fredonia.....	J. R. Chesbro
Forestville, Perrysburgh and Irving.....	L. D. Perkins
Salamanca.....	To be supplied
West Salamanca.....	R. Worthington
Randolph, Cold Spring and Red House.....	O. C. Blowers
Leon and Pine Valley.....	J. Robinson
Jamestown.....	S. K. J. Chesbro
Gerry.....	To be supplied
Ellington and Gerry Hill.....	E. M. Sandy

H. Hornsby, superannuated; member of Genesee District quarterly conference.

O. O. Bacon, left without appointment; at his own request; member of Genesee District quarterly conference.

C. D. Brooks, left without appointment, member of Genesee District quarterly conference.

T. B. Catton, superannuated; member of the Wyoming District quarterly conference.

L. Wood, left without appointment; member of the Allegany District quarterly conference.

W. A. Sellew, Principal of Gerry Seminary; D. S. Warner, Professor of Gerry Seminary; members of Chautauqua District quarterly conference.

E. E. Adams, located at his own request.

G. W. Coleman, left without appointment, with view of transfer to Wisconsin Conference.

A. Beers, left without appointment at his own request; member of Genesee District quarterly conference.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESSEE CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach's.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claims.	Gen. Sup't Col- lection.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen. Conf. Mis- sionary Collec- tion.	Africa Mission.	India Mission.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Delegates Ex- penses to Gen. Conf.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Value of Par- sonage Property.	
GENESEE DISTRICT.	Rochester.....	W. T. Hogg, Chairman.	40	39	40	1	9	50	\$425 00	\$18 73	\$8 90	\$2 40	\$5 00	\$25 00	\$4 00	\$13000
	Parma and Chili.....	J. G. Terrill.....	140	39	179	4	47	205	\$90 00	30 45	28 74	8 70	31 32	65 12	16 10	12000	\$2500
	Brockport and Huberton.....	A. A. Burgess, E. E. Adams.....	55	2	53	2	16	60	189 92	7 35	8 93	2 10	.....	.....	.....	21 75	2 00	2500	.....
	Sweden.....	C. W. Bacon.....	27	2	29	1	9	85	365 00	11 55	10 90	3 31	.....	.....	.....	12 30	7 50	2000	400
	Kendall.....	O. O. Bacon.....	66	9	75	1	20	159	600 00	15 75	14 58	4 30	8 00	7 52	2 45	54 00	12 50	1400	1400	
	Albion.....	W. Manning and supply.....	126	6	132	2	16	140	615 06	22 00	23 00	6 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12000	1000
	Gaines, Kenyonville, etc.....	W. T. Hogg.....	42	3	45	1	261 72	9 50	8 92	1 25	4 80	4800	1400
	BUFFALO DISTRICT.	J. R. Chesbro.....	25	5	30	1	9	38	889 20	5 73	5 52	1 66	5 13	42 50	2 90	9000
	Buffalo, Virginia St.....	J. C. Fegleson, Chairman.	40	20	60	1	17	126	325 00	7 28	9 00	2 08	51 04	3 50	2300
	Buffalo, Clinton St.....	E. A. Taylor.....	45	3	48	1	9	35	450 25	9 60	8 64	2 88	3 50	2 65	2 50	18 00	4 80	2800	1500	
	Tonawanda.....	W. B. Partridge.....	55	4	59	2	13	85	425 00	4 00	11 86	1 75	14 00	1 17	2500	1000
	Ransomville.....	M. T. Mariott.....	42	5	47	1	11	50	400 00	7 60	7 94	2 13	10 00	4 50	3000
	Newfane and Wilson.....	J. J. Thompson.....	57	2	59	1	13	75	400 00	11 34	10 08	3 22	26 29	5 60	8000	2200
	Lockport and Pendleton.....	R. S. Phillips.....	86	8	94	1	12	50	300 00	5 40	5 76	1 62	6 75	30 00	2 70	4000
	Akron and Town Line.....	C. C. Eggleston.....	20	1	21	1	6	25	102 67	3 50	3 75	3 50	6 00	80	1700
	Wales.....	S. Wilmer, supply.....	8	8	1	7	15	20 00	80	1 26	44	9 72
	Suspension Bridge.....	W. W. Browne, Chairman.	55	1	56	2	20	63	244 98	6 93	8 12	1 92	1 00	1 00	40 00	2 05	5000	1000
	WYOMING DISTRICT.	W. W. Browne.....	30	2	32	1	6	30	425 00	6 00	6 00	2 40	16 00	5 00	2000	1200
	Bethany, Batavia, etc.....	W. S. Chamberlain.....	28	8	36	1	18	70	259 50	5 46	4 66	1 56	5 00	2 60	3000	500
	Perry and Burke Hill.....	G. D. Mark.....	33	7	40	2	8	25	190 00	5 39	6 12	5 04	26 88	1 00	1800
	Java.....	M. H. Boyd, supply.....	34	34	1	18	135	101 83	1700
	Gainesville and Eagle.....	Noah Palmer, supply.....	50	5	55	1	10	50	380 00	6 00	10 85	4 00	3 00	25 00	3 00	4000	1000
	West Falls and Colden.....	A. H. Bennett, Chairman.	77	10	87	3	25	130	500 00	15 50	12 70	4 80	15 75	1 00	2 00	33 36	6 30	6000	.....
ALLEGANY DISTRICT.	Allegheny.....	I. C. White.....	31	3	34	2	10	61	320 00	7 28	7 92	2 20	5 00	.....	.....	19 40	3 60	2000	.....
	Gowanda and Collins.....	T. Slocum.....	40	2	42	1	6	56	250 00	8 07	8 80	2 45	.....	.....	.....	12 00	4 00	2500	.....
	East Otto and Springville.....	W. G. Oakes.....	32	.....	32	1	9	36	299 00	8 36	7 67	2 32	2 00	.....	.....	8 83	3 80	1200	600
	Catsaraugus and Champlain.....	M. H. Moore, supply.....	43	3	46	3	21	122	76 50	10 12	9 28	3 01	.....	.....	.....	11 00	1 75	2000	800
	Belmont and Pikeville.....	Geo. M. Allen.....	41	17	58	3	5	10	265 00	8 14	8 00	2 26	9 25	.....	7 00	23 03	3 70	1500	.....
	Rushford and Caseville.....	J. O'Regan.....	30	1	31	1	7	101	338 00	6 42	5 76	1 56	2 25	.....	.....	.....	3 20	2500	1000
	Elton, Yorkshire, etc.....	W. W. Manning.....	11	27	38	1	.....	.....	400 00	1 98	1 82	55	.....	.....	.....	27 67	90	1500	.....
	Franklinville.....	S. K. J. Chesbro, Chairman.	26	3	29	2	10	50	255 00	3 00	9 00	4 00	2 50	5 00	.....	25 00	3 00	1500	.....
	Bolivar.....	A. C. Leonard.....	47	25	72	3	14	70	350 00	8 10	7 56	2 31	7 71	2 60	.....	33 97	4 70	1500	600
	Dunkirk and Fredonia.....	L. D. Perkins.....	25	8	33	2	11	49	193 63	5 17	4 83	1 50	6 00	.....	.....	15 71	4 30	2700	.....
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT.	Forestville, etc.....	R. W. Worthington.....	41	4	45	1	15	77	142 20	4 00	3 50	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	9 10	1 00	.....	.....
	Cold Spring, Randolph, etc.....	O. C. Bowers, supply.....	39	5	44	1	6	82	206 25	6 84	7 10	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	12 21	3 50	1600	1200
	Leon and Pine Valley.....	J. Robinson.....	24	2	26	1	5	30	286 00	5 00	4 62	1 43	.....	.....	.....	28 67	3 00	2000	.....
	Jamesstown.....	S. K. J. Chesbro.....	33	6	39	1	9	35	222 35	6 00	6 03	1 50	7 50	6 18	5 00	26 26	3 00	2000	.....
	Gerry.....	W. A. Seliew.....	27	5	32	1	6	20	.....	3 87	3 60	1 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
	Ellington and Gerry Hill.....	D. P. Hitchcock, supply.....	1621	251	1872	35	465	2483	\$11834 00	\$313 65	\$315 72	\$97 30	\$117 83	\$35 99	\$13 53	\$22 76	\$141 47	\$130200	\$1830	
	Conference Total.....

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Session, held at Oshkosh, Winnebago County,
Wisconsin, September 15-19, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. J. A. MURRAY, Secretary. W. G. HANMER, Assistant
Secretary.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

E. Z. THWING, President; Augusta, Wisconsin.
W. G. HANMER, Secretary; Evansville, Wisconsin.
J. E. COLEMAN, Treasurer; Evansville, Wisconsin.

BOARD OF INCORPORATION.

J. S. BOLTON, President; Platteville, Wisconsin.
F. E. DOUBLEDAY, Secretary; Portage, Wisconsin.
A. BENNETT, Treasurer; Platteville, Wisconsin.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, W. G. Hanmer, J. A. Murray.
On Publishing Minutes—Secretaries.
On Collecting Funds for Publishing the Minutes—F. E. Doubleday.
On Secrecy—W. Plant, T. Charmley, C. W. Howe.
On General Conference Delegates' Collection—A. Jett.
On Superannuated Claim—G. Farnsworth.
To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study—J. S. Bolton, J. Y. Wolf.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Geo. W. Coleman, L. B. Webb.
To Receive Superintendents' Claim—A. Longfield.
To Receive Funds for General Conference Missions—T. Chamley.
On Missions—Stationing committee.
On Publications—W. G. Hanmer, G. W. Coleman, A. Turner.
On Education—J. S. Bolton, C. Webber, A. Bennett, L. B. Webb.
On Prohibition—P. C. Burhans, L. Whitney, E. Z. Thwing.
On Sunday-schools—E. P. Tullis, A. D. Gillett, A. Longfield.
On the State of the Work—W. G. Hanmer, E. Z. Thwing, A. Bennett, F. E. Doubleday.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for Next Year:

Preliminary Course—J. E. Coleman, Geo. Farnsworth.

First Year—C. Webber, E. P. Tullis.

Second Year—J. A. Murray, F. E. Doubleday.

Third Year—J. Y. Wolf, P. C. Burhans.

Fourth Year—E. Z. Thwing, Wm. Plant.

Tent Committee—W. G. Hanmer, G. W. Coleman, E. Z. Thwing, A. Turner and
A. Bennett.

To Obtain Reduction of Railroad Fare Next Year—J. A. Murray.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—J. S. Bolton, J. Y. Wolf, A. Bennett.

On Seminary Scholarship—W. G. Hanmer.

TRUSTEES OF INCORPORATION.

Office expires at conference of 1887.....E. Z. Thwing.....A. Bennett
 " " " " " 1888.....F. E. Doubleday.....W. Holden
 " " " " " 1889.....J. S. Bolton.....A. Turner

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

Office expires at conference of 1887.....J. E. Coleman.....A. Percival
 " " " " " 1888.....N. E. Parks
 " " " " " 1889.....L. Whitney.....A. Bennett
 By virtue of being chairmen.....W. G. Hanmer.....G. W. Coleman

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

L. Whitney,	E. Z. Thwing,	J. A. Murray,	A. D. Gillett,
T. Chafmley,	N. E. Parks,	W. G. Hanmer,	J. S. Bolton,
G. Farnsworth,	C. W. Howe,	E. P. Tullis,	J. E. Coleman,
F. E. Doubleday,	W. M. Kelsey,	W. Plant,	C. Webber,
G. W. Coleman,	J. Y. Wolf,	P. C. Burhans,	I. Emerton.

To get order of preachers' admission to conference, read across the columns.

DELEGATES.

C. Ferris,	D. T. Hawley,	B. Stickney,	Jessie Bourbeau,
A. Jett,	A. Longfield,	Elbert N. Hawley,	J. Vanderhouf,
C. S. Jenkyn,	J. Dunham,	L. B. Webb,	A. Turner,
S. Martin,	A. Bennett.	A. P. Gillett,	Geo. Brownell.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. G. Hanmer, E. Z. Thwing, A. Bennett, A. Turner.

3. Who are admitted on trial? J. H. Flower, N. A. Austin, L. B. Webb, A. P. Gillett, J. L. Gardner.

4. Who remain on trial? R. Carne, R. Pate, W. S. Waters.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? N. E. Parks, W. S. Waters, W. M. Kelsey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. E. Doubleday, P. C. Burhans, C. Webber.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. Whitney.

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? G. E. Plant, and from the church under censure.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were separately called, and their characters passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What is the number of church members? See table of statistics.

15. What is the amount collected for the superannuated preachers? For superintendents? For General Conference missionary board? For annual conference missionary board? See reports and statistics.

16-20. (Sunday-schools, etc.) See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, etc.? See table of assessments.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. When and where shall our next conference be held? The time and place of holding the next session of conference were left with the chairmen of the districts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was a good one: the preachers and delegates were on hand in good season, and a spirit of harmony pervaded the sittings of the conference. The presence of our ever welcome Superintendent E. P. Hart and wife was of great help and encouragement to us.

W. G. Hanmer and G. W. Coleman were elected traveling chairmen.

The Oshkosh society were encouraged in their church enterprise by the free-will offering of \$151.00.

W. G. Hanmer was made a committee to obtain fifty two-dollar subscriptions for the seminary scholarship for another year.

During the year seven camp meetings were held with good results, and three tabernacles were kept going all the season, and our weak places are being strengthened. Praise God!

The Lord is raising us up some promising men, and we had this year what we have not had for years, men for all the circuits.

The conference ordered the collections as follows: Annual conference missionary collection to be taken in the early part of the first quarter; general superintendents' collection during first quarter; superannuated preachers', second quarter; general conference missionary, third quarter.

F. E. Doubleday, P. C. Burhans and C. Webber were ordained elders at the close of the Sunday afternoon service.

A collection of \$21.84 was taken for the general superintendent; \$10 for the secretary, and \$7.51 for L. Whitney.

Rev. T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist*; C. B. Wilcox, pastor of the First M. E. Church; W. Warner, of the Wesleyan M. Church; M. Bunker, Wesleyan Methodist Church, and J. F. Brown, State lecturer of the National Christian Association, were introduced to the conference, and invited to honorary seats.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this conference that each minister shall give, in his report to the conference, the number of visits he has made during the year.

Resolved, 2. That it is the sense of this conference that each class shall meet twelve hours in session before the hour appointed for conference to convene.

I.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised for publishing minutes, \$21.04, was paid over to T. B. Arnold to pay for the same.

II.—CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

On hand at last conference.....	\$ 11 47
Received this year from Palmyra.....	8 00
“ “ “ “ New Diggings.....	4 80
“ “ “ “ Camp Douglas.....	4 50
“ “ “ “ Evansville.....	21 00
“ “ “ “ Platteville.....	11 95
“ “ “ “ Portage.....	8 55
“ “ “ “ Whitewater.....	7 00
“ “ “ “ Porters.....	12 00
“ “ “ “ Caledonia.....	6 50
“ “ “ “ Calamus.....	1 00
“ “ “ “ N. W. Dist.....	12 80
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Disbursements.

P. C. Burhans.....	\$ 25 00
E. Z. Thwing.....	74 41
Orders.....	25
E. Z. Thwing, last year.....	9 91
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Conference ordered a collection to be taken of 25 cents for each member and probationer, to be taken first quarter, and appropriated \$50 to E. Z. Thwing and \$75 to the chairman of the Whitewater District.

III.—TO RECEIVE GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MONEY.

Received this year from Whitewater.....	\$ 3 40
“ “ “ “ Evansville.....	8 50
“ “ “ “ Porters.....	4 25
“ “ “ “ Portage.....	4 45
“ “ “ “ Caledonia.....	2 25
“ “ “ “ Camp Douglas.....	1 85
“ “ “ “ Beaver Dam.....	2 75
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Total.....	27 45

IV.—GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' COLLECTION.

Whitewater.....	\$ 3 60
Evansville.....	3 40
Albany.....	30
Porters.....	4 10
Waukesha.....	50
Oshkosh.....	2 10
Cuba.....	3 80
Montfort.....	2 60
Barron.....	90
Beaver Dam.....	1 10
Portage.....	2 00
Caledonia.....	90
Camp Douglas.....	90
Racine.....	60
Platteville.....	1 60
Washburn.....	1 90
Augusta.....	2 10
Sherman.....	1 30
Collection at Conference.....	3 46
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V.—ON SUPERANNUATED PREACHER'S CLAIM.

Reported as follows:

Whitewater.....	\$ 5 35
Sharon.....	3 00
Evansville.....	6 46
Porters.....	8 20
Beaver Dam.....	4 33
Portage.....	5 12
Caledonia.....	7 04

Camp Douglas.....	\$2 00
Racine.....	25
Cuba.....	3 10
Platteville.....	6 50
Washburn.....	4 00
.....	2 14
Collection at Conference.....	7 51

Claim..... 65 00

VI.--ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

Surplus from 1885.....	\$ 3 20
Paid S. K. J. Chesbro.....	20 40
" B. T. Roberts.....	3 50
" in at Conference.....	22 05
Collection Sunday a. m.....	21 84

Total..... 70 99

Claim 66 78

Surplus, 1886..... 4 21

VII.--ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

The press is one of the most potent educators of the times. The newspaper has come, and has come to stay. Many professed Christians read it more than they read the Bible. The influence of the religious press for good is second only to that of the pulpit. If we think it essential that a pure gospel only should be proclaimed from the pulpit, we think it equally essential that we endeavor to secure the same in our religious literature. If the distinctive principles we advocate are of sufficient importance and value to warrant our existence as a distinct church organization, surely we need and should sustain a press that advocates, defends and is in full harmony with our peculiar principles. We should also eschew those publications which, while containing much good reading matter, contain also that which tends to disparage, antagonize and even supplant with something foreign to our principles. We know of no periodicals that more fully meet the need of our people in this direction than the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian*; hence, we earnestly advise and exhort all our people to patronize them. We do not believe that greater moral benefits can be realized to ourselves and families by the expenditure of a like amount in any other way.

It seems superfluous to say that it is duty for us to discountenance and prevent, with all the influence we possess, the light, trashy, fictitious literature, that pervades so extensively at the present day, from being circulated and read.

We think our people will do themselves and the cause of God a benefit by supplying our Sabbath-schools with the supplies for the same furnished at the office of the *Free Methodist*.

We wish to call the attention of our people to the importance of the hymns used in public worship. They are an important factor in the moral education of men. Clearly the songs and hymns of the present day have not the depth, solidity and full evangelical tone which those written by the Wesleys and others of their day have. They were largely the embodiment of deep religious experience and Christian theology, as taught in the standard works of Methodism. We have them collated in our "Free Methodist Hymn Book." We believe it would greatly subserve the cause of truth and righteousness to supplant the various song books in use among us by its much more extended use in our meetings, hence we will labor to this end.

When new questions or theories arise that are likely to affect the peace and prosperity of Zion, by creating a divided sentiment among us, we judge it to be the duty of the General Conference to express clearly and definitely, and publish to the world, its views concerning such questions or theories as one of the best methods to prevent injury being done thereby.

VII.--ON EDUCATION.

The Scriptures teach that we are workers together with God. The amount of work accomplished depends largely upon the amount of consecrated power exerted. We believe that God not only holds his people responsible for the use of every talent intrusted to them, but also for the development of the same. We also believe that God will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. Since the views hold true, we are bound to use every means in our reach to improve and increase the gifts he has put in our hands. While we must remember that none are too old to learn, we shall bear in mind that youth is the golden period for this work, hence a renewed devotion to the education of the young. Early Methodism carried education hand in hand with godliness. We must bear in mind that the enemy of righteousness is eager to control every institution intended to benefit men. This is no time for the church to withdraw her hold from the schools of our land. As a people we need to be faithful to their interests. Free Methodism must not be one-sided. Our stability and perpetuity depend much upon our intelligence. While we

consider the Holy Spirit as our great teacher and helper, we are seriously crippled when we disregard the human elements that must figure in the work of God, either in the development of individual character or the preaching the gospel to the people. Our children must be educated, our schools must be supported, our young preachers must be encouraged to make the best possible preparation for their work. Our active ministry must continue in the acquirement of knowledge and the development and strengthening of the mind. It is true that many of our people and preachers are unable to reap the benefits our schools afford. For these there should be a system of self-education established in our church; a system that would secure to our people a course of reading economical, elevating and pure; one especially adapted to the needs of the young and at the same time one which should find its way into the kitchen as well as the preacher's study.

Respecting the immediate work of education among us, we are pleased to say that we continue to regard our seminary at Evansville with an increased appreciation of the persevering efforts of the faculty, with our efficient Brother J. E. Coleman at its head; and unite in our gratitude to the great Head of the church for its past prosperity, and join our prayers for its future welfare, and that it may be kept from the efforts of Satan to draw our God-given Methodism from its primitive simplicity and power, and the acknowledged faith of our fathers.

IX.—ON PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, The great conflict between prohibition and the liquor interest continues to rage, and the rum power manifests more plainly than ever its diabolical hatred of all that is good and noble; and,

WHEREAS, It will stop at nothing, even the shedding of blood, that its hellish purposes may be accomplished; and,

WHEREAS, The times are becoming very critical and dangerous; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, that it is our abiding conviction that every Christian should immediately array himself upon the side of prohibition; second, that every influence and power of both preacher and layman be employed fully in behalf of prohibition; third, that it is high time that professing Christians should vote as they pray; fourth, that we rejoice in the past triumphs of prohibition, and will in the name of Jesus Christ press the battle to the gates.

X.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee report as follows:

The salvation of the young is of prime importance. This is attested both by the nature of men and the Word of God. We recognize the Sunday-School, rightly conducted, as an important agency in accomplishing this end; therefore,

Resolved, That we will organize Free Methodist Sabbath-schools wherever practicable, and will encourage this work by our personal presence, and render financial aid as far as possible.

We earnestly recommend the employment only of saved persons as officers and teachers. Further, we recommend the use of our own periodicals, published by T. B. Arnold, of Chicago, Ill., as the purest, most attractive and soundest in doctrine.

XI.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

In looking over our last year's work it is with humility and thankfulness of heart that we bow before God exclaiming, "He doeth all things well." After eleven years of toil amid many trials and some discouragements, with many mistakes on our part, we feel grateful to God for his great forbearance and feel we can in truth report some success in rescuing men from sin. During the year some new ground has been occupied and some of the old fields begin to blossom anew. Our numbers this year were not broken by death, and with a number of promising young men entering the ministry, and with some of mature judgment and many years' experience coming in among us, we come to conference with our ranks full.

We are satisfied that we are providentially called to the great work of saving men from sin, which can only be done when we are endued with heavenly wisdom, which alone can cope with and overcome the wicked one. With our failures in the past to warn us, with what little we have learned, we look forward with hope to the coming conference year, and expect greater success, with God's blessing, than ever before.

XII.—ON SECRECY.

Your committee submit the following:

We believe organized secrecy is incompatible with Christian experience, with a profession of Christianity, and also with the true principles of republican government. We believe the teachings of the Bible are against secret societies. Jesus said, "In secret have I said nothing, also, 'Thou shalt not forswear thyself.'" Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Free Methodist conference, will use all lawful means to abolish this gigantic evil. We are opposed to inviting ministers into our pulpits to fill our appointments who are members of Masonic or other Christ-ignoring fraternities.

Resolved, That we will use all the means in our power to enlighten the people in regard to the baneful and pernicious effects of secret societies.

Resolved, That we will do what we can to co-operate in the anti-secrecy work of the National Christian Association, and the work of its agent in this State, Rev. J. F. Browne

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

This certifies that the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church, in accordance with chapter 123 of the laws of Wisconsin, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation of trustees to hold property for religious purposes in certain cases," approved March 22, 1875, did, at its annual session, held in the city of Beaver Dam, in the State of Wisconsin, the 29th day of September, A. D, 1877, elect the following persons, to-wit: E. Z. Thwing and A. Bennett, to hold their office one year; L. Whitney and L. Auchampaugh, for two years; D. M. Sinclair and J. H. Knapp, for three years; to be trustees of said conference, to be known by the corporate name or title of "The Wisconsin Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church." The terms of office of said trustees shall expire two each year, in the order herein above named, and so on thereafter, and their places shall be filled by the annual conference at its annual session.

The object of said incorporation is to provide for the preaching of the gospel within the bounds of this State; to sustain, and assist to sustain Christian missions, both foreign and domestic; to provide for the support of superannuated or worn-out preachers, their widows and orphans; to publish and circulate religious periodicals, books and tracts; to establish and maintain schools and seminaries of learning.

J. S. BOLTON, *President.*
L. WHITNEY, *Secretary.*
A. BENNETT, *Treasurer.*

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath, unto the annual conference of the Free Methodist Church of the State of Wisconsin, the sum of — dollars, to be paid to the said conference, to its treasurer or other duly constituted authority for receiving its funds, as soon as it may be after my decease, to have and hold the same to the said annual conference of the Free Methodist Church, of the State of Wisconsin, and its successors or assignees forever,

ASSESSMENTS.

Circuits.	Annual Conf. Missions.	Superintendents' Claim.	Superannuated Claim. *	General Conf. M
Evansville.....	\$ 8 25.....	\$ 6 60.....	\$ 5 60.....	\$ 8 25
Whitewater.	13 50.....	7 00.....	5 95.....	8 75
Albany.....	13 75.....	1 80.....	1 55.....	2 25
Waukesha and Milwaukee.....	4 75.....	60.....	55.....	75
Sharon	5 10.....	80.....	70.....	1 00
Racine	7 75.....	1 80.....	1 55.....	2 25
Platteville.....	21 55.....	9 40.....	8 00.....	11 75
Washburn.....	34 50.....	7 10.....	6 00.....	8 75
Montfort.....	24 00.....	5 20.....	3 45.....	6 50
Cuba.....	12 20.....	4 60.....	3 00.....	5 75
Martinsville and Ellenboro.....	12 00.....	1 60.....	1 35.....	2 00
Portage	8 20.....	4 00.....	3 40.....	5 00
Pierceville.....	21 25.....	6 80.....	5 80.....	8 50
Oshkosh	20 30.....	4 80.....	4 10.....	6 00
Beaver Dam.....	13 00.....	3 40.....	2 90.....	4 25
Caledonia	6 50.....	4 20.....	3 60.....	5 25
Camp Douglas.....	4 25.....	1 80.....	1 55.....	2 25
Aztalan.....	1 25.....	1 00.....	85.....	1 25
Calamus.....	1 00.....	75.....	50.....	1 10
Augusta	10 00.....	3 60.....	3 10.....	4 50
Sherman.....	4 25.....	1 40.....	1 25.....	1 75
Barron.....	5 50.....	1 60.....	1 40.....	2 00
Menomonie.....	1 00.....	75.....	60.....	1 00
West Bend.....	1 00.....	80.....	70.....	1 00
	254 75	81 30	67 45	91 75

*This is at the rate of 20 cents a member; it may be necessary to assess more after General Conference meets.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Year of admisison to full connection.	Name.	Address.
1871	L. Whitney.....	Portage, Columbia county, Wisconsin
1872	E. Z. Thwing.....	Augusta, Eau Claire " "
1877	J. A. Murray....	Oshkosh (70 Meritt St.,) Winnebago " "

1878	A. D. Gillett.....	Portage, Columbia county, Wisconsin	
1879	T. Charmley.....	Beaver Dam, Dodge	" "
1881	W. G. Hanmer.....	Evansville, Rock	" "
1882	J. S. Bolton.....	Whitewater, Walworth	" "
1882	G. Farnsworth.....	Sharon, "	" "
1882	C. W. Howe.....	Barron, Barron	" "
1882	E. P. Tullis.....	Montfort, Grant	" "
1883	P. C. Burhans.....	Boyceville, Dunn	" "
1883	J. E. Coleman.....	Evansville, Rock	" "
1884	C. Webber.....	Arthur, Grant	" "
1884	F. E. Doubleday.....	Platteville, "	" "
1884	W. Plant.....	New Lisbon, Juneau	" "
1886	G. W. Coleman.....	Evansville, Rock	" "
1886	J. Y. Wolf.....	(494) Hanover street) Milwaukee	" "
1886	I. Emerton.....	Emerald	" "

PROBATIONERS.

1884	W. S. Waters,.....	(Box 4) Platteville, Wisconsin	
"	R. Carne.....	Evanville, Rock county,	" "
"	R. Pate.....	Aztalan, Jefferson	" "
1886	J. H. Flower.....	Evansville, Rock	" "
"	L. B. Webb.....	Beaver Dam, Dodge	" "
"	N. A. Austin.....	Evansville, Rock	" "
"	A. P. Gillett.....	Alloa, Columbia	" "
"	J. L. Gardner.....	Menomonie, Dunn	" "

LOCAL PREACHERS.

A. Bennett (deacon).....	Platteville, Grant county, Wisconsin	
J. H. Knapp.....	Waterloo, Jefferson	" "
T. Green.....	Oak Hill, "	" "
R. Pearsoll.....	Waterloo, "	" "
A. D. Silvernail.....	Menomonie, Dunn	" "
J. O. Crisp.....	Martinsville, Grant	" "

EVANGELISTS.

Mrs. M. E. Dutton.....	Augusta, Eau Claire county, Wisconsin	
Miss C. S. Jenkyn.....	Meeker's Grove, La Fayette	" "
Laura J. Hendie.....	Platteville, Grant	" "

EXHORTERS.

Mrs. L. M. Coleman.....	Evansville, Wisconsin	
Ed. Strawbridge.....	Benton,	" "
J. McLaughlin.....	New Diggings,	" "
Cyrus Jett.....	Rewey,	" "
Abraham Jett.....	"	" "
John Levingston.....	Levingston,	" "
J. F. Icke.....	Waukesha,	" "
Mrs. D. Webber.....	Beaver Dam,	" "
Geo. Endicott.....	"	" "
August Welk.....	Baraboo, Sauk county,	" "
Moses Sigglekow.....	" "	" "
William Sigglekow.....	" "	" "
Frank Ingraham.....	Union, Rock county,	" "
David G. Jones.....	Portage, Columbia	" "
N. A. Patchin.....	Albany, Green	" "
A. Longfield.....	Evansville, Rock county, Wisconsin	
J. E. Evans.....	(70 Merritt street), Oshkosh, Winnebago	" "
O. W. Watkins, (elder).....	Baraboo, Sauk	" "
John W. Brazzell.....	Rewey,	" "

APPOINTMENTS.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Evansville Seminary.....	J. E. Coleman
Whitewater and Palmyra.....	J. S. Bolton
Albany and English Settlement.....	J. H. Flower
Sharon.....	Geo. W. Farnsworth
Waukesha and Milwaukee.....	J. Y. Wolf
Racine.....	To be supplied
Aztalan and Milford.....	R. Pate
R. Carne, evangelist; member of the Evansville quarterly conference.	

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Platteville.....	F. E. Doubleday
Washburn, Zion and Rewey.....	C. Webber
Montfort.....	E. P. Tullis
Cuba and New Diggings.	W. S. Waters
Martinville and Ellenboro.....	J. O. Crisp, supply

PORTAGE DISTRICT.—GEO. W. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Portage.....	A. D. Gillett
Pierceville and Porters.....	N. A. Austin
Oshkosh, Omro and Seymour.....	J. A. Murray; J. O. Evans, supply
Beaver Dam.....	L. B. Webb
Caledonia.....	A. P. Gillett
Camp Douglas.....	To be supplied
Calamus.....	T. Charmley
L. Whitney, superannuated; member of Portage District quarterly conference.	

EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.—GEO. W. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Augusta and Humbird.....	E. Z. Thwing
Sherman.....	I. Emerton
Barron and Prairie Farm.....	C. W. Howe
Menomonie.....	J. L. Gardner
P. C. Burhans, evangelist; member of the Eau Claire District quarterly conference.	
W. Plant, Bible agent.	



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.										Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairman's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claims.	Gen. Supt. Col- lection.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen. Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	Missionary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools	Incidental Ex- pense Col.	Delegates' Ex- penses to Gen. (Conf.	Tent Fund.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Value of Par- sonage Property.		
WHITEWATER DISTRICT.	W. G. Hammer, Chairman.																																
Whitewater and Palmyra...	35	1	36	1	1	8	40	\$397 56	\$62 44		\$5 35	\$5 65	\$15 00	\$3 40													\$5 67	\$13 40	\$3 60	\$3 19	\$2 00	...	
Sharon	4	2	6	...	...	...	20	130 00	19 54		3 00																		1 00	10 00	...	
Waukesha and Milwaukee...	3	6	9	...	...	...	61	201 00	20 00		6 46	7 81	21 00	8 40																	...	
Evansville Seminary...	33	...	33	2	1	7	25	75 00	68 00																		20 00	25 00	3 40			...	
Albany & English Settlement	9	6	15	...	...	...	30	39 25	16 48																		2 15	9 00	30			...
Porters and Pierceville...	34	5	39	2	1	6	45	205 00	71 51		8 20	4 65	12 00	4 25	\$15 00												12 00		4 10	26 50	1300	...	
Beaver Dam and Lowell...	17	3	20	1	2	11	45	52 19	28 34	\$74 33	4 33	2 20															4 00		1 10	400	...		
Portage City	20	1	21	...	...	...	80	170 21	33 67		5 12	4 00	8 55	4 45															2 60		800	...
Caledonia	21	5	26	1	1	8	...	2 3 28	23 74		7 04	1 80	6 50	2 25	10 00												3 77		90		...		
Camp Douglas	9	8	17	1	...	...	...	50 00	11 85		2 00	1 80	4 50	1 85															5 10		...	
Racine	9	6	15	...	...	...	...	8 00	5 60		25																		60		...	
Joshkosh, Seymour and Omro.	24	30	54	1	1	5	45	263 46	36 99	120 00		1 60	17 70													20 00	41 59	2 10		1700	\$600	...	
West Bend	4	...	4	...	...	...	...																								...	...
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT.	W. G. Hammer, Chairman.																																
Platteville	47	7	54	2	2	10	45	196 35	51 54		6 50	4 80	11 95														5 00	52 90	3 80		1000	...	
Cuba and New Diggings...	23	5	28	1	300 00	48 50	14 00		3 10	2 65	4 80															8 00	1 60	19 00	1200	...
Washburn, Zion and Rewey.	33	13	46	1	250 00	52 60	23 00	4 00	3 50																	126 94	1 90	5 00		...
Montfort	26	4	30	...	1	6	45	1 8 91	40 00	20 00																	20 00		2 60		1800	...	
Ellenboro	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	71 41	3 72		80	70																				...
Augusta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33 29																								...
EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.	E. Z. Thwing, Chairman.																																
Barron	18	...	18	1	2	5	40	6 85	18 29			1 85	12 80														4 00		2 10			...	
Sherman	7	2	9	...	3	10	75	165 50	15 00			1 00															5 50		90			...	
Surplus last year .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				1 85	3 20																	1 30			...
Collection at Conference...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				7 51	21 84																	3 46			...
Conference Total	391	105	496	14	17	88	548	\$3156 27	\$727 20	\$251 33	\$65 51	\$71 19	\$114 30	\$24 60	\$25 00	\$102 09	\$284 83	\$37 16	\$54 69	\$11500	\$600												
†Fine church property burnt.																																	

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WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Second Annual Session, held at Scranton, Iowa, August 18-23, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. T. H. ALLEN, Secretary. J. H. WILSON, Assistant Secretary.
C. McFARLAND, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. W. Dake, J. N. Bovee.
On Publications—J. B. Newville, H. Washburn, C. McFarland.
On the State of the Work—J. W. Dake, J. N. Bovee, T. H. Allen.
On Temperance—J. B. Newville, J. Lutz, Samuel Hunt.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—
On Secret Societies—E. P. Hart, J. W. Dake, J. M. Reilly.
On Education—J. M. Reilly, Moses Shay, S. Flickenger.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. M. Reilly, J. W. Linton.
On Sunday-Schools—P. L. Smith, W. H. Holmes, J. G. Stanard.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for Next Year—E. P. Hart.
To Secure Reduction of Railroad Fare—J. G. Stanard.
On Preliminary Course of Study—J. B. Newville.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—J. H. Wilson, G. B. Whittington.

First Year—M. D. Myers, W. H. Holmes.

Second Year—J. W. Dake, J. N. Bovee.

Third Year—J. B. Newville, J. Lutz.

Fourth Year—J. M. Reilly, T. H. Allen.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of third year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

J. W. Dake,
J. B. Newville,
W. B. Nixon,

J. N. Bovee,
T. H. Allen,
W. H. Holmes,

J. M. Reilly,
T. J. Gates,

J. Lutz,
J. G. Stanard.

DELEGATES.

C. McFarland,
J. W. Linton,
Samuel Hunt,
E. Carney,
James Aspedon,

S. Flickenger,
William Wilkinson,
F. E. Eaton,
W. W. Vinson,

J. P. Talbott,
H. Washburn,
A. Wilder,
M. Shay,

H. D. Rogers,
J. P. Smith,
R. H. Martin,
William Welch.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. W. Dake, J. N. Bovee
C. McFarland, J. P. Smith.

3. Who are admitted on trial? J. A. Chamberlain, W. N. Green, G. G. Booton, F. H. Smith, A. Dowd, W. H. Hildebrand, G. A. Anderson, Geo. Shim, Charles Bullock.

4. Who remain on trial? J. H. Wilson, Geo. Booton, M. D. Myers, John Medd, G. B. Whittington.

5. Who are admitted in full connection? J. G. Stanard, W. H. Holmes, W. B. Nixon.

6. Who are the deacons? T. J. Gates, *J. G. Stanard, *W. H. Holmes, *W. B. Nixon.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were separately called and their characters passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

15. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

16. Where shall the next conference be held? At College Springs, Iowa.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was held on the camp ground near Scranton, Iowa.

T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist*; O. P. Crawford, a superannuated preacher of the Iowa Conference; and John Moran, a preacher on trial in the Minnesota Conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. The probationers in the conference were also invited to honorary seats.

A collection of about \$100 was taken to meet the expenses of the meeting.

A collection of \$10.15 was taken, with which a Bible was purchased and given as a present to the secretary.

Order of collections same as last year.

Four sittings of the conference were held.

A vote of thanks was tendered the C. & N. W. and C. M. & St. P. railways for reduction of railroad fare.

The president informed the conference of the transfer of J. B. Newville and T. J. Gates from the Missouri to this conference.

C. McFarland was elected conference treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

Received for Minutes.....\$23 10

II.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

We recommend the following disbursement of missionary money on hand:

George Booton\$10 00
W. B. Nixon..... 17 44

*Ordained this year.

J. Medd.....	17 44
J. A. Chamberlain.....	2 00
W. Holmes.....	2 00
Total	48 88

III.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General superintendents' claim.....	\$79 92
By receipts from S. K. J. Chesbro.....	\$52 40
By cash on hand.....	27 52
Total	79 92
General conference missions claim.....	\$111 00
By treasurer's receipts from circuits.....	\$53 92
By cash on hand.....	9 83
Total	63 75
Deficiency.....	47 25
Claim for delegates' expenses to General Conference.....	\$44
By cash on hand.....	\$39 11
Pledged by delegates.....	6 90
Total.....	46 01
Surplus.....	2 01

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

In this day of books and papers we do not hope or desire to read all, but every family should be provided with good, wholesome, religious reading. Reading has a powerful influence in forming and strengthening character. While we do not prohibit our people from taking the papers and books published by other denominations, we are not in favor of their giving up our own standard publications, for those published by individuals or other denominations; and while we do not discourage any of our people from taking the *Vanguard* or other holiness periodicals, we are not in favor of their doing so at a sacrifice of either the *Free Methodist* or *Earnest Christian*. We advise and urge all our Sabbath-schools to use the Sabbath-school papers and supplies published by T. B. Arnold.

V.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

After years of careful investigation and knowledge of the workings and influence of the various secret orders, we are more than ever confirmed in the conviction and belief that these secret combinations are evil in their principles and pernicious in their influence, and are, in their practical workings, destructive of our civil and religious liberties. Consecrated to live and labor for the highest well-being of humanity, to be true to our honest convictions, we must pledge ourselves to continual, intelligent and legitimate opposition to all secret, oath-bound societies.

VI.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe the time has fully come in the history of this nation when the temperance question should be made a national issue. There is not an issue between the two leading parties worthy of a mention. The temperance question is pressing itself upon the people. There are two phases of the temperance work,—high-license and prohibition. Therefore,

Resolved, That we give our unqualified support to National Prohibition.

Resolved, That the time has fully come that we should vote as we pray, in favor of Prohibition.

VII.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We advise all our ministers to take special interest in our Sabbath-school work by organizing Free Methodist schools wherever practicable, to use their influence against employing unsaved persons as superintendents or teachers in the schools. We also recommend the Sabbath-school periodicals printed at the *Free Methodist* office as the best in use for Sabbath-school work. We advise all our superintendents and teachers to insist upon the scholars learning well their lessons at home, and not to permit the lesson leaves to be used in the school, while being questioned by them. We would also urge our people to put forth a special effort to organize new Free Methodist schools outside of our regular organized work, and to introduce our church periodicals as far as possible.

VIII.—ON EDUCATION.

We believe that the great and rapid advancement in educational light and knowledge in the world of mankind, demands at our hands increased effort in preparing ourselves to reach the popular mind with the light of the gospel and cope with the sophistry with which infidelity is poisoning the moral atmosphere of society. If we will reach the people we must learn their language

We believe, furthermore, that we should endeavor more earnestly to purify the fountain of intellectual knowledge at which our children are preparing for usefulness in the world. But few pieces are to be found in the modern school-readers calculated to lead the mind of the child in channels of spiritual life. Such pieces as "Extracts from the Bible," "Creation of the World," "The Blind Preacher," "Consolation of Religion to the Poor," "On Prayer," etc., are giving place to "Terrific Encounter with a Panther," "The Lover's Leap," "Indian Adventures," "Maud Muller," etc. Trained with such romantic and sensational reading, the youth of the land have but little relish for solid, useful reading—literary dyspeptics, caring only for the stimulants and dainties of literature. As comparatively few of our children can at present be brought under the influence of Christian schools, we recommend that preachers and people inquire into the character of the instruction given our children in the common schools, and raise our voices against these pernicious elements in the educational facilities of our land. The impression is sometimes made that the Free Methodist Church is opposed to education. We believe that, as a means of extending our fields of usefulness, education is greatly to be desired, but where it is made a substitute for vital godliness it is to be denounced; not because of the pernicious character of education, but because of the pernicious use to which it is applied. We lament the neglect on the part of some of our young preachers to prepare themselves in the course of study prescribed in the Discipline, and recommend a more strenuous enforcement of the disciplinary rules relative to this matter. The degeneracy of Methodism has always been largely due to the practice of holding the reins of discipline loosely, until the practice of the people has established a lower standard, and then bringing the rule down to the practice of the people.

A communication relative to a plan for establishing a Free Methodist school in the southeast part of Dakota, in the joint interest of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa, Dakota and West Iowa Conferences, with the action of the Sioux Falls, Dakota, District quarterly conference on the same, was placed in the hands of your committee, which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the conference.

APPOINTMENTS.

BEAR GROVE DISTRICT.—J. W. DAKE, Chairman.

Bear Grove.....	G.. B. Whittington
Coon Rapids.....	J. H. Wilson
Scranton.....	J. W. Buckner
Jefferson, Churdan, and Boone.....	M. D. Myers

RED OAK DISTRICT.—J. W. DAKE, Chairman.

Red Oak and Milford.....	J. M. Reilly
Bingham and Essex.....	J. Lutz
Lenox, Gravity and Cromwell.....	A. Dowd
Shambaugh.....	J. A. Chamberlain
Clarinda.....	W. H. Holmes
College Springs.....	J. G. Stanard
Sidney and Walkerville.....	W. B. Nixon
Geo. Booton and Chas. Bullock without appointment.	
T. J. Gates, Evangelist, member of Red Oak District quarterly conference.	

MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

Omaha.....	E. N. Miller, supply
La Platte.....	John Medd
Poncha.....	W. H. Hildebrand
Blair, Kennard and Fletcher.....	J. B. Newville, F. H. Smith
North Bend.....	To be supplied
Missouri Valley and Dunlap.....	Geo. Shinn; Mary Hillis, supply

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

Le Mars, Kingsley, etc.....	J. N. Bovee
Meriden and Washta.....	W. N. Green
Laurens.....	G. G. Booton
Scandinavian Mission.....	E. A. Anderson

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Name.	Address.
J. W. Dake.....	Coon Rapids, Iowa
J. N. Bovee.....	Le Mars, "
J. M. Reilly.....	Red Oak, "
J. Lutz.....	Essex, "
T. H. Allen.....	Dunlap, "
J. B. Newville.....	Blair, Nebraska
J. G. Stanard.....	College Springs, Iowa
W. B. Nixon.....	Sidney, "
W. H. Holmes.....	Clarinda, "
T. J. Gates.....	Orleans, Nebraska
J. W. Buckner.....	Scranton, Iowa

PROBATIONERS.

J. H. Wilson.....	Coon Rapids, Iowa
J. Medd.....	La Platte, Nebraska
M. D. Myers.....	Jefferson, Iowa
G. B. Whittington.....	Bear Grove, "
Geo. Shinn.....	Dunlap, "
F. H. Smith.....	Fletcher, Nebraska
W. N. Green.....	Meriden, Iowa
G. G. Booton.....	Laurens, "
W. H. Hildebrand.....	Omaha, Nebraska
J. A. Chamberlain.....	Shambaugh, Iowa
E. N. Miller.....	Omaha, Nebraska
A. Dowd.....	Gravity, Iowa
A. A. Anderson.....	Dunlap, "
Mary Hillis, supply.....	" "

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Wm. Melhollin.....	Bear Grove, Iowa
E. Picket.....	" " "
J. W. Linton.....	Coon Rapids, "
E. Carney.....	Scranton, "
D. McDonald.....	" "
R. L. Crene.....	Gravity, "
A. L. Dunkin.....	" "
W. H. Hatfield.....	College Springs, "



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.										Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- cels.	Chairmen's Re- cels.	Evangelists' Re- cels.	Gen'l Superin- tendents Coll.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l Cont. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Ex- pense Col.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Value of Par- sonage Prop'ry.	
BEAR GROVE DISTRICT.	J. W. Dake, Chairman.																													
Bear Grove.....	G. B. Whittington.....																													
Coon Rapids.....	G. B. Whittington.....																													
Scranton and Calhoun.....	M. D. Myers.....																													
Jefferson, Churdan and Boone.....	J. G. Stanard.....																													
BED OAK DISTRICT.	J. W. Dake, Chairman.																													
College Springs.....	J. M. Reilly.....																													
Red Oak and Bingham.....	{ J. Lutz.....																													
Sidney and Walkerville.....	{ *J. A. Chamberlain, supply.....																													
Gravity and Glasgow.....	George Borton.....																													
Shambaugh.....	A. Dowd.....																													
Lenox and Cromwell.....	W. H. Holmes.....																													
MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT.	W. B. Nixon.....																													
{ Blair and.....	J. N. Bovee, Chairman.																													
{ Fletcher.....	T. H. Allen.....																													
Meriden.....	J. H. Wilson.....																													
Le Mars.....	J. N. Bovee.....																													
North Bend.....	Mary J. Bovee.....																													
Omaha and Poncha.....	.....																												
Dunlap and Missouri Valley.....	J. Medd.....																													
Mission work.....	J. N. Bovee.....																													
Total for Conference.....																														

Supply six months; receipts \$75.00.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County,
Dakota, September 1-4, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. J. K. FREELAND, Secretary. D. McLEOD, Railroad
Secretary. F. W. MOON, Newspaper Reporter.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. W. Sharp, J. B. Freeland.

On Sunday-Schools—D. McLeod, J. S. Phillips, H. L. Torsey.

On Temperance—J. B. Freeland, I. P. Ulrich, A. W. Hayes, G. C. Coffee.

On Publications—J. W. Sharpe, W. F. Harding, J. S. Phillips.

On the State of the Work—G. C. Coffee, J. B. Freeland, H. L. Torsey, F. W. Moon.

On Quarterly Conference Records—D. Fear, A. W. Hayes, I. P. Ulrich, D. W. Cook, G. C. Coffee.

On Publishing the Minutes—Secretary.

To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—I. P. Ulrich.

To Receive General Missionary Money—A. W. Hayes.

To Receive General Superintendents' Salaries—A. W. Hayes.

To Receive Money to Defray Expenses of Delegates to the General Conference—A. W. Hayes.

On Education—J. B. Freeland, G. C. Coffee, A. W. Hayes, H. L. Torsey, J. K. Freeland, Densie A. Slocum.

On Secret Societies—J. W. Sharp, D. McLeod, J. B. Freeland, W. F. Harding, H. L. Torsey.

On Missions—Stationing Committee.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—D. W. Cook.

First Year—J. B. Freeland.

Second Year—F. W. Moon.

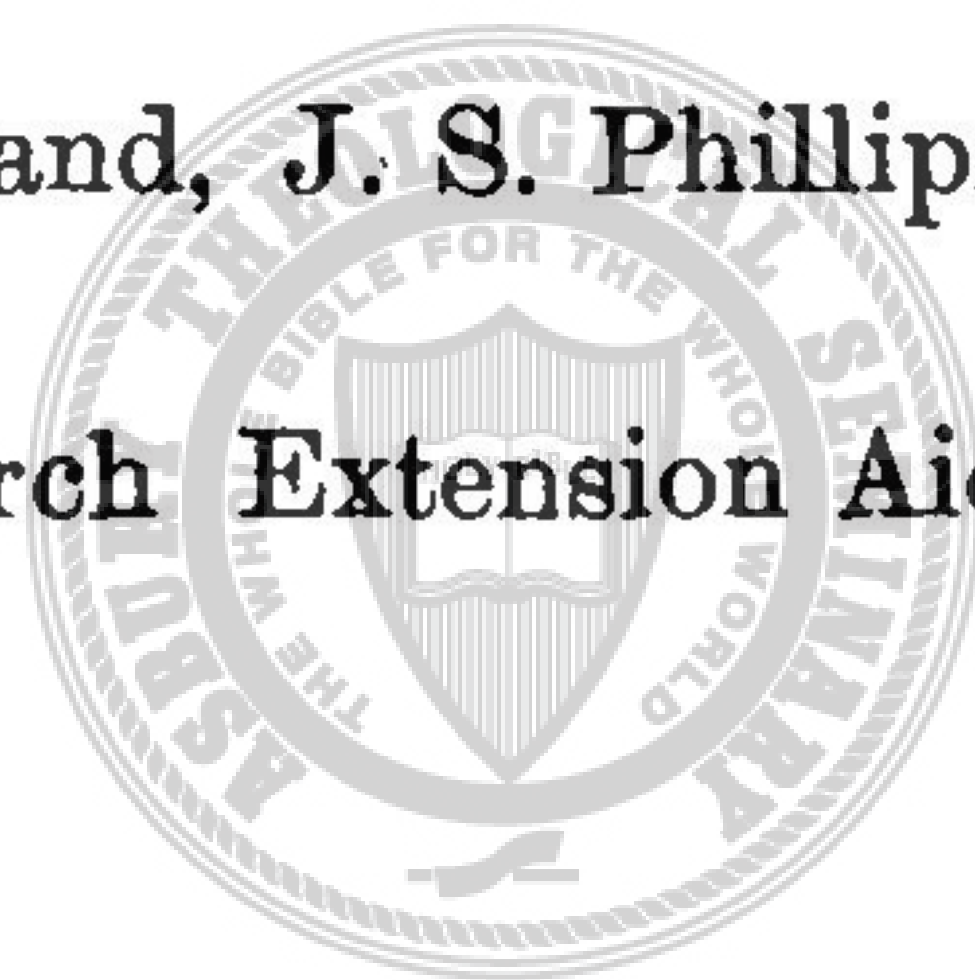
Third Year—G. C. Coffee.

Fourth Year—W. S. Chamberlain.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee on Fourth Year.

Tent Committee—J. B. Freeland, J. S. Phillips, A. W. Hayes, J. H. Ray, H. L. Torsey.

Executive Committee of Church Extension Aid Society—J. B. Freeland, A. W. Hayes, H. L. Torsey.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

G. C. Coffee, F. W. Moon, J. K. Freeland,	J. W. Sharp, W. S. Chamberlain, J. S. Phillips,	David McLeod, David Fear,	D. W. Cook, J. B. Freeland.
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DELEGATES.

W. F. Harding, Edward Sams, Barbara Green,	H. L. Torsey, N. E. Perry,	Densie A. Slocum, Geo. Johnson,	A. W. Hayes, I. P. Ulrich.
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2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. W. Sharp, E. Sams, J. B. Freeland, A. W. Hayes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. N. Taylor.

4. Who remain on trial? S. F. Wilson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. K. Freeland, W. S. Chamberlain, an elder transferred from Genesee Conference.

6. Who are the deacons? David McLeod, J. K. Freeland.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. W. Moon.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14-20. For their answers see table of statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, etc.? Not mentioned.

22. What sum is necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference? See report of committee No. viii.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See same report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? The place was left to be decided by the chairmen, their decision to be published three months before the time of meeting, which shall be as near the last of September or first of October as is convenient for the superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference held its session in the Free Methodist church at Sioux Falls, Dakota.

Five sittings were held: On Wednesday, one; Thursday, one; Friday, one; Saturday, two. Religious services were held afternoons, evenings and on the Sabbath. Rev. T. B. Arnold supplied the pulpit of the M. E. Church Sunday morning.

Rev. M. D. Baldwin, of the Michigan Conference, Rev. J. H. Mooers, pastor of the M. E. Church of Sioux Falls, and Rev. T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Meth-*

odist, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. The probationers of the conference were also invited to honorary seats.

W. S. Chamberlain, an elder of the Genesee Conference, was transferred by the president to the Dakota Conference.

J. B. Freeland was elected ministerial delegate to the General Conference, and J. S. Phillips reserve delegate. I. P. Ulrich was elected lay delegate to the General Conference, and A. W. Hayes reserve delegate.

It was ordered that the classes and examiners in conference studies meet the day before the first regular sitting of conference next year: also that the collection for general missions be taken the first quarter, and for home missions the second quarter.

The committee on quarterly conference records brought in a report severely criticising the manner in which the records had been kept, yet noted an improvement over those of last year.

The persons designated in the report on education as trustees were elected by the conference. It also instructed the committee to secure an open incorporation, the conference to fill vacancies which arise hereafter in said board of trustees. On the afternoon of September 4, the sum of \$1068.50 was subscribed toward establishing the Dakota school. Much more was pledged provisionally.

Votes of thanks were tendered the people of Sioux Falls, the editors of the daily papers, and the C. M. & St. P. and C. & N. W. R. R. companies.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

WHEREAS, We rejoice in the evidences of vitality manifested by the young Free Methodist college at Orleans, Nebraska; therefore,

Resolved, That while we cannot promise them as much financial help as we might wish, we extend to them our sympathy and prayers, and commend the Orleans College to any of our people who may want to secure superior educational advantages.

II.

WHEREAS, We have been informed that there is to be an effort made to have the General Conference at its approaching session so change our boundaries as to take from us that part of our work located in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, We believe that in view of our weakness both in numbers and financial ability, such change would greatly cripple us in our work; therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we earnestly protest against such change being made at this time, and request the General Conference to accede to our wishes in the matter.

Resolved, That this action of ours be presented to the General Conference by our delegates to the same.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

I.—ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education, would respectfully submit the following:
In our judgment only a Christian education tends to establish a character infused with

love of, and adherence to, the principles of righteousness. As a people we feel the necessity of having our children placed in schools where they can obtain such an education. We have no such schools within reach and feel the necessity of taking steps leading to the establishment of such an institution. To this end we would recommend the appointment of six persons, i. e., Rev. J. B. Freeland, Rev. J. S. Phillips, Rev. G. C. Coffee, H. L. Torsey, Densie A. Slocum, A. W. Hayes. They shall have power to receive propositions for the location of such a school, and, if in their unanimous opinion a suitable location is found, to receive it; and if they deem it expedient, to effect an incorporation that they may be able to receive and hold property for such purpose.

We would recommend that the Board of Trustees consist of seven persons, and that the conference elect five of said board, and that the five so elected be authorized to elect the other two after the school is located. We would make the following nominations for trustees: Rev. J. B. Freeland, Rev. G. C. Coffee, Rev. W. S. Chamberlain, M. D. Lewis, A. W. Hayes. They shall be authorized to contract debts, for which the conference shall be liable, not to exceed (\$500), five hundred dollars.

We would recommend that the school in an educational point of view ultimately hold the rank of an academy with a preparatory department, and that some studies particularly adapted to aid those designing to be Christian workers shall be contained in at least one of its courses of study.

While the school shall be distinctly Free Methodist, it shall be open to all persons who may wish to avail themselves of the benefits of the institution.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

It is the sense of this conference that the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors is the only way to dry up that branch of intemperance. We devoutly thank God for the manifest general agitation, and healthy sentiment on this question at the present time.

We need not call attention to the blighting demoralizing, and death-dealing power of the liquor traffic. The doings of this giant monster of evil are apparent. A few weeks ago as the Rev. G. C. Haddock was crossing the street in Sioux City, the assassin's bullet fired by the hand of the saloon-keeper or his tool, took his life. The blood of the martyred Haddock and a voice from a hundred thousand newly made graves call for vengeance. It is high time that every temperance man and woman, and every citizen who loves peace and safety should arise in their strength and wage such a war against this evil as shall cut off this stream of death and dry it up at its source.

Resolved, Therefore as a conference of ministers and laymen in the territory of Dakota, that we pledge our efforts, our votes and our prayers, for the overthrow of intemperance within our borders, and will labor in hope that when Dakota shall take her place among the sisterhood of States, it will be with the article of prohibition incorporated in her constitution.

III.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

We mark a decided improvement in the state of the work during the past year. The tone is more spiritual. While we thank God and take courage in view of this measure of success, we realize that, if we would be true to the great mission which God has entrusted to our hands we must not only use all the grace we have, but will just as surely need to use all the common sense we possess. Great care must be exercised in the matter of the reception of preachers into the traveling connection. We should see to it that applicants for admission to our conference are qualified, as per §6. ¶117 of our Discipline, which asks: "How shall we try those who profess to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach? We should enquire if they have gifts (as well as grace) for the work? If they have any fruit? Are any truly convinced of sin and converted to God by their preaching?"

Our young preachers especially, should be cautioned against riding hobbies and a kind of hap-hazard way of preaching. Paul says to Timothy, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The gospel of Jesus Christ will make its way against all opposition. Before the preaching of the gospel prejudice gives way, the strongholds of sin are demolished and victories are gained. The work before us on the part of the ministry, demands devotion to the cause of God, a deadness to everything but God's glory, and at least a fair degree of ability to preach.

On the part of the laity there is great need of more system in the matter of providing for the preachers' support. It is the sense of this conference that it is just as important that the stewards of circuits have faith in God in the matter of finances as it is for the preachers. In our work faith is the essential thing, but we should show our faith by our works.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is a well-recognized fact that people will read, therefore it is of the highest importance that they be supplied with good reading. We believe that in general, if our people, and especially our young converts, would employ themselves in reading and studying religious literature not only would their taste be improved but they would become more firmly established in grace and wisdom. We heartily endorse the *Earnest Christian* and *Free Methodist*, also Brother Arnold's publications, and hope our people will use great diligence to increase their circulation, as we believe them to be pre-eminently sound, pure and elevating.

V.—ON MINUTES.

Raised for printing minutes.....\$13 19

VI.—ON SUPERINTENDENT’S SALARIES.

Paid at conference.....\$24 12
Remitted to treasurer.....4 32

Total amount of assessment.....28 44

The amount received at conference was paid to E. P. Hart, and his receipt taken.

VII.—ON GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

Contributed by different circuits.....\$24 22
By collection at conference.....8 53

Total.....32 75

It was ordered paid to the treasurer of the general missionary fund.

VIII.—ON EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Amount of assessment and amount collected.....\$15 80
It was ordered paid to our delegates to General Conference.

IX.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHURCH EXTENSION AID SOCIETY.

Cash carried over from last year.....\$ 5 00
Cash received this year.....6 00
Pledges carried over from last year.....59 00
Pledges received this year.....2 00

Total72 00

Paid Olivet church.....\$11 00
Pledges on hand.....61 00

Total.....72 00

APPOINTMENTS.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.—J. B. FREELAND, Chairman.

Sioux Falls.....To be supplied
Hull and Boyden.....W. S. Chamberlain
Grand Meadow and Parker.....D. W. Cook

MITCHELL DISTRICT—J. B. FREELAND, Chairman.

Mitchell.....To be supplied
Mt. Vernon and Canty.....F. W. Moon
Olivet.....M. D. Baldwin
Parkston and Providence.....D. McLeod; W. F. Harding, supply

NORTH DISTRICT—J. S. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Forestburg, Diana and Wilson.....D. Fear; one to be supplied
Berton and Le Seur.....C. N. Taylor
Millbank.....To be supplied

NORTHWEST DISTRICT—J. S. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Woonsocket and Lindale.....S. F. Wilson
Sweetland and Dean.....M. Casler, supply
Ellisville.....J. K. Freeland
Potter Co.....To be supplied

G. C. Coffee, conference evangelist; member of Mitchell district quarterly conference.
J. W. Sharpe, left without appointment, at his own request; with a view to taking a transfer.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS’
ADDRESSES.

Name.	Address.
G. C. Coffee.....	Howard, Miner county, Dakota
D. W. Cook.....	Spring Valley, Turner “ “
D. Fear.....	Parkston, Hutchinson “ “
J. B. Freeland.....	Sioux Falls, Minnehaha “ “
F. W. Moon.....	Mt. Vernon, Davison “ “

D. McLeod.....	Parkston, Hutchinson	"	"
J. S. Phillips.....	Woonsocket (care of S. F. Wilson)	"	"
J. W. Sharpe.....	Nunda, McHenry county,	Illinois	
W. S. Chamberlain.....	Boyden, Sioux	"	Iowa
M. D. Baldwin.....	Olivet, Hutchinson	"	Dakota
J. K. Freeland.....	Ellisville, Faulk	"	"

PROBATIONERS.

S. F. Wilson.....	Woonsocket, Sanborn county,	Dakota	
C. N. Taylor.....	Howard, Miner	"	"

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS.

P. J. Webb.....	Boyden, Sioux county,	Iowa	
J. H. Ray.....	Hull,	"	"
I. P. Ulrich.....	Box 1134, Sioux Falls,	—	" Dakota
W. F. Harding.....	Parkston Hutchinson	"	"
Wm. Glen.....	"	"	"
Mrs. M. H. Freeland	Box 1134, Sioux Falls—	—	" "
H. L. Torsey.....	Diana, Sanborn	"	"
M. Casler.....	Sweetland, Hand	"	"
Mrs. Maria Twist.....	Dean,	"	"
Rufus Earle.....	Mt. Vernon, Davison	"	"
Jno. McLeod.....	Hartford, Minnehaha	"	"



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.		PREACHERS.														Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelist's Re- ceipts.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Col- lary Fund.	Gen'l. Cont. Mis- sionary Fund.	Other Mission- ary Funds.	Am't Raised for Sunday-Schools.	Incidental Ex- pense (Vol.	Expenses Gen'l Conf. Delegates	Tent Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Val. of Parson- age Property.			
BOY FALL DISTRICT.		J. B. Freeland, Chairman.														34	6	40	2	217	90	\$306 00	\$50 00	.....	\$4 68	\$1 24	\$50 00	\$24 00	\$15 00	\$2 60	\$7 00	\$1500	\$825			
Pattersonville and Boyden.....		J. S. Phillips; P. J. Webb, supply ...														16	3	19	2	1 8	25	224 80	38 88	.....	1 98	2 75	.....	30 64	39 44	1 25	.....	.....	.....	
Sioux Falls.....		D. McLeod.....														17	8	25	1	.....	.....	*14 67	36 47	.....	3 06	4 25	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....			
Grand Meadow and Parker.....		D. W. Cook.....														.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley and Swan Lake.....		.....														.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DISTRICT.		J. B. Freeland, Chairman.														19	10	29	1	1 8	43	.....	44 99	\$8 27	1 26	1 75	.....	17 98	4 78	70	.....	.....	.....	
Forestburg and Diana.....		A. K. Campbell, supply.....														15	..	15	1	4	24	71 31	19 71	.....	1 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	
Wilson and Berton.....		G. C. Coffee.....														5	1	6	..	.....	.....	.....	31 39	.....	50	50	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milbank.....		.....														2	7	9	..	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Le Sueur.....			
MITCHELL DISTRICT.		J. W. Sharpe, Chairman.														27	7	34	1	1 9	36	.....	64 35	20 00	3 50	2 00	.....	9 90	7 00	2 20	.....	400	.....	280
Olivet.....															46	10	56	2	210	75	251 65	83 98	4 32	7 75	12 00	17 88	2 40	
Providence.....		F. W. Moon; W. F. Harding, supply.														17	1	18	3	.....	.....	12 50	23 85	.....	2 88	3 98	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	800	.....	.....	
Mitchell and Mt. Vernon.....		David Fear.....														5	3	8	1	12 36		
Canty.....		
NORTHWEST DISTRICT.		J. W. Sharpe, Chairman.														18	3	21	2	4 14	75	32 63	27 72	22 76		
Lindale, Sweetland and Fords.....		S. F. Wilson.....														171 87	5 00	
Ellisville and Potter Co.....	
Total for Conference.....															221	59	280	15	127 0	368	\$1085 43	\$503 96	\$28 27	\$23 22	\$24 22	\$50 00	\$117 28	\$84 10	\$13 85	\$7 00	\$4200	\$110		
*Paid to Rev. D. McLeod.		†Received from General Missionary Board \$30 00; also by other collections, \$49.84.																																			

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MINNESOTA & NORTHERN IOWA CONF.

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Session held at South Side, Minnesota, September 8-11, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

J. L. KEENE, Secretary. J. D. COOK, E. H. TENNEY, Assistant Secretaries.
C. W. TENNEY, Railroad Secretary and Conference Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, G. P. Wilson, C. E. Reynolds.

On the State of the Work—G. P. Wilson, C. E. Reynolds, D. H. Simons, C. C. Foster.

On Secret Societies—E. L. Smith, C. Cook, G. W. Gould.

On Temperance—E. Walker, J. W. Landon, M. F. Childs.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—J. S. Bradley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. H. Simons, E. Walker, C. Cook.

On Publications—G. P. Wilson, J. Burrows, J. P. Maitland.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study for Ensuing Year—E. P. Hart.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—N. J. Sumner, M. F. Childs.

First Year—E. L. Smith, A. C. Wolcott.

Second Year—J. L. Keene, E. Walker.

Third Year—G. P. Wilson, S. H. Greenup.

Fourth Year—C. E. Reynolds, C. Cook.

Committee on First Year to examine local preachers for ordination.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

S. P. La Due,
J. S. Bradley,
A. C. Wolcott,
A. Tice,
A. H. Reed,

Cyrus Cook,
E. Walker,
S. H. Greenup,
J. W. Cain,
J. G. Norris,

E. L. Smith,
G. P. Wilson,
M. F. Childs,
John Moran,

C. E. Reynolds,
W. Barham,
N. J. Sumner,
J. L. Keene.

DELEGATES.

J. Burrows,
D. H. Simons,
J. P. Maitland,
Mary Boothroyd,

C. C. Foster,
A. L. Johnston,
A. D. Parks,
H. Wolcott,

Thos. Page,
J. W. Landon,
G. W. Gould,

J. McPhail,
C. Nolte,
Libbie Landis.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, G. P. Wilson, C. E. Reynolds, G. W. Gould, D. H. Simons.

3. Who were admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? E. H. Tenney, J. D. Cook, Wm. Baldwin, Robert Shemeld.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. G. Norris, John Moran.
6. Who are the deacons? Walter Barham, Newell J. Sumner, Josiah L. Keene, Alpheus Tice, Morris F. Childs, Edward Walker, Abner C. Wolcott, *John Moran, *John G. Norris and *A. M. Keniston (local deacon).
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders? None.
8. Who have been located? None.
9. Who are the superannuated preachers? S. P. La Due, J. W. Cain. (Without claims.)
10. Who have withdrawn this year? R. S. Ellis, J. C. Norton (discontinued): (See Resolution.)
11. Who have been expelled? None.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were all called and passed.
13. Who have died this year? None.
14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. When and where shall our next conference be held? The place was left to the following committee: G. P. Wilson, C. E. Reynolds, J. D. Cook, J. S. Brauley, D. Wellman and C. N. Huston. Time, as near the first week in September, 1887, as is consistent with the plan of the general superintendents.

*Ordained last year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fifteenth annual session of the conference was held on the South Side camp ground, in two tabernacle tents in connection with the conference camp meeting. There were twenty-three tents on the ground; the attendance was good from nearly all parts of the conference.

One of the tabernacles was pitched on Saturday, and the meeting began on Sunday morning. There was prayer meeting at 5:30 a. m.; preaching at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. each day.

Conference sittings were from 8 to 11:30 a. m. The conference requested Brother Hart to address it fifteen minutes at the close of each sitting.

Rev. T. B. Arnold of Chicago, publisher of the *Free Methodist* was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat; the probationers, D. Wellman and Rev. A. M. Keniston, were also invited to honorary seats.

Brother Arnold addressed the conference on his publishing interests, preached several times and rendered very efficient help in the meetings. Brother Hart preached four times to large and appreciative congregations. The meetings were marked by deep spiritual power, and a goodly number were saved and sanctified. A spirit of great harmony prevailed and all the business was transacted without a jar.

G. P. Wilson and C. E. Reynolds were elected chairmen, receiving respectively 25 and 24 votes out of the 27 cast.

C. E. Reynolds was elected ministerial, and C. W. Tenney lay delegate to the General Conference. G. P. Wilson and G. W. Gould reserves.

We were all pleased to see Brother J. S. Bradley among us again.

The conference presented each of the secretaries with a copy of the Minutes.

A vote of thanks was tendered Brother Hart for his able and impartial deliberations in presiding over the conference; also to Brother J. D. Cook, pastor at South Side, for his arduous labors in seeing that all were provided for.

At the close of the morning services on Sunday John Moran and John G. Norris were ordained deacons, and Alphonso M. Keniston a local deacon, by the imposition of the president's hands.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Resolved, That we as a conference tender Mr. Charles Bartlett and family, and the friends of this community a vote of thanks for their kind entertainment. May the Lord reward them and pour out his blessed Spirit upon them in saving power.

II.

Resolved, That we as a conference tender our love and sympathy to Brother J. C. Norton, and will gladly receive him back into the traveling connection any time in the future that he can put himself freely into the hands of the conference; but in view of the fact that he has engaged himself to teach school at Fertile, Minn., the coming year, and is running for county superintendent of schools, and thus placing himself in a position where the conference cannot be free to send him wherever they will, we as a conference consider it best under the circumstances to discontinue him from the traveling connection for the present.

III.

WHEREAS, Two years have passed away since Brother and Sister Shemeld and Harry Agnew, laying themselves on the altar of missionary service, went from among us to bury themselves in the dark shades of heathen superstition; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference desire to express our appreciation of their devoted and heroic labors and courage in the far-off land of African darkness and degradation; and we here extend to them our earnest sympathy and love, and exhort the brethren to remember them at the throne of divine grace, and with substantial tokens of appreciation and love.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.--ON GENERAL MISSIONARY COLLECTION.

Amount raised.....	\$29 04
Paid T. B. Arnold.....	29 04

II.--ON SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

Claim.....	\$80 80
Paid to E. P. Hart.....	\$77 10
Deficiency.....	3 70

80 80

III.--AFRICA MISSION FUND.

Amount raised.....	\$ 4 45
Paid T. B. Arnold.....	4 45

IV.—HOME MISSION FUND.

Amount raised.....	\$ 4 78
Paid C. Cook.....	\$2 39
Paid A. C. Wolcott.....	2 39
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	4 78

V.—GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' FUND.

Amount raised.....	\$46 00
Paid C. E. Reynolds.....	\$23 00
Paid C. W. Tenney.....	23 00
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	46 00

VI.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

While your committee do not feel like making a stereotype report, we judge that facts justify us in reporting a real advance in the work of God. In the northern districts additions have been made to the church of real staunch saved pilgrims; and the outlook is very encouraging for a generous ingathering of souls the coming year. In the southern districts some of the circuits have been left without a pastor; this circumstance has militated somewhat against their prosperity; but on the districts at large souls have been radically saved and added to the church, and new territory is being opened up. We can, on looking over the conference at large, report an encouraging spiritual condition. The spirit of love and unity is encouragingly apparent, while a radical adherence to the unworldly lines is equally plain. Oh, that the ever-blessed God may pour out his Spirit upon us, that we may, fully armed, enter upon and take these opening fields for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee on secret societies submit the following:

Each year adds to the already accumulated testimony that our position as a church toward secret, oath-bound societies is the only position that can consistently, in the light of the Scriptures, be maintained. Therefore, we reiterate our former resolutions and declarations concerning Freemasonry, Oddfellowship, Knights Templar, Grand Army of the Republic, and such kindred orders and all secret labor combinations which are at present so disturbing the peace of our communities; and also of such moral reform institutions as Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, etc., being satisfied of their dark origin and of their hinderance to the cause of God.

We, therefore, resolve to oppose and lift up our voice with strength against all such unholy institutions.

VIII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance are familiar to all. Immediate and decisive action is needed to entirely prohibit the sale and manufacture of intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That as we can have no hope of help from the two leading political parties, which are in fact one party, and that controlled by the liquor interests, we boldly and whole-heartedly endorse the Prohibition party, commonly known as the third party, but really the first party. Also we exhort our people to work, and pray, and vote for prohibition.

IX.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is said that some species of the animal kingdom take on the color of the limb on which they rest, and it is also thought that the character and disposition of various nationalities and tribes is largely determined by the character of the food used. This being so the food consumed and appropriated by the body so affecting the intelligent spirit in which inheres the affections and will, how much more shall that which is received and assimilated by the immortal mind alone largely determine the color, warp, and woof, of the individual character. Hence the character and quality of literature read, circulated and placed in the hands of our families is of prime and endless importance. It is of vast consequence that we be possessed of publications of uncompromising character, in whose columns the sweetened sawdust condiments of an effeminate Christianity find no place. We do not want such as are dumb dogs that cannot bark but at unpopular game, but such as come to us with heavenly instruction and sounding the warning throughout all the mountain, not only running down the large mastiffs who may be tearing the sheep, but also unmasking the little foxes who are spoiling the vines. And such literature, brethren, will be a mighty irresistible auxiliary of the church; a long-range gun making a breach in the walls, through which the charging squadrons may enter into the citadel of the enemy. We desire to call attention to some publications that can but prove an incalculable blessing to those who read them, viz.: *The Earnest Christian*, published by Rev. B. T. Roberts, and the *Free Methodist*, by Rev. T. B. Arnold. But inasmuch as we as a church are growing geographically and numerically and there is danger of us accepting and sending out preachers who are loose administrators of Discipline and consequently build up and en-

courage societies in a spirit of worldly conformity, we deem it of importance that our publications do not hold the sword from blood in these respects. We cordially commend these publications to the patronage of the people. One or both should be in every Free Methodist home where they are not. We deem it an evidence of spiritual slackness to be without such literature. We also regard the *Vanguard*, published by Rev. C. W. Sherman, as a valuable, Spirit-baptized paper. While we cannot concur wholly in its position on the faith-healing question, we commend it to the attention of our people. We would not forget the *Orleans Advocate*, published under the auspices and in the interests of the Free Methodist college located at Orleans, Nebraska. Those desiring to aid the school and at the same time regularly receive their money's worth in a good paper, would do well to subscribe for it. We cannot commend in too high terms the Sabbath-school papers and the *Light and Life Lesson Leaf*, and other Sunday-school supplies published and supplied by T. B. Arnold. We would urge upon our people the importance of using them in all our schools, and thus properly indoctrinate the youth ere the devil pre-empt the soil.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Name.	Address.
S. P. La Due.....	Fertile, Minnesota
C. E. Reynolds.....	Royalton, "
S. H. Greenup.....	Verndale, "
Alpheus Tice.....	Mankato, "
J. L. Keene.....	Glenville, "
J. S. Bradley.....	Ft. Ripley, "
W. Barham.....	Alexandria, "
M. F. Childs.....	Fair Haven, "
A. H. Reed.....	Anoka, "
E. L. Smith.....	Frazee City, "
E. Walker.....	Winnebago City, "
G. G. Norris.....	Motley, "
J. P. Wilson.....	Plymouth, Iowa
Cyrus Cook.....	Forest City, "
J. W. Cain.....	Spencer, "
A. C. Wolcott.....	Lime Springs, "
N. J. Sumner.....	Plymouth, "
John Moran.....	Armstrong Grove, "
E. H. Tenney.....	Osage, "
J. D. Cook.....	Northfield, Minnesota
Robert Shemeld.....	Estcourt, Natal, S. E. Africa

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS.

C. W. La Due.....	Fertile, Minnesota
L. M. Cook.....	St. Clair, "
J. H. Abbey.....	Dix P. O., "
I. W. Peck.....	Motley, "
F. M. Hendrixson.....	" "
J. L. Greenup.....	" "
Irene Taylor.....	Alexandria, "
H. P. Cook.....	Ft. Ripley, "
J. W. Landon.....	Owatonna, "
J. M. Cusick.....	Coleysville, "
N. M. Alm.....	Glenville, "
A. M. Keniston.....	Anoka, "
W. A. Greenup.....	Long Prairie, "
T. Page.....	Wrightstown, "
Abbie Baldwin.....	Mapleton, "
Flora Osborne.....	Osage, Iowa
Wm. P. Cook.....	Lime Springs, "
Alice Van Auken.....	Ruthven, "
H. J. Pryor.....	Plymouth, "
Chas. Nolte.....	

APPOINTMENTS.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—G. P. WILSON, Chairman.

Plymouth, Mason City, Portland, etc.....N. J. Sumner; H. J. Pryor, supply
Osage.....E. H. Tenney

Lime Springs, Oak Dale and Waukon.....A. C. Wolcott
 Algona.....To be supplied
 Forest City, Britt and Durand.....Cyrus Cook
 Glenville and Gordonsville.....J. L. Keene
 Ruthven and Elk Lake.....Alice Van Auken, supply
 J. W. Cain, superannuated.

OWATONNA DISTRICT—G. P. WILSON, Chairman.

Fairmount, Tenhassen, Armstrong and Trumble Lake.....J. Moran
 Winnebago City, Maple Grove and Elmore.....E. Walker
 Mankato, Hebron and Cambria.....A. Tice
 Mapleton, Wells and Belleview.....Wm. Baldwin
 Owatonna, Havana, Lansing and Ripley.....To be supplied

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—C. E. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

St. Paul and Minneapolis.....To be supplied
 Anoka.....A. H. Reed; A. M. Keniston, supply
 Silver Creek, South Side, Clear Lake and Dassel.....M. F. Childs
 Northfield, Stanton and Hazelwood.....J. D. Cook

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—C. E. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

Ft. Ripley and Royalton.....J. S. Bradley
 Motley and Staples Mills.....J. G. Norris
 Long Prairie, Browerville, Sauk Centre and Grey Eagle.....W. A. Greenup, supply
 Alexandria and Garfield.....W. Barham
 Parker's Prairie and Wrightstown.....T. Page, supply
 Verndale and Thomastown.....S. H. Greenup
 Frazee City, Fargo and Brandon.....E. L. Smith
 Fairmount, Dakota.....To be supplied

CROOKSTON DISTRICT—C. E. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

Edna, Crookston and Fertile.....J. C. Norton and C. W. La Due, supplies
 Larimore and Garfield.....To be supplied
 Devil's Lake, Tracy and Midway.....“ “
 S. P. La Due, superannuated.
 V. A. Dake, A. P. Goode, F. H. Palmer and D. McLeod, transferred.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total	1. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach's.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Gen'l Superin- tendents' Col.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l. Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Expenses Gen'l Conf. Delegates.	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Val. of Parson- age Property.	
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.																					
Plymouth, Mason City, etc.	G. P. Wilson, Chairman.	67	19	86	3	22	73	\$293 83	\$270 31		\$10 23		\$10 20	13 50	\$79 21	\$130 00	\$4 60	\$3060			
Osage.	N. J. Sumner.	22	6	28	1	7	56	232 70	36 50		10 26		5 65		15 00		2 70	2000			
Forest City and Britt.	J. L. Keene.	7	2	9	1	1	28	130 29			2 75		28				50				
Algona.	A. C. Wolcott.	23	1	24	1	6	28	227 03	35 00		8 00		8 37				2 80	1000	\$500		
Glennville.	Cyrus Cook.	8	8	16	1	4	15	123 28	20 32		1 00		1 00	1 30	10 39	5 06	40	1750	200		
Lime Springs.	John Moran.	10	10	20	1	1			25 00												
OWATONNA DISTRICT.																					
Owatonna and Havana.	J. P. Wilson, Chairman.	26	2	28	3	4	50	128 02	34 60						8 00	1 62	2 40	1500	200		
Armstrong Grove.	A. Tice.	12	2	14	1	5	26	120 00	22 43					1 50	9 42		80				
Mankato, Hebron, etc.	J. S. Bradley.	21	3	24	1	1	30	217 37			4 34			4 45	5 05		2 76	600			
Winnebago City, etc.	E. Walker.	35	12	47	1	6	25	201 65	44 00		5 60		2 00	7 00			2 80				
Mapleton and Wells.	Wm. Baldwin; T. Page, supply.	19	6	25	1	1		151 72	45 00		8 16		2 72	3 75	1 00		1 80	500			
ST. PAUL DISTRICT.																					
St. Paul and Minneapolis.	C. E. Reynolds, Chairman.	15	1	15	1			151 00	34 45		1 00						66 00				
Northfield and Stanton.	E. H. Tenney.	19	1	20	1			173 63	40 00		3 35		4 50				10 05				
Silver Creek and South Side.	Mrs. S. A. Cole & Flora Osborn sup.	23	11	34	1			180 25	25 00		3 60								200	100	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.																					
Alexandria, etc.	J. D. Cook.	24	3	27	1	10	44	175 70	35 00		7 20										
Ft. Ripley and Royalton.	C. E. Reynolds, Chairman.	31	29	60	2	2	44	173 03	40 50		8 08			1 87			68	2 00			
Frazee City and Fargo.	M. F. Childs.	9	9	18	3	2			74 49		2 36			51		11 00	7 80	2 60			
Motley and Staples Mills.	E. L. Smith.	18	12	30	3	9	40	85 00	30 00		2 40			4 75		13 00	2 30	1 21			
Fairmount.	E. H. Tenney.	5	5	10	2				27 16		1 50			1 00				40			
Verndale and Shell City.	Supply.	20	2	22	1			54 00	29 24		4 00			4 75		1 65		2 00			
Wrightstown and Parker's Prairie.	W. Barham.	7	5	12	1			60 16			80										
Long Prairie and Bowersville.	J. G. Norris.	112	4	16	1			191 28	35 00		2 40			3 00			15 00	1 20		100	
CROOKSTON DISTRICT.																					
Devil's Lake and Tracy.	C. E. Reynolds, Chairman.	5	5	10	1				29 23												
Larimore and Garfield.	Supply.	2	2	4	1				21 93												
Edna and Crookston.	Supply.	7	7	14	1				57 28												
Total for Conference.		447	118	565	15	14	387	\$3069 96	\$524 59	\$5 00	\$87 03	\$9 28	\$53 38	\$20 25	\$152 61	\$239 51	\$32 97	\$10110	\$1775		

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Annual Session, held at Decatur, Van Buren Co.,
Mich., October 6-9, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

A. BRADFIELD, Secretary, J. LAWRENCE, A. E. BAILEY, Assistant Secretaries.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, A. Bradfield, J. Lawrence, A. E. Bailey and E. Mathews.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds to Publish Minutes—P. S. Shoemaker.

On Publications—I. W. Bell, P. E. Vincent, A. E. Bailey.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Education—A. B. Matthewson, A. R. Hammond and C. H. Rawson.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. H. Rawson, A. E. Bailey and H. H. Cannon.

On Sunday-Schools—J. M. Aikin, A. E. Bailey and L. E. Chase.

To Appoint Examiners—The president.

On Ministerial Relations—A. B. Matthewson, L. T. Frink, J. Gunn, Burt Reed and L. J. Ettinger.

On Temperance—E. P. Hart, A. B. Matthewson and B. Reed.

On Secret Societies—J. M. Aikin, C. H. Rawson and G. W. C. Smith.

On the State of the Work—The chairmen.

To Receive General Missionary Funds—A. R. Hammond.

To Receive Money for General Conference Delegates—L. T. Frink.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—A. B. Matthewson.

To Receive Home Missionary Collections—The chairmen.

To Receive Superannuated Funds—Burt Reed.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

L. T. Frink,
J. Leisenring,
A. B. Matthewson,
M. D. Baldwin,
A. G. Hartle,
J. C. Huston,
D. D. Marston,
C. W. Haynes,

A. Omens,
J. Lawrence,
G. W. C. Smith,
A. H. Stilwell,
I. W. Bell,
R. H. Clark,
H. H. Cannon,
J. Latham,

A. Bradfield,
G. H. Thompson,
E. Mathews,
Wm. Cochran,
J. M. Aikin,
P. S. Shoemaker,
B. R. Jones,

P. E. Vincent,
H. Sawyer,
G. A. Olmstead,
C. H. Rawson,
B. Mark,
V. A. Dake,
N. R. Woods.

DELEGATES.

Levi Ettinger,
R. McCormick,
L. E. Chase,

L. H. Mulholland,
J. Bateham,
E. K. Rhoat,

A. G. Webster,
R. Cunningham,
Burt Reed,

A. E. Bailey,
C. Corwin,
C. Robinson,

A. R. Hammond,
T. Pritchard,
W. T. Loring,
E. H. Calkins.

J. Burnett,
C. Farrington,
J. Hoag,

Mrs. Annette Grove,
B. Johnson,
A. H. Brown,

Joseph Gunn,
Wm. Jelley,
J. Thompson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, A. Bradfield, E. Matthews, Burt Reed and A. R. Hammond.
3. Who are admitted on trial? L. H. Mulholland, E. H. Bradfield, J. Baker, E. H. Calkins and G. Day.
4. Who remain on trial? F. P. Russell, C. P. Tiffany, W. D. Vaughan and B. F. Marsh.
5. Who are received into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? P. S. Shoemaker, C. P. Tiffany, A. H. Stilwell, H. H. Cannon and B. F. Marsh.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. C. Huston and R. H. Clark.
8. Who have located this year? A. G. Hartle and J. Leisenring.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. Sawyer, G. A. Olmstead and J. Latham. (Two last without claims.)
10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? None.
11. Who have withdrawn? A. F. Godwin.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and character? The character of each was examined and passed.
13. Who have died this year? None.
14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
15. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.
16. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with the chairmen of the districts; the time with the superintendents, but as near the first of October as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The twenty-second annual session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church, in Decatur, Van Buren Co., Mich., Oct. 6-9.

Seven sittings were held: one on Wednesday, and two on each of the remaining days.

S. W. Stone and C. W. Haynes, ministers of the Free Methodist Church from abroad, were invited to honorary seats.

H. Ferguson and C. P. Tiffany were ordained deacons on Sunday morning, and J. C. Huston and R. H. Clark were ordained elders in the afternoon.

A collection of \$15.75 was taken Sunday morning for the president, E. P. Hart. During the conference a collection of \$79.00 was taken for Spring Arbor Seminary. A collection was also taken up for Decatur church of \$105.13.

Collections for the coming year are to be taken as follows: General missionary, first quarter; home missionary, second quarter; general superintendents', third quarter; superannuated, fourth quarter.

B. R. Jones was received into the conference by transfer from the Ohio Confer-

ence, C. W. Haynes from the Illinois, and J. Latham from the East Michigan Conference.

Conference voted to have five stationed chairmen.

By request of conference the president appointed as examiners for the next year's course of study:

Preliminary Course—B. R. Jones and A. B. Matthewson.

First Year—C. W. Haynes and R. H. Clark.

Second Year—J. M. Aikin and C. H. Rawson.

Third Year—G. W. C. Smith and P. E. Vincent.

Fourth Year—L. T. Frink and Wm. Cochran.

Services were held on Sunday as follows: Superintendent E. P. Hart preached in the morning, B. R. Jones in the afternoon and C. P. Tiffany in the evening. An open air service was also held by V. A. Dake, and one by E. Mathews.

The hospitality of the church and friends was equal to the occasion, as all were comfortably and bountifully entertained. The Lord bless them. E. Mathews and V. A. Dake took certificates of good standing and general acceptability.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Persons in full connection in the Free Methodist Church and now residing in the northern part of the State of Indiana, which territory has been and now is a part of what is known as the Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist Church, as per boundaries of conference (see Discipline), respectfully petition this body through their district chairman, Edward Mathews, and other members of the Michigan Conference, that they be set off from the Michigan Conference, and become an annual conference to be hereafter known as the Northern Indiana Conference of the Free Methodist Church, should the General Conference be pleased to so decide; therefore

Resolved, That we, the Michigan Conference, do now grant said petitioners their request.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The committees reported funds on hand as follows:

General missionary funds.....	\$64 13
Home " "	47 62
Superannuated "	14 50
Superintendents (including a collection of \$15.75 taken on Sunday).....	103 72
The general missionary funds were ordered to be paid to T. B. Arnold.	
The home missionary funds were recommended by the committee and ordered by the conference to be divided as follows:	
J. Lawrence.....	\$5 00
B. Mark.....	5 00
F. P. Russell.....	6 85
P. S. Shoemaker.....	6 96
B. F. Marsh.....	7 00
R. H. Clark.....	4 00
W. T. Loring.....	6 00
F. E. Davy.....	3 81
J. C. Huston.....	3 00

Conference ordered the superintendents' funds to be paid to superintendent, E. P. Hart, and the superannuated funds on hand to be divided equally between A. Omans and H. Sawyer.

II.—ON MINUTES.

As the amount collected to publish the minutes was unsatisfactory, the committee was ordered to obtain all the subscribers he could and forward to T. B. Arnold.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Where papers and books are published for the good of mankind they should be liberally patronized. Many religious papers are not outspoken against popular evils. The *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* should be welcome in every Free Methodist family. They are silently carrying a pure gospel to every household where they are permitted to enter. The Sunday-School papers and lesson helps published by Rev. T. B. Arnold, we believe, are doing a good work among the young. Therefore, we recommend that our ministers, members, and all others in sympathy with our work patronize these publications.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We have established among us several institutions of learning which are in a fair state of prosperity. We have within the bounds of our own conference one of these institutions, located at Spring Arbor, Jackson county, Michigan, which is in an encouraging condition of prosperity as to students and the character of instruction given by the present faculty. We would call the attention of the conference to the indebtedness, in mortgage on the property, of \$2,300, and of an outstanding note of \$300, making a total of \$2,600, which is a serious embarrassment to the board of trustees. We have resolved to give our support, but hitherto it has remained in our hearts and not been reduced to practical acts in bringing forth substantial aid to relieve the embarrassment of the board of trustees. The failure arises from the lack of a systematic union of effort; therefore,

Resolved, That we renew our expression of sympathy and our zeal in giving support and patronage.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In order to build up this branch of Christian work, a more earnest effort must be put forth. Sunday-School conventions should be held from time to time. The best possible helps should be used and such pure literature as can be procured. We recommend the Sunday-School publications of T. B. Arnold. We also recommend that our preachers hold special services for the children and in the interests of the Sunday-School once in each quarter.

VI.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Conference adopted Superintendent E. P. Hart's address on this subject, published by T. B. Arnold, of Chicago, Ill.

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

As a church we would re-affirm our position, as radically opposed to all oath-bound secret societies. The power of Antichrist to-day intrenched in the principle involved (of evil) is the foundation upon which all these organizations rest. While it affects in some degree all the interests of the people, yet its bearing upon moral and spiritual issues gives it its great importance. The church of Rome itself, while ostensibly opposing secretism, is itself the most terrible, dark and malignant secret power on the globe. The true church of God must be kept pure, even at the expense of members and apparent popularity. From the parent stock of Freemasonry, the evil principle has spread until the monster with a hundred heads envelops in its folds all the great interests of the nation. Presidents, governors, judges and law-makers are elected, set up or put down, by its mandates. The nominal church is helpless in its hands; appointments are made, interests are controlled—nothing can be done but by its sanction. Society is honeycombed. From the great cities to the smallest country hamlets, the network of secret organizations courses the land. Just administration of law is hindered. Strikes, violence and bloodshed spring from the secret labor organizations and trades unions. While class is thus arrayed against class, one selfish interest against another selfish interest, there can be no permanent peace or prosperity. We are often asked, "What is your objection and upon what principle does it rest?"

The Word of the blessed God does not require, but absolutely forbids us to forswear ourselves. The government instituted of God for the welfare of human society does not require it, and when men volunteer to join in a secret, oath-bound society they virtually organize a government within a government, human selfishness prevails; and the interests of society outside the pale of the secret conclave must suffer more or less. The moral nature is covered in its refuge of lies, and the soul bows down to a false god.

While other churches are falling back and retreat from the fierce conflict, we hereby pledge ourselves anew to all the true-hearted followers of God that we will stand firm, and will hold aloft the divine standard of truth and holiness, through the blood of Jesus Christ, till the end come or Antichrist is driven from the land.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Name.	Address.
L. T. Frink.....	Jackson, Michigan
A. Omans.....	Spring Arbor, "
A. Bradfield.....	" "
P. E. Vincent.....	Balch, "
J. Lawrence.....	Waltz, "
G. H. Thompson.....	Delta, Ohio
H. S. Sawyer.....	London, Michigan
A. B. Matthewson.....	Spring Arbor, "
G. W. C. Smith.....	Hartford, "
E. Mathews.....	Spring Arbor, "
G. A. Olmstead.....	Cedar Springs, "
M. D. Baldwin.....	Olivet, Dakota
A. H. Stilwell.....	Spring Arbor, Michigan
Wm. Cochran.....	Ida, "
C. H. Rawson.....	_____
I. W. Bell.....	Adrian, Michigan
J. M. Aikin.....	Tekonsha, "
B. Mark.....	_____
J. C. Huston.....	Oakville, Michigan
R. H. Clark.....	Rolling Prairie, Indiana
P. S. Shoemaker.....	St. Joseph, Michigan
V. A. Dake.....	(104-106) Franklin street, Chicago, Illinois
D. D. Marston.....	Holly, Michigan
H. H. Cannon.....	Collins, Indiana
B. R. Jones.....	Spring Arbor, Michigan
N. R. Woods.....	Sherwood, "
C. W. Haynes.....	Spring Arbor, "
J. Latham.....	_____
C. P. Tiffany.....	Spring Arbor, Michigan
E. H. Bradfield.....	Hudson, "
W. T. Loring.....	Decatur, "
Geo. Day.....	Fort Wayne, Indiana
B. F. Marsh.....	Hillsdale, Michigan
C. C. Omans.....	Blissfield, "
W. D. Vaughan.....	Moreville, "
J. Hoag.....	Hanover, "
D. W. Abrams.....	Spring Arbor, "
F. P. Russell.....	Jackson, "
J. Baker.....	New Boston, "
F. E. Day.....	Warren, "

APPOINTMENTS.

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT.—A. BRADFELD, Chairman.

Spring Arbor.....	B. R. Jones
Parma, North Parma and Howe school-house.....	To be supplied
Hanover and Horton.....	J. Hoag
Jackson, Henrietta, Napoleon and Jefferson.....	A. Bradfield, F. P. Russell
Ransom.....	A. B. Matthewson
Hudson and Woodstock.....	E. H. Bradfield
Ann Arbor and Grass Lake.....	C. W. Haynes
A. H. Stilwell and C. P. Tiffany, principals of Spring Arbor Seminary, members of Spring Arbor District quarterly conference.	
D. D. Marston left without an appointment at his own request, member of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.	
B. Mark and A. Omans left without appointments and members of Spring Arbor District quarterly conference.	

DETROIT DISTRICT.—P. E. VINCENT, Chairman.

Fairfield, Adrian and Dover.....	Ira W. Bell
Ridgeway, Wellsville and Tecumseh.....	P. E. Vincent
Moreville and Cone's Station.....	W. D. Vaughan
Raisinville.....	J. C. Huston
Ida, Temperance and Blissfield.....	Wm. Cochran; C. C. Omans, supply
Huron.....	Joseph Lawrence

Wayne and Kettles.....J. Baker
 Detroit.....L. H. Mulholland
 Warren.....F. E. Davy, supply
 H. Sawyer superannuated, and member of Detroit District quarterly conference.
 G. H. Thompson, character passed but no action by conference; member of Detroit District quarterly conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.—N. R. Woods, Chairman.

Coldwater and Quincy.....A. McGee, supply
 Hillsdale and Frontier.....B. F. Marsh
 Battle Creek and Eckford.....J. Mains, supply
 Sherwood, Sherman, etc.....N. R. Woods
 J. Latham superannuated without claim, and member of Coldwater District quarterly conference.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—L. T. FRINK, Chairman.

Kalamazoo.....To be supplied
 Lawrence and Gliddenburg.....L. T. Frink
 Hartford and Coloma.....G. W. C. Smith
 Decatur and Hamilton.....W. T. Loring, supply
 G. A. Olmstead, superannuated without claim, and member of Kalamazoo District quarterly conference.

FT. WAYNE DISTRICT.—J. M. AIKIN, Chairman.

Fort Wayne and Jefferson.....Geo. Day
 Blue River and Spring Creek.....H. H. Cannon, C. H. Rawson
 St. Joseph and Royalton.....J. M. Aikin, P. S. Shoemaker
 Elkhart, Mishawaka, Clarktown and Springville.....E. H. Calkins; J. Delcamp, supply
 La Porte Co.....R. H. Clark
 Knox and Walkertown.....H. Ferguson, supply
 V. A. Dake, conference missionary and member of Ft. Wayne District quarterly conference.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.										Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claim.	General Superin- tendents' Col.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l Cont. Mis- sionary Fund.	Other Mission- ary Funds.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Ex- pense Col.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Value of Chrch Property.	Value of Par- sonage Property.							
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT.																																					
Spring Arbor.....	A. Bradfield, Chairman.										68	6	74	..	..	10	90	\$400 00	\$63 96	..	..	..	\$1 00	\$15 01	\$3 58	\$25 20	..	\$50 00	\$37 50	\$8 00	..	..			
Jackson and Henrietta.....	C. P. Tiffany; B. R. Jones, s										35	4	39	4	1	5	25	337 56	26 44	..	..	..	..	3 35	1 09	..	..	15 01	..	1 45	..	..			
Hanover and Sandstone.....	P. S. Shoemaker.....										18	2	20	..	..	..	..	118 80	14 14	\$20 00	..	1 98	1 73	..	..	..	46 00	60	..	..	..			
Napoleon and Jefferson.....	Wm. Vaughn.....										15	2	17	..	..	..	..	115 82	14 46	..	2 30	3 15	2 75	2 06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Parma.....	B. Mark.....										12	6	18	..	..	..	..	51 85	16 44	..	4 24	4 14	..	1 84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONROE DISTRICT.																																					
Detroit.....	A. Bradfield, Chairman.										31	1	32	..	..	..	..	146 89	33 33	..	..	3 10	95	2 50	..	..	..	..	140 00	2 00	..	..	..	
Wayne and Plymouth.....	F. P. Russell.....										6	4	12	..	..	..	..	267 35	10 60	..	85	25	4 65	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..
New Boston, Texas, etc.....	A. H. Springstein, supply.....										50	9	59	2	2	7	30	209 87	37 73	..	..	4 61	4 65	5 00	..	..	..	4 67	500	..	..	..	..
Huron and Sumpter.....	M. D. Baldwin; E. Bradfield, s										50	3	53	4	2	19	80	272 21	37 02	..	..	2 55	9 05	6 95	..	..	..	..	..	1 70	1800	450	..	..	
Raisinville, Milan, etc.....	C. H. Rawson.....										73	7	80	3	3	15	75	308 49	47 15	10 00	1 00	16 21	87	6 46	..	15 00	40 00	2 81	2500	250	..	..	..	
Ridgeway, Wells, etc.....	L. W. Bell.....										55	7	62	1	2	12	60	307 89	48 00	..	..	10 07	1 00	..	..	25 00	..	5 30	2000	..	..	..	..	..
Ida, Samaria and Blissfield.....	P. E. Vincent.....										75	25	100	..	3	15	100	400 00	50 50	15 00	..	11 16	4 06	..	25	45 00	..	6 20	2500	..	..	..	..	..
Adrian, Fairfield and Dover.....	Wm. Cochran.....										38	5	43	..	2	10	60	160 00	31 05	..	..	4 60	4 78	..	..	50 00	..	3 41	1900	..	..	..	..	..
LAWRENCE DISTRICT.																																					
Lawrence, etc.....	J. Lawrence.....										34	14	48	..	1	5	10	45 00	32 00	117 00	..	4 84	..	..	10 28	20 00	40 00	3 40	500	..	..	..	..	..
Decatur, etc.....	E. Mathews, Chairman.										38	1	6	30	97 00	25 00	11 50	..	82	4 72	11 50		
Hartford and Coloma.....	G. A. Olmstead.....										55	20	75	4	2	9	70	378 50	48 75	12 00	1 00	4 42	1 50	4 67	14 05	28 86	49 24	3 75	800	..	..	..	..	..
Elkhart and Claybank.....	E. White, supply.....										13	1	14	2	1	5	20	78 27	19 62	2 25	..	1 45	1 25	2 25	..	8 00	..	20	750	..	..	..	..	..
Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.....	G. W. C. Smith.....										19	3	22	1	1	5	25	56 45	48 00	100 00	..	2 90	3 80	2 37	..	19 88	23 08	1 25	250	..	..	..	..	..
Royalton and Meadows.....	F. Marsh.....										14	24	38	200 00		
COLDWATER DISTRICT.																																					
Coldwater, Hillsdale, etc.....	J. Baker, supply.....										85	13	98	..	2	8	90	286 14	51 69	..	..	4 00	4 00	4 00	..	7 27	..	4 00	1500	..	..	..	..	..
Sherwood and Three Rivers.....	V. A. Dake.....										1	1	4	27	78 65	22 55	8 50	..	1 58	25	13 27	1 00	800		
Sherman and Burr Oak.....	E. Mathews, Chairman.										94 90	2 19	..	50	2 50		
Hudson.....	H. H. Cannon.....										13	2	15	178 13	27 67	1 37	1 75	95	
Ransom.....	C. Jones, supply.....										65	6	71	4	1	10	82	300 00	38 49	..	3 12	11 16	8 48	73 20	6 00	1040		
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.																																					
Fort Wayne.....	H. Sawyer.....										30	2	32	261 64	38 40	3 22	5 22	2 44	75	14 00	16 00	
Blue River, etc.....	F. E. Davy, supply.....										2	1	5	20	210 00	40 00	4 00	..	1 17	60	
Knox and Mishawaka.....	L. T. Frink.....										34	19	53	3	3	15	70	257 14	17 80
Springville.....	E. Mathews, Chairman.										5	7	12	76 69	14 12	
Total for Conference.....																																					
Not complete. Africa Missionary Fund: \$4.00 from Wayne and Plymouth; \$5.00 from Lawrence, etc.; and \$7.00 from Ransom. Tent Fund: \$60.00 from Spring Arbor District; \$30.00 from Spring Arbor; 50 cts. from Parma; \$9.50 from Raisinville, Milan, etc.																																					

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INDIANA & CENT. ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Eighth Annual Session, held at Raymond, Illinois, September 29 to October 2,
1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

M. H. SHEPARD, Secretary. J. W. W. KELLEY, Assistant Secretary. M. H.
SHEPARD, R. R. Secretary. B. W. F. CORLEY, Conf. Missionary Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—A. J. Smith, F. H. Ashcraft, W. B. M. Colt, C. A. Fleming

On Sunday-Schools—H. F. Ashcraft, M. N. Huston, T. H. Marsh.

On Publications—M. H. Shepard, J. H. Moss, W. R. Bonham.

On Education—F. H. Ashcraft, W. B. M. Colt, H. B. Pollock.

On Secret Societies—C. A. Fleming, B. W. F. Corley, A. B. Heckard.

On Temperance—A. J. Smith, J. C. Sills, Albert Critchfield.

To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—D. W. Sala.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—Stationing committee.

To Receive Money Collected for Home Missions—W. C. Kelley.

To Receive Money collected for Foreign Missions—R. W. Sanderson.

To Receive Money Collected for General Superintendent—Henry Hulen.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study—The president.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. C. Kelley, D. C. Neisler, G. D. Ferree.

To Receive Money Collected for General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—H. G. Ahlemeyer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—W. W. Kelley.

First Year—W. B. M. Colt, R. W. Sanderson.

Second Year—F. H. Ashcraft, Thomas Marsh.

Third Year—M. H. Shepard, W. C. Kelley.

Fourth Year—C. A. Fleming, H. F. Ashcraft.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of second year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

H. G. Ahlemeyer,
J. C. F. Harned,
*E. A. Neiberger,

C. A. Fleming,
H. F. Ashcraft,
R. W. Sanderson,

T. H. Marsh,
J. C. Sills,
B. F. Summers,

*T. R. Mayfield,
A. B. Philipps,
M. N. Huston,

F. H. Ashcraft,
D. W. Sala,
W. C. Kelley,
C. W. Sherman,

G. D. Ferree,
A. J. Smith,
M. H. Shepard,
G. P. Bishop,

J. L. McGiffin,
S. F. Fowler,
J. W. W. Kelley,

W. W. Kelley,
W. R. Bonham,
W. B. M. Colt,

DELEGATES.

A. B. Heckard,
E. P. Wiliford,
H. B. Pollock,
F. E. Short,
Annie Cannon,

Albert Critchfield,
B. W. F. Corley,
D. C. Neisler,
M. A. Tomline,
W. R. Bivins,

Lucinda Mock,
John Thompson,
Joseph Hightower,
Henry Hulen,
Daniel Marsh,

M. Hunter,
J. H. Moss,
Lou Brown,
Wm. Neece,
Carter Orr.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, W. B. M. Colt, F. H. Ashcraft, C. A. Fleming, J. H. Moss, A. B. Heckard, B. W. F. Corley.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? Geo. W. Hood, Wm. J. Myers, A. J. Edwards.

4. Who remain on trial? Julia Thacker and L. C. Cochran.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. B. Philipps and B. F. Summers.

6. Who are the deacons? First class: H. G. Ahlemeyer, Samuel Fowler, D. W. Sala, T. R. Mayfield, John W. W. Kelley, E. A. Neiberger. Second class: A. B. Philipps, B. F. Summers (traveling deacons), John Thompson (local deacon).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. H. Marsh, G. D. Ferree, William R. Bonham, Jas. L. McGiffin, John C. Sills (traveling elders).

8. Who have located this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

15. What amount has been collected for superintendents? For the general missionary society? For the annual conference missionary fund? See report of committees and statistics.

16. 17, 18, 19, 20. Relating to Sabbath-schools. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Irving, the last week in September.

MISCELLANEOUS.

This, the eighth annual session of the Indiana and Central Illinois Conference, was pronounced better than any of our previous sessions. Much of the Spirit of God rested upon the preachers, delegates and laymen. It was characterized by the spirit of unity and power. It was better attended than any previous annual sessions, and, with the exception of some little embarrassment at the first, the preachers, delegates and visitors were well cared for. Some of the self-denying and self-sacrificing saints near Raymond came in and rented a large hall, and entertained quite a large crowd of preachers, delegates and visitors.

Services were held in the Free Methodist church daily, and also at the Methodist Episcopal and Christian churches every evening. Street meetings were also well-attended and interesting.

The conference ordered the annual collections to be taken in the following order :

First quarter, general superintendents' claim; second quarter, foreign missionary collection; third quarter, general missions; fourth quarter, home missions.

T. R. Mayfield was transferred to the Wabash Conference.

The following brethren were introduced to the conference and invited to take honorary seats: Rev. Joseph Travis, editor of the *Free Methodist*; C. M. Damon, president of Orleans College; W. H. Thomas, of Missouri Conference, and Brother Dunavan, pastor of the M. E. Church at Raymond.

Brother R. Adams, Congregationalist preacher of Greenville, joined the Free Methodist Church, and was admitted into the conference.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Raymond for their hospitality.

At the close of the Sunday morning service two deacons were ordained, and at the afternoon service five elders were ordained.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.--FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES

Received.....	\$64 96
Amount assessed.....	72 85
Balance due.....	\$ 7 89

II.--ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mission.	Charge or Person.	Amount.
	El Dara.....	\$ 60
India .	Sorento and Woburn.....	50
General.	" " ".....	3 50
Africa.	" " ".....	4 50
General.	Mason City.....	3 00
"	Ipava.....	12 25
India.	".....	2 86
"	C. A. Fleming.....	15 00
Africa.	F. H. Ashcraft.....	6 00
General.	W. R. Bonham.....	8 25
Africa.	Maggie Jenkins (cash received on last year's subscription).....	5 00
"	Hester Locie.....	5 00
"	H. G. Ahlemeyer.....	5 00
"	F. Umpleby.....	5 00
Total.....		\$76 46

III.--ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Intemperance, the curse of our land, is raging with fearful effects everywhere, making havoc in all stations of life, stealing into homes like a serpent, destroying all there that was once lovely and of good report, robbing the rich of their wealth, the young of their hopes, the strong of their health, and sending to hell yearly thousands of immortal souls; and further, as the advocates of the rum power are making mighty efforts to thwart and overthrow the work of temperance and establish their soul-destroying traffic; therefore,

Resolved, That we use our united efforts to advance the cause of temperance. First, by continuing in prayer that God may speedily remove the curse of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Second, by voting as we pray, and sustaining that person by our vote who pledges himself to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of alcoholic and spirituous liquors.

IV.--ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee submit the following:

WHEREAS, We believe all secret societies are incompatible with the true spirit and work of Bible Christianity, and that they are antagonistic to the broad principles of civil government, and that they have been and are still the source of much evil; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, as a church, are unalterably opposed to all secret societies of whatever name or order.

2. That we will continue to lift our voices against them, and will seek to enlighten the people in regard to their baneful influence in society and against the church of Christ. We believe if they be rightly opposed, God will lift up a standard against secretism, before which the arrogant beast will fall, like Dagon before the ark, in the onward march of our Lord's kingdom.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Upon consideration of the fact that much of the immorality in the land is due to the general prevalence of a corrupt literature, it becomes us as lovers and advocates of purity and righteousness to do all in our power to counteract this growing evil; wherefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to our people only such literature as will tend to build them up in the knowledge and love of God, and that we will in every reasonable way encourage the more general dissemination of such. We recommend the following periodicals as deserving the hearty patronage of our people, viz., *The Free Methodist*, which is the chief organ of our church; the *Earnest Christian*, a clear, explicit and spiritual magazine; the *Vanguard*, as radical, clear and aggressive; the *Orleans Advocate*, devoted to the general interests of education, morality and religion; the *Banner of Holiness*, the chief organ of the Western Holiness Association; the *Law and Gospel*, a crisp and wholesome sheet. We also recommend a more vigorous distribution of salvation tracts, believing it to be an important factor in the accomplishment of good.

AMENDMENT.

We also recommend that the General Conference take measures to establish a book room; also that they own the *Free Methodist* paper.

VI.—ON SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

(See statistical report.)

VII.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

(See statistical report.)

VIII.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

Are not Christian parents too much inclined to yield to fashionable requirements in the matter of education, at the expense of righteous principles? We fear they are. Do we as parents habitually and seriously consider the chief end to be sought in the education of our children? Alas! we fear not. Our children are to be educated as immortal as well as mortal; for the service of God as well as for citizens of the world. While we ought to have in view their temporal welfare, our chief concern should be for their eternal welfare, and under the burden of joy and new responsibilities at their birth we should hasten to present them to the Lord, and enter into covenant with him for his grace to aid us in training them for his service. Their spiritual birth into his kingdom, with the consequent fruits of a holy life, should be our great object of parental solicitude and love. To this end the child should be taught to restrain its appetites and passions and to cultivate such taste as will enable it to form right judgments and firmly maintain them. We should be especially diligent, while the mind is impressible and the conscience tender, to impart the knowledge of God and his Word. We see that the bias in the young heart is downward. Within are the germs of passion and lust, awaiting the stimulus of evil influence to start them into vigorous and horrid growth. As Christian parents we need often to fast and pray for wisdom from God, that we may be enabled to fulfill the Scriptures—"Train up a child in the way he should go," and bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord,—and that God would raise up *more* thorough Christian schools for the education of our children. Therefore, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend our people who have children to educate to send them to some one of our schools now in successful operation; we have such schools: One at North Chili, N. Y., B. H. Roberts, principal; one at Spring Arbor, Michigan, A. H. Stilwell, principal; one at Evansville, Wisconsin, J. E. Coleman, principal; and one at Orleans, Nebraska, Clark Jones, principal, C. M. Damon, financial agent.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend our people who have property to dispose of at their death, over and above all proper claims upon it, to give the same by will for the establishment or endowments of Free Methodist schools. We are glad to learn that Chili Seminary has recently come into possession of thirty thousand dollars, left to it by A. M. Chesbro, whose name the school now bears.

IX.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is recognized among all denominations as a legitimate and essential part of church work, and interest in it is well sustained among us; but to make it a source of good and a help in advancing a living, radical, holy Christianity, which we as a church profess, the Sunday-school must be kept as spiritual, and be led by the same mo-

tives and for the same end as all other services. To think that we need real spiritual life and power in the prayer and class-room, but in the Sabbath-school that mere form and routine will suffice, is a great mistake. A dead Sunday-school will soon make a dead church. We must avoid all tendencies to mere formalism.

Resolved, 1. That the songs used should not be merely sentimental, but solid and rich in truth.

2. That teachers should be employed who have deep piety and a faithful care for souls.

3. That proper lesson helps and papers should be secured.

4. That your committee have but little faith in any of David C. Cook's publications, regarding them as a sad mixture of truth and fiction; therefore, we are strictly opposed to them.

5. That we regard the Sunday-school papers and helps printed by T. B. Arnold, of Chicago, as among the best before the public, as regards quality and price.

6. That parents be requested to attend Sabbath-school with their children.

X.—ON EXAMINATION OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee on examination of quarterly conference records respectfully submit the following report:

IPAUA DISTRICT, FIRST QUARTER.

Correction 1: The minutes of the first quarterly conference failed to ask the question, What members of the district conference are present? also failed to give the initials of the names of the members. This mistake occurs many times in the minutes of this quarterly conference record the past year.

Correction 2: The minutes failed to ask the question, Where and when will our next district quarterly conference be held? The answers only are given, in an indefinite manner.

Correction 3: The record failed to state whether the minutes were read and approved. This same mistake occurs in the minutes of the fourth quarterly conference.

IPAUA DISTRICT, SECOND QUARTER.

Correction 1: Instead of, "Minutes of the second quarterly conference of the Ipava District, Central Illinois Conference, and Free Methodist Church Conference," the record should read, Minutes of the second quarterly conference of the Ipava District, Central Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Church, etc. The same mistake occurs in the minutes of the third quarterly conference.

Correction 2: The record failed to ask the question, namely, "Who are the camp meeting committee?"

IPAUA DISTRICT, THIRD QUARTER.

Correction 1: The record failed to ask the question: Where and when will our camp meeting be held? This mistake occurs several times throughout the record.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT RECORD.

Correction 1: The record should question: Are there any recommendations for evangelist's license? The record should also state by what official board the parties were recommended for license, and the time when such board met. Also, instead of abbreviations of sister and brother, the initials of each name should be given. This mistake occurs many times in the record.

Correction 2: The record failed to give the name of the chairman at the adjournment of the meeting; also failed to give the name of church for which the quarterly conference was held. The same mistake occurs in the minutes of the fourth quarter.

Correction 3: The record failed to state that licenses were granted to parties recommended for license.

Correction 4: The record failed to state whether the minutes were read and approved; and that the conference was adjourned.

Correction 5: The record failed to show the names of the chairman and secretary of the quarterly conference at the close of the minutes.

LITCHFIELD DISTRICT RECORD.

Correction 1: The record of the second quarterly conference stated the appointment of W. C. Kelley as secretary. He had been appointed secretary the first quarter.

Correction 2: The record fails to state that the camp meeting committee was appointed; the names only are given.

The records of Belleville, Cowden, Bloomington and Jacksonville Districts were not handed in.

XI.—OF GENERAL MISSIONARY TREASURER.

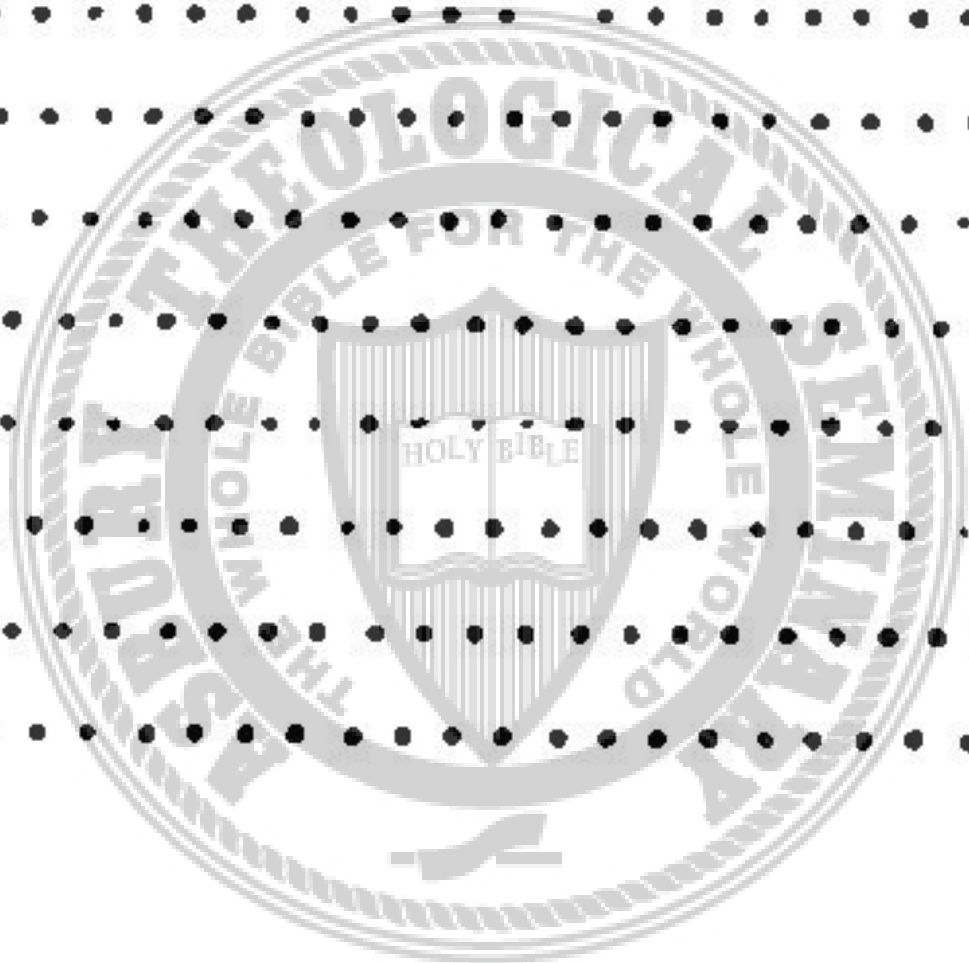
Greenville, C. A. Fleming.....	\$ 7 00
Waynesville, H. G. Ahlemeyer.....	3 75
Rushville, W. R. Bonham.....	8 25
Total.....	\$19 00

CONFERENCE ROLL AND 'PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

H. G. Ahlemeyer.....	Ipava, Illinois
F. H. Ashcraft.....	Ray, "
D. W. Sala.....	Colchester, "
W. R. Bonham.....	Litchfield, "
J. W. W. Kelley.....	Birkner, "
C. A. Fleming.....	Sorento, "
H. F. Ashcraft.....	Jacksonville, "
R. W. Sanderson....	Sorento, "
G. D. Ferree.....	Athens, "
W. C. Kelley.....	Cowden, "
W. B. M. Colt.....	Raymond, "
T. H. Marsh.....	Rushville, "
J. C. Sills.....	Havana, "
B. F. Summers.....	Irving, "
J. L. McGiffin.....	Kappa, "
S. F. Fowler.....	Waynesville, "
M. H. Shepard.....	Hopedale, "
M. N. Husten.....	Owaneco, "
Julia Thacker.....	Coffeen, "
L. C. Cochran.....	Cowden, "
G. W. Hood.....	La Clede, "
W. J. Meyers.....	Duquoin, "
T. Patterson.....	Bunker Hill, "
Robert Adams.....	Greenville, "
Wiley Johnson.....	Vandalia, "
C. W. Sherman.....	305 N. 3d St., St. Louis, Missouri
W. W. Kelley.....	Attica, Indiana

LOCAL PREACHERS.

John Hoskins.....	New Hartford, Illinois
T. A. Smith.....	Hopedale, "
John Thomson.....	Fandon, "
George Hill.....	Tennessee, "
B. F. Gill.....	Macomb, "
U. Stoneking.....	Brooklyn, "
F. M. Faucett.....	Fandon, "
Wm. Pointer.....	Industry, "
Adam Stambaugh.....	Colchester, "
J. W. Dick.....	Smithfield, "
J. N. Chicken.....	Ipava, "
Joseph Sheesley.....	Littleton, "
W. S. Dann.....	Greenville, "
J. H. Minor.....	Greenville, "
Frank Upchurch.....	Raleigh, "
Lee Nicols.....	Lockwood, "
John Sutton.....	Kappa, "
W. A. Nickey.....	Irving, "
J. W. Smith.....	Irving, "
J. F. Umpleby.....	Ohlman, "
B. F. Sawry.....	Reno, "
J. R. Grigg.....	Woburn, "
Daniel Kimbro.....	Smithboro, "
B. W. F. Corley.....	Tower Hill, "
David Milican.....	Tower Hill, "
Minor Schoolcraft.....	Owaneco, "
R. H. Cline.....	Raymond, "
E. A. Neiberger..	Armington, "
R. B. Bovee.....	Waynesville, "



EVANGELISTS.

E. F. Barrett.....	Fandon, Illinois
Carrie E. Barrett.....	Fandon, "
J. R. Barren.....	Vermont, "
Mary Decamp.....	Springfield, "
Sylvestus Bartlow.....	Littleton, "
Margaret Hood.....	Greenville, "
Kittie Myers.....	Duquoin, "
H. E. Hulen.....	Greenville, "
Ida Hall.....	Tower Hill, "
Ollie Neisler.....	Nokomis, "
J. L. Williford.....	Owaneco, "
Henry Brewington.....	Litchfield, "
Jessie R. Myers.....	Litchfield, "
Emma Brewington.....	Litchfield, "
J. C. F. Harned.....	Secor, "

APPOINTMENTS.

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Waynesville, Big Grove and Hopedale.....	S. Fowler
Centennial, Kansas Hall and Secor.....	J. L. McGiffin

IPAVAL DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Ipava, Vernon and Cuba.....	H. G. Ahlemeyer
Ray and Antioch.....	T. H. Marsh
Mt. Zion and Colchester.....	D. W. Sala

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Greenville and Dudleyville.....	R. Adams
Sorento and Woburn.....	R. W. Sanderson
Vandalia.....	Wiley Johnson
Coffeen.....	Julia Thacker

LITCHFIELD DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Litchfield and Raymond.....	W. R. Bonham
Irving and Ohlman.....	B. F. Summers
Owaneco, Taylorville and Pana.....	M. N. Huston

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Jacksonville and Ashland.....	H. F. Ashcraft
El Dara.....	To be supplied
Athens.....	G. D. Ferree
Mason City.....	M. H. Shepard
Havana.....	J. C. Sills

COWDEN DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Cowden.....	W. C. Kelley
Shelbyville.....	L. C. Cochran
Tower Hill and Ridge.....	A. J. Edwards
La Clede.....	G. W. Hood

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Lebanon, Alma and Dutch Hollow.....	John W. W. Kelley
Duquoin.....	W. J. Myers
Bunker Hill and Carlinville.....	F. Patterson

W. B. M. Colt and C. W. Sherman, conference evangelists; members Litchfield District quarterly conference.

G. P. Bishop and J. C. F. Harned, conference evangelists, members of Bloomington District quarterly conference.

A. B. Philips, conference evangelist, member of Ipava District quarterly conference.

W. W. Kelley, conference evangelist.

A. J. Smith, transferred to West Kansas Conference; address, Macksville, Kans.

T. R. Mayfield, transferred to the Wabash Conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE INDIANA AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.																			
	Members.	Probationers.	Total	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools	Officers, Teachers	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairmen's Receipts.	Evangelists' Receipts.	Gen'l. Superintendents' Col.	Home Missionary Collection.	Gen'l. Conf. Missionary Fund.	Africa Missionary Fund.	Other Missionary Funds.	Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Expenses Gen'l. Conf. Delegates.	Value of Church Property.	Val. of Parsonage Property.
Jacksonville and Ashland	23	4	23	1	1	3	12	\$223 10	\$53 00	\$20 00	\$4 00	\$1 65	\$3 00	\$15 00	.....	\$8 00	.....	.....	\$1500	.....
Mason City	25	4	29	1	1	8	25	251 69	55 95	10 00	4 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1400	.....
El Dara	10	5	10	1	1	.....	.....	41 00	5 22	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopedale	13	5	18	1	1	8	40	53 35	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville and Big Grove	25	3	28	1	1	6	22	269 38	40 00	17 05	3 83	1 69	3 75	.....	.....	3 21	40 00	2 02	1200	.....
Coffeen	37	1	37	1	1	7	40	102 45	34 21	11 45	4 20	45	20	24 50	.....	8 00	5 00	.....	1000	.....
Vandalia	9	1	10	1	1	6	24	12 00	5 00	13 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion and White Flock	41	1	42	8	1	8	40	116 85	20 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....
Ipava, Vermont and Cuba	78	7	85	2	2	12	100	303 00	60 00	.....	8 82	5 00	12 25	286 00	.....	29 65	85 40	5 00	.....	.....
Athens	29	5	34	2	1	9	40	234 43	50 00	.....	3 32	6 30	3 30	.....	.....	13 02	15 00	.....	1200	.....
Tower Hill and Ridge	35	5	40	2	2	12	50	106 00	45 80	.....	5 50	1 50	.....	113 00	.....	9 00	61 67	1 70	1000	350
Woburn, Lehnsville & Sorento	129	27	156	8	4	26	176	331 06	70 00	.....	7 50	4 33	3 50	4 50	.....	36 12	15 00	1 00	2400	.....
Kappa and Centennial	10	6	10	1	1	.....	.....	103 36	40 00	3 00	1 95	1 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....
Irving and Oblman	85	6	91	3	2	13	40	266 28	50 95	10 20	8 50	.....	.....	12 00	.....	17 20	40 00	.....	1800	.....
Cowden	80	4	84	1	2	22	95	254 0	50 00	35 00	11 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 51	25 00	4 00	1400	200
Ray and Antioch	50	2	52	3	2	12	46	272 12	44 14	.....	5 51	2 85	8 25	15 00	.....	15 00	25 00	2 00	.....	.....
Greenville and Dudleyville	57	10	67	2	2	12	80	272 50	48 00	42 00	5 50	2 57	.....	40 00	.....	25 00	50 00	4 00	1900	.....
Shelbyville	21	.....	20	2	1	14	20	100 00	12 50	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owaneco	29	.....	29	3	.....	.....	65	84 22	10 00	2 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon, Alma & D. Hollow	20	.....	20	.....	1	12	.....	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Du Quoin	5	.....	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield and Raymond	62	8	70	4	2	9	35	163 50	46 20	.....	6 55	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	10 00	6 50	.....	.....
Total for Conference	872	88	960	43	28	199	950	\$3560 29	\$799 97	\$252 40	\$85 21	\$28 46	\$34 25	\$545 00	\$11 64	\$281 71	\$461 12	\$29 67	\$16000	750

Raised on the Tent Fund: At Tower Hill and Ridge, \$25.00; at Woburn, Lehnsville and Sorento, \$6.00.

WABASH CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Second Annual Session, held at Lawrenceville Camp Ground,
September 22-26, 1886.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President. W. G. LOPEMAN, Secretary. T. A. DOUGHTY, Assistant Secretary. J. W. VICKERY, Conference Missionary Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—W. G. Lopeman, J. H. Keys, T. J. Moland.
On Publications—J. B. Hull, J. H. Keys.
On Education—T. A. Doughty, E. E. Robbins.
On Secret Societies—J. F. Johnson, T. W. Thornburg.
On Temperance—W. G. Lopeman, J. B. Hull.
To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—A. F. Niswonger.
On Publication of Minutes—The secretaries.
To Receive Money for General Superintendents---J. F. Johnston.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—Stationing committee.
To Receive Money for Missions---Geo. W. Gilkison.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. J. McKinnell, T. A. Doughty.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for 1887—Superintendent.
On Bible Cause—W. S. Furguson.
On Receiving Money for General Conference Delegates—Oscar Foote.
Committee of examination on course of study for 1887:
Preliminary—M. C. Ballew.
First Year—W. G. Lopeman.
Second Year—T. W. Thornburg.
Third Year—J. H. Keys.
Fourth Year—T. J. Moland.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

M. C. Ballew,	T. W. Thornburg,	J. B. Roberts,	E. E. Robbins,
J. H. Keys,	T. J. Moland,	W. S. Sansom,	E. K. Garretson,
S. Lewis,	T. A. Doughty,	W. G. Lopeman,	A. F. Niswonger.
H. J. McKinnell,	D. S. Moore,	W. S. Morrow,	

DELEGATES.

Mary Habenicht,	Marshall Fitzjerold,	J. B. Hull,	J. F. Johnston,
G. W. Gilkison,	Amos Walton,	Jeremiah Miller,	Wm. Gawthorp.
Sarah E. Daily,			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, J. H. Keys, T. J. Moland, J. F. Johnston, J. B. Hull.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. A. Watson, W. S. Furguson.

- 4. Who remain on trial? Oscar Foote, Josiah Kimbel.
- 5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. S. Moore, H. J. McKinnell, A. F. Niswonger.
- 6. Who are the deacons? D. S. Moore, H. J. McKinnell, A. F. Niswonger, W. H. Bouser (local).
- 7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. A. Doughty.
- 12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
- 15. What is the amount collected for general superintendent, general missions, and annual conference missionary fund? See statistics and reports of committees.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Relating to Sabbath-schools. See statistics.
- 24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
- 25. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? At Toledo, Ill., sometime in the last week in September.

MISCELLANEOUS.

This session of our conference was signally owned of God. The Holy Ghost was poured out until the welkin rang with the shouts of the saints. Some were converted and a few sanctified. Eight persons united with the church.

T. A. Doughty and J. Kimbel were invited to fill the pulpits of the Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren churches on Sabbath.

A collection of \$2.06 was taken for stationery, etc.

The following collections were ordered to be taken by each pastor on his charge during the year:

First quarter, general superintendents'; second quarter, home missionary; third quarter, General Conference missionary; fourth quarter, African missionary.

A collection of eight dollars was taken and presented to J. Kimbel.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the people of the vicinity and the railroad companies for their generous hospitality to the conference and its visitors.

J. W. Vickery is conference treasurer; address, Evansville, Ind.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

HOME MISSIONS--APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-6.

Appropriated to Ft. Branch and Inglesfield, J. Kimbel, pastor.....	\$50 00
Amount received from circuits during the year and paid to J. Kimbel.....	\$45 21
Released by J. Kimbel.....	4 79
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	50 00

GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

Received at conference.....	\$36 30
Paid to T. B. Arnold.....	28 29
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On hand.....	64 59

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Received at conference.....	\$12 92
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II.--ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARY.

Due from this conference.....	\$56 16
Amount paid to S. K. J. Chesbro.....	\$31 31
“ “ “ B. T. Roberts.....	24 85

\$56 16

III.--ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education, submit the following:

We positively affirm that the best qualification for the walks and works of life is the presence of the Holy Ghost as our constant instructor; but we believe that the cultivation of the mind is an important preparation for the great conflict of life in this world, both in temporal and spiritual matters. The young should be exhorted to make the best of all the opportunities afforded them; and parents and guardians should afford the children the best advantages within their power. The older can learn, and should inform themselves in those branches that will be useful to them, even down to old age.

We are pleased that as a denomination we show our esteem of the importance of education, by the numerous schools in successful operation among us. We recommend these schools to the patronage of all persons desiring to give their children a good education, and the benefits of the influence of saved instructors and schoolmates. Our members and friends should remember the financial wants of these schools with gifts and bequests, thus enabling them to give special advantages to the poor student thirsting after knowledge.

IV.--ON TEMPERANCE.

As a nation we regard that slavery which makes human beings the victims of common merchandise, and menial servants to others without just remuneration, as the greatest of national curses. It was exterminated from our land. As a conference we consider the slavery perpetrated upon humanity by the liquor traffic to be an infinitely greater curse than the former, inasmuch as it not only makes men the common merchandise of political rings, menial servants without just remuneration, but ruins health, domestic prosperity and happiness, and finally damns the soul; and ought to be exterminated from our fair land. We further believe that absolute prohibition by constitutional amendment, in this case as in the former, to be the only way of extermination. In order to enforce prohibition law, we must have an executive behind it pledged to its execution; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic party is the avowed champion of the liquor traffic, and we believe, from its doings, that the Republican party is a cowardly tributary to it, inasmuch as it, after it came into power, repealed, amended or trampled under foot the prohibitory laws of several States then possessing them; and

WHEREAS, In the District of Columbia, under its immediate jurisdiction, it licenses two thousand saloons, two of which are in the national Capitol; and

WHEREAS, It utterly fails to enforce the law in States having prohibitory constitutional amendments, as in Maine, where 1109 saloons exist under government protection; and,

WHEREAS, It has utterly failed to acquiesce with the wishes of the best citizens of our nation, in that it refuses to submit the question of a constitutional amendment to a popular vote of the people; therefore, we think it extremely unsafe to trust either of the old parties to legislate for us in so important a matter, and that the circumstances demand a new party. We believe that God has raised up the National Prohibition party to fill this important position. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to its support under its present platform, and earnestly urge our people to vote as they pray—for the party pledged to National Prohibition, remembering chapter first, paragraph fifty-fifth, of the Discipline.

V.--ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications respectfully submit the following:

We believe the press to be one of the greatest powers for evil or good that now exists. The light, trashy and pernicious literature, which is so extensively and abundantly circulated throughout the nation is a powerful instrument in the hands of the devil in carrying on his work of death and destruction, by poisoning the mind and corrupting the morals of both old and young; and as we believe the most effectual way of counteracting and destroying the evil influences arising therefrom is by the publication and thorough distribution of strictly pure and holy literature; therefore, we urge upon our people the patronage of such literature as will tend to enlighten and instruct in all the moral and strictly religious issues of the day. There are many good and excellent publications which, if more thoroughly and extensively circulated, would accomplish great good. Among them are the *Free Methodist*, the *Earnest Christian*, the *Vanguard* and the *Law and Gospel*, which we heartily recommend to the patronage of our people, and would urge all to take these publications in preference to many others. We also regard the Sunday-school papers and the *Light and Life Quarterly*, published by T. B. Arnold, to be the purest and best we know of, and heartily recommend them to the Sunday-schools everywhere, but especially to those of our denomination, for they teach the doctrines of the Bible, and are free from light and frivolous reading matter.

VI.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee on secret societies wish to report as follows:

Inasmuch as we believe that organized secrecy in all its branches stands opposed to true Christianity, and is condemned by the Word of God; that its teachings are erroneous and false, and that it works treason against God and man; and inasmuch as it has already gained possession of church government, in many instances, and is growing within all ecclesiastical bodies; therefore,

Resolved, That we will set ourselves, individually and as a church, more zealously array against it, opposing it in every lawful way. Further, that we will use all the means in our power to enlighten the people in regard to the evil of secrecy--especially Freemasonry.

VII.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We see the great lack of uniformity in our singing by the use of so many different singing books, and hence affecting, to some extent, at least, the spirituality of our singing; and

WHEREAS, We have a good hymn-book of our own, authorized by the General Conference, and published by B. T. Roberts; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this conference discountenance the buying of every new singing book that comes out, and advise the preachers to make an earnest effort to introduce our own hymn-book into our congregations, and use them in our public worship and prayer meetings, at least.

APPOINTMENTS.

ATTICA DISTRICT—J. H. KEYS, Chairman.

Attica.....A. F. Niswonger
Pine Village and Boswell.....J. H. Hudson
Sugar Grove and Eight Mile.....W. S. Morrow, U. S. Furguson

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. H. KEYS, Chairman.

Toledo.....J. Kimbel
Cardonia.....John W. Watson

WABASH DISTRICT—T. J. MOLAND, Chairman.

Calhoun.....T. A. Doughty
Little Wabash and West Salem.....Oscar Foote
Belmont.....D. S. Moore
Lawrenceville.....W. G. Lopeman

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—T. J. MOLAND, Chairman.

Evansville.....T. W. Thornburg
Ft. Branch and Inglefield.....H. J. McKinnell
Tennyson and Selvin.....E. E. Robbins
Bloomfield and Yankeetown.....W. H. McVey, supply

COCHRAN DISTRICT—T. J. MOLAND, Chairman.

Cochran.....To be supplied
S. Lewis and M. C. Ballew, conference evangelists.

E. K. Garretson left without an appointment; member of the Wabash District Quarterly Conference.



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PREFACE.

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ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Session, held at Sheffield, Illinois, October 6-11, 1886.

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**OFFICERS.**

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

C. B. EBEBY, SECRETARY. J. D. MARSH, JOHN HARDEN, Assistant Secretaries.

G. W. WHITTINGTON, Railroad Secretary. W. F. MANLEY, Treasurer.

**TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.**

W. F. Manley, J. P. Corren, three years; M. V. Clute, M. S. M. West, two years; C. B. Ebey, George Sears, one year.

**COMMITTEES.**

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, P. W. Newcomer, M. V. Clute.

On Claims—The stationing committee.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sunday-Schools—A. W. Parry, F. A. Arnold, M. S. M. West, J. H. Tyler.

On Secret Societies—W. F. Manley, J. J. Hales, J. F. Hill, J. W. Bebee.

On Education—G. W. Whittington, F. E. Hall, H. E. Burbank, F. C. Goodrich.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—B. P. Clark.

On Publications—John Harden, A. W. Parry, J. C. Black, S. E. Doxie.

On Temperance—F. D. Brooke, W. P. Ferries, D. M. Allen, J. M. Spencer  
L. H. North.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Manley, J. Sprague, J. L. Ward.

On State of the Work—C. B. Ebey, M. V. Clute, J. D. Kelsey, George English, J. Harvey.

To Secure Reduction of Freight for Ministers Who Move Next Year—Chairman of Chicago District.

On Ministerial Relations—M. V. Clute, G. W. Whittington, J. D. Kelsey, A. Maitland, D. M. Allen.

On Memoirs—W. F. Manley, M. V. Clute, J. Buss.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

On the Case of F. W. Kent—W. F. Manley, J. W. Carter, F. D. Brooke, J. J. Hales, J. L. Ward, T. B. Arnold, J. H. Tyler, John Collier.

To Attend the "Congress of Churches on the Question of Secret Societies"—W. F. Manley, C. B. Ebey, G. W. Whittington, H. E. Burbank, J. L. Ward.

To Receive Money for Kempton Church—G. W. Whittington.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—G. W. Whittington, C. S. Spalding.

First Year—W. P. Ferries, A. W. Parry.

Second Year—J. J. Hales, J. Sprague.



Third Year—C. B. Ebey, J. W. Carter.

Fourth Year—F. A. Miller, F. D. Brooke.

Local Preachers to be ordained to be examined by committee on second year's course.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS.

|                    |               |                |                 |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| M. V. Clute,       | W. F. Manley, | J. Buss,       | C. S. Spalding, |
| C. B. Ebey,        | J. J. Hales,  | F. A. Miller,  | J. Sprague,     |
| J. D. Marsh,       | Thomas Fluck, | J. D. Kelsey,  | J. W. Carter,   |
| W. P. Ferries,     | P. C. Hanna,  | F. D. Brooke,  | P. W. Newcomer, |
| G. W. Whittington, | E. F. Ward,   | F. E. Hall,    | John Harden,    |
| F. A. Arnold,      | A. W. Parry,  | D. M. Smashey, | B. P. Clark,    |
| F. D. Christie,    | A. Maitland,  | W. M. Kelsey,  | J. W. Sharp.    |

### DELEGATES.

|               |                |                 |                 |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| D. M. Allen,  | W. E. Bardell, | M. S. M. West,  | J. L. Ward,     |
| J. F. Hill,   | J. C. Black,   | J. M. Spencer,  | H. Franks,      |
| B. C. Welch,  | A. Adriance,   | Kate Rusche,    | George English, |
| John Collier, | H. E. Eurbank, | F. C. Goodrich, | J. H. Tyler,    |
| S. E. Doxie,  | J. W. Bebee,   | L. H. North,    | T. B. Arnold,   |
| Benj. Crouch, | S. C. Curtis,  | John Harvey,    | T. Heaviside.   |
| Adeline Winn, | W. A. Huston,  | M. Winters,     |                 |

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, G. W. Whittington, M. V. Clute, J. D. Kelsey, T. B. Arnold, M. S. M. West, George English.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Milton H. Kepdrick.

4. Who remain on trial? A. E. Orr, J. A. Heath, J. O. Swarts, Alexander H. Norrington.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. M. Kelsey, by transfer from the Wisconsin Conference, J. W. Sharp, by transfer from the Dakota Conference, Archibald Maitland, Frank D. Christie.

6. Who are the deacons? First class: W. P. Ferries, P. W. Newcomer, W. M. Kelsey, John Harden, B. P. Clark, A. W. Parry, D. M. Smashey. Second class: Archibald Maitland, Frank D. Christie; M. H. Kendrick (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? James D. Marsh.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Julius Buss, M. V. Clute, at their request.

10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? Frank W. Kent.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? Arnold H. Greene, Delos A. Fay.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

15-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, widows, etc? \$275.00.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year?



## APPOINTMENTS.

### CHICAGO DISTRICT.—G. W. WHITTINGTON, Chairman.

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Chicago, (First Church).....            | W. F. Manley   |
| Chicago, (Second Church).....           | To be supplied |
| Chicago, (Dearborn Street).....         | J. D. Marsh    |
| Chicago, (Humboldt Park).....           | M. H. Kendrick |
| Evanston.....                           | W. M. Kelsey   |
| Melrose, Prospect Park and Wheaton..... | A. W. Parry    |
| Crown Point.....                        | W. P. Ferries  |
| South Grade.....                        | To be supplied |

P. C. Hanna, conference evangelist.

J. A. Heath, left without appointment.

### PEORIA DISTRICT.—G. W. WHITTINGTON, Chairman.

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Peoria.....                      | J. Sprague           |
| Pekin.....                       | D. M. Smashey        |
| Hilton and Washington.....       | A. M. Taylor, supply |
| Fairbury, Weston and Chenoa..... | F. D. Christie       |
| Kempton and Gardner.....         | J. M. Clark, supply  |

### GALVA DISTRICT.—G. W. WHITTINGTON, Chairman.

|                                                   |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Galva and Kewanee.....                            | A. E. Orr                            |
| Princeton and Neponset, (Chairman in charge)..... | J. O. Swarts; George English, supply |
| Sheffield and Atkinson.....                       | W. E. Coquillette                    |
| New Bedford and Manlius.....                      | Geo. Gibson, supply                  |
| Leon and Eight Mile Grove.....                    | J. W. Bebre, supply                  |
| Cable and Reynolds.....                           | John Hill, supply                    |
| Abingdon and Prairie City.....                    | John Harvey, supply                  |

### FOX RIVER DISTRICT.—C. B. EBEX, Chairman.

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aurora.....                        | J. W. Carter        |
| St. Charles.....                   | N. E. Parks, supply |
| Sycamore and South Burlington..... | P. W. Newcomer      |
| Franklin and Dustin.....           | J. J. Hales         |
| South Elgin.....                   | J. W. Sharp         |
| Elgin.....                         | J. D. Kelsey        |
| Cary and Algonquin.....            | Horace Fish, supply |
| Crystal Lake and Woodstock.....    | C. S. Spalding      |
| Marengo, Union and Seneca.....     | F. D. Brooke        |

E. F. Ward, missionary to India.

Julius Buss and M. V. Clute, superannuated.

Thomas Fluck, F. E. Hall, John Harden and A. H. Norrington, left without appointments, at their own request.

### ROCK RIVER DISTRICT.—C. B. EBEX, Chairman.

|                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Freeport.....                          | F. A. Arnold   |
| Lena, Elroy and Hart school-house..... | A. Maitland    |
| Winnebago and Ridott.....              | F. A. Miller   |
| Rockford and Belvidere.....            | B. P. Clark    |
| Oregon, Polo and Oak Ridge.....        | To be supplied |
| Ashton.....                            | To be supplied |

Missionary appropriations: To Crown Point, \$50. To Kempton and Gardner, \$25.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Crystal Lake, Ill., the last week in September.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

There were seven sittings, as follows: Wednesday and Thursday, one sitting each day; Friday two sittings, and Saturday three sittings.

Twenty-six preachers answered to the calling of the roll, and twenty-seven delegates took seats in the conference.



The sessions were harmonious, and the general remark was that this was one of the best sessions that the conference has had in many years. The religious services were spiritual and owned of the Lord. Souls were seeking salvation at many of the services. At the Danish church, in which the conference was held, the following brethren preached: Wednesday, 7:30, F. D. Brooke; Thursday p. m., B. T. Roberts; 7:30, W. F. Manley; Friday p. m., B. T. Roberts; 7:30, W. E. Coquillet; Saturday p. m., C. M. Damon; 7:30, J. W. Sharp; Sabbath, 3 p. m., memorial services, conducted by B. T. Roberts, in memory of Brothers Greene and Fay—the services were deeply impressive, the older ministers taking part; 7:30, C. B. Ebey. J. W. Carter preached on Tuesday night in the Free Methodist church. The love-feast and morning preaching, by Brother Roberts, were held in the M. E. church. At the Congregational church Rev. M. V. Clute preached at 10:30, and J. D. Marsh at 7:30. Rev. B. P. Clark preached in the M. E. church at 7:30.

The following ministers from other conferences in our church were introduced and invited to honorary seats: W. E. Coquillet, of the Iowa Conference; L. C. Ebey, of the Missouri Conference; J. W. Sharp, of the Dakota Conference; C. M. Damon, of the West Kansas Conference; Brother Horace Fish, from the bounds of the Susquehanna Conference. The probationers in the conference were invited to honorary seats. Rev. R. L. McCord, pastor of the Congregational Church, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat.

W. M. Kelsey was transferred from the Wisconsin Conference, and J. W. Sharp from the Dakota Conference.

W. E. Coquillet, a probationer in the Iowa Conference, was appointed to work in the conference.

The following collections were ordered to be taken: For Kempton church, in November; home missions, in February; general missions, in May; general superintendent, in July; superannuated, in September.

The amount raised for publishing the Minutes was \$22.75, which was paid to T. B. Arnold, publisher.

A collection was taken Sabbath morning for the general superintendent.

W. F. Manley and J. P. Corren were elected trustees of the Benevolent Society.

The conference treasurer was ordered to pay the superannuated money on hand to the claimants, M. V. Clute and Mrs. C. W. Frink, pro rata.

W. F. Manley was elected conference treasurer, to whom all money should be sent.

G. W. Whittington and C. B. Ebey were elected traveling chairmen, on the first ballot, each receiving 26 of 48 votes cast.

J. Buss was granted the use of the property and lands held by the Benevolent Society of the Free Methodist Church, at South Elgin, Ill., in lieu of his claim as superannuated preacher for the ensuing year, he to keep the property in good repair and pay the taxes.

A rising vote of thanks was given Brother P. W. Newcomer and the people, who have so kindly entertained the conference.

A vote of thanks was given the members of the Danish Lutheran Church for



their kindness in granting us the use of their church edifice, in which to hold the conference sessions.

On Sabbath morning of the conference, Brother J. D. Marsh was ordained elder by General Superintendent B. T. Roberts, assisted by elders present. In the afternoon the following brethren were ordained deacons by General Superintendent B. T. Roberts: Archibald Maitland, Frank D. Christie and Milton H. Kendrick, the latter a local preacher.

The following preachers were given certificates of good standing and acceptability, with a view to transferring: C. W. Haynes, to the Michigan; I. F. Ward, to the Oregon and Washington Territory. F. S. Hurlburt was reported by the president as transferred to the North Michigan Conference.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We are fully convinced that the nature, teachings and practice of secret societies, especially Freemasonry, are contrary to the teachings and spirit of the Word of God; are undermining both church and state, and perverting justice in our courts.

Therefore, we believe it is our duty to expose their subtle workings, and oppose their progress by all lawful means.

We recommend that each society procure such books, tracts and papers as will give a correct exposure of those secret institutions of wickedness; and have them read by our families and neighbors.

### II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Some charge corporations with having no souls, but amid the delusive apathy which exists almost everywhere concerning the evils of rum-selling and rum-drinking we desire to show we have a spirit,—a spirit of relentless, unabated antagonism to this accursed traffic.

Intemperance is a moral, social and political evil; no ordinary foe in whatever relation we may view it. It induces crime, overcomes virtue, pollutes and curses every land. It is pre-eminently the foe of the church; it debases manhood, weakens the conscience, and hardens the heart; it arouses malicious feelings, it precludes the efforts of the gospel ministry, and poisons the very fountains of life. It wastes money, it destroys energies and damns souls.

We further charge it with awakening and fostering sensuality, of producing poverty, and of opening the grave and hell to sixty thousand of our citizens yearly; and, whereas, we believe that licensing any evil is adverse to the genius of Christianity, and is delusive and evasive, making that appear right that is positively wrong; giving to that a garb of respectability that is most contemptible; and, whereas, we believe that he who is accessory to a crime is equally guilty with him who commits it; and voting for those parties who favor and foster the continuance of the liquor traffic is to become accessory to its perpetuation; and, whereas, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has committed itself as a body to exert its influence in behalf of the party pledged to State and national prohibition; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we recognize in them efficient allies, and pledge them our hearty cooperation.

2. As the Prohibition party in its various state and national platforms voices the Bible sentiment of dealing with this enormous evil, and giving every Christian an opportunity to vote as he prays, we will give to it our earnest prayers, our best energies, our hearty support, and especially our votes.

3. That any alliance with any secret organization, as such, even though favoring legal prohibition, is discountenanced by us, as being subversive of our avowed principles.

### III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that the family, the church, and the state are institutions ordained of God for the good of men, and that the safety and perpetuity of the church and state depend largely upon the characters framed and molded in the home. The truly great men in the arena of human effort have been those whose training has been carefully guarded in the family circle. We call attention to this because we fear there is a laxity in family train-



ing and government among some of our best ministers and people. The children of our people in too many instances are left to make their own choices, and are, in consequence, drawn into the whirlpool of worldliness, indifference, ungodliness and disregard of parental authority which every where environs us. We believe that the Sunday-school is an important ally to, and bulwark of the home, and a necessary factor in the building up of the church of Jesus Christ. We are glad to state, from the reports of this year, that there has been an increase of attendance at our schools, and an increasing interest in this good work. While this is true, we trust that the salvation of the children has not been neglected. We reiterate the recommendation made in last year's report on Sunday-schools: "That one or more conventions be held in each district in connection with the quarterly conference, and as many local institutes as practicable." We further recommend that especial pains be taken to cultivate good singing in our schools. In this department of the work there has been some neglect.

We further recommend the Sunday-school publications issued at the *Free Methodist* office, and urge our people to subscribe for these papers first, to the exclusion of others.

We further recommend our schools to avoid every doubtful measure, and use every lawful means in rewarding those scholars whose attendance and attention is given to the school and its instruction, thus arousing an interest in our schools in a legitimate line of competition.

#### IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications beg leave to submit the following report:

There has been a marked growth during the past two decades in the line of journalism. Papers, books and pamphlets of various kinds, treating on various topics, are printed daily and circulated extensively in the homes of the populace. Some of these publications are among the uplifting forces of society, while others are the harbingers of evil, leaving in their path the wrecks of character and true manhood. Great care should be exercised in the selection of literature for ourselves and the inmates of our homes; a bad book, a vile paper, will breed pestilence and produce moral disaster. Good books and periodicals are plenty, and can be secured very cheaply.

The recognized official organ of our church is the *Free Methodist*. We approve of this publication in its general tone, and appreciate its value as a medium of spiritual instruction. Its numerous departments evince careful management; but we disapprove of the sharp personal reflections sometimes seen in discussions published therein. We think the brethren who write articles for the paper should avoid that which savors of controversy, and write on topics relating to doctrine and experience, that the people of God may be edified and built up in our most holy faith. We earnestly recommend our people to support our church paper in preference to all others.

The *Earnest Christian* maintains its simplicity and purity of tone, and is an efficient exponent of our cherished principles; therefore, as a conference, we pledge ourselves to increase its subscription list, and to sustain it in every way possible.

We especially recommend the *Voice*, published in New York, as the best publication with which we are acquainted, setting forth the principles of temperance and Prohibition.

We would also favorably notice the *Christian Cynosure* as the most able exponent of reform measures. We further recommend our people to patronize T. B. Arnold's Sabbath-school publications in their schools in preference to all others.





STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES.                  | PREACHERS. |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      | Value of Property.     |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                           | Members.   | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Officers, Teachers. | Scholars. | Preachers' Receipts. | Chairman's Receipts. | Evangelists' Receipts. | Superannuated Claim. | Gen. Supt. Collection. | Home Missionary Fund. | Gen. Conf. Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools | Incidental Expense Col. | Delegates' Expenses to Gen. Conf. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parsonage Property. |  |
| CHICAGO DISTRICT.         |            |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                        |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
| Chicago First Church..... | 86         | 17            | 103    | 2                  | 1                   | 10        | \$811 06             | \$144 63             | \$25 47                | \$6 42               | \$18 18                | \$28 28               | \$25 29                     | \$59 69                 | \$121 81                         | \$161 02                | \$10 10                           | \$500                     | .....                        |  |
| Chicago Dearborn Street.. | 44         | 4             | 48     | 3                  | 1                   | 12        | 629 00               | 55 02                | 5 86                   | 5 86                 | 5 58                   | 12 35                 | 7 75                        | 58 08                   | 57 47                            | 143 00                  | 3 10                              | 3100                      | \$1200                       |  |
| Chicago Humboldt Park..   | 24         | 3             | 27     | 1                  | 1                   | 8         | 329 63               | 37 12                | 6 44                   | 1 50                 | 3 24                   | 5 63                  | 3 00                        | 26 50                   | 29 01                            | 110 91                  | 1 60                              | 2500                      | .....                        |  |
| Evanson.....              | 41         | 2             | 43     | 2                  | 1                   | 9         | 450 00               | 66 65                | 15 00                  | 6 81                 | 8 25                   | 14 58                 | 11 00                       | 50 00                   | 45 00                            | 150 00                  | 5 00                              | 4540                      | 3500                         |  |
| Melrose and Prospect Pk.. | 39         | 7             | 46     | 2                  | 13                  | 80        | 300 00               | 43 25                | 17 00                  | 1 00                 | 5 75                   | 6 35                  | 8 00                        | 4 70                    | 31 31                            | 76 00                   | 3 20                              | 4510                      | .....                        |  |
| Crown Point.....          | 23         | 3             | 26     | 2                  | 10                  | 73        | 287 00               | 37 80                | 9 00                   | .....                | 4 15                   | 4 80                  | .....                       | .....                   | 30 00                            | 35 16                   | ...                               | 1200                      | .....                        |  |
| PEORIA DISTRICT.          |            |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                        |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
| Peoria.....               | 42         | 9             | 51     | 1                  | 3                   | 23        | 363 96               | 47 60                | .....                  | 2 00                 | 6 00                   | 8 00                  | 8 00                        | .....                   | 48 25                            | .....                   | 3 35                              | 700                       | .....                        |  |
| Hilton and Washington..   | 27         | .....         | 27     | .....              | 2                   | 10        | 325 00               | 43 35                | 10 00                  | .....                | 1 75                   | .....                 | .....                       | .....                   | 11 17                            | .....                   | .....                             | 1200                      | .....                        |  |
| Fairbury and Weston.....  | 33         | 9             | 42     | 1                  | 10                  | 93        | 276 00               | 62 52                | .....                  | .....                | 6 00                   | 6 00                  | 7 00                        | 5 00                    | 17 58                            | 72 50                   | 3 00                              | 2500                      | .....                        |  |
| Kempton and Sonoman ..    | 25         | 5             | 30     | 1                  | 3                   | 28        | 190 00               | 21 00                | .....                  | .....                | .....                  | .....                 | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                   | .....                             | 1200                      | .....                        |  |
| FOX RIVER DISTRICT.       |            |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                        |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
| Aurora.....               | 51         | 7             | 58     | 2                  | 1                   | 8         | 792 27               | 55 88                | 45 93                  | 4 00                 | 8 00                   | 15 20                 | 11 13                       | 15 26                   | 17 05                            | 107 00                  | 4 40                              | 12200                     | .....                        |  |
| St. Charles.....          | 50         | 5             | 55     | 2                  | 1                   | 9         | 383 91               | 57 14                | 18 00                  | 3 25                 | 8 10                   | 12 60                 | 11 25                       | .....                   | 15 92                            | 89 33                   | 4 50                              | 6000                      | .....                        |  |
| Sycamore & S. Burlington  | 59         | .....         | 59     | .....              | 2                   | 14        | 393 00               | 73 73                | 21 00                  | 4 00                 | 11 16                  | .....                 | 6 21                        | .....                   | 30 00                            | .....                   | 6 00                              | 3610                      | 500                          |  |
| Franklin Grove & Dustin   | 18         | 14            | 32     | .....              | 2                   | 12        | 324 41               | 54 23                | .....                  | 2 00                 | 3 00                   | 4 30                  | 2 00                        | .....                   | 43 00                            | 60 00                   | 1 00                              | 2300                      | .....                        |  |
| Elgin.....                | 50         | 7             | 57     | 1                  | 11                  | 34        | 540 00               | 60 00                | 3 50                   | 5 00                 | 10 50                  | 17 50                 | 5 00                        | .....                   | 24 96                            | 100 00                  | 6 00                              | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| South Elgin.....          | 32         | 5             | 37     | .....              | 1                   | 9         | 357 00               | 38 12                | .....                  | 2 25                 | 5 40                   | 8 40                  | 4 75                        | .....                   | 15 00                            | .....                   | 3 00                              | 1500                      | 500                          |  |
| Cary and Algonquin.....   | 23         | .....         | 23     | .....              | 2                   | 12        | 235 39               | 34 32                | 20 00                  | .....                | 4 86                   | .....                 | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                   | 1 70                              | 3000                      | 1000                         |  |
| Crystal Lake & Woodstock  | 85         | 13            | 98     | 3                  | 4                   | 20        | 425 00               | 103 11               | 4 75                   | .....                | 9 00                   | 14 50                 | 13 50                       | .....                   | 56 50                            | 38 89                   | 5 58                              | 3300                      | 800                          |  |
| Marengo, Union & Huntly   | 32         | 11            | 43     | .....              | .....               | .....     | 366 22               | 44 60                | 200 00                 | 3 50                 | 6 30                   | 25 00                 | 8 75                        | .....                   | .....                            | 56 08                   | 3 50                              | 2000                      | 500                          |  |
| ROCK RIVER DISTRICT.      |            |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                        |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
| Freeport and Lena.....    | 32         | 3             | 35     | .....              | 1                   | 5         | 450 00               | 44 66                | 4 00                   | 8 01                 | 8 46                   | 13 60                 | 11 75                       | .....                   | 10 00                            | 34 35                   | 4 70                              | 6000                      | 1000                         |  |
| Winnebago and Ridott....  | 42         | 3             | 45     | .....              | 1                   | 10        | 480 10               | 50 62                | 46 00                  | 7 00                 | 7 70                   | 12 32                 | 11 00                       | .....                   | 18 22                            | 31 16                   | 4 40                              | 3500                      | .....                        |  |
| Rockford and Belvidere..  | 28         | 9             | 37     | .....              | 1                   | 6         | 195 34               | 38 37                | 75 00                  | 5 00                 | 4 00                   | 4 00                  | 4 50                        | .....                   | 10 00                            | 67 16                   | 2 00                              | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| Oregon, Polo & Oak Ridge. | 7          | .....         | 7      | .....              | .....               | .....     | 10 00                | 16 73                | .....                  | 1 10                 | 2 00                   | 3 92                  | 3 50                        | 10 00                   | .....                            | .....                   | 1 00                              | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| GALVA DISTRICT.           |            |               |        |                    |                     |           |                      |                      |                        |                      |                        |                       |                             |                         |                                  |                         |                                   |                           |                              |  |
| Galva and Kewanee.....    | 23         | 2             | 25     | 1                  | .....               | .....     | 286 30               | 25 70                | .....                  | 50                   | 3 99                   | 5 00                  | 6 93                        | 33 97                   | 1 00                             | 18 00                   | 2 10                              | 1600                      | 1500                         |  |
| Princeton and Neponset..  | 10         | 1             | 11     | .....              | .....               | .....     | 17 06                | 16 00                | .....                  | .....                | 1 80                   | 2 40                  | 2 50                        | .....                   | .....                            | 13 00                   | .....                             | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| Sheffield and Atkinson .. | 43         | .....         | 43     | 1                  | 7                   | 25        | 354 18               | 77 05                | 31 00                  | 6 10                 | 11 00                  | 17 08                 | .....                       | 110 00                  | 16 31                            | 30 00                   | 6 71                              | 1900                      | .....                        |  |
| New Bedford.....          | 16         | 2             | 18     | .....              | .....               | .....     | 184 55               | 30 70                | .....                  | 2 00                 | 2 50                   | 1 72                  | 2 58                        | .....                   | .....                            | .....                   | .....                             | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| W. Tampico & Elgin M.G.   | 14         | .....         | 14     | 1                  | .....               | .....     | 104 24               | 22 00                | .....                  | .....                | 2 14                   | 2 60                  | 3 40                        | .....                   | .....                            | .....                   | .....                             | .....                     | .....                        |  |
| Cable and Reynolds.....   | 8          | 2             | 10     | .....              | .....               | .....     | 137 54               | 30 35                | 13 18                  | 89                   | 1 44                   | 2 64                  | 2 00                        | .....                   | 10 07                            | 13 18                   | 50                                | 800                       | .....                        |  |
| Abingdon and Roseville..  | 36         | 7             | 43     | 1                  | 4                   | 25        | 193 82               | .....                | 19 00                  | .....                | 2 00                   | 3 00                  | 3 60                        | 15 00                   | 13 00                            | 23 57                   | 1 99                              | 5                         | .....                        |  |
| Total for Conference..... | 1043       | 150           | 1204   | 22                 | 36                  | 260       | \$10596 98           | \$1556 42            | \$580 27               | \$78 27              | \$172 15               | \$251 77              | \$184 39                    | \$387 90                | \$672 73                         | \$1430 31               | \$88 63                           | \$7045                    | \$10600                      |  |

South Chicago, Niles and Ashton, no report. Melrose: A. W. Parry pastor, for church property at Dearb in St., Chicago, \$100.00. Indebted-  
ness on church and parsonage at Aurora, \$10.50. Miscellaneous for Chicago First Church, \$128 95. Miscellaneous for Elgin charge, \$50.00. Cary and Algonquin expended for  
church repairs, \$75 00. Peoria church society expended for church repairs, etc., \$211.50; church indebtedness, \$60.00. Indebtedness on church property at Kempton, \$700.00.  
Miscellaneous, \$100.00. Expended for church repairs at Sheffield, \$50.00. Indebtedness on church and parsonage property on Winnebago circuit, \$100.00. For other missionary  
purposes, from Princeton, \$2.71. Brother Clute, chairman of Galva and Rock River District, reported \$40.00. Expended for church repairs, etc., at Cable and Reynolds, \$10.-  
00. Church indebtedness at Lena, 200.00. Expended for church repairs at Freeport, \$22.00.



# NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Orleans, Michigan, September 22, 1886,

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## OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.      C. S. GITCHELL, Secretary.      F. A. SMITH, Assistant.

## COMMITTEES.

On Religious Services—E. P. Hart, W. R. Cusick, C. S. Gitchell and O. H. York.  
To Receive Superintendents' Claim—J. Peabody.

On Secret Societies—S. Roberts, A. F. Williams, J. G. Witham, L. T. Jacokes.

On Education---H. D. F. Gaffin, G. H. Barrett, S. A. McGee.

On Temperance—N. Heald, O. H. York, J. N. White.

On Sunday-schools—S. M. Kidder, C. L. Lambertson, C. A. Cusick, L. B. Reber, J. R. Wilcox.

On State of the Work—The District Chairman.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Ministerial Relations---C. I. Miller, W. Watson, L. P. Lawton.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes---L. T. Jacokes, W. W. Woodard.

On Publications---F. A. Smith, G. H. Barrett, D. G. Briggs.

On Superannuated Claims---C. S. Gitchell.

On Holiness---H. D. F. Gaffin, T. McShea, W. Watson.

To Examine District Quarterly Conference Records—H. D. F. Gaffin, F. A. Smith, P. Devoist, A. B. Hilliard.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study—

On Dress---C. S. Gitchell, F. A. Smith, C. I. Miller.

On General Conference Petitions---P. Devoist, R. J. Wilcox, H. D. F. Gaffin.

On Memoirs---J. N. White, L. T. Jacokes, A. Decker.

To Receive General Conference Delegates' Fund---P. Devoist.

To Receive General Conference Missionary Fund---C. I. Miller.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—C. L. Lambertson, D. G. Briggs.

First Year—C. I. Miller, S. A. McGee.

Second Year—H. D. F. Gaffin, C. A. Cusick.

Third Year—F. A. Smith, L. T. Jacokes.

Fourth Year---F. S. Hurlburt, W. Watson.

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS.

W. R. Cusick,  
W. W. Watson,  
H. D. F. Gaffin,

S. A. McGee,  
L. B. Reber,  
C. L. Lambertson,

R. J. Wilcox,  
W. Caywood,  
C. A. Cusick,

C. S. Gitchell,  
J. G. Witham,  
B. H. Brundage,



W. Orr,  
F. A. Smith,  
G. H. Barrett,  
D. G. Briggs,

L. T. Jacokes,  
S. Roberts,  
C. I. Miller,  
J. P. Soule,

N. Heald,  
M. Dafoe,  
J. N. White.  
S. S. Crandall,

M. Gilpin,  
F. S. Hurlburt,  
S. M. Kidder.

## DELEGATES.

P. Devoist,  
A. Hoag,  
C. Newville,  
F. Crandall,  
T. McShea,  
D. L. Hilliard,  
E. D. Kingsbury,  
R. Boardman,  
W. W. Nichols,

S. M. Walter,  
A. F. Williams,  
H. W. Cummings,  
F. J. Conrad,  
T. Young,  
O. H. York,  
J. W. Barber,  
H. G. Cusick,  
J. Doherty,

J. Foglesong,  
J. Peabody,  
J. H. Allen,  
C. J. Seely,  
W. T. Dawe,  
F. G. Smith,  
E. B. Brown,  
Nellie Bollinger,

A. Decker,  
T. Ressiquie,  
L. P. Lawton,  
J. Vanwagner,  
W. W. Woodard,  
J. J. Martin,  
Henrietta Nottingham,  
J. L. Snider.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. R. Cusick, C. S. Gitchell, P. Devoist, T. Ressiquie.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? P. Riter, E. Snyder, L. P. Lawton, C. J. Schnerer, Harvey Lampkins and G. R. Gittins.

4. Who remain on trial? J. C. Cope, G. W. Carey.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. Caywood, L. B. Reber, C. L. Lambertson, W. Orr, M. Gilpin, M. Dafoe.

6. Who are the deacons? W. Caywood, L. B. Reber, C. L. Lambertson, W. Orr, M. Gilpin, M. Dafoe.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? G. H. Barrett, J. N. White, D. G. Briggs.

8. Who have been located this year? S. Roberts.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? B. H. Brundage.

10. Who have been expelled from the conference this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year? James McLucas.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next session of the conference be held? The place was left with the chairmen of the districts, and the time as near the last Wednesday of September as the superintendents can arrange it.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Six sittings of the conference were held.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: F. S. Hurlburt, of the Illinois Conference; A. C. Marshall, L. Witham, B. F. Doolittle, of the East Michigan Conference; S. B. Shaw, publisher of the *Michigan Holiness Record*; J. Craig, of the Canada Conference, and T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist*.

Sunday morning, W. Caywood, J. N. White, L. B. Reber, C. L. Lambertson, W. Orr, M. Gilpin and M. Dafoe were ordained deacons. G. H. Barrett, J. N. White and D. G. Briggs were ordained elders Sunday afternoon.



Collections are to be taken this year as follows: General missions, first quarter; superannuated, widows and orphans, second quarter; general superintendents, third quarter; home missions, fourth quarter. A collection is to be taken up the first quarter for the benefit of S. M. Kidder, and sent to his address.

The following preachers were appointed to prepare reports to be read at the next session of conference: Secret societies, H. D. F. Gaffin; education, F. A. Smith; dress, C. I. Miller; holiness, C. S. Gitchell.

Rev. J. P. Soule took a certificate of his standing in conference, and F. S. Hurlburt came among us by transfer from the Illinois Conference.

Over \$34.00 was raised Sunday morning to make up deficiency on superintendents' claim; and Sunday evening over \$17.00 was raised for the benefit of Rev. S. M. Kidder.

A collection of \$1.51 was raised for secretaries' expenses.

Over \$23.00 was raised and paid over to Rev. T. B. Arnold for printing the Minutes.

By vote of the conference the reports were to be kept on file and not spread upon the journal.

The conference and visitors were well cared for, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the pilgrims and citizens of Orleans for their kindness and hospitality.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON MISSIONS.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Collection for Home Missions..... | \$15 04   |
| Appropriated to C. A. Cusick..... | \$10 00.. |
| "    " S. M. Kidder.....          | 5 04..    |

\$15 04

### II.—SUPERANNUATED CLAIM.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Previously sent.....        | \$17 60 |
| Brought to Conference.....  | 26 21   |
| Total .....                 | \$43 81 |
| Paid to Sister McLucas..... | 7 60    |
| Balance.....                | \$36 21 |

## MEMOIR OF JAMES McLUCAS.

On the 29th day of last April death entered the ranks of the North Michigan Conference, this time claiming as its victim our beloved brother and friend, James McLucas. Brother McLucas has sustained a superannuated relation to the conference for the past five years. During this time he was a great sufferer, yet he proved God's power to save to the uttermost, even down to death's door, leaving his family and friends the bright evidence that he had gone to a better home, where there is no sickness, pain, or death, but where all that causes sorrow or sadness finds no place; but health and eternal life reign supreme. We bespeak for the bereaved wife and family the tender sympathies and prayers of all the ministers and God's children.

"Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
Thy battle's fought, thy race is run,  
And thou art crowned at last."



## NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

The report of the committee on the case of E. W. Chapman was ordered to appear in the printed minutes. It read as follows:

After listening to the complaints entered against E. W. Chapman, we are convinced that he is grossly guilty of un-Christian and unministerial conduct too vulgar to be mentioned in the conference. And, whereas, he seemingly shows guilt by not meeting with this conference, especially when earnestly requested to do so; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a conference demand that the superintendent of this session of the conference severely censure him, and demand a surrender of his credentials. Also, that this report be spread upon the conference journal, sent to the *Free Methodist* paper for publication, and printed in the conference minutes.

C. I. MILLER,  
W. WATSON,  
L. P. LAWTON.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### CADILLAC DISTRICT.—F. A. SMITH, Chairman.

Kalkaska.....S. S. Crandall  
Manton, Colfax and Kingsley.....L. T. Jacokes, L. P. Lawton  
Cadillac and Cherry Grove.....R. S. Wilcox  
Milton, Tustin and Hartwick.....P. Riter

#### BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—F. A. SMITH, Chairman.

Big Rapids.....To be supplied  
Hungerford.....C. J. Schnerer  
Ludington, Riverton, and Custer.....G. H. Barrett  
Free Soil and Scottville.....W. W. Nichols, supply  
Oceana.....M. Gilpin and one supply  
Ewart, South Ewart and Fork.....L. B. Reber  
Millbrook and Wyman.....C. L. Lambertson  
Austin, Altona and Etna.....W. Orr, S. R. Gittins  
Ensley, Coral and Lake View.....W. Watson

#### GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—C. S. GITCHELL, Chairman.

Coopersville, Big Springs and Town Line.....W. R. Cusick  
Ravenna.....To be supplied  
Sand Creek and Hare school-house.....E. Thirkettle, supply  
Hilliard's and Bradley.....E. Snider  
Morgan and Darby.....A. Witham, supply  
Sparta, Kent City and Grand Rapids.....H. D. F. Gaffin  
Cedar Springs.....F. S. Hurlburt  
Cortland.....N. Heald  
Greenville and Wolverton Plains.....C. A. Cusick  
Orleans.....G. H. Lampkins  
Saranac, Berlin and Lyons.....M. Dafoe  
Sunfield and Roxana.....C. I. Miller  
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....G. G. Briggs

#### ISABELLA DISTRICT.—C. S. GITCHELL, Chairman.

Clare and Farwell.....G. N. White  
Isabella.....W. Caywood  
Pine River and Estella.....J. G. Witham  
Stanton and Crystal Lake.....J. C. Cope

B. H. Brundage, superannuated preacher, member of Grand Rapids District.

J. P. Soule, left without an appointment at his own request, member of the Isabella District.

S. A. McGee, left without appointment at his own request, and member of the Grand Rapids District.

S. M. Kidder and G. W. Carey conference evangelists, members of the Grand Rapids District.





NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES.                         | PREACHERS.                | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-Schools. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re-<br>ceipts. | Chairmen's Re-<br>ceipts. | Evangelists' Re-<br>ceipts. | Superannuated<br>Claim. | Gen'l Superin-<br>tendents' Col. | Home Mission-<br>ary Collection. | Gen'l. Conf. Mis-<br>sionary Fund. | Africa Mission-<br>ary Fund. | Amount Raised<br>for Sunday-<br>Schools. | Incidental Exp.<br>Collection. | Expenses Gen'l<br>Conf. Delegates | Value of Ch'rch<br>Property. | Val. of Parson-<br>age Property. |       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| <b>CADILLAC DISTRICT.</b>        |                           |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                  |                                  |                                    |                              |                                          |                                |                                   |                              |                                  |       |
| Kalkaska.....                    | C. S. Gitchell, Chairman. | 24       | 2             | 26     | 1                  | 2               | 17                 | 65        | \$125 00                  | \$49 00                   | \$15 00                     | \$2 51                  | \$2 42                           | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | \$2 40                       | \$200                            | ..... |
| Kingsley.....                    | R. S. McClain.....        | 5        | 0             | 11     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | 95 86                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | 40                               | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Manton and Colfax.....           | W. W. Nichols.....        | 45       | 5             | 50     | 3                  | 1               | 9                  | 40        | 265 06                    | 36 64                     | 3 75                        | 1 37                    | 1 20                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | 11 86                          | \$112 00                          | 3 70                         | .....                            | \$250 |
| Cadillac and Cherry Grove.....   | L. T. Jacobs.....         | 34       | 7             | 41     | 1                  | 1               | 6                  | 25        | 314 53                    | 28 80                     | .....                       | 1 00                    | 4 00                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | 16 58                                    | .....                          | .....                             | 2 00                         | 1200                             |       |
| Ewart and Hartwick.....          | T. McShea.....            | 17       | 12            | 29     | .....              | .....           | .....              | 30        | 17 00                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Milton and Tustin.....           | A. A. Stevens.....        | 12       | 2             | 14     | .....              | .....           | 6                  | 15        | 60 10                     | 3 85                      | .....                       | .....                   | 1 00                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| <b>BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.</b>      |                           |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                  |                                  |                                    |                              |                                          |                                |                                   |                              |                                  |       |
| Big Rapids.....                  | C. S. Gitchell, Chairman. | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | 242 58                    | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Hungerford.....                  | F. A. Smith.....          | 25       | 5             | 30     | .....              | 1               | 7                  | 40        | 144 75                    | 30 60                     | .....                       | 1 72                    | 4 68                             | \$1 00                           | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | 2 00                         | 400                              |       |
| Ocean.....                       | L. B. Reber.....          | 25       | 13            | 38     | 1                  | 3               | 22                 | 140       | 260 50                    | 40 00                     | .....                       | 3 00                    | 4 32                             | 1 25                             | \$3 00                             | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | 2 40                         | 400                              |       |
| Custer and Amber.....            | P. Riter.....             | 14       | 6             | 20     | 1                  | 4               | 14                 | 60        | 155 28                    | 9 93                      | .....                       | 1 03                    | 2 42                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | 8 00                                     | .....                          | 1 40                              | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Free Soil and Victor.....        | W. Caywood.....           | 18       | 3             | 21     | .....              | 1               | 5                  | 28        | 52 88                     | 11 15                     | 14 00                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | 10 00                                    | .....                          | 90                                | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| South Ewart and Chippewa.....    | W. Caywood.....           | 36       | 12            | 48     | 2                  | 1               | 8                  | 31        | 197 67                    | 35 75                     | 43 38                       | 3 00                    | 4 86                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | 6 71                                     | .....                          | 2 70                              | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Sears and Fork.....              | M. Gilpin.....            | 32       | 6             | 38     | .....              | 1               | 4                  | 20        | 185 62                    | 32 00                     | .....                       | .....                   | 5 76                             | 1 51                             | .....                              | .....                        | 3 00                                     | .....                          | 3 20                              | .....                        | 200                              |       |
| Stanwood and Brady Lake.....     | E. D. Kingsbury.....      | 11       | 1             | 12     | 1                  | 1               | 5                  | 25        | 46 25                     | 5 57                      | .....                       | .....                   | 8 20                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Ensley.....                      | W. O. Or.....             | 85       | 20            | 105    | 2                  | 1               | 4                  | 40        | 203 00                    | 40 00                     | .....                       | 2 35                    | 4 70                             | 2 50                             | 4 00                               | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | 2 60                              | .....                        | 800                              |       |
| Coral and Wyman.....             | R. J. Wilcox.....         | 28       | 5             | 33     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | 165 00                    | 28 32                     | .....                       | 1 50                    | 5 40                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | 3 20                         | 500                              |       |
| <b>GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.</b>    |                           |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                  |                                  |                                    |                              |                                          |                                |                                   |                              |                                  |       |
| Coopersville and Sand Creek..... | G. H. Barrett.....        | 28       | 4             | 32     | 2                  | .....           | .....              | .....     | 180 66                    | 27 30                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Sparta and Ravenna.....          | W. R. Cusick, Chairman.   | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | 439 14                    | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Grand Rapids.....                | H. D. F. Gathin.....      | 92       | 7             | 99     | 1                  | 2               | 11                 | 75        | 367 00                    | 82 72                     | .....                       | 4 72                    | 9 90                             | 1 97                             | 14 50                              | .....                        | .....                                    | 30 00                          | .....                             | 4 90                         | 3500                             |       |
| Hillard's.....                   | E. W. Chapman.....        | 40       | 7             | 47     | .....              | 3               | 21                 | 86        | 387 00                    | 25 93                     | .....                       | .....                   | 4 14                             | .....                            | 5 46                               | .....                        | .....                                    | 25 00                          | .....                             | 2 55                         | 1650                             |       |
| Cedar Springs.....               | E. W. Chapman.....        | 17       | 17            | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Ortland.....                     | E. Snyder.....            | 12       | 19            | 37     | .....              | 2               | 16                 | 73        | 169 06                    | 24 23                     | .....                       | .....                   | 76                               | 30                               | .....                              | .....                        | 16 10                                    | .....                          | 30                                | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Greenville and Black Creek.....  | E. Snyder.....            | 46       | .....         | 46     | 1                  | 1               | 5                  | 30        | 170 70                    | 24 40                     | .....                       | 1 23                    | 2 06                             | 4 00                             | 2 97                               | .....                        | 14 00                                    | .....                          | 1 20                              | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Orleans.....                     | S. Roberts.....           | 63       | 3             | 66     | 1                  | 3               | 20                 | 100       | 252 94                    | 47 30                     | .....                       | 2 80                    | 9 00                             | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | 20 70                          | .....                             | 5 00                         | 700                              |       |
| Morgan.....                      | C. A. Cusick.....         | 12       | 2             | 14     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Saranac and Lyons.....           | C. A. Coon.....           | 48       | 3             | 51     | 1                  | 1               | 7                  | 31        | 208 31                    | 53 30                     | .....                       | 10 00                   | 7 67                             | 2 48                             | 11 06                              | 3 08                         | 7 22                                     | .....                          | 3 00                              | 1000                         |                                  |       |
| Grand Ledge and Delta.....       | M. Lafoe.....             | 9        | 6             | 15     | .....              | 1               | 9                  | 27        | 62 45                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Sunheld and Roxana.....          | S. M. Klidder.....        | 19       | 5             | 24     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | 121 52                    | 21 79                     | 24 11                       | .....                   | 1 10                             | 1 25                             | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | 70                                | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| <b>ISABELLA DISTRICT.</b>        |                           |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                  |                                  |                                    |                              |                                          |                                |                                   |                              |                                  |       |
| Clare and Farwell.....           | G. W. Carey.....          | 50       | 3             | 53     | 2                  | 1               | 10                 | 30        | 328 55                    | 50 00                     | .....                       | 2 00                    | 8 83                             | .....                            | 4 00                               | 2 00                         | 7 00                                     | .....                          | 5 70                              | 1000                         | .....                            |       |
| Isabella and Dushville.....      | C. I. Miller.....         | 50       | 6             | 56     | 1                  | 1               | 7                  | 25        | 193 10                    | 50 00                     | .....                       | .....                   | 5 90                             | .....                            | 3 01                               | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | 5 40                              | 1000                         | .....                            |       |
| Millbrook.....                   | S. A. McGee.....          | 36       | 12            | 48     | 2                  | 2               | 20                 | 60        | 121 00                    | 15 80                     | .....                       | .....                   | 3 00                             | .....                            | 4 50                               | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | 1 50                              | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Pine River and Arcadia.....      | C. S. Gitchell.....       | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                            | .....                            | .....                              | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            |       |
| Stanton and Mud Lake.....        | J. N. White.....          | 30       | 8             | 38     | 2                  | 1               | 7                  | 40        | 189 21                    | 32 21                     | .....                       | 1 00                    | 2 56                             | 1 00                             | 3 00                               | .....                        | .....                                    | .....                          | 1 20                              | 4 10                         | 2200                             |       |
| <b>Total for Conference.....</b> |                           |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                  |                                  |                                    |                              |                                          |                                |                                   |                              |                                  |       |
|                                  |                           | 1036     | 195           | 1231   | 29                 | 37              | 247                | 1180      | \$5088 39                 | \$856 26                  | \$113 59                    | \$43 56                 | \$108 11                         | \$15 65                          | \$60 86                            | \$5 56                       | \$259 29                                 | \$254 89                       | \$55 70                           | \$149 0                      | \$67                             |       |



# EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held in the St. John's Church, at St. John's, Clinton Co., Mich., September 29 to October 2, 1886.

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## OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

A. V. LEONARDSON, Secretary.

C. D. HOADLEY, Assistant Secretary.

## COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, A. C. Marshall, M. Devoist.

On Temperance—A. C. Marshall, A. D. Linman, H. Bearss.

On Secret Societies—A. Hall, E. Steer, W. N. Pittenger.

On Education—W. H. Iles, S. W. Stone, M. Devoist.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Publications—S. Bartlett, E. Harding, B. H. Green.

To Raise Funds to Publish Minutes—H. Voorhess, S. Johnson.

On Ministerial Relations—S. Johnson, W. H. Iles, E. D. Hartley, R. D. Knapp, Charles Gundry.

On the State of the Work—The chairman.

To Collect General Superintendents' Fund—Hiram Bearss.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. Devoist, S. W. Stone, F. J. Calkins, L. D. Lockwood.

To Appoint Examiners for the Course of Study—A. V. Leonardson, E. Steer, A. C. Marshall.

To Receive General Missionary Fund—B. H. Green.

To Receive Delegate Fund to General Conference—M. Cuthburt.

To Receive Superannuated Preachers' and Preachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—J. W. Currier.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—F. J. Calkins, S. Bartlett.

First Year—W. N. Pittenger, H. Voorhess.

Second Year—M. Devoist, S. W. Stone.

Third Year—W. H. Iles, C. D. Hoadley.

Fourth Year—A. C. Marshall, E. Steer.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—W. W. Hoyt, E. W. Harding.

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS.

H. Bearss,  
J. W. Currier,  
F. J. Calkins.

M. Devoist,  
H. Voorhess,  
S. W. Stone,

W. H. Iles,  
E. Cook,  
M. Cuthburt,

D. C. Embury,  
E. Steer,  
B. H. Green,



A. H. Snellgrove,  
A. V. Leonardson,  
C. D. Hoadley,  
L. Witham,

S. Johnson,  
A. C. Marshall,  
S. Bartlett,

W. N. Pittenger,  
E. D. Hartley,  
W. W. Hoyt,

J. P. Soule,  
I. Mudge,  
E. W. Harding.

## DELEGATES.

Henry Parkhurst,  
R. Bartholomew,  
F. Durant,  
N. Crandall,  
George Palester,  
R. D. Knapp,  
M. S. Phetteplace,

Wm. Gilson,  
L. D. Lockwood,  
F. Brunson,  
W. Bartlett,  
A. D. Linman,  
David Greenly,  
Joseph K. Smith,

D. P. Bathrick,  
A. Hall,  
Edward Brown,  
M. D. Baker,  
H. Spears,  
Abram Goss,  
A. F. Ravin,

Martin Pittenger,  
Charles Currier,  
A. D. Hardy,  
J. Lockwood,  
C. Gundry,  
C. H. Smith,  
Wm. Doering.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. Steer, A. C. Marshall, F. Durant, Wm. Gilson.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? Eli W. Smith, A. S. Andrews, E. Creppen, Geo. D. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? H. Owen, M. L. Bovee, A. S. Stambaugh.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? B. F. Doolittle, L. Witham.

6. Who are the deacons? B. F. Doolittle, L. A. Witham, H. Spear.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. W. Stone.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. D. Hartley.

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? James Latham.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their characters were all considered and passed.

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

15. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

16. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place, left with the chairman; time, as near the first or second Wednesday of September, 1887, as possible.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was called to order at 2:30 p. m., by Superintendent E. P. Hart, who conducted the religious services, and presided over the conference.

Twenty-six ministers and twenty-eight delegates were in attendance at the conference. The number of visitors and members in attendance was about three hundred.

There were five sittings of conference.

Revs. James Craig, of the Canada Conference, W. B. Olmstead, of the Ohio Conference, T. B. Arnold, publisher of the *Free Methodist* paper; F. Smith and J. White, of the North Michigan Conference; Rev. G. S. Northrop, of the Baptist Church; also Rev. G. S. Welch, an evangelist of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the conference, and invited to honorary seats.

The conference elected two traveling chairmen.

A. V. Leonardson was left without an appointment, at his own request.

The conference voted that the conference collections should be taken as follows: Superannuated preachers', widows' and orphans' collection, to be taken first quarter;



general missionary, second quarter; home missionary, third quarter; general superintendents', fourth quarter.

I. Mudge was appointed conference evangelist and member of Flint district quarterly conference.

Conference raised in money and pledges over two hundred dollars.

Some over \$21.80 was raised for publishing Minutes, and they were ordered published in connection with the Minutes of the other conferences.

Three were ordained deacons Sabbath morning, and one was ordained elder at the close of the afternoon service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Amount brought to conference..... | \$65 08 |
| Paid General Missionary.....      | \$41 27 |
| Paid Africa Missions.....         | 23 81   |
| Total.....                        | \$65 08 |

II.—HOME MISSIONS.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Brought to conference..... | \$51 00 |
| Appropriation recommended: |         |
| D. C. Embury.....          | \$15 00 |
| E. Cook.....               | 10 00   |
| A. V. Leonardson.....      | 26 00   |
| Total.....                 | \$51 00 |

III.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Assessment.....         | \$165 06 |
| Paid E. P. Hart.....    | \$147 80 |
| Paid the treasurer..... | 9 98     |
| Total.....              | \$157 78 |
| Deficiency.....         | 7 28     |
|                         | \$165 06 |

IV.—ON CLAIMS.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Amount of claims.....      | \$175 00 |
| Brought to conference..    | \$141 68 |
| Raised at conference.....  | 31 79    |
|                            | 173 47   |
| Deficiency.....            | 1 53     |
|                            | \$175 00 |
| Paid Sister Doolittle..... | \$109 00 |
| Balance on hand.....       | 64 47    |
| Total.....                 | \$173 47 |

V.—ON SECRECY.

After prayerful and careful consideration, your committee believe it their duty to report as follows:

If the Bible be true, and the writings and testimonies of holy men, such as Charles G. Finney and others, who have had actual experience, no one can doubt the soul-damning influence of oath-bound secret institutions, especially Freemasonry. We are thoroughly convinced that no person can be a Christian and an adhering Freemason. And, still further, we cannot believe that a Christian will have any desire to unite with such a wicked, Christless element. We are afraid that our people are too silent on this important subject. Either we do not know its deadly nature, or are too timid to strike the ugly monster. Therefore,



*Resolved*, 1. That the laity, as well as the ministry, be requested to inform themselves more thoroughly on this subject.

2. That the chairmen of the districts be requested to preach at least one sermon on every circuit during the conference year, on this subject.

3. That we neither fellowship nor call any one who is an active Freemason a brother.

#### VI.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of temperance beg leave to report as follows:

We believe intemperance to be a stupendous evil; that sixty thousand souls are annually destroyed by its working, and that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor is a crime; the licensing or tax system is a failure in lessening this crime, and it is a sanction by law, attempting to make the liquor traffic honorable, which we believe to be wholly inconsistent with God's Bible, and entirely inconsistent with Christian experience, and highly injurious to our homes, as well as a great hinderance to the work of God. Be it, therefore, *Resolved*, As a conference we will do all in our power to suppress this evil; first, by using our influence among our people, both by private talking and public preaching, that they may properly understand this subject, and next by giving the Prohibition party our hearty support, by our prayers and our voting at the polls the coming election.

#### VII.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

The influence of the press is a mighty agency for good or evil. While there is so much from both the secular and religious press to deprecate, we, as a conference, should exert our influence against the pernicious and doubtful literature of the day. We are thankful that we find some papers and periodicals that are real exponents of truth and pure religion. In the catalogue of religious literature we find the *Earnest Christian* holding the foremost position, and, with a good degree of satisfaction, we call attention to the *Free Methodist*, our church's paper. While we might wish for it a more positive tone on some points, and very much regret that so much space is given to advertisements of a secular character, yet we consider the *Free Methodist* a good paper, and one worthy of our patronage. Its editor was called to the editorial chair by a vote of the General Conference; for this reason we are under obligation to sustain the paper. Among Christian weeklies we know of none with less objectionable matter, or any that measure up to its standard of purity. May the blessing of God rest upon the editor and publisher! We also call attention to the Sunday-school papers published by Brother Arnold, as the best of which we know. In view of the fact that we are blessed with the above-mentioned papers and periodicals—the *Earnest Christian*, *Free Methodist* and the Sunday-school papers referred to, we pledge a more vigorous effort to secure the patronage and success of the same.

#### VIII.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The past year on St. John's District has been one of glorious progress. The pilgrims on this district are earnest, self-denying, zealous and spiritual. They are fully consecrated to the work of God, so that in general there is no lack of the necessary means to meet present necessities. Some of our people are very poor, but the wealth of a circuit does not consist in the amount of worldly goods which it controls, but in the earnest, self-denying spirit of its members. But there are evidently two classes among us—one class is trying to see how much they can do for the cause while they stay on earth; the other class is trying and studying to see how little they can do and yet go to heaven. The preachers of our church are possessed with a spirit of labor and sacrifice that is highly commendable. Many of the churches and most of the parsonages in our conference have been built by the ardent labors and earnest endeavors of our preachers; and the improvements that tend to make pleasant these pastoral homes, such as wells, cisterns, cellars, barns, fences, gates, etc., are substantial evidences of the labors of these men of God who knew well how to dig, but to beg they were ashamed; and laying off their coats, have succeeded in their endeavors to make the parsonage and its surroundings enjoyable to their successors. And as the new preacher drives in at the gate of the premises above described, weary with the day's ride and the annual packing of household effects, that old word that requires no staccato to make it prominent and no music to make it sweet, comes to him unbidden, and he says it right out loud, "Home." Then with just joy enough welling up from his heart to make his throat ache, and just tears enough to make him feel with his hand for the door latch, he takes possession in the name of his God, and has family prayer the first night.

One very noticeable feature in the state of the work on this district is the general spirit of harmony and oneness of aim that manifests itself at every gathering, both of preachers and pilgrims. Two camp meetings have been held on the district this year, both of which were largely attended and resulted in the salvation of many souls, and the entire sanctification of believers. About one hundred have been saved and sanctified during the last year on this district, at the quarterly meetings and camp meetings; the preachers have held special meetings on their respective circuits, and we trust that in the day of final



reckoning much praise will be given to God, and many souls be garnered as a result of the labors of the preachers and pilgrims of St. John's District for the conference year of 1885-6.

#### IX.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee to which was referred the subject of education, having considered the subject, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are created intelligent beings, with a thinking mind, in contact with the great books of knowledge open before us, and it is the privilege of each and all men to move to higher planes of intelligent manhood. The Holy Scriptures nowhere teach that ignorance is a virtue, but otherwise teach that we should study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Of mental association, knowledge is a means of personal power in society. Even piety and virtue are limited and hindered by the ignorance of one uncultivated mind. Some suppose education is only a grindstone to sharpen the wit of youth. The Christian notion of education is wide, true and very comprehensive. We want man to carefully learn to discern his relation to God, and to distinguish the right and the wrong, the false and the true. Such religious training is especially needed in these times; for our youth are assailed on every hand by conflicting opinions. We should give careful attention to the training of our youth. Our schools have been founded for two reasons: (1) To secure control of the morals of the instructors; (2) to hold in our hands the religious and moral supervision of our youth. No system of education will command our assent which does not meet the two conditions. We are patriots as well as churchmen, and are bound to bring our whole influence to bear upon our schools to make them all we desire that they should become. We have not done our full duty in this respect.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### FLINT DISTRICT.—EDWARD STEER, Chairman.

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Auburn and Ray.....                | H. Voorhess          |
| Hadley and Goodrich.....           | S. Johnson           |
| Flint and Davison.....             | W. N. Pittenger      |
| Fremont and Watertown.....         | M. Pittenger, supply |
| Caro.....                          | B. F. Doolittle      |
| Alpena.....                        | D. C. Embury         |
| Memphis and Richmond.....          | B. H. Green          |
| Goodland, Lapeer and Mayfield..... | A. S. Stambaugh      |
| Sandusky.....                      | O. H. Bushnell       |
| Newberry and Evergreen.....        | A. H. Snellgrove     |
| Sand Beach and Forestville.....    | S. W. Stone          |
| Uby.....                           | J. W. Currier        |
| Brockway.....                      | I. Wilson            |
| Elmer City.....                    | E. Crippen           |
| Otisville.....                     | H. Owen              |

I Mudge, evangelist, member of Flint District quarterly conference.

J. Latham granted a certificate of his good standing, and left without an appointment.

J. W. Currier, left without an appointment.

#### ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.—A. C. MARSHALL, Chairman.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| St. John's.....                   | M. Devoist                    |
| North Star.....                   | L. A. Witham                  |
| St. Louis.....                    | C. D. Hoadley                 |
| Ovid and Elsie.....               | S. Bartlett                   |
| Oakley and St. Charles.....       | M. L. Bovee                   |
| Locke and Williamston.....        | W. S. Haight                  |
| Corunna and New Haven.....        | W. W. Hoyt                    |
| Livingston.....                   | E. W. Harding                 |
| Gaines and Linden.....            | J. P. Soule and A. S. Andrews |
| Forest and West Flint.....        | F. J. Calkins                 |
| Farrandville and Maple Grove..... | M. Cuthbert                   |
| Bay City.....                     | H. Bearss                     |
| Kawkawlin and Freisers.....       | Eli Smith                     |
| Clayton and Ogemaw.....           | E. Cook, one supply           |
| South Lyon and Milford.....       | G. D. Smith                   |
| Holly and Germany.....            | W. H. Iles                    |

C. D. Hartley, superannuated and member of St. John's District quarterly conference.

A. V. Leonardson left without an appointment at his own request.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES.                                                                             | PREACHERS.                        | Members.                        | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-Schools. | Officers, Teach's | Scholars. | Preachers' Re-<br>ceipts. | Chairmen's Re-<br>ceipts. | Home Mission-<br>ary Fund. | Gen'l. Conf. Mis-<br>sionary Fund. | Expenses Gen'l<br>Conf. Delegates | Africa Mission-<br>ary Fund. | Gen'l Superin-<br>tendents' Col. | Superannuated<br>Claim. | Churches. | Value of Church<br>Property. | Parsonages. | al. of Parson-<br>age Property. |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| FLINT DISTRICT.                                                                      | Edward Steer, Chairman.           |                                 |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | D. C. Embury.....                 | 35                              | .....         | 25     | 1                  | 3               | 12                | 75        | 303 50                    | \$32 00                   | \$1 00                     | \$4 60                             | \$3 50                            | .....                        | \$7 35                           | \$4 45                  | .....     | .....                        | \$1000      | 1                               | \$400 |       |
|                                                                                      | Pontiac and Auburn.....           | B. H. Green.....                | 11            | .....  | 21                 | 1               | 1                 | 8         | 40                        | 25 25                     | 25 00                      | 2 25                               | 90                                | .....                        | 3 43                             | 3 14                    | 1         | .....                        | 800         | 1                               | 300   |       |
|                                                                                      | Caro and Almer.....               | B. F. Doolittle.....            | 45            | 6      | 17                 | 1               | 7                 | 37        | 230 00                    | 32 00                     | 4 00                       | 8 76                               | 2 44                              | .....                        | 6 29                             | 1 71                    | 1         | .....                        | 800         | 1                               | 600   |       |
|                                                                                      | Hadley and Goodrich.....          | C. D. Hoadley.....              | 31            | 4      | 45                 | 3               | 20                | 75        | 359 00                    | 43 00                     | 4 00                       | .....                              | 3 40                              | .....                        | 6 84                             | 4 09                    | 2         | .....                        | 600         | 1                               | 300   |       |
|                                                                                      | Flint and Richfield.....          | A. V. Leonardson.....           | 30            | .....  | 35                 | 1               | 13                | 50        | 252 21                    | 44 00                     | 4 68                       | .....                              | 2 60                              | .....                        | 2 00                             | 1 90                    | .....     | .....                        | .....       | .....                           |       |       |
|                                                                                      | Freemont and Watertown.....       | W. H. Iles.....                 | 39            | 3      | 42                 | 2               | 10                | 154       | 221 00                    | 24 00                     | .....                      | 3 78                               | 4 30                              | .....                        | 5 00                             | 8 00                    | 2         | .....                        | 1200        | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Richmond and Ray.....             | S. Johnson.....                 | 55            | 6      | 61                 | 2               | 13                | 100       | 275 00                    | 44 00                     | 2 19                       | .....                              | 5 00                              | .....                        | 8 00                             | 8 00                    | 2         | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Memphis.....                      | H. Voorhess.....                | 12            | 4      | 16                 | 1               | 4                 | 8         | 67 83                     | 16 32                     | 61                         | .....                              | 5 10                              | .....                        | 6 72                             | 1 92                    | 1         | .....                        | 500         | 1                               | 350   |       |
|                                                                                      | Goodland.....                     | J. W. Currier.....              | 47            | 3      | 50                 | .....           | 2                 | 16        | 91                        | 218 00                    | 31 00                      | 76                                 | .....                             | .....                        | 8 64                             | 7 44                    | 1         | .....                        | 2100        | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Sandusky.....                     | S. W. Stone.....                | 30            | 6      | 36                 | 1               | 9                 | 25        | 315 00                    | 40 00                     | 3 00                       | 3 35                               | .....                             | .....                        | 2 60                             | 3 42                    | .....     | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Sand Beach.....                   | H. Bears.....                   | 29            | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....             | .....     | 120 67                    | 37 82                     | .....                      | .....                              | .....                             | .....                        | 40                               | 3 46                    | .....     | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Alpena.....                       | A. S. Stambaugh.....            |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | Elmer.....                        | I. N. Wilson, supply.....       |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.              | A. C. Marshall, Chairman.       |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | St. John's.....                   | M. Devolst.....                 | 42            | 2      | 44                 | 1               | 1                 | 8         | 60                        | 381 77                    | 32 00                      | 1 03                               | .....                             | 3 30                         | .....                            | 5 22                    | 5 00      | 1                            | .....       | 3000                            | ..... | ..... |
|                                                                                      | North Star and St. Louis.....     | M. L. Bovee, F. J. Calkins..... | 53            | 9      | 62                 | .....           | 2                 | 15        | 70                        | 291 63                    | 40 22                      | 1 00                               | 3 45                              | 5 50                         | .....                            | 7 77                    | 8 15      | 2                            | .....       | 2200                            | 1     | 300   |
|                                                                                      | Ovid and Elsie.....               | W. W. Hoyt.....                 | 40            | 2      | 42                 | .....           | .....             | .....     | .....                     | 340 40                    | 51 62                      | 3 00                               | .....                             | 4 00                         | .....                            | 6 00                    | 4 20      | 2                            | .....       | 1600                            | ..... | ..... |
|                                                                                      | Oakley and St. Charles.....       | E. Cook.....                    | 20            | 7      | 27                 | .....           | 2                 | 12        | 60                        | 160 80                    | 15 00                      | 1 00                               | 55                                | 1 50                         | .....                            | 4 00                    | 2 50      | 1                            | .....       | 1200                            | 1     | 400   |
|                                                                                      | Lock and Williamston.....         | I. Labbam.....                  | 44            | 14     | 58                 | .....           | 2                 | 10        | 60                        | 350 00                    | 49 15                      | .....                              | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            | 4 00                    | 6 00      | 1                            | .....       | 1200                            | 1     | 400   |
|                                                                                      | Corunna and North Haven.....      | L. Ellison.....                 |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | Livingston.....                   | E. W. Harding.....              | 24            | 2      | 30                 | 1               | .....             | .....     | .....                     | 274 02                    | 41 00                      | 3 00                               | .....                             | 2 50                         | .....                            | 5 00                    | 5 00      | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Gaines and Linden.....            | W. N. Pitzerger.....            | 73            | 25     | 99                 | 2               | 4                 | 25        | 125                       | 515 85                    | 47 00                      | .....                              | 9 25                              | 1 85                         | .....                            | 9 99                    | 10 50     | 2                            | .....       | 2000                            | 1     | 500   |
|                                                                                      | Forest and West Flint.....        | S. Bartlett.....                | 51            | 6      | 56                 | .....           | 3                 | 21        | 90                        | 493 65                    | 47 41                      | .....                              | 7 00                              | 4 00                         | .....                            | 7 20                    | 7 60      | .....                        | .....       | 2000                            | 1     | 200   |
|                                                                                      | Hazleton.....                     | F. Baker, supply.....           | 6             | 1      | 7                  | .....           | .....             | .....     | .....                     | 21 65                     | 15 00                      | .....                              | .....                             | .....                        | .....                            | .....                   | .....     | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | Farrandville and Maple Grove..... | M. Cuthbert.....                | 55            | 13     | 68                 | .....           | 5                 | 17        | 110                       | 256 50                    | 32 00                      | 10 58                              | .....                             | 5 10                         | .....                            | 6 33                    | 6 27      | 1                            | .....       | 4000                            | 2     | 600   |
|                                                                                      | Kawawlin and Bay City.....        | W. S. Haight.....               |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |
|                                                                                      | Clayton and Ogemaw.....           | L. Wilham.....                  | 46            | 7      | 53                 | 1               | 2                 | 10        | 50                        | 235 00                    | 25 31                      | 66                                 | .....                             | 2 50                         | .....                            | 2 00                    | 2 50      | .....                        | .....       | .....                           | ..... |       |
|                                                                                      | South Lyon.....                   | H. Owen.....                    | 8             | 2      | 10                 | .....           | .....             | .....     | .....                     | 186 00                    | 20 00                      | 2 75                               | 2 00                              | 90                           | .....                            | 1 67                    | 1 68      | 1                            | .....       | 1000                            | ..... | 500   |
| Holly and Deer Creek.....                                                            | E. D. Hartley, 1 supply.....      | 60                              | 6             | 66     | .....              | 2               | 14                | 50        | 342 80                    | 40 00                     | .....                      | 2 82                               | 5 00                              | .....                        | 7 00                             | 9 00                    | 1         | .....                        | 1000        | .....                           | ..... |       |
| Total for Conference.....                                                            |                                   | 886                             | 133           | 1066   | 14                 | 45              | 252               | 1552      | \$7909 15                 | \$951 51                  | \$42 54                    | \$15 46                            | \$53 59                           | \$45 42                      | \$120 49                         | \$123 11                | 21        | \$27000                      | 18          | \$51                            |       |       |
| From Brockway, and from Newbury and Evergreen, A. H. Snellgrove, pastor, no reports. |                                   |                                 |               |        |                    |                 |                   |           |                           |                           |                            |                                    |                                   |                              |                                  |                         |           |                              |             |                                 |       |       |



# COLORADO CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the First Annual Session, Held at Fountain, Col., November 5-6, 1886.

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## OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.      G. A. LOOMIS, Secretary.

## COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, J. F. Garrett, T. H. Vipond.  
On State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, T. H. Vipond, G. A. Loomis.  
On Publications—C. W. Stamp, G. A. Loomis.  
On Publishing the Minutes---J. B. Roberts.  
On Course of Study---C. W. Stamp, B. F. Todd.  
On Finances---J. F. Garrett, B. F. Todd.  
On Sunday-Schools---C. W. Stamp, J. B. Roberts.  
To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study---J. F. Garrett, B. F. Todd.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:  
Preliminary Course---G. A. Loomis, J. B. Roberts.  
First Year---B. F. Todd, J. F. Garrett.  
Second Year---C. W. Stamp, T. H. Vipond.

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

### PREACHERS.

|                |                |               |             |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| J. F. Garrett, | C. W. Stamp,   | G. A. Loomis, | B. F. Todd. |
| T. H. Vipond,  | J. B. Roberts, |               |             |

### DELEGATE.

H. A. Crouch.

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, J. F. Garrett, H. A. Crouch.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. Council, from West Kansas Conference.

4. Who remain on trial? Victor Roth.

5. Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc.? The character of each was examined and passed.

6. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

7. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Colorado Springs, Colorado; about November 1, or a time convenient for the general superintendents.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Two sittings of the conference were held: Friday and Saturday mornings.

A feeling of encouragement was discernible in the new conference.

The business was interspersed with singing and prayer. General satisfaction was given by the newly elected General Superintendent.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### I.

*Resolved*, That we, the Colorado Conference, beg leave to submit the following request to the members of the general missionary board:

We request the general missionary board to appropriate five dollars per month each to J. B. Roberts and G. A. Loomis, in view of the state of the work, the membership being poor and only few in number. We feel justified in making such a request, and hope that, if deemed consistent by the members of the board, the request may be granted.

### II.

*Resolved*, That the candidates for examination in course of study be required to be present the day previous to the first day of the conference session.

### III.

*Resolved*, That the collections ordered by this conference be taken in the following order during the coming year: General mission, first quarter; home mission, second quarter; general superintendents, fourth quarter.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I. — ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee report as follows:

The direction of thought and the formation of character is often the result of reading. Hence the necessity of the publication of pure literature. A large majority of the publications of the day are not only far from promoting pure and elevated thought; but are ruinous to the soul. Especially are the minds of the young led away from the high and holy objects that God designed should occupy the mind by the light and trashy literature placed before them. We are convinced that too little interest is manifested on the part of many who profess to be the followers of Christ concerning the class of literature their children read. As there are many books and papers published calculated to promote true morality and religious experience, and are in the reach of all; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we, as a conference, make every effort to impress the people with whom we labor to establish the principle of reading that literature, and that alone, that has a tendency to elevate the mind.

2. That we exhort the people everywhere to provide for themselves, and those under their care, good and wholesome moral and religious reading matter.

3. That we, as a conference, heartily endorse the action of the General Conference in purchasing the *Free Methodist*, and establishing a publishing house under the control of the church.

4. That we disprove of the circulation and reading of those undenominational publications that are antagonistic to the principles of our church; and that we will use our influence against the patronage of such publications by our people.

5. That as the Sunday-school papers published by Rev. T. B. Arnold have a high spiritual tone, and as they are attractive and practical, we recommend their use in all our schools.

6. That as the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* are expressive of the doctrines held by our church, and clearly and regularly represent the state of the work throughout the connection; and as they are invariably blessed to the increase of spiritual enjoyment and advancement of the honest reader, we, therefore, urge renewed diligence in obtaining new subscribers.



## II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on the state of the work report as follows:

After considering the many disadvantages under which we have been laboring, our work in this country being comparatively new, the societies already organized poor and few in number, and covering considerable territory, yet the many openings already manifest for our work, and the organization of the Colorado Conference, bespeak for us a time of prosperity; therefore, we would urge our brethren, both pastors and laity, to a more careful study of our Discipline, and the enforcement of its requirements among our members. And while there is a great deal of the spirit of sacrifice among us, yet there is need of more of the spirit of equality. In this direction there is lack of system in the business part of our work. We need to conform to the Discipline in these things. There is also a lack of the spirit of aggressiveness among us; a going out into the regions beyond, and getting our principles before the people. Let us, as the people of God, look to him for more of his Spirit to enable us to be more successful in the future. We are satisfied our work is of God, and that Satan cannot overthrow it; and although we may meet with strong opposition from without, yet, if we are true to our calling, we must succeed. Let us take courage and go forward.

## III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools report as follows:

WHEREAS, It is of the greatest importance that the standard of religion in the future correspond with the teachings of the Scriptures, and this depends largely upon the proper education of the young; and, whereas, God has instituted and honored the Sunday-school as one of most effectual means in bringing about this result; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we, as a people, continue to establish Sunday-schools wherever there is an opening.

2. That the schools under our control be provided with the most spiritual and thoroughly furnished teachers that can be obtained.

3. That the worldly amusements so often engaged in by Sunday-schools, which have a tendency to draw the minds of the young away from spiritual enjoyments, be disapproved by us in all our schools.

4. That as the papers and lesson helps published by T. B. Arnold are clear, practical, wholesome and spiritual, we will use them in all our schools, and, when opportunities afford, introduce them into others.

## APPOINTMENTS.

COLORADO DISTRICT, J. F. GARRETT, Chairman.

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Denver.....                        | C. W. Stamp          |
| Divide.....                        | Victor Roth          |
| Colorado Springs.....              | J. B. Roberts        |
| Summit and Manitou Park.....       | G. A. Loomis         |
| Fountain.....                      | To be supplied       |
| Canon City and Beaver Creek.....   | T. H. Vipond         |
| Wet Mountain Valley.....           | J. I. Council        |
| Checo, Booneville and Pueblo.....  | H. A. Crouch, supply |
| Spanish Peaks and Picket Wire..... | To be supplied       |
| Leadville.....                     | To be supplied       |
| Greeley.....                       | To be supplied       |

B. F. Todd left without appointment at his own request.





# GENERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ONTARIO, IN CANADA.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Hannon, Wentworth Co., Ontario,  
September 15-18, 1886.

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OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

JAMES CRAIG, Secretary.

E. C. BEST, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—A. Sims.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, J. Craig, R. Stewart.

On Publications—A. Sims, W. C. Walls, C. Baird.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. Craig, A. Sims.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—The president.

On Temperance—A. Sims, E. C. Best, T. J. Luck.

On the State of the Work—J. Craig, A. Sims.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Examiners in Course of Study for 1887:

Preliminary Course—W. S. Sansom.

First Year—E. C. Best.

Second Year—A. Sims.

Third Year—C. H. Sage.

Fourth Year—J. Craig.

To Draft By-Laws under the Provisions of "The Free Methodist Church of Ontario, Act 1884"—J. Craig, A. Sims, E. C. Best.

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—For the Toronto and Muskoka Districts: A. Sims, T. Glover; For the Hamilton and London Districts: J. Craig, J. W. Stuart.

Treasurer of Conference—Albert Sims.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

James Craig, Chairman; E. C. Best, Secretary and Treasurer; Albert Sims
William Stonehouse, J. W. Stuart.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

James Craig,
Wesley C. Walls,

Albert Sims,
Edwin C. Best,

Wm. McKearnin,
Charles H. Sage,

James H. Winter,
W. S. Sansom.

DELEGATES.

J. Moore,
G. B. Teal,
T. S. Moorhouse,
R. Loveless,
P. Sharp,

R. Stewart,
J. Toole,
C. McKay,
T. Glover,
J. Ball,

C. M. Smith,
C. Baird,
H. Bush,
Olive Diller,

T. J. Luck,
Mary Taylor,
F. Leeder,
Mary Keeler.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, J. Craig, A. Sims, Toole, R. Loveless.

4. Who remain on trial? J. Bretz, W. H. Burkholder, C. Schantz.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Winter, Wm. McKearnin, W. C. Walls, W. H. Burkholder.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William McKearnin.

11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. Prosser, a probationer, was dropped at his own request.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

15. What amount has been collected for superannuated preachers? For the superintendents? For the general missionary society? For the annual conference missionary fund? See reports and statistics.

16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Relating to Sunday-schools. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? At Uxbridge, Ontario, between September 15 and October 1, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The seventh annual session of the Canada Conference convened in the Free Methodist chapel at Hannon, Ontario, at 3:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 15, 1886.

General Superintendent B. T. Roberts called the conference to order, and conducted the devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and five preachers answered to their names.

There were five sittings of conference; one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday.

The following collections are to be taken the current year: General superintendents, first quarter; home missions, second quarter; general conference mission fund, third quarter; superannuated claim, fourth quarter.

On Sabbath the collection for home missions was \$20.89.

James Craig was elected ministerial, and Robert Loveless lay delegate to General Conference.

Rev. C. H. Sage, an elder in the North Michigan Conference, presented a certificate of his standing, and was received into the conference.

Rev. W. S. Sansom, an elder in the Wabash Conference, was received into the conference by transfer.

The ordination of Rev. W. H. Burkholder as deacon, by Bishop Jesse T. Peck, of the M. E. Church, was recognized by the conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

Amount assessed this conference.....	\$68 40
“ forwarded to S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer.....	\$65 53
“ paid to Rev. B. T. Roberts at conference.....	3 23
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	68 76

II.—SUPERANNUATED FUND.

Amount raised on circuits.....	\$39 06
Paid to Wm. McKearnin.....	\$38 81
“ for postage.....	25
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	39 06

III.—TRAVELING EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Amount assessed.....	\$38 00
Collected on circuits.....	\$35 47
“ at conference.....	2 53
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	38 00

IV.—EXPENDED BY SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.

Paid for certificates, papers, postage, etc.....	\$ 3 40
Received from collection at conference.....	3 95
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Balance on hand.....	55

V.—HAMILTON AND LONDON DISTRICT TABERNACLE FUND.

Received on subscription list.....	\$ 6 50
“ rebate from Murray and Baker.....	4 00
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	\$10 50
Paid for lamp and fixtures for tabernacle.....	\$ 4 00
“ “ repairing tabernacle boxes.....	4 38
“ “ exchange.....	15
Balance due on tabernacle last account rendered.	88
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	9 41
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 09

VI.—INCORPORATION FUNDS.

October 3, 1885, Balance on hand.....	\$10 35
“ “ “ paid to E. C. Best, treasurer of board.....	10 35

VII.—HAMILTON AND LONDON DISTRICTS MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Appropriation from General Missionary Board, per T. B. Arnold.....	\$50 00
Received from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls circuit.....	50
“ “ Ridgeway and Fort Erie.....	6 80
“ “ Hannon circuit.....	12 90
“ “ Galt and Waterloo circuit.....	13 10
“ “ Kelvin.....	15 40
“ “ Tilsonburg and Walsingham Center.....	14 01
“ “ Thedford and Jericho.....	11 40
“ “ Florence and Shetland.....	7 71
“ “ Iona and Southwold.....	2 41
“ “ Brantford.....	6 07
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Total.....	\$140 30

RECEIPTS FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Balance on hand from 1885.....	\$10 45
One-half of Sabbath collection at conference of 1885.....	5 29
Collection taken by Sister Mary Wright, of Grimsby.....	10 00
Received from Galt and Waterloo circuit.....	10 53
“ “ Thedford and Jericho....	2 13
“ “ Tilsonburg, Walsingham Center, etc.....	3 10

Received from Kelvin	2 90
“ “ Ridgeway and Fort Erie	4 00
Collections taken at tabernacle meeting at Brantford	24 66
“ “ “ “ “ “ Norwich	14 92
Total	\$87 15
Total from Genl. Conf. Miss. and Annual Conf. Miss. collections	\$227 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Matilda Sipprell	\$ 2 50
“ Mary Hutchinson	3 00
“ C. M. Smith, for tabernacle work at Brantford	5 00
“ Miss Nancy Schantz, railroad fare	2 15
“ “ “ “ for tabernacle work	2 00
“ Mrs. Valtina Harrison, railroad fare	85
“ C. M. Smith, for tabernacle work	5 00
“ Mrs. Valtina Harrison, tabernacle work	3 00
“ Miss. Nancy Schantz, tabernacle work	5 00
“ Mrs. Victoria Iow, for boarding laborers	5 00
“ W. C. Walls, for tabernacle work	5 00
“ Express charges, duties, etc., on tracts	1 65
“ “Champion” cot for tabernacle	2 50
“ Express charges on cot, etc	76
“ Miss Nancy Schantz, for tabernacle work	15 00
“ Jas. Craig, for railroad fare in connection with tabernacle work	14 85
“ Mrs. Mary Craig, for railroad fare in connection with tabernacle work	1 75
“ W. C. Walls	20 00
“ George A. Prior	10 00
“ Andrew Elsom	15 00
“ J. H. Winter	15 00
“ Mary C. Craig, for tabernacle work	15 00
Tracts to use in tabernacle work, Norwich	5 00
Expenses of tabernacle meeting, Brantford	27 92
Expenses of tabernacle meeting, Norwich	23 57
Exchange	30
Total Disbursements	\$266 80
Balance on hand	\$20 55

VIII.—TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Received from Ellesmere circuit	\$ 7 41
“ “ Gananoque circuit	2 00
“ “ Severn Bridge circuit	1 45
“ “ Huntsville circuit	1 50
“ “ Crown Hill circuit	2 00
“ “ Uxbridge circuit	8 85
“ “ Port Credit circuit	1 50
“ “ Bracebridge circuit	5 05
“ “ Belhaven circuit	19 00
“ “ General Conference Missionary Board	50 00
Total	\$98 76

RECEIPTS FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

One-half of Sabbath collection at conference, 1885	\$5 35
Received from Ellesmere circuit	1 20
“ “ Seven Bridge circuit	53
“ “ Crown Hill circuit	2 05
“ “ Huntsville circuit	1 60
“ “ Uxbridge circuit	87
Total	\$11 60
Total from General Conference and Annual Conference Missionary collections	\$110 3

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Kate Booth	\$ 53
“ W. S. Sansom	6 14

Paid for postage and registration	26
Total.....	\$6 93
Paid to T. B. Arnold, treasurer of General Conference Missionary Board.....	\$46 76
Total disbursed.....	\$53 69
Balance on hand.....	\$56 67

IX.—RAISING FUNDS TO PUBLISH MINUTES.

Amount reported by A. Sims, Com.....\$13 00

X.—E. C. BEST, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES, REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Received from J. Craig.....	\$10 30
“ “ A. Sims.....	1 50
Total.....	\$11 80
Paid to A. Sims for conference seal	\$ 5 00
“ for books to keep accounts.....	2 00
Total.....	\$7 00
Balance in treasury.....	\$4 80

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Names	Addresses
James Craig	Northfield Centre, Ontario, Can
Albert Sims.....	Uxbridge, “ “
J. H. Winter.....	Belhaven “ “
Wm. McKearnin.....	St. Catharines “ “
Wesley C. Walls	Walsingham Centre “ “
Edwin C. Best.....	Galt “ “
Charles H. Sage.....	Ellesmere “ “
W. S. Sansom.....	Thedford “ “
J. A. Prosser.....	Trent Bridge “ “
J. Bretz.....	Uxbridge “ “
Geo. A. Prior.....	Severn Bridge “ “
W. H. Burkholder.....	Bracebridge “ “
J. J. Loat....	Grassys Corners “ “
Andrew Elsom.....	Northfield Centre “ “
Jerusha Hagle.....	Port Credit “ “
Olive Diller.....	Crown Hill “ “
Laura Warren.....	Hannon “ “
Martha Stonehouse.....	Hannon “ “
Mary Taylor.....	Brantford “ “
Kate Booth	Brantford “ “
Matilda Sipprell.....	Middlemiss “ “
Nancy Schantz.....	Shetland “ “

APPOINTMENTS.

TORONTO DISTRICT,—ALBERT SIMS, Chairman.

Gananoque.....	To be supplied
Trent Bridge and Healy's Falls.....	J. A. Prosser, supply
Ellesmere.....	C. H. Sage
Uxbridge and Mt. Albert.....	J. Bretz
Belhaven.....	J. H. Winter
Port Credit.....	Jerusha Hagle, supply
Crown Hill.....	Olive Diller, supply

MUSKOKA DISTRICT.—A. SIMS, Chairman.

Severn Bridge and Uffington.....	Geo. A. Prior, supply
Bra ebridge and Baysville.....	W. H. Burkholder
Huntsville.....	Nellie Fulton, supply

HAMILTON DISTRICT.—JAMES CRAIG, Chairman.

St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.....J. J. Loat, supply
Ridgeway and Fort Erie.....To be supplied
Hannon.....Laura Warren and Martha Stonehouse, supply
Galt and Waterloo.....E. C. Best
Brantford.....Mary Taylor and Kate Booth, supply
Kelvin and Norwich.....A. Elsom, supply
Tilsonburg, Walsingham Ctr., etc.....W. C. Walls and J. E. Clink, supply

LONDON DISTRICT.—J. CRAIG, Chairman.

Middlemiss and Southwold.....Matilda Sipprell and M. Hutchinson, supply
Florence and Shetland.....Nancy Schantz, supply
Thedford and Jericho.....W. S. Sansom
Sombra.....To be supplied
Wm. McKearnin, superannuated, member of Hamilton District quarterly conference.



CANADA CONFERENCE.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL CANADA CONFERENCE..

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preachers, etc.	Sunday-Schools	Officers, Teach's.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claim.	Gen'l Superin- tendents Col.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l. Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Exp. Collection.	Expenses Gen'l Conf. De lega tes	Value of Ch'rch Property.	Val. of Parson- age Property.	
TORONTO DISTRICT.		Albert Sims, Chairman.	8	4	8	\$ 14 00	\$ 59 23	\$ 77 41	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 75	..	2 00	50
Gananoque.....	Olive Diller.....	6	4	10	22 79	..	1 55	80	..	7 41	90
Norwood and Trent Bridge.....	Mary Keeler.....	31	4	35	..	1	2	..	..	28 42	106 56	3 86	5 75	1 20	8 85	..	..	2 00	1000 00	..
Filermere.....	Jerusha Hagle.....	41	5	46	5	1	3	..	..	34 17	..	2 57	4 46	87	19 00	..	..	1 55	1050 00	..
Uxbridge and Mt. Albert.....	W. S. Sansom.....	74	21	95	1	2	15	..	..	83 14	..	7 65	13 68	..	1 50	..	20 00	7 00	1000 00	..
Belhaven.....	E. C. Best.....	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	11 50	14 72	..	13	1 66	..	..	..	2 00	65	660 00	..
Port Credit.....	Albert Sims, Chairman.	14	8	22	..	1	5	20	368 18	53 23	..	1 51	1 40	2 05	2 60	..	5 00	1 40	600 00	..	
Crown Hill.....	Kate H. Booth.....	24	4	28	..	1	5	30	..	14 80	..	40	2 20	53	1 45	..	4 15	70	600 00	..	
Severn Bridge and Utherton.....	Maggie Boyd.....	25	4	29	..	1	3	19	12 17	36 90	..	1 30	2 40	..	5 85	..	..	1 45	200 00	..
Bracebridge and Baysville.....	Jonathan Leeder.....	15	2	20	..	..	..	..	19 93	11 82	..	..	3 20	1 60	1 50	..	..	1 75	..	..
Huntsville.....	James Craig, Chairman.	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	286 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HAMILTON DISTRICT.		James Craig, Chairman.	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Catherine and Niagara Falls.....	M. Sipprell and M. Hutchinson	24	16	40	2	1	5	25	..	27 41	108 60	2 37	36	50	6 80	..	3 50	..	20	..	
Ridgeway and Fort Erie.....	J. H. Winter.....	21	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	35 01	..	2 35	1 40	4 00	12 90	..	..	93	..	..
Haunon.....	L. Warren and M. Stonehouse.	22	2	24	2	2	12	65	39 25	36 20	251 95	3 87	5 22	10 53	13 10	..	19 15	1 67	1000 00	..	
Galt and Waterloo.....	Mary Taylor.....	12	4	16	2	1	6	20	..	18 15	4 28	2 00	1 00	..	6 07	..	23 80	2 90	1500 00	..	
Brantford.....	Mary C. Craig.....	30	4	34	1	2	11	50	..	37 01	112 71	3 12	5 46	2 06	15 40	..	..	1 20	..	..
Kelvin.....	W. C. Walls and G. A. Prior..	52	17	69	4	3	13	60	221 90	25 02	..	3 06	6 00	3 01	14 01	..	7 75	3 10	800 00	..	
Elmsburg, Walsingham Center, etc.	James Craig, Chairman.	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 01	300 00	..
LONDON DISTRICT.		James Craig, Chairman.	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
London.....	Andrew Elsom.....	6	..	6	1	..	3	20	116 36	15 00	..	79	1 40	..	2 41	..	..	70	730 74	..
Iona and Southwold.....	Thomas Clark.....	5	1	6	..	1	..	..	25 10	22 04	..	60	90	..	7 71	..	..	50	800 00	..
Florence and Sheland.....	W. H. Burkholder.....	33	3	36	1	3	13	79	250 00	45 64	..	1 11	5 26	2 13	11 40	..	17 45	2 32	1000 00	..	
Thedford and Jericho.....	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sombra.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total for Conference.....	..	472	89	571	22	20	96	495	\$1842 53	\$ 633 17	\$ 660 91	\$39 06	\$68 50	\$38 48	\$139 86	\$90 20	\$96 06	\$35 43	\$11139 74	\$25 00	
India Mission, \$6 00; received additional from L. Wood, Evangelist, \$25 00.																					

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Ione, California, November 11-14, 1886.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. M. L. VORHEIS, Secretary. F. H. HORTON, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, D. G. Shepard, M. L. Vorheis.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Collecting Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. C. Scott, J. M. Allen.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Education—E. P. Hart, F. H. Horton, Wm. Boddy.
On Prohibition—M. L. Vorheis, F. H. Horton, J. C. Scott.
On Reforms—M. M. Horton, J. W. Sibole, J. M. Allen.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—D. G. Shepard, T. J. Rickey, J. W. Sibole.
On Publications—F. H. Horton, M. M. Horton, E. P. Hart.
Examiners in Course of Study:
Preliminary Course—J. C. Scott.
First and Second Years' Courses—D. G. Shepard.
Examiners For Next Year:
Preliminary Course—F. H. Palmer.
First Year—H. S. Abbott.
Second Year—B. L. Knoll.
Third Year—J. C. Scott.
Fourth Year—F. H. Horton.
To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Orders—B. L. Knoll.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Prohibition—E. P. Hart.
On Reforms—J. C. Scott.
On Education—M. L. Vorheis.
On the State of the Work—F. H. Horton.
On Publications—B. L. Knoll.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

E. P. Hart,
C. H. Loomis,
H. S. Abbott,

F. H. Horton,
W. D. Bishop,
M. L. Vorheis,

J. C. Scott,
F. H. Palmer,

D. G. Shepard,
B. L. Knoll.

DELEGATES.

E. Charlton, J. W. Sibole, Wm. Boddy, T. J. Rickey.
M. M. Horton, J. M. Allen,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, M. L. Vorheis, J. W. Sibole.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? William Pearce.

4. Who remain on trial? G. W. Wheelon.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? B. L. Knoll, F. H. Palmer, H. S. Abbott.

6. Who are the deacons? B. L. Knoll, F. H. Palmer, O. Johnston, (local) all ordained this year.

7. Who have located this year? W. D. Bishop, C. H. Loomis.

8. Are all the preachers blameless, etc.? The character of each was examined and passed.

9. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.

10. Amount collected for superintendents? For general missionary work? For home missionary work? For foreign missionary work? See statistical report.

11. Questions relating to Sunday-schools? See statistical report.

12. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

13. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? In connection with a conference camp meeting, to be held during either the month of June or July, next. Exact time and place left with a committee of five.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fourth annual session of the California Conference was held in the Baptist church at Ione, California, November 11-14, 1886.

The business sittings were very harmonious, and a blessed spirit prevailed all the way through.

There were eight preaching services held, at which some professed justification, and some entire sanctification. E. P. Hart preached four times, F. H. Horton, B. L. Knoll, J. C. Scott, F. H. Palmer, each once. J. C. Scott preached at 11 a. m. Sunday, in the M. E. church.

The following collections were ordered taken: General superintendents, second quarter; home and foreign missionary, first quarter. As the conference year will be but a little over six months, no other collections were ordered taken. On Sunday morning a collection of \$30.00 was taken for home missionary purposes.

On the proposition to change our General Rules on "Softness and needless self-indulgence," there were fourteen voted for the change, and none against it.

F. H. Horton was elected traveling chairman by a unanimous vote.

The following, taken from the report on Prohibition, shows the sentiment of the conference on that question:

Resolved, 1. That we regard it as an undeniable fact that both the Republican and Democratic parties are catering to the liquor interests for the sake of votes. We, therefore, have no hope that National prohibition will ever come by either of the old parties.

Resolved, 2. That we regard it as the imperative duty of all our ministers and members to cast their votes only for those candidates for public office who openly, and without esitation, declare themselves to be in favor of constitutional and statutory prohibition.

In the report on publications the conference expressed itself as being highly pleased with the action of our late General Conference in purchasing the *Free Methodist*, and in the choice of an editor. It also heartily commended the *Earnest Christian*, and T. B. Arnold's Sunday-school papers.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

I.

WHEREAS, Rev, O. Johnston has served three years as a local preacher within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, and six years as an evangelist; therefore,
Resolved, That he be elected to deacon's orders.

II.

Resolved, That we hold a Conference camp meeting during the month either of June or July, next.

III.

Resolved, That the exact time and place be left with a committee of five persons to be elected by this conference.

IV.

Resolved, That our next session of conference be held in connection with said camp meeting. F. H. Horton, E. P. Hart, M. L. Vorheis, J. W. Sibole, and J. M. Allen were elected a camp meeting committee.

V.

WHEREAS, Brother M. L. Vorheis has requested, and this conference has granted him the relation of conference evangelist; and,

WHEREAS, It is his purpose to spend his time on this coast in efforts to organize new societies; therefore.

Resolved, 1. That we request the General Missionary Board to make an appropriation of not less than \$12.00 per month the coming year for the support of his family.

Resolved, 2. That the secretary be authorized to send a copy of the above preamble and resolution to the secretary of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church.

APPOINTMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.—F. H. HORTON, Chairman.

San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda.....	To be supplied
San Jose.....	J. C. Scott
Corralitos.....	G. W. Wheelon
Pacheco and Lafayette.....	William Pearce

M. L. Vorheis and H. S. Abbott conference evangelists, both members of the San Francisco quarterly conference.

IONE DISTRICT.—F. H. HORTON, Chairman.

Ione.....	D. G. Shepard
Plymouth, Shenandoah and Sutter Creek.....	B. L. Knoll and F. H. Palmer

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Members.		Probationers.		Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday Schools.	Officers, Teach's.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairmen's Re- ceipts.	Evangelists' Re- ceipts.	General Superin- tendents' Col.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen'l Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	Africa Mission- ary Fund.	Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools.	Incidental Ex- pense Col.	Tent Fund.	Exp. of General Conference Delegates.	Value of Ch'rch Property.
SAN JOSE DISTRICT.		M. L. Vorhels, Chairman.																				
San Jose.....	J. C. Scott.....	37	3	40	1	8	65	\$500 00														
San Francisco.....	C. H. Loomis.....	16	2	18	1	4	20	351 85														
Oakland, etc.....	H. M. Allen.....	16	2	18	1	1	20	113 00														
Pacheco, etc.....	F. H. Palmer.....	19	1	19	1	7	30	57 80														
Corralitos.....	F. H. Horton.....	25	2	27	1	7	30															
IONE DISTRICT.		M. L. Vorhels, Chairman.																				
Ione.....	D. G. Shepard.....	26	4	30	1	8	50	317 00	125 00													
Plymouth, etc.....	F. H. Horton.....	28	3	31	1	7	40	181 75														
Sutler Creek.....	G. W. Wheelon.....	5	6	11	1	7	40	273 00														
Total for Conference.....		172	22	194	3	53	205	\$1794 40	\$325 00	\$370 95	29 47	\$21 31	\$14 45	\$14 35	\$79 84	\$618 77	\$74 20	\$12 90	\$3300			

meeting he attended was at Jamestown, Pa., only three weeks before his death. He died at his home in Canal, Venango Co., Pa., January 16th, 1886. Death came suddenly, but found him ready. Brother Spear was a true man, a kind husband, a loving father. We pray that great grace may rest upon the family, and that they may be united where "God shall wipe away all tears."

ON REFORMS.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

We believe that the church is to seek and to save the lost, and that when she sinks to the level of the merely reformatory institution she is backslidden, and God writes "Ichabod" upon her walls. We do not believe that outward reformation in the individual case fills the measure of the requirement of God. Nor by advocating reforms do we think that we place ourselves among that class who teach that reforming is all man needs. We do hold, however, that it is our duty, as Christians, to lend our aid to those movements which have for their object the alleviation of human suffering, the elevation of mankind and the promotion of their best interests in the present life.

Two questions, more than others, engage our attention in this report, viz.: The anti-secrecy and prohibition movements. We believe all secret societies to be anti-Christian and anti-American in their nature and influence. Promising men eternal life through the observance of their senseless mummeries and a heathen morality, they strike at the foundation of the Christian religion—Jesus Christ. Binding men together in cliques and rings, they strike at American liberties and institutions, by enabling the minority to control our national affairs and allowing the few to profit at the expense of the many. Making their obligations paramount to all others, they loose the bands of legal restraint, and anarchy and disregard of proper authority are seen as the result. It is high time we were more fully awake to the dangerous character of these institutions. We urge all our preachers to inform themselves upon this subject, and to take pains to circulate anti-secrecy literature upon their charges.

The liquor traffic is the mother of crime. Three-fourths of all the crimes committed in the United States are, directly or indirectly, traceable to this source. One hundred thousand men are by it sent yearly to drunkards' graves, and a drunkards' hell. One billion of dollars are annually worse than thrown away in the indulgence of the drink appetite. Its effects are evil, only evil, and that continually.

Moral suasion and temperance legislation have signally failed to accomplish anything in the way of checking the fearful traffic. Our only hope is in constitutional prohibition, and we call upon all true men to take their position upon this platform. In vain do we look for help from either the leading political parties as such. Both are sold out to the liquor men and dare not offend their masters.

Resolved, 1, That we will vote for no man who will not declare for constitutional prohibition, State and National.

Resolved, 2, That at our next annual session one afternoon or evening be devoted to an anti-secrecy meeting, and one afternoon or evening to a prohibition meeting, and that this conference appoint some person or persons to deliver a sermon or address upon each of these occasions.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows: We believe that next to the pulpit the press is the most important agency in moulding public morals; and, therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we circulate and read the best literature. In this age of compromises and shams clean literature is scarce. Our great need, as a people, is a press wholly devoted to the exposure of wrong and to the promotion of righteousness and true holiness; a press devoid of advertisements which are not strictly truthful, or of those things which we as a people ought not to buy or use.

We believe that the *Farnest Christian* meets this demand, and that it should be more extensively circulated and read.

We also value the *Free Methodist* as the official organ of the church, recommending its improvement in regard to its advertisements. We also recommend the Sunday-school publications—the *Light and Life Lesson Leaves* and *Quarterlies*; also the *Pearl*, *Lily*, *Pure Words* and *Sunshine*, issued by Brother T. B. Arnold, as the purest and best with which we are acquainted, and believe that they should be used in preference to others..

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

Names	Address
J. T. Michael.....	South Oil City. Venango Co., Penn
J. Barnhart.....	Newmansville, Clarion Co., "
R. W. Hawkins.....	O'lean, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y
J. S. McGeary.....	Tuna Creek, McKean Co., Penn

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A. D. Gaines.....	Barnes, Warren Co., Pd.
M. L. Schooley.....	New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
W. B. Roupe.....	Hill, Mercer Co., "
D. B. Tobey.....	Panther Rock, Forest Co., "
S. Sager.....	Tionesta, Forest Co., "
J. D. Rhodes.....	.....
R. H. Bentley.....	East Hickory, Forest Co., "
J. M. Sloan.....	Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., "
S. Portman.....	White Ash, Allegheny Co., "
A. Bean.....	Penfield, Clearfield Co., "
E. Kolb.....	Braddock's Field, Allegheny Co., "
O. J. Berlin.....	Coal Hill, Venango Co., "
I. Hodgkins.....	Keech, Potter Co., "

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Dr. W. D. Lee.....	Five Points, Mercer Co., "
Henry Blews.....	New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
Edward Blews.....	New Castle, Lawrence Co., "
Wm. Richards.....	Balltown, Forest Co., "
H. C. Barnes.....	Barnes, Warren Co., "
J. E. Berkheimer.....	Sheffield, Warren Co., "
J. C. Bowman.....	Newmansville, Clarion Co., "
M. B. Miller.....	Franklin, Venango Co., "
A. J. Weaver.....	East Sandy, Venango Co., "

EVANGELISTS.

C. B. Barrett.....	South Oil City, Venango Co., "
Mrs. Maretta Barnhart.....	Newmansville, Clarion Co., "

APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, J. T. MICHAEL, Chairman.

Pittsburg.....	S. Portman
Mansfield.....	To be supplied
Braddock's and Smithton.....	E. Kolb
Ligonier.....	J. M. Sloan
Gostord.....	To be supplied

OIL CITY DISTRICT, J. T. MICHAEL, Chairman.

Oil City and Franklin.....	J. D. Rhodes
Tionesta and Newmansville.....	S. Sager
Hickory.....	R. H. Bentley
Mercer.....	W. B. Roupe
New Castle.....	M. L. Schooley
Coal Hill.....	O. J. Berlin
Meadville.....	M. B. Miller, supply
Youngstown.....	To be supplied

BRADFORD DISTRICT, J. S. McGEARY, Chairman.

Bradford.....	To be supplied
Penfield.....	Albert Bean
Genesee.....	Isaac Hodgkins
Sheffield.....	A. D. Gaines, two to be supplied

D. B. Tobey, Evangelist, member of Oil City District Quarterly Conference.

J. Barnhart left without appointment at his own request, member of Oil City District Quarterly Conference.

R. W. Hawkins, supply at Salamanca, Genesee Conference, member of Bradford District



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.		PREACHERS.												Value of Contrib Property.						
		Members.	Probationers.	Total.	L. Preach'rs, etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers, Teach'rs.	Scholars.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Chairman's Re- ceipts.	Superannuated Claim.	Gen. Supt. Col- lection.	Home Mission- ary Collection.	Gen. Conf. Mis- sionary Fund.	* Other Mission- ary Funds.	* Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools	* Incidental Ex- pense Col.	Delegates' Ex- penses to Gen. (Conf.)		
OIL CITY AND PITTSBURG DISTRICTS.																				
J. F. Michael, Chairman.																				
A. D. Gaines.....		71	15	86	1	2	9	60	\$384 75	\$550 58	\$1 41	\$9 25		\$3 25			\$55 67	\$120 00	\$3 60	\$1200
Oil City and Franklin.....		29	20	49	2	2	12	75	378 50		2 50	8 00		8 09					3 79	1800
Tionesta and Newmansville.....		63	35	98	2	7	44	104	490 00		5 76	16 70		13 50			51 73		6 50	1800
Hickory.....		63	30	93	1	3	18	90	265 10			8 12			\$3 25				4 98	
Mercer.....		44	20	64	2	1	6	60	263 25			10 88							4 40	
New Castle.....		27	9	36	1	2	20	95	225 00		38	3 01		2 00	3 35	22 40		1 40	550	
Weaver's.....		22	3	25	1				41 82					2 00					1 00	
Meadville.....		30	6	36	1	3	15	100	200 00		1 30	4 32	2 97	6 00		36 67		2 60		
Mansfield.....		18	12	30		2	10	60	371 10		1 88	2 34	1 45	5 00		32 27		1 30		
Pittsburg.....		11	20	31		2	14	90	100 00		3 00	76			6 00	16 00			2 00	2500
Ligonier.....		16										4 46							1 50	
Braddock's and Smithton.....		12	4	16					43 70			3 00								
Gosford.....																				
BRADFORD DISTRICT.																				
R. W. Hawkins, Chairman.										199 21										
J. S. McGeary.....		29	17	46		2	12	60	381 00			5 04		5 00		20 00	45 70	2 80		500
Bradford.....		14	1	15		1	7	46				2 35				22 06				
Penfield.....		20	2	22		1	10	44	31 60			1 98				12 75	5 25	1 10		
Genesee.....		12		12		1	4	20							1 50	5 90				
Brookston.....		9	21	30	2	2	12	60	151 32			1 26				11 00	6 00			1000
Sheffield.....																				
Total for Conference.....		490	215	705	13	37	193	964	\$2867 14	\$749 77	\$16 31	\$81 45	\$18 60	\$45 44	\$14 13	\$385 45	\$176 95	\$36 87		\$8650

* Reports from circuits only partial.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH
HELD AT
COOPERSVILLE, OTTAWA CO., MICHIGAN.

Commencing Wednesday, October 13, 1886, closing Tuesday, October 26, 1886.

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**OFFICERS.**

B. T. ROBERTS, E. P. HART, Presidents. ( S. K. J. CHESBRO, Secretary. W.  
W. KELLEY, C. B. EBEBY, W. T. HOGG, Assistant Secretaries.

**MEMBERS.**

*Genesee Conference (1860).*

Ministers: B. T. Roberts, S. K. J. Chesbro, H. Hornsby, W. T. Hogg.  
Laymen: A. K. Bacon, T. Corliss, J. K. Wilson.

*Illinois Conference (1860).*

Ministers: C. B. Ebey, W. F. Manley.  
Laymen: T. B. Arnold, Geo. English.

*Susquehanna Conference (1865).*

Ministers: A. F. Curry, O. M. Owen.  
Layman: G. W. Gurley.

*Michigan Conference (1865).*

Ministers: I. W. Bell, B. R. Jones.  
Laymen: A. E. Bailey, J. B. Reed.

*Kansas Conference (1870).*

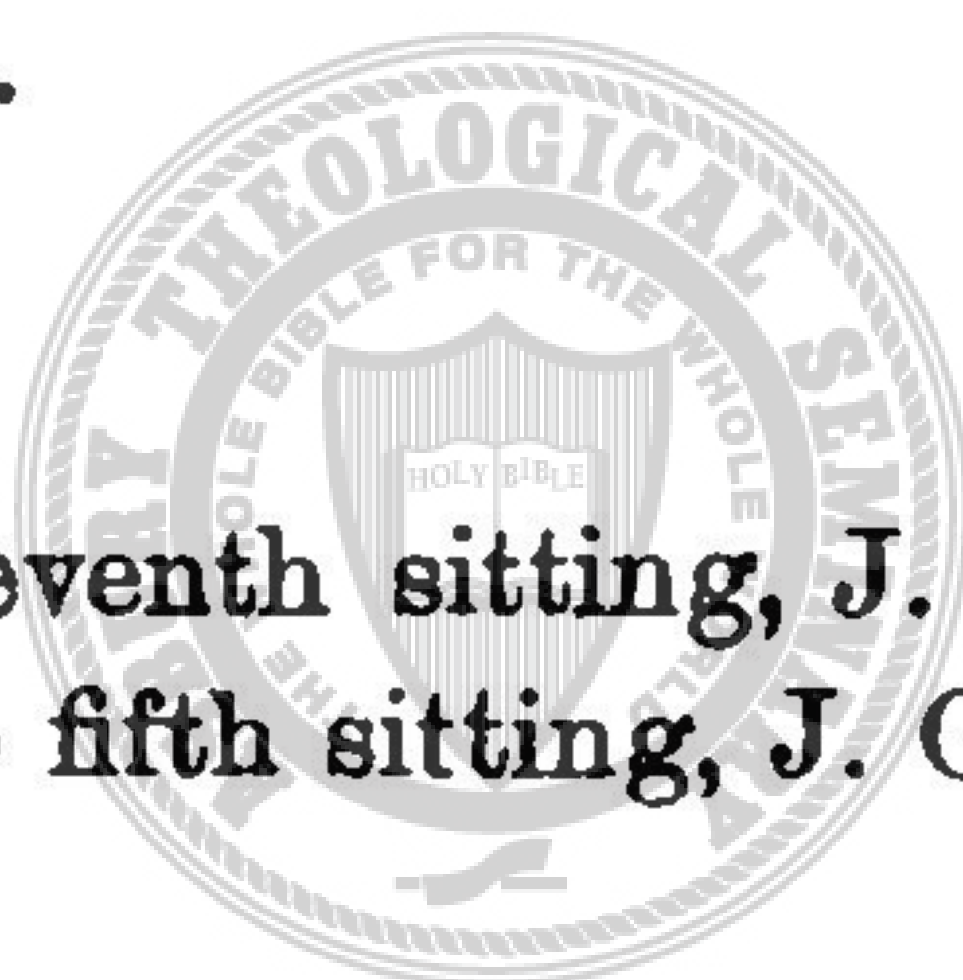
Minister: E. Leonardson.  
Layman: C. D. Hoyt.

*Minnesota and Northern Iowa Conference (1872).*

Minister: C. E. Reynolds.  
Layman: C. W. Tenney.

*New York Conference (1872).*

Ministers: W. Gould to seventh sitting, J. Travis from seventh sitting.  
Laymen: W. B. Bertels to fifth sitting, J. Gray from fifth sitting.





*Iowa Conference (1875).*

Ministers: C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. E. Hall.

Laymen: S. T. Horton, E. Y. Titus.

*Wisconsin Conference (1875).*

Minister: W. G. Hanmer.

Layman: A. Bennett.

*North Michigan Conference (1875).*

Ministers: W. R. Cusick, C. S. Gitchell.

Laymen: O. H. York, T. Ressegie.

*Central Illinois Conference (1879).*

Ministers: W. B. M. Colt, W. W. Kelley.

Laymen: J. H. Moss, L. G. Torrence.

*Ohio Conference (1879).*

Ministers: J. Hayden, B. R. Jones from the fourteenth sitting.

Layman: J. T. Wood.

*Canada Conference (1880).*

Minister: J. Craig.

Layman: R. Loveless.

*Texas Conference (1881).*

Minister: Geo. W. McCulloch.

Layman: W. Barrett.

*Pittsburg Conference (1883).*

Minister: J. T. Michael.

Laymen: J. C. Bowman, M. B. Miller from thirteenth sitting.

*West Kansas Conference (1883).*

Minister: J. Cripps.

Layman: O. P. Smith.

*Missouri Conference (1883).*

Minister: L. C. Ebey.

Layman: J. W. Beavers.

*Dakota Conference (1883).*

Minister: J. B. Freeland.

Layman: I. P. Ulrich.

*California Conference (1883).*

Minister: E. P. Hart.

Layman: M. F. Bishop.

*East Michigan Conference (1884).*

Ministers: A. C. Marshall, A. V. Leonardson.

Laymen: A. Hall, R. D. Knapp.

*Oregon and Washington Territory Conference (1885)*

Minister: T. S. La Due.



*West Iowa Conference (1885).*

Minister: J. W. Dake.

Layman: G. W. Merrill.

*Wabash Conference (1885).*

Minister: T. J. Noland.

Layman: J. B. Hull.

*Louisiana Conference.*

Not represented.

**COMMITTEES.***On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, E. P. Hart, W. R. Cusick, C. S. Gitchell.*On Revision of the Discipline*—B. T. Roberts, H. Hornsby, A. K. Bacon, C. B. Ebey, T. B. Arnold, A. F. Curry, G. W. Gurley, B. R. Jones, A. E. Bailey, E. Leonardson, C. D. Hoyt, C. E. Reynolds, C. W. Tenney, J. Travis, J. Gray, C. E. Harroun, Jr., S. T. Horton, W. G. Hanmer, A. Bennett, W. R. Cusick, O. H. York, J. Hayden, J. T. Wood, W. B. M. Colt, J. H. Moss, J. Craig, R. Loveless, G. W. McCulloch, W. Barrett, L. C. Ebey, J. W. Beavers, J. Cripps, O. P. Smith, J. B. Freeland, I. P. Ulrich, J. T. Michael, J. C. Bowman, A. V. Leonardson, R. D. Knapp, J. W. Dake, G. W. Merrill, T. J. Noland, J. B. Hull, E. P. Hart, M. F. Bishop, T. S. La Due.*On the Superintendency*—S. K. J. Chesbro, George English, A. F. Curry, I. W. Bell, C. D. Hoyt, C. E. Reynolds, J. Gray, E. Y. Titus, W. G. Hanmer, C. S. Gitchell, J. Hayden, W. B. M. Colt, J. Craig, W. Barrett, L. C. Ebey, J. Cripps, J. B. Freeland, J. T. Michael, A. Hall, J. W. Dake, T. J. Noland, M. F. Bishop, T. S. La Due.*On Conference Boundaries*—T. Corliss, W. F. Manley, G. W. Gurley, I. W. Bell, E. Leonardson, C. W. Tenney, J. Travis, E. E. Hall, W. G. Hanmer, W. R. Cusick, J. Hayden, W. B. M. Colt, R. Loveless, G. W. McCulloch, J. W. Beavers, J. Cripps, I. P. Ulrich, J. Bowman, A. C. Marshall, G. W. Merrill, T. J. Noland, E. P. Hart, T. S. La Due.*On Publications*—W. T. Hogg, W. F. Manley, D. M. Dovel, J. B. Reed, Hoyt, C. W. Tenney, J. Gray, E. E. Hall, A. Bennett, C. S. Gitchell, J. T. Wood, W. W. Kelley, J. Craig, G. W. McCulloch, L. C. Ebey, O. P. Smith, J. B. Freeland, J. C. Bowman, R. D. Knapp, J. W. Dake, J. B. Hall, M. F. Bishop, T. S. La Due.*On Conference Records*—H. Hornsby, L. G. Torrence, A. C. Marshall, B. R. Jones, J. E. Bailey, E. E. Hall, T. B. Arnold.*On Finance*—S. K. J. Chesbro, O. M. Owen, C. W. Tenney, J. Travis, E. E. Hall.*On the State of the Work*—B. T. Roberts, E. P. Hart, J. T. Michael, J. Craig, J. Cripps, C. S. Gitchell, J. Travis, W. W. Kelley, M. F. Bishop, J. B. Freeland, C. W. Tenney.*On Printing*—The Secretary, the First Assistant Secretary and T. B. Arnold.*On Sunday-Schools*—T. Corliss, J. Travis, J. Craig, A. E. Bailey, O. H. York, G. W. McCulloch, T. J. Noland, J. W. Beavers, E. Y. Titus, C. D. Hoyt, I. P. Ulrich.*On Missions*—J. K. Wilson, J. Gray, A. V. Leonardson, J. B. Reed, W. R. Cusick, W. Barrett, W. W. Kelley, C. B. Ebey, C. E. Reynolds, J. W. Dake, E. P. Hart, A. F. Curry, C. S. Gitchell, M. F. Bishop.



The Discipline was changed to admit the election of a General Conference evangelist. W. B. M. Colt was elected by a vote of 28 out of 52.

The conference ordered that the executive committee be incorporated under the name of the Executive Committee and Publishing House of the Free Methodist Church of North America. That three persons be elected a committee to procure such incorporation.

The amount to be paid for General Conference missions was changed to ten cents per member.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin for the able and satisfactory manner in which he provided for the entertainment of the conference, and a collection was taken for his benefit.

W. F. Manley was appointed to audit the accounts of the missionary treasurer.

S. K. J. Chesbro was appointed to publish the minutes of the General Conference.

S. K. J. Chesbro was elected treasurer and C. B. Ebey secretary of the General Missionary Board. Subsequently T. B. Arnold was elected, by the Sub-Executive Committee, assistant treasurer.

T. B. Arnold, on the first ballot for financial and publishing agent, received 39 out of 57 votes, and on motion the election was declared unanimous.

The following law question was asked by W. T. Hogg: If a certificate of membership be given a member of one of our churches, and that member shall, at a subsequent time, present his certificate of membership to one of our churches in some other place, he having, since the reception of the certificate, been guilty of unchristian conduct, is the church to which the certificate shall be presented, obliged to receive the certificate? Answer by Superintendent Roberts—It is.

The Committee on the State of the Work made an able report, which was adopted; and it was ordered that Brother Roberts publish the report in tract form, and that our preachers see that every family in our church is supplied with a copy.

A vote of thanks was tendered the people of Coopersville for their hospitality, and to the various churches for their courtesy in tendering us the use of their churches.

The Committee on Boundaries reported in favor of a North Minnesota Conference; of a North Indiana Conference; and changing the lines of the Iowa, Illinois, Dakota, and Wabash Conferences; also changing the name of the Indiana and Central Illinois to the Central Illinois. Their report was adopted.

For changes of Discipline see new Discipline, issued by Rev. B. T. Roberts, A. M., North Chili, N. Y.; or *General Conference Daily*, No. 12.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### I.—CHANGES OF DISCIPLINE.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Conference that in all cases of change of Discipline, agreed upon by the General Conference and referred to the annual conferences for their concurrence, the secretaries of each annual conference shall furnish the president of said conference with a record of the vote; and the



general superintendents shall keep count of the vote of said annual conferences and announce the result through our church papers. Adopted.

#### II.---BOARDING TENTS.

*Resolved*, That we disapprove of boarding stands or tents at our camp meetings, in which lemonade, candy, melons, ice-cream and such things are sold on the Sabbath, and instruct our preachers to hold or participate in no camp meeting where such things are allowed.

#### III.---RAISING TOBACCO.

*Resolved*, That in our opinion the growing, manufacture and sale of tobacco is a violation of the rule of Discipline prohibiting "evil of every kind."

#### IV.—THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

WHEREAS. This General Conference has endorsed the existence of the Prohibition party and commended it as the most efficient agent in procuring both state and national prohibition; and,

WHEREAS, There has arisen in the minds of some a fear that in the establishment of a church paper, that it will be issued as an organ of the Prohibition party; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Conference, that while our church paper should advocate the principle of prohibition, it is not to be committed to the advocacy of any political party.

#### V.---REV. JOSEPH TRAVIS.

WHEREAS, Rev. Joseph Travis has, during the last four years, given faithful attention to the duties imposed upon him by the last General Conference in electing him as editor of the *Free Methodist*; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in behalf of the denomination represented by this conference, we express our appreciation of his earnest and faithful labors in that office, by a rising vote.

C. E. HARROUN, Jr.,  
W. W. KELLEY,  
W. T. HOGG.

### GENERAL MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.--QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| First year.....  | \$ 760.65 |
| Second year..... | 845.05    |
| Third year.....  | 781.06    |
| Fourth year..... | 1319.47   |
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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| First year.....     | \$ 455.60            |
| Second year.....    | 1120.29              |
| Third year.....     | 836.35               |
| Fourth year.....    | 1151.80              |
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|                     | 3564.04              |
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| Amount on hand..... | 142.19               |
| October 23, 1886.   | T. B. ARNOLD, Treas. |



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.--ON PUBLICATIONS.

[For full report see *General Conference Daily*, Numbers 9, 10, 11.]

The committee on publications recommended:

1. The establishing of a church paper, and that it be done immediately.
2. The purchase of the *Free Methodist*, if it can be done on satisfactory terms.
3. The appointing of the executive committee as a publishing committee, to have supervision of the paper, editor, publisher, etc.
4. The executive committee to devise measures for establishing a publishing house.
5. To employ a financial agent, at a salary not exceeding \$1,000 per year, whose work shall be subject to the control of the committee.
6. To elect an editor, whose salary shall not exceed \$1,000 per year.
7. The executive committee to fill vacancies in the offices of editor and agent, and to remove, as they may deem it necessary.
8. To take a subscription for the purpose of purchasing a paper, etc., to be taken at this session.

T. B. Arnold's Sunday-school papers were recommended to the patronage of the church; the same also of the *Earnest Christian*. The new Free Methodist hymn book was also approved and recommended to our people. O. M. Owen's new book, "Ingersoll Against Himself," was recommended.

The report of the committee to pay Brother Arnold \$8,000 for the *Free Methodist* was adopted—\$4,000 to be paid within thirty days; the balance in monthly payments running through a period of four years, at six per cent. interest.

Brother Arnold accepted the offer of the conference. The conference ordered that the paper be published at Chicago, Illinois.

A subscription was opened for funds to purchase the paper, and \$147 in cash and \$1,147 in pledges were received; total \$1,294.

### II.--ON SUPERINTENDENCY.

The committee on superintendency reported the following plan for raising the superintendents' salaries:

1. That a treasurer be appointed.
2. That all moneys for the superintendents be paid to the treasurer.
3. That the salaries be fixed at \$1,000 each, including traveling expenses.
4. That the superintendents shall report to the treasurer quarterly.
5. That the treasurer make an assessment against each annual conference of an amount per member in full connection to meet the amount necessary.
6. That the conferences be grouped into districts as follows, fixing the time of paying the assessment: December, January and February—New York, Susquehanna, Genesee, Pittsburg, Canada, Wisconsin, Texas, Louisiana and California. March and April—Central Illinois, Iowa, West Iowa, Ohio, Kansas and West Kansas. May and June—Wabash, Michigan, Oregon and Illinois. July and August—Missouri, Minnesota, and Northern Iowa, Dakota, Colorado, North Michigan, and East Michigan.

S. K. J. Chesbro was elected treasurer of the superintendents' fund.

### III.—ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your committee beg leave to recommend the following to be inserted as a new chapter in the Discipline, to be chapter viii.:

#### OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

1. The missionary board shall constitute a church extension and aid society.
2. The object of this society shall be for the administering a gift and loan fund for the purpose of assisting in the erection of churches.
3. Each annual conference shall appoint a board of five members, which shall constitute a conference church extension and aid society, the officers of which shall be a president, secretary and treasurer.
4. The conference church extension and aid society shall be auxiliary to the general society; and shall under its direction have charge of all the work of the church extension and aid society within its bounds.
5. The treasurer of the conference board shall at least once in three months remit all funds in his hands to the treasurer of the general society.
6. It shall be the duty of the conference board to arrange for a collection to be taken at each appointment on every circuit for church extension, to be forwarded to the treasurer of the conference board.
7. All applications for aid shall be made in accordance with blank forms furnished by the general society, and shall set forth: (1) The number of members of the Free Metho-



dist society, and the size of the congregation. (2) The fact that the board of trustees is legally incorporated. (3) The size and valuation of the site, the validity of the title, and whether deeded to the Free Methodist Church. (4) A description of the building for which aid is asked. (5) And the estimated cost when completed. (6) The amount of available and reliable means secured. (7) And any other information that the general society may require.

8. All such applications for aid shall be first submitted to the conference board, and said board shall certify its action thereon to the general society; and aid shall be granted only by the concurrent action of the general society and the conference board.

9. The conference board shall make a full report of its work to the conference at its annual session.

10. The church extension and aid society shall publish in the official paper of the church an annual report of its work, and also submit a full report quadrennially to the General Conference. This report was adopted.

#### IV.—ON REFORMS.

The committee on reforms made an able report, which was adopted; from which we make some condensed extracts. For full report see *General Conference Daily*, No 12. A minority report or protest was submitted to the conference, for copy of which see *General Conference Daily*, No. 11.

#### PROHIBITION.

This is our motto: Total abstinence for the individual, moral suasion for the drunkard, and prohibition from shore to shore. Our Discipline commits us to prohibition. We believe we should not only support the principle of prohibition, but the party that is the chief exponent of that principle. To advocate the principle of prohibition without a party to carry it into force, is like having a soul without a body in which it can dwell. Foremost on every other work of reform, we cannot afford to be behind here. The same reasons which are brought against party action argue strongly against our existence as a church. In the onward march of truth, God has ever had to thrust out men who would take up the new idea and push it on to victory. To reform dead churches and corrupt political organizations is impossible. Reforms never go backward; onward is the watchword.

#### VILE LITERATURE.

We also hail with delight every legitimate effort for the suppression of vile literature.

#### SECRET SOCIETIES.

We maintain our attitude in reference to secret, oath-bound societies.

#### CAPITAL AND LABOR.

We deprecate the wide breach that exists between capital and labor, and while we cannot approve of the tyranny of moneyed corporations on the one hand, neither can we approve of the equally tyrannical combinations of the labor unions on the other. We believe great discretion should be exercised in combating secret societies; unlike other evils, this evil lies in ambush.

#### CHURCH GAMBLING.

We regret to say that within Protestant churches schemes are inaugurated to raise money which involve the principle of gambling. Sometimes the young have taken the first step in the church which led them to the purchase of lottery tickets, to the pool-room and down to hell.

#### WORSHIP IN STATE AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES.

We regret that the effort is persistently made to secularize political life by overthrowing the Sabbath laws, expelling the Bible from the schools, and the abolition of prayer in National and State legislatures. We believe the word of God, which says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

#### SABBATH DESECRATION.

Sabbath-breaking is one of our great national sins, and we are sorry we are obliged to confess that the government is guilty and sets the example in the violation of the Lord's day. When it is said that the government has in its employ 150,000 men and women on the Sabbath, handling the United States mail, it is readily seen that it is a national evil. Corporations violate the Sabbath; railroad trains, both passenger and freight, are running on the Lord's day, which we believe should be stopped by law. We regard the buying and selling of milk on the Sabbath as a violation of the sacred day.

#### DIVORCE.

The system of easy divorces, which is increasing in this country, we look upon as little less if any better than legalized prostitution. We believe the Divine law is the supreme standard of divorce, and the only true safeguard for society in this respect.



## CATHOLICISM.

We deplore the onward march of popery in this country, and believe it to be the foe of our liberties. We regret the indifference that exists on the part of Protestants on this matter. We extend the hand of friendship and Christian love to such men as James O'Connor and Father Chiniquy, who have the courage to speak their convictions and risk life in uncovering the corruptions of the Romish church. Too many Protestants send their children to Catholic schools. Let us awake to the magnitude and aggressiveness of the wild beast before it shall be too late, and we shall be under the dominion of the Church of Rome.





## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES.

| CONFERENCES.                  |       | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | Local Preachers and Evangelists. | Sunday-Schools. | Officers and Teachers | Scholars. | Preachers' Receipts. | Chairman's Receipts. | Evangelists' Receipts. | Superannuated Claim. | Gen'l Superintendents' Collection. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund, | Other Missionary Funds. | Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools. | Incidental Expense Collection. | Expenses of Gen'l Conf. Delegates. | Tent Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parsonage Property. |         |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|----|----------|----|---------|----|
| West Kansas.....              | 579   | 64       | 633           | 26     | 12                               | 65              | 523                   | \$ 31.36  | \$ 31.36             | \$ 31.36             | \$ 31.36               | \$ 17.50             | \$ 72.43                           | \$ 38.93                    | \$ 26.10                          | \$ 4.55                 | .....                   | .....                             | \$ 72.55                       | \$ 88.15                           | \$ 37.50   | \$ 25.50                  | \$ 6300.00                   | \$ 1275 |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Kansas.....                   | 576   | 81       | 657           | 2.     | 18                               | 81              | 592                   | 35.43     | 16                   | 601.93               | 158.81                 | 2.50                 | 45.62                              | 27.49                       | 14.97                             | 61.85                   | .....                   | .....                             | 155.73                         | 287.51                             | 20.04      | 130.00                    | 10431.72                     | 2990    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Missouri.....                 | 185   | 22       | 207           | 7      | 8                                | 47              | 265                   | 72.4      | 86                   | 118.25               | 63.30                  | 11.30                | 7.50                               | 59.59                       | 2.50                              | 2.25                    | .....                   | .....                             | 47.10                          | 22.30                              | 5.20       | .....                     | 4700.00                      | 450     |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Iowa.....                     | 805   | 70       | 875           | 16     | 31                               | 194             | 1006                  | 41.31     | 40                   | 937.59               | 186.91                 | 12.49                | 118.71                             | 62.14                       | 61.56                             | 8.30                    | .....                   | .....                             | 258.68                         | 250.03                             | 31.02      | 6.25                      | 234.00                       | 20      |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Susquehanna, N. Y.....        | 1330  | 190      | 1520          | 53     | 43                               | 253             | 1463                  | 109.63    | 19                   | 1142.33              | .....                  | 156.37               | 186.75                             | 44.82                       | 99.95                             | 51.00                   | \$125.25                | .....                             | 348.96                         | .....                              | 86.12      | .....                     | 70480.00                     | 13400   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Ohio.....                     | 632   | 94       | 726           | 18     | 19                               | 147             | 820                   | 237.3     | 16                   | 345.92               | .....                  | 204.90               | 44.82                              | 26.40                       | 36.20                             | 65.00                   | .....                   | .....                             | 122.00                         | .....                              | 30.25      | .....                     | 14300.00                     | 2600    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| New York.....                 | 138   | 756      | 894           | 28     | 27                               | 196             | 1054                  | 82.32     | 00                   | .....                | .....                  | 313.65               | 315.72                             | 97.30                       | 24.60                             | 35.99                   | 43.53                   | 822.76                            | .....                          | 62.87                              | 61.41      | 46300.00                  | 1830                         |         |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Genesee, N. Y.....            | 1621  | 231      | 1872          | 35     | 62                               | 465             | 2483                  | 118.34    | 00                   | .....                | .....                  | 65.51                | 315.72                             | 114.80                      | 24.60                             | 35.99                   | .....                   | .....                             | 102.09                         | 284.83                             | 141.47     | 54.69                     | 130200.00                    | 1830    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Wisconsin.....                | 391   | 105      | 496           | 14     | 17                               | 88              | 518                   | 31.56     | 27                   | 727.20               | 251.33                 | 32.30                | 71.06                              | 48.16                       | 66.30                             | 25.00                   | .....                   | .....                             | 140.83                         | 212.07                             | 37.16      | 7.00                      | 4200.00                      | 1105    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| West Iowa.....                | 533   | 143      | 676           | 17     | 22                               | 151             | 807                   | 40.36     | 77                   | 625.71               | .....                  | 65.51                | 71.06                              | 48.16                       | 66.30                             | 1.70                    | .....                   | .....                             | 117.28                         | 84.10                              | 13.85      | .....                     | 7640.00                      | 700     |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Dakota.....                   | 221   | 59       | 280           | 15     | 12                               | 70              | 368                   | 10.55     | 43                   | 521.93               | 500.25                 | 23.27                | 23.22                              | 9.28                        | 53.38                             | 26.25                   | .....                   | .....                             | 140.83                         | 212.07                             | 37.16      | 7.00                      | 4200.00                      | 1105    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Minnesota and North Iowa..... | 447   | 118      | 565           | 15     | 14                               | 78              | 387                   | 30.99     | 96                   | 521.69               | 500.25                 | 5.00                 | 87.03                              | 58.03                       | 69.19                             | 545.00                  | 111.64                  | .....                             | 870.29                         | 461.12                             | 59.45      | .....                     | 2970.00                      | 3600    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Michigan.....                 | 943   | 189      | 1132          | 31     | 29                               | 165             | 930                   | 54.93     | 24                   | 945.82               | 500.25                 | 16.69                | 111.11                             | 28.46                       | 34.25                             | 85.22                   | .....                   | .....                             | 94.66                          | 151.75                             | 23.17      | .....                     | 11732.00                     | 3300    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Indiana and Central Illinois  | 572   | 88       | 660           | 43     | 28                               | 199             | 930                   | 35.60     | 29                   | 799.97               | 252.40                 | 213.65               | 85.21                              | 58.03                       | 63.69                             | 387.90                  | .....                   | .....                             | 612.73                         | 254.89                             | 88.63      | .....                     | 70045.00                     | 10800   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Wabash.....                   | 452   | 22       | 474           | 20     | 9                                | 54              | 253                   | 1.96      | 49                   | 539.40               | 580.27                 | 580.27               | 78.27                              | 172.15                      | 46.31                             | 184.39                  | 387.90                  | .....                             | 94.66                          | 151.75                             | 23.17      | .....                     | 11732.00                     | 3300    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Illinois.....                 | 1043  | 150      | 1204          | 22     | 36                               | 260             | 1532                  | 105.95    | 88                   | 1556.42              | 113.59                 | 113.59               | 43.56                              | 10.11                       | 15.65                             | 60.86                   | 5.53                    | .....                             | 258.89                         | 254.89                             | 55.70      | .....                     | 14910.00                     | 367     |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| North Michigan.....           | 1036  | 195      | 1231          | 29     | 37                               | 247             | 1180                  | 50.38     | 39                   | 931.51               | 370.95                 | 128.11               | 120.59                             | 42.54                       | 45.46                             | 45.46                   | .....                   | .....                             | 612.73                         | 254.89                             | 55.70      | .....                     | 27000.00                     | 5100    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| East Michigan.....            | 856   | 133      | 1066          | 14     | 45                               | 262             | 1562                  | 17.91     | 40                   | 7909.15              | 685.91                 | 39.06                | 29.47                              | 21.31                       | 14.45                             | 14.35                   | .....                   | .....                             | 90.20                          | 96.05                              | 35.43      | 74.20                     | 3300.00                      | 25      |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Canada.....                   | 172   | 22       | 194           | 3      | 5                                | 34              | 205                   | 18.42     | 53                   | 2662.14              | 648.17                 | 16.39                | 65.50                              | 38.48                       | 45.44                             | .....                   | 14.13                   | .....                             | 385.45                         | 176.95                             | 36.87      | .....                     | 8650.00                      | .....   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Pittsburg, Pa.....            | 472   | 99       | 571           | 22     | 20                               | 96              | 495                   | 26.62     | 47                   | 749.77               | 60.50                  | 28.80                | 5.10                               | .....                       | 28.75                             | 10.28                   | .....                   | .....                             | .....                          | .....                              | .....      | 300.00                    | 615.00                       | .....   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Louisiana.....                | 490   | 215      | 705           | 13     | 37                               | 193             | 963                   | 10.16     | 47                   | 60.50                | .....                  | .....                | .....                              | .....                       | .....                             | .....                   | .....                   | .....                             | .....                          | .....                              | .....      | 2000.00                   | 3250.00                      |         |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Oregon and Washington Ter     | 118   | 14       | 130           | 8      | 4                                | 17              | 103                   | .....     | .....                | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                              | .....                       | .....                             | .....                   | .....                   | .....                             | .....                          | .....                              | .....      | .....                     | .....                        | .....   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
| Texas.....                    | 122   | 17       | 139           | 6      | 5                                | 13              | 82                    | .....     | .....                | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                              | .....                       | .....                             | .....                   | .....                   | .....                             | .....                          | .....                              | .....      | .....                     | .....                        | .....   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
|                               | 104   | 10       | 114           | 9      | 4                                | 22              | 122                   | 251.60    | .....                | 34.45                | .....                  | .....                | 12.65                              | 6.05                        | .....                             | .....                   | .....                   | .....                             | .....                          | .....                              | .....      | .....                     | .....                        | .....   |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |    |          |    |         |    |
|                               | 14166 | 3112     | 17337         | 488    | 166                              | 3452            | 18546                 | \$98825   | 56                   | \$1409087            | \$3480                 | 84                   | \$1130                             | 09                          | \$2031                            | 76                      | \$1122                  | 27                                | \$1257                         | 00                                 | \$1369     | 64                        | \$415                        | 20      | \$5338 | 36 | \$5568 | 39 | \$929 | 62 | \$659 | 05 | \$515097 | 46 | \$47887 | 46 |