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Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Session, held at Dover, New Jersey, in the Free Methodist Church, March 13-16, 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

W. B. ROSE, Secretary.

J. T. LOGAN, Assistant Secretary.

A. R. HENRY, Engrossing Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, A. G. Miller, J. S. Bradbrook, W. H. Sands.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. B. Bertels.

On Conference Records—J. Gray, O. D. Seward.

On Finance—J. Wintsch, W. B. Bertels.

On Nomination of Examiners in Course of Study, 1890—A. G. Terry.

On Ministerial Relations—W. M. Parry, D. J. Santmier, J. T. Michael, A. G. Miller, J. Flomerfelt, L. D. Southworth, S. E. Moore.

On Reforms—J. T. Michael, J. Gray, D. J. Santmier.

On Education—C. H. Southworth, C. Doepel, D. W. Hart.

On Publications—C. H. Southworth, W. B. Bertels, G. Eakins, J. Gray, J. W. Tamblyn.

On Mail Service—J. S. Bradbrook.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Assessment and Collection of Conference Claims—J. Wintsch.

On Collection of Deficiency in General Mission Claims—W. B. Rose.

On Elkton Free Methodist Church Property—J. Dickson, W. B. Bertels.

To Assist in the Collection of Funds to Liquidate the Indebtedness of Master St. Church Property, Philadelphia—W. B. Bertels, J. T. Logan, Lucius Woodruff, W. M. Parry, W. H. Laning.

On Vacant Churches—W. B. Bertels, Lucius Woodruff, J. T. Michael, A. G. Miller, J. Gray.

On Virginia School Property—J. S. Bradbrook, W. B. Bertels.

On Sunday-school Work—J. Gray, W. B. Rose, J. T. Michael, G. Eakins, J. T. Logan.

On Reduction of Railroad Fares to Next Conference—J. T. Michael.

On Conference Tent—The chairmen.

Missionary Board—A. G. Miller; J. T. Michael; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; D. J. Santmier, missionary.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

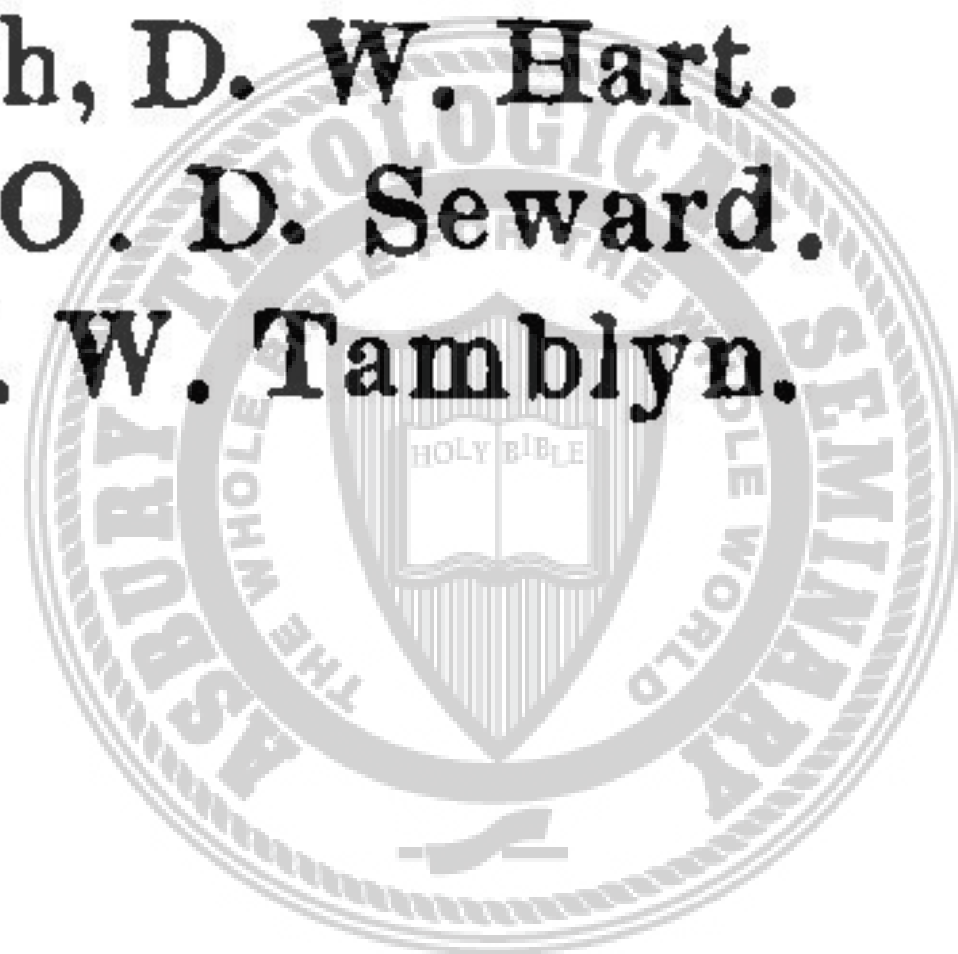
Preliminary Course—J. T. Logan.

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

Second Year—C. H. Southworth, D. W. Hart.

Third Year—J. S. Bradbrook, O. D. Seward.

Fourth Year—J. T. Michael, J. W. Tamblyn.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| A. G. Terry, | J. E. Bristol, | J. F. Michael, | L. D. Southworth, |
| J. Travis, | G. E. Ekins, | D. W. Hart, | J. J. Haviland, |
| W. M. Parry, | C. F. Wurster, | D. J. Santmier, | J. T. Logan, |
| C. H. Southworth, | J. Wintsch, | F. A. Perkins, | O. D. Seward, |
| R. Coons, | J. W. Tamblyn, | A. G. Miller, | W. H. Laning. |
| S. V. McVey, | J. S. Bradbrook, | W. B. Rose, | |

DELEGATES.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chas. Dœpel, | J. Flomerfelt, | W. B. Bertels, | L. S. Landis, |
| W. W. Bartholomew, | W. H. Sands, | W. Lee, | B. C. Relph, |
| F. Cameron, | J. Gray, | C. McKinney, | R. S. Ryman, |
| W. L. Gray, | Griffin Morgan, | J. Dickson, | C. D. Jamison, |
| J. G. Raymond, | S. E. Moore, | J. Ireloar, | W. Black. |

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, A. G. Miller, J. T. Michael, W. B. Bertels, J. Dickson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. G. Raymond.

4. Who remain on trial? A. R. Henry, J. Cavanaugh.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? None.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. H. Laning; also, John Gray, James Gray, as local elders.

8. Who have located this year? C. F. Wurster, J. J. Haviland, at their own request.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. G. Terry, F. A. Perkins, with claim; J. E. Bristol, W. M. Parry, without claim.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

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

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

13. Are all the preachers blameless in conversation, etc.? The characters of all were examined and passed.

14. Who have died this year? None.

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

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

17-18. What is the number of Sunday-schools, etc.? See table of statistics.

19. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, etc.? See report of finance committee, also statistics.

20-21. No business.

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Vineland, as near Sept. 1, 1890, as consistent with plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sixteenth annual session of this conference was held at the Free Methodist church in Dover, N. J. March 13-16, 1889. General Superintendent G. W. Coleman presided with great acceptability.

There were seven sittings: One on Wednesday, one Thursday, two Friday, and three on Saturday.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-17, 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

F. L. HALL, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, S. K. Wheatlake, J. W. Headley, J. H. Hayden, W. B. Olmstead.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing Minutes—J. B. Thompson, M. O. Morton.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Temperance—J. W. Headley, W. F. Beede.

On Secret Societies—S. K. Wheatlake, W. P. Bennett, J. W. Hamilton.

To Receive General Superintendents' Collection—J. H. Hayden.

On Publications—F. L. Hall, S. P. Hysell, Thos. Hales.

On Education—M. B. Taylor, J. W. Hamilton, J. C. Daugherty.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. E. Williams, F. L. Hall.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for 1890—The general superintendent.

On State of the Work—W. B. Olmstead, Samuel Fogle.

To Receive Superannuated Funds—J. W. Headley.

To Receive General and Foreign Mission Funds—Fillmore Lehman.

On Sabbath-schools—R. F. Brothers, C. O. Easton.

On Observance of the Sabbath—J. H. Hayden, James E. Lake.

On Ministerial Relations—J. H. Hayden, S. K. Wheatlake, F. L. Hall, Thos. Hales, J. W. Hamilton.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—W. B. Olmstead.

First Year—J. E. Williams.

Second Year—S. K. Wheatlake.

Third Year—J. H. Hayden.

Fourth Year—G. A. Olmstead.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

J. W. Headley is to receive money for C. B. Schaeffer's children.

To Secure Reduced Rates on Railroads to Conference Next Year—W. B. Olmstead.

Board of Church Extension—J. H. Hayden, S. K. Wheatlake, W. B. Olmstead, J. W. Headley, Robert Davison.

To Receive Home Missionary Funds—W. B. Olmstead.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

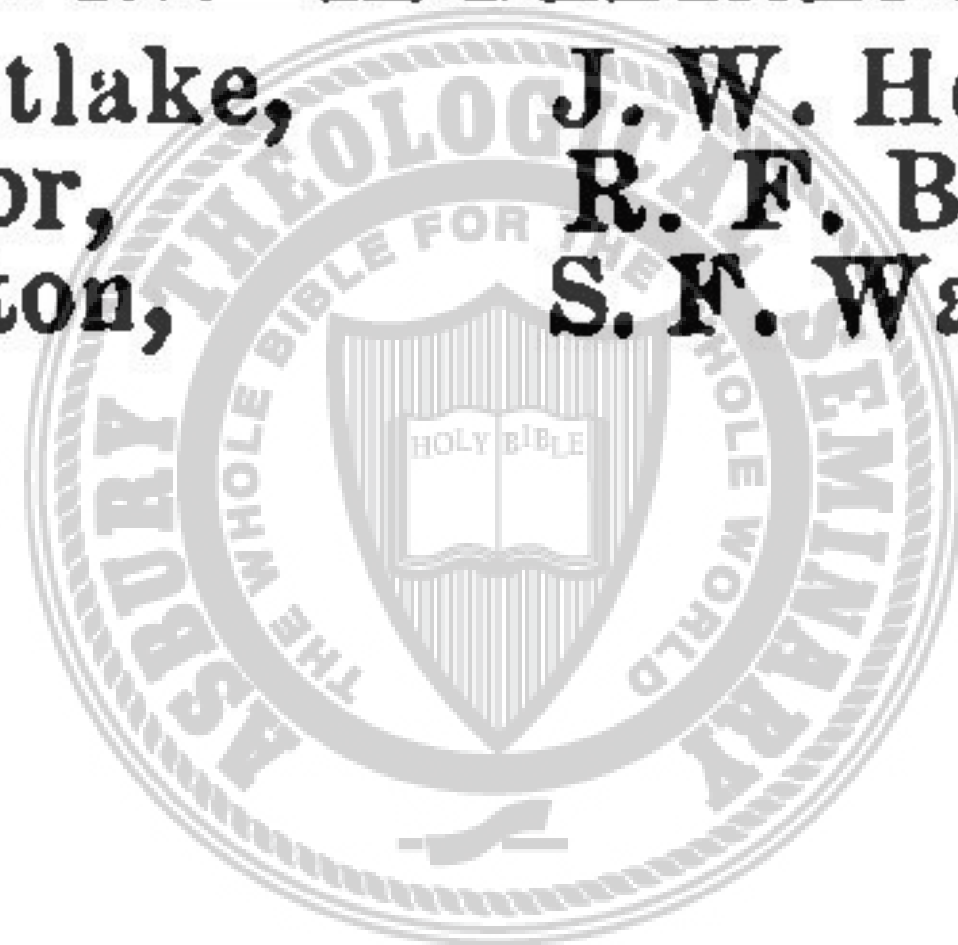
1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS.

J. H. Hayden,
J. E. Williams,
C. W. Wade,
J. Lawrence.

S. K. Wheatlake,
M. B. Taylor,
S. Wellington,
J. W. Headley,
R. F. Brothers,
S. F. Way,

W. B. Olmstead,
F. L. Hall,
G. A. Olmstead,



DELEGATES.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| J. B. Thompson, | Fillmore Lehman, | W. P. Bennett, | T. A. Wilkinson, |
| T. Hales, | M. O. Morton, | S. P. Hysell, | H. Barker, |
| C. O. Easton, | W. F. Beede, | Samuel Fogle, | J. C. Daugherty, |
| J. W. Hamilton, | Jas. E. Lake. | | |

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, W. B. Olmstead, S. K. Wheatlake, J. W. Headley, J. H. Hayden, J. B. Thompson, Thos. Hales, S. F. Fogle, Jas. E. Lake.

3. Who are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? E. N. Foulk.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. Wilson.

6. Who are the deacons? C. W. Wade, William Wilson, William Jones (local deacon).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. L. Hall; A. W. Black and W. F. Beede were ordained local elders.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

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

10. Who have been expelled this year? None.

11. Who have withdrawn this year? G. M. Hunter, who was on trial.

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

13. Who have died this year? None.

14. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

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

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At New Albany, Franklin Co., Ohio, as near the second Wednesday in September as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The eleventh annual session of the Ohio conference was held at Cleveland, O., August 14-17, 1889.

Five sittings were held, as follows: Wednesday, 2:30 p. m.; Thursday, 8:30 a. m.; Friday, 8:30 a. m.; Saturday, 8:30 a. m., and 4:00 p. m.

Preaching was as follows: Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., G. A. Olmstead; Thursday, 2:30 p. m., S. Wellington; 7:30, G. W. Coleman; Friday, 2:30 p. m., J. E. Williams; 7:30, J. Lawrence; Saturday, 2:30 p. m., Wm. Wilson; 7:30, G. W. Coleman; Sabbath, 10:30 a. m., G. W. Coleman; 2:30 p. m., S. K. Wheatlake; 7:30, C. W. Wade.

J. E. Williams was elected secretary, and F. L. Hall assistant secretary.

Fifteen preachers and fourteen delegates were present.

Brother Wm. Jones was ordained local deacon at the close of Sunday morning services; and F. L. Hall, A. W. Black and W. F. Beede were ordained elders at the close of Sunday afternoon services (Brothers Beede and Black local elders).

The following collections were taken up during the conference: For general superintendent, on Sunday morning, \$25.25; for the secretaries, \$3.02; for indebtedness on Cleveland church, a collection and subscription amounting to \$350.

Conference collections for the ensuing year are as follows: First quarter, home mission and superannuated collections, fifteen cents per member each; second quarter, general missionary and church extension collections; third quarter, general superintendents' collection, twenty cents per member; fourth quarter, General conference delegates' collection.

\$14.35 was raised for publishing minutes.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Cleveland, who so kindly entertained the conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**REPORT ON SECRET SOCIETIES.**

Your committee on secret societies submit the following:

We are as ever opposed to secret combinations, and consider them detrimental to the best interest of the church and the government of the United States. We are especially opposed to Freemasonry because we consider it to be the mother of all the others, and

in view of its hypocritical pretensions concealed under the dark mantle of bloody, diabolical oaths. Freemasonry professes to be a charitable institution, so much so that Mr. Morris says: "The broad and angelic spirit of charity enforced in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians is agreeable to the Masonic theory."—Morris' Dictionary of Freemasonry, page 55. A careful consideration of this broad and angelic charity so agreeable to the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians will reveal to any candid mind that it is all an unholy pretense. This is manifest in that a large majority of those who are most likely to need the protection and aid that Freemasonry offers are purposely and deliberately forbidden to enter the limits of its charity. We are driven to the unavoidable conclusion that any institution that would blackball our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters from its protection and aid; that would reject humanity under all circumstances of life under twenty-one years of age; that would exclude from its precincts the diseased, the crippled, and the aged, is utterly unworthy of the name of charity. An institution professing benevolence, requiring its solicitors to bow three times at its altar and swear before an open Bible to ever conceal and never reveal its secrets under no less penalty than having their throats cut, their tongues torn out by the roots, their breasts torn open and their hearts plucked out, and their bodies severed in twain and their bowels taken from them and burnt to ashes, must necessarily be diabolical and extremely selfish. Charity wrung from an institution by such horrible oaths, taking human life as security against their violation, is, in fact, no charity at all. Is this like unto the broad and angelic charity enforced in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians? We emphatically answer, "No."

That Freemasonry is a system of religion no well-informed Mason will conscientiously deny. In speaking of initiation, Mr. Mackey says: "Applied to symbolism it is to remind the candidate of his ignorance, which Masonry is to enlighten; of his evil nature, which Masonry is to purify; of the world in whose obscurity he has been wandering and from which Masonry is to secure him." It represents all outside of its doors as in a state of sin, helplessness and ignorance. It promises by initiation to turn them by a new and spiritual birth from darkness to light, from bondage to liberty, from death to life, and from sin to purity—to preserve them in this state and by a mystical ladder transfer them to the grand celestial lodge above. Hence, what the Holy Spirit does for man through the blood of Jesus Christ, Freemasonry promises to do by initiation. What blasphemy, especially when we are reminded of the fact that they have ignored the blood of Christ by deliberately casting his dear name out of their rituals, which is sufficient of itself to hopelessly alienate every adhering Mason from God and Heaven; that they place God's Holy Bible on the level with the Mohammedan Koran; that they offer to regenerate and purify Christ-rejecting Jews, licentious Mohammedans, Chinese, and Turks, without a change in their religious views or ungodly practices; that thousands of ministers and lay members belonging to orthodox churches are connected with this stupendous, soul-delusive fraud.

Resolved, 1. That we will not knowingly invite Freemason ministers to occupy our pulpits.

2. That we recommend that the members of this conference more thoroughly inform themselves on the evils of secret societies, and preach more frequently against them.

3. That we rejoice in the exposure and downfall of the Clan-na-Gael, brought on by the murder of Dr. Cronin, of Chicago.

APPOINTMENTS.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—W. B. OLMSTEAD, Chairman.

Edgerton and Blakeslee.....William Wilson
Delta and Amboy.....J. W. Headley
Holland, Monclova and Toledo.....S. F. Way
Deshler and North Baltimore.....C. W. Wade
Windsor and Chicago Junction....To be supplied
E. N. Foulk, conference evangelist; member of Toledo district quarterly conference.

ATHENS DISTRICT.—W. B. OLMSTEAD, Chairman.

Athens.....J. H. Hayden
Pomeroy.....R. F. Brothers
Logan.....M. B. Taylor
Howard and New Albany.....G. A. Olmstead
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....H. Barker, supply
Covington.....To be supplied

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—J. E. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Cleveland.....Joseph Lawrence
Ridgeville, Brunswick and Smith Road.....F. L. Hall; H. F. Hall, supply
Grigg's Corners, Harbor, Mentor and Thompson.....J. E. Williams
Steamtown and Youngstown.....J. E. Lake, supply

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

Summerfield, Perryopolis, Sarahsville and Senecaville, S. K. Wheatlake & S. Wellington
West Liberty and Benwood.....To be supplied

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. | Evangelists' Re- ceipts. | Superannuated Claim. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Claim. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TOLEDO DISTRICT. | J. W. Headley, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | 45 | 3 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 30 | \$240 00 | \$35 90 | ... | \$4 10 | \$8 20 | \$2 25 | ... | \$10 00 | \$15 00 | \$3400 | \$600 |
| Delta and Amboy..... | J. W. Headley..... | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 2 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 50 | 202 21 | 18 68 | ... | 2 75 | 7 40 | 4 72 | ... | 15 00 | 60 00 | 800 | ... |
| Edgerton and Blakeslee..... | J. E. Williams..... | | | | | | | | | | 31 | 9 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 40 | 206 00 | 15 00 | 3 00 | 1 34 | 2 80 | 2 30 | 2 30 | 8 50 | 67 00 | 600 | ... |
| Deshler and Findlay..... | C. W. Wade..... | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 4 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 75 | 207 66 | 25 65 | 6 00 | 1 70 | 3 40 | 2 25 | 1 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 1500 | 800 |
| Holland and Monclova..... | G. M. Hunter..... | | | | | | | | | | 17 | ... | 17 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 84 65 | ... | 10 00 | 50 | 3 40 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3900 | ... |
| CLEVELAND DISTRICT. | W. B. Olmstead, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | 25 | ... | 25 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 50 | 206 29 | ... | 28 00 | 3 00 | 6 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | ... | ... | 1500 | 500 |
| Cleveland..... | W. B. Olmstead..... | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 10 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 36 | ... | 73 25 | 18 00 | ... | 2 60 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Ridgeville..... | S. F. Way..... | | | | | | | | | | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 75 | 12 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Ashtabula and Grigg's Corners..... | W. B. Olmstead..... | | | | | | | | | | 28 | ... | 28 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 50 | 220 58 | 11 50 | ... | 4 00 | 6 00 | 4 00 | 1 05 | ... | ... | 500 | ... |
| Steamtown and Youngstown..... | F. L. Hall..... | | | | | | | | | | 64 | 6 | 70 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 86 | 300 00 | 8 70 | ... | 4 95 | 11 55 | 7 26 | 5 35 | 16 31 | 17 70 | 2000 | ... |
| Brunswick and Smith Road..... | J. H. Hayden, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | 31 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 20 | 243 25 | 24 49 | ... | 2 50 | 5 40 | ... | 1 40 | 9 02 | ... | ... | ... |
| ATHENS DISTRICT. | R. F. Brothers..... | | | | | | | | | | 70 | 5 | 75 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 105 | 315 92 | ... | ... | 5 00 | 9 50 | 5 25 | 3 50 | 35 96 | ... | 450 | ... |
| Athens..... | M. B. Taylor..... | | | | | | | | | | 45 | 1 | 46 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 96 | 297 14 | 16 85 | ... | 3 60 | 7 20 | 5 40 | 2 60 | 20 88 | 41 00 | ... | ... |
| Howard and New Albany..... | J. H. Hayden..... | | | | | | | | | | 24 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 54 | 193 78 | 10 08 | 14 98 | 2 45 | 4 80 | 2 40 | ... | 31 48 | 13 81 | 2000 | ... |
| Pomeroy..... | H. Barker, supply..... | | | | | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Logan..... | Wm. Wilson..... | | | | | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove..... | S. K. Wheatlake, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT. | S. K. Wheatlake, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Summerfield, Perryopolis and Seneca- ville..... | S. K. Wheatlake and S. Wellington..... | | | | | | | | | | 193 | 20 | 213 | 1 | 4 | 42 | 200 | 668 10 | ... | ... | 7 82 | 17 83 | 7 87 | 8 84 | 26 71 | ... | 2500 | 500 |
| Benwood and West Liberty..... | E. R. King, supply..... | | | | | | | | | | 10 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Fifteen and Newell's Run..... | Supplied by chairman..... | | | | | | | | | | 6 | ... | 6 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total for conference..... | | | | | | | | | | | 655 | 62 | 713 | 23 | 25 | 206 | 911 | \$3390 58 | \$253 85 | \$106 23 | \$43 71 | \$96 08 | \$48 70 | \$33 69 | \$198 86 | \$224 51 | \$19150 | \$2400 |

OREGON AND WASH. CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Sunnyside, Oregon, July 25-27, 1889.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

J. LA DUE, Secretary.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

J. C. Scott, C. E. McReynolds, J. T. Watson, J. Burrows, W. Passage.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

M. Grantham, E. R. Rugg, Ira F. Ward, J. T. Watson.

COMMITTEES.

On Reforms—J. La Due, C. E. McReynolds, J. T. Watson.

On Education—E. P. Hart, J. C. Scott, J. H. Bennett.

On Missions—J. La Due.

On Collecting Money to Publish Minutes—J. W. Kager.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. C. Scott, J. Burrows.

On Conference Claimants—E. R. Rugg, J. C. Scott, E. W. Achilles.

On Receiving Money for General Superintendents' Claims—E. R. Rugg.

On Ministerial Relations—C. E. McReynolds, J. Burrows, J. C. Scott, J. W. Kager, J. T. Watson.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—J. La Due.

First Year—J. C. Scott.

Second Year—J. W. Kager.

Third Year—N. C. Mower.

Fourth Year—C. E. McReynolds.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—J. C. Scott.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

On Reforms—C. E. McReynolds.

On Education—J. C. Scott.

On Missions—N. C. Mower.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

Geo. Windust,
Ira F. Ward,
J. C. Scott,

A. P. Goode,
J. La Due,
H. S. Abbott,

Geo. Edwards,
F. Cathey,
J. W. Kager.

N. C. Mower,
H. Vanderveen,

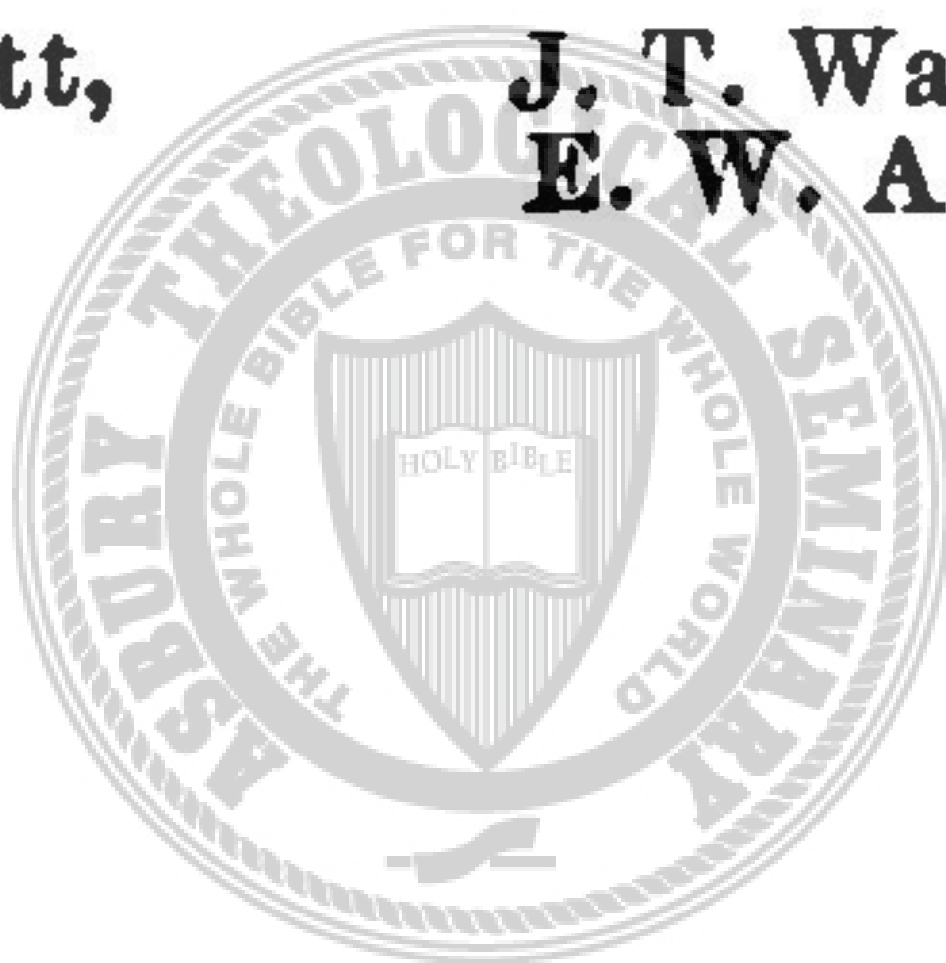
DELEGATES.

E. R. Rugg,
J. Burrows,

J. H. Bennett,
J. H. May,

J. T. Watson,
E. W. Achilles,

W. Passage,
O. C. Chase.



2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. W. Kager, J. C. Scott, C. E. McReynolds, J. H. Bennett, J. Burrows, W. Passage.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. G. Tunison, W. J. Bowerman, R. H. Dollarhide.
4. Who remain on trial? P. H. Griggs, E. N. Foster, J. Brown.
6. Who are the deacons? A. P. Goode, Geo. Windust, F. Cathey, H. Vanderveen.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. La Due.
10. Who have been received by transfer? C. E. McReynolds, from the North Minnesota conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? H. S. Abbott.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 15-18. See statistical report.
19. See Miscellaneous.
22. See appointments.
23. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? Left with the general superintendent and the district chairmen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fifth annual session of the Oregon and Washington Territory conference was held in connection with a camp meeting at Sunnyside, Clackamas Co., Oregon, July 24 to August 4, 1889. The camp meeting was quite well attended, and quite a number of seekers were blessed during its progress. From the first Sunday love-feast the Spirit was present in a special manner.

Four sittings of conference were held.

Real brotherly love prevailed, and the Holy Spirit was manifestly present.

At the first roll call three preachers responded, and seven delegates were admitted.

Rev. C. E. McReynolds was received by transfer from the North Minnesota conference.

Rev. H. S. Abbott was granted a certificate of good standing.

During conference, J. La Due, and E. R. Rugg, a local preacher, were ordained elders.

On Sunday, Z. K. Allen, a local preacher, was ordained deacon.

Conference ordered the collections for this year to be taken as follows: Conference claimant (thirty-five cents per member), and home missionary, first quarter; general missionary (ten cents per member), and foreign missionary, second quarter; church extension and aid society, first month in third quarter; general superintendents' claims, first month of fourth quarter (twenty cents per member).

The preachers were requested to prepare reports during the year on the customary subjects, so as to be ready to assist the chairmen of standing committees at the next session.

Several very interesting and spiritual fifteen-minute addresses were given by the president.

Two collections were taken, by which the deficiencies on the church at Mt. Vernon, Washington Territory, and on the conference claimant's dues, were fully met. One dollar and sixty-seven cents were raised for stationery. Fifteen dollars were collected for publishing the minutes. It was ordered that twenty-five dollars of the home missionary money be paid this year to the Salem charge. The home missionary money for last year was paid to J. W. Kager.

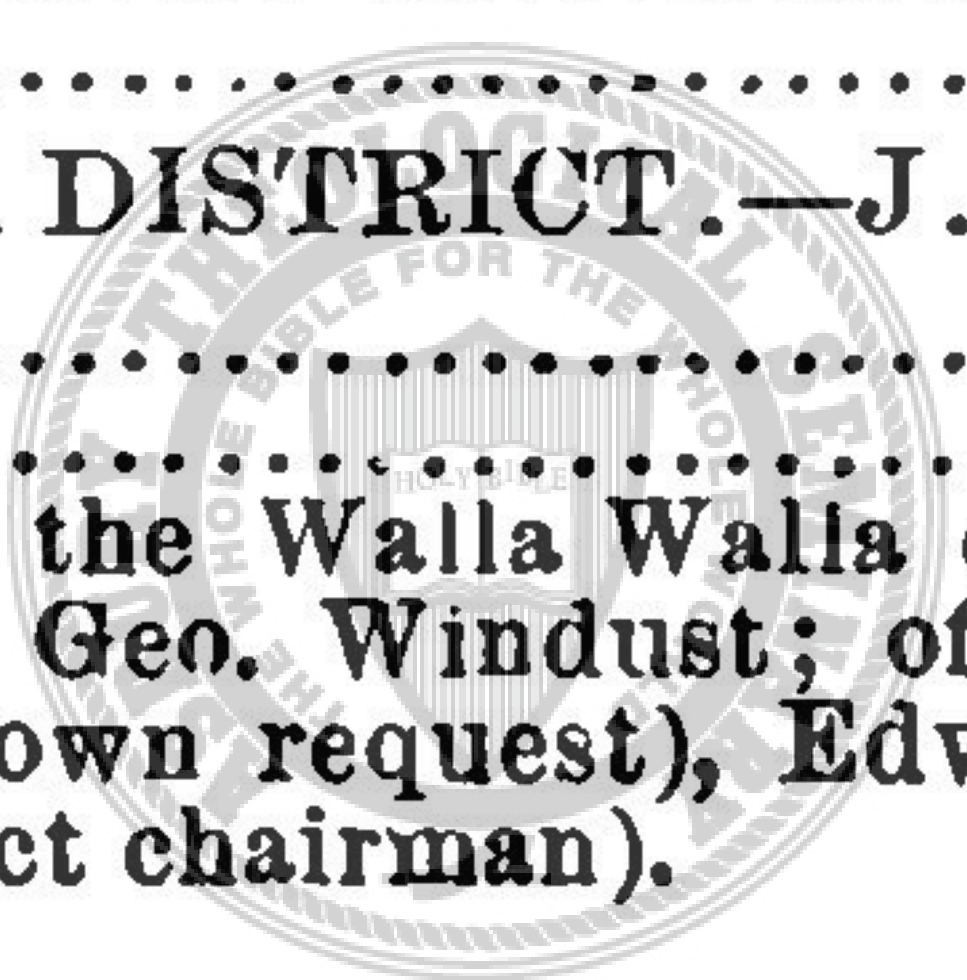
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON REFORMS.

God has called his people to be reformers; we, therefore, as his followers, are in hearty sympathy with all true reforms of the day.

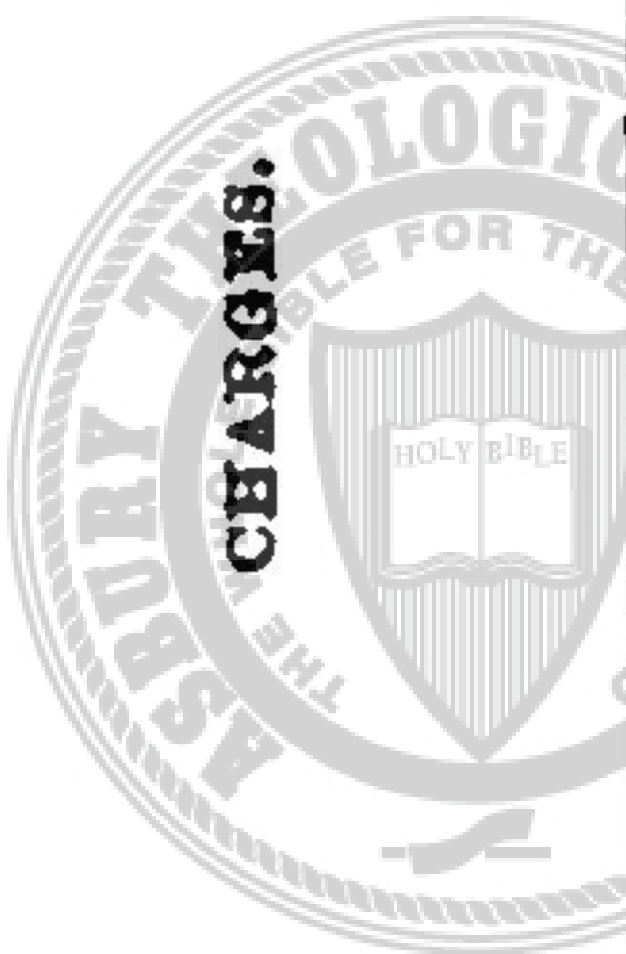
We declare our abhorrence of the practice of legalizing men to ruin the minds, the bodies, and the souls of our fellow beings, for the sake of revenue derived therefrom. We would urge our people to vote with the Prohibition party, as the most practical and speedy method of abolishing the liquor curse. But we feel constrained to say that caution is needed in uniting with others in associated efforts for reformatory ends, that the

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON AND WASHINGTON TERRITORY CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-schools. | Officers, Teachers. | Scholars. | Preachers' Receipts. | Chairmen's Receipts. | Evangelists' Receipts. | Superannuated Claims. | General Superintendents' Collection. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Conference Missionary Fund. | Church Extension and Aid Collection. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Expense Collection. | Tract Collection. | Tent Fund. | Value of Church Property. | For Orleans College. |
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| PORTLAND DISTRICT. | H. S. Abbott, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Portland, Beaverton, etc. | J. W. Kager; D. Cathey, Sup. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sodaville and Brownsville | J. G. Tunison, supply. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem and Dayton | H. S. Abbott, J. Brown. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WALLA WALLA DISTRICT. | I. F. Ward, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walla Walla | I. F. Ward and E. N. Foster | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pomeroy | Geo. Edwards. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dayton | Geo. Edwards. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eureka Flat | A. P. Goode. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waverly | Edwin Stayt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colfax | N. O. Mower. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PUGET SOUND DISTRICT. | J. O. Scott, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seattle, Wilkeson, etc. | J. O. Scott & H. Vanderveen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snohomish | R. H. Dollarhide, supply. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blaine, Whatcom, etc. | P. H. Griggs and W. Jones. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for conference. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



During the conference sessions the following were introduced: Rev. Mr. Blakeslee, of the First Methodist Church, Dover; Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, of the Millbrook M. E. Church; Rev. Mr. Bloom, of the Second M. E. Church, Dover; and Rev. Dr. B. C. Magie, county commissioner of public schools; and they, with A. R. Henry, Lucius Woodruff, W. Gould, John Gray, and J. Cavanaugh, were invited to honorary seats.

J. Dickson was elected on the stationing committee as representative from the New York and Philadelphia districts, and W. B. Bertels was elected from the Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts.

J. G. Raymond was admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

J. Travis was granted a certificate of good standing in the conference, with a view to transfer to another conference.

W. W. Dickson, on trial in conference, has been granted a certificate of transfer by the New York district quarterly conference.

W. H. Laning, John Gray and James Gray, were elected to elder's orders, and were ordained on Sabbath afternoon.

Emily Dickson was granted evangelist's license, according to provisions of Discipline, section 18, paragraph 162.

J. T. Logan was returned to Vineland circuit for the third year, in harmony with new rule of Discipline.

D. J. Santmier was elected conference missionary.

C. F. Wurster and J. J. Haviland were granted certificates of location, at their own request.

W. M. Parry and F. A. Perkins were placed on the superannuated list, the latter with claim.

The conference decided to have two traveling chairmen. J. T. Michael was elected to travel the New York and Philadelphia districts, and A. G. Miller the Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts.

In the interval of the conferences Brother J. J. Haviland has been called to mourn the loss of his wife and father; and the conference passed resolutions expressive of sympathy for him in his bereavement.

The committee on 12th and Dickinson St. church property made report that they had sold the building, and given the proceeds of the sale, amounting to \$1135.44, to the trustees of Master St. church, Philadelphia, to aid in the liquidation of debt on said church. The report included a vote of thanks to Sister Emma E. Armstrong for her share of the original donation to the 12th St. church.

Raised for stationery for use of the secretaries, \$6.49.

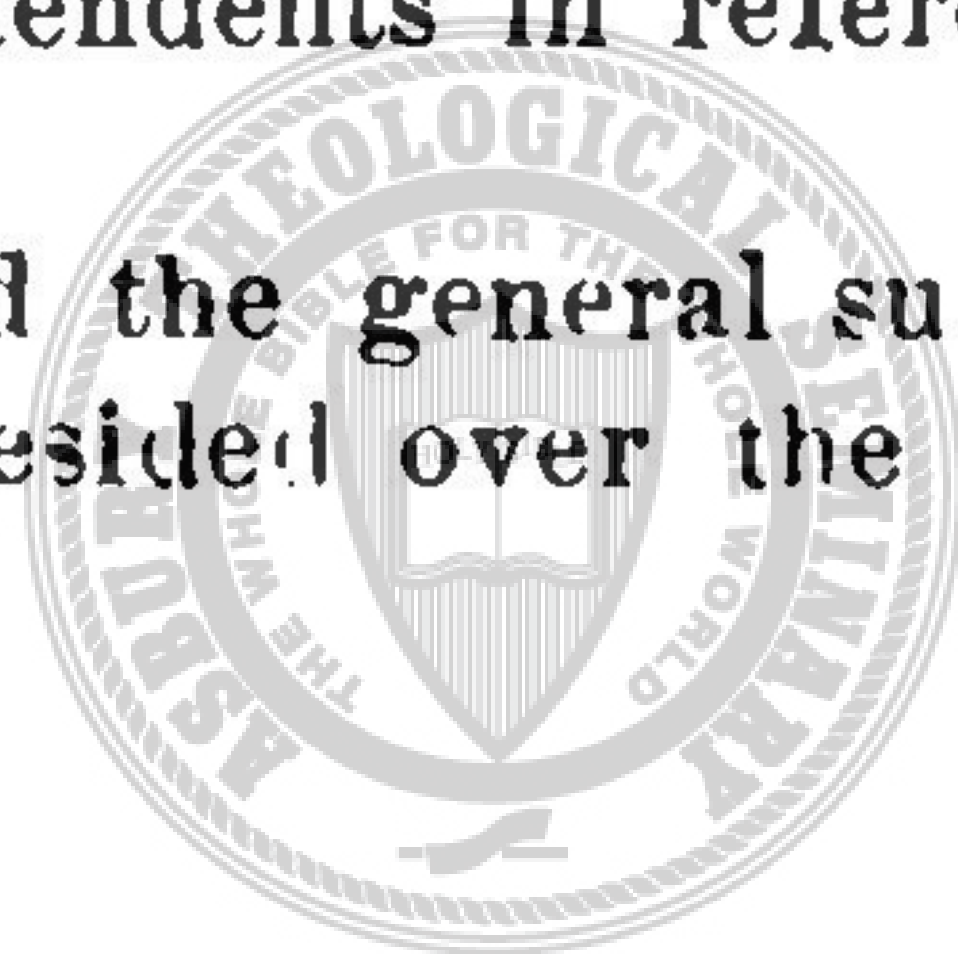
By vote of conference, the cyclostyle purchased in 1885, was presented to the secretary.

Conference decided to hold its next session in the fall of 1890, at Vineland, N. J.

A resolution in the interest of Sunday-school work was adopted.

The conference, by its action, decided to agree to whatever arrangement might be made by the general superintendents in reference to holding the next General conference later in the year.

A vote of thanks was tendered the general superintendent, G. W. Coleman, for the able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of this conference session.



RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Resolved, That we undertake to raise a sum equal to twenty-five cents a member for conference missions, during the coming year.

II.

Resolved, That the conference collections be taken in same order for the first twelve months as during the last conference year, and that for the remaining six months the same as for the first and second quarters.

III.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the people of Dover for their kindness and hospitality shown in the entertainment of this conference, also to Brother J. S. Bradbrook for his promptness and efficiency in making the necessary arrangements for our comfort and convenience, and also to the D. L. & W. R. R. company for their kindness in granting reduced rates to this conference.

IV.

WHEREAS, It is manifest that the Free Methodist Sabbath-school fails, to a great extent, as a nursery in which the young are nurtured and saved to the Free Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, It is also manifest that the Free Methodist Church fails to win and retain many of the young in her membership; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider these results, investigate the cause or causes thereof, and report upon the same at the next annual conference, with such recommendations to the ensuing General conference of changes in the Discipline as, in their opinion, shall remove the cause, change the results, and save the young to our church.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS TO PUBLISH MINUTES.

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| Amount required..... | \$25 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 25 00 |

II.—CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Only one record was brought to conference, that of the Philadelphia district, and this was reported to have been found in an excellent condition.

III.—ON FINANCE.

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| Received: | |
| Superannuated claim..... | \$195 96 |
| General superintendents' claim..... | 159 23 |
| General missions..... | 66 75 |
| Conference missions..... | 159 68 |
| Foreign missions..... | 6 15 |
| African missions | 23 00 |
| India missions..... | 27 40 |
| For tracts..... | 75 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total receipts..... | \$638 92 |
| Paid: | |
| Superannuated claim..... | \$195 96 |
| On superintendents', to G. W. Coleman..... | 86 63 |
| “ “ “ S. K. J. Chesbro. | 72 60 |
| To treasurer of Gen'l Mission Board, on general missions..... | 66 75 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ on foreign missions..... | 6 15 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ on African missions..... | 23 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ on India missions..... | 27 40 |
| “ “ “ Conference missions for conference missions..... | 159 68 |
| “ “ “ Conference mission for tracts..... | 75 |
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| Total disbursements..... | \$638 92 |

MISSIONARY BOARD.

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|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance last report..... | \$288 04 | |
| Receipts from various sources..... | 161 67 | |
| From conference..... | 160 43 | |
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| Total receipts..... | | \$610 14 |
| Cash paid to D. J. Santmier..... | \$540 00 | |
| “ “ “ D. W. Hart..... | 10 00 | |
| “ “ “ A. E. Haviland..... | 5 00 | |
| Expenses..... | 42 84 | |
| Balance on hand..... | 12 30 | |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$610 14 |

IV.—ON REFORMS.

1. Sin is in perpetual and irreconcilable opposition to God, and we declare ourselves to be under the leadership of God in the battle. Not only is this our theory, but it is our desire and purpose to co-operate with the Holy Spirit in the battle against every manifestation of wrong.

2. There is in our midst a great secret anti-Christian religion. It excludes our Lord Jesus Christ. It offers salvation without him. There is a wide-spread failure upon the part of the professed Christian church to expose and destroy this system. For this reason, we should be especially careful to keep the light shining upon the people; not merely upon those who are without, but upon our own members, and ministers. Any church that neglects to retain the truth in its head should not expect to continue to feel the truth in its heart.

3. We are glad when any preliminary victory is gained over the liquor traffic, but we intend that all who defend and uphold the business shall understand that we are praying, and working, and voting for its complete and universal annihilation.

4. The abuse of the Sabbath upon the part of many corporations is an unspeakable curse to our nation. Every laboring man who violates the laws of the Bible and his own being by consenting to do evil in obedience to the unjust demands of these corporations, and every church which allows its members to do so, both take the course which tends to increase the extent and depth of the ruin which must inevitably follow. We must, therefore, see to it that our rules on this subject are lovingly, but firmly and thoroughly enforced, and that there must be no compromise, no matter where the place may be.

5. Victory is upon the side of God and the right, and taking our stand upon that side, we live and sing,

“ Thy saints in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the victory from afar,
By faith they bring it nigh.”

V.—ON EDUCATION.

Ignorance is the source of error and superstition. It also breeds criminals. Wherever schools are neglected, and learning declines, error and superstition prevail, and crime flourishes. Other things being equal, education makes better citizens, more competent officers, more useful ministers of the Gospel, and more efficient workers in the vineyard of our Lord. We should, therefore, do all we consistently can to advance the interests of education. We rejoice to see the interest manifested by our church in this direction.

As a committee we would call your attention to our numerous institutions of learning, both East and West. We believe they are all doing a good work, not only by instructing in the various branches of human learning, but by bringing a healthful moral influence to bear upon the soul, which frequently results in leading the student to Christ, and should be patronized and supported by our people in preference to other schools.

We would suggest that the New York conference patronize more particularly the A. M. Cheshbrough Seminary, as it is our home school.

We would also suggest that schools be founded no faster than we can pay for and support them, lest by causing too great a drain upon our people for the payment of accumulated debts in this direction, we discourage them, and there be a reaction detrimental to the cause the interests of which we would promote.

VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is the recognized means by which the masses may be reached. It may be made to accomplish much good or great evil. In seeking to elevate man and promote the interests of the cause of God, we should avail ourselves of the benefits of the press, not only for the purpose of expressing our own thoughts and convictions, but for the purpose of circulating the truth as expressed by others.

We should be extremely careful what literature we read or circulate, lest while we would get and do good we read or circulate that which is vicious in its tendency. There are some nominally religious papers which, while they express some truth, also publish

much which is misleading, and corrupting to spirituality. We should avoid such. There are papers published by other denominations than our own, not only religious but reformatory, which may be read with profit. While we do not object to our people taking and reading the publications of other denominations, we suggest that where they are able to take but one paper, they take our own church organ, the *Free Methodist*, in preference to others; considering it, as we do, one of the best purely religious papers published. And we earnestly request our preachers to urge all their members to subscribe for it. While the *Earnest Christian* is not an acknowledged church organ, it cannot be carefully read without profit, and we cordially recommend it to our people, and others.

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—J. T. MICHAEL, Chairman.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Brooklyn and Farmingdale..... | Geo. Eakins |
| New York (German)..... | J. S. Bradbrook |
| Newark..... | John Wintsch |
| Elizabeth and Rahway..... | John Gray, supply |
| Dover..... | S. V. McVey |
| Stanhope, Amity, Shippenport and Hackettstown. | A. R. Henry |

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—J. T. MICHAEL, Chairman.

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| Philadelphia, Master St..... | To be supplied |
| West Philadelphia Mission..... | To be supplied |
| Chester..... | To be supplied |
| Vineland and Bridgeton..... | J. T. Logan |
| Elkton and Pleasant Hill..... | W. H. Lining |
| Washington and Alexandria..... | C. H. Southworth |
| Centre Valley..... | To be supplied |

WILKES BARRE DISTRICT.—A. G. MILLER, Chairman.

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| Wilkes Barre and Orange..... | W. B. Bertels, supply; J. G. Raymond |
| Prospect Hill, Keiserville and Meshoppen..... | O. D. Seward |
| Abington, Scranton and Highland..... | J. W. Tamblin |
| West Preston, Steven's Point, Kinyon Hill and Uniondale..... | H. Armstrong |
| Beach Pond, Canaan, Hemlock Hollow and Hollisterville..... | L. D. Southworth |
| Phillipsburg, Allentown and White Haven..... | W. B. Rose |

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

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| Windsor, Bainbridge, Unadilla, Oneonta and Milford..... | D. W. Hart, J. Caynaugh |
| Liberty, Loch Sheldrake and Beaver Kill..... | To be supplied |
| Windham..... | R. Coons |
| F. A. Perkins, superannuated; member of Philadelphia district quarterly conference. | |
| J. Travis, member of Philadelphia district quarterly conference. | |
| W. M. Parry, superannuated; member of Philadelphia district quarterly conference. | |
| A. G. Terry, superannuated; member of Wilkes Barre district quarterly conference. | |
| D. J. Santmier, conference missionary; member of Wilkes Barre district quarterly conference. | |
| J. E. Bristol, superannuated; member of Windsor district quarterly conference. | |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Year of admission into full connection. | Names. | Addresses. |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1861 | A. G. Terry..... | Uniondale, Pa. |
| 1861 | J. Travis..... | 1022 Emerson St., Evanston, Ill. |
| 1867 | W. M. Parry..... | 2433 Thompson St., Philadelphia. |
| 1870 | C. H. Southworth | Alexandria, Va. |
| 1872 | R. Coons..... | Breakabeen, Schoharie Co., N. Y. |
| 1872 | S. V. McVey..... | Dover, N. J. |
| 1875 | J. E. Bristol..... | Harpersville, Broome Co., N. Y. |
| 1876 | G. Eakins..... | 126 16 n St., Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| 1878 | J. Wintsch..... | 275 Division St., New York, N. Y. |

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| 1878 | J. W. Tamblyn..... | Waverly, Lackawanna Co., Pa. |
| 1879 | J. S. Bradbrook..... | Dover, N. J. |
| 1879 | J. T. Michael..... | 2506 Wright St., Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 1879 | D. W. Hart..... | Windsor, N. Y. |
| 1880 | D. J. Santmier..... | Beaumont, Pa. |
| 1881 | F. A. Perkins..... | Chester, Pa. |
| 1881 | A. G. Miller..... | Phillipsburgh, N. J. |
| 1882 | W. B. Rose..... | Allentown, Pa. |
| 1882 | L. D. Southworth..... | Simon, Wayne Co., Pa. |
| 1885 | J. T. Logan..... | Vineland, N. J. |
| 1885 | O. D. Seward..... | Vose, Wayne Co., Pa. |
| 1887 | W. H. Laning..... | Elkton, Maryland. |

ON TRIAL.

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| 1888 | A. R. Henry..... | Sparta, N. J. |
| 1888 | J. Cavanaugh..... | Portlandville, Otsego Co., N. Y. |
| 1889 | J. G. Raymond..... | 269 S. Main St., Wilkes Barre, Pa. |

EVANGELISTS.

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|------------------------------|---|
| *Mrs. Emily Dickson..... | 3503 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. |
| *Mrs. Calista Fairchild..... | 1014 10th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. |
| Miss A. E. Haviland..... | Rahway, N. J. |
| *Mrs. Mindwell Manzer..... | South Gibson, Susquehanna Co., Pa. |
| Mrs. Ellen M. Reed..... | South Canaan, Wayne Co., Pa. |
| Mrs. Maria Rose..... | Allentown, Pa. |
| *Mrs. Mary E. Santmier..... | Beaumont, Pa. |

*Licensed by conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

ELDERS.

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| W. B. Bertels..... | Wilkes Barre, Luzerne Co., Pa. |
| G. E. Ferrin..... | Fairport, Monroe Co., N. Y. |
| James Gray..... | 246 14th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| John Gray..... | 246 14th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| J. J. Haviland..... | Rahway, N. J. |
| Noah Patrick..... | Mill City, Wyoming Co., Pa. |
| F. A. Perkins..... | Chester, Delaware Co., Pa. |
| G. W. Swingle..... | South Canaan, Wayne Co., Pa. |

DEACONS.

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| I. C. Aiken..... | Perth Amboy, N. J. |
| B. G. Ely..... | Gravity, Wayne Co., Pa. |
| C. F. Kæppel..... | 551 W. 52 St., New York, N. Y. |
| R. F. Macy..... | Nantucket, Mass. |
| Jesse L. Stiles..... | 1412 S. 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa. |
| L. Woodruff..... | Binghamton, N. Y. |

NOT ORDAINED.

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| Hartley Armstrong..... | Scranton, Pa. |
| W. W. Bartholomew..... | Liberty Falls, Sullivan Co., N. Y. |
| W. A. Bertels..... | Wilkes Barre, Luzerne Co., Pa. |
| G. Brazee..... | Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y. |
| M. L. Connor..... | Spottsylvania C. H., Va. |
| Levi S. Landis..... | Centre Valley, Pa. |
| Chas. McKinney..... | Simon, Wayne Co., Pa. |
| Frank Nixon..... | Phillipsburgh, Pa. |
| P. Phillips..... | West Lenox, Susquehanna Co., Pa. |
| W. H. Sands..... | Dover, Morris Co., N. J. |
| B. F. Schantz..... | Parryville, Carbon Co., Pa. |
| Peter Vandyke..... | Oneonta, Otsego Co., N. Y. |
| W. Wilhelm..... | Phillipsburgh, Warren Co., N. J. |
| W. K. Wright..... | Elkton, Cecil Co., Md. |



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| Brooklyn and Farmingdale..... | Geo. Eakins..... | 3 | 54 | 6 | 60 | 1 | 14 | 92 | \$95 50 | \$892 22 | \$14 58 | \$10 80 | \$13 50 | \$5 40 | | \$3 65 | \$6327 |
| New York (German)..... | O. F. Wurster..... | 1 | 30 | 13 | 30 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 75 00 | 640 00 | 9 00 | 8 25 | 8 25 | 3 30 | A\$18 00 | 20 00 | ..... |
| Newark (German)..... | J. Wintsch..... | 1 | 29 | 13 | 42 | 1 | 13 | 56 | 57 15 | 500 00 | 8 10 | 6 00 | 7 50 | 3 00 | I 15 00 | 19 45 | 4000 |
| Brooklyn (German)..... | J. Wintsch..... | 1 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 100 | ..... | ..... | 1 62 | 1 20 | 1 50 | 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elizabeth and Rahway..... | J. S. Bradbrook..... | 1 | 27 | 2 | 27 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 97 00 | 752 00 | 2 70 | 2 00 | 1 13 | 2 80 | ..... | ..... | 5100 |
| Dover..... | A. R. Henry..... | 1 | 15 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 13 | 155 | 20 00 | 207 17 | 7 56 | 2 60 | 3 25 | 1 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stanhope, Amity and Shippenport..... | I. T. Johnson..... | 1 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 13 | 155 | ..... | 5 19 | 1 08 | 2 87 | 1 00 | 1 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hackettstown and Allamuchy..... | J. O'Regan, supply..... | 3 | 16 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 50 00 | 182 85 | 4 41 | 3 80 | 3 59 | 1 55 | ..... | ..... | 1200 |
| Phillipsburgh and Green's Bridge..... | J. O'Regan, supply..... | 1 | 20 | 1 | 21 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 10 00 | 223 35 | 5 13 | 3 80 | 4 75 | 1 90 | ..... | ..... | 2250 |
| Allentown..... | C. W. Burger, supply..... | 1 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 20 00 | 80 00 | 4 05 | 3 00 | 3 75 | 1 50 | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| Centre Valley..... | J. G. Raymond, supply..... | 1 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 10 | 65 | ..... | 207 00 | 5 13 | 3 80 | 1 00 | 1 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Windham..... | W. M. Parry..... | 1 | 35 | 4 | 39 | 1 | 10 | 65 | 56 36 | 380 90 | 8 37 | 6 20 | 7 75 | 3 10 | I 12 40 | 6 00 | 6000 |
| Philadelphia, Master St..... | E. Dickson, supply..... | 2 | 17 | 3 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 3 00 | 460 56 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 1 00 | 60 | 1 15 | 4 15 | ..... |
| West Philadelphia Mission..... | W. H. Laning..... | 2 | 29 | 2 | 31 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 25 00 | 475 00 | 8 91 | 2 18 | 8 25 | 3 30 | ..... | 2 00 | 25 |
| Philadelphia (12th St.). Chester and Camden.. | J. T. Logan..... | 1 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 1 | 7 | 45 | 25 06 | 341 78 | 5 40 | 4 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | 1300 |
| Vineland and Millville..... | F. A. Perkins..... | 1 | 29 | 4 | 33 | 2 | 15 | 65 | 35 00 | 440 00 | 9 45 | 7 00 | 1 91 | ..... | ..... | 4 00 | ..... |
| Elkton, Northeast and Pleasant Hill..... | D. W. Hart..... | 1 | 28 | 7 | 35 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 15 00 | ..... | 6 48 | 4 80 | 6 00 | 2 40 | ..... | 2 00 | 1000 |
| *Washington and Alexandria..... | W. B. Rose..... | 3 | 47 | 8 | 55 | 1 | 8 | 60 | 47 30 | 589 53 | 12 32 | 8 80 | 11 00 | 4 40 | ..... | ..... | 6000 |
| Wilkes Barre, White Haven and Forty Fort.... | O. D. Seward..... | 1 | 45 | 9 | 54 | 3 | 14 | 80 | 29 69 | 405 63 | 11 63 | 8 60 | 10 75 | 4 30 | A 5 00 | ..... | 3000 |
| Prospect Hill, Kelserville and Meshoppen..... | W. B. Bertels, supply..... | 1 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 55 | 10 00 | ..... | 3 78 | 2 80 | 3 50 | 1 40 | ..... | ..... | 1000 |
| Orange Falls and Harvey's Lake..... | J. W. Tamblin..... | 2 | 30 | 3 | 33 | 1 | 8 | 42 | 9 00 | 490 53 | 7 83 | 5 80 | 7 25 | 2 90 | ..... | ..... | 2000 |
| Abington, Scranton and Highland..... | O. H. Southworth..... | 2 | 14 | 31 | 45 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 8 40 | ..... | 4 86 | 3 60 | 4 50 | 1 80 | ..... | ..... | 600 |
| Uniondale..... | L. D. Southworth..... | 4 | 39 | 7 | 46 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 10 00 | 250 63 | 6 21 | 4 60 | 5 75 | 2 30 | ..... | ..... | 40 |
| West Preston, Steven's Point and Kinyon Hill.. | J. J. Haviland..... | 1 | 78 | 7 | 85 | 3 | 19 | 123 | 50 00 | 453 43 | 15 01 | 12 00 | 11 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 3600 |
| Beach Pond, Canaan, Hemlock Hollow, etc..... | J. J. Haviland..... | 1 | 43 | 3 | 43 | 1 | 3 | 10 | ..... | 299 49 | 12 69 | 9 00 | 7 05 | 4 50 | 4 50 | ..... | 3000 |
| Windsor..... | J. Cavanaugh..... | 2 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 1 | 3 | 36 | ..... | 104 50 | 6 21 | 4 60 | 5 75 | 2 30 | ..... | 1 00 | 1800 |
| Bainbridge, Unadilla, Oneonta and Milford..... | Supplied..... | 1 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 13 77 | 108 11 | 5 67 | 4 20 | 6 25 | 2 10 | ..... | ..... | 1000 |
| Liberty and Lock Sheldrake..... | W. W. Bartholomew, Sup. | 1 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 36 | ..... | 22 50 | 1 89 | 1 40 | 1 75 | 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Beaver Falls..... | A. G. Miller, Chairman..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 833 73 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New York and Philadelphia Districts..... | J. T. Michael, Chairman..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 596 43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wilkes Barre and Windsor Districts..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Conference collection..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total for conference..... | ..... | 34 | 761 | 127 | 888 | 30 | 204 | 1208 | \$762 23 | \$9838 53 | \$195 96 | \$159 23 | \$159 68 | \$66 75 | \$61 05 | \$64 25 | \$50042 |

*Bible cause, \$5.00. †J. W. Klein, \$18.00; A. E. Haviland, \$7.50; W. Gould, \$7.61. ‡Balance on hand from last year, \$38. A Africa, I India.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at San Jose, California, June 18-22, 1889.

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E. P. HART, President.

W. K. LA DUE, Secretary.

D. G. SHEPARD, Assistant Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

F. H. HORTON, President. D. G. SHEPARD, Secretary. M. F. BISHOP, Treasurer.
OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION
AND AID SOCIETY.

D. G. SHEPARD, President. W. K. LA DUE, Secretary. F. H. HORTON, Treasurer.
COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. Glen, F. H. Horton.

On Reforms—M. L. Vorheis, H. M. Stanage.

On Education—W. K. La Due, Wm. Pearce, H. M. Allen.

On State of the Work—F. H. Horton, M. L. Vorheis, W. K. McKenzie.

On Publications—J. Glen, Thomas Bartlett.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Money to Publish the Minutes—Josias Winter.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—C. H. Loomis, M. L. Vorheis.

On Appointing Examiners in Course of Study—The president.

On Answering Communication from Rev. C. B. Ebey—W. K. La Due.

To Receive Money on the General Superintendents' Fund—Wm. Pearce.

To Receive Balance Due the General Conference Missionary Fund—H. M. Allen.

To Decide upon the Time and Place of Holding a Conference Camp Meeting
Next Year—E. P. Hart, F. H. Horton, C. B. Ebey, M. F. Bishop.

To Apportion Home Missionary Collections—W. K. La Due.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

On Reforms—William Pearce.

On Education—W. K. La Due.

On State of the Work—F. H. Horton.

On Publications—M. L. Vorheis.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—William Pearce.

First Year—D. G. Shepard.

Second Year—B. L. Knoll.

Third Year—W. K. La Due.

Fourth Year—C. B. Ebey.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of
fourth year.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

E. P. Hart,
B. L. Knoll,
G. W. Wheelon,

F. H. Horton,
C. H. Loomis,
William Pearce,

M. L. Vorheis,
J. Glen,
C. B. Ebey.

D. G. Shepard,
W. K. La Due,

DELEGATES.

H. M. Allen,
Josias Winter,

H. M. Stanage,
W. K. McKenzie,

Reuben Amidon,
Katie Thompson.

Thomas Bartlett,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, F. H. Horton, Reuben Amidon.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. Johnston, H. H. Himar, Charles Swithenbank, C. W. Welts.

6. Who are the deacons? William Pearce, G. W. Wheelon.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? B. L. Knoll.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? C. B. Ebey, from the Illinois conference.

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

15, 16, 17 and 18. See statistical report

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Time, as near the first of June, 1890, as possible; place, left with the committee whose duty it is to fix exact time and place of holding our next conference camp meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The seventh session of the conference was held on the camp ground, corner of Twelfth and Empire streets, San Jose, California, June 18-22. Superintendent E. P. Hart presided.

Six sittings were held, as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a. m. each day; Saturday, 8 a. m. and 3:45 p. m.

The business of the conference was transacted in a spirit of unity and good will.

Rev. C. B. Ebey was received by transfer from the Illinois conference.

The following persons were elected to honorary seats in the conference: C. E. McReynolds, of the North Minnesota conference; F. S. Atwell, of the West Kansas conference; S. C. Scott, of the Kansas conference; H. S. Abbott, of the Oregon and Washington Territory conference; H. H. Farnham, evangelist; O. Johnston, evangelist; Joseph McCreery, H. H. Himar (not present), Charles Swithenbank, C. W. Welts, Dr. M. C. Briggs, and the members of the conference missionary society not members of the conference.

Rev. G. W. Wheelon was granted a certificate of good standing in the conference, with the view of transfer to the Colorado conference.

F. H. Horton was elected traveling chairman of the Ione and San Jose districts, and C. B. Ebey stationed chairman of the Los Angeles district.

The members of the conference missionary society for the year 1888-89 were re-elected for the year 1889-90.

M. L. Vorheis was elected conference missionary.

It was ordered that at least \$100 be raised during the year in home missionary

collections, and that \$50 of this be paid the Pacheco circuit, and \$50 to the Sutter Creek circuit.

B. L. Knoll was elected to elder's orders. He was ordained Sunday evening, June 23.

The stationing committee and conference concurred in returning J. Glen to San Jose for the third year.

The following collections were ordered for the conference year: First quarter, home missionary; second quarter, general missionary, and also church extension; fourth quarter, foreign missionary. The collections for the general superintendents are to be taken the third quarter, according to the requirement of the Discipline.

A new district, the Los Angeles, was formed. The work in the southern part of the State is gaining ground.

The president reported that J. C. Scott and H. S. Abbott had been transferred to the Oregon and Washington Territory conference.

The conference camp meeting, in connection with which the conference was held, began June 12, and closed June 23. Forty or more tents were on the ground. Good order was maintained. God was present in power from first to last, souls being reclaimed, converted or sanctified wholly at nearly every service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON RAISING MONEY TO PUBLISH MINUTES.

The committee report 47 copies of the Minutes ordered and \$16.60 raised.

II.—REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following statement was read to the conference:

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| Received by subscriptions and collections from circuits..... | \$470 35 |
| Paid conference missionary..... | \$401 45 |
| Paid O. Johnston..... | 54 00 |
| Incidental expense of Jackson meeting..... | 9 00 |
| Paid D. G. Shepard, secretary..... | 5 00 |
| | <hr/> \$469 45 |
| Balance in treasury..... | 90 |

III.—ON REFORMS.

We wish to re-affirm our uncompromising hostility to the liquor traffic, oath-bound secret organizations, tobacco, and the twin devils of pride and fashion, and hereby pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means in our power to exterminate them.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education respectfully submits the following:

It is certainly essential that the heart be right in the sight of God; but there is such an intimate connection between the moral and intellectual in our natures that neglect of either tends to the injury of the other. While, therefore, we are careful to maintain integrity of heart, we should seek by all proper means to increase in vigor of intellect.

The important question here arises, "How shall the intellect be thoroughly trained?" Let Solomon answer: "If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." It is the lack of this intense earnestness in seeking for knowledge which is the occasion of such lamentable ignorance, even on the part of some Christians.

Would it not be well for all of us, ministers and laymen, to apply ourselves more diligently to the improvement of our mental powers? A pure heart will qualify us for Heaven; but the union of a pure heart with a well-disciplined mind is essential to the most efficient service. Here Paul's instruction to Timothy is in point: "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. . . . Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."

We are thankful for the existence of our denominational schools in the East, and hope

the time is not far distant when we shall see established on this coast an institution where those among us who desire it, may obtain a Christian education. Our schools deserve, and should receive, hearty support.

Relying upon God for support, and seeking to keep the spiritual and educational in our work well balanced, we may look for success in this life, and an abundant reward in eternity.

V.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

“Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.” We are glad to render to God our hearty thanks that he has made the past year one of great mercies and blessings to his own cause under our hands. There has been an increase in our members. We believe there has been a deepening of spirituality among us. Brotherly love and fellowship prevail. The work is spreading in Southern California. Our people have manifested an unusual spirit of self-sacrifice in temporal matters. A church has been built at Alameda, and, together with a lot, dedicated to God free of debt. A church has been built and a parsonage bought at Pasadena. A church has been bought and the old church fitted up for a parsonage, at Pacheco, all free of debt. Our church and parsonage at Corralitos have been much improved and all cleared from debt. Most of the debt on the parsonage at San Jose has been met. Surely there has been progress on this line.

Probably our greatest need is for more of the real liberty and power of the Spirit among us. This is an imperative necessity. We should never rest until our preachers, societies and individual members, as far as possible, are brought to know the real liberty of Pentecost. Many of our people need a deeper interest in the means of grace. We should especially strive to reach the standard of original Methodism in our quarterly meetings. If we can do this we shall have forged a powerful anchor to keep us from drifting into formalism. But we have considerable to do to accomplish this.

VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is a power, a force in the world, helping on the cause of God and truth, or doing untold mischief; and we believe it is of the highest importance to the church that we aid and patronize those publications which the most fully teach and uphold the Bible standard as believed in by us as a people. We believe that many of the small sheets, started professedly in the interests of holiness and truth among the holiness people, in our own church and elsewhere, are not born of God, but of human ambition. They do not generally agree or speak the same thing as to doctrine or church work, and hence have followed divisions among the holiness people till they are rent and torn, and many of the pure and the good are wearied and disappointed as to the outcome of the holiness movement; and as a church we are suffering from the same reason. It is our solemn judgment that in these times of anarchy and divisions, “when things tend to fly apart,” the unity of the Spirit will be best preserved, and a solid foundation for God’s truth, and the lasting prosperity of the church be laid, by our giving aid and patronage before all others, to the *Free Methodist*, now owned by the church, and to the *Earnest Christian*, so long known among us. We would recommend the Sunday-school literature published by T. B. Arnold, as safe and healthful, and commend also to our people “Fishers of Men,” “Why Another Sect,” and “The Life of Dr. Redfield.”

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|---|--------------------------------|
| E. P. Hart..... | Alameda, California |
| F. H. Horton..... | Gubsville, Santa Clara Co., “ |
| M. L. Vorheis..... | East San Jose, “ |
| D. G. Shepard..... | Ione, Amador Co., “ |
| B. L. Knoll..... | Pacheco, Contra Costa Co., “ |
| C. H. Loomis..... | Alameda, “ |
| John Glen..... | 112 N. 9th St., San Jose, “ |
| W. K. La Due..... | Alameda, “ |
| Willam Pearce..... | Corralitos, Santa Cruz Co., “ |
| C. B. Ebey..... | 629 Maple Ave., Los Angeles, “ |
| F. S. Atwell (supplies Sutter Creek)..... | Sutter Creek, Amador Co., “ |

PROBATIONERS.

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| Charles Swithenbank..... | Plymouth, Amador Co., California |
| C. W. Welts (care D. G. Shepard)..... | Ione, “ |
| O. Johnston..... | East San Jose, “ |
| H. H. Himar..... | Los Angeles, “ |

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Herman Burbank..... | San Jose, California | |
| D. P. Reed..... | San Jose, | " |
| T. J. Rickey..... | Watsonville, | " |
| J. A. Vanderpool..... | Plymouth, Amador Co., | " |
| E. C. Shipley..... | No. 9 Jenkins Ave., Los Angeles, | " |
| C. M. Farr (exhorter)..... | Pasadena, | " |
| J. R. Mollett..... | Pasadena, | " |

APPOINTMENTS.

SAN JOSE DISTRICT.—F. H. HORTON, Chairman.

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| San Jose..... | J. Glen |
| Corralitos..... | William Pearce |
| Alameda, etc..... | W. K. La Due |
| Pacheco..... | B. L. Knoll |
| M. L. Vorheis, conference missionary; member of the San Jose district quarterly conference. | |
| C. H. Loomis, left without appointment at his own request; member of the San Jose district quarterly conference. | |

IONE DISTRICT.—F. H. HORTON, Chairman.

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| Ione..... | D. G. Shepard |
| Plymouth and Shenandoah..... | C. Swithenbank |
| Sutter Creek..... | To be supplied |
| Cosumnes..... | To be supplied |
| O. Johnston, in charge of the Ione district tabernacle; member of the Ione district quarterly conference. | |
| C. W. Welts, to assist in tent work; member of the Ione district quarterly conference. | |

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.—C. B. EBEEY, Chairman.

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| Los Angeles and Burbank..... | C. B. Ebey |
| Pasadena and Alhambra..... | To be supplied |
| Compton, Artesia and Ocean Side School-house..... | H. H. Himar |
| Fairmount and Hispanolia..... | T. B. Fisher |



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | MEMBERS. | | | | | | | | | | CHARGES. | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-Schools. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Evangelists' Re- ceipts. | Conf. Church Ex- tension Collec- tion. | General Superin- tendents' Col- lection. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-Schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Tent Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | |
| SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT. | F. H. Horton, Chairman. | 75 | 7 | 82 | 3 | 11 | 80 | \$665 04 | \$230 85 | ..... | \$7 00 | \$12 40 | \$5 50 | ..... | ..... | \$7 65 | \$50 00 | \$125 00 | ..... | ..... | \$1500 | \$1300 |
| San Jose..... | J. Glen..... | 34 | .. | 34 | 2 | 1 | 5 | *70 00 | 111 60 | ..... | ..... | 7 20 | 4 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 70 00 | ..... | ..... | 3000 | ..... |
| Alameda..... | Supplied..... | 20 | 16 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 400 36 | 33 65 | ..... | ..... | 4 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 53 10 | 35 50 | ..... | ..... | 800 | 400 |
| Corralitos..... | B. L. Knoll..... | 11 | .. | 11 | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 26 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 250 |
| Pacheco..... | M. L. Vorheis..... | 10 | .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| { Los Angeles, ..... | ..... | 22 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 237 42 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 96 | 17 39 | \$157 54 | ..... | ..... | 400 |
| { Pasadena..... | O. E. McKeynolds..... | 9 | .. | 9 | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Compton and Artesia..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| IONE DISTRICT. | F. H. Horton, Chairman. | 25 | 9 | 34 | .. | 1 | 6 | 403 00 | 140 30 | ..... | 2 10 | 5 40 | 4 55 | ..... | ..... | 12 35 | 34 79 | 104 20 | 4 50 | ..... | ..... | 600 |
| Ione..... | W. K. La Due..... | 26 | .. | 26 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 337 82 | 58 35 | \$2 60 | 1 50 | 5 50 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 52 | 26 05 | 4 50 | ..... | 1000 | 500 |
| Plymouth & Shenandoah..... | D. G. Shepard..... | 12 | 1 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | 58 10 | 25 50 | ..... | ..... | 2 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 15 | ..... | ..... | 500 | ..... |
| Sutter Creek..... | C. W. Welts, supply..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total for conference..... | ..... | 244 | 34 | 278 | 10 | 6 | 47 | \$2171 74 | \$371 15 | \$14 60 | \$10 60 | \$37 40 | \$18 60 | \$13 50 | \$20 00 | \$182 37 | \$393 29 | \$166 54 | \$9100 | \$3450 | ..... | ..... |

*For part of year.



WABASH CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Clay City, Indiana, August 28-31, 1889.

~~~~~ OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

W. W. KELLEY, Secretary.

JNO. A. WATSON, Assistant Secretary.

J. B. HULL, Conference Treasurer, Clay City, Ind.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

T. J. Noland, W. G. Lopeman, J. H. Keys, G. W. Gilkison, E. E. Robbins.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, W. W. Kelley, J. B. Hull, T. J. Noland.

On Publications—W. W. Kelley, J. F. Johnston.

On Education—T. J. Noland, W. G. Lopeman, G. W. Gilkison.

On Secret Societies—T. A. Doughty, W. V. Lane.

On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—T. A. Doughty, W. S. Morrow, Jno. Ritenour.

To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—Belle Tullis.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive Money Collected for General Superintendents—J. F. Johnston.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Receive Money Collected for Missions—W. W. Kelley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Robbins, W. S. Morrow.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study—T. J. Noland, W. W. Kelley.

On Sabbath-schools—S. H. Lewis, G. W. Grounds, D. S. Moore.

On the State of the Work—T. J. Noland, W. W. Kelley, H. J. McKinnell.

On the Reduction of Rates to the Next Conference—The secretary.

On Ministerial Relations—T. J. Noland, W. G. Lopeman, H. J. McKinnell, Jno. Ritenour, W. W. Kelley, J. F. Johnston.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—I. W. Greathouse.

First Year—T. A. Doughty, D. S. Moore.

Second Year—J. H. Keys, E. E. Robbins.

Third Year—W. S. Morrow, T. J. Noland.

Fourth Year—W. W. Kelley, W. G. Lopeman.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

On Publications—W. W. Kelley.

On Education—T. J. Noland.

On Secret Societies—E. E. Robbins.

On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—T. A. Doughty.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

T. J. Noland,
W. S. Morrow,
T. A. Doughty,

W. W. Kelley,
D. S. Moore,
H. J. McKinnell,

E. E. Robbins,
W. G. Lopeman,
A. F. Niswonger,

J. H. Keys,
S. H. Lewis,
T. W. Thornburg.

DELEGATES.

Belle Tullis,
Jno. Ritenour,
Alice Spencer,
S. P. Mercer,

Jerry Miller,
Jno. Moyer,
Minerva Hawkins,
F. J. Niswonger,

G. W. Gilkison,
Thos. Haynes,
Geo. Long,
Mattie A. Greathouse.

G. W. Grounds,
J. F. Johnston,
W. V. Lane,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, W. W. Kelley, T. J. Noland, J. F. Johnston, G. W. Gilkison.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? George W. Chapman.

4. Who remain on trial? Oscar Foote, Jno. A. Watson, U. S. Ferguson, I. W. Greathouse, Jasper Bray, H. Ferguson, J. B. Hull.

6. Who are the deacons? D. S. Moore, H. J. McKinnell, A. F. Niswonger, H. Ferguson, of the first class; N. S. Ogburn, local deacon.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Geo. W. Chapman.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? T. W. Thornburg, under complaint.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their characters were severally examined, and with one exception were passed.

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

16. What is the amount collected for superannuated preachers? For the superintendents? For the general missionary society? For the annual conference missionary fund? For foreign missions? For church extension? See statistics and report of committees.

17-18. (Relating to Sunday-schools.) See statistics.

21. What amount is necessary for the widows and orphans?

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 Attica, Indiana, during the first half of September, 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fifth session of the conference was held in the new brick church at Clay City, Indiana. About one hundred persons from abroad were in attendance, and were well entertained by the citizens.

Religious services were held each afternoon and evening. The M. E. and U. B. churches were kindly opened for evening services. The congregations were large; and a grove near the Free Methodist church was seated, and services held there Saturday and Sabbath. Some souls were sanctified; and altogether the meetings were very profitable, and the outlook for the coming year is encouraging.

The following named brethren were introduced to the conference, and invited to honorary seats, viz.: G. H. Agnew, missionary from Africa; J. B. Likely, pastor M. E. Church; W. R. Munsey, pastor U. B. Church, Clay City; and David Bassard, pastor U. B. Church, Middlebury.

The collections for the year are: First quarter, home missions (eight cents per member), and to make up deficiency due widow and orphan of M. C. Ballew (six

and one-fourth cents per member); second quarter, General conference missions (thirteen cents per member); third quarter, general superintendents' salaries (twenty-five cents per member); fourth quarter, expense of delegates to General conference, to be fixed by General conference committee. Money collected for home missions and superannuated claim, should be sent to J. B. Hull, Clay City, Ind.; all other to S. K. J. Chesbro, 106 Franklin St., Chicago.

The following collections were taken during the conference: To apply on Fort Branch parsonage, \$20.25; to publish the conference minutes, \$16.70; on general superintendents' salaries, \$23.38; for Inhambane (Africa) Mission, cash and subscription, \$135; secretary's expenses, etc., \$5.03.

At the close of the Sabbath morning service, N. S. Ogburn and Geo. W. Chapman were ordained deacons. Geo. W. Chapman was also ordained elder, with a view to mission work in Africa.

A vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Clay City and vicinity for hospitality shown the members of conference and visitors.

Four new churches have been dedicated during the year, viz.: At Fort Branch, Ind.; at Mt. Olive, near Sumner, Ill.; at West Salem, Ill.; and Marshfield, Ind. Three others are in process of erection, one at Camargo, Ill., one near Decker, Ind., and one near Attica, Ind.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that so much of Mr. Baxter's tract, entitled "The Reformed Pastor," as reads as follows, viz.: "We have a base, man-pleasing temper, so that we let them perish rather than lose their love; we let them go quietly to hell, lest we should offend them," does not apply to any true minister of the Gospel. We therefore recommend that our committee on revision strike it from the Free Methodist Discipline.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are more than ever pleased with the editorial management of the *Free Methodist*. We can hardly speak too highly in its praise. We are convinced that no publications are so well calculated to promote the work, unto which we as a church are called, as the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian*. We earnestly plead with our preachers to make a continued effort to place one or both these publications in each family in our church, and also to extend their circulation outside our own church.

We wish to express our appreciation of the able manner in which our financial agent, Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro, is conducting our publishing interests. We would kindly advise greater care in the management of the advertising columns of the *Free Methodist*, so that no advertisement shall appear of which a Christian need be ashamed.

We would respectfully suggest to the executive committee the propriety of their taking control of all the publications of the church as soon as practicable.

II.—ON PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The use of intoxicants is condemned by God and man. Solomon, with his vast and accurate knowledge of good and evil, sounds an alarm when he makes mention of fermented liquor. Drunkards themselves, their relatives, friends, wives, children, and innocent victims of the rage of drunken men and women, cry out against their use. As to sentiment, there is enough if concentrated and active, to banish the traffic and make it an outcast and an outlaw. In the highest and humblest walks of life there is a sentiment against it. What is now needed is action, direct and deadly. Wicked selfishness, indifference and cowardice beat back this sentiment, which, if allowed to take the war path, would soon vanquish this foe of human happiness. It is selfishness, when we do not directly suffer from its fury, to say, I will not trouble it, so long as it does not trouble me. It is indifference to look at more than 60,000 men and women in the United States reeling bellward, scattering crime and misery as they go, and pass on without doing all we can

to throw cold water on this mighty conflagration of human bodies, souls, and happiness. It is cowardice to see and feel these things, and for fear of losing popularity, fail to work for the overthrow of the traffic, and the emancipation of its many suffering victims.

It is our opinion that a thorough destruction of the legalized sale of intoxicants will never come through the Republican party; for its professed sympathy for prohibition smacks too much of policy to give frank-hearted men and reformers much hope. It is our opinion, further, that the National Prohibition party, its principles and methods, is a move in the right direction. We rejoice to see its star ascending, though under heavy pressure from many sources. Our prayers and ballots should be given for its success.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We look upon the Sabbath-school as a necessary adjunct of our church work. We are pleased to see our people taking an interest in this line of Christian work.

Resolved, 1. That we urge upon our brethren and sisters greater interest in the schools on the several circuits than they have hitherto manifested.

Resolved, 2. That we disapprove of all Sabbath-school literature of a worldly character and tendency, and will use all due diligence to have the Sunday-school literature published by T. B. Arnold used in all our schools.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

A religious education is of great value, having in view the best ends of this life and that which is to come. Education even in the things of this world alone is of great benefit; but it comes far short of the grandest and noblest ends of our existence here and hereafter, and is a miserable substitute for the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should combine the two, thus doubly equipping the man of God for his work. If we cannot be thorough in both, we urge a thorough development of the spiritual man, for it is our duty to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these shall be added. The church has wisely provided schools and seminaries among us where a thorough religious education may be obtained. We urge our people to take advantage of the opportunities offered them for educating their children in the way that will place them in a position to do and get the greatest amount of good in this life and that to come. Our preachers should not forget to advertise these schools, and urge the necessity of religious education upon the people.

V.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

There are several standpoints from which we condemn secret societies. In those which make pretensions to religion, they are guilty of gross perversions of glorious Gospel principles. Instead of the glad whosoever, they make restrictions on account of age, sex, and physical ability. They substitute horrid oaths or promises of secrecy for solemn vows to God to do his will; initiations, indecent, foolish and cruel, instead of forgiveness and regeneration; exhortations to observe lodge manuals and rituals, instead of searching the Scriptures and doing the will of God as revealed there. Their pretensions to benevolence are unscriptural in the extreme. In substance the compact is: "I'll swear to help you if you will swear to help me"; which we know is not according to the teachings of Jesus. The oath of Freemasons assumes power only possessed by officers of the common government. The power of taking life is implied and taught in the oath, and they have been known to take it. But if it be said it is never meant to be executed, then it is a piece of ghastly mockery, hardening the heart, and lessening the respect for the sacred oath to tell the truth when life or liberty is at stake. The murder of Dr. Cronin of Chicago is a recent and startling evidence that secret societies are a menace to the peace of the people.

In view of these facts, though some churches greet these institutions in Jesus' name, and some who have opposed hitherto, do now retreat and capitulate,

Be it *resolved*, That we stand our ground, and continue to wage war against these foes of good government and religion.

VI.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

| | |
|---|----------|
| To deficiency at last conference..... | \$ 23 43 |
| To assessment for 1889..... | 108 40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 131 83 |
| By amount paid treasurer from the circuits..... | \$21 85 |
| By amount paid B. T. Roberts at conference..... | 65 45 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 87 30 |
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| Deficiency..... | \$ 44 53 |

VII.—ON GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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| To assessment for 1889..... | \$ 54 20 |
| By amount collected on circuits, and forwarded to treasurer..... | 35 09 |
| | <hr/> |
| Deficiency..... | \$19 11 |

VIII.—ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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|---|----------|
| To appropriation for 1889..... | \$ 40 00 |
| By amount collected on circuits..... | \$36 14 |
| By amount donated by H. J. McKinnell..... | 3 86 |

Paid to H. J. McKinnell..... \$ 40 00

Missionary appropriations: To Fort Branch \$30 00; to Yankeetown, \$20 00.

IX.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMS.

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| To amount ordered raised..... | \$ 65 00 |
| By amount collected on the circuits..... | 23 36 |

Deficiency (ordered raised during first quarter)..... 41 64

Paid to Mattie Ballew..... \$ 23 36

X.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised..... \$ 16 70

XI.—ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

By cash on hand last conference..... \$ 5 10

Collected by Pastors W. G. Lopeman and J. A. Watson..... 3 91

\$9 01

APPOINTMENTS.

ATTICA DISTRICT.—T. J. NOLAND, Chairman.

Attica and Marshfield.....Jasper Bray, Attica, Ind.
Pine Village, Boswell, Oxford and Templeton.....T. A. Doughty, Pine Village, Ind.
Sugar Grove and Eight Mile.....J. H. Keys, Snider, Ill.
La Fayette and Antioch.....E. E. Robbins, La Fayette, Ind.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—T. J. NOLAND, Chairman.

Toledo and Little Wabash.....Jno. A. Watson, Toledo, Ill.
Clay City and Cardonia.....J. B. Hull, Clay City, Ind.
Camargo and Hinesboro.....To be supplied.
Tuscola.....To be supplied.

WABASH DISTRICT.—W. W. KELLEY, Chairman.

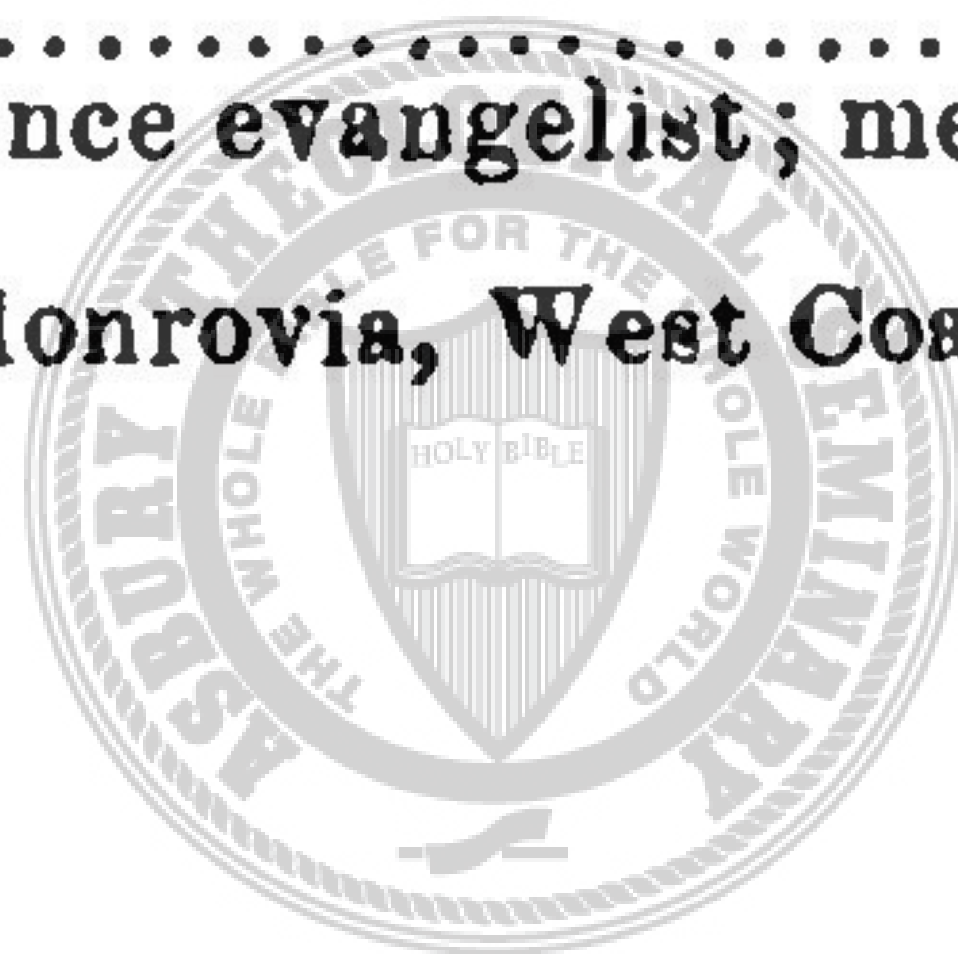
Calhoun.....S. R. Hopson, supply, Calhoun, Ill.
Liberty and Bridgeport.....Oscar Foote, Price, Ill.
Bellmont, Antioch, West Salem and Bethany, W. S. Morrow, Champaign, Ill., and
A. F. Niswonger, West Salem, Ill.
Lawrenceville.....H. Ferguson, Lawrenceville, Ill.
Harmony.....H. J. McKinnell, Decker, Ind.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT.—W. W. KELLEY, Chairman.

Evansville.....A. P. Harrell, supply, 407 Gov. St., Evansville, Ind.
Yankeetown.....I. W. Greathouse.
Ft. Branch... U. S. Ferguson, Ft. Branch, Ind.
Tennyson and Bloomfield.....D. S. Moore, Tennyson, Ind.

COCHRAN DISTRICT.—W. W. KELLEY, Chairman.

Cochran, Osgood and Butlerville.....W. G. Lopeman, Cochran, Ind.
S. H. Lewis, Attica, Ind., conference evangelist; member Attica district quarterly conference.
Geo. W. Chapman, missionary; Monrovia, West Coast Africa.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREFACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-schools. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Evangelists' Re- ceipts. | Superannuated Claims. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ATTICA DISTRICT. | W. W. Kelley, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | 31 | 3 | 34 | .. | 1 | 8 | 45 | \$250 00 | \$33 17 | .. | \$3 02 | \$4 29 | \$2 48 | \$3 00 | \$18 50 | \$20 97 | \$61 29 | \$1500 | \$1500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attica | W. S. Morrow..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | .. | 40 | .. | 1 | 8 | 40 | 143 33 | 74 39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugar Grove and Eight Mile..... | T. W. Thornburg..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | 5 | 24 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 130 00 | 31 29 | .. | .. | 1 65 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marshfield | U. S. Ferguson..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 17 | 43 | .. | 1 | 6 | 30 | 198 00 | 22 68 | .. | .. | 4 00 | 1 50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| La Fayette and Granville | E. E. Robbins..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 2 | 67 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 80 | 268 96 | 44 86 | .. | .. | 8 55 | 13 75 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Village, Boswell, Oxford, etc. | T. A. Doughty | | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOLEDO DISTRICT. | W. W. Kelley, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | 44 | .. | 44 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 92 00 | 29 54 | .. | .. | 3 00 | 4 50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Toledo and Little Wabash..... | S. R. Hopson..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 34 | 11 | 45 | .. | 2 | 12 | 60 | 127 35 | 38 18 | .. | .. | 4 18 | 3 82 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cardonia and Clay City..... | J. B. Hull..... | | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WABASH DISTRICT. | T. J. Noland, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | 70 | 5 | 75 | 4 | 2 | 6 | .. | 90 00 | 40 00 | 1 60 | 4 80 | 8 00 | 2 80 | 4 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | |
| Calhoun and Noble..... | Jasper Bray..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 32 | .. | 32 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 135 42 | 32 50 | 36 00 | .. | 2 35 | 3 55 | 77 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty and Bridgeport..... | John A. Watson..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 35 | .. | 35 | .. | 1 | 8 | 26 | 40 00 | 30 00 | .. | .. | 4 00 | 1 50 | 2 75 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bellmont and Antioch..... | D. S. Moore..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | .. | 23 | .. | 1 | 7 | 25 | 125 00 | 30 00 | .. | .. | 3 20 | 2 13 | 1 20 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Salem and Bethany..... | J. H. Keys..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 49 | 3 | 52 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 127 40 | 40 00 | .. | .. | 3 90 | 1 93 | 1 20 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lawrenceville..... | Oscar Foote | | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 12 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 30 | 120 00 | 26 45 | 34 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony..... | Supplied | | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | |
| EVANSVILLE DISTRICT. | T. J. Noland, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | 31 | .. | 31 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 227 50 | 50 00 | .. | .. | 3 51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | |
| Evansville and Yankeeetown..... | A. F. Niswonger..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 2 | 15 | .. | 1 | 9 | 40 | 95 13 | 18 50 | 8 40 | 1 80 | 1 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Branch..... | H. J. McKinnell..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 33 | 2 | 35 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 101 79 | 29 65 | 13 50 | 2 50 | 2 00 | 1 40 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | |
| Tennyson and Bloomfield..... | H. Ferguson..... | | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | |
| COCHRAN DISTRICT. | T. J. Noland, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | .. | 16 | .. | 1 | 6 | 20 | 234 83 | .. | .. | 3 20 | 3 05 | 1 00 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | |
| Cochran, Osgood and Butlerville | W. G. Lopeman..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 590 | 62 | 652 | 13 | 18 | 110 | 445 | \$2446 71 | \$571 20 | \$139 57 | \$23 09 | \$48 69 | \$48 49 | \$24 08 | \$31 00 | \$113 48 | \$203 74 | \$15160 | \$2800 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for conference..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

The following collections have been taken in the bounds of the conference, in cash and subscription, for the Inhamba ne mission, S. M. Africa, viz.: West Lebanon (Ind.) camp meeting, \$100; Attica, Ind., \$30; conference, at Olay City, Ind., \$135.

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session, held at Lennon, Genesee Co., Michigan, August 21-25, 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

A. C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

E. D. HARTLEY, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Publications—F. M. Shook, E. Patches.

On Missions—H. Burse.

On Education—M. Devoist, John Marston, O. L. Slade.

On Sabbath-schools—S. W. Stone, A. Tice, Sister H. Steer.

On Pastoral Support—E. Steer, H. Burse, George Vanwagner.

On Sabbath Desecration—E. W. Harding, M. L. Bovee, S. W. Case.

On Temperance—F. S. Hurlburt, A. Rose.

On Secret Societies—M. Cuthbert, J. W. Currier, W. N. Pittenger.

On Receiving Superannuated Funds—J. W. Currier.

On Ministerial Relations—H. Burse, F. J. Calkins, C. D. Hoadley, L. Witham, Wm. Dye.

On Catholicism—A. V. Leonardson, F. J. Calkins, Wm. Dye.

On the State of the Work—F. J. Calkins, A. V. Leonardson, E. Steer.

On Raising Funds for Publishing Minutes—M. L. Bovee, A. Rose.

On General Superintendents' Claim—E. Patches.

To Appoint examiners in the Course of Study—A. V. Leonardson, E. Steer.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. W. Hoyt, F. S. Hurlburt, E. D. Hartley.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, M. Devoist, E. Steer, A. V. Leonardson, F. J. Calkins.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—S. W. Stone, E. W. Harding.

First Year—H. Burse, C. D. Hoadley.

Second Year—E. Steer, W. W. Hoyt.

Third Year—M. L. Bovee, H. Voorhess.

Fourth Year—W. M. Pittenger, M. Devoist.

Examiners in preliminary course to examine local preachers that may be recommended for local deacons' orders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

J. F. Wetherald,
M. Cuthbert,
S. Johnson,
J. P. Soule,
L. Witham,
H. Voorhess,
W. W. Hoyt,
S. Bartlett,
M. L. Bovee,

E. W. Harding,
D. C. Embury,
J. D. Bullock,
B. F. Doolittle,
A. H. Snelgrove,
A. S. Stambaugh,
F. S. Hurlburt,
M. Devoist,
A. S. Andrews,

H. Burse,
A. Tice
E. Steer,
E. Cook,
I. Mudge,
S. W. Stone,
W. H. Iles,
B. H. Green,
C. I. Miller.

J. W. Currier,
A. C. Marshall,
F. J. Calkins,
W. S. Haight,
E. D. Hartley,
A. V. Leonardson,
C. D. Hoadley,
W. N. Pittenger,

DELEGATES.

J. Tyrel,
A. Hardy,
P. Tice,
A. Stephens,
O. Wilson,
O. L. Slade,
B. Slack.
E. Sage,
E. Roberts,

S. Hill,
D. P. Bathrick,
Jane Waldo,
J. Wade,
C. Helmuth,
Hannah Howard,
S. W. Case,
F. M. Shook,
R. S. Humphrey.

A. Goss,
R. McHarge,
G. Vanwagner,
E. H. Patches,
H. Bridenbaugh,
D. P. Morse,
P. Elwell,
Wm. Evo,

Wm. Dye,
A. Rose,
H. B. Goodwin,
C. H. Smith,
Wm. Gilson,
Helen Steer,
S. E. Lonsberry,
J. Marston,

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, F. J. Calkins, E. Steer, A. V. Leonardson, F. M. Shook, D. P. Bathrick, D. P. Morse.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? John Marston, A. Rose, Samuel Porterfield, N. A. Davis.

4. Who remain on trial? E. Crippen, J. N. Wilson, G. D. Smith, James Hodgins.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. S. Andrews.
6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Andrews, A. S. Stambaugh.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? M. L. Bovee.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are superannuated? D. C. Embury, E. Cook.
10. Who have been expelled? None.
11. Who have withdrawn? 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. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
15. What is the amount collected for missionary society? for superannuated preachers? for superintendents? for annual conference missionary society? for church extension and aid society? See reports and statistics.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Relating to Sunday-schools. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary, etc.? See reports of committees on claims.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place of holding was left with the chairmen of the districts, and the time as near the second Wednesday of September as will be consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sixth session of the East Michigan conference convened at Lennon campground, Shiawassee Co., Michigan, August 21-28, 1889.

Rev. G. W. Coleman, general superintendent, presided over the conference and conducted the religious exercises.

A. C. Marshall was elected secretary by acclamation; and E. D. Hartley was chosen assistant.

At the calling of the roll, thirty-one ministers answered to their names, and twenty-seven delegates handed in their credentials and took seats in the conference.

Rev. J. N. White, of the North Michigan conference, was invited to an honorary seat in the conference.

Five sittings of the conference were held.

On Sunday morning Rev. A. S. Andrews was ordained deacon, and Brothers Pearce Elwell and Morton Pittenger were ordained local deacons. On Sunday afternoon Rev. M. L. Bovee was ordained elder.

The conference ordered that the collections for the coming year be taken in the following order: First quarter, widows, orphans and superannuated preachers; second quarter, general missions (ten cents per member); third quarter, home missions; fourth quarter, general superintendents' and general conference delegates.

The officers of the church extension and aid society are as follows: A. V. Leonardson, president, Flint, Mich.; M. Devoist, secretary, Elsie, Clinton Co., Mich.; A. C. Marshall, treasurer, Corunna, Mich.

Rev. E. D. Hartley is the committee to receive claimants' funds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would earnestly entreat all our people to be careful about what literature is brought into their homes for the reading of their children and families. The land is flooded, from East to West, with pernicious and immoral, flashy, fictitious trash, gotten up in good style, to attract and enchant the young and rising generation. While, on the other hand, for the lack of as deep an interest as each and every Free Methodist ought to have for our own publications, we often find that many of our people take none of our church periodicals at all; or if they take any religious paper at all, it will be one of the side-issue papers, and not the *Free Methodist* that the church owns and controls by officers elected or appointed to fill the several offices by an executive committee that we have full confidence in. First and foremost we earnestly recommend our church paper, viz., the *Free Methodist*, to every Free Methodist family in the land. You cannot afford to do without it. The editorials alone from Brother Roberts' pen are worth more than the price of the paper. The paper is ably edited, carefully compiled and neatly printed, giving you all the church news, so that there is something suited for the reading of each one of the family circle. It will keep you posted upon the

prosperity of our church; it will edify you; it will enlighten you, strengthen you, and give you courage to do right, and lead you Heavenward.

We also recommend to your patronage the Sabbath-school literature which is published at Chicago by T. B. Arnold, which is neatly printed, ably edited, very reasonable in price, neatly embellished, and eagerly sought after by the little ones,—instead of patronizing other houses who are hostile to our church and its institutions. All of which is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The Sunday-school constitutes a very important part of the church. As the children are taught so will a nation be. An eminent writer has said: "The destiny of any nation at any given time depends upon the opinions of the young men who are under twenty-five years of age." It is said that Voltaire, when five years old, learned an infidel poem from which he was never able to free himself. Men of renown in the work of God, such men as Moses, St. Paul, the Wesleys, and others who have been prominent in Christian reforms, have been men of early godly training. The main hold the Roman Catholic Church have on the world to-day is their strictness in teaching the children the doctrines of the church. The rapid and successful growth of our nation must be attributed to the thoroughness of our fathers in instilling Bible principles into the minds of their children.

It is to-day as in the past: a man has but to open his eyes and he will discover that godly teaching among the young is sadly lacking. In early years, at the passing of an aged gentleman, boys made their obeisance. How different now! They are, as they were anciently, ready to say, "Go up, thou bald head." It is said that 40,000 boys in the United States, between the ages of ten and sixteen years, never attend church nor Sunday-school. According to the statistics 67 per cent. of the criminals in all the prisons in the United States in 1873 were young men. From this basis the outlook for our nation is not at all flattering. To a far-seeing eye, she is headed for a rock. How shall this be avoided? We turn more directly to the Sunday-school. Inasmuch as the early impressions on the minds of children are the most lasting, we are forced to conclude that the future prosperity of both church and State will fall largely into the same channel into which these minds are directed. Few people teach their children those truths which are absolutely needful to their eternal interests. This work rests largely with the Sunday-school.

Resolved, That we, as a conference, strictly adhere to the directions given in section five, paragraphs 188, 189, and 190, of the Free Methodist Discipline. All of which is respectfully submitted.

III.—ON SABBATH DESECRATION.

Your committee on Sabbath desecration desire to report as follows:

After twelve years' residence in Jerusalem Nehemiah had occasion to be absent for a short time at the Persian court; and almost immediately, as it would seem, disorder ensued. Among other irregularities, profanations of the Sabbath became frequent. The farmers trod their wine presses and brought in their corn; the carriers loaded their beasts of burden with grapes and figs, and all manner of merchandise; and the market men of Tyre brought fish, and all kinds of wares, and sold them to the people on that holy day. Such Nehemiah was pained to see on his return (the results of a lax administration), and he immediately applied the proper remedy. He says, "Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel, by profaning the Sabbath." His exertions to restrain this evil seem to have been successful, and the good effects, we have reason to believe, were lasting; for, in after ages, the Jews, as is well known, were exact even to superstition in the observance of the Sabbath.

This part of sacred history is constantly being repeated among us. The Sabbath day is fast becoming a day of merchandise. Heavily loaded wagons and other vehicles, such as milk wagons, delivery wagons, and express wagons are driven along the streets almost every Sabbath, and at all hours of the day. With liverymen the Sabbath is the day of days, and a large share of their patronage is received from those who professedly are law abiding citizens. Along all of the great railway lines, or nearly all, in most all of our large cities, and in many other parts of the land, the very appearance of sacred rest is almost gone. Coachmen, boatmen, and tavernmen are as much strangers to the blessings of the Sabbath as are the heathen. The great interest that moves the masses is a worldly one. The supreme object of worship on God's holy day is mammon. But we would not vent all of our indignation against those who are outside of the pales of the church. We will not only come to the doors of the sanctuary, but we must enter the preeincts of church fellowship. For much depends upon those who profess to be the people of God, and upon the ministers of Jesus Christ. How many church members there are who divide the day between the services of religion and conformity to the world? Some who are very religious spend the morning in sleep, and can attend only afternoon services. Some attend church in the morning and spend the afternoon in visiting their friends, or in pleasure riding; others in cooking and feasting; others in worldly conversation and secular reading; and others, who look upon an open barber shop with indignation, will every Sabbath morning open one under their own roof. Is it more wrong to do our own work than it would be to hire it done? The only difference would be that we made others the partakers of our sins. A church member who is so

covetuous that he cannot stop and take time for such on days when secular work may be done, is a moral monstrosity.

To parents: As you would have your children to be virtuous and happy in this world and blessed forever, teach them to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Train them as they should go. That means, not allow children to do things on the Sabbath which you would not do. Some of them are these: Pleasure riding, visiting (give them occasionally a day for this out of your time), playing around outside the church while you are inside preaching or worshiping; allowing them to run at large, though for excuse they say they wish to visit the cemetery, or visit an associate. In fine, teach them to keep sacred this day of rest. If you allow children to do on the Sabbath as they would on other days, by engaging in their sports, or other secular pursuits while under your control, you are the greater transgressor. If they are trained only to a lax and accommodating observance of the Sabbath, what can you expect but that they will gradually wear away what sense of its sacredness they have, and mingle with the worldly throng in relinquishing forever the exalted and immortal blessings which it was designed to convey? Endeavor to so engage their minds that they will not deem the services of the day a yoke of bondage. Engage them in employments, rational, improving and entertaining as well as sacred, and such as will allure them from every profanation of the same. But that by some means they be withdrawn from secular employments and amusements, is expressly enjoined. If this cannot be accomplished by persuasion it must be done by authority. The command is absolute, and every householder, under God, is made responsible, according to it, for the order of his family. Let your example be such that when you have gone down to the grave it will be a perpetual and persuasive admonition.

The great evil of Sabbath breaking seems to occasion no great alarm, and while we sleep the enemy is sowing tares. Each year something is written upon this subject, and resolutions formed to put forth renewed efforts to work a reformation with reference to Sabbath keeping. But the tide goes sweeping on and promises to engulf this divine institution. And we fear the day will come when the Sabbath will be no more to the masses than other days. Therefore,

Resolved, That we give more attention to this great evil, preaching against it proportionately with popular sins of the day.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We believe there never was an age so given to literary pursuits as the present. It would seem that the unsparing hand of an all-wise providence has flooded us with golden opportunities for intellectual culture and research. The human mind, endued by his Creator with such vast capabilities of improvement, is a natural inquirer. There seems to be no prescribed limit to its immense range. Unrestrained it goes on its eternal mission to know something, and utilizes all it sees and hears to this end. All the faculties and powers are enlisted and exerted to secure that which is their God-given right. We stand at issue with that old maxim that "Ignorance is the mother of devotion." Is it not more properly speaking the "mother of crime?" There is great danger of persons who are uneducated, whose minds have been deprived of proper training, and unimproved upon important truths, to prostrate themselves before and worship at the shrine of unworthy objects. In order to avoid this species of idolatry we see the necessity of sanctified education, not only in the sense of cultivating and informing the intellect, but also in training the heart's affections and molding moral character; and as we, brethren in the ministry, hold an important and responsible position touching the moral attitude of those entrusted to our care, let us earnestly aim at being men of understanding ourselves.

While we believe that God should be our great Educator, yet we hold that every Christian minister should be an instructor in morals. To this end let us study to show ourselves approved of God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. All of us may not have had the early advantages or felt the necessity of a thorough application to books in childhood and youth; and consequently may deplore our lack in the possession of a complete education. But all of us should, even now, give much time to mind improvement. We may never be able to reach the higher branches of learning, but we ought not to stop short of at least a moderate knowledge of those works that have a moral bearing upon society. The books contained in our "Course of Study" as prescribed in our Discipline, are indispensable and of great worth. We urge a more thorough application to this branch of ministerial success.

We are gratified to see the interest manifested in regard to the training of the rising generation among us—only let the interest be increased ten fold. Our seminaries of learning, especially the one situated at Spring Arbor, Mich., with which we as a conference stand more intimately connected, is reputed as being in a flourishing condition. It is worthy of, and should have, a more hearty patronage from the territory embraced in our conference, both in funds and in increase of pupils. The faculty we believe to have the work at heart, as is evident from the moral sentiment shown forth by those who have spent one or more terms within its walls, some of whom have gone forth as flaming heralds of the cross, to spread the name of Jesus abroad and rescue a dying world. Let us pray for and contribute more of our means toward supporting this seminary; and as a token of our appreciation send a delegate to visit said school sometime in the near future.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The following are the conference claimants and the amount of their claim as appropriated by the conference according to the provisions of the Discipline:

Mrs. Sarah Marshall (widow).....\$65 00
Mrs. E. A. Doolittle's children..... 60 00 \$125 00

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS:

Rev. D. C. Embury.....\$45 00
Rev. E. Cook..... 45 00 \$90 00

APPOINTMENTS.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.--F. J. CALKINS, Chairman.

St. John's.....L. Witham
Ovid and Elsie.....M. Devoist
North Star and Sickles.....A. S. Stambaugh
Oakley and Chafin.....J. W. Currier
Maple Grove and Hazleton.....M. L. Bovee
Gaines and Linden.....W. H. Iles
Corunna and New Haven.....M. Cuthbert
Livingston.....C. D. Hoadley
Ingham Mission.....S. Porterfield
Locke and Williamston.....S. W. Stone

FLINT DISTRICT.—A. C. MARSHALL, Chairman.

Forest and West Flint.....W. W. Hoyt
Flint and Genesee.....W. S. Haight
Farrandville.....N. A. Davis
Holly and Germany.....F. S. Hurlburt
South Lyon.....S. Johnson
Auburn and Ray.....E. W. Harding
Memphis and Richmond.....E. D. Hartley
Otisville.....H. Voorhess
Hadley and Branden.....B. F. Doolittle
Davison and Goodrich.....A. S. Andrews
Port Huron and Kimball.....B. H. Green
Mayfield and Goodland.....E. D. Blackman

BAY CITY DISTRICT.—H. BURSE, Chairman.

Bay City.....W. N. Pittenger
Caro and Akron.....M. Pittenger, supply
Mayville.....A. Tice
Sandusky.....E. Steer
Elmer City and Cass River.....J. Marston
Sand Beach and Forrestville.....S. Bartlett
Udly.....J. A. Hudgins
Kawkawlin.....A. H. Snelgrove
Clayton, Melita and Whittemore.....W. Y. Sumner, supply
Churchill, Damon and Beaver Lake.....F. Craver, supply
Alpena.....J. N. Wilson, W. Renney, supply
Pine River and St. Louis.....A. Rose
Newberry and and Evergreen.....J. Atkinson, supply
Alamanda.....Wm. Rumley

Rev. E. Cook, superannuated; member of St. John's district quarterly conference.

J. P. Soule, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Flint district quarterly conference.

J. F. Wetherald, evangelist; member of Flint district quarterly conference.

G. D. Smith, left without appointment at his own request; member of St. John's district quarterly conference.

A. V. Leonardson and E. Crippen, left without appointments at their own request; members of Flint district quarterly conference.

D. C. Embury, superannuated; member of Bay City district quarterly conference.

I. Mudge, left without appointment with a view to transfer.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

M. B. Gibson.....Melita, Arenac county, Michigan
D. K. Greenwood.....St. John's, Clinton " "
F. T. Flewelling.....St. Louis, Gratiot " "
Geo. Allen.....Wheeler, Gratiot " "
H. Spear.....Edgwood, Gratiot " "
T. Placer.....Sheperdsville, Clinton " "
O. H. Bushnell.....Fleming, Livingston " "
Pearce Elwell.....Oak Grove, Livingston " "
E. H. Punches.....Linden, Genesee " "
G. C. Lonsberry.....Oakley, Shiawassee " "
O. L. Slade.....Elk, Genesee " "
E. Barrett.....Verne, Genesee " "

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | OFFICERS, TEACHERS, SCHOLARS. | | | | | | | | | | CHAIRMEN'S RECEIPTS. | | | | | | | | | | PREACHERS' RECEIPTS. | | | | | | | | | | SUPERANNUATED CLAIM. | | | | | | | | | | GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY FUND. | | | | | | | | | | AFRICA MISSIONARY FUND. | | | | | | | | | | OTHER MISSIONARY FUNDS. | | | | | | | | | | AMOUNT RAISED FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | INCIDENTAL EXPENSE COLLECTION. | | | | | | | | | | VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | | | | | | | | VALUE OF PARSONAGE PROPERTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 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Raised on Evangelists' Receipts: At Corunna and New Haven, \$6.25; at Maple Grove and Hazleton, \$4.30; at Hadley and Brandon, \$10.00; at Holly and Germany, \$8.70; at South Lyon and Milford, \$5.52; at Davison and Goodrich, \$10.00; at Memphis and Richmond, \$3.00. Raised on Tent Fund: At Auburn and Ray, \$2.75; at Otisville, \$3.05.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Amble, Michigan, August 28--September 2,
1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

F. A. SMITH, Secretary.

C. L. LAMBERTSON, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Religious Services--G. W. Coleman, F. A. Smith, J. White, H. D. F. Gaffin.

On Superintendents' Claim--N. Heald.

On Secret Societies--W. Watson, S. M. Kidder, D. Macklin.

On Education--C. L. Lambertson, F. A. Smith, H. D. F. Gaffin.

On Temperance--N. Heald, L. B. Reber, W. A. Dean.

On Sunday-schools--L. B. Reber, C. L. Lambertson, C. A. Cusick.

On State of the Work--The district chairmen.

On Missions--The stationing committee.

On Ministerial Relations--L. B. Reber, C. A. Cusick, T. Resseguie, J. Hazeldine,
S. M. Kidder.

On Raising Money for Publishing the Minutes--L. T. Jacokes, D. G. Briggs.

On Publications--C. H. Rawson, G. W. Swezey, D. Macklin.

On Superannuated Claim--P. Devoist.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records--C. H. Rawson, N. Heald, S. M.
Kidder.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study--The chairmen of the districts.

To Receive Missionary Funds--D. G. Briggs.

The Camp Meeting Committee--The chairmen and W. Caywood, G. W.
Swezey, T. Resseguie.

To Apportion the Conference Collections--F. A. Smith.

To Receive Church Extension Funds--N. Heald.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course--D. G. Briggs, C. L. Lambertson.

First Year--A. G. Hartle, H. D. F. Gaffin.

Second Year--N. Heald, S. R. Gittins.

Third Year--L. T. Jacokes, M. Dafoe.

Fourth Year--C. H. Rawson, L. B. Reber.

The committee on first year's course will examine local preachers recommend-
ed to elders' or deacons' orders.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

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| W. R. Cusick, | L. T. Jacokes, | A. O. Halliwill, | J. C. Cope, |
| C. A. Cusick, | J. N. White, | N. Heald, | C. J. Schnurer, |
| J. G. Witham, | C. L. Lambertson, | A. G. Hartle, | G. W. Carey, |
| F. A. Smith, | W. Caywood, | S. M. Kidder, | S. R. Gittins, |
| E. W. Chapman, | M. Dafoe, | E. Snyder, | E. W. Smith, |
| W. Watson, | L. B. Reber, | M. Gilpin, | A. Witham, |
| D. G. Briggs, | H. D. F. Gaffin, | C. H. Rawson, | G. R. Stamp, |
| H. Haney. | | | |

DELEGATES.

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| J. Hazeldine, | G. W. Swezey, | E. Phelps, | F. G. Rice, |
| A. Lawrence, | J. Williams, | O. A. Rowland, | T. Resseguie, |
| D. Macklin, | J. D. Bradford, | J. L. Nichols, | W. A. Witham, |
| W. Hoag, | W. Harvey, | O. A. Gates, | Sarah E. McKibben, |
| P. Dickerson, | W. A. Dean, | L. Moulter, | Wm. Hoffman, |
| F. Gordon, | L. D. Hoag, | J. S. Kinney, | E. Brown, |
| T. Owen, | F. E. Stowell, | E. Walcott, | J. G. Williams, |
| D. McLachlan, | W. Wood, | P. T. Carpenter, | C. Bassett. |

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, F. A. Smith, J. N. White, H. D. F. Gaffin, T. Resseguie, J. D. Bradford, G. W. Swezey.

3. Who are the preachers admitted on trial? J. DeLong, J. Hazeldine, J. S. Whiting, A. J. Reynolds.

4. Who remain on trial? J. D. Dunwoodie, G. W. Scott, L. P. Lawton, F. Potruff, J. A. Allen, B. McKibben, S. W. Ingalls, L. A. Plant, F. K. Baker.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. R. Stamp, A. Witham, H. Haney.

6. Who are the deacons? J. C. Cope, G. W. Carey, E. W. Smith, E. Snyder, C. J. Schnurer, S. R. Gittins, G. R. Stamp, A. Witham.

8. Who have located this year? G. H. Barrett, S. S. Crandell.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. A. Cusick, W. R. Cusick.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. Orr.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was considered, and passed with one exception.

15. What is the number of church members? 1378 in full connection. 232 probationers.

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

23. Where and when shall the next session of our conference be held? The place of holding left with the chairmen, and the time as near the last week in August as will be convenient for the superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Conference convened on "the old camp ground" at Amble, Michigan, commencing August 28, 1889, at 2 p. m.

This session consisted of eight sittings, held in a large tabernacle. The number of tents on the ground was about two hundred. The ground inside the circle of tents was literally packed with people on the Sabbath. One surging mass of humanity filled the place from early morn until late at night. Various estimates were made in regard to the number of people present, some placing it as high as twenty thousand.

God graciously manifested his presence among us by pardoning sinners and sanctifying believers. The shouts of the redeemed, and the weeping of penitent sinners, were heard almost continually from morning till night, and from night till morning; and doubtless scores of souls will rejoice through all eternity as the result of the Amble conference camp meeting.

Twenty-eight ministers, and thirty-two delegates were present as members in attendance at this session of conference.

A collection of about \$2.50 was taken up to pay for stationery for the use of the secretaries.

George R. Stamp and Albert Witham were ordained deacons immediately after the Monday morning sitting.

The conference collections for this conference year will be taken as follows: First quarter, superannuated claim, sixteen cents; second quarter, general missions, ten cents, and the deficiency, where circuits are deficient, also the church extension collection; third quarter, general superintendents' claim, twenty-three cents, and the deficiency where circuits are deficient; fourth quarter, home missions, ten cents, also a collection to defray the expenses of General conference delegates. A collection is to be taken the first quarter at all preaching points for the benefit of S. M. Kidder, and forwarded to his address, Woodland, Barry Co., Michigan.

Rev. P. Devoist, Coopersville, Ottawa Co., Michigan, is appointed treasurer to receive the superannuated claim and forward the same to claimants.

Rev. N. Heald is the treasurer of the church extension and aid society, to whom all moneys for aid to churches should be sent.

J. N. White, H. D. F. Gaffin and F. A. Smith were elected chairmen for the coming year.

W. R. Cusick, one of the first Free Methodist ministers in this State, and very prominent in the work in various States of the Union, having seen many years of usefulness, and hundreds of souls converted to God, has at last reluctantly (on the account of lameness caused by rheumatism, brought on by exposure while in the discharge of his duty as an itinerant minister), asked for a superannuated relation to this conference. It was granted him, and a collection of \$50 was raised forthwith to help pay an indebtedness that had accumulated on his home.

The sum of \$20.65 was raised for publishing the Minutes in connection with the other conferences.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

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| Collection for home missions..... | | \$72 27 |
| Appropriated to L. A. Plant and wife..... | 12 00 | |
| “ “ S. M. Kidder..... | 15 00 | |
| “ “ B. McKibben..... | 10 00 | |
| “ “ S. R. Gittins..... | 10 00 | |
| “ “ A. G. Hartle..... | 5 27 | |
| “ “ J. S. Whiting..... | 5 00 | |
| “ “ E. W. Smith..... | 5 00 | |
| “ “ G. H. Joslin..... | 5 00 | |
| “ “ J. A. Allen..... | 5 00 | |
| | | \$72 27 |

II.—ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIM.

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| Brought to conference..... | | \$181 78 |
| Paid to C. A. Cusick..... | 98 56 | |
| “ “ Margaret McLucas..... | 30 00 | |
| Amount on hand..... | 3 22 | |
| | | 131 78 |
| Amount due East Michigan conference..... | | \$34 72 |

III.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Deficiency of last year..... | \$34 41 |
| Assessment for 1889..... | 265 20 |
| Sent to treasurer..... | 2 50 |
| Paid at conference..... | 204 87 |
| Balance due..... | 92 24 |
| | ———— \$299 61 |

IV.—ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Amount raised..... | \$77 92 |
| Sent to treasurer before conference..... | 7 35 |
| Brought to conference..... | 70 57 |
| | ———— \$77 92 |

V.—ON AFRICA MISSIONS.

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| Amount raised..... | \$4 00 |
| “ “ for G. Harry Agnew’s Iron House..... | 9 00 |
| | ———— |
| Total..... | \$13 00 |

VI.—ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Reported at conference..... | \$16 96 |
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VII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance report as follows:

Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the cause of much suffering which comes directly or indirectly from the same, both to the innocent as well as to the guilty, and is increasing to an alarming extent, and as the ways and means adopted in the past for the purpose of regulating or holding in check the evil, by high or low li-
cense or otherwise, have proved a failure, as it is on the increase; and as we believe in justice to ourselves and our neighbors, and in obedience to God’s moral law, we have no right to be temperate in, or vote to license anything which is an evil in its nature, or causes evil to come upon ourselves or our neighbor by its use; and that we believe that the licensing of men to sell liquor for the purpose of the revenue derived from the same knowing the result of its use to be evil, is doing evil that good may come, whose damna-
tion is just. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the Gospel, called of God to stand upon the walls of Zion to give warning against all evil that we see coming on the people, will not cease to warn the people of the great danger of remaining divided and unprotected until our enemies, the saloon-keepers and liquor dealers, shall have bound us hand and foot; as we believe they already hold the balance of power, by voting with the two great political parties so that neither party dare put a prohibition plank in their platform for fear of losing the whisky vote.

Therefore we see the necessity of all men who are opposed to the liquor traffic coming together into one party whose main object is to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, and as the Prohibition party propose to accomplish this by the help of God, who can give us victory; we therefore pledge ourselves to give said party our vote and sup-
port, and will give the trumpet the correct and certain sound, and will not cease our efforts, as far as possible, until it be accomplished and victory is ours; and the youth and innocent of our fair land are redeemed and saved from the curse, and drunkard’s pre-
mature graves. All of which is respectfully submitted.

VIII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

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

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 un-
biased investigation of underlying principles, an unprejudiced observation of practical workings. We find them founded in selfishness, both in church and state. We find that in our civil courts it is almost impossible for men who do not belong to these secret orders to get justice. We also find that secrecy, especially Freemasonry, obliterates the only true lines of distinction in society, conferring honors and distinctions regardless of merit, selfish in its principles, and raising a dangerous standard of morality in the world.

Experience teaches us as a people that we must not, and we will not, remove the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set, and we will continue as in the past, to exclude members of secret societies from our church and the Lord’s table; whereas if we should do otherwise, we would be bidding them Godspeed. But, contrariwise, let us as a conference raise our voices against all secret societies, doing our duties as men and women of God, and clearing ourselves from the blood of souls in the coming judg-
ment.

IX.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We hail with joy the dawn of the brightest era in salvation literature that the world has ever witnessed. The press of to-day speaks with a louder, clearer voice than has been known since the day of John Wesley. The popular holiness movement has long since been forced to imitate its clarion peal or go under, and it prefers to imitate. It is high time that the mask was torn off. The crucial tests of pulpit efficiency should be turned with a full head upon the *animus* of the Christian press. If popular ministers in their preaching sometimes imitate the Free Methodists to decoy the unwary, let it be understood that popular editors often write as we do for the same reason. The pen is inspired of Heaven only when used by the man who lives what he writes. How can the life of a man whose relation to a church is a silent approval of her sins, be in strict harmony with vital godliness? No literature is gossypily genuine, unless written by men who are sealed with the grace that makes them separate from the world. Let him that heareth understand. One of the most specious forms of false and dangerous literature is being inveigled into some of our Sunday-schools. Regardless of the warnings given, from time to time, it is astonishing that some of our people will endorse the literature of David C. Cook. His trashy, fictitious publications border upon the sensational, if not the sensuous. Worse than all, it is filled with those damnable heresies that only need to be generally believed to subvert every principle, doctrine and issue of the Free Methodist Church. Once more we cry out against it; and we hold that the time has come when the church should demand that David C. Cook's publications should be banished from our Sunday-schools.

The principles we preach must be so molded and materialized that they may be safely handed down to our children. This is one great mission of all our publications, and they are, therefore, an important factor of our denominational life. The Providence of God is strikingly manifest in causing this right arm of our Zion to grow with its growth, and develop with its rapidly maturing strength. Among the annals of Methodism we are unfolding a history that is without a parallel. No young church ever undertook to launch its literature amid so many human impossibilities, and succeeded as long as we have in keeping it afloat. Exposed to the concentrated fire of worldly ecclesiasticism on one hand and the enflaming fire of ignorance, bigotry and fanaticism on the other,—we are rejoiced to see that still the thing lives. God is in it; and if her guns are ever spiked, it will be by our own hands. It may seem strange and unbecoming to here assume that the greatest annoyance to our publishing interests, comes from our own people. But the facts warrant the assertion. It is simply astounding that there should be a quibble as to whether our publishing business ought to be handled by the hap of individual caprice or by the authorized counsels of the church. Our people have promptly and unitedly uttered their voice—and the question has been settled. But the quibble continues. The limit of endurance has well-nigh been reached—and we cry to God for special grace upon those whose shoulders are bearing this burden. But we can do much to answer our prayers. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will allow neither the literature of other churches, nor independent fly sheets published by our people, to supplant our authorized periodicals in our homes and Sunday-schools.

2. That we cordially recognize the *Earnest Christian*, *Free Methodist*, *Young People's World* and the Sunday-school supplies published by T. B. Arnold, as the standard authority of our church.

X.—ON EDUCATION.

Education is a very important means of obtaining success in every department of life's work. None but real students, who have their ears and eyes wide open to all that is transpiring around them, and are observing in those things which God places along the pathway of life, ever make much of a mark in this world. It has taken possession of the minds of some that if an individual studies much, the tendency will be to set aside the leadings of God's Spirit, and depend upon their knowledge. Said a lady at one time upon entering the church and seeing a graduate from one of our colleges in the sacred desk, "I thought we were now going to hear a sermon that will be too deep for me," but in speaking to the minister afterward she said, "I could understand every word of your discourse." "Ah," remarked the minister, "the benefit of an education is to simplify the truth so that all may comprehend it." Of all classes of occupations, the minister of the Gospel should be emphatically a student. In his work it becomes as highly important as prayer. He who teaches the sciences may teach an error and his disciples may gain a home in Heaven at last; but he who attempts to instruct men in the ways of God and there sets forth what is erroneous, may lead men to practice that which would sink their souls to ruin. Jesus said on one occasion, "Ye do err not knowing the scriptures;" On another occasion, Jesus commands to search the Scriptures. St. Paul said to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God," etc. We would not wish to dishearten any man whose convictions are to break away from every restraint and go immediately to preach the everlasting Gospel; but we would say with Paul, "For a great and effectual door is open to me,"—a door that leadeth to knowledge as well as opportunity for labor. Soon after the Free Methodist seminary at Spring Arbor threw open its doors, young men

and ladies were induced to take up with its offers, and the latent powers and talents began to develop until the Free Methodist pulpits here and there throughout the States of Michigan, Ohio and Illinois were extensively filled with a class of heroic and self-denying ministers. God only knows the blessings bestowed by those who so faithfully struggled to found and sustain such an institution.

May God speed the day when all of our schools may be placed upon a solid basis, where they may successfully combine a good education with a thorough Christian experience.

APPOINTMENTS.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.--H. D. F. GAFFIN, Chairman.

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| Coopersville, Nunica and Town Line..... | A. G. Hartle; P. Devoist, supply |
| Ravenna..... | J. C. Cope |
| Sparta and Kent City..... | E. Snyder |
| Grand Rapids and Sand Creek..... | E. Thirkettle, supply |
| Hilliards and Allegan..... | A. O. Halliwill |
| Bradley and Gregoryville..... | B. McKibben; Sarah E. McKibben, supply |
| Cedar Springs, Nelson and Rockford..... | L. T. Jacokes |
| Cortland and Cannonsburg..... | M. Gilpin |
| Coral and Lake View..... | F. K. Baker |
| Ensley, Sand Lake and Pearson..... | J. A. Allen |
| Stanwood, Austin and Brady Lake..... | J. G. Witham |

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—F. A. SMITH, Chairman.

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| Big Rapids..... | W. Caywood |
| Millbrook and Wyman..... | C. H. Rawson |
| Hungerford and Fremont..... | G. H. Joslin |
| Oceana..... | S. W. Ingalls |
| Shelby and Crystal Valley..... | J. Hazeldine |
| Ludington, Custer and Free Soil..... | L. B. Reber; one to be supplied |
| Evart, South Evart and Chippewa..... | G. W. Scott |
| Milton, Tustin and Rose Lake..... | J. S. Whiting |
| Cadillac and Cherry Grove..... | H. Haney |
| Colfax, Bandola and Wexford..... | G. R. Stamp |
| Manton, Carpenter and Missaukee..... | E. W. Smith |
| Kalkaska and Bellaire..... | E. M. Russell, supply; one to be supplied |
| Home Mission..... | E. E. Preston, supply |

STANTON DISTRICT.—J. N. WHITE, Chairman.

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| Grand Ledge and Eagle..... | M. DaFoe |
| Sunfield and Roxana..... | D. G. Briggs |
| Morgan, Castleton and Woodland..... | E. W. Chapman |
| Saranac, Berlin and Fallassburgh..... | J. S. DeLong |
| Orleans and Ionia..... | C. L. Lambertson |
| Fowler and Maple Rapids..... | To be supplied |
| Stanton, Douglas and Edmcres..... | C. J. Schnurer |
| Sumner and Fishville..... | S. R. Gittins; Mary J. Finch, supply |
| Isabella, Mt. Pleasant and County Line..... | A. Witham |
| Clare and Farwell..... | W. A. Witham |
| Sears Fork and Brinton..... | L. A. Plant; Mary Plant supply |
| VanDecar and Leaton..... | A. J. Reynolds |
| Eaton Rapids..... | Ida L. Gage, supply |
| Maple Grove and Kalamo..... | G. W. Carey |

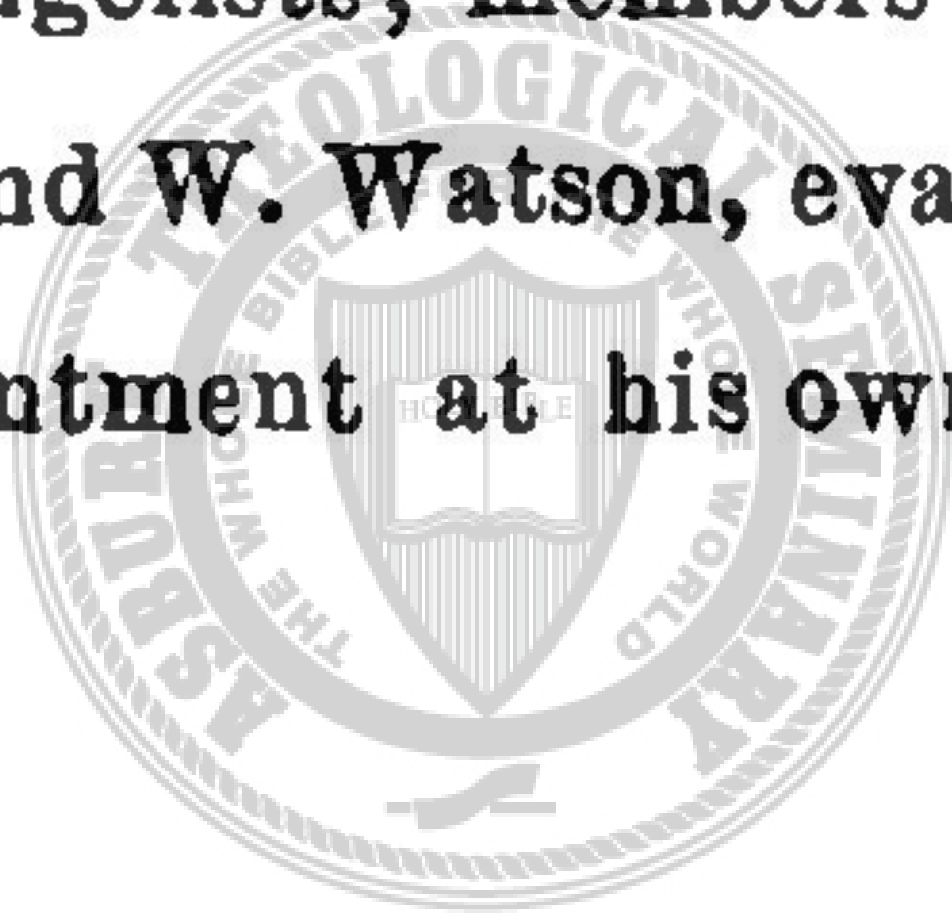
C. A. Cusick, superannuated; member of Stanton district quarterly conference.

F. Potruff and J. D. Dunwoodie, left without appointment at their own request; members of Stanton district quarterly conference.

S. M. Kidder and N. Heald, evangelists; members of Stanton district quarterly conference.

W. R. Cusick, superannuated and W. Watson, evangelist; members of Grand Rapids district quarterly conference.

L. P. Lawton, left without appointment at his own request; member of Big Rapids district quarterly 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. | General Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- Property. | Church Extension Fund. |
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| GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT. | H. D. F. Gaffn, Chairman. | 74 | 12 | 86 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 100 | \$385 00 | 60 00 | \$2 00 | \$8 50 | \$14 60 | \$4 70 | \$4 70 | \$25 00 | \$100 00 | \$3800 | \$600 | \$1 45 |
| Coopersville & Town Line. | N. Heald; P. Devolst, sup | 25 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 158 81 | 20 00 | ..... | 3 42 | 2 00 | 1 00 | ..... | 6 00 | 50 00 | 200 | 150 | ..... |
| Ravenna and Six Corners. | B. McKibben..... | 48 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 61 | 188 94 | 26 00 | 3 00 | 4 45 | 6 62 | 3 30 | 3 30 | 31 78 | 24 81 | 1800 | ..... | ..... |
| Sparta and Kent City..... | W. Watson..... | 31 | 4 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 60 02 | 24 00 | 4 18 | 3 70 | 5 00 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 20 96 | 47 69 | 150 | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Rapids & Sand O.... | E. Thirkettle, supply.... | 22 | 14 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 30 | 131 66 | 28 00 | 5 00 | 2 10 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 8 00 | 25 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hillards and Osego..... | To be supplied..... | 23 | 14 | 37 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 200 00 | 24 00 | ..... | 5 03 | 4 68 | 3 20 | 3 11 | 15 00 | 20 00 | 300 | ..... | ..... |
| Bradley & Carpenter S. H. | F. K. Baker..... | 43 | 12 | 55 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 257 42 | 36 00 | ..... | 5 80 | 8 20 | 3 00 | 3 50 | 7 50 | 88 72 | 700 | 250 | 25 |
| Cedar Springs and Nelson. | O. E. Rawson..... | 41 | 7 | 48 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 60 | 302 85 | 40 62 | 1 50 | 4 58 | 5 48 | 2 90 | 3 00 | ..... | 15 61 | 1100 | 250 | ..... |
| Courtland & Cannonsburg. | L. T. Jackson..... | 41 | 13 | 54 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 278 57 | 35 86 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 90 |
| Corral and Lake View..... | M. Gilpin..... | 52 | 4 | 56 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 165 68 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 700 | 200 | ..... |
| Ensley and Croton..... | A. G. Harle..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stanwood, Austin, etc..... | To be supplied..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| STANTON DISTRICT. | J. N. White, Chairman. | 47 | ..... | 47 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 80 | 304 00 | 51 56 | 10 60 | 6 28 | 8 40 | 2 86 | 2 86 | 10 91 | 9 00 | 1500 | 150 | ..... |
| Grand Ledge and Eagle.... | M. DeFoe..... | 67 | ..... | 67 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 16 | 310 21 | 49 92 | 31 62 | 5 95 | 5 66 | 2 55 | 2 55 | 18 00 | 25 00 | 800 | ..... | ..... |
| Sunfield and Roxana..... | A. O. Halliwell..... | 78 | 8 | 86 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 98 | 316 02 | 48 00 | 7 10 | 9 52 | 12 50 | 6 10 | 6 20 | 13 90 | ..... | 1000 | ..... | ..... |
| Morgan, Castleton, etc.... | Wm. Caywood..... | 20 | 1 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 50 | 41 25 | ..... | ..... | 1 54 | 2 50 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 7 42 | 35 08 | 500 | 300 | 1 29 |
| Saranac, Berlin, etc..... | F. Potrud..... | 44 | 4 | 48 | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 330 55 | 48 00 | 3 00 | 5 88 | 8 40 | 4 20 | 4 20 | ..... | 7 00 | 1000 | ..... | ..... |
| Orleans and Greenville.... | C. L. Lamberson..... | 8 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 | ..... | 50 | 332 34 | 40 00 | ..... | 1 00 | 3 00 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 | ..... | ..... |
| Fowler and Maple Rapids. | J. A. Allen..... | 47 | 6 | 53 | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stanton, Douglas, etc..... | T. McShea, supply..... | 89 | 10 | 99 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 492 35 | 60 20 | ..... | 5 00 | 17 80 | 5 35 | 5 00 | 12 30 | 70 00 | 1000 | 700 | ..... |
| Estella and Crystal..... | Mary J. Finch, supply.... | 43 | ..... | 43 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 40 | 294 31 | 40 00 | 10 75 | 2 00 | 5 60 | 3 17 | 1 90 | 5 57 | 22 30 | 1200 | 600 | 1 07 |
| Isabella, Mt. Pleasant.... | A. Witham..... | 27 | 14 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 250 26 | 25 99 | 2 34 | 2 66 | 3 80 | 1 90 | 1 70 | ..... | ..... | 200 | ..... | ..... |
| Clare and Farwell..... | To be supplied..... | 23 | 5 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 153 83 | 25 47 | 3 70 | 3 08 | 3 40 | 1 87 | 1 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Beats Fork and Brinton.... | S. K. Gittins..... | 6 | 13 | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| VanDecar and Leaton..... | D. G. Briggs..... | 12 | 13 | 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 101 80 | 16 46 | ..... | ..... | 2 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Eaton Rapids..... | G. W. Carey..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Maple Grove and Kalamao.. | F. A. Smith, Chairman. | 38 | 5 | 43 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 52 | 259 00 | 27 00 | 3 08 | 4 30 | 6 20 | 1 06 | 3 10 | 16 36 | 28 80 | 65 | ..... | ..... |
| BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT. | To be supplied..... | 64 | ..... | 64 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 35 | 220 00 | 36 09 | 18 00 | 1 06 | 8 60 | 1 65 | 1 65 | 6 00 | 206 00 | 200 | 225 | ..... |
| Millbrook and Wyman..... | O. J. Schnurer..... | 22 | 11 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 35 | 160 71 | 42 45 | ..... | 3 64 | 5 00 | 1 10 | 1 10 | 16 34 | 50 00 | 1200 | 200 | ..... |
| Hungerford and Home..... | S. W. Ingalls..... | 23 | 20 | 43 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 62 | 226 60 | 36 00 | 1 27 | 1 66 | 2 00 | 1 10 | 1 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 68 |
| Oceana..... | J. D. Dunwoodie..... | 63 | 7 | 70 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 95 | 71 91 | 32 00 | ..... | 1 55 | 2 21 | 1 12 | 1 11 | 45 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shelby and Crystal Valley. | L. B. Reber..... | 17 | 2 | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 232 82 | 44 00 | 5 50 | 4 75 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ludington, Riverton, etc. | To be supplied..... | 27 | 7 | 34 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 89 85 | 26 00 | ..... | 1 60 | 2 40 | 2 00 | 1 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Free Soil and Scottville.... | E. W. Smith..... | 32 | 4 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 199 23 | 40 00 | ..... | 4 76 | 6 80 | 5 4 | 5 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ewart, South Ewart..... | J. C. Cope..... | 26 | 9 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 38 | 162 56 | 32 00 | 17 95 | 3 32 | 4 19 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 36 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cadillac and Cherry Grove | H. Haney..... | 30 | 8 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 40 | 292 75 | 36 00 | ..... | 3 50 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 38 | 18 15 | 2 00 | 750 | 750 | 2 42 |
| Colfax, Bandola, etc..... | To be supplied..... | 79 | 11 | 90 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 100 | 126 49 | 30 92 | ..... | 4 20 | 6 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | 100 | 250 | 25 |
| Manitou, Carpenter, etc.... | G. R. Stamp..... | 26 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 200 00 | 56 00 | 2 00 | 5 60 | 8 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 4 10 | 10 65 | ..... | 200 | 2 52 |
| Kalkaska and Bellaire..... | L. A. Plant; M. Plant, sup | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 144 49 | 30 86 | 2 28 | 2 12 | 4 48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total for conference..... | | 1378 | 232 | 1610 | 40 | 41 | 276 | 1207 | \$8482 15 | \$1197 73 | \$137 99 | \$125 39 | \$196 19 | \$71 20 | \$66 35 | \$324 77 | \$835 66 | \$18565 | \$6176 | \$11 37 |

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WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Blair, Nebraska, August 21-25, 1889.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

T. H. ALLEN, Secretary.

J. H. WILSON, Assistant Secretary.

W. W. VINSON, Treasurer,

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—W. H. Holmes, T. H. Allen, J. M. Reilly.

On Publications—F. E. Stephens, M. D. Myers.

On the State of the Work—T. H. Allen, J. M. Reilly.

On Temperance—F. H. Smith, J. W. Dake, M. D. Daily.

On Secret Societies—Jas. Aspedon, J. H. Wilson.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—T. J. Gates.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Quarterly Conference Records—F. E. Stephens, F. H. Smith, N. S. Honn.

On Education—F. E. Stephens, J. W. Dake.

On Sunday-schools—J. M. Reilly, N. J. Smith.

On Claims—G. B. Whittington.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Securing Reduction of Railroad Fare—The chairmen.

On Ministerial Relations—G. B. Whittington, J. H. Wilson, J. M. Reilly, Samuel Hunt, F. E. Stephens.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—W. W. Vinson, Geo. Griffith.

First Year—E. A. Anderson, F. I. Waters.

Second Year—M. D. Myers, F. H. Smith.

Third Year—G. B. Whittington, W. H. Holmes.

Fourth Year—J. H. Wilson, J. M. Reilly.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

To Examine Local Preachers, Recommended for Ordination—Committee of the third year.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

C. S. Hanley, President, Shenandoah, Iowa.

T. H. Allen, Secretary, Shenandoah, Iowa.

J. H. Wilson, Treasurer, Bear Grove, Iowa; H. Washburn, S. J. Hawkins.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

J. W. Dake,
J. M. Reilly,
T. H. Allen,
A. Dowd,

W. B. Nixon,
W. H. Holmes,
T. J. Gates,
E. N. Miller.

J. H. Wilson,
M. D. Myers,
G. B. Whittington,

F. H. Smith,
E. A. Anderson,
F. E. Eaton,

DELEGATES.

M. D. Daily,
J. R. Lamb,
P. H. Martin,
J. W. Blake,
Jas. Aspedon,

Minnie Fisk,
J. F. Markwell,
T. B. Holman,
F. S. Turner,
Jas. Flanigan,
F. E. Stephens,
E. Carney,
Mattie D. Whipple,
John Smith,

N. J. Smith,
N. S. Honn,
J. T. Wornom.
Sam'l Hunt,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, T. H. Allen, J. M. Reilly, F. E. Stephens, Jas. Aspedon.
3. Who are admitted on trial? E. C. Mossman, A. L. Mossman, Mattie D. Whipple, E. Pickett, Allen Linn, N. S. Honn.
4. Who remain on trial? F. I. Waters, W. W. Vinson, J. C. Myers, O. H. Antone, Mary Hillas, Geo. Griffith, Geo. Shinn, J. A. Chamberlain.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. E. Eaton, A. Dowd, E. N. Miller.
6. Who are the deacons? F. H. Smith, E. A. Anderson, E. N. Miller *F. E. Eaton, *A. Dowd, *Allen Linn.
7. Who are elected elders this year? G. B. Whittington, M. D. Myers, J. H. Wilson, †G. Patrick, E. Pickett.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. W. Dake.
10. Who have been received by transfer and from other conferences? None.
11. Who have been expelled this year? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. G. Stanard.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined, and passed with the exception of one.
14. Who have died this year? None.
15. What is the number of church members? See statistical report.
16. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
17. Where shall the next conference be held? At Shenandoah, Iowa, in connection with a conference camp meeting, to commence the last Wednesday in August.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fifth annual session was held, at Blair, Neb., in connection with a camp meeting.

T. H. Allen was elected secretary and J. H. Wilson assistant.

There were four sittings.

The session was harmonious and spiritual. There was a large attendance of members and conference visitors.

Three were ordained deacons.

Five were ordained elders.

E. P. Hart preached five times, J. W. Dake twice, E. N. Miller, J. H. Wilson, T. J. Gates and E. Pickett, once each.

W. W. Harris from the Kansas conference, was present part of the time. He was invited to an honorary seat in the conference.

Six were received on trial.

Order of collections: Superannuated collection, first quarter, rate 18 cts. per member; home missions, December and January, 18 cts. per member; foreign missions, February (free-will); general missions, March and April, rate 10 cts. per member; superintendent's collection, during May and June, rate 20 cts. per member; church extension collection, last quarter, (free-will). For expense of delegates to General conference, last quarter.

Two traveling chairmen were elected.

W. W. Vinson, Dunlap, Iowa, was elected conference treasurer.

\$150.00 was raised to pay expenses of the camp meeting and conference.

\$19.25 was raised for publishing the Minutes.

About \$22.00 was raised for the president at the Sunday morning service.

A collection of \$1.93 was taken up for the purchase of blanks, etc., for the secretaries.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the owner of the ground for the use of it, also, to those who have so kindly entertained the conference.

The next annual session was ordered held on the Shenandoah circuit in connection with a conference camp meeting, to commence the last Wednesday in August

*Ordained this year. †Local elder.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.--ON RAISING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

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| Received for Minutes..... | \$ 19.25 |
| Due from Publishing House from 1888 | 2.13 |

II.--ON HOME MISSIONS.

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| Amount collected..... | \$ 27.05 |
| Paid to J. M. Reilly | 27.05 |

III.--ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Amount due | \$ 60.30 |
| By cash received..... | \$ 20.02 |
| By receipts | 8.80 |
| Balance due..... | 31.48 |
| | \$ 60.30 |

IV.--ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| Amount collected..... | \$ 77.44 |
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V.--ON SUPERINTENDENT'S CLAIM.

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| Amount due | \$125.49 |
| By S. K. J. Chesbro | \$ 49.55 |
| By E. P. Hart..... | 21.50 |
| By cash on hand..... | 38.10 |
| By collection..... | 16.34 |
| | \$125.49 |

VI.--ON CLAIMS.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Amount due | \$151.25 |
| By J. W. Dake | \$115.85 |
| By May Lutz | 33.30 |
| Treasurer for postage | 1.50 |
| Lost in the mail..... | 60 |
| | \$151.25 |

VII.--ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

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|----------------------|----------|
| By receipts | \$ 31.61 |
| By cash on hand..... | 10.20 |
| Total amount | \$ 41.81 |

VIII.--ON PUBLICATIONS.

We candidly believe the secular press is every day becoming a mightier power for evil in poisoning the minds of the human race. The morals of the people are generally no higher than the public press. The carnal mind desires no greater bliss than that class of literature which tolerates and pampers unholy thoughts and desires. The general secular press fulfills this desire as they cannot thrive without publishing that class of thought which tends to debase and poison the minds of those who read them with the most unholy and ungodly desires out of the bottomless pit. Our prayer is, that God will wake us up, as a people. Oh, the responsibility that rests upon us! What grand opportunities are opening daily before us for disseminating pure and godly literature among the people! The great solemn question upon us is this: are we as fully awake to the necessity of distributing tracts and pure literature among the people, as the world is to distribute their vile and debasing handbills, posters, and placards, which confront us on every hand, and are readily read while tracts and holy literature are thrust aside? This all expresses in solemn, awful facts the depth of human depravity. Truly the Scripture has said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" We believe it to be our duty as Christians, and Free Methodists, to do all in our power to counteract the flood of ungodly literature, by spreading that kind of reading matter which is found in our holiness periodicals, books and tracts, some of which are the *Free Methodist*, our church organ, a practical and spiritual paper, that should be taken by all our preachers. We believe our preachers should urge their members to take it as their family paper. We also heartily endorse and recommend the *Earnest Christian* to all who love solid holiness reading. It comes to us laden with Christian counsel, and spiritual food. We also believe the *Fire-brand* to be a paper full of spiritual truths and destined to do much good in spreading Gospel salvation through our land. We do not deplore the multiplication of real solid holiness periodicals. We do deplore and lament the fact that there is so much indifference among us in regard to putting our means into them, and sending them into every clime, and giving to all nations a knowledge of true religion. We would also recommend that our people purchase Sunday-school supplies of T. B. Arnold, as we believe them to be filled with deep religious truth. God speed the day when our land shall be filled with the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea, elevating and purifying the heart, mind and life, and bringing every thought into obedience to Christ. Then shall the days of impure literature be a thing of the past, and holiness will be written on every press and publication in the land. Righteousness shall then exalt our nation, for sin is a reproach to any people. God help us and stir us up for Jesus' sake. Amen.

IX.--ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school as the nursery of the church, is not only for instruction in the literal

truths of the word, but we should continually and persistently endeavor to bring the young into the experience of faith in the Son of God, for salvation from sin in this present world. As pastors and parents, we should see to it, that while the form is retained, the presence and power of godliness should be felt by every scholar. We should endeavor to hold the Bible up to those not of our faith, by the manners, conversation, and dress of our little ones. We should look to it that we assist as far as possible the officers and teachers, and especially should we remember this work at a throne of divine grace, that God would through our labors in this direction build up a people to carry on his work and spread "scriptural holiness" through our land. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as the people of God, be more careful to be more in attendance on this means of grace, and that we should use only those helps which can be used to the glory of God, and to advance the spiritual interests of those under our charge.

X.—ON EDUCATION.

It is our duty as a church to make special effort to educate our children. We should place them, when possible, in schools where religious and secular instruction are properly blended. The welfare of the soul demands it. We believe in spiritual and intellectual advancement. Each helps the other. Each without the other is not conducive to the best results. With sorrow we are compelled to notice the advance of worldliness in our public schools. They are becoming hot beds of fashion and pride. It is called culture. We, as parents, admit the baneful influence a worldly conformed church has upon our Christian experience, and that we cannot fellowship with the same without injury to our souls, and yet we expose our children to influences day after day, in our public schools the very opposite of the Christian instruction they are taught at home, influences that we as parents, many of us, could not withstand without injury to our Christian experience. Not only does the arch-fiend attempt to ensnare our children in the net of pride and fashion, but he sorely persecutes our children in some localities because they are Free Methodist children. This separation from the world extends unto our children, but bless God through it all, salvation extends to them also, for the promise is to you and your children. We would heartily recommend our people to patronize our schools, where they can have the proper Christian teaching and influence about their children. We now have the Chili Seminary, New York; Orleans College, Nebraska; Neosho Rapids school, Kansas; school at Evansville, Wisconsin; Wessington Springs, Dakota; Spring Arbor, Michigan; and last but not least, the Faith School at Shenandoah, Iowa. This school is strictly a prohibition school. It prohibits tobacco, bangs, bustles, gum, and worldly conformity in all its various branches. May God bless our schools and help us as parents to be wide awake to the responsibility of protecting our children from evil influences during their education.

XI.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Every year events are developing in the history of secrecy which intensifies our opinion that it is a great and growing evil. Its very nature being such that the administration of justice is taken from God-ordained government and placed in the hands of men who can hide their deviltry behind tyled doors, and sworn secrecy of their brotherhood, has resulted in the murder of its Morgans and Cronins. The religious nature of most secret societies causes its devotees often to say, that the man-made religion of the lodge is as good or even better than the God-given religion of the church—thus deceiving men to their eternal undoing; and in excluding all idea of forgiveness and mercy, those cardinal points in the character of Jesus Christ, it naturally shuts out the only hope of salvation—"For there is none other name given under heaven, or among men whereby we must be saved," only in the name of Jesus. Therefore we report our increasing hostility to secrecy in any and every form, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to enlighten the public mind to these evils, and, that under God, our labors in this direction shall not cease till these parasites of church and state have become a thing of the past.

XII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is now the greatest issue before the American people, and since intemperance is gaining such a strong foothold in the land, not only as pertains to the use of alcoholic liquors, but also to other habits of living, and since the supreme court, in its decision grants distillers the right to ship sealed or unbroken packages to any point in any State and sell the same unmolested, we are fully convinced that prohibition, until made a national issue, will be a failure. We regard the old parties as unsound and unworthy of our support, inasmuch as they will adopt any measures for the sake of office; we believe that we, as Christians, cannot encourage crime and deception by voting for parties with no principle, and no prohibition plank in their platform; we regard the prohibition party as the only one which has any direct issue with the liquor traffic. Therefore we recommend that we, as a church, give our voice, vote and prayer in favor of men directly opposed to the rum power by voting for righteousness and home protection through the National Prohibition party, and thus rescue the youth of our land from the thralldom of intemperance.

XIII.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

BEAR GROVE AND RED OAK DISTRICTS.—T. H. ALLEN, CHAIRMAN.

Another conference year has come to a close. In looking over the field of labor it is ev-

ident that God has been among us. The work is not the work of men but of God. It bears mark of the divine hand; souls have been truly converted to God and sanctified wholly. Grace and unity generally prevail among the societies. Some new societies have been formed. Religion among us is of the Bible type and character—healthy, radical and sacrificing. Four churches have been dedicated to God during the year. Three more are nearly completed. While thankful to God for the prosperity among us, there is so much room for improvement that we should be humbled in his presence; we should be more aggressive. We are confined too much to the few old points of preaching, and do not go into new fields and raise up new societies. We must bestir ourselves and get out of this old beaten track, or betray the cause of God and fail in our mission to the world. Ministers should have from four to ten points of preaching. Every one should be given something to do. The young people and local preachers should be set to work to get souls saved. We should be more determined to succeed. If we had our work more at heart we would see greater results. A more untiring, persistent effort should be made on the part of our ministers to get our periodicals and publications into the homes of all our people. More attention should be given to the disciplinary way of supporting the ministry. The plan is simple. If carried out, ministers can be easily supported. Ministers should lead the way and teach the people the necessity and importance of adopting a systematic plan of supporting the cause of God. This should be according to ability. The system of tithing, as the minimum rule of giving, with free-will offerings added, would put an abundance of means into the treasury of the church for God's work. Faithfulness to God and the church as contemplated in our book of Discipline, will greatly add to our spirituality and usefulness as a people. The results of so doing will be the doubling of our circuits and our conference in numbers. Souls would be added to the church daily. May God send a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit upon this great work of salvation. T. H. ALLEN.

OMAHA, SIOUX CITY AND DUNLAP DISTRICTS.—J. M. REILLY, CHAIRMAN.

A spirit of inquiry after the good way prevails throughout the work, especially so in the Iowa portion of it. Many points are calling for earnest, patient, consecrated workers. There is need of persevering concentration of effort at a given point. We should wait on God till we have unmistakable direction from him as to when and where we should begin meetings; this question being fully settled we ought to consider it a foregone conclusion that we will have a revival and settle down to the work with a determination that will not be easily diverted from that object. We are lacking in this respect. In some places there is a tendency without due deliberation and counsel to rush into the work at a given point and to as hastily abandon the undertaking and try some other place or field before fruit has come to maturity. J. M. REILLY.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| J. W. Dake..... | Bayard, Iowa |
| J. M. Reilly..... | Dunlap, " |
| T. H. Allen..... | Shenandoah, " |
| W. B. Nixon..... | Sidney, " |
| W. H. Holmes..... | Scranton, " |
| T. J. Gates..... | Peterson, " |
| J. H. Wilson..... | Bear Grove, " |
| M. D. Myers..... | Clarinda, " |
| G. B. Whittington..... | Essex, " |
| F. H. Smith..... | College Springs, " |
| E. A. Anderson..... | Meriden, " |
| F. E. Eaton..... | Sioux City, " |
| A. Dowd..... | Hermon, Neb. |
| E. N. Miller..... | Sidney, Iowa |
| PROBATIONERS. | |
| J. A. Chamberlain..... | Scranton, Iowa |
| Geo. Sninn..... | Missouri Valley, " |
| F. I. Waters..... | Boone, " |
| Geo. Griffith..... | Essex, " |
| W. W. Vinson..... | Dunlap, " |
| Mary Hillas..... | Blair, Neb. |
| O. H. Antone..... | Le Mars, Iowa |
| J. C. Myers..... | Coon Rapids, " |
| Mattie Whipple..... | Shambaugh, " |
| E. Pickett..... | Guthrie Center, " |
| Allen Linn..... | Gravity, " |
| E. C. Mossman..... | Bingham, " |
| A. L. Mossman..... | Churdan, " |
| N. S. Houn..... | Churdan, " |

SUPPLIES.

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| Katie Waters | Boone, Iowa |
| Jas. Aspedon | Dunlap, " |
| C. S. Hanley..... | Shenandoah, " |
| J. T. Wornom..... | Coin, " |

LOCAL PREACHERS.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| N. J. Smith..... | Cor. 10 & Bancroft Sts., Omaha, Neb. |
| W. N. Millhollen | Bear Grove, Iowa |
| J. W. Linton..... | Dedham, " |
| Geo. Patrick | Coon Rapids, " |
| J. W. Ferguson..... | Clarinda, " |
| W. H. Wilfong | Bingham, " |
| Geo. Hillas..... | Blair, Neb. |
| F. M. Shinn..... | Dunlap, Iowa |
| S. J. Hawkins | Dedham, " |
| John Markwell | Shambaugh, " |
| J. P. Talbott..... | Tekamah, Neb. |
| D. C. Reynolds..... | Le Mars, Iowa |
| A. Gage..... | Dunlap, " |
| Benj. Gilbert | Olympus, " |
| J. H. Gilbert..... | Anita, " |
| E. Carney | Scranton, " |
| Rob't Smith..... | Churdan, " |
| Geo. Stewart..... | Page Center, " |
| Carrie Miller, evangelist..... | Sidney, " |
| Jennie Sutton, evangelist..... | Churdan, " |
| Brother Stratton | Ames, " |
| George W. Taylor..... | Shenandoah, " |

APPOINTMENTS.

BEAR GROVE DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bear Grove | J. H. Wilson |
| Coon Rapids..... | J. C. Myers |
| Scranton | W. H. Holmes |
| Churdan and Grand Junction | A. L. Mossman and N. S. Honn |
| Boone..... | F. I. Waters and wife |

RED OAK DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Red Oak, Essex and Imogene..... | G. B. Whittington and Geo. Griffith |
| Clarinda..... | M. D. Myers |
| Gravity and Bedford | Allen Linn |
| Shambaugh..... | Mattie Whipple |
| College Springs..... | F. H. Smith |
| Shenandoah | C. S. Hanley, supply |
| Bingham..... | E. C. Mossman |
| Sidney and Hamburg..... | E. N. Miller |
| Coin | J. T. Wornom, supply |

OMAHA DISTRICT.—J. M. REILLY, Chairman.

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Omaha..... | To be supplied |
| La Platte | To be supplied |
| Blair and Kennard..... | Mary Hillas |
| Herman and Fletcher | A. Dowd |

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT.—J. M. REILLY, Chairman.

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Sioux City | F. E. Eaton. |
| Le Mars..... | O. H. Antone |
| Meriden and Laurens..... | E. A. Anderson |

DUNLAP DISTRICT.—J. M. REILLY, Chairman.

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| Dunlap and Mo. Valley..... | W. W. Vinson; Jas. Aspedon, supply |
| Lake View | To be supplied |

T. J. Gates, evangelist; member of Sioux City district quarterly conference.

Geo. Shinn, evangelist; member of Dunlap district quarterly conference.

E. Pickett, evangelist; member of Bear Grove district quarterly conference.

W. B. Nixon, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Red Oak district quarterly conference.

J. A. Chamberlain, left without an appointment at his own request; member of the Bear Grove district quarterly conference.

J. W. Dake, superannuated; member of the Bear Grove district quarterly conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Superannuated Claim. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Claim. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Africa Mission- ary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Church Exten- sion Fund. | Tent Fund. | Value of Chur h Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | | | |
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| BEAR GROVE DISTRICT. | T. H. Allen, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Grove..... | J. H. Wilson..... | | | | | | | | | | 32 | 2 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 120 | \$236 15 | \$42 00 | \$6 25 | \$7 00 | \$1 30 | \$1 30 | \$5 50 | \$16 16 | | \$1 00 | \$30 00 | | \$ 235 | | |
| Ooon Rapids..... | A. Dowd..... | | | | | | | | | | 45 | 6 | 51 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 100 | 233 31 | 46 15 | 9 50 | 7 00 | 3 80 | 3 80 | 2 35 | ..... | 4 00 | 25 00 | ..... | \$800 | 300 | | |
| Scranton..... | J. A. Chamberlain..... | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 3 | 32 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 90 | 264 94 | 38 49 | 9 40 | 6 00 | 2 15 | 2 15 | 3 55 | ..... | 2 80 | 22 75 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| Churdan..... | G. B. Whittington..... | | | | | | | | | | 47 | 11 | 58 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 95 | 300 00 | 47 19 | 12 75 | 7 80 | 3 90 | 3 70 | ..... | 30 00 | 20 00 | ..... | 1000 | ..... |  |  |  |
| Boone and Ames..... | J. C. Myers..... | | | | | | | | | | 44 | 4 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 90 | 300 00 | 42 44 | 9 00 | 7 20 | 1 80 | ..... | ..... | 25 02 | 15 00 | ..... | 600 | ..... | 350 | | |
| Grand Junction..... | Jennie Sutton, supply... | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 5 | 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 03 | 19 87 | 3 00 | 1 75 | 85 | 90 | 3 50 | ..... | 1 30 | 17 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| RED OAK DISTRICT. | T. H. Allen, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red Oak and Imogene.. | E. N. Miller..... | | | | | | | | | | 44 | 10 | 54 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 75 | 323 21 | 27 68 | 7 00 | 5 07 | 2 35 | 2 35 | ..... | 19 52 | 120 92 | 3 04 | ..... | 2800 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Gravity and Oromwell.. | Mattie Whipple, supply. | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 2 | 28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | *209 46 | 30 72 | 6 85 | 3 70 | 40 | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 20 00 | 3 00 | ..... | 700 | ..... | 200 | |
| Shanbaugh & Clarinda. | W. W. Vinson..... | | | | | | | | | | 47 | 6 | 53 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 50 | 115 20 | 37 50 | 7 75 | 6 20 | ..... | ..... | 1 00 | 3 00 | 85 | ..... | 1000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| College Springs..... | F. H. Smith..... | | | | | | | | | | 32 | 3 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 35 | 195 34 | 54 00 | 11 25 | 3 00 | ..... | 1 50 | 2 50 | 13 50 | 21 50 | ..... | 1500 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Shenandoah..... | O. S. Hanley, supply..... | | | | | | | | | | 35 | 9 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 50 | ..... | 44 00 | 9 50 | 7 20 | ..... | 3 60 | 14 22 | 21 23 | 53 40 | 3 60 | ..... | 1000 | ..... | 1000 | |
| Bingham..... | W. H. Wilfong..... | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 2 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 45 | 1107 85 | 42 86 | 6 00 | 5 20 | 2 60 | ..... | ..... | 18 00 | 16 40 | ..... | 1500 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Sidney and Hamburg.. | Geo. Booton..... | | | | | | | | | | 35 | ..... | 35 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 50 | 150 00 | 40 87 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 00 | ..... | ..... | 700 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| West Boro & Mt. Zion†. | F. I. Waters..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 112 00 | 21 75 | 4 50 | 3 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 00 | 25 00 | ..... | 800 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Coin..... | J. T. Wornom, supply... | | | | | | | | | | 18 | 5 | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 162 75 | 12 22 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| OMAHA DISTRICT. | J. M. Reilly, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Omaha..... | M. D. Myers..... | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 7 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 50 | 400 00 | 50 70 | 6 50 | 5 20 | 2 60 | 1 60 | 3 45 | 21 22 | 26 97 | 3 05 | ..... | 2500 | ..... | 500 | |
| La Platte..... | M. D. Myers, supply..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 40 | 34 00 | 26 00 | 3 25 | 2 60 | 1 30 | 32 | 1 70 | 4 91 | 2 65 | 1 67 | ..... | 800 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Blair and Kennard..... | Geo. Griffith..... | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 17 | 43 | ..... | 2 | 10 | 50 | 300 00 | 52 00 | 6 50 | 5 20 | ..... | 5 20 | 4 00 | 15 83 | 9 20 | ..... | 1600 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Fletcher..... | Jno. A. Finch, supply... | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 5 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 359 90 | 34 00 | 4 00 | 2 80 | 1 40 | 1 40 | | 3 12 | 15 00 | 2 10 | | 900 | | | |
| SIOUX CITY DISTRICT. | J. M. Reilly, Chairman | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Le Mars..... | F. E. Eaton..... | | | | | | | | | | 37 | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 24 | 185 00 | 48 76 | 6 00 | 6 50 | ..... | ..... | 6 00 | 8 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Meriden..... | O. H. Antone..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | ..... | 12 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 129 60 | 31 54 | 3 25 | 2 00 | 1 00 | ..... | 7 00 | ..... | 1 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| DUNLAP DISTICT. | J. M. Reilly, Chairman | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunlap..... | Mary Hillas..... | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 18 | 61 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 127 | 161 92 | 40 49 | 12 50 | 7 60 | 1 60 | | | 36 00 | 25 00 | 2 50 | | 900 | | | |
| Mo. Valley..... | Geo. Shinn..... | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | 18 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake View..... | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Evangelist..... | T. J. Gates..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Total..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 642 | 118 | 760 | 28 | 32 | 173 | 1141 | \$5465 57 | \$860 90 | \$151 25 | \$109 62 | \$27 05 | \$27 82 | \$54 77 | \$248 89 | \$419 16 | \$41 81 | \$190 25 | \$19900 | \$2585 | | |

* From Sidney, \$10.46. † Reported in Missouri Conference. ‡ W. B. Nixon, six months. § By collection, \$6.50. Contributed to Orleans College, \$18.30. Raised on Evangelists' Receipts: Churdan, \$10.00; Shenandoah, \$1.80; Blair and Kennard, \$7.87; Fletcher, \$2.92; Dunlap, \$15.00. Raised on Other Missionary Funds: Shenandoah, \$11.05; Omaha, \$2.96; La Platte, \$1.67.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

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OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. L. MENDENHALL, Secretary. L. W. RUBARDT, Assistant Secretary. I. H. GORRELL, Conference Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, T. Fluck.
On Publications—L. Mendenhall, S. T. Horton.
On Temperance—T. Fluck, E. Dolby.
On the State of the Work—E. Y. Carl, C. E. Harroun, Jr.
On Sunday-schools—E. Y. Carl, H. S. Carpenter.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—E. Y. Carl.
On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.
On Reforms—W. C. Thompson, C. E. Harroun, Jr.
On Education—J. B. Newville.
On Ministerial Relations—C. E. Harroun, Jr., Robert Spates, S. T. Horton.
On Quarterly Conference Records—A. S. Doughty, Cyrus Marsh.
To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for 1890—J. B. Newville, T. Fluck.
On Ways and Means—J. R. Cooper, Henry Stuck, F. W. Peisch.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

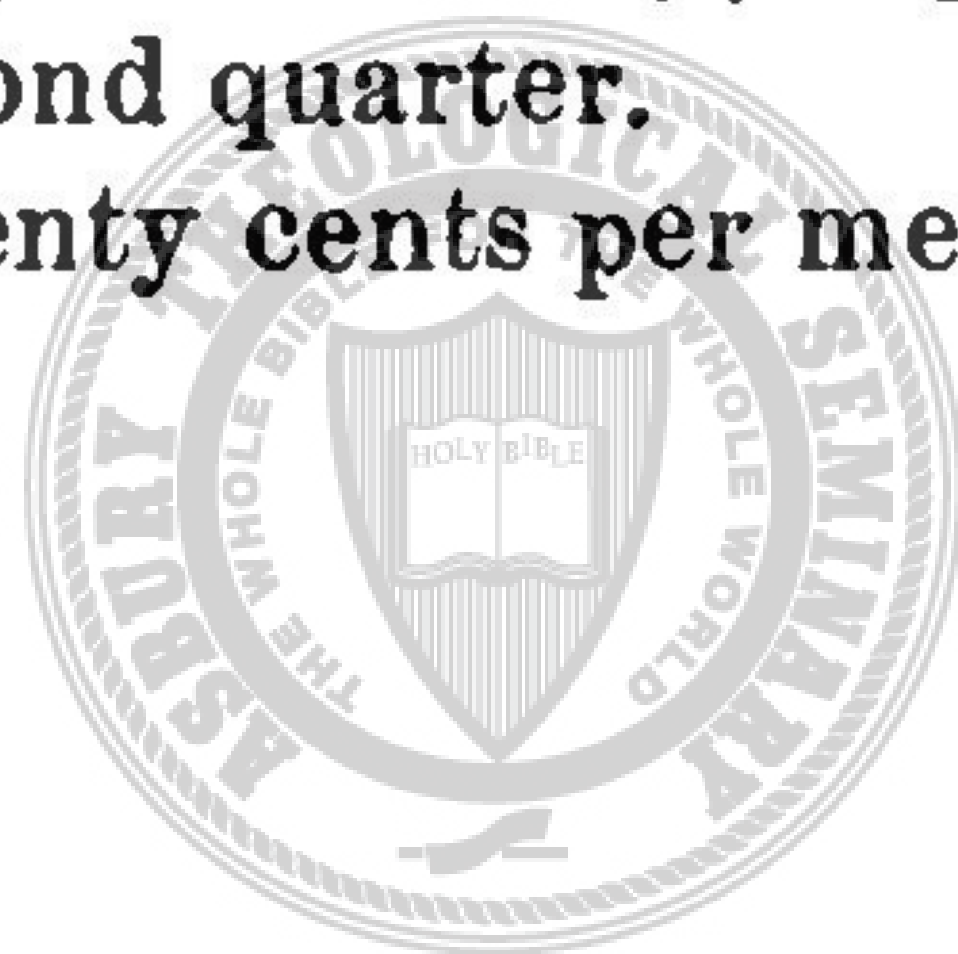
Preliminary Course—T. Fluck, I. H. Gorrell.
First Year—A. S. Doughty, S. S. Stewart.
Second Year—E. E. Hall, L. W. Rubardt.
Third Year—J. B. Newville, E. Y. Carl.
Fourth Year—C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. C. Long.
Committee on second year's course to examine local preachers recommended for ordination.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Reduction of Railroad Fare Next Year, to Seat of Conference—C. E. Harroun, Jr.
Board of Church Extension—L. W. Rubardt, I. H. Gorrell, John Burg, A. S. Doughty, William Miser.
Committee on the Incorporation of the Iowa Conference—L. Mendenhall, S. T. Horton.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS.

General missionary (ten cents per member)—First quarter.
Church Extension (ten cents per member); superannuated preachers' collection (seven cents per member)—Second quarter.
General superintendents' (twenty cents per member)—Third quarter.



Home missions (ten cents per member)—Fourth quarter.
Foreign missions—No specified time or amount.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| C. E. Harroun, Jr., | C. Kirkland, | W. C. Thompson, | W. T. Warren, |
| J. C. Long, | E. E. Hall, | O. P. Crawford, | W. Van Horn, |
| L. Mendenhall, | J. B. Newville, | E. Y. Carl, | W. R. Bradfield, |
| M. L. Winegarden, | L. W. Rubardt, | S. S. Stewart, | A. S. Doughty, |
| I. H. Gorrell, | Thomas Fluck, | C. W. Carnes, | W. E. Boger, |
| G. B. Hall. | | | |

DELEGATES.

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|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Henry Stuck, | A. A. Hall, | H. S. Carpenter, | L. Hamilton, |
| F. W. Peisch, | J. J. Flynn, | S. T. Horton, | Robert Spates, |
| J. R. Cooper, | James Goff, | O. P. Miller, | E. M. Clement, |
| Barnet Lutz, | W. W. Nichols, | Cyrus Marsh, | Elmer Dolby. |

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, C. E. Harroun, Jr., E. E. Hall, T. Fluck, J. B. Newville, J. R. Cooper, James Goff, Robert Spates, S. T. Horton.

3. Who are admitted on trial? J. P. Doud, W. W. Nichols, Cyrus Marsh, William Spire (a probationer in the Illinois conference).

4. Who remain on trial? L. True, William Spire.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. E. Boger, G. B. Hall, William Van Horn.

6. Who are the deacons? C. W. Carnes, *W. E. Boger, *G. B. Hall, *William Van Horn.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? L. W. Rubardt, A. S. Doughty.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. C. Long, L. Mendenhall.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

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

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. T. Warren, granted a certificate of good standing with a view of transfer to the Colorado conference.

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

15, 16, 17 and 18. See statistical report.

19. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? Fifty dollars.

21. See treasurer's report.

22. See list of appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Rose Hill, Iowa, as near the first Wednesday in September as the general superintendent can arrange.

*Ordained this year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sixteenth session of the Iowa annual conference was held at Sperry, Iowa, September 4-7, in connection with the Burlington district camp meeting.

Five sittings were held, all of which were harmonious.

Sixteen preachers answered to the call of the roll, and sixteen delegates took seats in the conference.

L. Mendenhall was elected secretary, and L. W. Rubardt assistant.

W. E. Boger, G. B. Hall and William Van Horn were ordained deacons after the preaching service Sunday morning.

L. W. Rubardt and A. S. Doughty were ordained elders Sunday afternoon, just before the missionary meeting.

A collection of two dollars and fifty-eight cents was taken to purchase the secretary a fountain pen; also, for stationery.

Eighteen dollars and eighty cents were raised for publishing the Minutes.

A missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon by Harry Agnew and the committee on public worship, at which \$75.00 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

E. E. Hall was elected traveling chairman, receiving 23 out of 29 votes.

C. E. Harroun, Jr., was also elected traveling chairman, receiving 15 out of 29 votes.

The ordination of P. Dawson, formerly an elder in the Free-Will Baptist Church was recognized by the conference, and the president instructed to give him a certificate of this fact.

Sister Katie Burg was permitted to present the interests of Wessington Springs Seminary to the conference.

Thomas Fluck was elected to represent the Iowa conference in the Congress of Churches Opposed to Secret Societies, to convene in Chicago some time next spring.

C. E. Harroun, Jr., and J. B. Newville, were elected delegates to the Iowa State Association Opposed to Secret Societies, to convene in November of this year.

The conference expressed its thanks to Superintendent E. P. Hart for his impartial manner in presiding over its sittings.

C. E. Harroun, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this conference desires to hereby express its confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the General Conference Missionary Board in the discharge of its duties respecting our mission work.

That we as preachers and delegates co-operate with said board by contributing of our means for foreign missions through the agency of said board.

Further, that we request all persons within the bounds of the Iowa conference who would contribute of their means to foreign missions, to do so through the General Conference Mission Board.

We are not prepared to recommend the Independent Missionary movement operating within our church as superior to the one created by the General conference of the Free Methodist Church.

It was ordered that the circuits deficient in the superannuated preachers' claim, bring up this deficiency the first quarter of the next conference year.

A vote of thanks was extended to T. Fluck for his successful effort in securing reduced rates over the railroads to the conference.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Burlington district for its hospitable entertainment of the conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

God has ordained by "the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." All preaching is not oral, as powerful sermons have been preached by written epistles, such as Paul wrote to the different churches which he had raised up. It was said that his most effective preaching was by letters. "For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." The effect of one of his epistles is stated in 2 Corinthians, 7: 8. Here we see "godly sorrow" or "repentance" produced by the agency of a written letter. If, in this age of the world, before the art of printing was known, it were possible by the pen to preach powerful and effective sermons, who can estimate the possibilities in this direction through the agency of the press?

The work of Satan has always been to corrupt that which is pure; and his devices are unlimited. He will counterfeit the genuine by transforming himself into an angel of light, and he is not slow to seize every powerful agency for good, and use it as an instrument to accomplish his wicked designs. In this he is perhaps wiser than the children of light.

The victories recently won by the rum power in the States where prohibition has been defeated, are due more to the literature with which these States were flooded by the agents of saloon-keepers and brewers than to any other cause.

The word of God declares that the "love of money is the root of all evil." This impure love is sending out publications by the millions that are written for no other purpose than to inflame base passions, and thus create a demand for them that yields a rich harvest in dollars and cents. Upon the cars and in waiting-rooms young men and women may be seen with fixed attention, poring over paper-covered books, which need only to be seen in order to recognize their evil character. Boys may be found in box-cars on the side track, and sitting on platforms in the shade of depots, in abstraction of thought, perusing a romance of impure love, or a bloody encounter in which a villain is exalted into a hero.

We might give details of the corruption of the press, but an inspired writer has said that "it is a shame even to speak" of some things, and so we think in this case, and forbear. This mighty stream of corruption which is pouring out of printing offices all over the land, must be met and overcome by a pure literature. The press must be seized by pure hands, and the world flooded with publications that are pure and God-like; elevating man instead of degrading him; enlightening his heart instead of darkening his reason; kindling aspirations after that which is holy and good, instead of inflaming passions that are base and unholy.

We believe that it is the duty of all Christians, as far as possible, to be posted on the great political issues of the day and the legislative acts of the law-making bodies. This will necessitate the perusal of secular papers, which should be selected with great care as to their freedom from fiction or romance, which is poisoning the minds and hearts of so many of the youth of our nation.

As to the religious press, it should be pure, and as free from corrupt matter as the child of God is free from sin. In fact, it should enjoy the blessing of entire holiness, and exemplify it on every page and in every item. Such a high standard of moral tone might possibly eliminate all secular advertisements, and thus prevent the possibility of unknowingly aiding and abetting a fraud.

We still have strong faith in the Free Methodist Church as raised up by God to spread scriptural holiness over these lands; and we believe that her publications are not excelled in point of purity, and as advocates of the highest standard of Christian experience and life.

While we would not unqualifiedly condemn independent publications within our denominational bounds, yet, we question the wisdom of issuing such publications, in view of our financial and numerical weakness, which demands that all our strength should be concentrated in sustaining the organ of the church and our publishing interests.

We believe that the debt contracted in the purchase of the *Free Methodist* should be speedily liquidated, and that a building should be purchased to be used as a publishing house.

We recommend the life of Dr. Redfield, by Rev. J. G. Terrill, and hope it will have a large sale.

We cannot speak otherwise than well of the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian*; and also of the Sunday-school papers published by T. B. Arnold; all of which we commend to the patronage of the church.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Since man is a fallen being, with depraved moral tendencies, he is ever departing from the law of God in his external life. This necessitates a re-formation of character, as it pertains to life in its activities. Every age of human life has had its need of reform. This need has been apprehended by persons upon whom the Spirit of the Lord has rested.

The present day has its needs in this respect. Prominent among them we call attention to the subject of secret societies. These societies are springing up all around. There

seems to be an unexplainable mania for such societies taking possession of the American people.

We are fully persuaded that the genius of the whole system of secret societies is inimical to our free American institutions, form of government, and the Christian religion; that the practical workings of the whole lodge system are antagonistic to the religion of Christ. This is evident from the fact that there is a growing decrease among the male portion of society who are members of some secret society in their attendance upon the services of the house of God, a growing practice among ministers to subordinate the interests of the church and the efforts to advance the salvation of men by the Gospel method, to the workings and interests of the lodge.

One who is eminent in the writing of lodge manuals and monitors, has said: "No secret society can prosper except it appeal to man's religious nature." It must be patent to every one who has given the subject proper study that the majority of secret societies are so constituted as to operate as a substitute for true religion, thus deceiving and ultimately destroying all who trust in them as providing "all that the soul of man requires."

We are glad to know that the Iowa Association Opposed to Secret Societies is accomplishing a good work in disseminating literature, and by lectures calling the attention of the public to the nature and effects of such societies. We would bid it Godspeed in its great and important work, and will co-operate with it as opportunity may offer.

Another subject which is pressing upon society, needing reform, is that of Sabbath desecration. This evil is assuming such proportions that it is time our attention was turned in this direction. There are many forms of this evil. Many of them are becoming quite prominent among Christian people; such as purchasing or selling groceries, meat, milk, and other articles of food on the Sabbath, arranging to travel on railroad trains on the Sabbath, visiting for mere social enjoyment and pleasure, doing unnecessary work which might have been performed on other days, such as shaving, preparing kindling for fires, blacking boots, mending garments, canvassing political questions, examining business accounts and probabilities, and by numerous other ways failing to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We call upon all Christians in general, and Free Methodists in particular, to put away every phase of this evil, and make the Sabbath a day of soul culture.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

"Education is the art of training or developing the faculties of human beings for the performance of those functions for which the all-wise Creator designed them." To be complete it must embrace the physical, the mental, and the moral man. A Christian education leads out the powers of man in conformity with the doctrines and practices of our holy religion. Such an education is a priceless treasure. Its value cannot be estimated. To meet this demand, Christian schools are being established within the bounds of our denomination, where our young people may not only have right instruction, and right training, but where the influences are such as will lead them to Christ, establish them in his grace, making them useful men and women. This is imperative, when we see how easy it is to lead the young astray, as is often done in worldly institutions.

"As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." If we would retain our fidelity to God, our devotion to his cause, let us educate our children in a proper manner, that they may carry on this great work of spreading scriptural holiness over these lands after we have finished our earthly toils and conflicts. We rejoice in the prosperity of our schools. Our hearts swell with gratitude that God's approving smile rests upon them. What we need is not especially more schools, but more students in those already opened. To this end we pledge our co-operation, and exhort our people to patronize those seminaries which lie nearest our borders. Especially would we recommend that our young preachers heed the admonition of the great apostle Paul, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

IV.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We consider the drinking customs of the land to be the greatest barrier in existence to the progress of Christianity, to the peace of the home, and to the purity of society. Carefully prepared statistics show that not less than three-fourths of all the pauperism and crime in our country is traceable, either directly or indirectly, to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors. As we hear the wail coming from the home of the drunkard, from the insane asylums and prison houses of our fair country, and from the eternal abode of the lost, all of which places are peopled by this mighty foe; and as we think of the distress occasioned by this monster of iniquity, we, with one heart and voice, declare that we will give this deadly foe no quarter; and that we discountenance by precept and practice all attempts to regulate by high license a monster that cannot by any such means be controlled, and who bids defiance to every attempt to regulate or keep within bounds; and that we will with God's help unceasingly wage warfare against it until completely exterminated, and nothing short of this shall satisfy us.

Believing this, we rejoice that our lot is cast in a State in which there is a stringent prohibitory law in existence; but we greatly deplore the failure in many places, in the

enforcement of the law, and would recommend that an effort be made to petition the legislature that the statute be so amended that a heavy penalty be affixed, so that the officer who fails to enforce the law shall be severely punished.

V.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Claim | \$144 20 |
| Amount raised..... | \$144 20 |

HOME MISSIONS.

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| Claim..... | \$70 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 34 50 |

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| Deficiency..... | \$35 50 |
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GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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| Claim..... | \$72 55 |
| Amount raised..... | 46 35 |

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| Deficiency | \$26 20 |
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AFRICA MISSION.

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| Amount raised..... | \$16 11 |
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SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

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| Claim..... | \$70 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 56 10 |

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| Deficiency | \$13 90 |
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APPOINTMENTS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—E. E. HALL, Chairman.

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Burlington (South Hill)..... | T. Fluck |
| Burlington (North Hill)..... | I. H. Gorrell |
| Morning Sun..... | W. E. Boger |

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—E. E. HALL, Chairman.

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|---|----------------|
| Cedar Rapids and Marion..... | W. C. Thompson |
| Walker..... | C. W. Carnes |
| Monmouth, Maquoketa, Lost Nation and Iron Hill..... | J. B. Newville |
| De Witt..... | L. True |

WATERLOO DISTRICT.—E. E. HALL, Chairman.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Waterloo and Cedar Falls..... | G. B. Hall |
| Dunkerton and Bennington..... | William Van Horn |
| Conrad and Radcliffe..... | W. H. Holmes, supply |

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

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Fairfield, Richland, and Cross Lanes..... | S. S. Stewart |
| Salina, Coalport and Mt. Zion..... | Cyrus Marsh |
| Birmingham and Oak Grove school-house..... | L. W. Rubardt |
| Ottumwa, Eldon and White Elm..... | J. P. Dowd |
| Centerville and Dennis..... | E. Y. Carl |
| Drakeville and Ash Grove..... | L. O. Smith, supply |

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

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oskaloosa and Rose Hill..... | William Spire |
| Colfax, Prairie City and Newton..... | J. Dawson, supply |
| Delta, Sigourney and Kinross..... | A. S. Doughty |
| Barnes City and What Cheer..... | W. W. Nichols |

L. Mendenhall, superannuated; member of the Fairfield district quarterly conference.
O. P. Crawford, left without an appointment; member of the Waterloo district quarterly conference.

W. T. Warren, granted a certificate of good standing, with a view of transfer to the Colorado conference.

C. Kirkland, left without an appointment; member of the Burlington district quarterly conference.

M. L. Winegarden, left without an appointment at his own request; member of the Cedar Rapids district quarterly conference.

J. C. Long, superannuated; member of the Oskaloosa district quarterly conference.

W. R. Bradfield, left without an appointment; member of the Oskaloosa district quarterly conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA 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' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Church Extension Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| BURLINGTON DISTRICT. | T. Fluck, Ch'n. | 62 | 3 | 65 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 100 | \$500 00 | \$28 40 | \$1 00 | \$5 50 | \$11 00 | \$5 50 | \$5 50 | \$5 80 | \$47 99 | \$136 35 | \$5 50 | \$2500 | \$1200 | |
| Burlington (South Hill).... | T. Fluck..... | 19 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 60 | 369 01 | 28 40 | ..... | 1 60 | 3 20 | 1 60 | 1 60 | 4 41 | 34 56 | 61 78 | 1 60 | 2800 | 900 | |
| Burlington (North Hill).... | L. W. Rubardt..... | 37 | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 25 | 274 55 | 29 60 | ..... | 3 70 | 7 40 | 1 60 | 3 70 | ..... | 11 28 | ..... | ..... | 300 | ..... |  |
| Morning Sun..... | G. B. Hall..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT. | E. E. Hall, Ch'n. | 54 | 6 | 60 | 3 | 5 | 35 | 200 | 400 00 | 11 00 | ..... | 3 90 | 8 80 | 3 90 | 4 40 | 3 80 | 40 20 | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 200 | |
| Cedar Rapids and Marion.. | W. O. Thompson..... | 41 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 35 | 300 00 | 15 00 | 28 16 | 9 00 | 7 80 | 3 90 | 3 90 | 5 00 | 16 00 | 40 00 | 3 90 | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Walker..... | E. E. Hall..... | 127 | 3 | 130 | 2 | 3 | ..... | 20 | 425 00 | ..... | ..... | 60 | 19 49 | 5 00 | ..... | 80 | 9 00 | 1 00 | ..... | 1800 | 2200 | |
| Monmouth, Maquoketa, etc. | E. Y. Carl..... | 8 | ..... | 8 | ..... | 1 | 5 | ..... | 130 00 | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 1 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| De Witt..... | L. True..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| WATERLOO DISTRICT. | E. E. Hall, Ch'n. | 41 | 3 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 100 | 231 60 | 10 57 | ..... | 4 40 | 8 80 | 4 40 | 4 40 | 2 00 | 28 91 | 16 17 | 4 40 | 2850 | ..... |  |
| Waterloo and Dunkerton.. | A. S. Dougherty..... | 30 | 2 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 25 | 315 92 | 13 38 | 26 61 | 2 70 | 5 40 | 2 70 | 2 70 | 80 | 13 78 | 27 72 | 2 70 | 1600 | ..... |  |
| Cedar Falls..... | W. E. Boger..... | 20 | 2 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 72 | 266 59 | 10 00 | 8 55 | 1 50 | 2 40 | 1 40 | 1 30 | | 35 00 | 2 25 | 1 30 | | 1100 | |
| Conrad and Radcl ffe..... | Wm. Van Horn..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| FAIRFIELD DISTRICT. | J. B. Newville, Ch'n. | 46 | ..... | 46 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 40 | 162 35 | 11 07 | 2 01 | 2 00 | 4 00 | 1 15 | 2 00 | ..... | 11 49 | 22 14 | ..... | 1000 | ..... |  |
| Fairfield, Richland, etc.... | L. H. Gottell..... | 22 | 6 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 58 50 | 5 00 | ..... | 2 20 | 4 40 | 2 20 | 2 20 | 1 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | ..... | 1000 | ..... |  |
| Salina, Coalport, Mt. Zion. | J. B. Newville..... | 30 | 9 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 35 | 322 00 | ..... | 25 50 | 2 70 | 6 00 | 2 70 | 2 70 | ..... | 25 09 | ..... | 2 70 | 800 | 600 | |
| Birmingham..... | S. S. Stewart..... | 41 | 2 | 43 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 80 | 240 00 | 7 50 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 9 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | ..... | 80 80 | 62 00 | 8 00 | 1300 | ..... |  |
| Ottumwa, Eldon, White Elm | W. H. Holmes, supply. | 25 | 4 | 29 | 1 | | | | 426 90 | | 9 00 | 70 | 2 60 | | | | | 60 00 | | | 400 | |
| Centerville and Dennis.... | J. P. Dowd, supply.... | 13 | 1 | 14 | | | | | 120 53 | 4 45 | | | 2 00 | 70 | | | | 1 00 | | | | |
| Drakeville and Ashgrove.. | C. E. Harroun, Jr., Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OSKALOOSA DISTRICT. | O. E. Harroun, Jr..... | 43 | 5 | 48 | 4 | 4 | ..... | ..... | 380 00 | 18 96 | ..... | 8 80 | 6 40 | ..... | 4 05 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2600 | 300 | |
| Oskaloosa and Rose Hill... | Wm. Spires, supply... | 25 | | 25 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 40 | 241 77 | 4 00 | | 2 70 | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Colfax and Prairie City.... | C. W. Barnes..... | 27 | ..... | 27 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 142 45 | 9 00 | 41 47 | 3 30 | 6 60 | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 | ..... |  |
| Delta, Sigourney, Kinross.. | W. B. Bradfield..... | 35 | 4 | 39 | 3 | | | | | | | 80 | 1 60 | | 80 | | | | | | | |
| Barnes City and What Cheer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for conference..... | | 746 | 52 | 798 | 27 | 34 | 185 | 872 | \$5247 17 | \$186 18 | \$152 30 | \$56 10 | \$120 09 | \$36 55 | \$44 55 | \$24 81 | \$327 10 | \$454 41 | \$26 10 | \$28350 | \$4300 | |

Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Burlington (South Hill), \$14.97; at Walker, \$50.00; at Salina, Coalport and Mt. Zion, \$1.00; at Colfax and Prairie City, \$1.00.
Raised on Tent Fund: At Colfax and Prairie City, \$38.00; at Delta, Sigourney and Kinross, \$25.00.

Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Burlington (South Hill), \$14.97; at Walker, \$50.00; at Salina, Coalport and Mt. Zion, \$1.00; at Colfax and Prairie City, \$1.00. Raised on Tent Fund: At Colfax and Prairie City, \$38.00; at Delta, Sigourney and Kinross, \$25.00.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held at Columbia City, Indiana, August 21-24, 1889.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

R. H. CLARK, Secretary.

H. H. CANNON, Assistant Secretary.

H. H. CANNON, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring.

Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Money to Publish Minutes—George B. Day.

On Publications—M. L. Reynolds, M. C. Bonar, L. F. Lozier.

On Temperance—H. H. Cannon, M. C. Bonar, M. T. Hepner.

Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—B. T. Roberts.

On Secret Societies—R. H. Clark, C. E. Edinger, S. H. Mathews.

On Sabbath-schools—George B. Day, Jane Brown, Mary J. Olinger.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—Wm. Davis, W. T. Loring.

First Year—R. H. Clark, S. H. Mathews.

Second Year—M. C. Bonar, C. E. Edinger.

Third Year—George B. Day, R. H. Clark.

Fourth Year—H. H. Cannon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

R. H. Clark,
M. C. Bonar,
W. T. Loring,

H. H. Cannon,
C. E. Edinger,
S. H. Mathews,

M. L. Reynolds,
Wm Davis,
T. J. Loring.

George B. Day,
John Delcamp,

DELEGATES.

L. F. Lozier,
Price Goodrich,
Asaph Belcher,

Mary J. Olinger,
M. T. Hepner,
Calita Preston.

Joseph Harter,
Belle Shafer,

Jane Brown,
Gilbert Morgan.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, R. H. Clark, M. T. Hepner.

4. Who remain on trial? Enos A. Berry, James E. Kemp, James S. Wamsley.



5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. E. Edinger, Wm. Davis, John Delcamp, W. T. Loring, S. H. Mathews, T. J. Loring.

6. Who are the deacons? George B. Day, M. C. Bonar, *C. E. Edinger, Wm. Davis, John Delcamp, *W. T. Loring, S. H. Mathews, T. J. Loring.

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

15, 16, 17, 18, See statistical report.

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Union City, Indiana, time left with the general superintendents.

*Ordained this year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Conference convened in a beautiful grove at Columbia City, Indiana, and commenced August 21, 1889, at 2, p. m.

Its sittings, which were five in number, were held in a tabernacle 40x60 feet. There were twenty-three tents pitched.

The Lord of Hosts was present with his people, and many precious souls were saved and sanctified during this conference.

C. E. Edinger and W. T. Loring were ordained deacons immediately after preaching, Sabbath morning.

Conference elected one traveling chairman.

Chairmen of committees for next year were appointed as follows: Education, Wm. Davis; Pastoral Support, H. H. Cannon; Sabbath-schools, George B. Day; Prohibition, S. H. Mathews; Secret Societies, C. E. Edinger; Publications, R. H. Clark.

There was raised during the meeting, for expenses \$43.25; for conference tent \$46.10; for Harry Agnew \$80.00; for Larwill church \$75.00; and for publishing Minutes \$11.45.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We understand temperance to mean a moderate indulgence of the appetites and passions,—that is, a moderate use of rightful things and a total abstinence from wrongful things. We do not believe that a man can be temperate in the use of anything hurtful; hence, alcohol, tobacco, or other stimulants and narcotics, should in no wise be used except as prescribed by competent physicians. We therefore pledge ourselves to use all our influence, by precept and example, to discourage the use of any and all injurious articles whatever.

We would further recommend to all our people carefulness and prayerfulness in the use of all necessary things. "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We know as an established truth that the body must have plenty of nourishment to retain a sufficient amount of strength, vigor and life; and so likewise the soul or spiritual nature must have good, strong, wholesome food to sustain spiritual life and vigor. Therefore, we know of no better way to thus feed the soul, after the different forms of our worship, than to have a sufficient supply of good, wholesome reading; we therefore would recommend that, as far as possible, all our people supply themselves with our regular church paper, the *Free Methodist*, and the *Earnest Christian*, published by B. T. Roberts. We would further recommend the unanimous use of our own Sabbath-school literature wherever our people have Sabbath-schools.

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Inasmuch as oath-bound secrecy is antagonistic to the principles of Christianity and all moral government, and is unscrupulous, selfish, and unscriptural; and by subtle intrigue controls judge and jury, both ecclesiastical and civil, thereby thwarting the ends of justice and the rights of humanity; and your committee having had personal experience in the past with the lodge, are fully persuaded that it is a Christless institution. We believe also that the tendencies of the lodge are dangerous. Men bad at heart sit together in secret conclave; and design and carry into effect that which condemns the innocent, and often results in the shedding of blood. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we will in no way, publicly or privately, recognize such men as Christians.
2. That we regard secret, oath-bound associations as subversive of good government, and antichristian in all their workings.
3. That we will use all lawful means to abolish this gigantic evil.

We are opposed to inviting ministers into our pulpits or to fill our appointments, who are members of Masonic or other Christ-ignoring fraternities.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We as a committee feel that the Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is a very important part of the work God assigns us as a church to do; but we sometimes fear that it is neglected by us more than it should be. The excuse for so doing is, the way that many of the popular schools are conducted; but it seems to us that such influences as are brought to bear on the rising generation through Sabbath-school picnics, fairs, Sabbath-evening concerts, and such like, should inspire us to double our diligence in Sabbath-school work. Then, again, we hear this excuse: "I am not qualified or competent to work in the Sabbath-school. We have even seen men that felt God had called them to preach the Gospel, yet they could not work in the Sabbath-school, and if they did, a class or school in their hands would be a failure. We confess we cannot understand such things. If God calls us to work for him, he will qualify by the power of the Holy Ghost and diligent study for the work, in every way he opens a door. Therefore, feeling there is a sufficiency of grace and wisdom for all, and that the children of the present generation will be the fathers and mothers of the next, we urge upon all the importance of teaching the young the way of eternal life. And we feel there is no better way to counteract the influence of the worldly-conformed Sabbath-schools than to arise in the strength of King Immanuel, and carry on Sabbath-schools on the old line, in the fear of God, having godly men and women as officers and teachers in our schools, never giving way to the tendency of the age by permitting those that are unsaved to undertake to teach others, for if the blind lead the blind they will both fall into the ditch.

Upon us as ministers rests great responsibility. Upon us as parents rests great responsibility. We are the keepers of the children, and when God shall ask us, "Where are the children?" what shall we answer him? O brethren, our responsibility is great! Who is sufficient for these things? None, unaided by the Holy Spirit. We must honor him by depending on his presence and all-sufficient aid. In this, as in other kinds of church work, method and helps are necessary. We therefore recommend that, in all our Sabbath-schools, the Light and Life Series of lesson helps, published by T. B. Arnold, be used, and that we in no case use the literature published by David C. Cook, of Chicago, Ill. Also, as preachers, that we go forth discharging our duty as the Discipline prescribes in the fear of God.

APPOINTMENTS.

KNOX DISTRICT.—H. H. CANNON, Chairman.

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| Crown Point..... | George B. Dav; Crown Point, Indiana |
| Knox..... | John Delcamp, Knox, " |
| Bunker Hill and Springville..... | William Davis; La Porte, " |
| Elkhart and Mishawaka..... | S. H. Mathews; Mishawaka, " |
| Kewanna and Star City..... | J. S. Wamsley; Kewanna, " |
| San Pierre and North Judson..... | Dorsey Foust, supply; North Judson, " |
| Indian Point..... | J. M. Jolley, supply; Hamlet, " |

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.—H. H. CANNON, Chairman.

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| Fort Wayne and Andrews.... | M. L. Reynolds; 268 E. Creighton Ave., Ft. Wayne, Indiana |
| Blue River, Larwill and Loraine..... | W. T. Loring; Larwill, " |
| Columbia City and Jefferson..... | T. J. Loring; Columbia City, " |
| Fremont and Hamilton..... | M. C. Bonar; Fremont, " |
| Union City and Farmland..... | C. E. Edinger; Union City, " |

R. H. Clark, conference evangelist; member of Knox district quarterly conference; Rolling Prairie, Ind.

James E. Kemp, conference evangelist; member of Fort Wayne district quarterly conference; Union City, Ind.

Enos A. Berry, left without an appointment at his request; member of Fort Wayne district quarterly conference; Coesse, Ind.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KNOX DISTRICT. | | R. H. Clark, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crown Point..... | H. H. Cannon..... | 25 | 4 | 29 | 1 | 10 | 40 | \$261 97 | 27 90 | 29 47 | \$12 00 | \$4 40 | | | \$2 20 | \$2 20 | \$20 00 | \$40 00 | \$4 00 | \$1200 | \$500 | | |
| Knox..... | George B. Day..... | 56 | 14 | 70 | 3 | 2 | 110 | 262 35 | 23 75 | 23 75 | ..... | 8 80 | ..... | ..... | 1 00 | 2 25 | 35 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 1250 | 600 | | |
| Springville and Bunker Hill..... | John Delcamp..... | 28 | 4 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 114 66 | 14 17 | 14 17 | 2 93 | 6 15 | \$2 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 94 | 12 00 | 2 25 | 1500 | ..... |  |  |
| Elkhart and Mishawaka..... | M. O. Bonar..... | 15 | 1 | 16 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 78 88 | 7 79 | 7 79 | ..... | 2 50 | 25 | 75 | 50 | 63 | ..... | 14 14 | 2 00 | 250 | ..... |  |  |
| Kewanna and Star City..... | J. S. Wamsley..... | 6 | 1 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 72 03 | 9 70 | 9 70 | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| San Pierre..... | J. M. Jolley, supply..... | 7 | 1 | 8 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 4 93 | 4 93 | ..... | 40 | 30 | 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 82 | 200 | ..... |  |  |
| Indian Point..... | J. M. Jolley, supply..... | 4 | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 58 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| FORT WAYNE DISTRICT. | | R. H. Clark, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Wayne..... | Mary Edinger, supply..... | 10 | ..... | 10 | 1 | 11 | 60 | 54 06 | 37 56 | 8 90 | 25 00 | 2 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 42 22 | 44 25 | 2 50 | 1000 | 500 | | |
| Blue River and Lorraine..... | W. T. Loring..... | 36 | 18 | 54 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 244 73 | 14 66 | 14 66 | ..... | 2 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22 00 | 3 65 | 1200 | ..... |  |  |
| Jefferson and Fair Oaks..... | William Davis..... | 16 | 1 | 17 | ..... | 4 | 25 | 109 13 | 14 00 | 14 00 | ..... | 2 00 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 3 00 | 1 75 | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| Fremont..... | J. B. Holden, supply..... | 7 | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | *125 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| UNION CITY DISTRICT. | | R. H. Clark, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union City..... | M. L. Reynolds..... | 9 | ..... | 9 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 42 06 | 3 23 | 3 23 | 4 90 | 1 20 | 5 30 | ..... | 60 | 9 20 | *64 30 | 2 30 | 2000 | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| Farmland..... | S. H. Mathews..... | 5 | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 02 | 6 14 | 6 14 | 6 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |
| Total for Conference..... | | 223 | 44 | 267 | 12 | 7 | 48 | 280 | \$1285 48 | \$171 86 | \$50 83 | \$31 25 | \$9 35 | \$3 90 | \$5 58 | \$139 36 | \$351 69 | \$31 27 | \$8500 | \$1500 | | | |

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MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Salem Chapel, Missouri, August 28-31, 1889.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

L. C. EBEEY, Secretary.

R. J. WILCOX, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—L. C. Ebey, A. F. Hall, E. P. Hart.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing Minutes—C. G. Cox.

On Secret Societies—A. F. Hall, E. G. Cooper, Charles Hasting.

On Publications—R. J. Wilcox, D. O. Wooderson.

On Temperance—C. G. Cox, A. F. Hall, C. E. Bullock.

On the State of the Work—L. C. Ebey.

To Receive Money Collected for Missions—Mary E. Kelley.

To Receive Money for General Superintendents'—G. W. Needels.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. C. Ebey, A. F. Hall, Charles Hasting.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for Next Year.—E. P. Hart.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—E. G. Cooper.

First Year—C. G. Cox.

Second Year—R. J. Wilcox.

Third Year—A. F. Hall.

Fourth Year—L. C. Ebey.

Committee of first year to examine local preachers, recommended for ordination.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

A. F. Hall,
W. B. Walls,
J. H. Guffey,

C. G. Cox,
W. H. Thomas,
J. W. White,

E. G. Cooper,
R. J. Wilcox,
James Tiernan,

L. C. Ebey,
C. L. Lucas,
J. H. Brittain.

DELEGATES.

G. W. Needels,
N. C. Swigart,
L. E. Sampson,

C. E. Bullock,
Charles Hasting,
J. W. Marshall,

D. O. Wooderson,
Mary E. Kelley,
Josiah Wilson.

Wm. Misner,
Mary B. Mudd,



2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, L. C. Ebey, G. W. Needels.
3. Who are admitted on trial? William S. Ballenger, George W. Briton, Charles E. Bullock, John F. Mudd, Mary E. Kelley, J. M. Tays, S. M. Henry.
4. Who remain on trial? S. S. Ripple, A. C. Rybolt, Robert F. Johnston.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. White, J. H. Brittain, J. H. Guffey.
6. Who are the deacons? J. W. White, J. H. Brittain, J. H. Guffey.
7. Who are elected elders this year? R. J. Wilcox, C. G. Cox.
8. Who have located this year? W. H. Thomas, at his own request.
10. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. J. Wilcox, from North Michigan 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? 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 the next conference be held? L. C. Ebey, G. W. Needels, A. F. Hall were elected a committee to select the place; the time to be the last Wednesday in August, or the first Wednesday in September.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The seventh annual session of the conference was held in connection with a camp meeting at Salem Chapel, Gentry county, Missouri, August 28-31.

The camp meeting was owned by God in the conversion and sanctification of souls.

There were four sittings of the conference—one each, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

At 11 o'clock, Sabbath morning, E. P. Hart ordained C. G. Cox and R. J. Wilcox elders.

J. W. White, J. H. Brittain and J. H. Guffey were ordained deacons, Sabbath afternoon.

J. H. Guffey, having traveled two years in the Little Rock conference, M. E. Church South, was received into full connection.

C. L. Lucas, an ordained elder from the Missionary Baptist Church, was received and his ordination papers recognized.

The conference voted to supply the work with one traveling chairman. L. C. Ebey having received fourteen out of seventeen votes cast, was declared elected, and was assigned to the Albany district. A. F. Hall was elected local chairman for Bowling Green and St. Louis districts.

The money collected to pay for publishing the Minutes, \$11.43, was ordered sent to the publisher.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

III. ON—PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications beg leave to report the following:

We are more than ever convinced of the importance of pure literature. We believe we should provide ourselves with literature that does not appeal to the sensibilities alone, but stirs up thought and builds up in spiritual power; that does not bear upon one line of truth only, but which brings to the mind the whole realm of Bible truth, and that ministers to the building up of a well-rounded Christian character. Again we deem it very

necessary that our literature be such as truthfully sets forth our doctrines and church polity, so that the public be not misguided as to what we hold as a church. We also see the danger of patronizing that class of literature which brings in division and tends to anarchy in church government.

We deem the *Free Methodist* to be a faithful exponent of the vital truths that we, as a church, are called to publish abroad over the land. We are more than ever pleased with its management in every department, and glad to know that it is being prized by the godly of other denominations, as the best exponent of Bible doctrines and experience as held by Methodists. We pledge it our renewed support.

We would also commend the *Earnest Christian* to the notice of the earnest inquirer after truth, and the devout of every branch of the Christian church, as an able and fearless champion of the much-abused doctrine of entire sanctification. We are glad to note that with age it does not lose any of its freshness and vigor.

We would also recommend to all with whom we may have influence, the Sunday-school publications of T. B. Arnold, and bespeak for him the patronage of every Sabbath-school under our control.

IV.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We have great reason to thank God for the degree of prosperity that has attended our labors the present conference year. Souls have been converted and sanctified and new societies organized. The desire to see the work widen and go out into regions beyond is increasing. The laity are waking up to the importance of greater liberality; and as a consequence the preachers are receiving a better support. The benevolences have increased more than one hundred per cent., in the past two years. The district quarterly meetings have been excellent, and have been more largely attended than ever before. During the past years there has been a regular stampede of preachers from this conference. Praise God! it has stopped; some preachers are coming to us, and God is raising up a band of noble workers in our own conference. More preachers were received this year than during the three previous years,—seven on probation, two from other churches and one by transfer. We are expecting glorious results this year. We have some promising young men and young married men in our conference. Some of them are well adapted to evangelistic and tabernacle work, and we expect they will be kept going in these departments of our work. We have set our stakes for the addition of at least one class to each circuit, this conference year. For the accomplishment of these results, the preachers and members need the endowment of power from on high. Let us ask God in faith for it. Then we will see the work in Missouri more forward as never before.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALBANY DISTRICT.—L. C. EBEEY, Chairman.

- Albany.....Mary E. Kelley
- High Prairie and Loraine.....S. M. Henry
- Grant City.....R. J. Wilcox
- Mount Moriah.....C. G. Cox
- Cameron and Osborn.....G. W. Briton
- Marion Mission.....A. C. Rybolt
- Mound City and Shiloh S. H.....J. F. Mudd
- Bethany and Blythedale.....J. M. Tays
- Salem and Martinsville.....J. W. White
- Kansas City and Westport.....S. S. Ripple
- Westboro, Mount Zion and Tarkio.....R. F. Johnston
- E. G. Cooper, evangelist; member of Albany district quarterly conference.
- J. H. Guffey, evangelist; member of Albany district quarterly conference.
- C. E. Bullock, evangelist; member of Albany district quarterly conference.
- W. S. Ballenger, evangelist; member of Albany district quarterly conference.

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT.—A. F. HALL, Chairman.

- Bowling Green and Middletown.....To be supplied
- Ashburn and Marble Creek.....A. F. Hall
- Chantilly and Troy.....Robert Oxley, supply
- Alexandria.....To be supplied
- James Tiernan, evangelist; member of Bowling Green district quarterly conference.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.—A. F. HALL, Chairman.

- St. Louis, Seventh St.....C. L. Lucas; Hattie Anderson, supply
- Robertsville, Calvy, Richwoods, Potosi and Reedsville....W. B. Walls; A. Baker, supply
- J. H. Brittain, missionary to colored people in St. Louis; member of St. Louis district quarterly conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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*Financial report made to West Iowa conference.

MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at Plymouth, Iowa, September 11-14, 1889.

OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President. J. L. KEENE, Secretary. J. D. COOK, Assistant Secretary. C. W. TENNEY, Conference Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. N. Bovee, G. P. Wilson.

On State of the Work—The stationing committee.

On Secret Societies—G. P. Wilson, Cyrus Cook.

On Temperance—A. C. Wolcott, N. J. Sumner, H. Radford.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—G. W. Gould, S. D. Sutton.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Cyrus Cook, E. H. Tenney, W. H. Anderson.

On Publications—J. Moran, C. W. Sutton, Wm. Baldwin.

On Sabbath-schools—Frances Calkins, Sarah Brown, Mary Burrows.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study for Next Year—E. P. Hart.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—S. D. Sutton.

On Education—G. P. Wilson, L. H. Thurston, C. W. Sutton.

To Receive General Mission Funds—Cyrus Cook.

On Romanism—G. P. Wilson, G. W. Gould, N. J. Sumner.

To Receive Africa Mission Funds—Cyrus Cook.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Church Extension—G. P. Wilson, President. C. Cook, Secretary. S. D. Sutton Treasurer. N. J. Sumner, J. Moran.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—A. C. Wolcott.

First Year—J. L. Keene.

Second Year—J. N. Bovee.

Third Year—G. P. Wilson.

Fourth Year—N. J. Sumner.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee on second year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

G. P. Wilson,
A. C. Wolcott,
J. W. Cain,
J. C. Norton.

J. L. Keene,
Wm. Baldwin,
N. J. Sumner,

E. H. Tenney,
Cyrus Cook,
R. Shemeld,

J. N. Bovee,
J. Moran,
J. D. Cook,

DELEGATES.

G. W. Gould,
L. H. Thurston,
Mary A. Burrows,
J. W. Landon,

S. D. Sutton,
W. H. Roberts,
Sarah Brown,
Ettie Sanborn,

H. Radford,
W. H. Anderson,
Frances Calkins,
C. Capener,

C. W. Sutton,
C. Brooks,
Eliza Swain,
Samantha Lang.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. N. Bovee, G. W. Gould.
3. Who are admitted on trial? G. H. Agnew, J. H. Ray, J. W. Adams, Alice Van Auken.
4. Who remain on trial? F. A. Reeves, J. P. Maitland.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. H. Agnew.
6. Who are the deacons? G. Harry Agnew, *J. W. Landon, *J. M. Cusick, *J. H. Ray. All ordained this year.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? William Baldwin, Edward H. Tenney, J. Dempster Cook, G. Harry Agnew.
8. Who have been located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated preachers? None.
10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
11. Who have been expelled this year? None.
12. Who have withdrawn this year? None.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation, etc.? Their names were all called, and characters passed.
14. Who have died this year? None.
- 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. See statistical report.
22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Time, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1890, as will be consistent with the plan of the superintendents. Place, left with the two district chairmen to decide, and announce in the FREE METHODIST, at least four months previous to the sitting of the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The eighteenth annual session of the conference was held on the Plymouth camp ground, in connection with a conference camp meeting.

There were thirty-two tents on the ground, and a good attendance generally through the entire meeting. The meetings were characterized by the presence of the Holy Ghost, and the work of entire sanctification took a new hold among us, and we trust several souls obtained that blessed experience.

Rev. T. J. Gates, of the West Iowa conference, Rev. J. H. Ray, a local preacher of the Dakota conference, A. W. Hayes, of Parker, South Dakota, Hon. C. W. Tenney, of Plymouth, Iowa, Rev. J. M. Cusick, of Cooleyville, Minnesota, Rev. John Ball, a located member of this conference, and all the probationers and supplies, were invited to honorary seats in the conference. Reverends Ross and Earl, of the M. E. Church, were also invited to honorary seats in the conference.

G. P. Wilson and N. J. Sumner were elected traveling chairmen, receiving respectively 22 and 13 votes out of the 25 cast.

Rev. G. P. Wilson was elected delegate to attend a meeting of the Congress of Churches Opposed to Secret Societies, which is to be held in Chicago some time during the year, and ten dollars in cash and subscriptions was raised for his expenses. J. N. Bovee was elected reserve delegate.

Brother Hart presided over the conference with his usual ability, and we were all glad to meet him again. He preached four times to appreciative, and some very large congregations.

At the close of the morning services on Sunday, G. Harry Agnew, James M. Cusick, James W. Landon, and John H. Ray, were ordained deacons; and at the close of the afternoon services, Edward H. Tenney, William Baldwin and J. Dempster Cook, were ordained elders.

*Local deacons.

The conference collections were ordered as follows: General mission and superannuated preachers', first quarter, each collection ten cents a member; home missions, second quarter, twenty-five cents a member; church extension, the third quarter, and general superintendents' the fourth quarter, twenty cents a member. A collection for expenses of delegates to the next General conference to be taken the fourth quarter; amount to be made known in the FREE METHODIST.

The superannuated preachers' funds on hand, \$53.14, were paid to E. H. Tenney, who had been laid off from the work during the year with a dangerous state of consumption, having had frequent and very bad hemorrhages. During the camp meeting he was anointed, and the Lord healed him, and raised him up for the work he loves so well.

A collection of \$25.25 was taken for Brother W. R. Cusick, of the North Michigan conference (a former member of this conference), who is now afflicted with rheumatism.

During the conference \$84.16 was raised for Harry Agnew, besides \$184.52, which was subscribed to be paid by December 25, 1889.

\$104.76 was raised for chairmens' claim and camp-meeting expenses, \$20.05 for Minutes, \$5.75 toward defraying expenses of G. P. Wilson to the Congress of Churches, Chicago, making a total of \$239.97 in cash, and also \$189.27 in subscriptions, making a grand total of \$429.24 raised and subscribed during the camp meeting and conference.

The preachers were requested to solicit subscriptions for the Minutes, and bring the same with them to conference next year. Also a collection of \$1.04 was taken for the secretaries.

Brothers Shemeld and Agnew, Sister F. Grace Allen and the secretaries, were each presented with a copy of the Minutes of all the conferences.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Resolved, That we as a conference highly appreciate the kindness of Brother C. W. Tenney in affording us the use of his beautiful and excellent grounds, with the inevitable despoilation of timber and pasturage, for the holding of camp meeting and conference, and of his self-sacrificing labors in attending to the needs of the attendants. We bid him and family, abundant in labors, a hearty God-speed in the heavenly race. Go on, our brother, sister. By God's grace we will meet you there.

II.

Resolved, That we tender to Brother Hart our most sincere and heart-felt thanks for the impartial manner with which he has presided over this session of our conference, and pray God that his life and health may be preserved for many years of labor in the future.

III.

Resolved, That we as a conference appreciate the labors of Brother G. P. Wilson, preacher in charge at Plymouth, for his arduous and successful efforts in the entertainment of this conference and camp meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

| | |
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| Whole amount raised..... | \$59.34 |
| Paid E. P. Hart..... | \$46.47 |
| Paid G. W. Coleman, Dec., 1888..... | 10.07 |
| Surplus from last year | 2.80 |
| | \$59.34 |
| Assessment | \$55.20 |
| Surplus this year..... | \$4.14 |

II.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

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| Amount reported from circuits..... | \$15.15 |
| Amount paid to treasurer | \$15.15 |

III.—HOME MISSION FUNDS.

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| Whole amount raised and paid treasurer | \$56.75 |
| Disbursed as follows: | |
| T. J. Gates..... | \$7.00 |
| Cyrus Cook..... | 5.00 |
| J. Moran..... | 7.00 |
| J. D. Cook..... | 5.00 |
| N. J. Sumner..... | 3.00 |
| J. W. Adams..... | 2.75 |
| A. C. Wolcott..... | 5.00 |
| J. P. Maitland | 6.00 |
| J. O. Sutton | 5.00 |
| F. A. Reeves..... | 4.00 |
| J. L. Keene..... | 5.00 |
| Wm. Baldwin..... | 2.00 |
| | ————— \$56.75 |

IV.—SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

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| Amount paid in this year..... | \$23.54 |
| Amount on hand..... | 29.60 |
| | ————— \$53.14 |
| Paid to E. H. Tenney..... | \$53.14 |

V.—GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Amount paid Treasurer.... | \$24.23 |
| Sent to S. K. J. Chesbro..... | \$24.23 |

VI.—FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS.

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| Whole amount raised..... | \$221.53 |
| Paid Harry Agnew..... | \$204.66 |
| Sent S. K. J. Chesbro..... | 12.87 |
| For India Mission..... | 4.00 |
| | ————— \$221.53 |
| Subscribed for Harry Agnew's mission..... | 184.52 |
| Total..... | ————— \$406.05 |

VII.—FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

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| Amount sent S. K. J. Chesbro..... | \$20.07 |
| Amount required..... | \$18.97 |
| Surplus | 1.10 |
| | ————— \$20.07 |

VIII.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It is said, on the youth of our land hangs the destiny of our nation. So it may be said of our children: On them hangs the destiny of the church. Let us be more diligent in training them, and seek to impress on their youthful minds the great need of early giving their hearts to the Lord; teach them to remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

We would recommend the *Light and Life Lesson Leaf*, also the Sunday-school papers which are published by T. B. Arnold. We believe them to be the best. We feel the importance of the Sabbath-school work and would urge our preachers and people to be more active in it. We believe it to be the duty of the parents to go with their children to the Sabbath-school. The Sabbath-school is not to educate the intellect, but to bring the hearts of the young to Christ. In order that the children may be converted and useful in their future lives, they must be early taught to love and reverence God and his word; and this should be taught in every Sabbath-school.

IX.—ON ROMANISM.

While we may entertain no feeling of ill will toward any individual as such throughout the wide world, there are institutions, principles and deeds toward and with reference to which, our souls blaze with abhorrence and indignant protests because of their tyrannical and soul-blighting character. The secret of the ever-increasing wave of opposition to the accursed liquor traffic is found in the soul's spontaneous protest against its recognized character and fruit. Once it was indifferently suffered, if not fostered, and still continues so, only as there dawns upon the individual and public conscience a sense of its subtle and malignant character threatening the ruin of our nation, church and home. Thus with Romanism. It came to our shores in humble mien, hiding its claws and cloven foot in the folds of its stolen sheep skin, because it had lost prestige in its old quarters and was now a weakling in a strange land. Protestant America cordially and unsuspectingly received the pope's sheared and poverty-stamped subjects to her shores, affording them a home among freemen, only to find them uncongenial to such a boon: for America awakes

to-day to find the litter of puppies increased to a band of bull dogs with their teeth skinned for war and the humble celebrate(?) in petticoats who headed the tatterdemalion worshipers of the pancake god developed into full-fledged politicians, yelling and wire-working for the overthrow of our public school system, in the interest of Roman schools, and homes for their concubines; in the mean time, rapidly assuming the aldermanic proportions of a feeder at the public crib. But we should bear in mind that all this is but suggestive of ulterior designs, that of the moral, religious, and civil enslavement and degradation of the nation. "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Momentous events of thrilling and eternal interest are even now upon the threshold of home, church, and nation; and among the ominous factors in the tremendous crisis, is the Babylonish whore, the church of Rome. Drunken with the blood of saints, the poor old harlot is running upon the thick bosses of the Almighty for the last time. Vigilance is the price of success. The papacy is not only a menace to our liberties, but the degree of its influence is the measure of its damning fruit. Hence the law of self-preservation demands that we jealously challenge each and every system or principle intruding upon our shores demanding in the words of Joshua, "Art thou for us or for our adversaries?" And in the interests of our fellows' eternal welfare we raise on high the voice of protest and consecrated service against the papal traffickers in immortal souls, the vile imposition that fattens in time at the eternal cost of mankind. We should be posted relative to the character, aims and procedure of the papal church. For her character to-day is the same as when she racked and burned those who presumed to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. For, be it known, the papal harlot like the mole, labors in its true character only under cover, and is formidable only in darkness. Then, in the name of God and humanity, tear away her mask and expose her deformity to the contempt and loathing of the nation. To this end a literature devoted to this especial field is requisite, and we heartily recommend to the support and patronage of the people, *The Primitive Catholic Advocate*, ably and interestingly edited by Rev. E. H. Walsh, 190 Fulton street, Brooklyn, New York; one dollar per year. We also earnestly commend the reading of Charles Chiniquy's great work, "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome;" also "The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional."

X.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe in being "temperate in all things" and in total abstinence in all things that God has prohibited. God's way is prohibition. God says "Thou shalt do no evil." He never sanctions evil of any kind in any degree. Intemperance is evil and that continually. The liquor traffic is a gigantic evil and the only remedy for it is prohibition. It is deep-seated and very tenacious of life. It never will yield its hold on the people so long as the least quarters are shown it by the people. Then let us rise in our might and with one stroke of the ballot break the monster's head and banish this evil from our fair land forever. It is within our power to do it if we will vote as we pray. In the name of God, let us do it. Can we be guiltless and not do it?

Resolved, That as a conference we pledge our prayers, our influence and our votes to the cause of prohibition.

XI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We recognize in the press a great power for good or evil, according to the character of the literature it sends forth. Men's characters are largely in keeping with what they read. He who only reads the compromising literature of the day easily compromises himself. We recognize the *Free Methodist*, our church organ, as the best religious paper published in this country. It is thoroughly biblical in its teachings and should be in every Free Methodist family. As a conference we pledge it our support. Yet we find some objectional features. We think it inconsistent for the paper, while claiming to be anti-secret to advertise the Grand Army of the Republic excursions, which advertisement appeared in the paper some two months ago, and continued some six weeks in succession. As a conference we disapprove of such advertisements. We would make mention of the *Earnest Christian* as a very instructive magazine and recommend it to all our people. No one can read it without benefit.

The *Fire-brand* and *Vanguard* are papers that are calculated to bless their readers. While we have mentioned the *Vanguard* as a paper calculated to be a blessing to its readers, we do so with this modification. In our opinion the *Vanguard* has equivocated and has not acted with the frankness that should characterize a salvation journal in relation to the Harris mission project. We also deplore the appearance at least of a disposition to disregard proper church order and authority. We also recommend the Sabbath-school supplies published by T. B. Arnold, to be used in our Sabbath-schools.

XII.—ON EDUCATION.

We begin our education while young so that our mental powers may develop with our physical. A principle stamped on a young mind is lasting. Then how important that the principle of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ should be taught in our schools. Knowledge is power: then how essential it is that we have our knowledge seasoned with God's word. We find scores of people that are ignorant of the Bible. Why is it?

We answer, because the principles of religion are not taught in the schools. This method would hasten the Christianizing of the world. God help us to do all we can to accomplish these ends. Let us contribute to our schools, remembering that all we do for God here will be counted up in the final victories. Christian education involves the training of the affections, the conscience and the heart. It gives self-government, energy, straightness in business and righteousness. To accomplish these ends the teacher must have the Holy Ghost.

We should not come short of the highest development within our reach. Be diligent, never be unemployed, read the most useful books. What is ruining our land? We answer, Ignorance. Ignorance causes anarchy and makes paupers; and ignorance is at the bottom of our saloons. God pity the wilfully ignorant mass of people, who are building that destructive barrier (high license) across the pathway of education and civilization. Our salvation schools are mighty factors in accomplishing this great work, and we hope our people will appreciate and support them with contributions and patronage. And we believe you will find the golden fruit of their influence among our families in the land of eternal life. Such schools are located as follows: Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili New York; Spring Arbor, Michigan; Evansville, Wisconsin; Neosho Rapids, Kansas; Wessington Springs, South Dakota and Orleans College, Nebraska.

XIII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Foul brood of night whence comest thou? Mantled in fog, surcharged with wind and bristling with pretentious claims; of whom the Scriptures speak, saying "He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers"; "Who love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." Surely if a tree is known by its fruits thou art condemned. In the first place, Masonry claims to be a religion, and is of consequence a rival of Christianity. We subjoin a statement of Masonic religion, as given by Mackey in his *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, page 404. "Freemasonry does not profess to interfere with the religious opinions of its members. It asks only for a declaration of that simple and universal faith in which men of all nations and all sects agree—the belief in a God and his superintending providence. Beyond this it does not venture, but leaves the minds of its disciples on other and relative points perfectly untrammelled. This is the only religious qualification required of a candidate, but this is most strictly demanded. The religion then of Masonry is pure theism on which its different members engraft their own peculiar opinions; but they are not permitted to introduce them into the lodge or to connect their truth or falsehood with the truth of Masonry."

Masonry, then, is a system that believes in a God, requires its members to believe in a God, but not the God of the Bible: hence is antichristian through and through. Beyond the belief in a God, it does not venture; hence, in the very nature of things, it is hostile to the God of the Bible, who demands that we honor the Son even as we honor the Father. We mention Freemasonry, as the seeming head and front of the secret horde, for as a rule, "If among the smaller fry you tread not softly you will doubtless hear a hellowing from out the cable tow," and on investigation will find you have trod on the non-descript's tail. It is evident to the observer that to the secret society influence is due the many abortive and destructive strikes, with their attendant sufferings of mothers and helpless children. The atrocious murder of Doctor Cronin, of Chicago, the outgrowth of intrigues in the secret order of the Clan-na-Gael is the legitimate fruit of oath-bound secret orders the world over, from the Jesuit's order of the Roman Church, through Nihilism, Molly Maguireism, Masonry and the entire horde, both in civilized and uncivilized countries. Our legislative bodies, our courts and churches, are corrupted, merchandised and prostituted by them. Hence in the interests of a free and uncorrupted administration in all departments of government and justice, of a pure Christianity and of eternal hope, we reiterate our unalterable opposition to all secret societies, believing them inimical to the highest interest of man in time and eternity, and pledge ourselves not to admit or tolerate any among us who are not one with us on this issue.

XIV.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

In our judgment there are many things in connection with our work that are calculated to embarrass and hinder the work of God. There are several circuits that geographically speaking, are large, while the membership is small. This, together with the meager support that many of our preachers get, would require such as could endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ to face the blizzards and endure the fatigue without feeling some discouragement. Some have the willingness to pay but lack the ability; while others that have the means lack the willingness to do so. While there are other hinderances that we might speak of, we have great reasons to praise God for his goodness and mercy in visiting us with glorious outpourings of his Spirit. There have been glorious revivals held in our midst that have been fruitful of great good in the salvation of souls and the sanctification of believers, with several accessions to the church.

With a baptism of divine power on our hearts, and keeping in the will of God, with an eye single to God's glory and looking to him for wisdom and the leadings of the Holy Spirit, we may expect greater manifestations of divine power in the year to come.

APPOINTMENTS.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.—G. P. WILSON, Chairman.

Plymouth, Mason City and Portland.....Wm. Baldwin; Abbie Baldwin, supply
Rockford, Center school-house and Culver school-house.....F. A. Reeves
Lime Springs, Bonair and Oak Dale.....J. N. Bovee
Riceville, Round Grove, Bailey and Saratoga.....Alice Van Auken
OsageE. H. Tenney
Forest City, Durand and Hurd school-houseJ. D. Cook

OWATONNA DISTRICT.--G. P. WILSON, Chairman.

Owatonna and Havana.....J. W. Adams
Northfield and Stanton.....To be supplied
St. Paul and Minneapolis.....To be supplied
Glenville, Gordonville, Austin and Lansing.....J. P. Maitland
Cooleyville, Geneva and Laughlin's school-house.....J. M. Cusick, supply

WINNEBAGO DISTRICT.—N. J. SUMNER, Chairman.

Winnebago City, Maple Grove, Amboy, Hackney school-house and Lake Crystal.....
.....J. L. Keene; Flora Keene, supply
Hebron, Cambria and Mankato.....A. C. Wolcott
Mapleton, Grapeland, Easton, Bellevue and Tivoli.....J. Moran
Wells, Loveall school-house, Clay Center, Freeborn and Young S. H..J. O. Sutton, supply
Elmore, Blue Earth City and BancroftJ. F. Leise, supply

ALGONA DISTRICT.—N. J. SUMNER, Chairman.

Algona and Whittemore.....To be supplied
Armstrong, East Chain Lake and Tenhassen.....W. H. Anderson, supply
Ruthven, Spencer, Capener school-house and Abbey school-house.....C. Cook
Peterson, Maple Grove, Prinellow, Reeves S. H. & Douglas Center J. H. Ray; Lucy Ray, S.
J. W. Cain, left without an appointment at his own request.
R. Shemeld, missionary to Africa.
G. Harry Agnew, missionary to Africa.
J. C. Norton given certificate of good standing with view to transfer.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | | Addresses. |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| G. P. Wilson..... | Plymouth, | Iowa |
| J. N. Bovee..... | Lime Springs, | " |
| E. H. Tenney..... | Osage, | " |
| Wm. Baldwin | Plymouth, | " |
| Cyrus Cook..... | Spencer, | " |
| J. D. Cook..... | Forest City, | " |
| J. W. Cain..... | Spencer, | " |
| N. J. Sumner... | Winnebago City, | Minnesota |
| J. L. Keene..... | Winnebago City, | " |
| A. C. Wolcott..... | Mankato, | " |
| J. Moran..... | Mapleton, | " |
| J. C. Norton..... | Roslyn, | Washington |
| R. Shemeld..... | Estcourt, Natal, | S. Africa |

PROBATIONERS.

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| F. A. Reeves | Rockford, | Iowa |
| Alice Van Auken..... | Riceville, | " |
| J. H. Ray..... | Peterson, | " |
| J. P. Maitland | Glenville, | Minnesota |
| J. W. Adams..... | Havana, | " |
| G. H. Agnew..... | Inhambane, | S. E. Africa |

SUPPLIES.

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| J. O. Sutton | Wells, | Minnesota |
| J. M. Cusick | Cooleyville, | " |
| J. F. Leise..... | Winnebago City, | " |
| W. H. Anderson..... | Armstrong, Emmett Co., | Iowa |

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTH IOWA 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' Collec- tion | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Africa Mission- ary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday- Schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Church Exten- sion Fund. | Value of Chur. h Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. |
|---|--|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PLYMOUTH DISTRICT. | J. N. Bovee, Chairman. | 87 | 5 | 92 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 110 | \$450 00 | \$100 00 | \$12 07 | \$6 10 | \$10 90 | \$14 75 | \$5 80 | \$39 53 | \$60 00 | \$11 00 | \$7 35 | \$3500 00 | \$500 00 |
| Plymouth, Mason City, etc. | G. P. Wilson..... | 45 | 23 | 74 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 94 | 422 50 | 38 36 | ..... | 2 20 | 4 40 | 5 50 | 2 20 | 10 00 | 24 75 | 54 46 | ..... | 400 00 | ..... |
| Lime Springs and Oak Dale | Alice Van Auker, sup. To be supplied..... | 12 | 7 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 129 00 | 42 19 | ..... | 1 30 | 2 60 | 3 25 | 1 30 | ..... | 12 60 | ..... | 70 00 | 2000 00 | ..... |
| Osage | J. P. Maltland..... | 17 | ..... | 17 | ..... | 1 | 3 | 12 | 200 67 | 16 04 | ..... | 1 50 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 80 | ..... | 6 72 | ..... | 80 00 | 1000 00 | \$500 00 |
| Forest City and Durand..... | J. Moran; J. W. Adams S. | 17 | ..... | 17 | ..... | 1 | 3 | 12 | 200 67 | 30 63 | ..... | 1 50 | 3 00 | 4 67 | 1 50 | ..... | 6 72 | ..... | 80 00 | 1000 00 | \$500 00 |
| Glenville, Austin, etc..... | J. N. Bovee, Chairman. | 43 | 11 | 54 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 78 | 267 58 | 47 76 | ..... | 2 70 | 5 00 | 6 75 | 2 65 | 7 34 | 26 39 | 128 59 | ..... | ..... | 300 00 |
| WINNEBAGO DISTRICT. | J. N. Bovee, Chairman. | 12 | ..... | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 32 70 | 17 85 | ..... | 1 00 | 2 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | 11 00 | 40 | 9 60 | 50 | 1750 00 | 350 00 |
| Winnebago City, etc..... | N. J. Sumner..... | 10 | 1 | 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 00 | 17 19 | ..... | 37 | 38 | 38 | 38 | ..... | ..... | 35 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Algona..... | E. H. Tenney | 19 | 5 | 24 | 2 | 9 | ..... | 65 | 202 44 | 21 34 | ..... | 1 40 | 2 80 | 3 50 | 1 40 | 45 00 | ..... | ..... | 95 | ..... | ..... |
| Elmore & Blue Earth City. | F. A. Reeves..... | 13 | 3 | 16 | ..... | 9 | ..... | ..... | 124 43 | 19 20 | ..... | 90 | 1 80 | 2 25 | 90 | 1 00 | 15 00 | ..... | 10 | 1000 00 | ..... |
| Spencer, Ruthven, etc. | Cyrus Cook..... | 34 | 3 | 37 | 1 | 9 | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 10 40 | 60 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Armstrong and Tenhassen. | J. C. Norton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Peterson, Maple Grove, etc. | T. J. Gates, supply..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| OWATONNA DISTRICT. | J. N. Bovee, Chairman. | 28 | ..... | 28 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 205 46 | 47 44 | ..... | 2 05 | 7 00 | 4 75 | 3 50 | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | ..... | 1500 00 | ..... |
| Owatonna, Northfield, etc.. | W. Baldwin; J. F. Leise, S. | 21 | ..... | 21 | ..... | 1 | 9 | ..... | 177 00 | 30 61 | ..... | 90 | 10 07 | 3 30 | 90 | 55 | 16 00 | ..... | ..... | 600 00 | ..... |
| Hebron, Cambria, etc..... | A. C. Wolcott..... | 18 | 1 | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 | 207 65 | 25 00 | ..... | 1 32 | 2 60 | 3 20 | 1 20 | 1 78 | ..... | ..... | 90 | 500 00 | ..... |
| Mapleton, Bellevue, etc. | J. D. Cook..... | 20 | 11 | 31 | 1 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 135 00 | 20 00 | ..... | 70 | 1 60 | 70 | 70 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wells, Easton & Lovell S. H. | J. L. Keene; J. Sutton, S. | 6 | 1 | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Minneapolis and St. Paul.. | To be supplied | 392 | 117 | 509 | 10 | 17 | 77 | 419 | \$2529 43 | \$504 41 | \$62 07 | \$23 24 | \$55 75 | \$57 50 | \$24 23 | \$116 20 | \$171 86 | \$253 65 | \$11 30 | \$11650 00 | \$1650 00 |
| Total..... | | 392 | 117 | 509 | 10 | 17 | 77 | 419 | \$2529 43 | \$504 41 | \$62 07 | \$23 24 | \$55 75 | \$57 50 | \$24 23 | \$116 20 | \$171 86 | \$253 65 | \$11 30 | \$11650 00 | \$1650 00 |
| Raised on Other Missionary Funds: Winnebago City, Lake Crystal etc., \$10.05. Raised on Tent Fund: Winnebago City, Lake Crystal etc., \$35.58; Peterson, Maple Grove and Trimello, \$104. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Session, held at Cowden, Ill., September 4-7, 1889.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

W. C. KELLEY, Secretary.

J. C. SILLS, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—W. B. M. Colt, H. F. Ashcraft, M. Hunter, F. H. Ashcraft, C. A. Fleming.

On Sunday-schools—T. H. Marsh, W. T. Branson, S. D. Young.

On Publications.—J. W. W. Kelley, H. B. Pollock, M. N. Huston.

On Education—T. H. Marsh, B. W. F. Corley, L. C. Cochran.

On Secret Societies—W. B. M. Colt, S. D. Young, M. Hunter.

On Temperance—J. L. McGiffin, J. F. Deremiah, H. G. Ahlemeyer.

To Collect Money for Publishing Minutes—D. W. Sala.

On Missions and Missionary Distributions—The stationing committee.

To Receive Money for Foreign Missions—Wiley Johnson.

To Receive Money for General Superintendents—F. C. Behner.

To Receive Money on Home Missions—W. R. Bonham.

To Collect Money for Missionary Board—W. T. Branson.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—The chair.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. B. F. Corley, J. W. W. Kelley, Wesley Resler, A. J. Edwards.

On Publication of Minutes—The secretaries.

On State of the Work—F. H. Ashcraft, C. A. Fleming, W. B. M. Colt.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—L. C. Cochran, J. C. Sills.

First Year—W. C. Kelley, J. L. McGiffin.

Second Year—H. F. Ashcraft, R. W. Sanderson.

Third Year—T. H. Marsh, W. R. Bonham.

Fourth Year—C. A. Fleming, W. B. M. Colt.

To Examine Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of the third year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

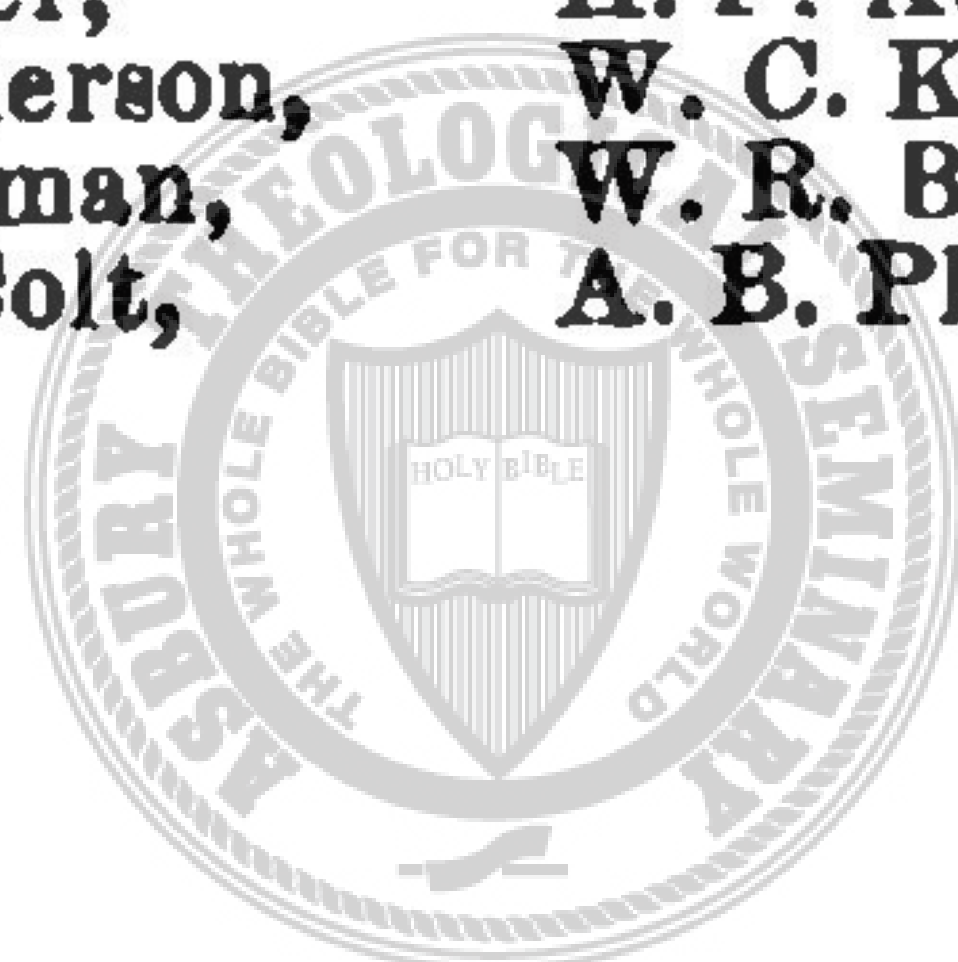
PREACHERS.

H. G. Ahlemeyer,
F. H. Ashcraft,
J. W. W. Kelley,
T. H. Marsh,
L. C. Cochran,

M. N. Huston,
S. F. Fowler,
R. W. Sanderson,
C. W. Sherman,
W. B. M. Colt,

J. L. McGiffin,
H. F. Ashcraft,
W. C. Kelley,
W. R. Bonham,
A. B. Phillips.

C. A. Fleming,
D. W. Sala,
J. C. Sills,
Wiley Johnson,



DELEGATES.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Jasper Knowles, | T. A. Steele, | F. C. Behner, | M. Smith, |
| D. C. Neisler, | Milton Hunter, | S. D. Young, | H. B. Pollock, |
| J. W. Barron, | B. W. F. Corley, | J. W. Resler, | Wm. Neece, |
| W. T. Branson, | R. W. Taylor, | J. F. Deremiah, | H. R. McAdams, |
| Wm. Pointer, | W. Irwin, | Fred. Pratt. | |

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, F. H. Ashcraft, C. A. Fleming, W. T. Branson, W. B. F. Corley.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? B. V. Singleton, Washington Irwin.

4. Who remain on trial? J. L. Williford, D. Kimbro, J. Washington Smith, Julia T. Singleton, W. W. Bruce, B. F. Grigg, M. A. Cox, W. J. Bone, T. A. Smith, W. T. Graham.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Wiley Johnson, L. C. Cochran.

6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Edwards, G. W. Hood.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? L. C. Cochran, Wiley Johnson.

8. Who have located this year? D. Kimbro.

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

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

16. What amount has been collected for superintendents? For the General Missionary Society? For the annual conference missionary fund? For foreign missions? See report of committees and statistics.

17-18. Relating to Sabbath-schools—See statistical report.

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

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Greenville, Bond Co., Illinois, as near the twentieth of September as practicable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The eleventh session of the Central Illinois annual conference was held at Cowden, Shelby Co., Illinois, September 4-8, 1889.

Rev. B. T. Roberts presided.

L. C. Cochran and Wiley Johnson were ordained elders after the Sabbath morning service.

An interesting missionary meeting was held, Friday afternoon, by Brother Harry Agnew, our missionary to S. E. Africa, and we felt our hearts grow warm toward him and his mission on the Dark Continent.

The following collections were taken during conference:

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| For Orleans College..... | \$144.00 |
| " Evansville Seminary..... | 55.00 |
| " W. B. M. Coll..... | 225.00 |
| " Publishing Minutes | 19.55 |
| " Balance on Superintents' Claim..... | 21.28 |
| " Harry Agnew | 164.00 |
| " Kentucky Mission..... | 6.98 |
| " Stationery for Secretaries..... | 2.25 |

The pastor and members of the M. E. Church kindly invited the conference to supply their pulpit, which was done by C. M. Damon and T. H. Marsh.

Thus has closed one of our best sessions of conference, and still we feel it was good to be there.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

| | | |
|--|---------|--------|
| Amount of surplus for 1888..... | \$ 1 32 | |
| Amount remitted to treasurer..... | 63 50 | |
| Amount of cash at conference..... | 93 27 | |
| Amount of collection on the Sabbath..... | 21 28 | |
| | | 179 37 |
| Amount of assessment for 1889..... | | 178 80 |
| Surplus..... | \$ | 57 |
| The cash was ordered to be paid President Roberts. | | |

III.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| Amount received from circuits, cash..... | \$ 5 60 | |
| Amount received in receipts..... | 75 | |
| Total | \$ | 6 35 |

IV.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

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|----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Amount of surplus from 1888..... | \$ 1 32 | |
| Amount raised at conference..... | 19 55 | |
| | | 20 87 |
| Amount demanded..... | | 18 97 |
| Surplus..... | \$ | 1 90 |

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on publications, would submit the following report:

We are well aware that we are living in an age when every device and fancy of the mind can be fed by the literature of our day, as every enterprise, good or bad, has in the field of literature representatives to uphold and advertise its work. Enterprises of the most corrupt kind are held up in such a light by some of the public presses of the day, that would, if possible, deceive the very elect by their teachings.

Therefore we feel it to be our duty to look well to what we read, and the kind of reading we have in our families. We are glad to see the increasing disposition among us as a people to avail ourselves of this agency, for the promotion of the work of God; and are highly pleased with the wholesome literature which is being provided. We would specially mention the *Free Methodist*, the *Earnest Christian*, and the Sabbath-school publications of T. B. Arnold. We will do all we can to discourage any controversy in any of our publications, by virtue of the relation we sustain to the *Free Methodist* as the official organ of the church, as well as its own superior character. We feel it is our duty to see that it is as widely circulated as possible, giving it the preference of all other papers.

VI.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

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

To our minds the Sabbath-school is a very important factor in the moral and spiritual education of children, if properly conducted; but otherwise, it is of little good either to the church or society, in spreading true Christianity, the principles and doctrines of the same. In a great many Sunday-schools of the land our issues and doctrines are indirectly, if not directly, ignored. Therefore, we must have our own Sunday-schools, and we would recommend to our pastors and people to organize and keep in existence Free Methodist Sunday-schools, wherever we can get enough to make it practicable, and a very few will justify us in organizing. If popular Sunday-schools have the training of our children, popular churches will ultimately garner them in. They will become interested and infatuated by the worldly and unscriptural means used to attract and hold their scholars, and finally swamped by the tide of worldliness, and probably lost.

"Give me the children until they are eight years old," said a very eminent bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, "and then you may have them"; intimating that in that length of time, he, by the help of the church, could so instill into their minds the Romish faith that they would be immovably and irrecoverably Roman Catholics. Thus we see the importance of instilling into the minds of our children the issues, doctrines and principles of true Christianity. The wise man has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If this be true, and no doubt it is, there is a great responsibility resting upon us in this regard. In order to be successful in Sunday-school work we must use great wisdom and discretion in selecting our officers and teachers. They must have this work of training children for God on their hearts. They must have some natural adaptation to this class of work, if possible; and above everything else, must be men and women of deep spirituality.

We need the Holy Ghost on this line of work, as our ultimate aim must be the spread of

scriptural truth, and the salvation of their souls. We recommend that the pastors take hold of this work with earnestness, using all the energy and wisdom possible, to secure success.

Furthermore, we would advise every member of the church to take some active part, either as teacher and officer, or as scholar.

In conclusion, we would recommend T. B. Arnold's literature as being the purest, and best adapted to secure our ends.

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

The carefully guarded character and working of Freemasonry and other secret orders have been exposed again and again, by Morgan, C. G. Finney, Ronayne and others, as correctly as language and illustrative pictures can expose anything; thereby attesting the truth of the Saviour's words in Luke 12: 2-3: "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, neither hid that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light, and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets, shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." So that by reading these books which faithfully expose these orders of darkness, anyone can get a better knowledge of them in a few hours than can be obtained in the regular way of initiation, etc., in many months, and at a trivial cost of money.

Freemasonry especially, is extra-judicial and blasphemous in its oaths of obligation, antichristian in its religion, supremely selfish in its beneficence, preposterous in its pretensions to antiquity, and a most stupendous fraud on truth, and an imposition on the intelligence of humanity.

It is a tree of evil, not of the right-hand planting of the Lord, and must be rooted up, and we, as a church, to this end must be true to our principles, both in our preaching and practice, wherever we may be called to labor.

VIII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, would submit the following report:

Since it is a demonstrated fact that the liquor traffic is only evil, and that continually, we do not recognize license in any form, high or low, as a temperance measure. Experience proves, that while high license may decrease the number of saloons, it does not decrease the amount of liquor sold; and what is morally wrong can never be made morally right by legal enactment, nor licensed without sin. Shall we do evil that good may come? God forbid. It is the cause of a large per cent. of the crime, murder, and social impurity in this nation.

WHEREAS, Since our last annual conference the great political contest has passed us by, and the results still fresh in our minds, and by these results and other workings of the different parties, we are more convinced than ever that our only hope of the annihilation of the liquor traffic is in the success of the Prohibition party. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to vote as we pray, and until there is a change in the programme of the different parties, we will continue to affiliate with the Prohibition party.

IX.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education would respectfully submit the following report:

Since it is a fact that the youth of our land will soon be the recognized citizens, and since a nation is what its citizens make it, we see the importance of properly educating our children. The pulpits, halls of legislation, marts of trade, machine shops, and all our industries, will soon be run by our boys and girls. These who are now being taught will soon take possession of the seats of learning, and teach others; in fact, they will soon hold within their grasp the reins of government, and we will be nationally, socially and morally what these make us. Hence we reiterate the importance of proper education.

We believe that true education includes both mind and heart; that while the mind is being cultivated and developed by a proper course of study, there should be thrown around the student a moral and spiritual influence, such as tends continually toward his salvation. To secure this they should be placed in schools where we know they are taught and surrounded by teachers exerting such an influence. Such we believe the schools of our denomination to be; and with hearts filled with gratitude to God we rejoice that such institutions of learning are being reared in our midst; and we recommend that all our people, as far as practicable, patronize these schools by sending their children to them, knowing that not only their general educational interests are being faithfully looked after, but their spiritual and eternal interests are being secured.

In particular would we recommend the Evansville Seminary, at Evansville, Wisconsin, as this is more particularly our school, and easier of access. We also recommend our people to give what support they can to the Orleans College, and help these brethren in these hours of trial.

APPOINTMENTS.

IPA VA DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Ipava, Vermont and Cuba.....T. H. Marsh
Ray and Antioch.....D. W. Sala
Colchester and East Bethel.....Wiley Johnson
A. B. Phillips, evangelist.

LITCHFIELD DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Litchfield and Raymond.....J. L. McGiffin
Palmyra and Waverly.....W. R. Bonham
Carlinville and Girard.....S. F. Fowler
W. B. M. Colt, evangelist.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

Hopedale and Big Grove.....J. C. Sills
Mason City.....L. C. Cochran
Athens and Curran.....W. J. Bone
Springfield and Rochester.....Julia T. Singleton, B. V. Singleton
Jacksonville.....To be supplied
El Dara and Seehorn.....To be supplied
Petersville.....To be supplied
Lincoln.....T. A. Smith
Washington Irwin, evangelist.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Greenville and Dudleyville.....W. C. Kelley
Coffeen, Sorento and Zion.....H. F. Ashcraft
Smithboro and Mulberry Grove.....To be supplied
W. T. Graham, W. W. Bruce, T. R. Mayfield, conference evangelists.

COWDEN DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Cowden.....R. W. Sanderson
Shelbyville and Sylvan.....M. A. Cox
Tower Hill.....B. F. Grigg
Owaneco.....M. N. Huston
Irving and Ohlman.....H. G. Ahlemeyer
La Clede and Arcadia.....J. L. Williford
A. J. Edwards and J. Washington Smith, conference evangelists.

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.—F. H. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Dutch Hollow and Alma.....G. W. Hood

KENTUCKY DISTRICT.—J. W. W. KELLEY, Chairman.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| T. H. Marsh..... | Ipava, Illinois |
| D. W. Sala..... | Rushville, " |
| Wiley Johnson..... | Colchester, " |
| B. V. Singleton..... | Springfield, " |
| Julia Thacker Singleton..... | Springfield, " |
| W. J. Bone..... | Athens, " |
| J. L. McGiffin..... | Litchfield, " |
| L. C. Cochran..... | Mason City, " |
| J. C. Sills..... | Hopedale, " |
| T. A. Smith..... | Lincoln, " |
| G. W. Hood..... | East St. Louis, " |
| W. C. Kelley..... | Greenville, " |
| W. R. Bonham..... | Palmyra, " |
| M. A. Cox..... | Shelbyville, " |
| H. F. Ashcraft..... | Coffeen, " |
| B. F. Grigg..... | Tower Hill, " |
| H. G. Ahlemeyer..... | Irving and Ohlman, " |
| S. F. Fowler..... | Carlinville, " |
| J. L. Williford..... | La Clede, " |
| J. W. W. Kelley..... | Petroleum, Kentucky |

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| W. B. M. Colt..... | Litchfield, | Illinois |
| W. T. Graham. | 51 Leota St., Indianapolis, | Indiana |
| Washington Irwin..... | Springfield, | Illinois |
| J. Washington Smith..... | Irving, | " |
| W. W. Bruce..... | Greenville, | " |
| T. R. Mayfield..... | Greenville, | " |
| A. J. Edwards..... | Tower Hill, | " |

LOCAL EVANGELISTS.

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|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| W. T. Carley..... | Ipava, | Illinois |
| Maggie Jenkins..... | Rushville, | " |
| J. W. Barnes..... | Rushville, | " |
| D. C. Neisler..... | Coffeen, | " |
| Mary McCracken..... | Petroleum, | Kentucky |
| Ida Hall..... | Petroleum, | " |
| Lillie E. Starkey..... | Petroleum, | " |
| Henry Brewington..... | Springfield, | Illinois |
| Emma Brewington..... | Springfield, | " |
| Jennie Fender..... | Edgewood, | " |
| Sallie Demumbren..... | Farina, | " |
| Mattie Miller..... | Mason City, | " |

LOCAL PREACHERS.

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| D. Kimbro..... | Smithboro, | Illinois |
| J. H. Houchin..... | Hopedale, | " |
| B. W. F. Corley (local elder)..... | Tower Hill, | " |
| Thomas Lockart..... | Tower Hill, | " |
| John Thomson..... | Colchester, | " |
| George Hill..... | Colchester, | " |
| Sam Barrett..... | Colchester, | " |
| B. F. Gill..... | Macomb, | " |
| S. D. Young..... | Harvel, | " |
| John Martin..... | Raymond, | " |
| Jesse Myers..... | Litchfield, | " |
| Albert Hensley..... | Butler, | " |
| Frank Deremiah..... | La Clede, | " |
| W. Irwin..... | Springfield, | " |
| Lee Nichols (local deacon)..... | Lakewood, | " |
| Frank Cozart..... | Cowden, | " |
| John Sutton..... | Carlock, | " |
| Baxter Bovee (local deacon)..... | McLean, | " |
| H. B. Pollock..... | Athens, | " |
| Wesley Cochran..... | Betterton, | " |
| Fred Pratt..... | Palmyra, | " |
| T. J. Steidley..... | Barr's Store, | " |
| Joseph Sheasley..... | Littleton, | " |
| W. S. Dann, S. M. Bilyen, John H. Minor..... | Greenville, | " |
| Joseph H. Minor..... | Smithboro, | " |
| Frank Upchurch..... | Raleigh, | " |

EXHORTERS.

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|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Johnie Vannattan..... | Chatham, | Illinois |
| D. F. Milliken..... | Tower Hill, | " |
| F. C. Behner..... | Hopedale, | " |
| T. C. Myers..... | Keysport, | " |
| John Roper..... | Mulberry Grove, | " |
| Albert Crumley..... | Cowden, | " |
| Charley Knight..... | Cowden, | " |
| Elias Banning..... | Cowden, | " |
| David Devoe..... | Cowden, | " |
| Wm. H. Cooper..... | Coffeen, | " |
| James Starkwether..... | Hettick, | " |
| S. Constable..... | Seehorn, | " |



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS 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. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Tent Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | |
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| IPAVA DISTRICT. | C. A. Fleming, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ipava, Vermont and Cuba..... | | | | | | | | | | | 92 | 8 | 100 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 60 | \$340 00 | \$69 22 | \$30 00 | \$20 00 | \$24 62 | \$10 00 | \$30 00 | \$40 00 | | \$1600 | | |
| Ray and Antioch..... | | | | | | | | | | | 63 | 12 | 76 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 60 | 300 00 | 50 00 | 30 00 | 10 25 | 14 05 | 8 00 | 18 51 | 32 70 | ..... | 600 | \$500 | |
| Colchester and Zion..... | | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 15 | 58 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 165 00 | 24 24 | 20 00 | 2 90 | 6 20 | 40 | ..... | 25 00 | \$6 30 | ..... | ..... |  |
| LITCHFIELD DISTRICT. | C. A. Fleming, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Litchfield and Raymond..... | | | | | | | | | | | 50 | 8 | 58 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 100 | 204 83 | 48 78 | 30 00 | 5 54 | ..... | ..... | 75 06 | ..... | ..... | 2800 | ..... |  |
| Palmyra..... | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 3 | 29 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 75 | 99 30 | 37 48 | ..... | 5 60 | 2 51 | 2 20 | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Carlinville and Girard..... | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 48 | 53 | .. | 1 | 4 | 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT. | C. A. Fleming, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Springfield and Jacksonville.. | | | | | | | | | | | 25 | .. | 25 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 80 80 | 21 10 | 3 00 | 3 50 | 1 00 | 1 50 | 7 00 | 27 00 | 21 65 | 1500 | ..... |  |
| El Dara and Seehorn..... | | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Athens and Curran..... | | | | | | | | | | | 36 | 5 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 40 | 213 65 | 43 28 | 32 00 | 9 03 | 2 85 | 6 11 | 12 99 | 28 76 | 43 35 | 1100 | 300 | |
| Mason City..... | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 1 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 27 | 291 22 | 41 63 | 66 00 | 3 40 | 3 50 | ..... | 19 73 | 42 47 | 7 25 | 1500 | 600 | |
| Hopedale..... | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | 12 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 60 | 200 00 | 40 86 | 30 00 | 3 80 | 2 67 | 1 90 | 7 00 | 17 00 | 25 00 | 500 | ..... |  |
| Big Grove and Kansas Hall.... | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | .. | 14 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 175 00 | 13 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1000 | 300 | |
| Petersville and Virginia..... | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 2 | 7 | .. | 1 | 3 | 25 | 96 84 | 4 84 | 19 77 | 1 00 | ..... | 50 | 1 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Lincoln..... | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 76 00 | 12 00 | 4 00 | 1 20 | ..... | 60 | 4 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| GREENVILLE DISTRICT. | F. H. Ashcraft, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenville and Dudleyville.... | | | | | | | | | | | 53 | 9 | 62 | 8 | 3 | 25 | 112 | 321 38 | 49 50 | 22 00 | 8 80 | 25 25 | 4 40 | 37 53 | 40 60 | ..... | 2100 | ..... |  |
| Coffeeen, Sorento and Woburn. | | | | | | | | | | | 78 | 2 | 80 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 180 | 296 51 | 50 00 | 30 00 | 11 20 | 4 80 | 2 50 | 75 00 | 78 00 | ..... | 3000 | 350 | |
| Vandalia and Smithboro..... | | | | | | | | | | | 37 | 2 | 39 | .. | 2 | 6 | 65 | 151 75 | 22 58 | 7 20 | 5 00 | 1 56 | 1 00 | 5 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| COWDEN DISTRICT. | F. H. Ashcraft, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cowden..... | | | | | | | | | | | 141 | 41 | 182 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 250 | 340 50 | 70 00 | 45 31 | 24 00 | 12 25 | 9 20 | 53 79 | 94 54 | ..... | 2400 | 450 | |
| Shelbyville and Sylvan..... | | | | | | | | | | | 50 | .. | 50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 162 19 | 36 68 | ..... | 3 40 | 70 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Tower Hill..... | | | | | | | | | | | 48 | .. | 48 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 59 | 272 84 | 38 88 | 5 00 | 7 00 | 2 50 | 13 70 | 17 18 | 20 00 | ..... | 1700 | 350 | |
| Owaneco, Ohlman and Irving.... | | | | | | | | | | | 93 | 19 | 112 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 130 | 400 00 | 63 00 | 5 86 | 21 40 | 6 00 | 10 70 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | 2500 | ..... |  |
| La Clede..... | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 8 | 87 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 50 | 160 00 | 36 00 | ..... | 4 00 | 1 65 | ..... | ..... | 18 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| BELLEVILLE DISTRICT. | F. H. Ashcraft, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belleville and Dutch Hollow... | | | | | | | | | | | 35 | 1 | 36 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 120 | 127 94 | 60 00 | 21 90 | 5 06 | 4 13 | 2 30 | 42 06 | 141 60 | ..... | 1200 | 250 | |
| Total for conference..... | | | | | | | | | | | 973 | 199 | 1172 | 60 | 40 | 269 | 1468 | \$4485 75 | \$833 07 | \$401 54 | \$156 07 | \$116 24 | \$77 01 | \$426 35 | \$607 67 | \$124 55 | \$23500 | \$3100 | |

Raised on Africa Missionary Funds: At Ray and Antioch, \$2 31; at Hopedale, \$1.00; at Cowden, \$3.70; at Owaneco, Ohlman and Irving, \$40.00; at La Clede, \$2.00.

Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Springfield and Jacksonville, \$1.00; at Hopedale, 50 cents.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session, held at Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., Michigan,
September 4--7, 1889.

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**OFFICERS.**

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

A BRADFIELD, Secretary.

A. H. STILWELL, Assistant Secretary.

**COMMITTEES.**

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, A. Bradfield, B. R. Jones, E. H. Bradfield.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds to Publish Minutes—P. S. Shoemaker.

On Publications—A. H. Stilwell, G. W. C. Smith, C. E. Farrington.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The Conference Missionary Board.

On Education—W. Cochran, J. Ellison, W. W. Knapp, A. R. Hammond, De Witt Pretty.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. H. Bradfield, C. C. Omans.

On Sunday-schools—L. E. Chase, F. E. Davy, E. J. Manning.

To Appoint Examiners in Course of Study—The president.

On Temperance—A. H. Stilwell, W. W. Knapp, L. H. Mulholland.

On Secret Societies—A. B. Matthewson, J. Leisenring, W. W. Knapp.

On the State of the Work—The chairmen.

To Receive Home and Foreign Missionary Funds—J. Ellison.

To Receive Superannuated and Church Extension Funds—C. E. Farrington.

To Receive Superintendents' Funds—De Witt Pretty.

On Ministerial Relations—W. Cochran, A. R. Hammond, J. Palmatier, E. K. Rhoat, J. Ellison.

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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

**PREACHERS.**

H. Sawyer,  
G. H. Thompson,  
W. Cochran,  
P. S. Shoemaker,  
C. W. Haynes,  
B. F. Marsh,  
E. H. Bradfield,  
R. Scamehorn,

A. Omans,  
A. B. Matthewson,  
J. M. Aikin,  
D. D. Marston,  
J. Latham,  
J. Ellison,  
J. Baker,  
P. Zeller,

A. Bradfield,  
G. W. C. Smith,  
I. W. Bell,  
V. A. Dake,  
C. P. Tiffany,  
S. A. McGee,  
P. W. Botts,  
I. Mudge.

P. E. Vincent,  
A. H. Stilwell,  
J. C. Huston,  
B. R. Jones,  
F. P. Russell,  
L. H. Mulholland,  
C. C. Omans,





**DELEGATES.**

|                                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |
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| J. Burnett,<br>De Witt Pretty,<br>C. Page,<br>L. E. Chase,<br>A. A. Palms,<br>D. S. Vandecar, | J. Leisenring,<br>W. Andrus,<br>E. G. Palmer,<br>W. W. Knapp,<br>D. J. Feather,<br>A. Dawson, | E. J. Manning,<br>E. K. Rhoat,<br>C. E. Farrington,<br>H. A. Lewis,<br>A. H. Brown,<br>J. Palmatier, | A. R. Hammond,<br>A. J. Webster,<br>Mrs. S. E. Henry,<br>Miss Eliza Sanborn,<br>J. Romine,<br>Mrs. Alice Hulscher. |
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2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, B. R. Jones, A. Bradfield, C. E. Farrington, J. Palmatier.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Edward Palmer, Elbert C. Millen, Cassius Page.

4. Who remain on trial? W. D. Vaughan, F. E. Davy, J. Hoag, W. S. McDivitt, D. J. Feather, C. W. Miller.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. C. Omans, R. Scamehorn, \*P. Zeller.

6. Who are the deacons? C. P. Tiffany, F. P. Russell, P. W. Botts, E. H. Bradfield, L. H. Mulholland, J. Baker, R. Scamehorn, C. C. Omans.

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? H. Sawyer.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conferences? Israel Mudge, from the East Michigan conference.

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

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? B. F. Marsh.

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

15, 16, 17, 18, See statistical report.

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Ridgeway, Lenawee Co., Mich., and the time as near the first Wednesday in September, 1890, as possible.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The twenty-fifth session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., Michigan, September 4-7, 1889.

Six sittings were held: One each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and three on Saturday.

Rev'ds J. Hartle and A. Witham of the North Michigan conference were invited to honorary seats.

Reuben Scamehorn, C. C. Omans and †Lewis E. Chase were ordained deacons on Sunday afternoon.

The sum of \$400.00 was raised for the Free Methodist church in Kalamazoo, and on Sunday morning the church was dedicated by Superintendent G. W. Coleman,

Elders Joseph Lawrence and G. A. Olmstead united with, and took work in the Ohio Conference before the Michigan Conference convened.

By request of conference the president appointed as examiners for next year: Preliminary, J. Ellison, I. W. Bell; first year, P. E. Vincent, I. Mudge; second

\*On a certificate of location.

†Local deacon.



year, A. H. Stilwell, W. Cochran; third year, B. R. Jones, A. B. Matthewson; fourth year, A. Bradfield, P. S. Shoemaker.

Local preachers who are recommended for deacons' orders to be examined by the committee on first year's course of study.

Local preachers recommended for elders' orders to be examined by the committee on the second year's course of study.

Collections are to be taken as follows: First quarter, superannuated and church extension; second quarter, general missionary; third quarter, general superintendents'; fourth quarter, home missionary. The home missionary collection is fifteen cents per member.

The following members were elected a church extension and aid society: B. R. Jones, A. Bradfield, J. Ellison, J. Romine, De Witt Pretty.

The same members constitute a home missionary society of the conference.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised..... \$16.80

### II.—ON MISSIONS.

Amount raised, General..... \$19.25  
 " Foreign..... 14.00  
 " Home..... 75.58

The general and foreign missionary funds were ordered to be sent to the treasurer.

The home missionary funds were recommended by the conference missionary society and ordered by conference to be appropriated as follows:

J. M. Aikin..... \$20.00  
 L. H. Mulholland..... 8.00  
 G. W. C. Smith..... 5.00  
 F. E. Davy..... 3.00  
 E. H. Bradfield..... 5.00  
 P. W. Botts..... 5.00  
 A. Bradfield..... 3.00  
 C. C. Omans..... 3.00  
 W. S. McDivitt..... 4.00  
 J. Leisenring..... 5.00  
 J. Hoag..... 8.00  
 R. Scamehorn..... 3.58  
 D. J. Feather..... 3.00

Total..... \$75.58

### III.—ON SUPERANNUATED AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS.

Amount raised for superannuated..... \$78.97

It was ordered to be paid to H. Sawyer.

### IV.—ON SUPERINTENDENTS' FUNDS.

Amount due..... \$222.14  
 " received..... 189.10

Balance due..... \$33.04

The money on hand was ordered to be paid to Sup't G. W. Coleman.

### V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The purpose of any religious denominational paper is, to clearly set forth the doctrines of the body represented; to explain its tenets; and to expound and defend the constitution or body of rules, by which its members are to be governed. Uniformity of belief and harmony of action determine largely the measure of progressive work performed by a religious body. Hence it was early deemed necessary by the founders of our church that we have a regularly accredited church paper, conducted under the immediate supervision of the church authorities. This result has been but recently brought about.

We may now congratulate ourselves upon the fact that the *Free Methodist* is upon a



comparatively safe financial basis and that it is edited by a pious and able editor, our senior general superintendent.

1. We recommend this paper to our people as a true and able exponent of our views as a denomination.

2. We deprecate the fact that the *Vanguard* should encourage a spirit of insubordination among certain workers among us, and we advise our people to lend no financial or moral aid to such papers.

3. We are aware that a periodical, the *Christian Life*, which has for its purpose the inculcation of moral purity, is being circulated in certain quarters of our work. We approve of every effort to purify and elevate society; and if certain individuals deem it necessary for them to obey the teachings of that sheet in order to save themselves from impurity in the social life, we have no desire to discourage them in their endeavor. But we desire to state right here, that we were born into the kingdom of God neither lecherous goats nor amorous monkeys; but, as we humbly hope, with our humanity purified and elevated and every power of our being in subjection to the will of God.

We believe that certain of the teachings mentioned are, in the end, calculated to defeat the very end for which they are promulgated, and that they have no foundation in reason or the word of God.

We believe that young men and women should be taught the mysteries of the holy state of matrimony from the lips of sanctified and loving parents, but we do not believe that God has commissioned either young men or old women to go about, filling the minds of the unmarried young with perverted ideas of the marriage relation. We advise our people to carefully sift out the wheat from the chaff, and live in all good conscience in the sight of their God.

#### VI.—ON EDUCATION.

Education is power. The person who is educated has a reservoir of power on which to draw at every turn in life. It is a present help in many times of need. When sanctified to God it is a power for good, otherwise it may accomplish great evil. The methods of obtaining an education are various; but the most convenient are by the school, and, in fact, education and schools are so connected that one implies the other. It is possible to gain an education, after having a fair start, without taking a regular course in school, but it is very seldom done. For instance: a man is called to be a minister; he has an ordinary education; with this he enters upon his work, fully resolved to spend his time in the way the church advises, which will give him from four to six hours each day in study. If this be done he cannot fail to become educated.

But, let me ask, Who among the preachers does this? Probably not one in fifty, or even a hundred. In his zeal to gain souls, and the many seeming demands upon him, his time is so nearly occupied that there is but very little left for his Bible and none for the regular course of study.

He wonders why his efforts are so fruitless, but finally sees that our Discipline ventures to give as the chief reason, because "We are not more knowing and holy." He begins to look for a stopping place that he may have time to study, but it does not come; he tries to call a halt, but it does not halt; and usually he gives up in despair. He runs very well for a season, but his sermons become stale to himself and of course to everybody else. He becomes a drug on the market, and has to be worked off by the stationing committee. He thinks the church has fallen from grace, for he knows he has not.

Experience teaches us that ordinary minds do not attain an education without the use of schools. Schools are a necessity; and we have reason to thank God for our public school system, by which every person has an education placed within his reach. But, in our public school system there is not the attention given to moral and Christian education that produces the solid character that the world needs. Therefore we have deemed it best to locate schools where character as well as mind may be developed. These schools are not an experiment, but are established and have presented to the world a body of young men and women as their workmanship whose moral characters are having a mighty influence for good, and whose education qualifies them to fill high stations in society. We have such a school within the bounds of this conference, and we shall look on it as a God-send. It lays before our children and young people opportunities of great value. It is not merely duty to patronize this school; we should feel it a privilege.

Our school in Spring Arbor has been established and maintained by great sacrifice and effort both by its friends and its teachers. Their work is our work, this school is our school; its interests are our interests. It needs our patronage; our young people need this school, and we should make a sufficient effort to bring these needs together. It is not altogether a lack of means that keeps many from our schools, but a lack of a real sense of the danger of the worldly influences brought to bear in our public schools, and a failure to comprehend the importance of a thorough moral and Christian training. This might be obviated largely by the preachers bringing it clearly before the people both in public and private. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will use our influence, both in public and private, to bring the object of this school and the importance of a Christian education before the people. Also, we will assist in liquidating the present indebtedness of about \$500.00 that rests upon the trustees.



## VII.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an important department of Christian work. Although it is sadly neglected in some localities, yet the responsibility is upon us. We as a church have not given proper countenance to this work. We recommend that a more earnest effort be put forth on the part of both preachers and laymen throughout the conference in this work. We recommend that one service at each district quarterly meeting be devoted expressly to this Sunday-school work.

We also recommend that T. B. Arnold's publications be used in preference to any others.

## VIII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The enemies of prohibition have been forced back to the last line of their fortifications. It has been a hard fight all the way from moral suasion to low license; from low license to local option; and from local option to high license. The rum-seller's are congratulating themselves upon the impregnable character of their remaining defenses. They swarm in full force upon the bulwarks of high license. On the right flank skulk their natural allies, the conscienceless politicians of the two old parties; and on the left, behold a very respectable contingent of the Christian church training under the same banner. The saloon-keepers cry, "Hurrah for high license!" "That is practical talk," say the politicians and the church allies solemnly rejoin, "Amen".

"Down with prohibition!" shouts the liquor power. "Fight them with knives and fire and pitchforks," cries out the subsidized press. "If it must be so, so let it be. It is so wicked to be so impractical," groans the church.

Face to face with these foes of every dear and sacred national interest, stand the tried and compact forces of prohibition. These forces have learned a few things by experience. The day of battles over local option is past. Moral suasion has proven utterly inadequate. Non-partisan movements have proven altogether too much on the pop-gun line; and now the prohibitionists propose to double-shot their guns, cut loose from every clique of compromisers, set up their standard with God's motto, "No evil can be licensed without sin," and fight it out on that line if it takes all the century.

This is a time when every man's conscience should be unshackled and his tongue no longer palsied by fear of party disaster. The fight that is on, is the most inspiring conflict in history. It is God's fight. In behalf of hundreds of thousands of suffering mothers and wives we call on every man, who has any heart of love in him, to join the ranks of prohibition. In the name of millions of degraded children we call on every man, who claims to be God's man, and regards the triumph of virtue and justice and purity as of vaster import than the success of a truculent and corrupt party, to point his weapon toward the foe.

We hold that it is the duty of every lover of a pure government to assist and vote with that party which, though small, has never compromised, but has constantly and firmly espoused the cause of national prohibition.

## IX.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

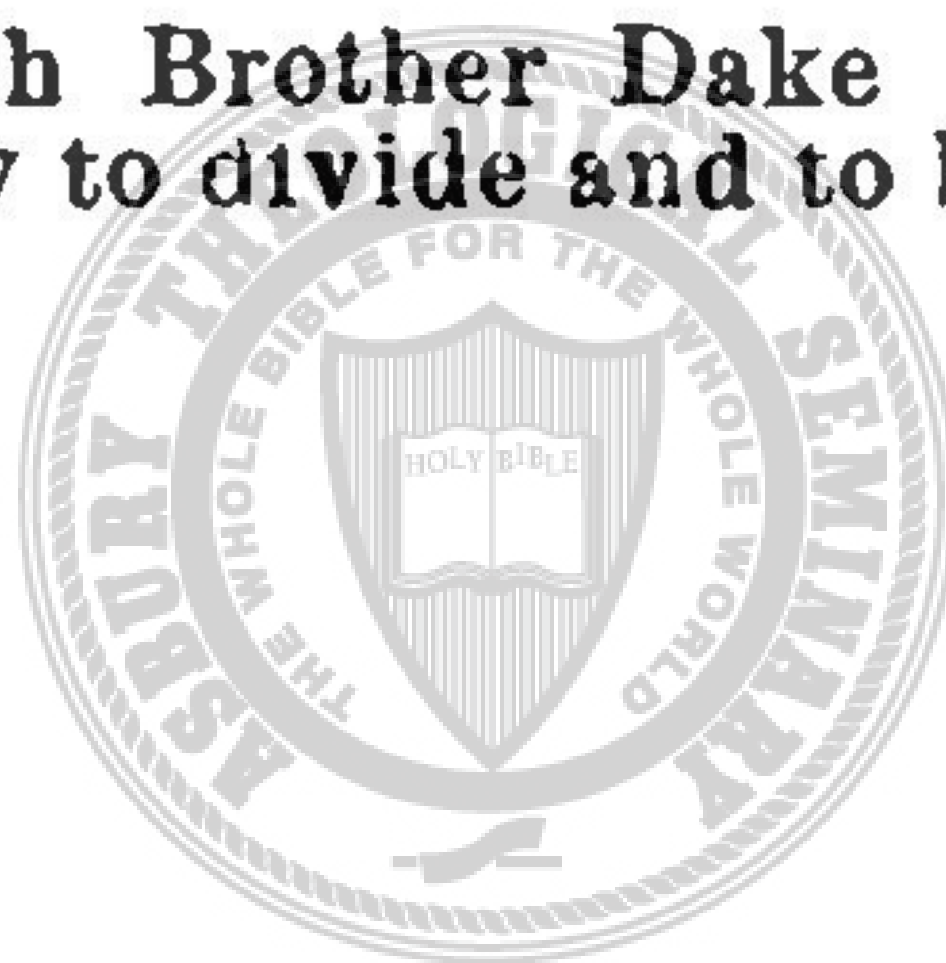
Secretism is an insidious foe. It invades every avenue of life. The various titles by which it is known are legion. Some of them are very fascinating, decoying the unsuspecting within their grasp. The more subtle forms of secretism are the "Patrons of Industry," "Knights of Honor," "Grand Army of the Republic," the various orders of temperance and of working men; because of their simplicity and present profit to the members.

Masonry presents itself to man as a religion, and offers to conduct him through life and bring him to endless felicity. It also claims to have the best methods of conducting both the civil and political affairs of life; but we find upon investigation and by experience that its claims are empty and deceive all those who listen to its overtures. It brings destruction wherever it goes by perverting the ways of righteousness. It is the embodiment of pure selfishness. Its profession of loyalty is absurd, for you only have to antagonize its ways to find it breaking allegiance to all government but its own. It is a giant foe to contend with. Its bulwarks are formidable. It has intrenched itself in the church behind good men (so-called) and in the state, behind those that are high in authority, bidding defiance to all who attempt to destroy its power, or break its influence. It is guilty of all the charges of unrighteousness that can be brought against it.

But shall we fear and shrink away from action? No. It is no time to lessen our effort for its overthrow. We should remember that our help is Almighty and our resources inexhaustible. Let us, therefore, increase our efforts to drive it from our midst.

## X.—ON MINISTERIAL RELATIONS.

We believe that the work which Brother Dake has organized and controls, called "Pentecost Bands," has a tendency to divide and to bring discord into the church.





## APPOINTMENTS.

### SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT.—B. R. JONES, Chairman.

Spring Arbor.....Israel Mudge  
 Parma.....R. Scamehorn  
 Jackson.....W. Cochran; A. F. Ferris, supply  
 Napoleon and Jefferson.....L. E. Chase, supply  
 Hudson and Woodstock.....Edward Palmer

A. H. Stilwell and C. P. Tiffany, principals of Spring Arbor Seminary; members of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.

J. M. Aikin, conference evangelist; member of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.

A. Omans, D. D. Marston and F. P. Russell, left without appointments at their own request; members of Spring Arbor district quarterly conference.

### DETROIT DISTRICT.—B. R. JONES, Chairman.

Detroit.....To be supplied  
 Wayne.....C. W. Miller  
 Huron.....Peter Zeller  
 Raisinville.....A. B. Matthewson  
 Adrian, Fairfield, Dover and Morenci.....C. C. Omans and C. Page  
 Ridgeway, Tecumseh and Cones.....John Hoag  
 Blissfield, Wellsville and Holloway.....C. E. Begel, supply  
 Ida, Petersburg and Temperance.....P. S. Shoemaker

H. Sawver, superannuated; member of Detroit district quarterly conference.

W. D. Vaughan, missionary to Missouri; member of Detroit district quarterly conference.

C. W. Haynes, left without an appointment in view of being appointed a chaplain in the United States army.

G. H. Thompson, J. C. Huston and J. Latham, left without appointments at their own request; members of Detroit district quarterly conference.

### COLDWATER DISTRICT.—P. E. VINCENT, Chairman.

Coldwater, Quincy, Reading and Algansee.....John Ellison  
 Sherwood and Colon.....J. Baker  
 Ransom.....F. E. Davy  
 Hillsdale.....Mary E. Edinger, supply  
 Eckford.....To be supplied  
 Battle Creek.....Mary Knecht, supply

G. W. C. Smith, conference missionary; member of Coldwater district quarterly conference.

I. W. Bell, left without an appointment at his request; member of Coldwater district quarterly conference.

### KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—P. E. VINCENT, Chairman.

Kalamazoo.....E. H. Bradfield  
 Three Rivers.....Marion Beller, supply  
 Decatur and Hamilton.....W. S. McDivitt  
 Lawrence, Gliddenburg and Paw Paw.....L. H. Mulholland  
 South Haven.....D. J. Feather  
 Hartford, Keelersville, Watervliet and Boyers.....A. Bradfield  
 Bainbridge, Byers, Pipestone and Bethel Church (Chairman to have charge) P. W. Botts  
 Royalton, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.....E. C. Millen

S. A. McGee, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Kalamazoo district quarterly conference.

V. A. Dake, left without an appointment at his own request with a view of transferring to the Illinois conference; member of Kalamazoo district quarterly conference.





# CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names.                | Addresses.            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| H. Sawyer.....        | London, Michigan      |
| A. Omans.....         | Spring Arbor, "       |
| A. Bradfield.....     | Hartford, "           |
| P. E. Vincent.....    | Quincy, "             |
| G. H. Thompson.....   | Blissfield, "         |
| A. B. Matthewson..... | Spring Arbor, "       |
| G. W. C. Smith.....   | Tekonsha, "           |
| A. H. Stilwell.....   | Spring Arbor, "       |
| W. Cochran.....       | Jackson, "            |
| J. M. Aikin.....      | Spring Arbor, "       |
| I. W. Bell.....       | Pittsford, "          |
| J. C. Huston.....     | Milan, "              |
| P. S. Shoemaker.....  | Temperance, "         |
| D. D. Marston.....    | Holly, "              |
| B. R. Jones.....      | Spring Arbor, "       |
| C. W. Haynes.....     | .....                 |
| James Latham.....     | Morenci, "            |
| C. P. Tiffany.....    | Spring Arbor, "       |
| F. P. Russell.....    | Napoleon, "           |
| John Ellison.....     | Spring Arbor, "       |
| S. A. McGee.....      | Vermontville, "       |
| L. H. Mulholland..... | Lawrence, "           |
| E. H. Bradfield.....  | Kalamazoo, "          |
| J. Baker.....         | Sherwood, "           |
| P. W. Botts.....      | Spink's Corners, "    |
| C. C. Omans.....      | Jasper, "             |
| R. Scamehorn.....     | Parma, "              |
| P. Zeller.....        | Waltz, "              |
| I. Mudge.....         | Spring Arbor, "       |
| F. E. Davy.....       | Ransom, "             |
| W. D. Vaughan.....    | West Plains, Missouri |
| J. Hoag.....          | Britton, Michigan     |
| S. W. McDivitt.....   | Decatur, "            |
| D. J. Feather.....    | South Haven, "        |
| C. W. Miller.....     | New Boston, "         |
| E. C. Millen.....     | Royalton, "           |
| E. Palmer.....        | Hudson, "             |
| C. Page.....          | Jasper, "             |





STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE 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. | General Superin-<br>tendents' Collec-<br>tion. | Home Missionary<br>Collection. | General Confer-<br>ence Missionary<br>Fund. | Africa Missionary<br>Fund. | Other Missionary<br>Funds. | Amount Raised for<br>Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex-<br>pense Collection. | Value of Church<br>Property. | Value of Parson-<br>age Property. |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT.     | B. R. Jones, Chairman.  | 73    | 16    | 89        | 1     | 1     | 9     | 80    | \$350 00  | \$60 00  | \$ 5 89  | \$11 18       | \$ 5 65 | \$ 1 20            | \$ 1 20         | \$ 1 20            | 150 00    |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Spring Arbor.....          | John Ellison.....       | 40    | 5     | 328 80    | 2     | 2     | 13    | 60    | 328 80    | 37 00    | 4 50     | 10 00         | 4 60    | \$ 1 20            | \$ 1 20         | \$ 1 20            |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Jackson.....               | Wm Cochran.....         | 27    | 2     | 453 26    | 1     | 1     | 10    | 60    | 453 26    | 25 89    | 2 50     | 6 20          | 2 50    | 2 00               | 2 00            | 2 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Parma.....                 | Reuben Scamehorn.....   | 22    | 9     | 177 61    | ..... | ..... | 7     | 30    | 177 61    | .....    | .....    | 1 20          | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Hudson and Woodstock.....  | F. P. Russell.....      | ..... | ..... | 129 37    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 129 37    | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| DETROIT DISTRICT.          | J. M. Aikin, Evangelist | ..... | ..... | 287 00    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 287 00    | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Ridgway, Tecumseh, etc.    | B. R. Jones, Chairman.  | 37    | 14    | 150 00    | 3     | 3     | 11    | 60    | 150 00    | 50 00    | 3 25     | 6 65          | 2 70    | 4 05               | 4 05            | 4 05               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Mooreville.....            | P. S. Shoemaker.....    | 10    | 1     | 317 09    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 317 09    | 12 75    | 50       | 2 25          | .....   | 50                 | 50              | 50                 |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Ida, Petersburg, etc.      | J. Hoag.....            | 59    | 3     | 14 00     | 2     | 2     | ..... | 60    | 14 00     | 45 71    | 4 00     | 10 60         | 3 00    | 2 33               | 2 33            | 2 33               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Huron.....                 | C. W. Haynes.....       | 50    | 2     | 375 00    | ..... | ..... | 6     | 40    | 375 00    | 36 00    | 2 00     | 10 00         | 3 00    | 3 00               | 3 00            | 3 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Wayne.....                 | J. Lawrence.....        | 43    | 6     | 232 50    | 1     | 1     | 9     | 50    | 232 50    | 32 00    | 3 60     | 7 40          | 2 00    | 2 00               | 2 00            | 2 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Blissfield and Wellsville. | C. W. Miller.....       | 38    | 3     | 307 23    | ..... | ..... | 10    | 85    | 307 23    | 33 00    | 5 00     | 7 05          | 4 88    | 2 55               | 2 55            | 2 55               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Detroit.....               | Geo. H. Thompson.....   | ..... | ..... | 146 71    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 146 71    | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| West Plains Mo. Mission.   | W. D. Vaughan.....      | 29    | 3     | 75 00     | ..... | ..... | 5     | 40    | 75 00     | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Adrian and Jasper.....     | J. Latham.....          | ..... | ..... | 210 00    | ..... | ..... | 15    | 100   | 210 00    | 50 85    | 3 45     | 9 00          | .....   | 5 20               | 5 20            | 5 20               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Raisinville.....           | S. A. McGee.....        | 70    | 3     | 300 00    | ..... | ..... | 23    | 63    | 300 00    | 46 00    | 6 05     | 11 00         | 6 76    | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| COLDWATER DISTRICT.        | A. Bradfield, Chairman. | 94    | 10    | *188 77   | 6     | 6     | 10    | 30    | *188 77   | 73 08    | 10 00    | 28 00         | 11 44   | 15 90              | 15 90           | 15 90              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Coldwater and Quincy....   | P. E. Vincent.....      | 55    | 4     | 490 36    | 3     | 3     | ..... | ..... | 490 36    | 37 21    | 2 70     | 6 45          | .....   | 2 40               | 2 40            | 2 40               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Ransom.....                | F. E. Davy.....         | 9     | 2     | 175 05    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 175 05    | 27 13    | 1 00     | 1 80          | 2 35    | 1 35               | 1 35            | 1 35               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Battle Creek.....          | .....                   | 37    | 2     | 16 25     | ..... | ..... | 8     | 30    | 16 25     | 50 85    | 3 40     | 8 50          | 3 40    | 7 00               | 7 00            | 7 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Sherwood, Three Riv's, etc | J. Baker.....           | ..... | ..... | 438 47    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 438 47    | 50       | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Hillsdale.....             | B. F. Marsh.....        | ..... | ..... | .....     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....     | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.        | A. Bradfield, Chairman. | 25    | 1     | *264 02   | 2     | 2     | 7     | 30    | *264 02   | 29 59    | 2 20     | 4 40          | 2 20    | 3 30               | 3 30            | 3 30               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Kalamazoo.....             | E. H. Bradfield.....    | 27    | 4     | 230 43    | 2     | 2     | 8     | 38    | 230 43    | 34 54    | 2 91     | 3 57          | 2 80    | 2 00               | 2 00            | 2 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Bainbridge and Pipestone   | G. W. C. Smith.....     | 43    | 2     | 200 00    | 2     | 2     | 7     | 40    | 200 00    | 42 46    | 4 66     | 9 45          | 3 25    | 30                 | 30              | 30                 |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Harford and Keeler.....    | C. O. Omans.....        | 33    | 3     | 242 48    | 1     | 1     | 7     | 28    | 242 48    | 39 84    | 2 86     | 8 40          | 2 60    | 3 67               | 3 67            | 3 67               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Royalton and St. Joseph.   | W. S. McDivitt.....     | 36    | 8     | 175 38    | ..... | ..... | 9     | 36    | 175 38    | 37 72    | 2 65     | 7 20          | 2 40    | 3 75               | 3 75            | 3 75               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Lawrence and Gliddenb'rg   | P. W. Botts.....        | 37    | 8     | 199 18    | 2     | 2     | 12    | 38    | 199 18    | 38 03    | 4 26     | 7 10          | 3 30    | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Watervliet and Colonsa...  | G. A. Olmstead.....     | 25    | 8     | 225 00    | 1     | 1     | 10    | 40    | 225 00    | 27 47    | 3 05     | 6 60          | 3 10    | 3 00               | 3 00            | 3 00               |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Decatur and Hamilton...    | L. H. Mulholland.....   | 13    | 3     | 160 37    | ..... | ..... | 8     | 25    | 160 37    | 14 37    | 1 40     | 2 40          | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| South Haven.....           | D. J. Feather.....      | ..... | ..... | 93 35     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 93 35     | .....    | .....    | .....         | .....   | .....              | .....           | .....              |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
| Total for Conference.....  | .....                   | 932   | 122   | \$6759 89 | 34    | 38    | 205   | 1162  | \$6759 89 | \$906 59 | \$82 07  | \$186 40      | \$65 55 | \$65 55            | \$65 55         | \$65 55            |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                                |                                |                                             |                            |                            |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |  |  |  |
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\*In addition to these amounts, received in presents \$43.63.



# WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Session, held at Montfort, Grant Co., Wisconsin,  
September 25-28, 1889.

## OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

J. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

J. H. FOWLER, Assistant Secretary.

## BOARD OF INCORPORATION.

E. P. TULLIS, President.

F. E. DOUBLEDAY, Secretary.

E. Z. THWING, Treasurer.

|                                           |                      |            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Office expires at conference of 1890..... | E. Z. Thwing.....    | A. Bennett |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1891.....                       | F. E. Doubleday..... |            |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1892.....                       | J. S. Bolton.....    | A. Turner  |

## WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

E. Z. THWING, President; Augusta.

W. G. HANMER, Secretary; Evansville. J. E. COLEMAN, Treasurer; Evansville.

|                                           |                    |             |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Office expires at conference of 1890..... | J. E. Coleman..... | A. Percival |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1891.....                       | L. B. Webb.....    |             |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1892.....                       | L. Whitney.....    | A. Bennett  |

By virtue of being chairman, W. G. Hanmer.

## WISCONSIN CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

W. G. HANMER, President.

F. E. DOUBLEDAY, Secretary.

J. E. COLEMAN, Treasurer.

|                                           |                      |              |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Office expires at conference of 1890..... | F. E. Doubleday..... |              |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1891.....                       | W. G. Hanmer.....    | A. Percival  |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1892.....                       | J. E. Coleman.....   | E. Z. Thwing |

## COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, W. G. Hanmer, R. Carne.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds for Publishing Minutes—J. H. Flower, T. H. Clark.

To Receive Superannuated Claim—G. C. Brownell.

To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study—E. Z. Thwing, F. E. Doubleday, A. Turner.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. B. Webb, W. G. Hanmer, C. S. Jenkyn.

To Receive Superintendents' Claim—C. W. Howe.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Missions—J. E. Coleman.

On Missions—Annual conference Missionary Board.

On Publications—L. B. Webb, F. E. Doubleday, A. Bennett.

On Education—J. E. Coleman, E. Z. Thwing.

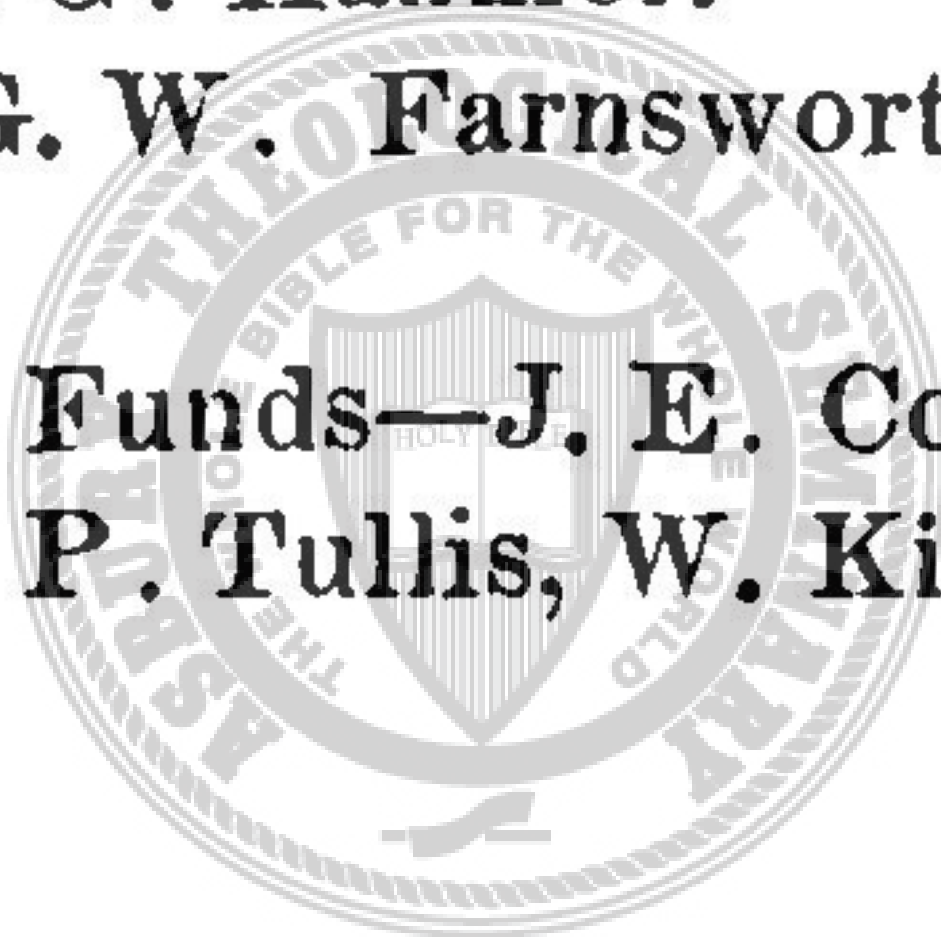
On Sunday-schools—C. S. Jenkyn, E. C. Lum.

On the State of the Work—W. G. Hanmer.

On Reforms—C. S. Jenkyn, G. W. Farnsworth, Z. C. Alvord, G. K. Drake, J. W. Roberts.

To Receive Church Extension Funds—J. E. Coleman.

On Memoirs—J. S. Bolton, E. P. Tullis, W. Kitely, L. Whitney.





**EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.**

Preliminary Course—J. A. Murray.

First Year—E. P. Tullis, G. Farnsworth.

Second Year—A. W. Parry, J. Y. Wolf.

Third Year—J. E. Coleman, J. S. Bolton.

Fourth Year—G. W. Hanmer, E. Z. Thwing.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Tent Committee—W. G. Hanmer, A. W. Parry, A. Bennett.

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

To Visit Evansville Seminary—L. B. Webb, J. Y. Wolf, E. Z. Thwing.

On Seminary Scholarship—W. G. Hanmer, A. W. Parry.

**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. Charmley,   | W. G. Hanmer,  | J. S. Bolton,  | G. Farnsworth,   |
| C. W. Howe,    | E. P. Tullis,  | J. E. Coleman, | F. E. Doubleday, |
| W. Plant,      | G. W. Coleman, | J. Y. Wolf,    | I. Emerton,      |
| W. S. Waters,  | R. Carne,      | A. W. Parry,   | R. Pate,         |
| L. B. Webb,    | J. H. Fowler,  | A. Longfield,  | F. B. Ingraham,  |
| J. W. Helmuth, | J. Turgerson.  |                |                  |

**DELEGATES.**

|                |                |                   |                |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Wm. Kitley,    | Geo. K. Drake, | Geo. C. Brownell, | C. S. Jenkyn,  |
| Z. C. Alvord,  | A. Bennett,    | Martha Jones,     | J. W. Roberts, |
| T. H. Clark,   | A. Turner,     | E. C. Lum,        | E. Alderman,   |
| A. Bostwick,   | J. Livingston, | T. Hanmer,        | M. Webb,       |
| E. Gillingham. |                |                   |                |

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. G. Hanmer, A. W. Parry, A. Bennett, J. W. Roberts.
3. Who are admitted on trial? W. W. Bates, F. F. Wolfe.
4. Who remain on trial? G. W. Endicott, N. J. Davis, J. E. Evans, C. Sigglekow, N. A. Austin.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. Longfield, F. H. Ingraham, J. W. Helmuth.
6. Who are the deacons? R. Carne, R. Pate, L. B. Webb, J. H. Flower, 1st class; A. Longfield, F. B. Ingraham, J. W. Helmuth, 2nd class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. S. Waters.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. Whitney, T. Charmley.
10. Who have been expelled? None.
11. Who have withdrawn? 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? C. Webber.
14. What is the number of church members? See table of statistics.
15. What is the amount collected for superannuated preachers? For superintendents? For General conference missionary board? For annual conference missionary board? See reports and statistics.

\*To get the order of admission into conference, read across the columns.



16, 17, 18, 19, 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 list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? Beaver Dam, Dodge Co., Wisconsin, as near the 25th of September, 1890, as will be consistent with the plan of the general superintendents.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A collection to pay for new record book, stationery and postage for the secretary, was taken up, amounting to \$12.30.

The conference ordered the collections taken as follows: Superannuated claim, during September and October; home missions, November and December; general superintendents', January and February; general missions, March and April; church extension, May and June; General conference delegates, July and August.

A vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Montfort for their kindness in entertaining the conference during its session. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Superintendent E. P. Hart for the kind and fatherly manner in which he had presided at this conference.

Collections were taken for the preachers and delegates for the Eau Claire district amounting to about \$10; for A. W. Parry to help him on his indebtedness, amounting to \$50; collections and subscriptions for the Childrens' Home of T. B. Arnold, amounting to over \$70; for Evansville Seminary of \$185; General Superintendent E. P. Hart and wife, \$18.42.

A church has been built on the Albany circuit, and one on the Portage and Pardeeville work at Pardeeville.

A free-will offering for Sister Webber's children, to apply on the appropriation, was taken up at the memorial services, amounting to \$50.69.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### I.

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the conference is such that there is not sufficient support for two traveling chairmen, and as there is no probability of their being an increase of funds, but on the contrary the increase of two extra claimants on the superannuated fund, and also the additional expense of the General conference delegates' collection, will leave the conference with especial financial burden the coming year; further, the support of two chairmen will decrease the salaries of the pastors, which are already small enough. Therefore,

Resolved, That we elect one traveling chairman for the coming year.

G. C. BROWNELL,  
L. B. WEBB,  
G. W. ENDICOTT,

J. A. MURRAY,  
Z. C. ALVORD,  
N. J. DAVIS,

J. E. COLEMAN,  
J. Y. WOLF,  
J. H. FLOWER.

### II.

WHEREAS, an institution has been established in Chicago, by T. B. Arnold and others, called the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, for the care of orphans and other unfortunate children. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we are in hearty sympathy with the objects of said institution, and that we will give it our moral and financial support so far as consistent with other obligations.



Resolved, 2. That Brothers Arnold and Parry be permitted to present the needs of the Home at such time during the session of this conference as the committee on public worship shall fix upon.

III.

Resolved, That we as a conference express our sympathy with our beloved Brother Coleman in the loss of his companion, Sister Lucy M. Coleman and our prayer is that he may be sustained by the grace of God.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

|                                                              |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Receipts reported by preachers (see statistical report)..... | \$127 89      |
| Paid W. G. Hanmer.....                                       | \$31 50       |
| “ “ “ “ .....                                                | 38 50         |
| “ “ “ “ .....                                                | 5 18          |
| “ “ “ “ .....                                                | 52 71         |
|                                                              | ———— \$127 89 |

II.—CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Receipts.....              | \$6 60       |
| Paid in at conference..... | 23 24        |
|                            | ———— \$29 84 |

III.—GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1887 Claims.....                    | \$39 10      |
| Receipts, S. K. J. Chesbro.....     | \$6 86       |
| Cash paid at conference.....        | 19 90        |
| Montfort.....                       | 2 60         |
|                                     | ———— 29 36   |
| Balance due.....                    | \$9 74       |
| 1888 Balance due from 1887.....     | \$9 74       |
| Claim.....                          | 39 20        |
|                                     | ———— \$48 94 |
| Receipts, S. K. J. Chesbro.....     | \$20 80      |
| Cash paid at conference.....        | 12 20        |
|                                     | ———— 33 00   |
| Balance due.....                    | \$15 94      |
| 1889 Balance due from 1888.....     | \$15 94      |
| Claim.....                          | 40 70        |
|                                     | ———— 56 64   |
| Received from S. K. J. Chesbro..... | 23 35        |
| Cash paid at conference.....        | 20 40        |
|                                     | ———— 34 75   |
| Balance due.....                    | \$12 89      |

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Oshkosh.....      | \$6 50       |
| Braver Dam.....   | 12 25        |
| Camp Douglas..... | 75           |
|                   | ———— \$19 50 |

V.—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Surplus from 1888.....        | \$8 31     |
| Paid S. K. J. Chesbro.....    | 61 61      |
| “ G. W. Coleman.....          | 2 00       |
| “ at conference.....          | 13 10      |
| Collection at conference..... | 1 60       |
|                               | ———— 86 62 |
| Claim.....                    | 81 40      |
| Surplus.....                  | \$5 22     |





## VI.—SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

This claim was overpaid, but as report was not handed in we cannot give exact amount.

## VII.—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

|                                               |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount raised for publishing the Minutes..... | \$24 00 |
| Cost of publishing Minutes.....               | \$21 49 |
| Balance due from last year.....               | 1 69    |
|                                               | <hr/>   |
|                                               | 23 18   |
| Surplus.....                                  | 82      |
|                                               | <hr/>   |
|                                               | \$24 00 |

## VIII.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

In looking over the work of the past year we see many reasons for humility and gratitude to God for the measure of prosperity that has attended our labors. Some new ground has been broken, and a number of new circuits have been raised up. Three new churches have been built and paid for, one on the Evansville district and two on the Portage, also indebtedness paid on two. In prosecuting the work on new ground in some parts we have encountered bitter and severe conflicts, deprivations, sacrifice and hinderances of a very serious and threatening character. Fierce and fiery oppositions and persecutions come upon us through the subtle and deceptive power of secretists, the deadly power of formalists, together with the hate and rage of the world and the devil; but the Lord God of Elijah brought us through with victory inscribed on our banners. The converts are strong, clear and radical, many of them have experienced the blessing of entire sanctification.

We have utilized a number of the young people in band work on the Portage district. They are very self-sacrificing, deeply consecrated, and have the spirit of aggressiveness. We call upon all of our ministers, local preachers, evangelists and exhorters to pray for and cultivate a spirit of earnest and practical aggressiveness. We notice in some a growing spirit of independence. Let us put that far away from us, and submit ourselves wholly to God and the conference. More time and attention should be given by the ministers to the work of the Sabbath-school and pastoral visitation.

We need a revival of business energy in our official boards. Official members should give more thought and labor to their duties. We are in great need of parsonages throughout the conference. Steps should be taken on many of the circuits this coming year, either to purchase or build a parsonage. The spirit of sacrifice and consecration on the part of the laity does not measure up with that of the ministry. On the part of the laity there is a need of more system in providing for the support of our ministry.

We believe the burden is not falling equally on ministry and laity. It is the belief of your committee that it is just as important that the stewards of the circuit have faith in God as for the preachers. We should show our faith by our works. The failure in the matter of ministerial support can be accounted for on the ground of ignorance of the claims of God upon our property, and the divine rule of Christian beneficence as revealed in the written word.

We therefore request that the chairman of the conference preach at each point on the several circuits one sermon during the coming year on this important matter. We recommend that where practicable, class meetings be held at a stated time and place, and not in connection with other services. They are a necessity to deep spirituality in the church. Let us be Free Methodists not only in name, but in reality. May God bless us until we shall fully measure up to the New Testament standard of religion.

We believe that the preaching of the doctrines of our faith is essential. While we would not discard that class of preaching which stirs the emotions, yet we do believe that more doctrinal preaching is needed among us, so that our people may be established unblamable in holiness, rooted and grounded in love.

We believe that as preachers we should push out beyond the bounds of our prescribed territory, and should utilize all the talent we may have on our several circuits in opening up new fields. There has been too much settling down among us. We need to work up on this point. The Saviour says, "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit."

Respectfully submitted.

## IX.—ON MEMOIRS.

Our beloved brother, the Rev. Charles Webber, was born in England, and as far as we can now ascertain, was converted in the same country. It appears he came to this country and joined the Free Methodist Church in Whitewater in this State (Wisconsin), before the formation of the Wisconsin conference. He appears to have commenced his preaching in the village of Sharon. He was admitted in full connection in this conference in the year 1864, and has labored upon the following charges: Sharon, Racine, Washburn, Cuba City. From thence he removed to Waukesha, where he remained until the fifth day of the present month (September), when the Master said, "It is enough come up higher." In the demise of our beloved brother, we, as a conference, feel we are called to mourn the loss of a faithful brother in Christ, and Methodism a strong pillar. Of him it



may be said, "His entire being was absorbed in the work of the Lord." He was "in labors more abundant, counting not his life dear unto himself that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus to testify of the grace of God." He was inflexible in his adherence to our principles and issues. In his ministrations he laid the ax to the root of the tree as far as the unbeliever was concerned; and the believer must be presented perfect in Christ Jesus. His labor was not in vain in the Lord. His success in his work instrumentally was not so much in especial preaching qualifications as in faithful pastoral work, endeavoring, to the best of his ability, to do all the work of a Methodist preacher. He was not, in external characteristics, demonstrative. The internal religious emotions of his being were deep, fervent and enduring. He kept himself upon the altar, a sacrifice for the Master, complete, bound with cords to its horns. In the true spirit of the martyr for the cause of Christ, he pursued his onward march, despite the bitterest opposition from the enemies of the cross, until he fell at his post, girt with the divine armor and with his face to the foe. Although his health for some months had been failing, yet through the kind assistance and ministration of sanctified hands, the earthly tabernacle by the divine blessing was sustained, and he was enabled to attend camp meeting only a few days before the messenger came, and he was heard to exclaim, "O, how precious is Jesus!" "Precious Lamb of God!" and his spirit returned to God who gave it, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Brother Webber leaves an affectionate, sorrowing companion and four children to mourn their loss, and call for our prayers, sympathy and pecuniary assistance. Brethren, what we do for the Master we must do quickly.

Respectfully submitted.

#### X. ON—PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would submit the following:

The press is a thing of power. Few elements are more potent in the formation of character than reading matter. In advancing the Gospel of Christ great care should be exercised to secure the best reading for our people. We recognize with pleasure the existence of the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* among us. We regard them as potent forces for good in an age of impure journalism, and excellent exponents of our principles. We pledge ourselves to their support, and to put forth an especial effort to extend their circulation the coming year.

There are a few features of the *Free Methodist* which we think might be improved. We would be better pleased if a smaller portion of the paper were occupied with advertisements, and we are of the opinion that the character of some advertisements which have recently appeared in the paper are not consistent with our teachings. We are also of the opinion that the holiness department of the paper is not filled with fresh and original articles from our own people as it should be.

We exhort our preachers and members to be diligent in the distribution of tracts which properly represent the Scripture standard of religion, and of books which teach the experience of holiness and impart a knowledge of the teachings and experience of early Methodism.

For Sabbath-school work we recommend the use of the papers and lesson helps published by T. B. Arnold.

We consider the singing in our congregations as an essential part of the worship of God, and regret that the standard hymn book is not in more general use. We recognize that the fact that our Hymn Book is published without notes is a serious obstacle in the way of its use. For this reason we would earnestly request the individuals connected with the publication of this book to produce, as soon as possible, an edition with printed music.

We would call attention to the matter printed on the first-page cover of the conference Minutes as published the last two years, and suggest that nothing be put in print in our publications which has no corresponding existence in fact.

#### XI.—ON EDUCATION.

We firmly believe in the great importance of education. Christianity is the light of the world, and wherever it is promoted in its purity it will spread knowledge and encourage education. Methodism had its providential rise amid the best schools of the world. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, of blessed memory, was a thoroughly educated man. While we insist on all our ministers being converted and sanctified men, we urge upon all the importance of a thorough education in all branches bearing upon their usefulness. We also emphasize the necessity of education among our people, and especially do we urge upon all parents the duty of educating their children at Christian schools. Martin Luther declared that, "To study well one must pray well." Our children should not only be sent to schools where there is prayer, but to schools where the prayer is "in the Spirit."

We are thankful to God for so excellent an institution within our bounds as the Evansville Seminary. We rejoice to hear that the present school year at Evansville has opened with a higher grade of scholars than ever before, and that a spirit of revival prevails in the school. We express our deep and continued interest in this Christian school, and declare our unshaken confidence in our brother, Prof. J. E. Coleman, in the able and judicious management of the affairs of this institution.



## XII.—ON MORAL REFORMS.

Although moral reform is not Christianity, yet the different reforms of the day should be supported by us as a people. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will do all in our power to discourage the desecration of the Sabbath by doing none of the little things that may have the appearance of evil, such as shaving, cleaning boots, getting vegetables and fruits from the garden, cutting horse feed, etc., and by doing what we can to create public sentiment against the running of trains and street cars, the opening of places of amusement, distributing mails, Sunday visiting, opening stores, selling milk, etc., etc., on that day.

*Resolved*, That we will uphold by our vote as well as by our voice and practice the great reform movement against intemperance, and that we will still raise our voices against tobacco in all its forms, as an indulgence.

*Resolved*, That as we recognize the evils to churches, families and individuals arising from conforming to the world in its fashions in dress, we, as a conference, will discountenance by our practice and preaching, all conformity to the world on this line, and will labor faithfully with those among us who are inclined to compromise, determined by the grace of God to never lower the standard the Free Methodist Church has already adopted in the dress reform.

*Resolved*, That we oppose in every right way, secret societies of all kinds, including the G. A. R., doing what we can to make the people see the evil of them. We recommend the *Christian Cynosure* as an excellent paper for giving light on the different orders.

*Resolved*, That as we believe the Roman Catholic Church is laboring for the downfall of free America and her public schools, we will recommend the reading of Father Chiniquy's "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome," and that we will encourage James A. O'Connor, 60 Bible House, New York, in his reform work among Catholics, by using our influence in extending the circulation of his magazine called the *Converted Catholic*.

*Resolved*, That we, as Christian men and women, believe that God has but one standard on moral purity for men and women. We will stand by all just measures used to place upon our statute book right laws.

"Now to Heaven our prayer ascending,  
God speed the right!  
In each noble cause contending,  
God speed the right!  
Be that prayer again repeated,  
Ne'er despairing though defeated;  
Truth our cause, whate'er delay it,  
There's no power on earth can stay it.  
God speed the right!  
Pain, nor toil, nor trial heeding,  
And in God's own time succeeding,  
God speed the right!"

## XIII.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We realize the importance of Sunday-schools, and feel like exhorting all our people to do all in their power to sustain them. Every member of our church ought to be interested in this, and to assist by their presence and their means. Instead of saying, "Have me excused," saved persons ought to be ready to teach in our Sunday-schools, and they would find it a means of grace to sow the seed of the word of God.

If our officers and teachers enjoyed salvation, right principles would be fixed in the hearts of the children more deeply than they can be under the instruction of unsaved teachers.

It should be our aim, not only to instruct the mind, but to lead them to Christ; to labor for and expect their conversion.

We wish the preachers generally manifested more interest in this department of church work, and, since the Sunday-school is the nursery of the church, it is certainly deserving of a share of their labors.

We heartily endorse the Sunday-school helps and papers published by T. B. Arnold, and are sorry to find them in any school among us superseded by inferior publications.

## XIV.—ON PASTORS' SUPPORT.

It is the judgment of your committee:

1. That all articles given by individuals to the ministry, expressly as a token of esteem and souvenir of friendship, should not be credited on salary.

2. That when an individual, not a member of the society of which the preacher is pastor, gives to him money or any article, with the express wish that it is to be regarded as a present, it should not be counted on the salary.

3. When a member of the society hands a preacher money or other articles which can be classed as essential for living expenses, it should be credited to the society until the amount pledged is paid.

4. That whatever may be given for weddings and funerals shall not be counted on salary.



## XV.—ON SUPPORT FOR BROTHER WEBBER'S CHILDREN.

The committee recommended that \$100 be appropriated for the support of Brother C. Webber's children; that a free-will offering be taken up at the memorial service to apply on this amount, and that the secretary be instructed to apportion the balance to the circuits in connection with the other claims on superannuated funds, which was adopted by vote of the conference.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## EVANSVILLE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Evansville, Albany and English Settlement.....J. A. Murray, Evansville, Wisconsin  
 Whitewater, Palmyra and Waukesha.....A. Longfield, Palmyra, "  
 Milwaukee.....J. Y. Wolf, 494 Hanover St., Milwaukee, "  
 Sharon.....J. W. Helmuth, Beloit, "  
 Racine.....To be supplied  
 J. E. Coleman, Principal of Evansville Seminary, Evansville, Wisconsin; member of Evansville district quarterly conference.

## PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Platteville and Cuba City.....J. S. Bolton, Platteville, Wisconsin  
 New Diggings.....To be supplied  
 Washburn and Livingston.....R. Carne, Rewey, Wisconsin  
 Montfort.....C. V. Hughes, supply, Montfort, "

## PORTAGE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Portage and Pardeeville.....E. P. Tullis, Pardeeville, Wisconsin  
 Porters and Pierceville.....F. E. Doubleday, Marshall, "  
 Oshkosh and Rhinelander.....L. B. Webb, 70 Merritt St., Oshkosh, "  
 Beaver Dam.....N. J. Davis, Beaver Dam, "  
 Baraboo and Caledonia...C. S. Jenkyn, supply; Baraboo; F. F. Wolfe, Baraboo, "  
 Camp Douglas.....To be supplied  
 Excelsior and Metcalf.....G. W. Farnsworth, Reedsburg, Wisconsin  
 Fon du Lac.....G. W. Endicott, Fon du Lac, "  
 Laval and Reedsburgh.....C. Sigglekow, Laval, "  
 Hillsborough, Warner and Hill Prairie.....J. A. Bolton, Hillsborough, "  
 Richland.....J. Iurgerson, Gillingham, "  
 Fountain and Manston.....W. Plant, New Lisbon, "  
 Springvale.....R. Pate, Pardeeville, "

## EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.—W. G. HANMER, Chairman.

Humbird and Fairchild.....A. D. Gillett, Humbird, Wisconsin  
 Canton and Barron.....W. W. Bates, Barron, "  
 Prairie Farm.....F. B. Ingraham, Prairie Farm, "  
 Maple Grove.....H. S. Losey, supply; Chetek, "  
 Emerald.....To be supplied  
 Sherman.....E. Z. Thwing, Augusta, Wisconsin

W. S. Waters, missionary to Lake Superior; Box 4, Platteville, Wisconsin.

I. Emerton, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Eau Claire district quarterly conference; Emerald, Wisconsin.

J. E. Evans, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Evansville district quarterly conference; Wheaton, Illinois.

L. Whitney, superannuated; member of Portage district quarterly conference; Portage, Wisconsin.

T. Charmley, superannuated; member of Portage district quarterly conference; Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

A. W. Parry, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Evansville district quarterly conference; Evansville, Wisconsin.

J. H. Flower, conference evangelist; member of Evansville district quarterly conference; Evansville, Wisconsin.

C. W. Howe, conference missionary; member of Eau Claire district quarterly conference; Canton, Wisconsin.





STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN 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' Collec-<br>tion. | Home Missionary<br>Collection. | Gen'l Conference<br>Missionary Fund. | Foreign Mission-<br>ary Fund. | Church Extension<br>Fund. | Amount Raised for<br>Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex-<br>pense Collection. | Value of Church<br>Property. | Value of Parson-<br>age Property. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| EVANSVILLE DISTRICT.                                                                                                                                      |                      |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                              |                                |                                      |                               |                           |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |
| Evansville.....                                                                                                                                           | A. W. Parry, Ch'n.   | 31       | 8             | 31     | 1                  | 1               | 7                  | 20        | \$166 75                  | \$50 00                   | \$13 73                     | \$5 30                  | \$6 60                                       | \$12 21                        | \$4 25                               | \$20 00                       | \$3 30                    | \$13 00                              | \$25 00                             | \$1200                       | .....                             |
| Albany.....                                                                                                                                               | To be supplied.....  | 15       | 2             | 23     | 1                  | 1               | 2                  | 11        | 125 00                    | 25 25                     | .....                       | 1 60                    | 2 00                                         | 3 70                           | 1 25                                 | .....                         | 1 00                      | 4 73                                 | 15 64                               | \$1200                       | .....                             |
| Whitewater and Palmyra                                                                                                                                    | J. H. Flower.....    | 28       | 2             | 30     | 1                  | 1               | 3                  | 11        | 128 51                    | 45 00                     | .....                       | 4 16                    | 5 20                                         | 9 62                           | 3 35                                 | .....                         | 2 60                      | 1 16                                 | 108 73                              | 2300                         | .....                             |
| Sharon.....                                                                                                                                               | John E. Evans.....   | 5        | .....         | 5      | 1                  | 1               | 4                  | 20        | 68 50                     | 16 50                     | .....                       | 32                      | 40                                           | 50                             | 20                                   | .....                         | 10                        | 4 00                                 | .....                               | 1000                         | .....                             |
| Waukeesa.....                                                                                                                                             | J. Y. Wolf.....      | 1        | .....         | 1      | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | 20 00                     | .....                       | 16                      | 20                                           | 37                             | 15                                   | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Racine.....                                                                                                                                               | To be supplied.....  | 11       | .....         | 11     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Aztalan.....                                                                                                                                              | H. Pate.....         | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | 1               | 5                  | 15        | 20 80                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | 1 00                          | .....                     | .....                                | 4 00                                | .....                        | .....                             |
| PORTAGE DISTRICT.                                                                                                                                         |                      |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                              |                                |                                      |                               |                           |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |
| Portage.....                                                                                                                                              | W. G. Hammer, Ch'n.  | 33       | 4             | 37     | 1                  | 1               | 8                  | 47        | 416 78                    | 66 11                     | 7 84                        | 3 20                    | 4 00                                         | 5 00                           | 2 00                                 | 1 50                          | 2 00                      | 15 00                                | 13 41                               | 900                          | .....                             |
| Porters and Pierceville...                                                                                                                                | G. W. Endicott.....  | 37       | 2             | 39     | 2                  | 1               | 3                  | 15        | 302 07                    | 68 12                     | .....                       | 15 28                   | 6 60                                         | 12 22                          | 4 30                                 | 15 00                         | 3 30                      | 5 00                                 | 6 00                                | 1300                         | .....                             |
| Oshkosh and Fon du Lac                                                                                                                                    | F. E. Doubleday..... | 34       | 18            | 52     | 2                  | 2               | 15                 | 50        | 331 25                    | 70 96                     | 200 31                      | 5 28                    | 6 60                                         | 12 21                          | 4 30                                 | 6 50                          | 3 30                      | 22 81                                | 16 00                               | 1000                         | \$1000                            |
| Beaver Dam.....                                                                                                                                           | L. B. Webb.....      | 30       | 5             | 35     | 1                  | 1               | 7                  | 27        | 221 21                    | 74 79                     | 2 88                        | 11 25                   | 5 00                                         | 9 25                           | 3 25                                 | 12 25                         | 2 50                      | 13 73                                | 24 84                               | 450                          | .....                             |
| Baraboo and Caledonia...                                                                                                                                  | N. J. Davis.....     | 49       | 15            | 64     | 2                  | 2               | 17                 | 128       | 208 11                    | 87 58                     | .....                       | 5 12                    | 6 40                                         | 8 45                           | 4 30                                 | .....                         | 30                        | 27 82                                | 11 50                               | 2500                         | .....                             |
| Camp Douglas.....                                                                                                                                         | C. S. Jenkyn, supply | 7        | 3             | 10     | 1                  | 1               | 5                  | 50        | 50 05                     | 24 15                     | .....                       | 1 85                    | 1 60                                         | 2 96                           | 1 05                                 | 75                            | 80                        | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Metcalfe & Miles Prairie.                                                                                                                                 | A. D. Gillett.....   | 23       | 2             | 25     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | 40 00                     | 25 07                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Richland.....                                                                                                                                             | G. W. Farnsworth...  | 18       | 26            | 44     | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Lavale and Reedsburgh                                                                                                                                     | J. Turguson.....     | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.                                                                                                                                      |                      |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                              |                                |                                      |                               |                           |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |
| Augusta and Humbird...                                                                                                                                    | W. G. Hammer, Ch'n.  | 9        | .....         | 9      | 1                  | 1               | 4                  | 25        | 126 50                    | 24 87                     | .....                       | 1 00                    | 1 20                                         | 1 10                           | 1 00                                 | .....                         | .....                     | 3 00                                 | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Canton & Prairie Farm...                                                                                                                                  | E. Z. Thwing.....    | 26       | 16            | 42     | 1                  | 2               | 7                  | 38        | 148 09                    | 36 40                     | 11 88                       | 3 06                    | 3 60                                         | 6 60                           | 1 80                                 | .....                         | 1 88                      | 7 25                                 | 4 43                                | 800                          | .....                             |
| Emerald and Sherman...                                                                                                                                    | F. B. Ingraham.....  | 21       | .....         | 21     | 2                  | 2               | 7                  | 45        | 125 00                    | 48 02                     | .....                       | 2 30                    | 2 80                                         | 5 18                           | 1 90                                 | .....                         | 1 40                      | 9 25                                 | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Maple Grove & Barron...                                                                                                                                   | Wm. Plant.....       | 35       | 36            | 71     | 1                  | 1               | 5                  | 40        | 198 16                    | 18 21                     | 9 00                        | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | 6 00                                 | 15 05                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| PLATEVILLE DISTRICT.                                                                                                                                      |                      |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                              |                                |                                      |                               |                           |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |
| Platteville, Cuba C., etc.                                                                                                                                | A. W. Parry, Ch'n.   | 58       | 2             | 60     | 1                  | 3               | 20                 | 135       | 188 22                    | 85 22                     | .....                       | 9 25                    | 10 51                                        | 13 00                          | 6 35                                 | 1 05                          | 3 80                      | 22 04                                | 40 88                               | 2100                         | .....                             |
| Washburn.....                                                                                                                                             | Waters, Longfield... | 37       | .....         | 37     | 1                  | 1               | 7                  | 40        | 400 00                    | 53 00                     | .....                       | 5 92                    | 7 40                                         | 9 25                           | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | 4 85                                 | 23 00                               | 800                          | .....                             |
| Monfort.....                                                                                                                                              | J. B. Bolton.....    | 30       | 1             | 31     | 1                  | 1               | 4                  | 50        | 225 00                    | 50 00                     | .....                       | 10 80                   | 6 60                                         | 12 21                          | 4 30                                 | .....                         | 3 30                      | 17 23                                | .....                               | 1800                         | .....                             |
| Monfort.....                                                                                                                                              | R. Carne.....        | .....    | .....         | .....  | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....     | .....                     | .....                     | .....                       | .....                   | .....                                        | .....                          | .....                                | .....                         | .....                     | .....                                | .....                               | .....                        | .....                             |
| Total for conference                                                                                                                                      | .....                | 639      | 183           | 722    | 7                  | 23              | 127                | 756       | \$3398 77                 | \$888 25                  | \$245 64                    | \$85 85                 | \$91 27                                      | \$122 81                       | \$48 75                              | \$58 05                       | \$29 78                   | \$191 52                             | \$308 48                            | \$16150                      | \$1000                            |
| Surplus on Gen'l Sup't Col.: Surplus, \$12.95; col. at conference, \$1.60. Raised on Tent Fund: At Oshkosh and Fon du Lac, \$12.35; Camp Douglas, 50 cts. |                      |          |               |        |                    |                 |                    |           |                           |                           |                             |                         |                                              |                                |                                      |                               |                           |                                      |                                     |                              |                                   |

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# ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session, held at St. Charles, Illinois, September 10, 1889.

## OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

C. S. GITCHELL, Secretary. J. D. MARSH, W. P. FERRIES, Assistant Secretaries.

## TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

J. D. Kelsey, J. P. Corron, three years; M. V. Clute, M. S. M. West, two years; G. W. Whittington, E. Matthews, one year.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.

M. V. Clute, G. W. Whittington, C. S. Gitchell, J. H. Porter, G. A. Harding.

## COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, M. V. Clute, P. C. Burhans.

On Claims—The stationing committee.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sabbath-schools—F. D. Brooke, M. S. M. West, Urban De Villery, M. H. Kendrick, W. A. Huston.

On Reforms—J. D. Marsh, V. A. Dake, J. W. Sharpe, John Tyler, Thomas Heaviesides.

On Education—G. W. Whittington, M. H. Kendrick, Henry Andrews, James Allen.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. J. Hales.

On Publications—P. W. Newcomer, F. D. Brooke, O. V. Ketels, Wm. Wood, John Tyler, Wm. Pask.

On Temperance—C. S. Spalding, J. W. Sharpe, J. H. Cook, O. B. King, M. S. M. West, F. D. Christie.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. H. Kendrick, V. A. Dake, F. D. Brooke.

On State of the Work—The stationing committee.

To Secure Reduction of Freight for Ministers Who Move Next Year—The chairman of the Chicago district for the ensuing conference year.

On Ministerial Relations—F. D. Brooke, C. S. Spalding, C. S. Gitchell, V. A. Dake, M. S. M. West, W. A. Huston.

To Nominate Examiners in the Course of Study for Next Year—M. H. Kendrick, C. S. Gitchell.

Railroad Secretary, J. D. Marsh.

## EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

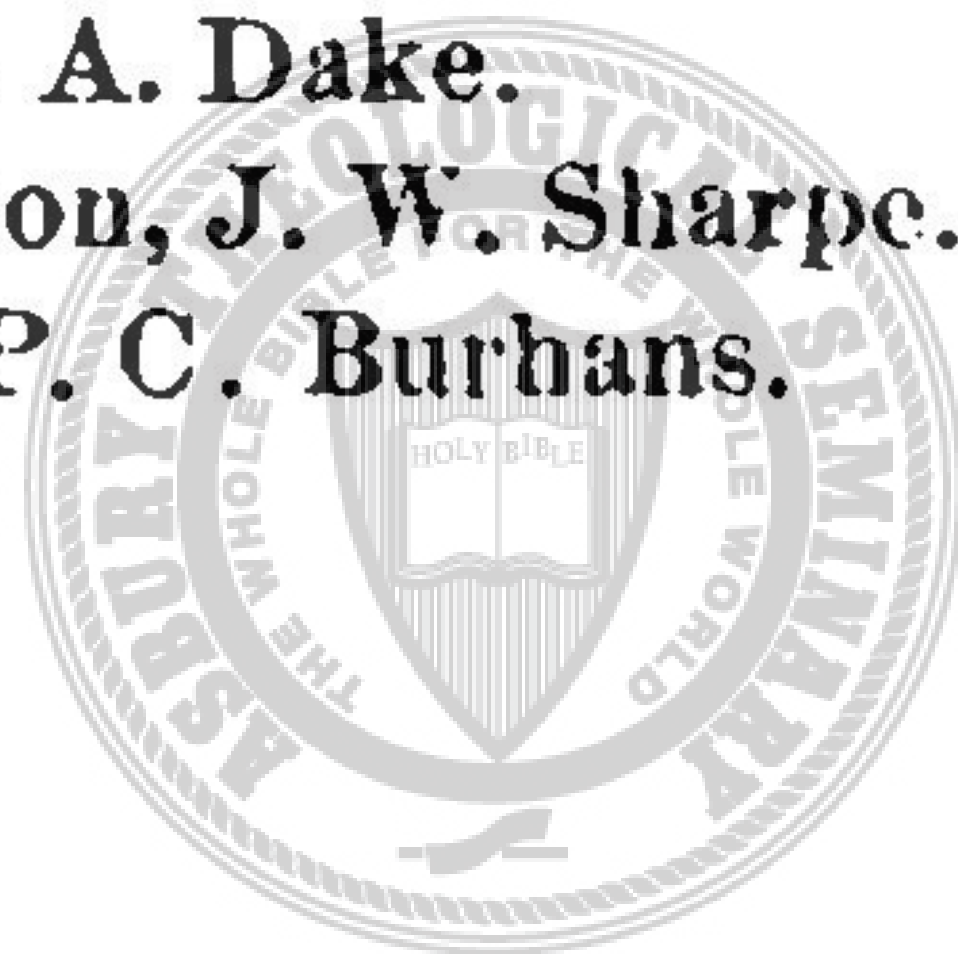
Preliminary Course—C. S. Gitchell, W. C. McNeil.

First Year—F. D. Brooke, J. D. Kelsey.

Second Year—J. D. Marsh, V. A. Dake.

Third Year—G. W. Whittington, J. W. Sharpe.

Fourth Year—W. P. Ferries, P. C. Burhans.





## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

### PREACHERS.

M. V. Clute,  
J. D. Marsh,  
F. D. Brooke,  
J. Harden,  
A. Maitland,  
R. W. Scott,  
P. C. Burhans,  
J. Harvey,

C. S. Spalding,  
J. D. Kelsey,  
P. W. Newcomer,  
D. M. Smashey,  
W. M. Kelsey,  
C. S. Gitchell,  
V. A. Dake,  
W. C. McNeil.

J. J. Hales,  
J. W. Carter,  
G. W. Whittington,  
B. P. Clark,  
J. W. Sharpe,  
O. V. Ketels,  
J. T. Taylor,

J. Sprague,  
W. P. Ferries,  
E. F. Ward,  
F. D. Christie,  
N. E. Parks,  
M. H. Kendrick,  
H. O. Hubbard,

### DELEGATES.

W. M. Wood,  
Sarah Struble,  
J. H. Cook,  
W. A. Huston,  
W. Masters,  
Minnie Burdett,  
B. Crouch,  
A. J. Butterfield.

O. B. King,  
J. Allen,  
Francis Silvey,  
J. H. Tyler,  
E. F. Smith,  
Sophia B. Howe,  
J. Cronk,

Virginia Gates,  
M. S. M. West,  
T. Heavisides,  
Wm. Pask,  
J. Hill,  
W. Morrison,  
J. W. Bebee,

H. Andrews,  
U. De Villery,  
Cyrena Osmund,  
M. M. Kern,  
Harriet A. Coon,  
D. M. Allen,  
W. W. Stebbins,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, M. V. Clute, G. W. Whittington, O. V. Ketels, J. H. Tyler, W. Masters, M. S. M. West.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. E. Bardell, H. Nelson, Robert Winter, J. M. Fish, Thos. Duncan, J. H. Woertendyke, A. M. Taylor.

4. Who remain on trial? J. M. Spencer.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. T. Taylor, H. O. Hubbard, John Harvey, W. C. McNeil.

6. Who are the deacons? P. W. Newcomer, N. E. Parks, J. Harden, A. Maitland.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. M. Kelsey, F. D. Christie, M. H. Kendrick.

8. Who have been elected deacons this year? J. T. Taylor, H. O. Hubbard, J. Harvey, W. C. McNeil.

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

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? V. A. Dake, an elder from the Michigan conference.

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

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? F. A. Arnold, B. P. Clark, by transfer to the Genesee conference; R. W. Scott, by transfer to the Kansas conference.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except one.

14. Who have died this year? None.

15. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

16, 17 and 18. See statistics.

22. See list of appointments.

23. When and where shall our next conference be held? Not later and as near the last Tuesday in September as arrangements will allow. The district chairmen were made a committee to secure the place of holding the next annual conference; and report the same in the FREE METHODIST paper, not later than the first of June.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Superintendent Rev. B. T. Roberts not being present, the secretary of the previous year's session, called the conference to order, and Rev. M. V. Clute was elected as president pro tem., and presided over the first two sittings.

C. W. Thornton and M. C. McNeil of the M. E. Church; V. A. Dake, A. Bradfield and C. H. Rawson, of North Michigan; J. E. Coleman, A. W. Parry, J. A. Murray and J. H. Flower of the Wisconsin conference; C. M. Damon, of the West Kansas conference; J. H. Woertendyke and Thomas Nelson, evangelists of the Free Methodist Church; and T. B. Arnold, publisher of Sabbath-school supplies, were introduced and invited to honorary seats in the conference.

W. A. McNeil was received into the conference from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The site of the Free Methodist church at Maple Park, having been sold for \$100 and the money having been placed in the hands of the conference for its disposal, the conference decided to donate the money to Evansville Seminary.

It was decided to supply the work with three traveling chairmen. M. V. Clute receiving 27, G. W. Whittington 35, and C. S. Gitchell 28 of 53 votes cast, they were declared elected.

The president addressed the conference on the subject of "Consecration to Our Work," in his happy and instructive manner. His remarks were well received.

B. P. Clark was at his request given a certificate of his standing and general acceptability in the conference, with a view of taking work in the Genesee conference.

R. W. Scott was given a certificate of his standing and general acceptability with a view of transferring to the Kansas conference.

M. V. Clute, J. H. Porter and Brother Eastman were appointed a committee on South Chicago church property.

F. D. Brooke, C. S. Gitchell, V. A. Dake, M. V. Clute, J. W. Sharpe, G. W. Whittington were elected delegates to attend the Congress of Churches Opposed to Secret Societies, to be held in Chicago, in March, 1890.

P. C. Burhans was elected conference treasurer, for the ensuing year; address St. Charles, Ill., to whom will be sent the home mission, and delegates' collections. The other three collections will be sent to S. K. J. Chesbro, 106 Franklin St., Chicago.

The following is the number and order of the conference collections: Home missions, in November (twenty cents per member); church extension, in February (ten cents per member); general missions, in May (ten cents per member); general superintendents', in July (twenty cents per member); general conference delegates', in September.

The conference ordered the treasurer to add the deficiency on last year's home missionary collection to the assessments of delinquent circuits.

M. V. Clute was made a committee to look after the interests of the Wheaton church property.

The following brethren were elected chairmen of committees, and are expected to prepare reports to be submitted at the next session: Sunday-schools, M. H. Kendrick; publications, V. A. Dake; education, G. W. Whittington; secret societies, F. D. Brooke; temperance, P. W. Newcomer; reforms, J. W. Sharpe; publishing Minutes, secretaries.

J. D. Kelsey and F. D. Christie were made a committee to secure reduction of freight on preachers' goods for next year.



V. A. Dake and Joel Cronk were nominated trustees of the Evansville Seminary. There was raised by cash and subscriptions, \$610.00 for the purchase of a lot for the Chicago First Church, with the understanding that it should not be encumbered by mortgage in the erection of a church edifice; about \$600.00 for the Evansville Seminary and \$150.00 for the Chicago Industrial Home for Children. There was also a collection of \$8.50 taken for the secretaries.

The chairman of Chicago district was made a committee to secure reduction of rates to and from the conference seat of next year.

Home missionary appropriations for the year are: Peoria and Joliet and Galva districts \$100.00; Rock and Fox River district \$50.00.

A vote of thanks was given to Rev. P. C. Burhans and the community for the efficient and kindly manner in which they entertained the conference and visitors.

A vote of thanks was tendered the president for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over our deliberations.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### I.

WHEREAS, an institution known as the "Chicago Industrial Home for Children" has been opened in Chicago for the care of orphaned and otherwise unfortunate children, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we are in sympathy with the objects of the above institution and we will welcome the superintendent or financial agent of the same on our circuits to raise money for its support.

Resolved, 2. That the superintendent, Rev. T. B. Arnold, together with Brothers Roberts, C.ute and Whittington be permitted to take subscriptions for this cause at the Sabbath afternoon services.

### II.

#### ON PENTECOST BANDS.

WHEREAS, Our success as a church depends on all our preachers and members being filled with the Spirit, and every one great and small working for God and souls, and

WHEREAS, There is much latent power among us, and many of our young people feel called of God to public labor, and as the Pentecost work is a means in the hands of God in utilizing the latent power in our church. Therefore,

Resolved, That we are pleased with the aggressive and thorough work that is being done by the Pentecost Bands, and we advise the leader in charge, Rev. V. A. Dake, to consult with the general superintendents, and conduct and carry on this work so as to keep it in harmony with our economy.

### III.

WHEREAS, The earnest and self-denying struggles of the Orleans College have elicited the very general sympathy of the church, with practical aid by which an interest in the institution has already been acquired; and

WHEREAS, The various propositions to aid them have had a tendency to confuse the public mind as to the safety of such investments;

Resolved, That we recommend that the executive committee of the Free Methodist Church take steps for the immediate raising of a fund to be applied by them at discretion in payment of its indebtedness; that the sums so raised be paid over on conditions that shall assure public confidence in their safety, and in the wise administration of the school.

We further recommend the publication of the above in the FREE METHODIST.



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education submit the following: Man is emphatically a creature of education, and is as such, largely directed by influences that surround him. Education is the foundation of true manhood, enlarging the mind so that it enables him to understand some of the mysteries of nature, as is seen in the building of splendid palaces, railroads, telegraphs; and with the appliances of machinery of modern times, produces the most astonishing results. Man must be educated in his duties, whether business or professional, and a proper appreciation of knowledge and adaptation thereof to his pursuits enables him to fulfill his station in life. But education may be of two kinds, mental or moral; the one giving direction to the affections or the loving of God and his neighbor; the other of simply cultivating the intellectual powers. The latter is confined to this life only. The other bridges the chasm between time and eternity and enables the student to walk with God, and qualifies him for eternity. One may enable him to direct ships or armies in their course, or make him stand forth a mighty prodigy of learning for colleges or halls of science; the other enables him to realize he is a simple, dependent child of grace and faith in God. Now both of these are intended and greatly needed in the serious concerns of mortal life; and as these are both intended for man, they should both be enjoyed as far as providence permits. Education is then to be appreciated, ignorance to be deplored. The need of the age is education set on fire,—the fire of God's love.

Christian education, both of the mental and moral faculties, is greatly needed by all; and in this vast republic is within the reach of almost all.

But the time for such an education is chiefly confined to youth, when the mind is in the most naturally impressible state, and both should be taught so man should enjoy both social and religious freedom, and personal responsibility arising from duties to God and man.

The greatest need of the age in which we live is schools of this nature, where mental and moral training are to be enjoyed, where intellectual and high spiritual attainments are cultivated.

Christian schools are necessary institutions, where the highest attainments of morals are induced, holiness of heart, life and conversation may be manifest as the privilege of all, and the great gift of God to the nation. This presupposes the teachers have a clean-cut holiness experience, and propose to live and practice holiness with their instructions.

We, your committee, are thankful to God that as a denomination we have such seminaries of instruction, where the young may enjoy mental and spiritual education. And your committee cheerfully recommend that all our own people, with others, place their children under the care of holy teachers as far as practicable. Also we hail every seminary, and are thankful to God for their number and usefulness, but we sincerely recommend no more until the present ones are free from debt. And as a conference having pledged our support in scholars and in finances in behalf of our home school—Evansville Seminary, that your committee offer the following resolution:

That we all continue to take hold of Evansville Seminary matters and in a practical manner demonstrate our faith in institutions of education.

### II.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following:

Every department of work which tends directly to build up the kingdom of Christ in the earth, should receive our hearty support. Recognizing as we all do that the Sabbath-school is a work of this kind, we should stand by it, not only by voting in its favor at annual conference, but also by taking our respective places as officers, teachers or pupils in the Sabbath-school.

While we rejoice in the increased interest manifested in Sabbath-school work, still we fear there is lack of real aggressiveness among us in this direction. We would therefore urge upon our people the necessity of laying this work at heart, and of putting forth greater concentrated effort for its promotion. And as much depends upon the character of the literature used, we would heartily recommend the publications of Rev. T. B. Arnold, as the best with which we are acquainted.

### III.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance would respectfully submit the following report;

We believe intemperance to be the great curse of our nation at the present time. This monster and fiend besets us on every hand. It walks up to the doors of our houses, and with bleared eyes seeks the life blood of our young. It stands with its hand on the throttle that controls the machinery of both the old political parties. Also, it is now trying to rob us of our holy Sabbath by substituting the personal right and liberty league which seeks the downfall of our Christian Sabbath.

We believe the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants is unscriptural and wrong, and that the entire liquor traffic is an act of treason against God, home and native land; and whereas this tree of iniquity is everywhere bringing forth such abundance of fruits, of



murders, social, moral, physical, spiritual and financial ruin, and is such a strong barrier against impressing the minds of our young people with the principles of right and salvation; and that whereas we believe high license, and all attempts to regulate the liquor traffic are a curse to us as a people, therefore

*Resolved*, That we, as a conference, by our ballots, prayers and influence will do all in our power, to uproot this terrible evil from our midst.

We are encouraged and rejoice to see the progress in the grand prohibition army. Therefore

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference, that it is our duty, as Christian ministers and laymen composing the same, to give the national Prohibition party our hearty support in every proper way, and especially to vote its ticket.

And whereas the W. C. T. U. is not a secret order, therefore

*Resolved*, That we will encourage and assist them in their noble efforts to bring about temperance and social purity in the land.

#### IV.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms would respectfully report as follows:

Ours is a work of reform. Our position as a church places us on the side of all true reform movements of the age; yet we see more clearly each year the necessity of being pointed and outspoken in our preaching on all the great reform principles and against all the sinful, soul-destroying and God-dishonoring habits and practices of this corrupt age.

We are not mere reformers. Our business is to preach the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. This agitates social practices and customs, and generates those organized, practical, efforts known as reforms.

The great reform needed in our land, is the reform of the government, leading to an explicit recognition of the Word of God, as its standard of law, and morality. This would abolish government Sabbath-breaking, correct fraud, prevent unrighteous war, and stop the flagrant desecration of the holy Sabbath by corporations, civic societies and open places of amusement, prohibit the liquor traffic, banish houses of prostitution, correct our divorce laws and lead to the promulgation of pure religion. We rejoice in the rising tide of Christian sentiment for legal prohibition of the liquor traffic; in the organizations favoring a Christian Sabbath; in the uprising of Christian women, aiming at all forms of morality, and in the efforts made to suppress social vice, and foster social purity; and we pledge ourselves to aid such movements all we consistently can. Yet we must keep chiefly to our mission of "spreading scriptural holiness over these lands." To this end we believe there is need of more thorough preparation on the part of many of our preachers for their pulpit labors. We are called, not to stand up and expose our ignorance, but to explain the Scriptures, and by manifestation of the truth, commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Also there is much room for improvement among us as pastors. We must be earnest pastors or fail. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

"Except the Lord conduct the plan  
The best concerted scheme is vain  
And never can succeed."

The blessed Gospel and the Holy Ghost are God's great agents to reform the world. We must preach the Gospel to the people in the power of the Holy Spirit or fail of permanent reform.

#### V.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

|                                                                      |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Assessment for year 1889.....                                        |          | \$206.00 |
| Surplus from last year.....                                          | \$28.73  |          |
| Amount received.....                                                 | 192.23   |          |
| Total receipts.....                                                  | —        | \$220.96 |
| Remitted to S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer....                          | \$38.28  |          |
| Surplus year 1888.....                                               | 28.73    |          |
| Amount paid by circuits to General Superintendent G. W. Coleman..... | 26.42    |          |
| Amount paid to Superintendent B. T. Roberts at conference.....       | 82.53    |          |
| Total amount paid out.....                                           | \$225.96 |          |
| Overpaid on claim.....                                               |          | \$19.96  |

##### HOME MISSIONS.

|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount received.....                    |          | \$136.84 |
| Paid to Rev. O. V. Ketels.....          | \$135.92 |          |
| Receipt book, postage and exchange..... | 92       |          |
|                                         | —        | \$136.84 |

##### GENERAL MISSIONS.

|                                             |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Amount raised.....                          |         | \$72.99 |
| Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro from circuits..... | \$55.49 |         |
| Paid to same by cash.....                   | 17.25   |         |
| For receipt book.....                       | 25      |         |
|                                             | —       | \$72.99 |



FOREIGN MISSIONS.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| By cash at conference .....               | \$4.23 |
| Paid to General conference treasurer..... | 4.23   |

CHURCH EXTENSION.

|                                                             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount Received.....                                        | \$80.95 |
| Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, General conference treasurer..... | \$80.95 |

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Amount received.....           | \$62.40      |
| Paid over to Rev. J. Buss..... |              |
| Paid over to M. V. Clute.....  | —————\$62.40 |

APPOINTMENTS.

CHICAGO DISTRICT.—M. V. CLUTE, Chairman.

|                                                            |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Chicago (First Church).....                                | F. D. Christie |
| Chicago (Second Church).....                               | W. P. Ferries  |
| Chicago (Dearborn Street).....                             | W. M. Kelsey   |
| Chicago (Humboldt Park).....                               | O. V. Ketels   |
| Evanston.....                                              | J. D. Kelsey   |
| Prospect Park and Wheaton.....                             | Thos. Duncan   |
| Melrose, Austin and Oak Park.....                          | M. H. Kendrick |
| Aurora.....                                                | F. D. Brooke   |
| St Charles and South Elgin.....                            | P. C. Burhans  |
| South Chicago.....                                         | To be supplied |
| V. A. Dake and T. H. Nelson, conference evangelists.       |                |
| E. F. Ward, missionary to India.                           |                |
| A. Maitland, left without appointment, at his own request. |                |

FOX AND ROCK RIVER DISTRICT.—G. W. WHITTINGTON, Chairman.

|                                                                                                         |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sycamore and South Burlington.....                                                                      | J. W. Sharpe             |
| Franklin and Dustin .....                                                                               | Wm. Ba: dell             |
| Elgin.....                                                                                              | A. V. Leonardson, supply |
| Cary and Algonquin.....                                                                                 | C. S. Spalding           |
| Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....                                                                   | J. J. Hales              |
| Woodstock .....                                                                                         | J. J. Schuyler, supply   |
| Marengo, Union and Seneca .....                                                                         | Emily Nelson, supply     |
| Belvidere, Cherry Valley and Rockford.....                                                              | W. C. McNeil             |
| Winnebago and Ridott .....                                                                              | J. T. Taylor             |
| Freeport and Lena.....                                                                                  | Bert Fay, supply         |
| Polo, Oak Ridge and Ashton.....                                                                         | W. E. Wade, supply       |
| J. M. Spencer, left without an appointment, member of Fox and Rock River district quarterly conference. |                          |

PEORIA AND JOLIET DISTRICT.—C. S. GITCHELL, Chairman.

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| Peoria and Limestone.....                                                                                               | J. D. Marsh            |
| Hilton.....                                                                                                             | J. M. Fish             |
| Pekin.....                                                                                                              | F. H. Goodrich, supply |
| Deer Creek and Centennial.....                                                                                          | J. W. Elwood, supply   |
| Fairbury and Saunemin .....                                                                                             | D. M. Smashey          |
| Morris, Mazon and Gardner.....                                                                                          | P. W. Newcomer         |
| Kempton .....                                                                                                           | H. O. Hubbard          |
| Streator and Ottawa.....                                                                                                | A. M. Taylor           |
| John Harvey left without an appointment with a view of going to England; member of Peoria district quarterly conference |                        |

GALVA DISTRICT.—C. S. GITCHELL, Chairman.

|                                                                                    |                   |
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| Galva, Kewanee, Saxon and Cable.....                                               | N. E. Parks       |
| Atkinson and Sh: field.....                                                        | J. H. Woertendyke |
| New Bedford, Manlius and Princeton.....                                            | Jas. Sprague      |
| Leon and Eight Mile Grove... ..                                                    | Robert Winters    |
| J. W. Carter, missionary to Oregon; member of Galva district quarterly conference. |                   |



# CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names.                 | Addresses.                          |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| M. V. Clute.....       | St. Charles, Illinois               |
| C. S. Spalding.....    | Algonquin, "                        |
| J. J. Hales.....       | Crystal Lake, "                     |
| Jas. Sprague.....      | Princeton, P. O. Box 352, "         |
| J. D. Marsh.....       | Peoria, 1813 Main St., "            |
| J. D. Kelsey.....      | Evanston, "                         |
| J. W. Carter.....      | Fall Creek, Lane Co., Oregon        |
| W. P. Ferries.....     | 106 Franklin St., Chicago, Illinois |
| F. D. Brooke.....      | Aurora, 105 Lincoln Ave., "         |
| P. W. Newcomer.....    | Morris, Grundy Co., "               |
| G. W. Whittington..... | Sycamore, "                         |
| E. F. Ward.....        | Ellichpoor, Berar, British India    |
| John Harden.....       | Hammond, Indiana                    |
| D. M. Smashey.....     | Fairbury, Illinois                  |
| F. D. Christie.....    | 83 North Elizabeth St., Chicago, "  |
| A. Maitland.....       | South Elgin, "                      |
| W. M. Kelsey.....      | 5251 Dearborn St., Chicago, "       |
| J. W. Sharpe.....      | Box 172, Nunda, "                   |
| N. E. Parks.....       | Kewanee, "                          |
| C. S. Gitchell.....    | 100 Attner Ave., Elgin, "           |
| O. V. Ketels.....      | 150 Heine St., Chicago, "           |
| M. H. Kendrick.....    | Wheaton, "                          |
| P. C. Burhans.....     | St. Charles, "                      |
| J. T. Taylor.....      | Winnebago, "                        |
| V. A. Dake.....        | 104 Franklin St., Chicago, "        |
| H. O. Hubbard.....     | Kempton, "                          |
| John Harvey.....       | .....                               |
| W. C. McNeil.....      | Belvidere, "                        |

## PROBATIONERS.

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| J. M. Spencer.....     | 310 Center Ave., Aurora, " |
| W. E. Bardell.....     | Esmond, De Kalb Co., "     |
| T. H. Nelson.....      | .....                      |
| Robert Winter.....     | .....                      |
| J. M. Fish.....        | Hilton, "                  |
| Thos. Duncan.....      | Prospect Park, "           |
| J. H. Woertendyke..... | Sheffield, "               |
| A. M. Taylor.....      | 14 Evert St., Streator, "  |

## SUPPLIES.

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. V. Leonardson..... | Elgin, "                           |
| J. W. Elwood.....     | Deer Creek, Tazewell Co., Illinois |
| F. H. Goodrich.....   | Pekin, Tazewell Co., "             |
| J. J. Schuyler.....   | Woodstock, "                       |
| Emily Nelson.....     | Marengo, McHenry Co., "            |
| Bert Fay.....         | .....                              |
| W. E. Wade.....       | .....                              |





| CHARGES.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PREACHERS.                | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re-<br>ceipts. | Chairmen's Re-<br>ceipts. | Superannuated<br>Claims. | General Superin-<br>tendents' Collec-<br>tion. | Home Missionary<br>Collection. | General Confer-<br>ence Missionary<br>Fund. | Amount Raised for<br>Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex-<br>pense Collection. | Tent Fund. | Value of Church<br>Property. | Value of Parson-<br>age Property. | Church Extension. |
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| CHICAGO DIST.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | M. V. Clute, Chairman.    | 89       | 21            | 110    | 1                  | 13                 | 66        | \$749 56                  | \$121 55                  | \$3 75                   | \$16 20                                        | \$12 15                        | \$8 10                                      | \$111 58                             | \$251 54                            | \$10 00    | \$400                        | .....                             | \$8 10            |
| Chicago (First Church).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | F. D. Christie.....       | 24       | 1             | 25     | 1                  | 18                 | 81        | 245 00                    | 40 00                     | .....                    | 6 00                                           | 3 75                           | 2 50                                        | \$11 58                              | 293 11                              | 5 00       | .....                        | 2 50                              |                   |
| Chicago (Second Church).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | S. K. J. Chesbro, supply  | 63       | 4             | 67     | 2                  | 19                 | 319       | 675 00                    | 105 00                    | .....                    | 14 00                                          | 8 00                           | 7 00                                        | 144 47                               | 420 00                              | .....      | 3500                         | \$100 0                           |                   |
| Chicago (Dearborn St.).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | J. D. Marsh.....          | 35       | 7             | 42     | 4                  | 9                  | 94        | 475 00                    | 34 52                     | 3 00                     | 4 60                                           | 3 45                           | 2 30                                        | 52 89                                | 153 79                              | 66 00      | 3000                         | .....                             |                   |
| Chicago (Humboldt Park)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | W. P. Ferries.....        | 43       | 1             | 44     | 1                  | 12                 | 55        | 600 00                    | 64 53                     | .....                    | 8 60                                           | 6 45                           | .....                                       | 47 27                                | 122 49                              | 10 00      | 4500                         | 3500                              |                   |
| Evanston.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | J. D. Kelsey.....         | 40       | 14            | 54     | 2                  | 14                 | 96        | 477 04                    | 61 63                     | 6 15                     | 8 20                                           | 6 35                           | 4 10                                        | .....                                | .....                               | 10 00      | 4500                         | .....                             | 4 10              |
| Melrose, Prospect P., etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | M. H. Kendrick.....       | 32       | 2             | 34     | 1                  | 8                  | 59        | 390 54                    | 57 83                     | .....                    | 6 00                                           | 6 00                           | 4 00                                        | .....                                | 45 00                               | .....      | 6000                         | 800                               | 4 00              |
| St. Charles.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | P. O. Burhans.....        | 31       | 3             | 34     | 4                  | 3                  | 25        | 650 00                    | 57 40                     | .....                    | 7 60                                           | .....                          | 3 80                                        | 18 92                                | 192 68                              | 6 00       | 8000                         | 4000                              | 3 80              |
| Anaconda.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | F. D. Brooke.....         | 40       | ...           | 40     | 2                  | 13                 | 75        | 422 25                    | 61 33                     | 4 00                     | 4 00                                           | 6 60                           | 3 00                                        | 30 25                                | 32 76                               | .....      | 2300                         | 800                               | 4 40              |
| FOX & ROCK RIVER DIST.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | G. W. Whittington, Oh'n.  | 17       | 2             | 19     | 2                  | 12                 | 75        | 206 50                    | 27 02                     | .....                    | 3 00                                           | 2 40                           | 1 60                                        | 20 00                                | 12 60                               | .....      | 2 00                         | .....                             | 1 60              |
| Sycamore & S. Burlington                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | J. J. Hales.....          | 24       | ...           | 24     | 1                  | 6                  | 50        | 340 50                    | 30 00                     | 3 15                     | 4 20                                           | 3 15                           | 2 10                                        | 23 14                                | 22 41                               | .....      | 1500                         | 800                               | 2 10              |
| Franklin and Dustin.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thomas Duncan, supply     | 58       | 4             | 62     | 2                  | 9                  | 70        | 600 00                    | 72 80                     | 5 20                     | 10 40                                          | 7 80                           | 5 20                                        | 70 00                                | 112 00                              | 12 00      | 5000                         | .....                             | .....             |
| South Elgin.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | O. S. Spalding.....       | 26       | ...           | 26     | 2                  | 15                 | 113       | 375 00                    | 37 68                     | 2 50                     | 6 50                                           | 3 50                           | 2 50                                        | 42 86                                | 60 00                               | 6 25       | 2400                         | 800                               | 3 93              |
| Elgin.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | O. S. Gitchell.....       | 55       | 2             | 57     | 2                  | 18                 | 55        | 425 00                    | 78 40                     | 2 50                     | 5 00                                           | 3 50                           | .....                                       | 20 00                                | 41 00                               | .....      | 3500                         | 800                               | .....             |
| Oary and Algonquin.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | J. M. Spencer.....        | 27       | 3             | 30     | 1                  | 6                  | 25        | 6 50                      | 36 10                     | .....                    | 6 00                                           | 4 00                           | 2 00                                        | 14 45                                | 60 00                               | .....      | 3000                         | 500                               | .....             |
| Crystal Lake & P. Valley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | J. J. Sharpe.....         | 39       | 3             | 42     | 1                  | 6                  | 46        | 326 00                    | 50 00                     | 2 50                     | 6 00                                           | 4 00                           | 2 53                                        | 20 00                                | 21 76                               | 6 00       | 1000                         | .....                             | .....             |
| Woodstock.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | J. W. Schuyler, supply..  | 39       | 21            | 60     | 2                  | 7                  | 30        | 400 00                    | 44 43                     | 2 70                     | 3 78                                           | 2 52                           | 4 20                                        | 11 54                                | 44 14                               | 10 00      | 1000                         | .....                             | .....             |
| Marengo, Union, etc.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | D. M. Smashey.....        | 39       | ...           | 39     | 1                  | 7                  | 19        | 100 00                    | 58 80                     | .....                    | 4 20                                           | 6 30                           | 4 20                                        | 12 76                                | 25 00                               | 35         | 3000                         | .....                             | 1 70              |
| Belvidere and Rockford..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | W. M. Kelsey.....         | 13       | 3             | 16     | ...                | ...                | ...       | 231 75                    | 30 56                     | 2 50                     | 3 48                                           | 2 60                           | 2 11                                        | .....                                | 39 50                               | .....      | 1000                         | .....                             | .....             |
| Winnebago and Ridott....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | F. M. Fish, supply.....   | 16       | ...           | 16     | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | 26 74                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| Freeport and Lena.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Geo. English, supply....  | ...      | ...           | ...    | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | .....                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| Polo, Oak Ridge & Ashton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | .....                     | ...      | ...           | ...    | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | .....                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| PEORIA & JOLIET DIST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | O. V. Ketels, Chairman.   | 50       | 12            | 62     | 1                  | 19                 | 178       | 670 00                    | 78 40                     | 7 80                     | 10 40                                          | 7 80                           | 5 20                                        | 94 46                                | 536 09                              | .....      | 3000                         | 800                               | .....             |
| Peoria, Hilton, etc.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | J. Harvey & J. T. Taylor. | 22       | ...           | 22     | 1                  | 6                  | 40        | 135 00                    | 22 00                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | 17 44                                | 5 60                                | .....      | 1200                         | 600                               | .....             |
| Deer Creek.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | A. M. Taylor, supply....  | 29       | 1             | 30     | 1                  | 6                  | 20        | 457 42                    | 42 00                     | 3 00                     | 6 00                                           | 3 00                           | 63                                          | .....                                | 61 01                               | .....      | 2000                         | 1000                              | .....             |
| Fairbury and Weston.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | P. W. Newcomer.....       | 43       | 2             | 45     | 2                  | 9                  | 46        | 375 00                    | 70 00                     | .....                    | 7 20                                           | 5 40                           | .....                                       | 18 46                                | 129 42                              | .....      | 1117                         | .....                             | 3 60              |
| Morris and Mazon.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | W. Bardell.....           | 37       | ...           | 37     | 1                  | 10                 | 70        | 317 11                    | 40 42                     | 4 20                     | 5 60                                           | 4 50                           | 2 80                                        | 29 80                                | 80 74                               | .....      | 1200                         | .....                             | 2 80              |
| Gardner, Kempton, etc....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | J. W. Elwood, supply....  | 27       | 8             | 35     | 1                  | 10                 | 35        | 261 00                    | 45 65                     | .....                    | 4 00                                           | 3 00                           | .....                                       | 20 00                                | 25 00                               | .....      | 1200                         | 350                               | .....             |
| Streator and Ransom.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | J. M. Clark, supply.....  | ...      | ...           | ...    | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | .....                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| GALVA DIST.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | O. V. Ketels, Chairman.   | 20       | ...           | 20     | 1                  | 6                  | 30        | 420 00                    | 44 60                     | .....                    | 2 45                                           | 1 60                           | 1 60                                        | 8 36                                 | 10 80                               | .....      | 2600                         | 1900                              | .....             |
| Galva, Kewanee, etc.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | N. E. Parks.....          | 21       | 3             | 24     | 1                  | 8                  | 35        | 367 00                    | 47 60                     | 3 40                     | 6 80                                           | 4 80                           | .....                                       | 7 00                                 | .....                               | .....      | 1900                         | 300                               | .....             |
| Atkinson and Sheffield....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | J. W. Carter.....         | 21       | 1             | 22     | ...                | ...                | ...       | 235 00                    | 34 80                     | 3 60                     | 4 80                                           | 3 60                           | 2 40                                        | .....                                | 20 00                               | .....      | 400                          | 800                               | 2 40              |
| Princeton, New B., etc....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | James Sprague.....        | 19       | 9             | 28     | 2                  | 24                 | 80        | 125 00                    | 37 80                     | 2 43                     | 2 85                                           | 1 80                           | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| Leon & Eight Mile Grove.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | H. O. Hubbard.....        | ...      | ...           | ...    | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | .....                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| Abingdon & Prairie City..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | .....                     | ...      | ...           | ...    | ...                | ...                | ...       | .....                     | .....                     | .....                    | .....                                          | .....                          | .....                                       | .....                                | .....                               | .....      | .....                        | .....                             | .....             |
| Total.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Total.....                | 1050     | 127           | 1177   | 24                 | 293                | 1885      | \$11088 17                | \$1559 64                 | \$62 38                  | \$165 86                                       | \$127 47                       | \$69 67                                     | \$835 69                             | \$2807 54                           | \$141 60   | \$69517                      | \$19200                           | \$60 53           |
| Raised on Evangelist's Receipts: At Chicago (First Church), \$72.24; Chicago (Dearborn Street), \$40.00; Melrose, Prospect Park, etc., \$14.00; Franklin and Dustin, \$16.25; Cary and Algonquin, \$7.25; Belvidere and Rockford, \$10.00; Peoria, Hilton, etc., \$26.00; Deer Creek, \$4.00; Morris and Mazon \$10.00; Gardner, etc., \$53.28. Raised on Africa Missionary Fund: At Chicago (Humboldt Park), \$3.61; Marengo, etc., \$2.00; Freeport and Lena, \$1.60. Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Chicago (First Church), \$6.20; Chicago (Second Church), \$15.00; Evanston, \$10.00; Franklin and Dustin, \$2.40; South Elgin, \$1.00. |                           |          |               |        |                    |                    |           |                           |                           |                          |                                                |                                |                                             |                                      |                                     |            |                              |                                   |                   |



# NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held at Alexandria, Minn., October 2-5, 1889.

## OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

J. S. McCAY, Secretary.

WM. MANN, Assistant Secretary.

J. S. McCAY, Conference Treasurer.

## COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, E. L. Smith, M. F. Childs.

On Publications—J. S. Bradley, D. Wellman, Irene Taylor.

On State of the Work—E. L. Smith, J. S. Bradley, W. Barham.

On Reforms—C. C. Foster, S. H. Greenup, A. S. Parks.

On Publication of Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Money for Publishing Minutes—J. G. Norris.

On Band Work—M. F. Childs, E. L. Smith, W. Barham.

On Sunday-schools—Irene Taylor, B. F. Greenup, Kate Gardner.

To Examine in Course of Study—E. P. Hart.

On Home Missionary and Superannuated Preachers' Claims—D. Wellman.

On General Superintendents' Claim and Missionary Fund—S. H. Greenup.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Irene Taylor, Kate Gardner.

## EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—J. G. Norris.

First Year—J. S. Bradley.

Second Year—W. Barham.

Third Year—M. F. Childs.

Fourth Year—E. L. Smith.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—Committee of second year.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

### PREACHERS.

E. L. Smith,  
J. G. Norris,

W. Barham,  
S. P. La Due,

M. F. Childs,  
J. S. Bradley.

S. H. Greenup,

### DELEGATES.

A. S. Parks,  
Wm. Mann,  
Irene Taylor,

B. F. Greenup,  
R. Boothroyd,  
C. C. Foster,

John Streit,  
D. Wellman,  
L. M. Cook.

J. S. McCay,  
Kate Gardner,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. L. Smith, C. C. Foster

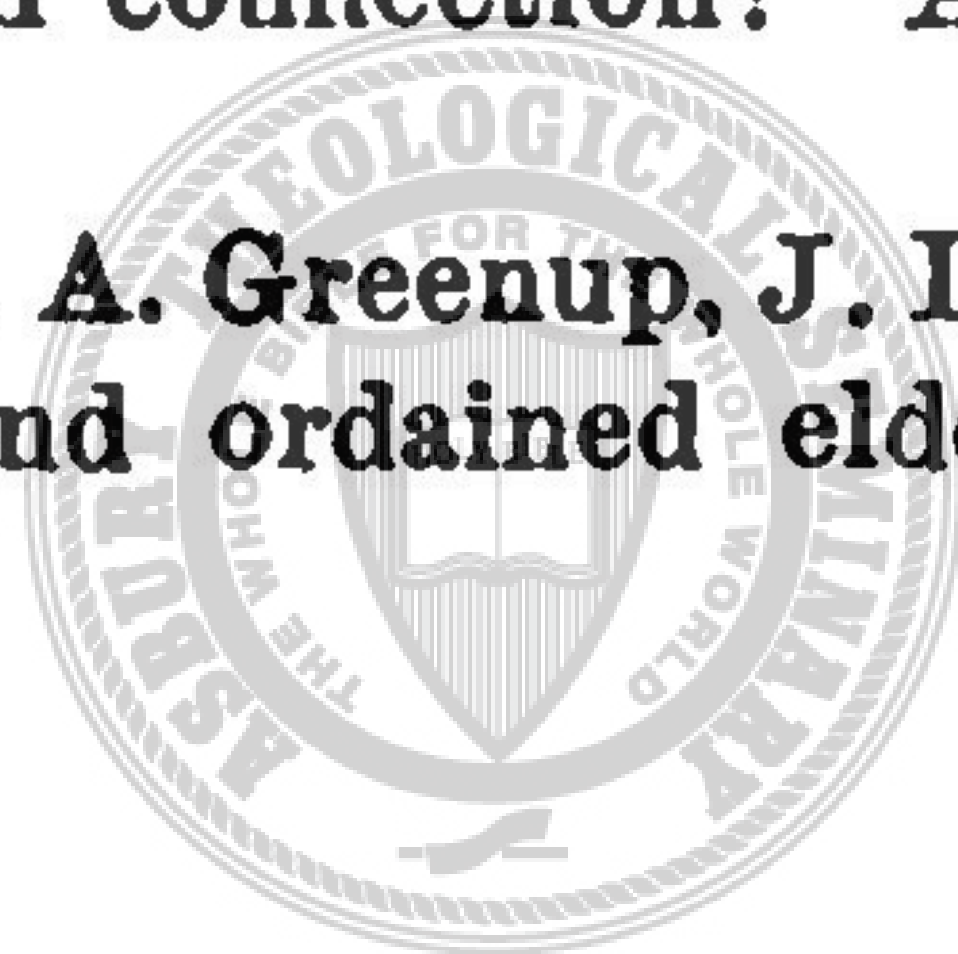
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. F. Leise, A. G. Parks.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. W. Childs, W. A. Greenup, J. L. Greenup.

6. Who are the deacons? W. A. Greenup, J. L. Greenup, J. G. Norris.

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





8. Who have located? None.
9. Who are the superannuated preachers? S. P. La Due, A. W. Childs.
10. Who have withdrawn? None.
11. Who have been expelled? None.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their names were all called and characters passed.
14. Who have died this year? None.
- 15, 16, 17, 18. See statistics.
21. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how applied? For amount, see statistics. Home missionary fund appropriated: W. Barham, \$6.54; J. L. Greenup, \$1.00.
22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
23. Where and when shall the next conference be held? Place for holding to be fixed by committee, and the time as early in October as will be convenient for the superintendents.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A fraternal letter was received from Brother C. E. McReynolds which was read and by vote of the conference ordered to be placed on file and E. L. Smith appointed to reply.

On motion it was ordered there be a collection taken for benefit of the Rev. W. R. Cusick of the North Michigan conference, who formerly labored within the bounds of our conference; amount of collection, \$13.26.

A vote of thanks was given to E. P. Hart for his kindness and impartiality in presiding over the conference.

The time for taking the conference collections is as follows: Home missionary, the first quarter; the superannuated preachers' collection, the second quarter; general missionary claim, the third quarter; general superintendents' claim and traveling expenses of the delegates to the General conference, the fourth quarter.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We are glad to report an advancement of the work of God among us as a conference. In looking over the past eleven years, since the first little band of six settled in this county and the first appointment was made to North Minnesota, our hearts are made to rejoice at what God hath wrought. Many souls have been saved, some have been transferred to the world of light and others have removed to new homes, carrying the light with them. But few have backslidden. Notwithstanding the many embarrassments and vicissitudes incident to our work in new places, such as poverty, opposition and persecution from formalists and the world of those who hate God, the work has steadily advanced each year as new fields have developed and souls have been added to the Lord. At times we have met with trials and discouragements as our leaders have left our ranks and gone to other conferences. But out of all the Lord delivers us, and we can say to God's glory that the past year has been more prosperous than any preceding it, souls having been added to every circuit. New and promising societies have been raised up and our borders have been enlarged. Love and harmony prevail and the spiritual condition is good generally. Nevertheless there is ample room for improvement. A deeper experience in the things of God can and should be attained more generally among us. We need a mighty baptism of heavenly fire on both preachers and people.

We are glad to see so many of the young stepping out into the race for the crown of life, and we believe it to be for the glory of God that steps should be taken to utilize the diversity of talent developing among us, and that preachers should urge them to the front where they may be useful; also that more attention be paid to the Sabbath-school work, prayer and class meetings, general church gatherings, as camp meetings, grove meetings,



general quarterly meetings, etc. Let us stir up our people on these matters. Preachers should visit more, enter more new territory and enthuse the brethren by enlisting their help in these places. Preachers should get everyone to work. Stewards, class-leaders, exhorters, evangelists, local preachers, and all should be more aggressive. This must be so in order to success. The financial condition has in some cases militated against our work, the preachers having to neglect their duties to serve tables. Some may have to render an excuse at the judgment for the buried talent or money hid in the napkin; but, generally speaking, the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial is commendable.

## II.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms would submit the following:

We have no sympathy for compromise on the line of moral reform. We would recommend that our people would be kind but fearless and outspoken on the reform issues,—such as being unequally yoked together with unbelievers, in the secret lodge of any character; our young pilgrims marrying unsaved companions; having two standards of social purity for the different sexes; perpetuating the liquor traffic by voting for license, high or low; the violation of the holy Sabbath, especially in the United States mail service and public press; the government allowing the rich to form combinations and trusts to raise the price of the necessities of life, and thus oppress the poor. The wonderful increase in the manufacture, sale and use of tobacco and opiates in their various forms is alarming and should be condemned by all Christians, in opposing these moral and social evils. We should not forget to insist on strict plainness and neatness of apparel, but let us beware of the first approach to the world. As there is great need of reform in these things let there be more aggressive work done in the coming year than in the year past. God has thrust us out to stand in the front of the battle. Let us be true to our trust.

## III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools would submit the following:

It is evident that the Sunday-school has been owned and blessed of God. There many have received their first knowledge of the principles of Christianity and their earliest religious impressions; while many children of godless parents receive in the Sunday-school their only Christian instruction.

But while cherishing the belief that the Sunday-schools of our land are a power for good, we are persuaded that in very many instances they fall far below the standard which should be reached. One feature which we esteem deserving of censure is the trashy and trifling literature too often found in the Sunday-school.

We would earnestly recommend to all of our own schools the pure and attractive papers published by Rev. T. B. Arnold. And further, believing that precept is impressively emphasized by example, we recommend that, whenever possible, those persons who have experienced the power of divine truth be secured as teachers in our Sunday-schools.

We would also remind our people that the school, like the church, has a financial side; and that liberal contributions wisely expended have much to do with the success of the work.

## IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Whereas much literature of the day is of a light and fictitious nature, and not such as we can approve and endorse, therefore we would heartily recommend the *Earnest Christian*, published by Rev. B. T. Roberts; also the Sunday-school papers published by T. B. Arnold of Chicago; and, last but not least, our beloved church paper which furnishes us with so much good and instructive matter. We regret, however, the manner in which some useful articles have been advertised. We refer to a cut which recently appeared, which would have been more in keeping with a paper advertising horse racing than one publishing salvation.

## V.—ON FINANCES.

### MISSIONARY COLLECTION.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Cash received..... | \$ 7.54 |
| Paid out.....      | 7.54    |

### SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Cash in treasury.....       | \$15.78 |
| Received at conference..... | 1.06    |
|                             | <hr/>   |
|                             | \$16.79 |

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount necessary.....                     | \$42.00 |
| Surplus.....                              | \$ 4.27 |
| Amount raised and paid to E. P. Hart..... | 38.60   |
|                                           | <hr/>   |
|                                           | \$42.87 |
| Balance.....                              | .87     |





GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Amount necessary.....       | \$21.00 |
| Received at conference..... | 17.90   |
| Deficiency.....             | 3.10    |
| Deficiency last year .....  | 7.25    |
| Total deficiency.....       | \$10.35 |

APPOINTMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.—E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Frazee.....                         | To be supplied                      |
| Wrightstown.....                    | W. A. Greenup                       |
| Verndale.....                       | A. S. Parks, supply                 |
| Motley.....                         | J. L. Greenup                       |
| South Haven and Big Lake.....       | J. S. Bradley, John F. Leise        |
| Fort Ripley and Holding's Ford..... | J. G. Norris                        |
| Long Prairie.....                   | J. S. McCay, A. L. Debord, supplies |
| Alexandria.....                     | Grant Greenup, supply               |
| Fairmont.....                       | To be supplied                      |
| Fergus Falls.....                   | To be supplied                      |

RED RIVER DISTRICT.—W. BARHAM, Chairman.

|                                                                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Red River Valley.....                                                            | M. F. Childs         |
| Crookston and Fertile.....                                                       | Irene Taylor, supply |
| Larimore and Crary.....                                                          | A. G. Parks          |
| Jamestown and Steele.....                                                        | To be supplied       |
| Island Lake and St. John's.....                                                  | To be supplied       |
| Carlisle.....                                                                    | H. A. Spicer, supply |
| A. W. Childs, superannuated; member Alexandria district quarterly conference. S. |                      |
| H. Greenup, evangelist; member Alexandria district quarterly conference.         |                      |
| S. P. La Due, superannuated; member Red River district quarterly conference.     |                      |
| A. H. Reed, left without appointment with view to transfer.                      |                      |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names.                           |               | Addresses.   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| PREACHERS.                       |               |              |
| S. P. La Due.....                | Fertile,      | Minnesota    |
| S. H. Greenup.....               | Motley,       | "            |
| E. L. Smith.....                 | Alexandria,   | "            |
| J. S. Bradley.....               | South Haven,  | "            |
| W. Barham.....                   | Gardner,      | North Dakota |
| M. F. Childs.....                | "             | "            |
| J. G. Norris.....                | Ft. Ripley,   | Minnesota    |
| W. A. Greenup.....               | Wrightstown,  | "            |
| J. L. Greenup.....               | Motley,       | "            |
| A. G. Parks.....                 | Larimore,     | North Dakota |
| J. F. Leise.....                 | South Haven,  | Minnesota    |
| A. W. Childs.....                | Vernon,       | Indiana      |
| LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS. |               |              |
| C. W. La Due.....                | Fertile,      | Minnesota    |
| L. M. Cook.....                  | Ft. Ripley,   | "            |
| H. P. Cook.....                  | "             | "            |
| I. W. Peck.....                  | Motley,       | "            |
| A. S. Parks.....                 | Verndale,     | "            |
| Irene Taylor.....                | Fertile,      | "            |
| Lucy J. Smith.....               | Alexandria,   | "            |
| Mary Boothroyd.....              | "             | "            |
| J. S. McCay.....                 | Long Prairie, | "            |
| A. L. Debord.....                | Oak Hill,     | "            |
| Laura Greenup.....               | Wrightstown,  | "            |
| A. L. Maynard.....               | Long Prairie, | "            |
| Martin Debord.....               | Osakis,       | "            |
| Ida Gadbaw.....                  | Oak Hill,     | "            |



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES.                                                     |                                 | PREACHERS.             |    |     |    |    |    |     |           |          |          |        |         |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.                                         |                                 | E. L. Smith, Chairman. |    |     |    |    |    |     |           |          |          |        |         |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |       |       |
| Alexandria, Sauk Centre, Brandin..                           | M. F. Childs.....               | 24                     | .. | 24  | 1  | .. | .. | ..  | \$175 86  | \$30 00  | \$ 4 20  | .....  | \$4 40  | .....  | \$2 20  | .....   | \$15 60 | \$21 19 | \$6 90 | \$5 35 | \$300 | \$984 |
| Frazee.....                                                  | .....                           | 15                     | 3  | 18  | .. | .. | .. | ..  | .....     | 45 53    | .....    | .....  | 2 60    | .....  | 1 30    | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | 125   | ..... |
| Verndale and Thomastown.....                                 | A. S. Parks.....                | 19                     | 9  | 28  | 1  | .. | .. | ..  | 46 21     | 23 50    | .....    | .....  | 2 40    | .....  | 1 20    | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | 100   | \$534 |
| Motley and Staples Mills.....                                | S. H. Greenup.....              | 15                     | 5  | 20  | .. | 1  | .. | ..  | 12 45     | 30 54    | .....    | .....  | 3 00    | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| Long Prairie and Browerville.....                            | J. L. Greenup.....              | 16                     | 7  | 23  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 26  | 98 93     | 25 00    | .....    | \$1 06 | 1 20    | \$1 10 | 1 70    | \$1 69  | .....   | .....   | .....  | 75     | ..... |       |
| Ft. Ripley, Royaltown and St. Cloud..                        | J. G. Norris, A. W. Childs..... | 41                     | 18 | 59  | 2  | .. | .. | ..  | 156 50    | 25 80    | .....    | 2 45   | 8 09    | 1 01   | 2 50    | 2 50    | .....   | 2 40    | .....  | .....  | 250   | ..... |
| Oak Valley and Wrightstown.....                              | W. A. Greenup.....              | 21                     | .. | 21  | 1  | 1  | 5  | 25  | 95 61     | 19 05    | .....    | 1 20   | 2 40    | .....  | .....   | 8 00    | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | 200   | ..... |
| South Side, Silver Creek, Clear Lake                         | J. S. Bradley.....              | 53                     | 6  | 59  | 1  | 1  | .. | 35  | 253 21    | 35 00    | .....    | .....  | 4 40    | 2 89   | 2 90    | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| Fairmont and White Rock.....                                 | .....                           | 7                      | .. | 7   | 1  | .. | .. | ..  | .....     | 22 62    | .....    | .....  | ..      | .....  | 30      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| RED RIVER DISTRICT.                                          |                                 | E. L. Smith, Chairman. |    |     |    |    |    |     |           |          |          |        |         |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |       |       |
| Red River Valley circuit.....                                | W. Barham.....                  | 14                     | 10 | 24  | 1  | 1  | 5  | 25  | 277 00    | 44 48    | 62 19    | .....  | 1 40    | 2 55   | 2 50    | 11 50   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| Orookston and Fertile.....                                   | Irene Taylor.....               | 10                     | .. | 10  | 2  | .. | .. | ..  | 130 00    | 31 41    | 5 75     | .....  | 2 00    | .....  | 1 00    | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | \$5 35 | ..... |       |
| Larimore, Devil's Lake and Orary...                          | Grant Greenup.....              | 8                      | 3  | 11  | .. | .. | .. | ..  | .....     | 27 84    | 36 39    | .....  | .....   | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| Jamestown and Steele.....                                    | .....                           | 3                      | 2  | 5   | .. | .. | .. | ..  | .....     | 27 53    | .....    | .....  | .....   | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | ..... |       |
| Total for conference.....                                    | .....                           | 246                    | 63 | 309 | 14 | 5  | 20 | 142 | \$1245 77 | \$388 25 | \$108 53 | \$5 46 | \$32 49 | \$7 55 | \$15 60 | \$21 19 | \$6 90  | \$5 35  | \$300  | \$984  | ..... |       |
| Collection at conference for superintendents' claim, \$6.11. |                                 |                        |    |     |    |    |    |     |           |          |          |        |         |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |       |       |



# SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session, held at Binghamton, New York, September 11-16, 1889.

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OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

J. B. NEWTON, Secretary.

W. J. RIKER, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, W. H. Clark, O. Windsor.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing Minutes—F. J. Dunham, O. M. Owen.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Claims—A. F. Curry, A. Wise, Wm. Southworth, W. Sitzler, B. G. Strong.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. S. King, O. M. Owen, A. I. Curry.

On Education—M. D. McDougall, T. Whiffen, T. C. Givens, F. A. Town, M. B. Fenton.

On Secret Societies—L. Kelly, A. F. Curry, A. Smith, A. Ertz, L. Wood.

On Sabbath-schools—Z. Osborne, L. H. Robinson, B. G. Strong, L. Orcutt, D. W. Clark.

On Publications—T. Whiffen, B. Winget, Wm. Crossman, Warren Varney, O. Windsor.

To Appoint Examiners in the Course of Study for Next Year—W. Southworth, B. Winget.

On Roman Catholicism—O. M. Owen, F. J. Dunham, A. Smith, J. W. Burns, J. B. Lyon.

On Reduction of Railroad Fare Next Year—The secretaries.

To Receive Money Raised for Conference Claimants—T. C. Givens, A. Ertz.

To Receive Funds for General Superintendents—M. W. Fuller.

To Receive Funds for Conference Missions—D. C. Stanton.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Missions—F. E. Fitch.

To Receive Funds for Foreign Missions—J. A. Tholens.

On the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—M. N. Downing, E. Owen, F. A. Town, Warren Hames, B. Winget, George Stover.

On Ministerial Relations—W. H. Clark, B. Winget, Warren Hames, O. Windsor, M. D. McDougall, E. Owen, T. C. Givens.

The chairmen of the following committees for next year were appointed: On Secretism, George Stover; on the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, E. Owen; on Education, W. H. Clark; on Sabbath-schools, J. B. Newton; on Publications, M. N. Downing.



EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—O. S. Baker, C. H. Hudson.

First Year—M. N. Downing, W. H. Clark.

Second Year—W. J. Riker, W. Crossman.

Third Year—George Stover, O. M. Owen.

Fourth Year—T. Whiffen, T. C. Givens.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

A. F. Curry,
R. M. Snyder,
F. E. Fitch,
Z. Osborne,
W. Crossman,
M. S. Babcock,
W. Southworth,
O. N. Frink,
F. I. Labrum,
Levi Kelly,
L. S. King,

L. H. Robinson,
O. S. Baker,
J. B. Stacy,
W. H. Clark,
W. Sitzler,
E. Owen,
J. C. Kennedy,
C. W. Stevens,
O. M. Owen,
W. J. Riker,
F. J. Dunham.

T. C. Givens,
M. N. Downing,
W. A. Hawkes,
D. W. Clark,
J. W. Sawyer,
J. B. Newton,
B. F. Tisdale,
D. Dempsey,
C. H. Hudson,
J. D. Osmun,

J. Olney,
George Stover,
M. D. McDougall,
B. Winget,
A. Smith,
M. W. Fuller,
T. Whiffen,
D. C. Stanton,
Perry Ball,
J. A. Tholens,

DELEGATES.

Oliver Windsor,
A. Coffenger,
A. S. Foster,
Warren Varney,
Alva Howard,
Abner Tucker,
A. Wise,
Mrs. Joel House.

J. W. Burns,
Roselle Reader,
J. B. Lyon,
Isaac Smith,
Orrin Crouch,
F. A. Town,
Charles Martin,

Janette Osmun,
Lewis Orcutt,
Lewis Wood,
H. F. Hill,
Milo Fenton,
Esther Preston,
George E. Ferrin,

Warren Hames,
B. G. Strong,
H. S. Forncrook,
Adam Rarick,
Mrs. S. J. Elliott,
Lorenzo Smith,
Albert Ertz,

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, B. Winget, O. M. Owen, Z. Osborne, M. D. McDougall, L. H. Robinson, O. Windsor, W. Hames, F. A. Town, Milo Fenton, James B. Lyon.

3. What are the names of the preachers admitted on trial? N. A. Tisdale, D. E. Johnson, C. E. Barber.

4. Who are continued on trial? G. S. Coons, H. W. Fish, John Drake, C. F. Parmenter.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Perry Ball, F. I. Labrum. The following preachers were discontinued: Wm. Wager and Daniel Clemons.

6. Who are the deacons? H. W. Fish, B. F. Tisdale, D. W. Clark, W. Sitzler, M. S. Babcock, M. W. Fuller, Perry Ball, F. I. Labrum, and Charles E. Beeman, who was ordained local deacon.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. S. Baker, T. C. Givens, F. J. Dunham, F. E. Fitch.

8. Who have located this year? C. W. Stevens.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. B. Stacy, J. Olney, D. Dempsey, J. W. Sawyer, W. A. Hawkes.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

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

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? P. Miner.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Their characters were severally examined, and, with one exception, passed.

14. Who have died this year? None.
15. What is the number of church members? See statistics.
16. What is the amount collected for superannuated preachers? For the superintendents? For general missions? For conference missions? See statistics and reports.
- 17-18. (Relating to Sunday-schools.) See statistical report.
19. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? See report on claims.
21. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See reports.
22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
23. When and where shall our next session of conference be held? As near the second Wednesday of September as will harmonize with the plan of the general superintendents, the place to be fixed by the chairmen of the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Susquehanna conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Binghamton, New York, September 11-16, 1889.

Seven sittings were held, in which the business of the conference was transacted to the general satisfaction of all. Love and harmony prevailed.

The following brethren were introduced, and invited to honorary seats in the conference: Revs. J. W. Tamblyn, D. W. Hart, John Cavanaugh and C. H. Southworth, of the New York conference; H. Hornsby, of the Genesee conference; M. S. Hard, of the M. E. Church; and J. W. Stearns and S. H. Adriance, of the New York Southern Christian conference, Christian Church.

The following brethren were re-elected to constitute the Church Extension and Aid Society: A. F. Curry, M. N. Downing, B. Winget, O. M. Owen and M. D. McDougall.

Three traveling chairmen were elected to serve the entire conference.

The conference collections were ordered to be taken as follows: First quarter, conference missions; second quarter, general superintendents'; third quarter, claims and church extension fund; fourth quarter, General conference missions. A special collection for D. Dempsey was ordered to be taken during the first quarter of the conference year. Money collected should be forwarded to him, at Black River, New York.

B. Winget and O. M. Owen were nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees for the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, and G. W. Gurley to serve on the Board of Trustees for Gerry Orphanage.

The chairmen of the conference were voted a tent committee.

The needs of Gerry Orphanage were presented by Rev. H. Hornsby, and something up wards of \$400.00 was raised in cash and pledges for it.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[By an action of conference the amount of matter contained in reports, to be published in the Minutes, was left discretionary with the secretaries.]

I.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The committee urged personal and systematic visitation of the scholars at their homes by the teachers, and gave special attention to the parental obligations of the scholars; to veneration, politeness, cleanliness, and habits of life of those taught. It was also specially

urged that the pure word of God be taught, and that the scholars be made familiar with the damning effects of alcohol.

II.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We are now, as heretofore, apposed to organized secretism, because it is rebellion against Christ. Therefore,

- Resolved, 1. That we will continue our opposition without abatement.
2. That we disapprove of an advertisement of an excursion of the Grand Army of the Republic in the *Free Methodist* of June 19, 1889.
3. That we wish the preachers of this conference would cause their voices to be heard in stronger protest against this proven foe of righteousness.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

The committee specially urged the advantage of a sanctified education as the handmaid of religion, and held that a man with a well-developed and thoroughly cultivated intellect, and a sanctified heart, was a greater power for good than an equally good man with an undeveloped and uncultivated mind.

The A. M. Chesbrough Seminary was specially mentioned, and our people urged "to uphold and sustain it, by securing funds and scholars, and in every way do what we can to build up its interests."

IV & V.—ON PUBLICATIONS AND ON PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The report on publications was ordered published in the *Free Methodist*, and the report on the prohibition of the liquor traffic in the *Free Methodist*, *New York Voice*, and the *Life-Boat*.

VI.—ON ROMANISM.

This report was ordered to be published in pamphlet form, and can be had of Rev. O. M. Owen, Utica, N. Y., as follows: Single copy, 10 cents; 6 copies, 55 cents; 12 copies, \$1.00.

VII.—ON CLAIMS.

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|--|----------|
| Amount assessed for 1889..... | \$562 24 |
| Amount raised..... | 287 96 |
| Deficiency..... | \$274 28 |
| How the money raised was apportioned, the report handed in does not state, and the secretary has been unable to ascertain. | |

VIII.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Amount assessed for 1889..... | \$100 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 90 02 |
| Deficiency..... | \$9 98 |
| Paid to Edmeston charge | \$22 50 |
| Paid to Spencer charge..... | 22 51 |
| Paid to M. N. Downing..... | 45 01 |
| | \$90 02 |
| Amount to be raised the coming year..... | \$100 00 |

IX.—ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Amount assessed for 1889..... | \$138 50 |
| Amount raised..... | 78 32 |
| Deficiency..... | \$60 18 |

X.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Raised for African missions..... | \$113 28 |
| Raised for India missions..... | 56 75 |
| Total | \$170 03 |

XI.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

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|---|----------|
| Amount assessed for 1889..... | \$277 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 227 52 |
| Deficiency..... | \$49 48 |
| Deficiency of last year..... | 13 03 |
| Total deficiency..... | \$62 51 |
| Of this deficiency \$59.46 was raised on the Sabbath, leaving a deficiency of \$3.05. | |

XII.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised..... \$21 00

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Year of admission into full connection. | Name. | Address. |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1860 | A. F. Curry..... | Canaseraga, Allegany Co., New York |
| 1862 | J. Olney..... | Bushnell's Basin, Monroe Co., " |
| 1863 | M. N. Downing..... | 207 Hawley St., Binghamton, " |
| 1865 | J. B. Stacy..... | Albion, Orleans Co., " |
| 1865 | Z. Osborne..... | Utica, " |
| 1867 | B. Winget..... | 9 Cherry St., Binghamton, " |
| 1868 | J. W. Sawyer..... | Corning, " |
| 1869 | E. Owen..... | 54 Schuyler St., Utica, " |
| 1869 | W. Southworth..... | Edmeston, Otsego Co., " |
| 1869 | Thomas Whiffen..... | Alton, Wayne Co., " |
| 1869 | D. Dempsey..... | Black River, Jefferson Co., " |
| 1872 | O. M. Owen..... | Utica, " |
| 1872 | Levi Kelly..... | Byersville, " |
| 1874 | J. D. Osmun..... | Ithaca, Tompkins Co., " |
| 1875 | L. S. King..... | Fulton, Oswego Co., " |
| 1875 | L. H. Robinson..... | East Schuyler, " |
| 1876 | R. M. Snyder..... | Fairport, Monroe Co., " |
| 1876 | George Stover..... | East Williamson, Wayne Co., " |
| 1878 | W. A. Hawkes..... | ..... |
| 1878 | W. H. Clark..... | 19 Clinton Ave., Cortland, " |
| 1879 | W. Crossman..... | 141 Bridge St., Oswego, " |
| 1879 | A. Smith...Faith Mission Tract House, 313 Burt St., Syracuse, | " |
| 1883 | J. B. Newton..... | Rose, Box 210, Wayne Co., " |
| 1883 | J. C. Kennedy..... | Montezuma, " |
| 1883 | O. N. Frink..... | Union, Broome Co., " |
| 1886 | B. F. Tisdale..... | ..... |
| 1886 | D. C. Stanton..... | Norwich, " |
| 1886 | C. H. Hudson..... | Black River, Jefferson Co., " |
| 1886 | W. J. Riker..... | Auburn, " |
| 1886 | J. A. Tholens..... | Lindley, Steuben Co., " |
| 1887 | F. J. Dunham..... | Corinth, Saratoga Co., " |
| 1887 | T. C. Givens..... | North Otselic, Chenango Co., " |
| 1887 | O. S. Baker..... | North Cohocton, Steuben Co., " |
| 1887 | F. E. Fitch..... | Corinth, Saratoga Co., " |
| 1885 | M. D. McDougall..... | Ithaca, Tompkins Co., " |
| 1888 | D. W. Clark..... | ..... |
| 1888 | W. Sitzler..... | West Webster, Monroe Co., " |
| 1888 | M. S. Babcock..... | Camden, Oneida Co., " |
| 1888 | M. W. Fuller..... | Chittenango Station, Madison Co., " |
| 1889 | Perry Ball..... | ..... |
| 1889 | F. I. Labrum..... | Charlotteville, Schoharie Co., " |
| | J. G. Terrill, supply..... | 317 West Embargo St., Rome, " |

PROBATIONERS.

| | | |
|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1887 | G. S. Coons..... | Herkimer, Herkimer Co., New York |
| 1887 | H. W. Fish..... | Saratoga Springs, " |
| 1887 | J. Drake..... | Middle Sprite, " |
| 1888 | Charles Parmenter..... | Clayton, " |
| 1889 | N. A. Tisdale..... | N. Syracuse, " |
| 1889 | D. C. Johnson..... | Herkimer, Herkimer Co., " |
| 1889 | C. E. Barber..... | North Pharsalia, " |

LOCAL PREACHERS.

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| John Benedict (elder)..... | Plymouth, Chenango Co., New York |
| T. A. Ross (elder)..... | Smyrna, Chenango Co., " |
| A. H. Knapp (elder)..... | Lindley, Steuben Co., " |
| L. W. Cronk (elder)..... | Victor, Ontario Co., " |
| George E. Ferrin (elder)..... | Fairport, Monroe Co., " |
| Harvey Perkins (elder)..... | 313 Burt St., Syracuse, " |
| George Willard (deacon)..... | Union Hill, Monroe Co., " |

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| C. E. Beeman (deacon)..... | Camden, Oneida Co., New York | |
| Wm. Sullivan..... | Binghamton, | " |
| Lewis Orcutt..... | Canaseraga, Allegany Co., | " |
| Byron Lafler..... | West Italy, Yates Co., | " |
| Myron Parks..... | Bloods, Steuben Co., | " |
| E. N. Jenks..... | Bloods, Steuben Co., | " |
| J. V. Lyon..... | Bloods, Steuben Co., | " |
| George Milem..... | Rose, Wayne Co., | " |
| Harmon Miner..... | Rose, Wayne Co., | " |
| Warren Hames..... | West Webster, Monroe Co., | " |
| A. W. Hammond..... | Syracuse, Onondaga Co., | " |
| Amos Chrysler..... | Navarino, Onondaga Co., | " |
| H. H. Harpham..... | Lakeport, Madison Co., | " |
| Charles W. Stevens (elder)..... | Saratoga, Saratoga Co., | " |
| Jared Brackett..... | Saratoga, Saratoga Co., | " |
| Samuel Ellis..... | Clayton, Jefferson Co., | " |
| Charles White..... | Hogansburg, Jefferson Co., | " |
| G. K. Townsend..... | Watertown, Jefferson Co., | " |
| Gilbert H. Lester..... | Champion, Jefferson Co., | " |
| C. H. Salisbury..... | Black River, Jefferson Co., | " |
| R. S. Bronson..... | Oneida, Oneida Co., | " |
| H. L. Whitman..... | Pratt's Hollow, Madison Co., | " |
| J. P. Johnson..... | Cleveland, Oneida Co., | " |
| G. M. Dunham..... | Elpis, Oneida Co., | " |
| Roselle Reader..... | 118 2nd St., Rome, | " |
| Daniel Colegrove..... | Edmeston, Otsego Co., | " |
| Warren Lamphere..... | Salisbury Center, | " |
| Duane C. Johnson..... | Herkimer, Herkimer Co., | " |
| James Brown..... | 77 Park Ave., Utica, | " |
| Charles Martin..... | South Worcester, | " |

EVANGELISTS.

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| Mrs. S. M. Stilwell..... | Binghamton, New York | |
| " A. Sullivan..... | Binghamton, | " |
| " E. S. Clark..... | 19 Clinton Ave., Cortland, | " |
| " Janette Osmun..... | Ithaca, Tompkins Co., | " |
| " A. G. Warne..... | ..... | ..... |
| " Laura Santmier..... | Otselic, Chenango Co., | " |
| " Emerretta Beeman..... | Camden, Oneida Co., | " |

APPOINTMENTS.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

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| Binghamton..... | To be supplied by E. Owen |
| Union..... | O. N. Frink |
| Ithaca..... | M. D. McDougall |
| Spencer and West Candor..... | J. D. Osmun |
| Cortland and Summer Hill..... | W. H. Clark |
| Norwich..... | D. C. Stanton |
| North Pharsalia..... | C. E. Barber |
| Smyrna and Pleasant Valley..... | T. C. Givens |
| Edmeston..... | W. Southworth |

TIOGA DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

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| Gibson, East Caton and Woodtown..... | D. W. Clark |
| Lindley, Mulhollen and Erwins..... | J. A. Tholens |
| Mill Creek..... | C. H. Salisbury, supply |

DANSVILLE DISTRICT.—B. WINGET, Chairman.

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| Byersville and Burns..... | L. Kelly |
| Bloods and Italy Hill..... | O. S. Baker |

CLYDE DISTRICT.—O. M. OWEN, Chairman.

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| Rose and Clyde..... | J. B. Newton |
| Alton..... | T. Whiffen |
| Auburn..... | W. J. Riker |
| East Williamson..... | George Stover |
| Webster and Ontario..... | W. Sitzer |

Montezuma and Port Byron.....J. C. Kennedy
Fairport and Bushnell's Basin.....R. M. Snyder

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

Syracuse.....A. Smith
Oswego and Thompson's.....Wm. Crossman
Fulton.....L. S. King
Chittenango and Lakeport.....M. W. Fuller
Cicero.....N. A. Tisdale
Oneida and Stockbridge.....R. S. Bronson, supply

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT.—A. F. CURRY, Chairman.

Black River and Watertown.....C. H. Hudson
Clayton.....C. F. Parmenter
Hogansburg.....Charles White, supply

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

Utica.....Zenas Osborne
Herkimer, Schuyler and Frankfort.....G. S. Coons and D. C. Johnson
Middle Sprite.....John Drake
Rome and New London.....J. G. Terrill, supply
Camden and West Vienna.....M. S. Babcock

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

Saratoga.....H. W. Fish
Corinth, Glens Falls and Johnsburgh.....F. E. Fitch; F. B. Parker, supply
Charlotteville and Jefferson.....F. I. Labrum
Titus Hill, Worcester and Barnerville.....Perry Ball
Bath and Grafton.....C. P. Lounsbury, supply
Greenfield, Mass.....F. J. Dunham

M. N. Downing, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Binghamton district quarterly conference.
E. Owen, conference evangelist; member of Utica district quarterly conference.
L. H. Robinson, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Utica district quarterly conference.
B. F. Tisdale, left without an appointment; member of Utica district quarterly conference.
J. W. Sawyer, J. B. Stacy, J. Olney, D. Dempsey and W. A. Hawkes, superannuated.



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-schools. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Superannuated Claim. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Church Extension Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. |
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| BINGHAMTON DISTRICT. | O. M. Owen, Ch'n. | 87 | 7 | 94 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 70 | \$571 00 | \$123 88 | \$25 42 | \$16 40 | \$6 15 | \$8 20 | \$15 00 | \$51 19 | \$167 96 | \$2 50 | \$8000 | \$2500 |
| Binghamton and Union.... | W. H. Clark..... | 15 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 50 | 331 38 | 28 65 | 6 65 | 3 80 | 1 42 | 2 00 | 18 00 | 34 20 | 2 70 | 3000 | 1000 | |
| Itasca..... | W. J. Riker..... | 18 | 17 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 83 | 250 40 | 26 23 | 1 24 | 80 | 30 | 40 | 15 32 | 20 00 | 500 | 500 | 800 | |
| Spencer and Candor..... | N. A. Tisdale..... | 23 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 98 80 | 16 26 | 2 52 | 3 40 | 1 28 | 1 62 | 5 00 | 9 00 | 15 00 | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Summer Hill..... | Mrs. A. G. Warne, Sup.. | 20 | ... | 20 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 279 33 | 26 65 | 4 59 | 4 00 | 1 30 | 1 10 | ... | 9 00 | ... | 1200 | 800 | |
| Norwich..... | J. Drake..... | 27 | ... | 27 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 245 00 | 24 10 | 5 00 | 7 40 | 2 78 | 2 70 | ... | ... | ... | 1000 | 1000 | |
| North Pharsalia..... | M. W. Fuller..... | 42 | 3 | 45 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 40 | 272 73 | 25 42 | 6 13 | 6 80 | 2 55 | 3 40 | ... | 9 58 | ... | 1000 | 700 | |
| Smryna and Sherburne.... | T. O. Givens..... | 4 | 11 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Cortland..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| TIOGA DISTRICT. | O. M. Owen, Ch'n. | 52 | 1 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 79 | 376 39 | 40 00 | 16 74 | 10 80 | 4 05 | 5 40 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 13 50 | 1 70 | 2000 | 800 |
| Gibson, E. Caton, Woodtown | D. W. Clark..... | 26 | 1 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 40 | 365 00 | 45 07 | 8 68 | 5 60 | 2 10 | 2 80 | 30 61 | ... | ... | 50 | 2000 | 800 |
| Lindley, Mulhollen, etc.... | J. A. Tholens..... | 24 | 1 | 25 | ... | 1 | 7 | 50 | 128 21 | 15 03 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | ... | 6 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mill Creek..... | L. Kelly..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| DANVILLE DISTRICT. | O. M. Owen, Ch'n. | 32 | 5 | 37 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 130 | 225 79 | 27 07 | 5 00 | 5 25 | 2 00 | 1 32 | ... | 7 50 | ... | 3 20 | 2000 | ... |
| Byersville and Burns..... | W. Sitzer..... | 33 | 7 | 40 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 40 | 261 57 | 33 22 | 10 06 | 4 60 | 3 30 | 2 30 | ... | 28 14 | ... | ... | 2300 | ... |
| Blodds and Italy Hill..... | O. S. Baker..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| CLYDE DISTRICT. | B. Winget, Ch'n. | 77 | 4 | 81 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 451 46 | 32 98 | 16 00 | 15 40 | 5 77 | ... | 5 00 | 25 00 | 47 05 | ... | 3200 | 1000 |
| Rose and Clyde..... | J. B. Newton..... | 68 | 2 | 70 | ... | 2 | 21 | 127 | 508 05 | 38 07 | 10 56 | 9 61 | 4 12 | 2 30 | 5 21 | 28 08 | 69 07 | ... | 1000 | 800 |
| Alton..... | T. Whitten..... | 20 | 7 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 285 00 | 27 75 | 5 89 | 4 40 | 1 42 | 1 90 | 2 00 | 11 00 | ... | 1 23 | 1450 | 500 |
| East Williamson..... | George Stover..... | 64 | 4 | 68 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 108 | 361 00 | 51 86 | 16 63 | 13 80 | 5 17 | 6 90 | 2 00 | 68 86 | ... | 3 00 | 2200 | ... |
| Webster and Ontario..... | H. W. Fish..... | 20 | 12 | 32 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 35 | 455 00 | 10 44 | 2 62 | 2 60 | 50 | 63 | ... | 12 00 | ... | ... | 2400 | ... |
| { Auburn, Montezuma and | O. Frink and P. Miner.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| { Port Byron..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Fairport and Bushnell's B. | Wm. Wager..... | 22 | 2 | 24 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 100 00 | 11 68 | 93 | 60 | 23 | 30 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1800 | ... |
| | | 664 | 87 | 751 | 22 | 26 | 172 | 962 | \$5566 11 | \$604 36 | \$147 65 | \$119 26 | \$46 44 | \$44 77 | \$39 21 | \$324 28 | \$366 78 | \$14 83 | \$36050 | \$8900 |

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.—Continued.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-schools. | Officers, Teach's. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Superannuated Clergy. | General Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Church Extension Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SYRACUSE DISTRICT. | B. Winget, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syracuse..... | A. Smith..... | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 14 | 79 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 35 | \$450 00 | \$43 00 | \$17 67 | \$11 40 | \$4 29 | \$5 70 | \$64 63 | \$29 83 | | | | \$2500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oswego and Thompson's... | Wm. Crossman..... | | | | | | | | | | 32 | 2 | 34 | .. | 1 | 7 | 26 | 327 38 | 25 93 | 4 10 | 4 05 | 2 00 | 2 00 | ..... | 7 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1000 | \$700 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fulton..... | L. S. King..... | | | | | | | | | | 40 | ..... | 40 | .. | 2 | 10 | 50 | 275 00 | 14 97 | 7 00 | 7 00 | 3 45 | 1 56 | ..... | 16 20 | \$15 21 | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 800 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chittenango and Lakeport. | R. M. Snyder..... | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 5 | 48 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 60 | 390 00 | 29 39 | 10 00 | 7 00 | 2 70 | 2 59 | ..... | 62 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2200 | 750 | | | | | | | | | |
| SARATOGA DISTRICT. | M. D. McDougall, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saratoga..... | M. D. McDougall..... | | | | | | | | | | 47 | 5 | 52 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 38 | 351 97 | 12 00 | 7 00 | 12 00 | 4 50 | 2 00 | ..... | 10 85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9000 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corinth..... | F. E. Fitch..... | | | | | | | | | | 30 | 16 | 46 | .. | 1 | 5 | 24 | 217 00 | 10 00 | 6 00 | 4 56 | 1 72 | 1 50 | | 7 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glens Falls..... | P. Ball..... | | | | | | | | | | 21 | 1 | 22 | .. | 1 | 7 | 32 | 100 00 | ..... | 3 00 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 37 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1000 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Johnsburg..... | F. B. Parker..... | | | | | | | | | | 25 | | 25 | .. | 1 | 11 | 31 | 165 29 | 26 38 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 1 00 | | 1 25 | 1 06 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charlotteville, Jefferson, etc | F. L. Lacyrum..... | | | | | | | | | | 35 | 6 | 41 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 38 | 240 00 | 40 00 | 8 59 | 7 00 | 2 62 | | | 3 00 | | | | 3500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnerville and Keyserkill. | Rufus Ooons, Sup..... | | | | | | | | | | 23 | 2 | 25 | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bath and Grafton..... | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | | 19 | .. | 2 | | 75 | 20 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenfield, Mass..... | D. C. Stanton..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | | 12 | .. | | | | 60 00 | | | 1 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UTICA DISTRICT. | Z. Osborne, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Utica..... | Z. Osborne..... | | | | | | | | | | 87 | 18 | 105 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 75 | 627 45 | 12 00 | 29 00 | 17 00 | 6 37 | 8 50 | ..... | 40 19 | ..... | \$4 60 | 10000 | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Herkimer, Schuyler, etc.... | G. S. Ooons..... | | | | | | | | | | 22 | 4 | 26 | 1 | .. | | | 327 69 | 21 20 | 5 82 | 4 40 | 1 00 | | | | 41 00 | | | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Sprite..... | M. S. Babcock..... | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 3 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 235 72 | 16 95 | 7 13 | 4 60 | 1 75 | 2 30 | 1 30 | 6 39 | | | 1 00 | 1000 | 200 | | | | | | | | | |
| Edmeston..... | W. Southworth..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 1 | 13 | 1 | .. | | | 200 00 | 9 02 | 3 41 | 2 20 | 82 | 1 10 | | | | 1 50 | 600 | 500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rome and New London..... | O. H. Hudson..... | | | | | | | | | | 48 | 9 | 57 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 851 88 | 3 00 | 15 50 | 10 00 | 3 75 | 5 00 | 6 89 | 6 66 | | 1 00 | 3500 | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden and W. Vienna..... | F. J. Dunham..... | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 11 | 51 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 45 | 324 53 | 11 51 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | | 10 49 | | 80 | 1800 | 800 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oneida and Stockbridge.... | C. F. Parmenter..... | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 9 | 24 | 1 | .. | | | 194 44 | 54 88 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee and Blossvale..... | J. O. Kennedy..... | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | 5 | .. | 1 | 4 | 20 | 250 00 | | 2 48 | 1 60 | 60 | 80 | | 7 00 | | 68 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BLACK RIVER DISTRICT. | L. H. Robinson, Ch'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black River and Watertown | L. H. Robinson..... | | | | | | | | | | 47 | 2 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 431 29 | | 3 50 | 6 50 | 3 00 | 50 | | 4 00 | | | | 4000 | 800 | | | | | | | | | |
| Clayton..... | C. H. Salisbury, Sup..... | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 5 | 13 | 1 | .. | | | 150 00 | 7 65 | | | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogansburg..... | Charles White, Sup..... | | | | | | | | | | 12 | | 12 | .. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for conference..... | | | | | | | | | | | 1377 | 200 | 1577 | 46 | 46 | 300 | 1596 | \$11755 75 | \$942 24 | \$287 85 | \$227 57 | \$88 61 | \$79 32 | \$113 28 | \$547 32 | \$422 99 | \$24 41 | \$84150 | \$15450 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raised on Evangelists' Receipts: At Corinth, \$10.00. Raised on Other Missionary Funds (for India): At Ithaca, \$8.00; at Alton, \$6.75; at Syracuse, \$42.00. Raised for Orleans College: At Rose and Clyde, \$10.00; at Alton, \$3.50; at Rome and New London, \$4.00. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Twentieth Session, held at Neosho Rapids, Lyon County, Kansas, September 18-24, 1889.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

E. LEONARDSON, Secretary.

JAMES M. SEACORD, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—C. E. Harroun, Sen., Geo. Seacord, J. S. Bliss.

On Prohibition—W. M. Adams, C. H. Lovejoy, Maggie M. Berrett, E. Leonardson.

On Publications—M. L. Wilkinson, J. P. Fryatt, I. N. Watson.

On Secret Societies—A. Steadwell, L. C. Gould, O. Lineback.

To Collect Funds for Minutes—J. A. Manning.

On Sabbath-schools—G. G. Pritchard, John Mitchell, B. R. Bittle.

On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

On Memoirs—C. H. Lovejoy, W. W. Harris, S. V. Green.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—C. E. Harroun, Sen., E. Leonardson, W. W. Harris, J. S. Bliss, L. Scriptor, N. Surface.

On Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Saunders, L. C. Gould, D. D. Sasser.

On Education—W. M. Adams, Geo. Seacord, M. L. Wilkinson.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—G. B. Howard.

On Superannuated Claim—D. M. Poor.

To Receive Missionary Funds—J. Mitchell.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—G. W. Saunders, E. Ballenger.

First Year—I. N. Watson, W. W. Harris.

Second Year—A. Steadwell, G. G. Pritchard.

Third Year—O. Lineback, M. L. Wilkinson.

Fourth Year—E. Leonardson, C. E. Harroun, Sen.

Local preachers to be ordained 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?

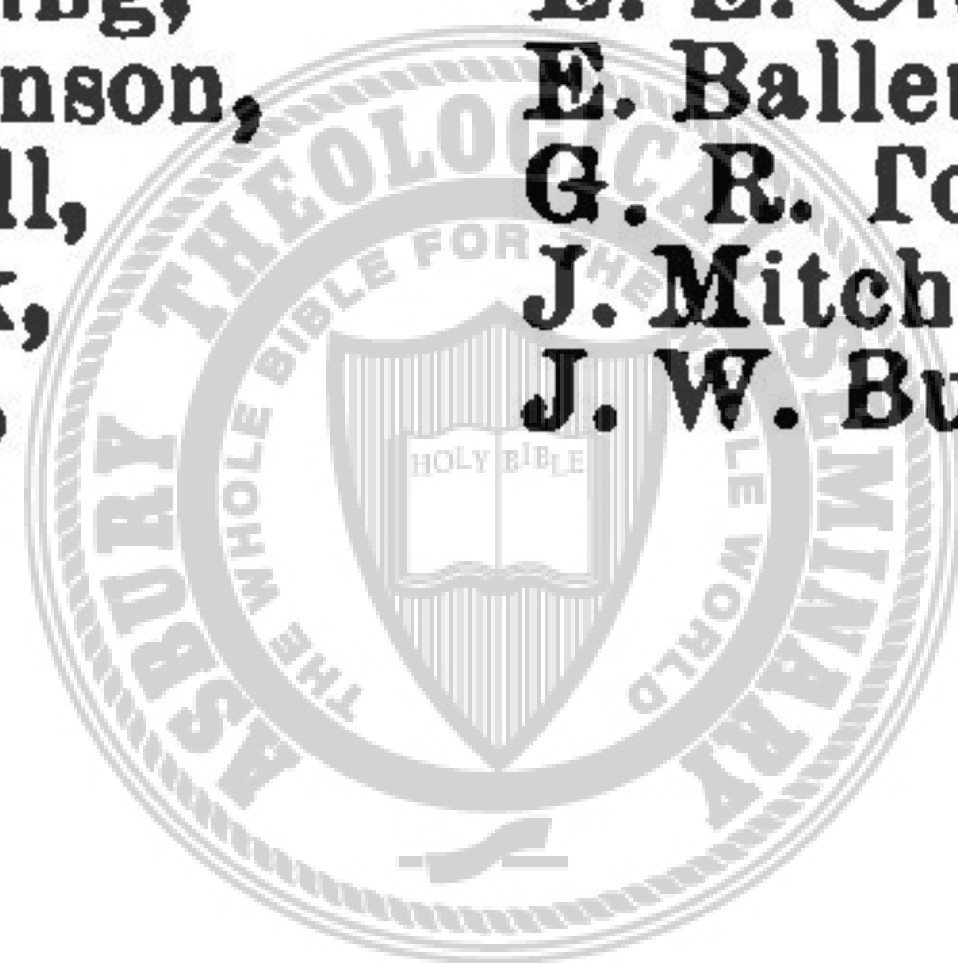
PREACHERS.

W. M. Adams,
C. H. Lovejoy,
S. V. Green,
W. E. Stuart,
H. W. Ruby,
I. B. Allen,
G. G. Pritchard,
H. Wærner,

L. C. Gould,
G. W. Saunders,
Walter Scott,
J. A. Manning,
M. L. Wilkinson,
A. Steadwell,
O. Lineback,
M. J. Parks,

C. E. Harroun, Sen.,
Fred Scott,
S. C. Scott,
E. E. Clute,
E. Ballenger,
G. R. Gompkins,
J. Mitchell,
J. W. Buckner.

D. M. Poor,
E. Leonardson,
W. W. Harris,
J. M. Scott,
J. D. Bennett,
I. N. Watson,
G. B. Howard,



DELEGATES.

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Marshall Bacon, | Wm. Wilkinson, | John Horrell, | J. M. Ruby, |
| S. A. Williamson, | Theodore North, | J. P. Martin, | J. P. Fryatt, |
| J. S. Bliss, | Frank Leslie, | D. B. Williams, | L. Scriptor, |
| Ella Bonner, | M. E. Rhodes, | Jas. Benton, | Geo. Seacord, |
| D. D. Sasser, | N. Surface, | Wm. G. Douglass, | Wm. Platt, |
| J. M. Seacord, | Maggie M. Berrett, | B. R. Bittle, | Anna Carter. |

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, C. E. Harroun, Sen., E. Leonardson, W. W. Harris, Geo. Seacord, Wm. Platt, B. R. Bittle.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? L. F. Higdon, W. E. DeHarppart, A. Wright, Wm. G. Douglass, Ollie Douglass, R. N. Buckner, Reuben Adams, S. F. Wilson.

4. Who remain on trial? M. Oles, B. F. Summers, H. Montgomery, M. W. Pratt, Wm. Champion, S. F. Wilson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. E. Clute, J. W. Buckner.

6. Who are the deacons? E. E. Clute (ordained this year), Fred Scott, Walter Scott, H. W. Ruby, J. A. Manning, G. G. Pritchard, W. E. Stuart, E. Ballenger, G. W. Saunders, J. W. Buckner.

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? W. M. Adams.

10. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. W. Buckner from Iowa conference; S. F. Wilson from the Dakota conference.

11. Who have been expelled? M. J. Parks.

12. Who have withdrawn? Henry Woerner.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed except M. J. Parks and G. B. Howard.

14. Who have died this year? None.

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

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

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Washington, Kansas, the first Wednesday in September, 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The twentieth session of the Kansas conference was held in connection with a camp meeting. There was a large number of tents on the ground. The meetings were well attended and deeply spiritual. A goodly number of persons were converted or sanctified wholly. A blessed spirit of harmony prevailed and the conference was considered the best for years. The reports of the preachers show an increase of 40 per cent. in membership over last year.

The Neosho Rapids Seminary was reported in a flourishing condition. The following is a statement of its finances. Total indebtedness \$1,530. We have in reliable notes and subscriptions about \$1,000.

Conference passed a resolution requesting the Executive Committee to organize a Nebraska conference.

A collection amounting to \$4.25 was taken for the secretary.

The superannuated collection, amounting to \$20.81, was equally divided between Sisters Phillips and Cooley.

E. E. Clute, R. N. Buckner, and James Benton were ordained deacons on Sunday afternoon.

A collection of \$52.00 was taken Sabbath morning to meet the deficiency in the general superintendents' collection, and one of \$25.00 was taken Sabbath afternoon to meet the expenses of the camp meeting.

The home missionary money was divided among the three chairmen, to be distributed by them among those preachers most in need.

The chairmen for the ensuing year were appointed a committee to arrange for a conference camp meeting to be held during the year.

Conference ordered the collections to be taken in the following order: First quarter, general superintendents' and church extension; second quarter, superannuated collection; third quarter, home and foreign missions; fourth quarter, general missions.

M. J. Parks was expelled from the conference and church for gross immorality.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PROHIBITION.

Your committee on prohibition would submit the following report:

Aroused as we are to the vital import of the irrepressible conflict going on in the nation between the people and the liquor traffic, we believe the time has arrived when every Christian, and especially every Free Methodist, should define his position and take his place on the side of truth and righteousness. As a church we profess a high state of grace. This implies great light and an advanced position on all questions of reform. With us, to know the right should be to do it. We are told that this is a political question and should be settled by politicians; that ministers and Christians should take no part in politics. We assent, if thereby is meant the so-called politics of the "Quay" and "Clarkson" type, where lying and stealing are cardinal virtues to the politician, and pastor and people rejoice together over victories won by criminal alliance with "sluggers and murderers and blood-stained liquor dealers." Webster defines politics as "The protection of citizens in their rights with the preservation and improvement of their morals." Solomon says, "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn." We ask, how are the righteous to have authority unless Christians take an active part in politics? The drink traffic, being a creature of law, sanctioned and controlled by law, comes within the realm of politics; and political action becomes a necessity.

We have tried preaching, prayer, pledges, tears and entreaties; but the crime has increased notwithstanding. As Goliath was beheaded by his own sword, so we would stay this giant with his own weapon—the law. Recent developments have shown the failure of what is called non-partisan prohibition, which is but another name for non-prohibition. We believe in prohibition through a prohibition party. In the language of Senator Wilson, "No political reform can be effected without a political party, and no party can effect any reform except the one for which it was organized." They tell us public sentiment does not demand a new party. We reply that a political party is an educator of public sentiment. The same reasons exist for the Prohibition party in the political world as for the Free Methodist Church in the religious world. Had it not been for the Prohibition party in the last campaign the first concern of all good government would have been ignored. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That as a conference we will do all we can to educate our people on this question, and urge upon them the fact that they are citizens as well as Christians; that the obligations of citizenship are upon them; and we would advise them to take some good prohibition paper.

Resolved, 2. That we will pray for our sister State, South Dakota, that she may come into the family of States free from the curse and stain of this evil.

Resolved, 3. That as a conference we believe it inconsistent with our profession to vote with either of the old rum-soaked and rum-ruled parties. That we should carry our religion to the polls as well as to the prayer meeting, and vote with the "immortal two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand" who, though now in the minority, will with God be a majority when, before an assembled world, the votes are all counted over again.

Resolved, 4. That prohibition in Kansas prohibits, wherever the officers are in sympathy with it, and all that is lacking to make it a complete success is a Prohibition party back of the law. We deplore and condemn the effort of the politicians for resubmission, and believe it should be opposed by every friend of Kansas by every lawful means.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is a self-evident fact that the press would be one of the greatest blessings of the age,

if it were only pure; but alas! when we see publications flooded with poison, how it grieves our hearts. Thus we see that the press of to-day is not the blessing that it should be. It becomes us therefore as children of God to use our utmost endeavor to spread before our children and before the world, the purest and most wholesome literature. We are commanded to "Let your conversation be yea, yea and nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Now, beloveds, we can endorse no more in print than in oral language.

We see the need of putting forth greater efforts to educate and enlighten all our people and especially the young converts. Therefore we recommend that our preachers make special and definite efforts to circulate our publications, the *Free Methodist*, the *Earnest Christian*, and the Sunday-school literature published by T. B. Arnold; also such books as "Fishers of Men" and "Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection," being the best exponent of the doctrine and experience of holiness.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education respectfully submit the following report:

Education has been truthfully said to be the handmaid of religion. Not only is it an important factor to success in worldly enterprises, but also in matters pertaining to our eternal welfare and especially in the work of the ministry. In our Discipline, Sec. XIV., Paragraph 147, this question is asked: "Why is it that the people under our care are not better?" And the answer is this, "Because we are not more knowing and more holy." The subject of education is receiving a marked degree of attention among us; and yet we fear that we as a conference fail in a measure to realize its importance.

We are truly thankful to God for the degree of prosperity which has attended our school enterprise; but while this is the case we are also sorry that by united, determined effort on our part, we have not made it more successful.

The Neosho Rapids Seminary has been established for the instruction of our children, not only in worldly knowledge, but also in the things of God, and for the training of young men and women for the work of the ministry. We earnestly call the attention of parents who wish to educate their children, and of the young people who may wish to obtain an education, to the superior advantages offered at this school; and we especially urge our preachers to bring the attention of their congregations to this matter.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday-schools respectfully submit the following:

We regard the Sunday-school as a very important part of church work, and believe it the duty of our preachers to take an active part in their organization, and manifest their interest in them by attending as often as possible, and by urging their members to greater efforts to make them what they are intended to be—real nurseries to the church.

We would urge upon our people the importance of selecting only such persons for officers and teachers as are known to be sound in doctrine, consistent in life and conversation, and consecrated to do thorough, spiritual work. The children must be reached and the word of the Lord impressed upon their minds, and we know of no better means than the Sabbath-school.

We would favor denominational schools wherever practicable, organized in harmony with our Discipline.

We look upon the *Light and Life* lesson leaves as valuable helps in Sunday-school work, second to none with which we are acquainted, and would respectfully recommend their use in all our schools.

V.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

WHEREAS Freemasonry requires obligations of secrecy as a condition of membership, under death penalties; the performance of acts contrary to human and divine law; the joining together of saint (?) and sinner in one brotherhood; and the exclusion from her prayers of "the only Name under heaven given among men whereby we can be saved"; and, whereas other minor secret orders contain all the essential features of Masonry, and are but branch roads leading to the main line, supplying passengers to this thoroughfare leading from earth to hell, we regard all alliance with such societies a violation of the apostolic command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." We regard the G. A. R. as a secret society, and membership in the same a violation of our Discipline. Therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference, we will not slacken our effort to use all lawful and Christian means toward the suppression of all oath-bound, secret societies.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND 'PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|-------------------------|--|
| W. M. Adams..... | Neosho Rapids, Kansas |
| L. C. Gould | Neosho Rapids, " |
| H. W. Ruby..... | Arkansas City, " |
| M. L. Wilkinson..... | Bronson, " |
| C. E. Harroun, Sen..... | Topeka, " |
| E. Ballenger..... | De Witt, Nebraska |
| D. M. Poor | Oak Hill, Kansas |
| J. D. Bennett..... | Inhambane, S. E. Africa |
| C. H. Lovejoy..... | Vineland, Kansas |
| I. B. Allen..... | Guthrie, Oklahoma |
| G. W. Saunders | Westphalia, Kansas |
| A. Steadwell..... | Pierce, Nebraska |
| Fred Scott..... | Osage City, Kansas |
| G. R. Tompkins..... | Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia |
| J. M. Scott..... | Wahoo, Nebraska |
| E. Leonardson..... | Neosho Rapids, Kansas |
| I. N. Watson | Topeka, " |
| S. V. Green | Junction City, " |
| E. E. Clute | Neosho, Missouri |
| G. G. Pritchard..... | Lawrence, Kansas |
| Walter Scott | Washington, " |
| John Mitchell..... | Prairie Center, " |
| W. W. Harris..... | Yutan, Nebraska |
| W. E. Stuart | Tecumseh, " |
| J. A. Manning..... | Neosho Rapids, Kansas |
| O. Lineback | Americus, " |
| H. Montgomery | Wymore, Nebraska |
| Wm. Champion | 328 S. Cottonwood St., Emporia, Kansas |
| J. W. Buckner..... | Comiskey, " |
| R. N. Buckner..... | Neosho Rapids, " |
| S. F. Wilson..... | Osage City, " |
| R. Adams | Altamont, " |
| A. Wright..... | Weir City, " |
| Ollie Douglass..... | Fredonia, " |
| M. W. Pratt..... | Lawrence, " |
| L. F. Higdon | Clay Center, " |
| W. G. Douglass..... | Abilene, " |
| B. F. Summers | Western, Nebraska |
| W. E. De Harppart..... | McPherson, Kansas |

APPOINTMENTS.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., Chairman.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Leavenworth and Lenape..... | C. H. Lovejoy |
| Lawrence..... | G. G. Pritchard |
| Topeka..... | I. N. Watson |
| Prairie Center and Harmony..... | J. Mitchell |
| M. W. Pratt, evangelist. | |

EMPORIA DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., Chairman.

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| Emporia, Americus and Badger Creek..... | W. Champion |
| Comiskey..... | J. W. Buckner |
| Neosho Rapids and Hartford..... | R. N. Buckner |
| Osage City and Dragoon..... | S. F. Wilson |
| Fred Scott and J. A. Manning, evangelists. | |

FT. SCOTT DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., Chairman.

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| Greeley, Garnett and Waverly..... | G. W. Saunders |
| Bronson and Mapleton..... | M. L. Wilkinson |
| Labette City and Idell..... | F. Chapman, supply |
| Altamont and Coffeyville..... | Reuben Adams |
| Cherokee county | A. Wright |
| Neosho, Mo..... | E. E. Clute |
| Fredonia and Elk City..... | Ollie Douglass |

Thayer.....James Benton, supply
 G. R. Tompkins was given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.
 S. C. Scott was given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT.—E. LEONARDSON, Chairman.

WashingtonWalter Scott
 Clay Center and Greenridge.....L. F. Higdon
 Poplar Hill and Minneapolis.....W. E. Huff, supply
 Abilene and GypsumW. G. Douglass.
 Skiddy and Junction City.....S. V. Green
 Barrett.....Martin Campbell, supply

WICHITA DISTRICT.—E. LEONARDSON, Chairman.

McPhersonW. E. De Harppart
 Florence and MarionB. F. Summers
 Matfield GreenO. Lineback
 Arkansas CityH. W. Ruby
 Caldwell and Harper CoTo be supplied
 M. Oles, left without appointment at his own request.
 John D. Bennett, missionary to Africa.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.—L. C. GOULD, Chairman.

GuthrieI. B. Allen
 Kingfisher.....Jason Lee, supply
 Oklahoma City.....M. Casler, supply
 Reno City.....A. N. Kennedy, supply
 Lincoln TownG. W. Caldwell, supply

LINCOLN DISTRICT.—W. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

Lincoln, Rock Creek and WahooRobert Scott, supply
 Yutan and ColonE. Kendrick, supply
 Tecumseh and FilleyW. E. Stuart
 WymoreH. Montgomery
 De Witt and WesternE. Ballenger
 J. M. Scott, evangelist.

ELK HORN DISTRICT.—W. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

PierceA. Steadwell
 Woodlake and Pine ForksS. Mills, supply
 BrewerD. M. Poor



| 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. | General Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | Church Extension Fund. | |
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| LINCOLN DISTRICT. | W. W. Harris, Ch'n. | 15 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | \$210 00 | \$43 46 | | \$1 50 | \$2 00 | \$4 00 | \$1 00 | | | \$11 00 | \$20 00 | | \$600 | \$1 50 |
| Lincoln, Rock Creek, etc. | E. Ballenger..... | 25 | 25 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 40 | 205 70 | 169 69 | ..... | 3 15 | 5 00 | 5 54 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | 24 65 | ..... | \$1200 | 400 | 3 15 |
| Yutan and Colon..... | W. W. Harris..... | 20 | 22 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 260 00 | 42 52 | ..... | 2 00 | 2 80 | 2 80 | 2 80 | 2 35 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tecumseh..... | A. Steadwell..... | 23 | 24 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 30 | 203 64 | 50 84 | ..... | 3 16 | 2 61 | 2 95 | 85 | 1 50 | 13 37 | 42 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 |
| Wymore..... | W. E. Stuart..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 63 45 | ..... | 75 | 2 20 | 1 40 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| De Witt..... | W. W. Harris..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| ELK HORN DISTRICT. | W. W. Harris, Ch'n. | 15 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 61 00 | 33 40 | ..... | 1 50 | 3 00 | 7 00 | ..... | ..... | 5 38 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 50 |
| Pierce..... | J. M. Scott..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wood Lake..... | S. Mills..... | 23 | 23 | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brewer..... | ..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pine Forks..... | ..... | 29 | 29 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 189 44 | 19 62 | ..... | 90 | 4 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 48 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| LAWRENCE DISTRICT. | O. E. Harroun, Ch'n. | 66 | 68 | 68 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 55 | 205 00 | 89 07 | ..... | 1 00 | 5 00 | 1 00 | ..... | 1 00 | 30 00 | 45 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lawrence..... | M. W. Pratt..... | 30 | 32 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 60 | 200 00 | 37 85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | 18 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Topeka..... | L. O. Gould..... | 6 | 7 | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 3 82 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Prairie Center & Harmony | Frank Leslie..... | 14 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 35 | 226 72 | 40 00 | ..... | 80 | 1 60 | 80 | 1 02 | 26 25 | 18 00 | 75 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lenape..... | C. E. Harroun, Ch'n. | 43 | 49 | 49 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 75 | 278 16 | 79 50 | ..... | 10 | 65 61 | 1 02 | 1 02 | ..... | 25 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| EMPORIA DISTRICT. | Ella Bonner..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Emporia..... | J. W. Buckner..... | 16 | 16 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 100 00 | 22 41 | ..... | 1 00 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 00 | 32 48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Neosho R., Hartford, etc. | Wm. Champion..... | 23 | 23 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 65 | 153 70 | 29 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Waverly..... | H. Montgomery..... | 15 | 16 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 25 | 100 00 | 29 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oake and Vassar..... | C. E. Harroun, Ch'n. | 23 | 28 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 40 | 154 00 | 27 34 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 50 | 61 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Americus and Comiskey | M. L. Wilkinson..... | 17 | 16 | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 160 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| FT. SCOTT DISTRICT. | R. N. Buckner..... | 15 | 16 | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bronson and Mapleton..... | Wm. G. Douglass..... | 8 | 11 | 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 49 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Altamont and Coffeyville.. | M. Oles..... | 20 | 22 | 22 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 106 11 | 30 72 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Maplewood..... | E. E. Clute..... | 19 | 20 | 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 104 59 | 24 66 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Labette City and Itell..... | E. Leonardson, Ch'n. | 28 | 34 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 35 | 243 77 | 28 02 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elk City..... | Reuben Adams..... | 24 | 30 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 191 61 | 27 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Garnett, Greeley & Colony | Walter Scott..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Neosho, Mo..... | T. M. Hardy..... | 10 | 10 | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 98 35 | 21 39 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| CLAY CENTER DISTRICT. | J. O. Thomas..... | 48 | 57 | 57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36 82 | 32 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Washington..... | W. E. Huff..... | 10 | 10 | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Clay Center..... | M. M. Root..... | 8 | 9 | 9 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 29 96 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Industry..... | Isaac Ford..... | 27 | 34 | 34 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 50 | 335 18 | 42 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Abilene..... | E. Leonardson, Ch'n. | 12 | 12 | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60 00 | 10 77 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Poplar Hill & Minneapolis | B. F. Summers..... | 23 | 24 | 24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 134 64 | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gypsum..... | G. G. Pritchard..... | 35 | 41 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 200 00 | 83 96 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Skiddy..... | H. W. Ruby..... | 23 | 29 | 29 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 175 50 | 40 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| WICHITA DISTRICT. | L. F. Higdon..... | 61 | 61 | 61 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 260 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Arkansas City..... | W. E. De Harpart..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Caldwell..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Freeport and Argonia..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Matfield Green..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Florence and Marion..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| McPherson..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total for conference..... | ..... | 776 87 | 863 28 | 23 | 159 | 785 | \$4822 93 | \$1061 45 | \$223 12 | \$20 81 | \$123 57 | \$35 64 | \$12 22 | \$168 35 | \$254 57 | \$487 20 | \$12930 | \$4235 | \$7 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Yutan and Colon, \$8.02; at De Witt, \$4.00; at Lawrence, \$2.30; at Emporia, \$6.00; at Americus and Comiskey, \$5.80; at Clay Center, \$1.00; at Arkansas City, \$3.00. Raised on Expenses of Gen'l Conf. Delegates: At Bronson and Mapleton, \$2.00. No reports from Breinard, Brown Co., Friend and Tamora.

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Alma, Norton Co., Kansas, September 25-30, 1889.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

J. ADAMS, Secretary.

J. M. YOUNG, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—The president, chairmen of the districts, and C. Mattenley.

On Sabbath-schools—A. J. Smith, J. B. May, P. H. Arlington.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. Adams.

On Reforms—J. H. Taylor, J. Vanhoosen, R. M. Rhamy.

On Education—J. E. Whiting, J. L. Dodge, J. Vanhoosen, D. J. Goode.

On State of the Work—E. E. Miller, J. E. Whiting, C. L. Weekly.

On Church Aid and Extension—I. D. Pembleton, J. W. Glazier, J. W. Kidd.

On Periodicals—J. Q. Murray, J. H. Taylor, J. B. May.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—G. M. Rowley.

To Collect Funds for Publishing Minutes—G. G. Kessel.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—P. H. Brown, A. J. Smith, J. Vanhoosen.

To Receive Home and General Missionary Funds—E. E. Miller.

On Ministerial Relations—J. O. Risheill, J. Q. Murray, R. M. Rhamy, J. F. Rock, C. L. Weekly.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Nominate Committee of Examiners in the Course of Study—J. W. Glazier, D. J. Goode, R. M. Rhamy.

To Examine Local Preachers Recommended for Ordination—J. H. Taylor, J. E. Outland, P. H. Arlington.

Conference Treasurer—E. E. Miller.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Nominations to Fill Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Orleans College—C. M. Damon, J. Adams, R. M. Rhamy, J. E. Whiting.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—D. J. Goode, I. D. Pembleton.

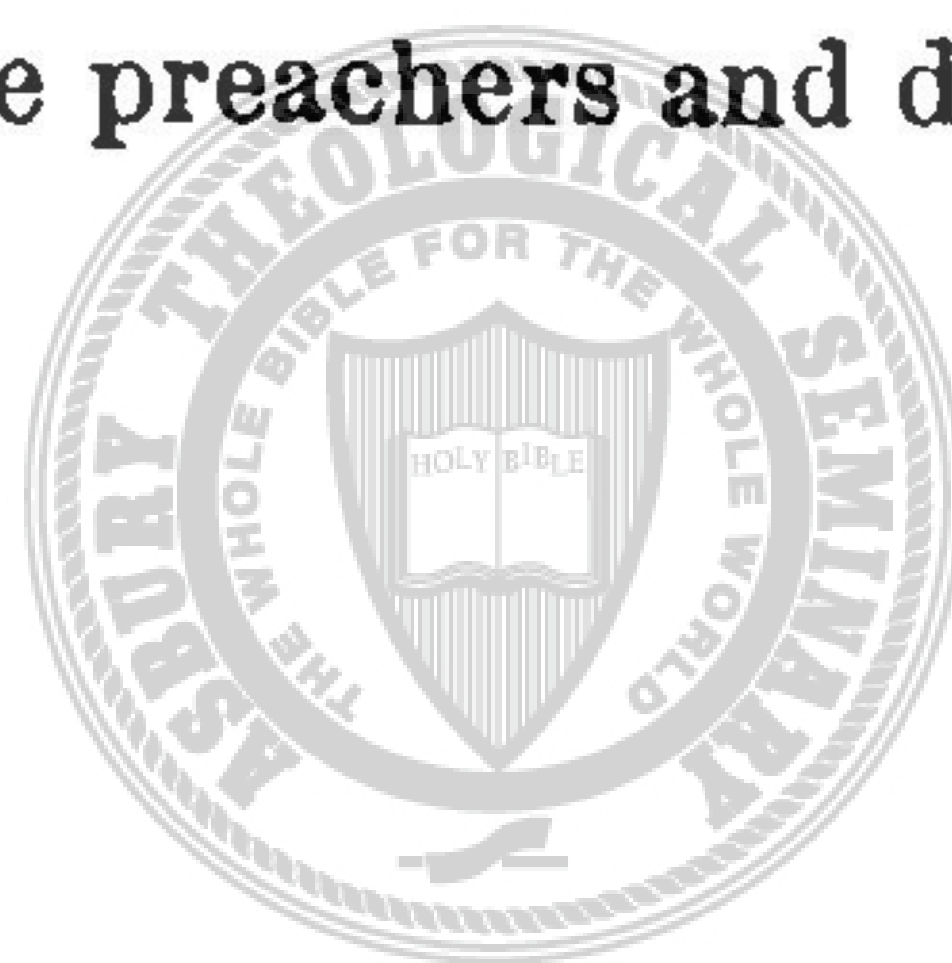
First Year—A. J. Smith, J. Adams.

Second Year—E. E. Miller, R. Trever.

Third Year—C. Mattenley, R. M. Rhamy.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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



PREACHERS.

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| J. Adams, | P. H. Arlington, | C. M. Damon, | N. G. Dehut, |
| J. W. Edwards, | J. W. Glazier, | D. J. Goode, | C. Mattenley, |
| E. E. Miller, | R. M. Rhamy, | B. F. Smalley, | A. J. Smith, |
| J. H. Taylor, | R. Trever, | J. E. Whiting, | M. H. Shepard, |
| J. O. Risheill, | J. L. Dodge, | C. H. Sawyer, | J. Q. Murray, |
| J. E. Outland, | G. Delimont, | J. S. Ogg, | R. H. Cline, |
| I. D. Pembleton, | Josephine Ackerman, | | |

DELEGATES.

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| W. Atchison, | A. Lingren, | J. W. Kidd, | J. Vanhoosen, |
| U. H. Dodge, | J. F. Rock, | J. B. May, | G. G. Kessel, |
| C. L. Weekly, | M. H. Neave, | P. H. Brown, | O. P. Smith, |
| G. M. Rowley, | D. A. Prouse, | R. McMurrin, | B. Shellhamer, |
| L. J. Brock, | Etta F. Murray, | E. E. Walker, | J. Parker, |
| E. L. Ewens, | J. C. Grover, | E. Shiner, | R. A. Watts, |
| S. Vincent, | | | |

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, J. E. Whiting, C. M. Damon, P. H. Brown, O. P. Smith.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Geo. G. Kessel, Joseph Parker, J. H. Robbins, Kersey Thomas.

4. Who remain on trial? J. L. Strome, T. C. Beauchamp, Ira L. King, B. F. Closson, E. G. Cary, W. F. Cook, J. M. Young, A. S. Manning.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. H. Cline, J. S. Ogg, Josephine Ackerman.

6. Who are the deacons? G. Delimont, J. Q. Murray, J. L. Dodge, J. O. Risheill, C. H. Sawyer, *J. S. Ogg, R. H. Cline; local deacons, N. Day, J. Vanhoosen, E. T. Ellis, *O. P. Smith, L. J. Brock, E. Ackerman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? I. D. Pembleton, N. G. Dehut; local elder, Adam Goode.

8. Who have located this year? J. M. Cook, C. C. Bruner, E. T. Ellis, at their own request; T. Birnbaum, discontinued.

9, 10, 11. None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. Cripps, transferred to the Texas conference; J. Seals, transferred to the Colorado conference; W. W. Hulet, transferred to the Colorado conference; A. H. Norrington, transferred to the Canada conference; A. Maxfield, with view to transfer.

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

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

16. (Relating to conference collections.) See statistical report.

17-18. (On Sabbath-schools.) See statistical report.

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

23. Where and when shall our next session of conference be held? At Lebanon, Smith county, Kansas, between the middle of August and first of September, 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Alma, Kansas.

J. E. Whiting was elected president pro tem., and presided over the first two sittings, until the arrival of General Superintendent B. T. Roberts.

One regular sitting was held each day, and one extra sitting on Friday, and one on Saturday, seven sittings in all.

*Ordained this year.

There was a large attendance of members of conference and visitors, who were well provided for by the brethren and friends of Almaena and the surrounding country. A large tent was pitched north of the church, which was occupied by a number of families. Other small tents and covered wagons were used for the same purpose.

A subscription was taken for the Free Methodist church at Almaena (but the secretary did not hear the amount raised).

The conference tendered a vote of thanks to Brother Roberts for the able manner in which he presided over the conference, and to the friends of Almaena, and surrounding country, for their hospitality, and to the secretaries.

A collection of \$2.45 was taken to pay for stationery, etc., for the secretaries.

E. E. Miller was elected conference treasurer.

An appropriation of \$100 was made from the home mission fund to be raised the fore part of the year for the Hutchinson charge.

The following collections were ordered by conference: First quarter, church extension; a collection of twenty cents per member for the church at Hutchinson to be taken first quarter also; second quarter, general superintendents' claim; third quarter, home mission; first half of fourth quarter, delegates' expenses to General conference; last half fourth quarter, general missionary collection.

Conference, by a vote, expressed their confidence in J. T. Merry as treasurer of Orleans College, and requested him to remain in office.

C. M. Damon was made financial agent for the college.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON ORLEANS COLLEGE.

Resolved, 1. That the president, treasurer and trustees of Orleans College should, in the judgment of this conference, act in the interest of the college without compensation until the indebtedness of the college is paid off.

Resolved, 2. That the trustees should secure competent teachers who are consecrated to teach for such compensation as will be afforded by the income derived from the tuition.

Resolved, 3. That this conference does hereby request the executive committee of the Free Methodist Church to take charge of the affairs of Orleans College, and aid in clearing it of indebtedness, and in putting the school in good running order.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend the transfer of the property to the General conference, whenever it can be effected.

Resolved, 5. That we further recommend that the preachers on the circuits be made a committee to take and collect subscriptions for the college.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We feel thankful to Almighty God for his merciful, fatherly care over us as a people and conference during the past year. We are grateful for the spirit of Christian unity and peace that so largely prevails among us, that looks to the one end—the prosperity of Zion and the salvation of souls. There are some things that tend to hinder the work among us, such as burdening religious meetings with our personal views and feelings quite regardless of the leadings of the Holy Spirit and peace of the society; giving undue prominence to the doctrine of faith healing in our public and social worship, as though it was nearly, if not quite, first in point of importance; in short, mistaking our own feeling of personal interest for the leadings of the Spirit; a tendency to give place to the devil by falling into the spirit of the times in believing new and strange doctrines, especially the modern notion of social purity, which puts the marriage relation in an unreasonable and unscriptural light, making adulterers of husbands and fathers and adulteresses of wives and mothers, and hence, sons and daughters bastards. It undermines the faith and destroys the peace of individuals and families. In effect it lowers the standard of morality in community. It makes its own standard the test of piety, hurling its anathemas at all who do not adopt its views and measure up to its line. But the commendable zeal manifested in the direction of keeping the church pure in doctrine and practice, promises by God's blessing to steer us clear of all these breakers.

As a church, we are highly favored with great possibilities. It is sound in doctrine, cleaving close to Scripture in polity and government; a Discipline clearly defining our

position and the Bible rule of faith and practice. We preach a full, complete and clean salvation, and above all we have free access to infinite resources for all needed wisdom, grace and efficiency to insure success. The one great lack is too little spirituality. We believe many of our people are waking up to the needs of the hour. We should remember that our responsibilities are commensurate with our privileges. Let us press out for deeper waters, and in the name of our God lifting our banners high, march in solid phalanx to battle and glorious victory.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

We recognize the importance of education under sound, Christian influence. Education has ever been the handmaid of true religion, and has held an important and necessary place in all great moral and religious reforms. Great reformers have almost invariably been learned men; and, as in the case of Mr. Wesley, have strongly urged a thorough and sound Christian education. We believe it is especially needed in these perilous times. Anarchy, Socialism, and the many false and unchristian religious systems of the day that tend to destroy society and corrupt its morals are busily engaged in educating the public, and especially the young, in their unchristian and demoralizing doctrines. They seek to drive out of our schools the Bible and such books as conflict with their systems, and would put in their place those that uphold and teach their own pernicious doctrines and practices. As Free Methodists we ought to be thoroughly awake to these things. We will be held accountable for negligence if we neglect to give our children an education under good Christian influence. God will require it of us in the judgment. But the educational advantages as they exist are inadequate. Both our common and high-school systems fail in exerting a Christian influence over young students. This has caused the establishment of our Free Methodist schools. We have built our seminaries for the purpose of giving our young people, and all others who desire, a thorough education, under sound Christian influence. We ought to be, and will, if we obey God, be true to our schools, and endeavor to elevate their character and increase their influence. Especially ought we to do this in behalf of our own conference school, the Orleans College. To this end we recommend as follows: That all our preachers in particular and our members in general make special, immediate and continued efforts as follows:

1. To fill the institution with students, by recommending it everywhere and at all times, inducing parents to patronize it as far as lies in their power.
2. To lift the institution out of its present difficulties and secure immediate and united action therein. We are sincerely grateful to the church at large for their influence and financial aid in the past, and trust that the same will continue in the future.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

Seeing that the world is sinking deeper and deeper in immoralities, a few of which are drunkenness, lewdness, Sabbath desecration, fraud, anti-Bible divorce laws and secretism, consequently there is great need of progression on the part of the church on all lines of moral reform as well as vital godliness; and while moral reforms are not Christianity they are the fruit or outgrowth of it. Wherever the word in its purity is faithfully proclaimed there is a marked improvement in the morals of the people. There are also reformatory societies that are not thoroughly Christian, but are not conflicting with Bible Christianity, and are proving instrumental of much good in elevating the people to a better standard of moral practices. Realizing the benefits of these societies, we as a people should co-operate with them, as far as we can without violating conscience or the plain teachings of the Scriptures. We also believe there is room, and would advise that we as a people improve and be more strict on some of these reforms; such as desecration of the Sabbath, by visiting, spending the day in idleness or unprofitable conversation, which are proving detrimental to personal experience and the spirituality of the church. Again, there is room for improvement, and great need of holding to the Bible line on the dress question, for both soul and body, by the discarding of all superfluous articles that do not add to the comfort or convenience of the wearer. We should heed the word and "Shun every appearance of evil." We see room for improvement on the faces of some of our brethren by the discarding of the foppish mustache, so much resembling the bangs on the foreheads of flirting girls and silly women. Let us be consistent, and not conform to the world in shaving or dress.

Again, we as a people are known to take a prominent position against secret societies, believing them to have been instigated by the enemy of the Christian religion, the devil, who through these instrumentalities is advancing the kingdom of darkness. They are a combination principally of unscrupulous and designing men, who are bound together with heinous and blood-curdling oaths, which, if put into practice, are murderous; and not only are they trying to undermine the religion of the Bible, but they are also antagonistic to our civil government, by affirming that their oaths are more binding than that of the federal government, thereby defeating justice and causing men to become perjurers. Therefore,

Resolved, That we oppose the whole brood of secret, oath-bound societies, and would advise our preachers to procure books, such as Ronayne's Exposition of Freemasonry, which is declared to be an exact exposition of that order by men who have been saved

from the institution and adopted into the family of God, and inform themselves so as to be able to expose and oppose these Satanic institutions understandingly and fearlessly in the name of our God.

Again, as Romanism, with all her unholy rites, degrading confessional box, licentious priests, lying popes and antagonism to the Christian religion trying to undermine our free schools and establish parochial schools and nunneries, thereby bringing in their unholy and degrading system of religion, eventually leading to the confessional box where virtue and chastity are unknown, thereby making a modern Sodom out of our free country; again, they by their devices, are endeavoring to get control of our civil government and establish Romanism with all its superstitions. Therefore,

Resolved, That we become more aggressive in our work against the beast.

We as a people are known to be Prohibitionists; therefore let us improve every opportunity to advance the cause.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

In view of the fact that the child in infancy, and in youth until changed by grace, is totally depraved, and the inclination of his heart is evil and that continually, we see the great need of special effort being put forth for the scriptural education and salvation of the young. To this end we would recommend that the children on our charges be diligently instructed out of the word of God concerning the principles of righteousness, the keeping of which alone can fit them for usefulness in life and the world hereafter. We consider the Sabbath-school an important factor in preserving the interests of the Christian church and molding the character of the youth; and since the word of God is spirit and life, and as the blind cannot lead the blind, we recommend that none but truly saved persons be employed as officers and teachers; and that under all circumstances those who teach in our schools harmonize with us in doctrine and practice.

Your committee discountenance all attempts at union with popular Sabbath-schools, picnics or conventions as usually carried on. We further condemn the light, trashy literature generally used in the popular Sabbath-schools, and believe it to be productive of evil. Therefore,

Resolved, That the literature published by Rev. T. B. Arnold should be introduced into all our schools.

VI.—ON PERIODICALS.

We recognize in the press a great power for good or evil, according to the character of the literature it sends forth. We live in a fast age, when fiction and falsehood are spread everywhere, poisoning the minds of the youth and leading them away from the ways of truth and righteousness, ruining their souls in hell; and we believe in view of these facts that we who profess and love purity should exercise more earnestness in truth of a character calculated to counteract and destroy the awful influence extended by this impure and unwholesome literature that would come into our homes and do its destructive work. We believe the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* to be the ablest exponents of Bible truth and Christian religion; therefore we advise that an endeavor be made to put them in every family. We also recommend T. B. Arnold's publications for Sabbath-schools and the *Christian Cynosure* as a valuable paper on all moral reforms, and a faithful exponent of anti-secretism.

APPOINTMENTS.

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

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| Almena and Pleasant Ridge..... | C. Mattenley |
| Sappa Peak and Jack Creek..... | I. L. King and N. G. Dehut |
| Wilsonville and Decatur..... | J. H. Taylor |
| Stockville and Bartly..... | I. C. Beauchamp |
| Logan..... | J. M. Young |
| Marvin and Kirwin. | J. W. Glazier; Ora Glazier, supply |
| Woodston and Webster..... | J. L. Dodge |
| Thomas county..... | To be supplied |
| Cheyenne county..... | To be supplied |

C. M. Damon, agent of Orleans College; member of Norton district quarterly conference.

ORLEANS DISTRICT.—E. E. MILLER, Chairman.

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| Orleans and Gratt..... | J. Adams |
| Alma and Republican City..... | R. M. Rhamy |
| Clear Creek..... | K. Thomas |
| Taylor and Dry Valley..... | Josephine Ackerman; E. Ackerman, Sup.; E. E. Walker, Sup. |

Belvidere, Central City, Kenesaw, Minden & Bromfield.....J. Q. Murray & G. Delimont
A. J. Smith, evangelist; member of Orleans district quarterly conference.
P. H. Arlington, " ; " " " " " "
J. W. Edwards, " ; " " " " " " "

SALEM DISTRICT.—J. E. WHITING, Chairman.

Osborne and Crystal Plains.....J. Robbins
Glen Elder, Springfield and Downs.....R. Trever
Salem, Lebanon and Mankato.....C. H. Sawyer
Cuba and Elk Creek.....I. D. Pembleton
Remembrance.....G. G. Kessel
Wilson and Lincoln county.....J. O. Risheill

HUTCHINSON DISTRICT.—J. E. WHITING, Chairman.

Hutchinson.....J. S. Ogg
Arlington.....E. G. Carey
Kingman and Tripp Class.....Joseph Parker
Kiowa and Lake City.....R. H. Cline
Eden Valley, Leesburg, Carmi, Zion and White Cloud....B. F. Closson and Albert Helsel
Macksville.....J. E. Outland
Roval, Mt. Pleasant and Cash City.....D. J. Goode
Schoharie and Eden.....W. F. Cook
Hays City.....A. S. Manning
B. F. Smalley, evangelist; member of Hutchinson district quarterly conference.
M. H. Shepard, " " " " " " "



PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held in the Free Methodist church, Oil City,
Pa., September 25-28. 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President. J. S. McGEARY, Secretary. W. B. ROUPE, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, R. W. Hawkins, J. S. McGeary, A. T. Sager.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. Barnhart.

On Publications—R. W. Hawkins, R. H. Bentley, D. B. Tobey, H. O. Ellithorpe,
G. C. Garrison.

On Reforms—J. S. McGeary, J. Barnhart, S. Portman, H. Blews, H. Beardsley.

On Education—O. I. Berlin, W. B. Roupe, A. D. Gaines, Wm. Richardson,
Thomas Ireland.

On Sabbath-schools—J. Barnhart, O. I. Berlin, Jennie Tobey, Mary Gillespie,
R. F. Harris.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Quarterly Conference Records—S. Portman, I. Hodgkins, J. E. Adams.

Railroad Secretary—D. B. Tobey.

On Conference Assessments—M. B. Miller.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary—W. B. Roupe.

First Year—J. Barnhart.

Second Year—S. Portman.

Third Year—R. W. Hawkins.

Fourth Year—J. S. McGeary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

R. W. Hawkins,
W. B. Roupe,
R. H. Bentley,
M. B. Miller.

J. Barnhart,
S. Sager,
I. Hodgkins,

J. S. McGeary,
D. B. Tobey,
O. I. Berlin,

A. D. Gaines,
S. Portman,
Albert Bean,

DELEGATES.

G. C. Garrison,
J. E. Adams,
H. O. Ellithorpe,
Thomas Ireland,

H. Blews,
W. L. Kerr,
H. Beardsley,
James Morley,

Henry Davis,
Jennie Tobey,
Henry Singer,
W. A. Hopkins.

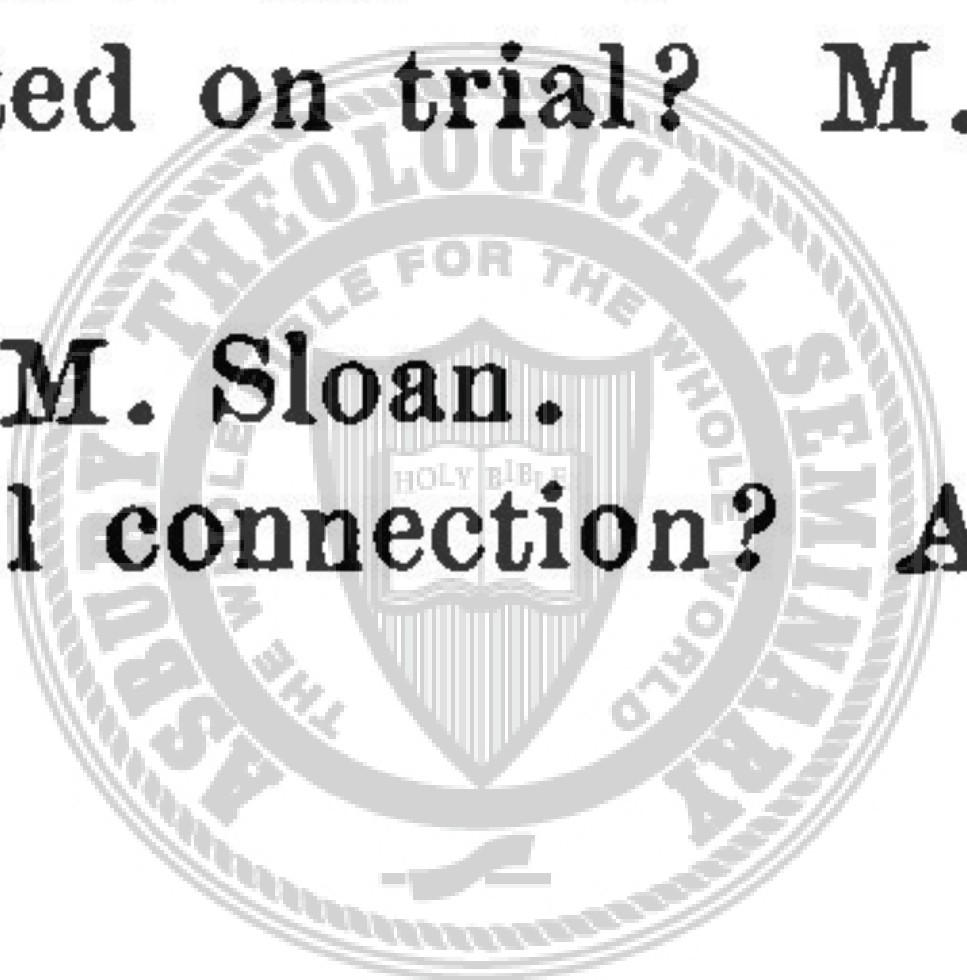
Mary Gillespie,
Wm. Richards,
R. F. Harris,

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, R. W. Hawkins,
J. S. McGeary, Henry Blews, Wm. Richards.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? M. S. Phetteplace, F. E. Glass,
A. C. Showers, Chas. Copeland.

4. Who remain on trial? J. M. Sloan.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. Bean, M. B. Miller.



6. Who are the deacons? R. H. Bentley, O. I. Berlin, I. Hodgkins, *A. Bean, *M. B. Miller.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. Portman, A. D. Gaines, D. B. Tobey.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. Barnhart.
- 10, 11. None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? M. L. Schooley, from the conference and church.
13. Are all the preachers blameless, etc? Their characters were severally examined and passed.
14. Who have died this year? None.
- 15 to 21. See statistical table.
22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? On the Hickory circuit, the third Wednesday of September, 1890, or as near that date as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The spiritual tone of the conference was excellent. All the religious services were attended with the manifestation of the Divine presence. On Sabbath evening a number of seekers of pardon and purity were at the altar, as well as at other times.

Religious services were held in the church as follows:

Tuesday evening, preaching by J. S. McGeary; Wednesday evening, preaching by G. W. Coleman; Thursday afternoon, preaching by A. D. Gaines; Thursday evening, preaching by W. A. Sellew; Friday afternoon, preaching by S. Portman; Friday evening, missionary meeting addressed by G. H. Agnew and R. W. Hawkins; Saturday afternoon, preaching by G. H. Agnew; Saturday evening, preaching by G. W. Coleman; Sabbath morning, love-feast at 9 o'clock, preaching at 11 o'clock by G. W. Coleman; Sabbath afternoon, preaching by H. H. Loomis; Sabbath evening, preaching by J. S. McGeary.

On Sabbath morning R. W. Hawkins preached in Grace M. E. church, and W. A. Sellew in the evening. At the Primitive Methodist place of worship O. I. Berlin preached in the morning and A. Bean in the evening.

On Saturday afternoon A. Bean and M. B. Miller were ordained deacons.

At the close of the Sabbath morning service D. B. Tobey, A. D. Gaines and S. Portman were ordained elders.

On Friday evening G. H. Agnew, missionary to Africa, spoke in the interest of the Inhambane Mission. The house was packed and deep interest was manifested. Nearly \$250 in cash and pledges was raised for the mission, besides some life subscriptions of \$5.00 yearly, and one for \$25.00 yearly for ten years.

Four promising candidates were received on trial, helping out in supplying the work.

Revs. W. A. Sellew and E. M. Sandy, of the Genesee conference, were with us during the session and occupied honorary seats.

Unanimous votes of thanks were tendered to the president and secretary; also to the society and citizens in Oil City, for courtesy in entertaining the conference.

"The best of all, God is with us."

*Ordained this year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

As a conference, we rejoice in the growing financial prosperity of our official organ the *Free Methodist*, and in the favorable progress of the effort to establish a Publishing House. We are pleased with the able manner in which the *Free Methodist* is conducted in general, but we regret to observe occasionally the insertion of advertisements which appear to be out of harmony with the moral and religious position of the paper; such as a flaming saddlery advertisement covering the entire last page of a late issue, and exhibiting the engraving of a "fast horse." We again commend to our people the *Earnest Christian* as a very able unsectarian periodical, which should find a place in every Free Methodist household.

We would also again commend to all our Sabbath-schools the lesson leaves and other Sabbath-school literature published by T. B. Arnold.

II.—ON REFORMS.

We are confirmed in our conviction that oath-bound secret societies are a great hindrance to the thorough work of God, that they are at war with the best interests of humanity, and dangerous to the well-being of both church and state. We believe the object of them all, from the Masonic fraternity down to the Grand Army of the Republic, is to benefit the few at the expense of the many; and it is our conviction that no man who is wholly given up to God, will fellowship such "unfruitful works of darkness." The evils of the liquor traffic have been so often stated, and are so well known, that it is not necessary to say much about them here. Time will not permit, and if it did, language would fail to express the fearful evils of this accursed traffic. We believe that to license a business which ruins homes, breaks hearts, and murders souls, is fearfully wicked in the sight of God; and that the only remedy is to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor by law.

We believe the fourth commandment is just as binding on men to-day as when first delivered to Moses on Sinai; and that no man or combination of men has any right whatever to require individuals to do anything which would destroy the sanctity of the Sabbath. We believe that to engage in any secular business on the Sabbath is sinful; that Sunday newspapers, Sunday mails and trains are all unnecessary, and that unless professed Christians take a decided stand against these things, Christ-dishonoring men will wrest our Sabbath from us.

We are grieved at heart to see the indifference manifested by the great majority of those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, on these important questions; and are convinced that the great need of the times is moral heroes for God and right—men and women with sanctified hearts to carry on successful reforms. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will, to the extent of our ability, continue the agitation of the anti-secrecy issue

2. That we cannot change our attitude towards secret societies, unless it be to be more determined than ever in every legitimate way to hasten their overthrow.

3. That as a conference we will support by our prayers and our votes every righteous movement which has for its object the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

4. That we will do all we can to maintain the proper sanctity of the Christian Sabbath.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

"Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding," is a universal requirement of revelation. We are, as ever, convinced of the value and importance of thorough Christian education.

That a man may be uneducated and yet useful in the work of God is not to be doubted; but no man has ever been successful in the work of God without at least some degree of knowledge; nor has God Almighty ever sanctified ignorance or consecrated it to his service, since it is one of the effects of the fall. Knowledge is properly gathered from all available sources; yet we believe that true education includes both mind and heart. It is certainly true that a liberal education is by no means inconsistent with a deep religious experience. Ignorance is not "the mother of devotion," as has been said. Therefore, we believe it to be a duty incumbent upon us as a church to maintain our Christian schools, recognizing in them an important agency for both spiritual and literary advantages.

We would advise all our preachers to urge upon our people the importance of supporting the schools connected with our church, both by sending their own children there, and as far as possible influencing others to do the same. We learn with gratitude of the continued usefulness and prosperity of the schools belonging to our own denomination, namely, the A. M. Chesbrough, Spring Arbor, Evansville, Orleans, Wessington Springs, and Neosho Rapids Seminaries. The A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, formerly Chili, incorporated in the year 1869, is the school officially recognized by the church, within the limits of the patronage of this conference.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We believe the Sabbath-school is an important part of Christian work. One well qual-

ified to judge has said, "The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church." When properly conducted by competent, converted, Spirit-baptized teachers, the Sabbath-school will produce excellent results in molding the character and shaping the destiny of the youth of our land, both for time and for eternity.

We are pleased, as a conference, with the interest manifested by both preachers and members in Sabbath-school work; also with the increased number of Sabbath-schools and scholars annually reported in our minutes; yet we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God in view of having accomplished so little; and we do here consecrate ourselves anew to this great work, and will pray and labor for greater results in the future.

We refer with pleasure to the inroads which are being made upon the liquor traffic in our land by the Sabbath-school, compelling liquor dealers to declare as their motto at the headquarters of the Brewers' Association, "Down with the Sunday-school": and we believe the final overthrow of this traffic will depend largely upon gathering the eight hundred thousand young men who annually reach the age of voters into the Sabbath-schools and imparting to them proper religious instruction.

We feel like calling the attention of parents to the need of taking a particular personal interest in the children with regard to their relation to the Sunday-school. It is the duty of parents to inculcate into the minds of their children a respect for it as an institution ordained and blessed of God; also to impress on their minds by word and example respect for the teachers and lessons, follow this up by setting apart a time during the week for the children to go over the lesson, and learn new Scripture texts for each Sabbath. When it is possible parents should attend themselves. When that is impossible prayer and precept at home will do much to give the right turn to a child's mind, and create an interest in Sunday-school work. Let the superintendent select those songs which interest the children, and in which they can join. Let all the teachers and officers join in the singing prayerfully. The teachers should make all possible effort to draw the children out to ask questions, and make the lesson a matter of mutual interest.

We recommend that the preachers be more diligent in looking after the Sabbath-school work according to the requirement of Discipline, section 5, pages 76 and 77.

We here earnestly enter our protest against the Sabbath-school Christmas trees and picnics which have become so popular, because of the evils which have been connected with, and would naturally follow, the establishing of such practices among us.

V.—ON QUARTERLY CONFERENCE RECORDS.

OIL CITY DISTRICT RECORD.

1. On page 209 the record does not state whether A. T. Sager was examined or not before being licensed to preach.

2. On page 212, in speaking of the license of Chas. Copeland, the record reads, "After examination was on motion licensed as a local preacher." Should read, "Having passed a satisfactory examination, according to provision of Discipline, was on motion granted license."

BRADFORD DISTRICT RECORD.

1. On page 58, and in several other places, the term "brother" is prefixed to the names of members of the quarterly conference. Should not be used.

2. On page 60, in recording the granting of local preacher's license to A. Smith, the record fails to state whether or not he was examined before he was granted license.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT RECORD.

1. On page 36, referring to action upon the minutes, the term "adopted" is used. Should be "approved."

2. On page 38 the abbreviation "Bro." is prefixed to names of members of the quarterly conference. Should not be used.

3. The minutes of the fourth session are not recorded.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT RECORD.

1. The minutes of the first session read, "On motion the minutes as read were adopted." Should read, "The minutes were read and approved."

2. In the minutes of the second session read, "On motion Bro. C. B. Barrett be invited to an honorary seat in the conference." Should read, "On motion C. B. Barrett was invited to an honorary seat in the conference."

3. The term "ordered" is frequently used where it is unnecessary.

4. The record reads: "On motion adjourned to meet again subject to chairman." Should read, "On motion adjourned subject to the call of the chair."

5. The minutes of the third session, referring to the case of P. W. Fry, do not state whether or not he was examined before receiving local preacher's license.

VI.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

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| Receipts from treasurer..... | \$63 34 | |
| Cash..... | 68 00 | |
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GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Receipts from treasurer..... | \$15 02 | |
| Cash..... | 34 69 | \$49 71 |

AFRICA MISSION.

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| Receipts from treasurer..... | \$1 50 | |
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CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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| Receipts from treasurer..... | \$97 65 | |
| Cash..... | 2 00 | \$99 65 |

CONFERENCE CLAIMS.

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| Cash from last year..... | \$119 09 | |
| Interest on the same..... | 7 14 | |
| By collections this year..... | 60 00 | \$186 23 |
| Total..... | | \$468 48 |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|------------------------|---|
| R. W. Hawkins..... | Olean, Cattaraugus county, New York |
| J. Barnhart..... | Newmansville, Clarion county, Pennsylvania |
| J. S. McGeary..... | Verona, Allegheny " " |
| A. D. Gaines..... | Tionesta, Forest " " |
| W. B. Roupe..... | Bailey Ave., 32nd Ward, Pittsburgh, Allegheny " " |
| S. Sager..... | Whig Hill, Forest " " |
| D. B. Tobey..... | Franklin, Venango " " |
| S. Portman..... | New Castle, Lawrence " " |
| R. H. Bentley..... | Franklin, Venango " " |
| I. Hodgkins..... | Barnes, Warren " " |
| A. Bean..... | Tuna Creek, McKean " " |
| M. B. Miller..... | Franklin, Venango " " |
| O. I. Berlin..... | Penfield, Clearfield " " |
| J. M. Sloan..... | Mansfield Valley, Allegheny " " |
| F. E. Glass..... | Verona, Allegheny " " |
| Chas. Copeland..... | East Sandy, Venango " " |
| M. S. Phetteplace..... | New Castle, Lawrence " " |
| A. C. Showers..... | South Oil City, Venango " " |

LOCAL PREACHERS.

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| Thos. H. Bailey..... | Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania |
| Henry Blews..... | New Castle, Lawrence " " |
| Edward Blews..... | New Castle, Lawrence " " |
| Dr. W. D. Lee..... | Five Points, Mercer " " |
| P. W. Fry..... | Sharpsville, Mercer " " |
| Wm. Baker..... | Sharpsville, Mercer " " |
| John Ashbey..... | Oil City, Venango " " |
| Jas. C. Bowman..... | Clarion, Clarion " " |
| Wm. Richards..... | Balltown, Forest " " |
| L. A. Sager..... | East Hickory, Forest " " |
| W. M. Harry..... | Tidioute, Warren " " |
| A. J. Weaver..... | East Sandy, Venango " " |
| Asa Falkner..... | |
| A. T. Irwin..... | Barnes, Warren " " |
| W. C. Hoover..... | Barnes, Warren " " |
| S. Gardner..... | Emmett, Elk " " |
| Jos. Neeley..... | |
| Samuel Lee..... | Penfield, Clearfield " " |
| A. Smith..... | Beechwood, Cameron " " |
| H. C. Barnes..... | Barnes, Warren " " |
| E. Kolb..... | Freeport, Armstrong " " |

APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT.—J. S. McGEARY, Chairman.

Pittsburgh and Mansfield..... W. B. Houpe
Verona and Mt. Hope..... F. E. Glass
Braddock and Smithton..... To be supplied
Apollo..... To be supplied
J. M. Sloan, left without appointment at his own request.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—J. S. McGEARY, Chairman.

New Castle and Rochester..... S. Portman, M. S. Phetteplace
Mercer..... R. H. Bentley, P. W. Fry, supply
Meadville..... To be supplied

OIL CITY DISTRICT.—R. W. HAWKINS, Chairman.

Oil City..... A. C. Showers
Franklin..... D. B. Tobey
Tionesta..... A. D. Gaines
Hickory..... S. Sager; Wm. Richards supply, one to be supplied
Clarion..... J. C. Bowman, J. Neeley, supplies
J. Barnhart, superannuated.
M. B. Miller, conference evangelist.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—R. W. HAWKINS, Chairman.

Bradford..... A. Bean
Penfield..... O. I. Berlin
Sheffield..... I. Hodgkins, one to be supplied, in charge of chairman
Ridgeway..... A. Smith, supply
Genesee..... W. M. Harry, supply



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH 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 Claims. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | Gen'l Conference Missionary Fund. | Africa Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. |
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| PITTSBURGH DISTRICT. | | J. S. McGeary, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh and Mansfield..... | W. B. Roupe..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Verona and Mt. Hope..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apollo..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bradford and Smithton..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NEW CASTLE DISTRICT. | | J. S. McGeary, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Castle..... | S. Portman..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercer..... | R. H. Bentley..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meadville..... | O. I. Berlin..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OIL CITY DISTRICT. | | R. W. Hawkins, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oil City..... | T. Sager, supply..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Franklin..... | M. B. Miller..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tionesta..... | A. D. Gaines..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weavers..... | I. Hodgkins..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory..... | S. Sager..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BRADFORD DISTRICT. | | R. W. Hawkins, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bradford..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Penfield..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ridgeway..... | A. Bean..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sheffield..... | A. T. Irwin, A. F. Tidd, S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Genesee..... | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total for conference..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Other Missionary Funds, for Verona and Mt. Hope, \$3.39; for Bradford, \$1.22.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held in Albion, New York, September 18-23, 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

W. MANNING, Secretary.

W. T. HOGG, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—W. Manning, J. G. Terrill, A. K. Bacon.

On Missions—Stationing committee.

On Education—D. S. Warner, J. R. Chesbro, J. R. Olmstead.

On Sunday-schools—C. W. Bacon, J. J. Thompson, J. G. Tuxford.

On Church Literature—A. H. Bennett, E. A. Taylor, G. W. Johnston.

On the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—Jonathan Watts, C. C. Eggleston, W. Jones.

On Secret Societies—W. W. Browne, J. O'Regan, J. A. Higley.

On the Observance of the Sabbath—M. T. Marriott, J. Harmon, M. G. Cottrill.

On the State of the Work—Levi Wood, A. A. Burgess, Charles Carey.

On Claims—L. D. Perkins, A. C. Leonard.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Money to Publish the Minutes—Wm. McCormick, N. H. Brown.

On General Superintendents' Salaries—A. K. Bacon.

On General and Foreign Missions—John Robinson, T. S. Slocum, A. G. Mathewson.

On Quarterly Conference Records—H. Hornsby, G. M. Allen.

To Nominate Examiners in the Course of Study for Next Year—The committee on nominations.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary—W. A. Sellaw, C. C. Eggleston.

First Year—D. S. Warner, C. W. Bacon.

Second Year—A. A. Burgess, John Robinson.

Third Year—Levi Wood, J. H. Harmon.

Fourth Year—A. H. Bennett, J. R. Chesbro.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

B. T. Roberts,
W. Manning,
J. Robinson,
W. T. Hogg,
W. B. Puttridge,
L. D. Perkins,
W. A. Sellaw,
E. Worthington,
J. J. Thompson,
L. Barmore,

C. D. Brooks,
M. E. Brown,
A. A. Burgess,
A. H. Bennett,
M. T. Marriott,
W. Jones,
E. A. Taylor,
A. C. Leonard,
D. S. Warner,
E. M. Sandy,

H. Hornsby,
I. C. White,
C. C. Eggleston,
R. S. Phillips,
W. W. Browne,
J. O'Regan,
T. S. Slocum,
W. W. Manning,
G. M. Allen,
A. Beers.

O. O. Bacon,
T. B. Catton,
S. K. J. Chesbro,
J. H. Harmon,
J. R. Chesbro,
G. D. Mark,
J. G. Terrill,
C. W. Bacon,
O. C. Blowers.

DELEGATES.

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| N. H. Brown, | M. S. Draper, | M. C. Burritt, | G. W. Johnston, |
| Seth W. Holden, | M. G. Cottrill, | J. A. Higley, | Ira M. Rose, |
| A. K. Bacon, | John King, | R. Woolston, | Jesse Shoebridge, |
| Edward Acton, | Thomas Allen, | Frank Couen, | P. D. Miller, |
| A. Shearman, | I. Trenkle, | H. Westcott, | A. G. Mathewson, |
| Jonathan Watts, | C. Carey, | Jason Finch, | C. English, |
| J. R. Olmstead, | C. Rothfuss, | Horace Carpenter, | J. G. Tuxford, |
| Martha Aldrich, | Emma Pinkerton, | Levi Gifford, | Oscar Partridge, |
| W. Kirk, | A. L. Sherman, | J. H. Post, | W. W. Warner, |
| Charles Thurber, | Emma Henning. | | |

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, William Manning, W. T. Hogg, R. S. Phillips, Walter A. Sellew, Levi Wood, M. C. Burritt, Ira M. Rose, Jonathan Watts, Charles English, Oscar Partridge.

3. Who are admitted on trial? Noah Palmer, J. F. Franklin, B. L. Grover, Benson H. Roberts.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Alexander Beers.

6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Manning, O. C. Blowers, Le Roy Barmore, Wm. McCormick, E. M. Sandy, Alexander Beers (local deacon).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Charles W. Bacon, David S. Warner, George M. Allen, Edward M. Sandy, Nathaniel H. Brown (local elder).

8. Who have located this year? None.

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

10. Who have been received by transfer? None.

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

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

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

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

16. What is the amount collected for superannuated preachers? For the superintendents? For the general missionary society? For the annual conference missionary fund? For foreign missions? See reports and statistics.

17, 18. (Relating to Sunday-schools.) See statistical reports.

19. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits? See report on conference claims.

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

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York, on the second Wednesday of September, or as near that time as may be consistent with the plan of the superintendents; the first sitting to begin at 2 o'clock p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The thirtieth annual session of the conference was held in Albion, Orleans county, New York, September 18-23, 1889. Rev. G. W. Coleman presided. Seven sittings were held.

Levi Wood was made a conference evangelist.

Rev. Harry Agnew, missionary from Africa, was present, and by vote of the conference he was requested to give a public address in the interest of the mission

work in Africa; which he did on Saturday evening to a large and interesting audience, who manifested their appreciation of the address and mission work by responding to the liberal amount of \$176.80 in collection and subscription. Also the collection of Sabbath morning of \$34.80 was donated for the same purpose, making in all the sum of \$211.18.

A collection of \$11.49 was taken up to re-imburse the secretaries.

On Monday morning a collection of \$10.09 was taken up in favor of J. R. Chesbro, who had incurred some extra expense while at the conference. Also, by collection and subscription, the sum of \$245 was taken up in favor of the Orphanage and Home at Gerry, N. Y.

Sunday morning Alexander Beers was ordained deacon. Sunday afternoon, at the close of the preaching service, C. W. Bacon, D. S. Warner, G. M. Allen and Nathaniel H. Brown were ordained elders.

At his own request William Jones was placed in the list of superannuated preachers.

Prof. B. H. Roberts, on invitation, addressed the conference in the interests of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, during the Saturday afternoon sitting.

The board of trustees of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary having requested the conference to nominate four persons as trustees of the seminary, subject to confirmation by the board, the conference accepted the request, and nominated W. A. Sellew, A. H. Bennett, Jonathan Watts and Peter D. Miller.

Trustees of the Orphanage and Home: Oscar Partridge was elected to fill the vacancy made by the death of Tristram Corliss. The following persons were elected for three years, from the first day of January, 1890: M. C. Burritt, W. A. Sellew, P. D. Miller, Lucius Atwood, Oscar Partridge.

On Friday evening, as per vote of the conference, there was a meeting held in the interest of temperance and the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

It was ordered to publish the Minutes with those of the other conferences.

The conference voted in favor of changing the time of holding the General conference from the second Wednesday in October to the second Wednesday in November.

The following persons were elected as the church extension board for the ensuing year: W. W. Browne, C. C. Eggleston, L. D. Perkins, Oscar Partridge, G. W. Johnston.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats, viz.: Rev. B. P. Clark, of the Illinois conference; Rev. Dr. Osborne, pastor of the Baptist Church in Albion; Rev. J. H. Nichols, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Thomas Carous, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Albion; Rev. J. B. Stacy, of the Susquehanna conference; Rev. G. W. Marcellus, of Albion, a former member of the conference, and now holding a certificate of location given by this body; Prof. B. H. Roberts, principal of A. M. Chesbrough Seminary; Rev. Dr. Cain, pastor of Presbyterian Church in Albion; Rev. E. C. Best, of the Canada conference; Rev. H. W. Fish, of the Susquehanna conference; Rev. Dr. Durham, Congregationalist, Omaha, Nebraska.

Sister Loretta, widow of Rev. A. N. Moore, having secured a pension from the government, wrote the conference relinquishing her claim for the present, and desiring that the \$30 now her due from the conference, be divided as follows: to Sister Oakes, \$20; to Sister Henning, \$10. The money was disposed of as Sister Moore directed.

H. Hornsby was made a committee to apportion the conference collections to the several districts, and publish the same in the FREE METHODIST. It was ordered that the report of the committee be sent to the FREE METHODIST for publication.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the conference love-feast was held, Rev. H. Hornsby having charge.

At 10:30 o'clock President Geo. W. Coleman preached an appropriate and able discourse from Mark 16: 15, 16: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," etc.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. Jonathan Watts preached a sermon of peculiar adaptation and power, from 1 Cor. 3: 21: "For all things are yours."

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. A. H. Bennett preached from 2 Cor. 4: 7: "But we

have this treasure in earthen vessels," etc. The discourse was well suited to the edification of believers.

The pulpits of other churches were supplied as follows: The Baptist by W. T. Hogg in the morning and Harry Agnew in the evening, the Presbyterian by E. A. Taylor in the morning and W. A. Sellew in the evening, the Methodist Episcopal by W. A. Sellew in the morning and D. S. Warner in the evening, the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Eagle Harbor by F. W. Cathey in the morning. The other brethren who preached during the conference were A. C. Leonard, L. Barmore, M. T. Marriott, and Burton Partridge, of the M. E. Church.

The ordination of deacons and the administration of the Lord's Supper followed the morning preaching, and the ordination of elders followed the afternoon preaching, on Sunday.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

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| Amount received in cash..... | \$153 85 |
| Receipts..... | 166 06 |
| Surplus from last year..... | 24 45 |
| Total | 344 36 |
| Amount of assessment..... | 323 80 |
| Surplus..... | \$ 20 56 |

II.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMS.

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| Amount ordered to be raised..... | \$365 00 |
| Amount raised..... | 324 39 |
| Deficiency..... | \$ 40 61 |
| Paid to Sister Mc Alpine..... | \$ 90 00 |
| Paid to Willie Mc Alpine..... | 36 00 |
| Sister Moore's claim, of which she orders paid to Sister Oakes..... | \$ 20 00 |
| " " " " " " " " Sister Henning..... | 10 00 |
| | 30 00 |
| Paid to Sister Buckley..... | 25 00 |
| Paid to Sister Oakes..... | 65 00 |
| Paid to Sister Oakes' three children..... | 108 00 |
| Paid to Randolph Worthington..... | 20 00 |
| Total full claims..... | \$374 00 |
| Amount of assessment..... | 365 00 |
| Your committee recommend the following amount raised next year: | |
| Amount necessary to meet claims..... | \$344 00 |
| Amount of deficiency this year..... | 43 46 |
| Total | \$387 46 |

Also that we order a copy of the Combined Minutes sent to Sister Moore.

III.—ON GENERAL AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Amount of assessment..... | \$161 90 |
| Received in cash..... | \$108 62 |
| Received in receipts..... | 16 26 |
| Total..... | 124 88 |
| Deficiency..... | \$ 37 02 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| Received in cash..... | \$ 12 65 |
| Received in receipts..... | 139 50 |
| Total..... | \$152 15 |
| Cash on hand..... | \$ 12 65 |
| Total for General and Foreign Missions: | |
| Total by receipts..... | \$145 76 |
| Total by cash..... | 121 27 |
| Cash sent to treasurer..... | \$121 27 |

IV.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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| Amount of assessment..... | \$200 00 |
| Amount raised by circuits..... | 170 91 |
| Deficiency..... | \$ 29 09 |
| Paid to R. S. Phillips..... | \$ 50 00 |
| Paid to M. E. Brown..... | 50 00 |
| Paid to J. F. Franklin..... | 40 00 |
| Paid to I. C. White..... | 30 91 |
| | <u>\$170 91</u> |
| Amount ordered to be raised for 1890..... | \$250 00 |
| To Gaines and Kenyonville..... | \$ 50 00 |
| To Brockport and Hulberton circuit..... | 50 00 |
| To Gainesville and Greigsville circuit..... | 25 00 |
| To Wales and Town Line circuit..... | 25 00 |
| To Cattaraugus and Champlin circuit..... | 50 00 |
| | <u>\$250 00</u> |

V.—ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

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| Amount received..... | \$ 40 50 |
| Paid for notices..... | 1 50 |
| Cash on hand..... | \$ 39 00 |
| C. C. Eggleston, secretary of the board. | |

VI.—ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

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| Amount raised..... | \$ 26 80 |
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VII.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education would report as follows:

Education is a generally recognized necessity. The time is long past when ignorance was at a premium and education at a discount. In respect to education, the world is moving on. In every sphere of activity, educated men and women are wanted. The idea prevails, to some extent, that unless one is to enter one of the learned professions, he need not apply himself to the acquirement of an education; and parents, having the same idea, think it unnecessary to give their children proper opportunities for gaining knowledge. Education is essential to the attainment of the highest results in any line of life, and parents cannot afford, in these days of opportunity, to allow their children to regret in after years the want of mental training.

Education, properly considered, consists of two elements: first, the acquirement of knowledge; secondly, discipline. It is not enough that the mind be filled with knowledge; there must also be the training of the mind. A great part of a true education consists in training the mind to gather, discriminate and arrange facts, placing them in their proper relation. It consists in drawing out the mind to independent thought and investigation.

Education, in the true sense of the word, does not puff up; and as in the present instance we have to do particularly with moral in connection with mental discipline, this joined with spiritual religion removes the tendencies to self-exaltation. A sanctified education is of inestimable value, and no opportunity should be lost to our children for its attainment. Youth is the proper time in which to secure an education. Youth is also the best time to lay the foundation for, and secure, a thorough Christian experience. Join these, and a treasure is in possession. But if the mental training in youth be neglected, even though the individual be saved in later life, at what a disadvantage does he labor in any special work to which he may be called!

Study should by no means end with graduation from any institution of learning, or with the completion of a course of study—even conference studies. We should shrink from drifting into a state of mental stagnation through a lack of proper application; and we would remind ourselves, as ministers, of the duty to give close attention to study. This gives freshness, and enlargement of view, and is opposed to narrowness and bigotry.

It is a source of satisfaction to us as a church, that we have among us schools, whose chief object is to furnish the means of obtaining an education joined with moral discipline; schools where thorough instruction is imparted, and at the same time the principles and experience of spiritual religion are clearly set forth. In other schools, while thorough training is afforded, it is joined with worldliness and vanity. In our schools the salvation of those in attendance is earnestly sought, and this in no way hinders the highest results of mental training from being realized, but rather conduces to those results.

While we appreciate the value of these schools, it is quite evident that we do not value them as we should. We commend them to all as being worthy of their patronage, and we especially urge our people as far as possible to place their children in these schools.

We recommend that a more earnest spirit of prayer prevail for the prosperity of these

institutions; believing that the prayer offered in faith shall be answered, and that those offering the petitions shall be led to do something toward answering their own prayers.

VIII.—ON PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The committee on the prohibition of the liquor traffic report as follows:

The committee do not deem it necessary to descant on the evils of the liquor traffic. They are known to all. The traffic is "evil, only evil, and that continually." This is the universal verdict, and the wonder is that its continuance should be permitted, and this is intensified by the fact that it is legalized and protected by the government. This evil has grown to alarming proportions, and power, and will, if not met speedily and overthrown, ruin church and state, and bring in the reign of anarchy and death.

All attempts to regulate it by legal enactments have been as might have been anticipated, utterly futile. It is not the province of law to regulate crime, much less to authorize and protect it. God's law is prohibition of all crime, always and under all circumstances, and all human law should be in harmony with the divine law.

The law-making power in this free land, thanks to Divine Providence, is in the hands of the people, and this terrible traffic exists by the will of the people, and it can exist in no other way. When they shall decree its death, it dies, not by bullets—by ballots. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided repeatedly, and with emphasis, that the people have a right to vote the traffic out of existence. The possession of this right makes it the duty, in the judgment of your committee, of every good citizen, every philanthropist and every Christian, to deposit his ballot at all times for the extermination of this greatest of all crimes against God and humanity. We conclude our brief report with a quotation from our excellent Discipline: "Let every man of God break away from the trammels of party, and never knowingly give his vote or influence to elect any man to office to legalize the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. As Christians we are bound to do all we can to prohibit by law this nefarious traffic."

Resolved. That we re-affirm our allegiance to the Prohibition party, and pledge our support by our influence, and means, and votes.

IX.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools submit the following report:

In view of the small increase of membership reported in our Sabbath-schools, it becomes necessary to give all the aid possible to deepen and encourage the interest of our people in the Sabbath-school. In order to this, we should select superintendents and teachers who enjoy full salvation, and as far as possible are members of our church. The manner of teaching should be such as would attract and hold the attention of the young. To the accomplishment of this, the teachers should be plain and simple in their instructions. We read: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The teachers should study the lessons thoroughly, with helps, for they cannot impart to others what they do not know themselves.

The young should not be permitted to leave the Sabbath-school simply because a negligent teacher has failed to prepare his lesson, and on that account is unable to make it clear and interesting to them.

Therefore, we urge all our preachers and members to a more careful attention in the matter of Sunday-school work, and the training of the young.

Resolved. That we, the members of the Free Methodist Church and conference, do all we can to increase interest in the Sunday-school: (1) by being regular attendants, and urging upon all, both old and young, to follow our example; (2) by the use of our own church literature, published by Rev. T. B. Arnold.

X.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Secret societies are a curse to this or any other nation. They are conceived by the evil one, and born in secret, to breed anarchy and rebellion; and the strikes which are so common in this nineteenth century, are their legitimate offspring, causing destitution and discontent in this land of plenty. They induce and aid riots, and protect the assassin when he takes the life of a "Morgan" or a "Cronin," if they come within the reach of their "cable tow."

The Saviour, while here upon earth, said, "In secret have I said nothing." If men wish us to recognize them as Christians they must lay aside their so-called "ancient rites and mysteries," and step out into the clear light of God's revealed truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," but many love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. Secretism is silently weaving its web around the rising generation, and our young men are being drawn into its terrible maelstrom, oftentimes because of the preferment given members of secret societies in the filling of many of the prominent offices and positions in our nation. This should cause us to arouse ourselves to intense and earnest action in their behalf, endeavoring to save them from becoming worshipers of Baal, the sun god.

We are more fully convinced than ever, that we cannot knowingly extend the right hand of fellowship to those who are "adhering members" of many of the secret orders of our land, believing as we do that they are antichrist in both spirit and practice; but we

will be true to our convictions, and let our light shine, and do all we can consistently in circulating such literature as will in our judgment assist the masses to see the true character of this gigantic evil, which already threatens to overthrow and destroy our civil government, and despoil our homes. There can be no union between Christ and a Christless lodge; for "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" We may meet with opposition, and even persecution; but, brethren, let us be true to God, and to our fellow men.

XI.—ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath": therefore, the proper observance of this holy commandment leads to man's highest good, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. Man's physical being needs rest, not only the rest obtained by sleep at night, but also one day out of seven in which no unnecessary labor should be performed, giving him rest in body. Man's mental powers need rest. The constant strain of business on the mind of man tends to insanity. Man must have rest mentally, or wreck and ruin are the result. But the main object of the Sabbath was for man's moral and spiritual culture. While men ought to worship God every day in the year, the Sabbath especially ought to be spent in meditation and prayer; also in reading the Scriptures and attending public worship. The prosperity of our nation, and of our civil and religious liberty, depends largely on the proper observance of our Christian Sabbath. The enemies of our holy religion in every age have acknowledged that there is no hope of destroying the Christian religion, as long as the Christian Sabbath is acknowledged by civil law, and kept as a sacred day. And may it not be truthfully said, there is no hope of preserving religion in any community where the Sabbath is not observed?

Resolved, That this body esteems that every blow aimed to destroy the Christian Sabbath is a blow aimed at our civil and religious institutions, and in favor of infidelity and anarchism.

Resolved, That we regard the Sunday newspaper, Sunday mail and train excursions, picnics, and taking of gate fee on the Sabbath at a religious or temperance camp meeting, Sunday ball playing, Sunday saloons, and all kindred practices, as so many sources to corrupt the morals and destroy our public good.

Resolved, That we regard Sunday cheese making as a very dangerous local source of Sabbath desecration, and therefore should be discouraged by all Christian people.

Resolved, That we will do all that we can to educate the public conscience in regard to the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath, and against any encouragement in our midst of the Mosaic or Jewish Sabbath.

XII.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

While our country is being flooded with literature that is corrupting and injurious in its influence, it is important that we keep our homes and Sunday-schools well protected from all reading matter that is not of a sound and wholesome character. We have reason to be grateful to God that as a church we are provided with publications that are so well adapted to supply the mental and spiritual wants of all our people. The *Free Methodist*, under its present management, meets the requirements of a church paper, and should be read and sustained by every member of our church; and we earnestly recommend our people to discourage the circulation among us of any irresponsible publication which has a tendency to produce schism and divide our work. The *Earnest Christian* retains its long established reputation as a promoter and defender of uncompromising Bible truth. Its circulation should be increased. We heartily endorse the Sunday-school helps and papers published by Brother L. B. Arnold; also the "Life of Dr. J. W. Redfield," by Rev. J. G. Terrill, which should be purchased and read by all our people.

XIII.—RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF TRISTRAM CORLISS.

W. T. Hogg and H. Hornsby presented the following preamble and resolutions respecting Brother Tristram Corliss, of Pendleton, N. Y., one of the foremost laymen of our conference, who died of paralysis, September 3, 1889. On motion they were adopted.

WHEREAS, it has pleased our heavenly Father to call from the scene of his earthly labors and relationships, our beloved brother, Tristram Corliss, one of the charter members of the Free Methodist Church in Western New York, one of the most intelligent, devoted, godly and useful laymen within the bounds of our conference, and who was frequently a delegate to the annual sessions of this body, and twice a delegate from this body to the General conference. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, as a body, we deeply mourn the departure of our brother from among us, and feel that in his death we have lost a most valuable helper in the Lord's work, a true and faithful brother, whose spotless and transparent Christian character we will ever hold in sacred remembrance and endeavor to imitate, and a man whose influence on the side of truth and righteousness the world could ill afford to lose.

Resolved, 2. That we tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed brother, and request the president of the conference to lead us in commending them, and all who are bereaved by this visitation of divine providence, to God in prayer.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our departed brother, by the secretaries.

APPOINTMENTS.

GENESEE DISTRICT.--A. H. BENNETT, Chairman.

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| Rochester..... | E. A. Taylor |
| Parma and Chili..... | E. C. Best, supply; J. R. Chesbro |
| Brockport and Hulburton..... | R. S. Phillips |
| Sweden..... | A. A. Burgess |
| Kendall..... | W. W. Browne |
| Albion..... | A. H. Bennett |
| Gaines and Kenyonville..... | W. Manning |

B. H. Roberts, principal of A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, and member of Genesee district quarterly conference.

S. K. J. Chesbro, Agent of Free Methodist Publishing House, and member of Genesee district quarterly conference.

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

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| Buffalo (Virginia St.)..... | W. T. Hogg |
| Buffalo (Clinton Ave.).. | F. W. Cathey, supply |
| Tonawanda..... | B. P. Clark, supply |
| Suspension Bridge.... | A. C. Leonard |
| Ransomville..... | G. D. Mark |
| Lockport and Pendleton..... | Wm. McCormick |
| Newfane..... | Noah Palmer |
| Wilson..... | To be supplied |
| Akron and Indian Falls..... | J. F. Franklin |
| Wales and Town Line.... | O. C. Blowers |
| West Falls and Colden..... | To be supplied |

WYOMING DISTRICT.—D. S. WARNER, Chairman.

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| Perry and Burke Hill..... | D. S. Warner |
| Greigsville, Gainesville and Eagle..... | L. D. Perkins |
| Bethany, Batavia and Alexander..... | C. W. Bacon |
| Johnsborough and Union Corners..... | M. T. Marriott |

ALLEGANY DISTRICT.—W. A. SELLEW, Chairman.

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| Allegany..... | W. A. Sellaw |
| East Otto and Springville..... | G. M. Allen |
| Cattaraugus, New Albion and Champlin..... | J. J. Thompson |
| Belmont and Stanard's Corners..... | Frank Ballard, supply |
| Bolivar and Pikeville..... | E. M. Sandy |
| Rushford and Rockville..... | T. S. Slocum |
| Elton, Yorkshire and Sandusky..... | To be supplied |
| Franklinville..... | Jonathan Watts |
| Gowanda and Collins..... | C. C. Eggleston |

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT.—O. O. BACON, Chairman.

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| Fredonia..... | Olive Tefft Steele, supply |
| Dunkirk, Forestville, Perrysburg and Irving..... | Le Roy Barmore; one to be supplied |
| Salamanca..... | John Robinson |
| Randolph, Red House and Cold Spring..... | B. L. Grover |
| Ellington..... | To be supplied |
| Leon and Pine Valley..... | To be supplied |
| Jamestown..... | John O'Regan |
| Gerry..... | John H. Harmon, O. O. Bacon |

Superannuated: T. B. Catton, member of the Wyoming district quarterly conference; H. Hornsby, member of the Genesee district quarterly conference; R. Worthington and W. Jones, members of the Chautauqua district quarterly conference.

Left without appointments at their own request: C. D. Brooks, member of the Genesee district quarterly conference; A. Beers, member of the Genesee district quarterly conference; W. B. Pattridge, member of the Wyoming district quarterly conference; W. W. Manning and M. E. Brown, members of the Allegany district quarterly conference.

J. G. Terrill, with a view to being transferred to the Susquehanna conference.

I. C. White, left without appointment; member of the Chautauqua district quarterly conference.

Levi Wood, conference evangelist; member of the Chautauqua district quarterly conference.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Officers, Teachers. | Scholars. | Prescholars' Receipts. | Superannuated Claims. | General Superintendents' Collection. | Conference Missionary Collection. | General Missionary Fund. | Foreign Missionary Fund. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Church Extension Fund. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parsonage Property. | |
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| GENESEE DISTRICT. | William Manning, Oh'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester..... | 47 | 18 | 65 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 61 | \$207 00 | \$10 57 | \$9 15 | \$5 58 | \$4 52 | | \$39 14 | \$4 00 | | | | | | | | | | \$7000 | \$2500 | |
| Parma and Chili..... | 149 | 2 | 151 | 5 | 5 | 50 | 200 | 900 00 | 35 08 | 32 77 | 19 22 | 6 40 | ..... | 83 00 | 8 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13400 | ..... |  |
| Brockport..... | 23 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 128 33 | 5 76 | 5 27 | 3 10 | 2 50 | ..... | 10 43 | 1 75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1500 | ..... |  |
| Kendall and Hulburton..... | 79 | 19 | 98 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 195 | 668 55 | 22 32 | 19 07 | 11 78 | 9 53 | ..... | 62 77 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5600 | 1400 | |
| Sweden..... | 90 | 1 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 93 | 390 00 | 9 40 | 8 08 | 4 96 | 4 02 | ..... | 16 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2500 | 400 | |
| Albion..... | 132 | 5 | 137 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 130 | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 133 99 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8000 | 1000 | |
| Gaines and Kenyonville..... | 50 | 3 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 50 | 175 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8000 | 600 | |
| BUFFALO DISTRICT. | Wilson T. Hogg, Oh'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buffalo, Virginia street..... | 39 | 14 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 41 | 650 00 | 7 68 | 6 40 | 3 84 | 3 10 | ..... | 34 62 | 3 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10000 | ..... |  |
| Buffalo, Clinton avenue..... | 52 | 10 | 62 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 160 | 446 38 | 11 76 | 9 80 | 5 08 | 4 90 | ..... | 110 59 | 2 33 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3300 | ..... |  |
| Tonawanda..... | 40 | 2 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 40 | 415 00 | 9 60 | 8 00 | 4 80 | 4 00 | ..... | 25 32 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3500 | 1500 | |
| Ruspensin Bridge..... | 8 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 50 | 140 93 | 2 16 | 1 80 | 7 5 | 90 | ..... | 16 55 | 7 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | ..... |  |
| Ransomville..... | 40 | 1 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 100 | 325 00 | 10 00 | 8 40 | 5 00 | 2 31 | ..... | 18 77 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2500 | 1000 | |
| Lockport and Pendleton..... | 55 | 8 | 63 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 81 | 325 00 | 9 38 | 11 60 | 6 36 | 2 66 | ..... | 39 40 | 1 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9000 | 2000 | |
| Newfane and Wilson..... | 48 | 2 | 50 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 71 | 264 62 | 11 56 | 9 60 | 5 56 | 4 80 | ..... | 14 88 | 1 43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3000 | ..... |  |
| Akron and Indian Falls..... | 31 | 5 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 35 | 200 50 | 7 68 | 6 40 | 3 18 | 3 20 | ..... | 21 00 | 1 05 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3000 | ..... |  |
| Wales and Town Line..... | 24 | 2 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 186 50 | 5 76 | 4 80 | 2 88 | 2 40 | ..... | 6 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | ..... |  |
| WYOMING DISTRICT. | R. Selkirk Phillips, Oh'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perry and Burke Hill..... | 39 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 431 67 | 7 20 | 6 00 | 3 60 | 3 00 | ..... | 12 56 | 2 83 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 1200 | |
| Greenville..... | 16 | ..... | 16 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 25 | 4 38 | 1 57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 | ..... |  |
| Beulah, Batavia, etc..... | 28 | 9 | 37 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 270 00 | 8 40 | 7 00 | 4 20 | 3 50 | ..... | 27 26 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1150 | ..... |  |
| Johnsburg, Gainesville, etc. | 63 | 4 | 67 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 70 | 324 05 | 9 90 | 11 16 | 5 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4000 | 500 | |
| West Falls and Colden..... | 28 | 5 | 33 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 135 | 152 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 2 56 | 2 00 | ..... | 24 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1800 | ..... |  |
| ALLEGANY DISTRICT. | Walter A. Sellow, Oh'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegheny..... | 78 | 13 | 91 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 55 | 359 88 | 14 00 | 10 61 | 8 85 | 6 07 | ..... | 22 00 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4000 | 1000 | |
| East Otto and Springville..... | 35 | ..... | 35 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 65 | 278 29 | 7 60 | 6 80 | 3 20 | 3 20 | ..... | 19 32 | 2 52 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | ..... |  |
| Oataraugus, New Albion, etc. | 36 | 3 | 39 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 81 00 | 5 10 | 6 10 | 3 10 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | 2 85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2200 | ..... |  |
| Belmont and Steward's C..... | 25 | 2 | 27 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 126 87 | 2 94 | 4 20 | 4 20 | 1 26 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 | 550 | |
| Bolivar and Pikeville..... | 11 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 225 00 | 1 80 | 1 15 | 1 00 | 1 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 | ..... |  |
| Elton, York-hire, Sandusky..... | 45 | 15 | 60 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 72 | 286 00 | 10 08 | 8 40 | 5 43 | 4 60 | ..... | 18 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 575 | |
| Franklinville..... | 27 | 3 | 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 276 55 | 7 20 | 6 70 | 3 22 | 3 00 | ..... | 2 50 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 1000 | |
| Gowanda and Collins..... | 70 | 4 | 74 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 100 | 525 00 | 16 00 | 14 00 | 7 00 | 6 00 | ..... | 23 78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7000 | 1000 | |
| Rushford and Rockville..... | 49 | 4 | 53 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 50 | 375 00 | 12 48 | 9 88 | 2 04 | 2 45 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 | 500 | |
| CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT. | Levi Wood, Traveling Oh'n. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunkirk and Fredonia..... | 56 | 15 | 71 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 105 | 544 50 | 11 27 | 9 80 | 5 88 | 4 90 | ..... | 36 08 | 3 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5000 | 500 | |
| Salamanca..... | 33 | 6 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 50 | 212 00 | 3 14 | 6 00 | 3 60 | ..... | ..... | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3000 | ..... |  |
| Randolph, Red House, Cold S..... | 28 | 9 | 37 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 60 | 131 89 | 5 15 | 4 20 | 2 52 | 2 01 | ..... | 7 56 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Leon and Pine Valley..... | 40 | 2 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 45 | 100 00 | 7 00 | 6 00 | 4 00 | 3 75 | ..... | 10 00 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1600 | ..... |  |
| Jamestown..... | 29 | 4 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 375 00 | 7 13 | 6 20 | 3 72 | 2 99 | ..... | 14 65 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | 1200 | |
| Gerry..... | 40 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 54 | 355 49 | 10 80 | 9 40 | 5 64 | 2 10 | ..... | 28 29 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 | ..... |  |
| Ellington..... | 18 | 1 | 19 | 2 | | | | 119 16 | 1 67 | 2 80 | 1 68 | 1 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for conference..... | 1645 | 208 | 1848 | 39 | 52 | 412 | \$325 | \$11611 81 | \$205 82 | \$234 87 | \$165 80 | \$111 63 | | \$930 46 | \$40 91 | | | | | | | | | | | \$139650 | \$22925 |

*O. O. Bacon left Rochester last May to take charge of the Orphanage and Home at Gerry. A. Beers supplied Rochester the remainder of the year, and received the amount stated in this report. *S. E. Mathews was removed from Akron charge, and W. McCormick appointed a supply. *J. H. Jones resigned his circuit, having been lost; and the secretary has not been able to get a duplicate of them. *W. W. Manning, through ill health, resigned his circuit, and John Robinson supplied it during the year. *Ellington was taken from Gerry and Ellington circuit, and J. A. Adams was appointed a supply. No reports from the following circuits: Murray, A. A. Burgess, pastor; Olatondon, W. Manning, pastor; Forestville, Perryburg and Irving, S. Witmer, supply.

COLORADO CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Denver, Colorado, October 2-5, 1889.

OFFICERS.

B. T. ROBERTS, President.

G. A. LOOMIS, Secretary.

J. F. GARRETT, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, J. F. Garrett, C. W. Stamp.

On State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, C. W. Stamp, C. Vogler, Brother Wood.

On Publications—J. B. Roberts, Victor Roth, W. W. Hulet.

On Publishing the Minutes—G. A. Loomis.

On Collecting Funds for Publishing the Minutes—James Seals.

On Secret Societies—G. W. Wheelon, C. Vogler, M. Fraker.

On Sunday-schools—F. Duboise, J. I. Council, W. W. Dickson.

On Quarterly Conference Records—L. J. Johnson, Victor Roth.

To Nominate Examiners in Course of Study—B. T. Roberts, C. W. Stamp, J. F. Garrett.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—J. B. Roberts, W. T. Warren.

First Year—Victor Roth.

Second Year—W. W. Hulet.

Third Year—J. F. Garrett.

Fourth Year—C. W. Stamp.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

J. F. Garrett,
G. A. Loomis,
W. T. Warren,

T. H. Vipond,
Victor Roth,
G. W. Wheelon,

C. W. Stamp,
J. I. Council,
W. W. Hulet,

J. B. Roberts,
James Seals,
W. W. Dickson.

DELEGATES.

F. Alred,
Marion Fraker,

C. Vogler,
F. Duboise,

Mrs. H. M. Steffa,
Brother Wood,

L. J. Johnson,
Brother Higgins.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. T. Roberts, J. F. Garrett, C. W. Stamp, C. Vogler, L. J. Johnson.

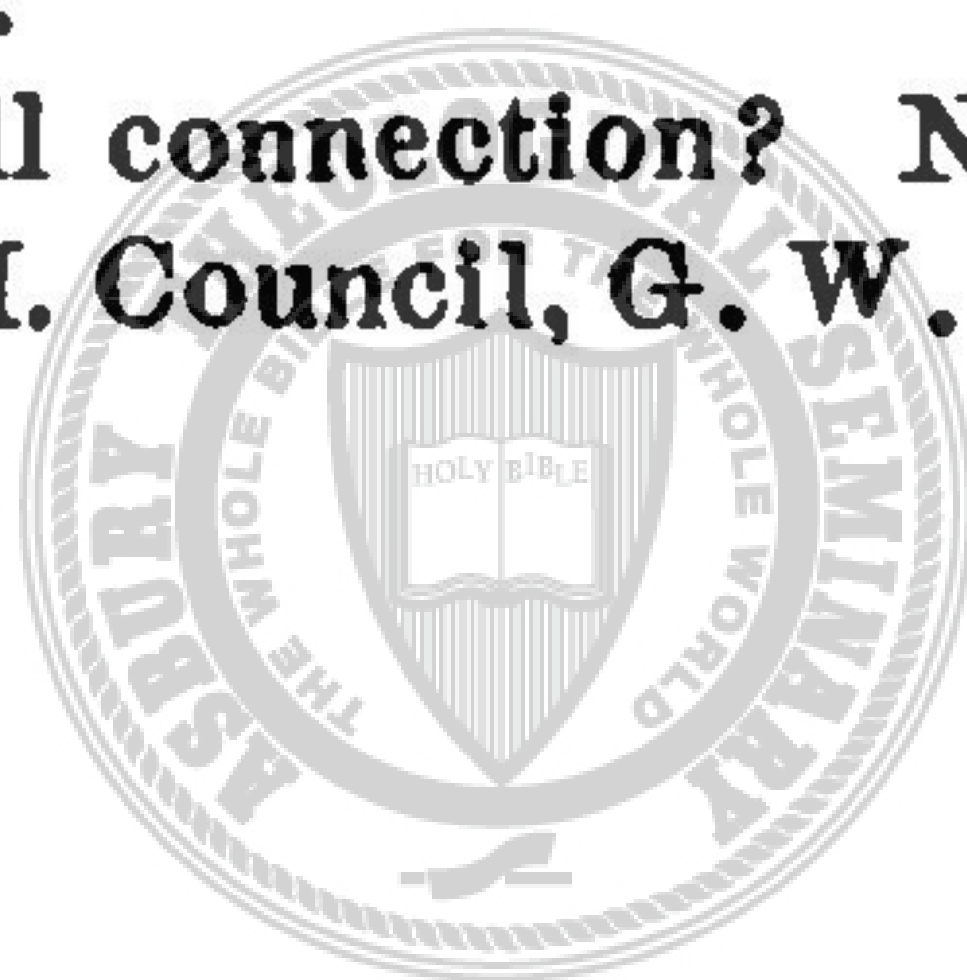
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? James Higgins, J. M. Johnson.

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

6. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

7. Who are the deacons? J. I. Council, G. W. Wheelon, W. W. Dickson.



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

9. Where and when shall our next session of conference be held? At Canon City, Colorado, beginning Wednesday, about September 25, 1890.

10. Who have been admitted by transfer? G. W. Wheelon, from California conference; W. W. Dickson, from New York conference; W. T. Warren, from Iowa conference; James Seals and W. W. Hulet, from West Kansas conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The fourth annual session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Denver, Colorado, October 2-5. Five sittings were held, one each day at 9:30 a. m., except the first and fifth.

Collections were ordered taken as follows: Home missions, first quarter; general missions, second quarter; church extension, third quarter; general superintendents', fourth quarter; expenses of delegates to General conference, fourth quarter.

The conference elected two traveling chairmen.

At the close of the afternoon service on Sabbath, Victor Roth was ordained elder.

A vote of thanks was tendered the wives of the preachers for their faithful service in their home duties and work of the Lord.

A vote of thanks was tendered Brother J. F. Garrett for his labor in finding places of entertainment for the conference, and a vote of thanks was tendered the friends of the conference for their entertainment.

A vote of thanks was tendered Superintendent B. T. Roberts for the efficient manner in which he presided at our conference.

The conference requested the General Mission Board to grant a missionary appropriation of five dollars per month each for the Ray and Thurman circuit, and for Falcon and Mayfield circuit.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee desire to submit the following:

In view of the fact that the nominal churches have manifestly failed in their duty to care for one another and the needy, and as self-preservation seems to be the paramount law of nature, the enemy of all righteousness has taken advantage of these things, and filled our broad earth with secret and oath-bound societies, in pretense of mutual protection and support of the widow and orphan, to the thralldom of the will and damnation of the soul. Hence, we believe hell to be the originator and the nominal churches indirectly to be the instigators of the soul-destroying institutions of secrecy. We believe secret societies to be a formidable and deadly foe to Christianity, that they have broken the backbone and sapped the marrow of the church, and licked up her life's blood; and that they are the great cesspool of the adversary into which the great herd of civilized and uncivilized humanity is heedlessly plunging. In view of the fact that the eyes of men are blinded by the god of this world, they see nothing but good to themselves and families in the lodge. Hence, the more difficult it is to turn their feet from the enchanting way to the path of life. We consider these engulfed souls, over whom a bleeding Christ weeps, of great value; and they need to be taken from the jaws of the monster. In order to this we need divine wisdom, love and guidance, and yet a holy boldness that will not fear or shrink to meet the charming serpent and timely strike with Heaven's might the needed blow. We heartily endorse the stand our church takes against all secret orders, placing the sword at the very threshold of our walls to sever from our communion Christless intruders; and recommend our people in the pulpit and with pen to ventilate and expose the conspiracy and corruption of secrecy, in order to the salvation of the yet un-hoodwinked and un-cabletowed, as we stand true to God and our principles. May the benediction of Jehovah rest upon us and make us a power in the land. Amen.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on the state of the work respectfully submit the following:

We feel grateful to God for the blessings both temporal and spiritual bestowed upon us as a conference another year. None of our members have been called away by death. The Lord has mercifully spared our lives to meet in annual conference once more. A spirit of brotherly love prevails. The work of the Lord is being revived among us. Souls are being saved and believers sanctified. New fields of labor are opening before us; and there is greater need of wholly consecrated men and women baptized with the Spirit, to step into these open doors and break to hungry souls the bread of life. To this end we need, as a people, more of the spirit of aggressiveness; a going out in the regions beyond; thus carrying the true light to those who still sit in the regions and shadow of death. Hence, the importance of our obedience to the divine command, "Arise and shine for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." This is no time to settle down upon our lees, the King's business demands haste. Time is short, and what we do must be done quickly. So let us renew our covenant with the Lord to be more diligent in the future; and look to him for that wisdom which is from above, that our zeal may be according to knowledge. We also need to conform more fully to the requirements of the Discipline with reference to the financial affairs of the church,—in taking up the different collections ordered by conference from time to time, and the manner in which the preacher's salary is to be raised. There is altogether too much looseness among us in these things. Let us keep our covenant vows; and the pleasure of the Lord will prosper in our hands. Let brotherly love continue.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

"Give attendance to reading," are the words of holy writ, binding on every Christian. Ignorance has never been the mother of devotion, although so stated by a powerful ecclesiastical hierarchy.

The printing press has been pre-empted for God. The first book struck from that primitive press at Meptz by Gutenberg and Faust, was the Bible; and ever since the press has been a powerful disseminator of religious knowledge. Convinced of this fact, we would urge upon our people attendance upon reading. What shall we read, seeing the country is flooded with secular and religious literature? is the question. Read such books and publications, such literature, as is calculated to further you on your way to Heaven, and establish you in those principles of righteousness and true holiness set forth in the word of God,—our Discipline and our denominational publications. To this end we would advise our people to rally around our Publishing House by subscribing for the organ of our church, the *Free Methodist*, and other periodicals, which can be heartily recommended to every lover of the Lord Jesus, seeking after God and pure and undefiled religion.

The *Earnest Christian* is a monthly magazine devoted to the spread of scriptural holiness, edited by Rev. B. T. Roberts. Upon those in charge of Sunday-schools we would urge the adoption of our denominational Sunday-school supplies, published by T. B. Arnold, Chicago, Ill., as being free from that objectionable matter so commonly found now in the Sunday-school literature of the day. We would also state that a liberal and judicious distribution of tracts exposing popular sins and follies, and insisting on vital godliness, will tend to advance the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and set us as a distinct people right before the masses.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We believe the Sabbath-school to be one of the important parts of the work of the Lord. Consequently we as a church should do all we can to encourage our people and also outsiders to congregate in the capacity of a Sunday-school, and as far as we can have them under control of our church. The Lord says in his word, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Church of Rome says if she has the child to educate from two to eight years of age she will risk the chance of him changing his faith after that. Hence, we feel keenly the necessity of our doing all that lies in our power with the help of the Lord, even through the Sabbath-school, to bring the children to a saving knowledge of the blessed Christ in their youth. Therefore,

Resolved, That we would recommend our own literature as published by T. B. Arnold, of Chicago, Illinois.

V.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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| Home missions..... | \$18 45 |
| General missions..... | 14 35 |
| Church extension..... | 10 11 |
| Africa mission..... | 15 67 |
| General superintendents'..... | 22 70 |
| For publishing Minutes..... | 10 15 |
| For Sunday-schools..... | 47 92 |
| For incidentals..... | 88 58 |
| Total..... | \$227 93 |

APPOINTMENTS.

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

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| Denver..... | To be supplied |
| Divide..... | J. I. Council |
| Buffalo and Turkey Creek..... | W. W. Hulet |
| Cotorado Springs..... | James Seals |
| Manitou Park..... | W. W. Dickson |
| Falcon and Mayfield..... | W. T. Warren |
| Imperial..... | M. V. Callaway, supply |
| Ray and Thurman..... | James Higgins |

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.—C. W. STAMP, Chairman.

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| Fountain and Pinon..... | J. B. Roberts |
| Canon City and Currant Creek..... | G. W. Wheelon |
| Pueblo and Nepesta..... | H. A. Crouch, supply |
| Howard, Palmer and Salida..... | Victor Roth |
| Hillside, Brush Creek and Texas Creek..... | To be supplied |
| Oak Creek and Cotopaxi..... | J. M. Johnson |
| Springfield and Horse Creek..... | J. J. Bauser, supply |
| Vilas and Minneapolis | Wm. A. Arnold, supply |
| Beaver Creek and Hardscrabble..... | G. A. Loomis |
| Trinidad and Spanish Peaks..... | To be supplied |
| Delta and Grand Junction..... | To be supplied |
| San Louis Valley..... | To be supplied |
| T. H. Vipond, evangelist. | |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| J. F. Garrett..... | 320 So. Water St., Denver, Colorado |
| W. W. Dickson..... | Manitou Park, “ |
| H. A. Crouch..... | Fountain City, “ |
| J. I. Council..... | Table Rock, “ |
| James Higgins..... | ..... |
| G. W. Wheelon..... | Canon City, Colorado |
| C. W. Stamp..... | ..... |
| J. B. Roberts..... | Fountain City, “ |
| G. A. Loomis..... | Box 624, Colorado Springs, “ |
| T. H. Vipond..... | Hillside, “ |
| Victor Roth..... | Howard, “ |
| J. J. Bauser..... | Springfield, “ |
| Wm. A. Arnold..... | Vilas, “ |
| James Seals..... | Colorado Springs, “ |
| W. T. Warren..... | ..... |
| W. W. Hulet..... | ..... |



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO 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. | | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | | Home Missionary Collection. | | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | | Africa Mission- ary Fund. | | Amount Raised for Sunday- schools. | | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | | Church Exten- sion. | | Value of Church Property. | | Value of Parson- age Property. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Boyden, Sioux Co., Iowa, October 9-13, 1889.



OFFICERS.

E. P. HART, President.

W. N. COFFEE, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, W. S. Chamberlain, J. B. Freeland.

On the State of the Work—J. B. Freeland, G. C. Coffee, C. V. Hughes.

On Publications—W. S. Chamberlain, C. H. Sage.

On Education—G. C. Coffee, David McLeod, N. E. Perry.

On Sabbath-schools—C. H. Sage, N. E. Perry, W. B. Baldwin.

On Reforms—J. K. Freeland, J. S. Phillips, Rufus Earl.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—G. C. Coffee, David McLeod, N. E. Perry.

On Publishing the Minutes—W. N. Coffee.

To Collect Money for the Minutes—David McLeod.

To Receive General Conference Missionary Funds—N. E. Perry.

To Receive General Superintendents' Collection—N. E. Perry.

To Receive Money for Church Extension and Aid Society—H. L. Torsey.

On Missions—G. C. Coffee, D. W. Cook.

Tent Committee—W. S. Chamberlain, J. B. Freeland, A. W. Hayes, C. H. Sage.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary—J. K. Freeland.

First Year—C. H. Sage, D. W. Cook.

Second Year—J. B. Freeland, D. Fear.

Third Year—David McLeod, J. S. Phillips.

Fourth Year—W. S. Chamberlain.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

G. C. Coffee,
J. B. Freeland,
J. S. Phillips,

W. S. Chamberlain,
J. K. Freeland,
C. H. Sage.

D. W. Cook,
F. W. Moon,
David Fear,
David McLeod,

DELEGATES.

C. V. Hughes,
N. E. Perry.

W. N. Coffee,
Alice Krebs,

Rufus Earl,
Uiba Thompson,

W. B. Baldwin,
Carrie L. Coffee.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. S. Chamberlain, J. B. Freeland, N. E. Perry, W. B. Baldwin.

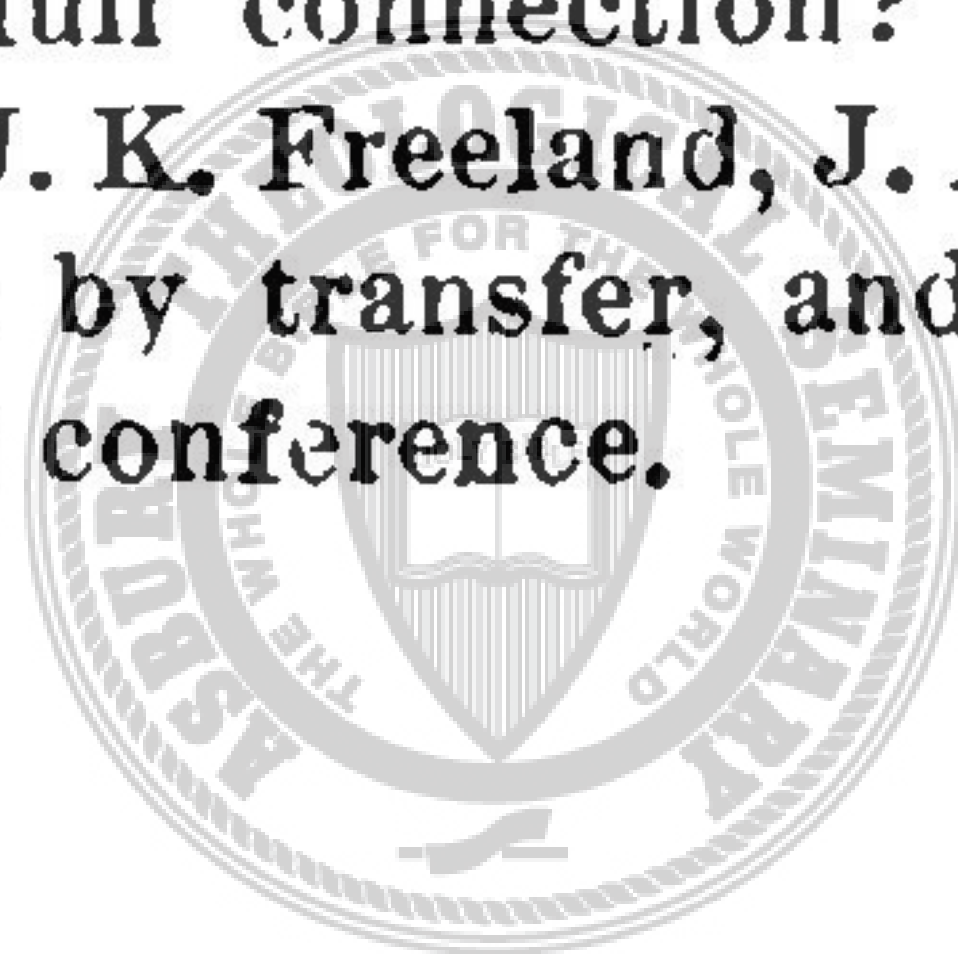
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. A. Somerville, W. N. Coffee.

4. Who remain on trial? H. L. Torsey.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. K. Freeland, J. A. Somerville.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. H. Reed, from the North Minnesota conference.



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

15-21. See table of statistics.

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

Questions 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 were answered in the negative.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Sioux Falls, as near the middle of September next as is consistent with the general superintendents' plans.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The conference held this session at Boyden, Sioux Co., Iowa, in the Free Methodist and United Presbyterian churches.

Five sittings were held.

Religious services were conducted afternoons and evenings of each day, with three services on the Sabbath.

Rev. J. C. Long of the Iowa conference, Rev. O. H. Antone of the West Iowa conference, Rev. Mrs. Alice Van Auken of the Minnesota and North Iowa conference, and Rev. Mr. Dunlap of the United Presbyterian Church of Boyden, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

It was deemed best by the conference to have the work supplied by one chairman this year instead of two, as formerly.

W. S. Chamberlain, J. B. Freeland and M. D. Lewis were re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the Wessington Springs Seminary.

Brother J. S. Phillips was granted a certificate of good standing in the conference.

The report on publications was calculated to harmonize the general interests of the church and to discourage independent enterprises among us.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with characteristic ability at the various sittings, and preached with marked clearness and force, and in the demonstration and power of the Spirit.

Considered as a whole, this session of conference was profitable to all.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON EDUCATION.

A good education is much to be desired. Solomon says: "With all thy getting get understanding." "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."

Without a thorough education one is poorly fitted to meet the responsibilities of this life. This has always been true, but more especially is it so in our day. And while we thank God for our common school system, we are devoutly thankful for the good providence of God which has given us our seminaries of learning; and we take this opportunity to express our warmest sympathy for and good-will toward the A. M. Chesbrough, Spring Arbor, Evansville and Neosho Rapids Seminaries; and especially do we sympathize with the Orleans College in this time of her financial embarrassment, and hope and trust that in the near future the college may be relieved of her great burden. We would be glad if we could express our sympathy in a more substantial way.

By God's help we have been enabled to establish a school within the bounds of our own conference—the Wessington Springs Seminary. This school is yet in its infancy, and needs our united efforts, prayers and financial aid, to the extent of our ability. We are thankful to God for the degree of success already attained in establishing this school and carrying forward the work of erecting so fine a building as Wessington Springs seminary, —a building 40x60 feet, with stone basement ten feet high in the clear, with two stories and a Mansard roof, four stories in all. The building is a heavy frame structure, veneered with brick, the value of which is about \$6,000. The school thus far has had a liberal patronage. Ninety-nine students were enrolled last year, and in this fall term there are fifty-two. The school has the hearty sympathy and good-will of the town and country where it is located. The religious interest and influence has been good from the start, and a goodly number of the students have been converted to God.

We believe our schools should be real nurseries of Free Methodism in all its simplicity. The officers and teachers should see to it that in the devotional exercises in these places the forms and attitudes commonly observed by us be regarded, and the forms and man-

nerisms of the popular churches around us carefully avoided; and to the end that the Wessington Springs Seminary may be a success in educating the young, and at the same time throwing around them the safeguards of our holy religion, we pledge it our hearty co-operation.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school work is one of the most important branches of our church, and should be made a specialty by the preachers and laity. We should go at it with untiring, persistent effort. Not a stone should be left unturned. The devil is after our children from the cradle to the grave, and we should head him off by every possible means. We should plant in their hearts very early, good, solid Bible teachings. All of their literature should be calculated to create an appetite for the right; and how can we better do it than by supporting good, thorough, spiritual Sunday-schools, whenever we can gather the children together? We shall have to use all the time, means and influence that we can command. All the members of our church should see that their children are at the school in time, and go with them. If they cannot teach they should go into the Bible class, and by their example encourage their children to attend,—and not only their own, but help gather up all they can from the highways and hedges, and help them to the school; and then should supply them with good reading, and good teachers to interest them. While we do not believe in picnics, festivals, Christmas trees, and such like entertainments, we should substitute something better. When we get sufficiently interested ourselves, we shall be able to interest others and help push the battle on. When we fail to be sufficiently interested to prompt us to action in such a cause as this, we fail to fill our mission as Christians and are culpable before God.

We highly recommend the Sabbath-school literature and helps published by T. B. Arnold, and consider them safe both for teachers and scholars. They should be carefully read and studied at home by teachers, parents and scholars: they will prove a source of great profit to all.

III.—ON MISSIONS.

We have reason to be thankful for the good degree of the missionary spirit that prevails in our conference. Superintendent E. P. Hart says the spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit; hence, the greater the measure of the spirit of Christ, the greater our missionary zeal; and if our zeal be well guided, we cannot have too much. We have in the great State of South Dakota abundant fields for missionary labor; and as we look out over the vast prairies of our State, dotted all over with towns, cities and farms, we can truly say, the harvest is great but the laborers are few; and we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his vineyard. Our conference is a missionary conference; our work is missionary work. God give us, preachers and people, a greater measure of the missionary spirit.

We have been assisted in our work during the past year by the general missionary board to the amount of \$180; and we heartily express our thanks for the same, and ask that in view of the fact of the great drought the past season, which has brought desolation and want to so many of our people, the general missionary board give us the same amount as last year.

We take this occasion to express our approbation of the wise and judicious manner in which the various funds intrusted to our general missionary board have been expended. The foreign missionary work has our warmest sympathy, and shall ever have our prayers and our assistance as God may help us. We heartily approve of the efforts and general management of our general missionary board in planting and sustaining missions in foreign lands. At the same time we wish to express our disapprobation of self-constituted or independent missions, projected by private individuals without the authority of the church. The Lord save us from a spirit of insubordination and self-seeking, to the confusion and disruption of the church of Christ.

The conference has raised for missions the past year:

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| For general missions..... | \$30 99 |
| For foreign missions..... | 3 35 |
| For home missions..... | 4 55 |
| Total..... | \$38 89 |

IV.—ON REFORMS.

Reform is the correction of abuses which have crept into man's social, national, financial, political, intellectual or moral conditions. The cause of all abuses is sin. The true reforming element is the power of God. The preservation of a republican form of government, and the religious, civil, political and social liberty it guarantees, is all-important. Only a corrupt and unsafe state of affairs could exist if it were overthrown or controlled by any of the great immoral powers seeking so to do.

What are these threatening influences? Monopoly and moneyed tyranny, anarchy, secretism, Mormonism, Roman Catholicism, Sabbath desecration, and liquorism. These, each in its way, are striving to destroy or enslave the American nation. The true church of God ought to be in the front rank as reformers on all these lines; and it is only on these lines that true and far-reaching reform can be prosecuted.

While we as a branch of the church of God stand with a solid front against all these foes of right, yet we believe it the part of wisdom to concentrate our forces against that one which is being most boldly assaulted by other champions of right. Since the one now in the forefront is liquorism, we pledge ourselves to preach, pray, talk, act and vote with unflagging energy, to the end that the clauses stating that "No person or corporation shall manufacture or aid in the manufacture for sale of any intoxicating liquor. No person shall sell or keep for sale as a beverage any intoxicating liquor," in the constitutions of Iowa and the "Twin Dakotas," may be thoroughly enforced, and this foe be utterly annihilated in State and nation.

While thus engaged we should not so far forget the great reform accomplished in the abolition of slavery and the enfranchisement of the colored people that we drop a word or cast a vote where it would endanger the permanency of these results of past struggles. We realize that an attained reform lost is a greater victory for Satan than an attempted one defeated. We dare not cease to guard what we already possess in our eagerness to gain greater things. Likewise a needless stirring up of sectional prejudice is to be avoided and deplored. One means of guarding and attaining reforms we believe to be the cultivation of a spirit of patriotism, by keeping before the minds of old and young the value and cost of these civil and religious institutions which characterize us as an American people, and the all-important fact that God is author of them all.

Further, we pledge ourselves to support the equal suffrage movement, it being the next vital issue to be presented to the people of South Dakota for their decision.

V.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

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| Amount assessed..... | \$51 20 |
| Amount collected..... | \$54 49 |
| Amount of surplus..... | 3 29 |
| | ————— \$51 20 |

VI.—ON MISSIONARY MONEYS.
GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

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| Amount assessed..... | \$25 60 |
| Amount collected..... | \$26 00 |
| Amount of surplus..... | 40 |
| | ————— \$25 60 |

AFRICA MISSIONS.

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| Raised for Harry Agnew..... | \$26 75 |
| Raised for general fund..... | 1 60 |
| Total..... | ————— \$28 35 |

INDIA MISSIONS.

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| Amount collected..... | \$ 1 75 |
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HOME MISSIONS.

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| Amount collected..... | \$ 4 55 |
| Ordered paid to D. Fear..... | 4 55 |

VII.—ON MINUTES.

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| Raised for printing minutes..... | \$15 20 |
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APPOINTMENTS.

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.—C. H. SAGE, Chairman.

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| Sioux Falls..... | W. S. Chamberlain |
| Hull and Boyden..... | David McLeod |
| Parker and Grand Meadow..... | G. C. Coffee |
| Swan Lake..... | D. W. Cook |

MITCHELL DISTRICT.—C. H. SAGE, Chairman.

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| Mitchell and Mt. Vernon..... | J. S. Phillips |
| Parkston and Clear Dale..... | J. A. Somerville |
| Edgerton..... | H. L. Torsey |
| Olivet..... | W. N. Coffee |
| Artesian City..... | To be supplied |

NORTHWEST DISTRICT.—C. H. SAGE, Chairman.

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| Wessington Springs..... | J. K. Freeland |
| Fauston, Sweetland and Kimball..... | David Fear |
| Faulk and Potter counties..... | I. N. Worcester, supply |

J. B. Freeland, conference evangelist and financial agent of Wessington Springs Seminary; member of Northwest district quarterly conference.

F. W. Moon, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Sioux Falls district quarterly conference.

J. K. Freeland, principal Wessington Springs Seminary.

A. H. Reed, left without an appointment at his own request; member of Northwest district quarterly conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | MEMBERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PROBATIONERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | L. PREACHERS, ETC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OFFICERS, TEACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SCHOLARS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PREACHERS' RECEIPTS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CHAIRMEN'S RECEIPTS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT'S COLLECTION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | HOME MISSIONARY COLLECTION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | GENERAL CONF. MISSIONARY FUND. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AFRICA MISSIONARY FUND. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AMOUNT RAISED FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | INCIDENTAL EXPENSE COLLECTION. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VALUE OF PARSON-AGE PROPERTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID FUND. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| MITCHELL DISTRICT. | †J. B. Freeland, Ch'n. | 43 | 4 | 47 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 70 | 309 17 | 83 13 | 9 00 | 1 00 | 9 00 | 1 00 | 15 00 | | 1249 85 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Olivet..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NORTHWEST DISTRICT. | J. B. Freeland, Ch'n. | 13 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | | 10 32 | 1 20 | | 1 10 | | 6 00 | | | | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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*Received from general missionary board, \$90. †Received from general missionary board, \$90; also, from miscellaneous sources, \$23.60. ‡Raised for Harry Agnew. Raised on Other Missionary Funds: At Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, Parkston and Providence, \$1.00; Olivet, \$.75. Raised on Tent Fund: At Mitchell, etc., \$1.80.

CANADA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session of the General Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of Ontario in Canada, held at Ridgeway, Welland Co., Ont.,
Oct. 2-5, 1889.

OFFICERS.

G. W. COLEMAN, President.

JAMES CRAIG, Secretary.

W. C. WALLS, Asst. Sec'y.

W. C. WALLS, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—A. Sims, E. C. Best, G. W. Coleman.

On Quarterly Conference Records—J. Craig, E. C. Best.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Appointing Examiners in Course of Study—G. W. Coleman.

On Publications—J. Craig, A. Sims, W. C. Walls, J. Norris.

On Reforms—E. C. Best, J. H. Winter, A. Sims, H. Mellor.

On State of the Work—W. C. Walls, J. Craig, A. Sims, R. Loveless, R. Stewart.

On Observance of the Sabbath—A. Sims, W. McKearnin, J. Norris.

On Collecting Funds to Publish Minutes—J. H. Winter.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—A. H. Norrington.

First Year—W. C. Walls.

Second Year—J. Craig.

Third Year—A. Sims.

Fourth Year—J. Craig.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—For the Toronto and Muskoka districts: J. Craig, J. Norris; for the Hamilton and London districts: A. Sims, G. B. Teal.

On Establishing a School—J. Craig, H. Mellor, A. Sims, G. A. Prior, R. Loveless, J. Norris, W. C. Walls, T. S. Moorhouse, G. B. Teal.

Board of Church Extension—A. Sims, president; W. C. Walls, secretary; J. Craig, treasurer; Robt. Loveless, R. Stewart.

On Fund for Worn-out and Sick Evangelists—The committees on home missions and W. C. Walls, treasurer of conference.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR 1890.

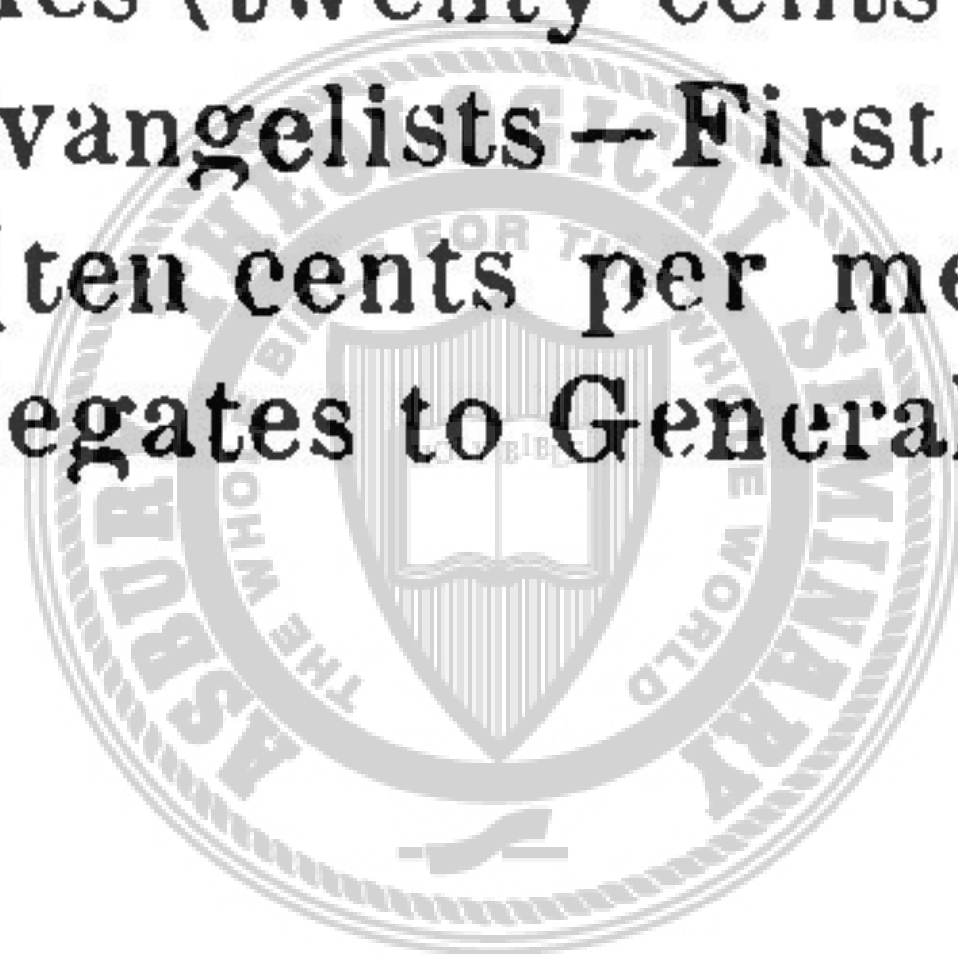
On Reforms—G. A. Prior.

On Publications—A. Sims.

On State of the Work—J. Craig.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.

General Superintendents' Salaries (twenty cents per member) and Fund for the Benefit of Worn-out and Sick Evangelists—First quarter. Home Missions—Second quarter. General Missions (ten cents per member) and Church Extension—Third quarter. Expenses of Delegates to General Conference—Fourth quarter.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

James Craig,
Wesley C. Walls,
A. H. Norrington.

Albert Sims,
Edwin C. Best,

Wm. McKearnin,
John W. Jacobs,

James H. Winter,
George A. Prior,

DELEGATES.

Eliza Free,
Robt. Loveless,
Ella C. Smith,
Harmon Bush,

Rufus Stewart,
Daniel Huber,
Henry Mellor,
George B. Teal.

James Rusk,
Pauline Jones,
Thomas J. Luck,

Alfred E. Ward,
John Norris,
Anne Hibbard,

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, J. Craig, A. Sims, J. Norris, H. Mellor.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Austin Allguire.

4. Who remain on trial? J. Bretz, W. R. Pattison, Richard Burnham.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? George A. Prior.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Winter, Wm. McKearnin, George A. Prior.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. H. Norrington.

10. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. H. Norrington, a deacon from the West Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. A. Prosser has united with the Christian Church.

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

15, 16, 17 and 18. See reports and statistics.

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

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Uxbridge, Ont.; not earlier than September 16, 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The tenth annual session of the Canada conference was held in the Free Methodist church in the village of Ridgeway, Ont., Oct. 2-5, 1889.

General Superintendent G. W. Coleman was with us as president of the conference for the first time. The conference gave him a rising vote of thanks for the "kind and efficient manner in which he presided."

There were five sittings of conference.

This was, perhaps, the most harmonious and spiritual session of conference we ever had in Canada.

A new circuit and three new societies were reported as having been organized the last year. A parsonage has been purchased at Uxbridge for the use of the chairman of the Toronto and Muskoka districts. This is the first parsonage bought in the conference.

A memorial service was held Saturday afternoon for the late Miss Martha Stonehouse, who had been an evangelist in the conference for about six years. She passed away in holy triumph to her heavenly home from Stouffville, Ont., January 16, 1889. She was a graduate of the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, Ont., and an accomplished and effective laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. She bequeathed by will \$1,000 to the Canada conference for school purposes, and also \$400 to the general missionary board to establish a mission in Africa.

J. Craig and A. Sims were appointed a fraternal delegation to the next annual session of the Canada conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Rev. Geo. A. Prior was received into the conference in full connection, and elected to deacon's orders. R  v. A. H. Norrington was received by transfer from the West Kansas conference, and elected to elder's orders. They were both ordained on Sabbath.

Austin Allguire was admitted to conference on trial.

The following ministers were introduced to conference and invited to an honorary seat: W. T. Hogg of the Genesee conference, A. D. Gaines and R. W. Hawkins of the Pittsburgh conference, F. W. Cathey of Oregon and Washington conference, G. Harry Agnew of the Inhambane Mission, S. E. Africa; and Revs. Samuel Wilson, pastor of the Methodist Church in Ridgeway, and Mr. Backus of the United Brethren Church.

Brother Agnew held a missionary meeting on Saturday night, at which there were over \$200 raised in cash and subscriptions for our mission work in Africa.

The Methodist and United Brethren church pulpits in Ridgeway and vicinity were filled by conference appointment on the Sabbath, by request of the pastors of these churches.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

| | |
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| Amount of assessment, 1889..... | \$101.60 |
| Amount forwarded to treasurer | \$77.31 |
| Amount of surplus from last year | 6.91 |
| Amount paid to Superintendent Coleman | 24.06 |
| | ————— |
| | \$108.28 |
| Surplus..... | \$6.68 |

II.—ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Assessment, 1889 | \$50.80 |
| Amount forwarded to treasurer..... | \$37.65 |
| Amount received at conference..... | 15.57 |
| | ————— |
| | \$53.12 |
| Surplus..... | \$2.32 |

III.—ON FUND FOR WORN-OUT AND SICK EVANGELISTS.

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| Amount of collections received by conference treasurer..... | \$37.93 |
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IV.—ON AFRICA MISSIONS.

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| Amount forwarded to treasurer..... | \$1.00 |
| Amount received at conference by H. Agnew | 52.00 |
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| | \$53.00 |

V.—ON INDIA MISSION.

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| Amount forwarded to treasurer | \$1.10 |
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VI.—ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
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| Balance on hand from the year 1887-1888 | \$16.20 |
| Gananoque circuit..... | .70 |
| Severn Bridge “ | 3.25 |
| Crown Hill “ | 2.48 |
| Ellesmere “ | 10.70 |
| Belhaven “ | 10.10 |
| Uxbridge “ | 5.30 |
| Trent Bridge “ | 3.58 |
| Bracebridge “ | 4.80 |
| From general missionary board, per S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer | 48.00 |
| | ————— |
| | \$105.11 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Miss Martha Page | \$2.00 | |
| Revs. B. P. Clark and A. H. Norrington..... | 35.00 | |
| Rev. A. H. Norrington..... | 20.00 | |
| Miss Matilda Sipprell..... | 5.00 | |
| Miss Jemima Macklin..... | 2.00 | |
| | | <u>\$64.00</u> |
| Balance on hand | | \$41.11 |

HAMILTON AND LONDON DISTRICTS.

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance on hand from last year | \$17.89 | |
| From general missionary board, per S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer..... | 51.75 | |
| Middlemiss circuit..... | 5.09 | |
| Kelvin " | 4.66 | |
| Florence and Dresden circuit..... | 4.00 | |
| Hannon circuit | 3.93 | |
| Brantford " | 3.37 | |
| Ridgeway " | 2.00 | |
| St. Catharines and Niagara Falls circuit..... | 2.00 | |
| Walsingham circuit. | 1.90 | |
| Galt circuit..... | 1.10 | |
| | | <u>\$97.69</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Andrew Elsom | \$10.00 | |
| J. H. Winter..... | 5.00 | |
| W. R. Pattison | 4.20 | |
| L. J. Warren..... | 2.55 | |
| Lizzie Green | 2.55 | |
| Mrs. T. S. Hutton..... | .60 | |
| Postage and registration..... | .30 | |
| | | <u>\$25.20</u> |
| Balance on hand..... | | \$72.49 |

APPOINTMENTS.

TORONTO DISTRICT.—JAMES CRAIG, Chairman.

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| Lansdowne | To be supplied |
| Verona and Petworth..... | A. H. Norrington, one to be supplied |
| Trent Bridge and Healey's Falls..... | Matilda Sipprell and Maggie Crittenden, supplies |
| Uxbridge | Nancy Schantz, supply |
| Armadale and Stouffville | Kate H. Booth, one to be supplied |
| Belhaven and Mt. A b-rt | W. C. Walls |

MUSKOKA DISTRICT.—JAMES CRAIG, Chairman.

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| Crown Hill..... | Olive Diller and Martha Page, supplies |
| Severn Bridge and Barkway..... | Austin Alligaire |
| Bracebridge, Baysville and Huntsville | R. Burnham, one to be supplied |

HAMILTON DISTRICT.—ALBERT SIMS, Chairman.

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| St. Catharines and Niagara Falls..... | To be supplied |
| Ridgeway and Fort Erie..... | Joseph Bretz |
| Hannon | Wm. McKearnin |
| Galt, Waterloo and Sheffield..... | J. H. Winter |
| Brantford..... | Mary Taylor, one to be supplied |
| Walsingham..... | G. A. Prior |
| Otterville and Ebenezer | David Burkholder, supply |
| Kelvin | G. A. Gordanier, supply |

LONDON DISTRICT.—ALBERT SIMS, Chairman.

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| Middlemiss and Southwold | To be supplied |
| Shetland and Dresden..... | Laura J. Warren, one to be supplied |
| Thedford and Jericho | W. R. Pattison |
| Sombra | To be supplied |
| J. W. Jacobs, left without an appointment at his own request; member of the quarterly conference of the London district. | |
| E. C. Best, allowed to supply the Parma and Chili circuit, Genesee conference. | |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
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| James Craig | Uxbridge, Ontario |
| Albert Sims | Otterville, " |
| Wm. McKearnin | St. Catharines, " |
| J. H. Winter..... | Galt, " |
| W. C. Walls | Belhaven, " |
| E. C. Best..... | North Chili, N. Y. |
| J. W. Jacobs..... | St. Thomas, Ontario |
| G. A. Prior | Walsingham Centre, " |
| A. H. Norrington..... | Verona, " |
| W. R. Pattison | Thedford, " |
| Joseph Bretz | Ridgeway, " |
| Richard Burnham | Bracebridge, " |
| Austin Allguire..... | Severn Bridge, " |
| Geo. A. Gordanier | Kelvin, " |
| David Burkholder..... | Tilsonburg, " |

EVANGELISTS.

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| Miss Jerusha Hagle,..... | Galt, " |
| Miss Nancy Schantz,..... | Uxbridge, " |
| Miss Matilda Sipprell..... | Trent Bridge, " |
| Miss Kate H. Booth..... | Armada, " |
| Olive Diller | Crown Hill, " |
| Mrs. Mary Taylor..... | Brantford, " |
| Mrs. Laura J. Warren..... | Dresden, " |



STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CANADA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | | PREACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | Members. | Probationers. | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Sunday-schools. | Officers, Teach'rs. | Scholars. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Evangelists' Re- ceipts. | Worn-out and Sick Evangelists' Fund. | General Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Home Missionary Collection. | General Confer- ence Missionary Fund. | Other Missionary Funds. | Amount Raised for Sunday-schools. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parson- age Property. | | | |
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| TORONTO DISTRICT. | | James Craig, Ch'n. | 6 | 14 | 32 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 65 | \$482 24 | \$57 98 | \$65 00 | \$ 55 | \$2 20 | \$ 70 | \$ 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lansdowne | A. H. Norrington..... | 18 | 14 | 32 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 65 | 75 00 | 26 16 | \$65 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Verona and Petworth..... | O. Diller and M. Page..... | 14 | 5 | 19 | | | | | | | 35 07 | 160 69 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 3 58 | 1 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trent Bridge and H. Falls..... | Kate H. Booth..... | 37 | 14 | 51 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 60 | | | 49 83 | 136 82 | 2 56 | 3 10 | 5 05 | 2 55 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uxbridge | W. C. Walls & M. Sipprell | 26 | 6 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 297 61 | | 40 83 | 27 40 | 4 74 | 6 40 | 10 70 | 5 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armada and Stouffville..... | Nancy Schantz | 74 | 9 | 83 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 48 | | | 79 27 | 256 00 | 4 44 | 15 00 | 10 15 | 7 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belhaven and Mt. Albert.. | James Craig, Ch'n. | 30 | 2 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 111 05 | | 36 14 | | 2 20 | 6 20 | 2 48 | 3 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MUSKOKA DISTRICT. | | James Prosser..... | 26 | 5 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 141 80 | 22 34 | | 1 30 | 3 00 | 2 70 | 1 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crown Hill | Hector Gibbs | 38 | 9 | 42 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 129 52 | 35 84 | | 3 34 | 5 40 | 4 80 | 2 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Severn Bridge & Barkway | Richard Burnham..... | 33 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 40 00 | 16 36 | | | | 1 05 | | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bracebridge & Baysville.. | Austin Allguire..... | 14 | 3 | | | | | | 357 73 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huntsville | Albert Sims, Ch'n. | 24 | 6 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 78 | 185 52 | 33 20 | 1 90 | 2 30 | 2 90 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 3 71 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| St. Catharines & N. Falls. | E. C. Best..... | 22 | 11 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 191 35 | 39 26 | | | 4 00 | 3 93 | 2 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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*India Mission. †Parsonage for the chairman of the Toronto and Muskoka districts.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session, held at Ennis, Texas, October 16-19, 1889.

OFFICERS.

J. CRIPPS, President. H. V. HASLAM, Secretary. GEO. MCCULLOCH, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—J. Cripps, Geo. McCulloch, H. V. Haslam.

On Publications—J. H. Padgett, M. L. Lancaster.

On Reforms—Geo. McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. Hill.

On State of the Work—Geo. McCulloch, H. V. Haslam.

On Publishing Minutes—H. V. Haslam, W. Parker.

On Collecting Funds to Publish Minutes—H. A. Hanson.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—H. V. Haslam.

On Appointing Examiners in Course of Study—J. Cripps, Geo. McCulloch.

On Collecting General Superintendents' Funds—T. G. McDow, Lydia Arnold.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary Course—R. A. Thompson, R. L. Averill.

First Year—H. A. Hanson, M. L. Lancaster.

Second Year—W. Parker, H. V. Haslam.

Third Year—J. A. Biggs, H. A. Hanson.

Fourth Year—Geo. McCulloch, H. V. Haslam.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

Geo. McCulloch,
R. A. Thompson,

Warren Parker,
J. Cripps,

H. A. Hanson,
R. L. Averill,

H. V. Haslam,
A. F. Ferris.

DELEGATES.

W. Hill,
J. H. McCoy,

Lydia Arnold,
Harriet Thompson.

J. H. Padgett,

T. G. McDow,

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. Cripps, Geo. McCulloch, H. V. Haslam, J. H. Padgett, J. H. McCoy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. T. Fontaine, C. M. Brown.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. F. Ferris, R. L. Averill.

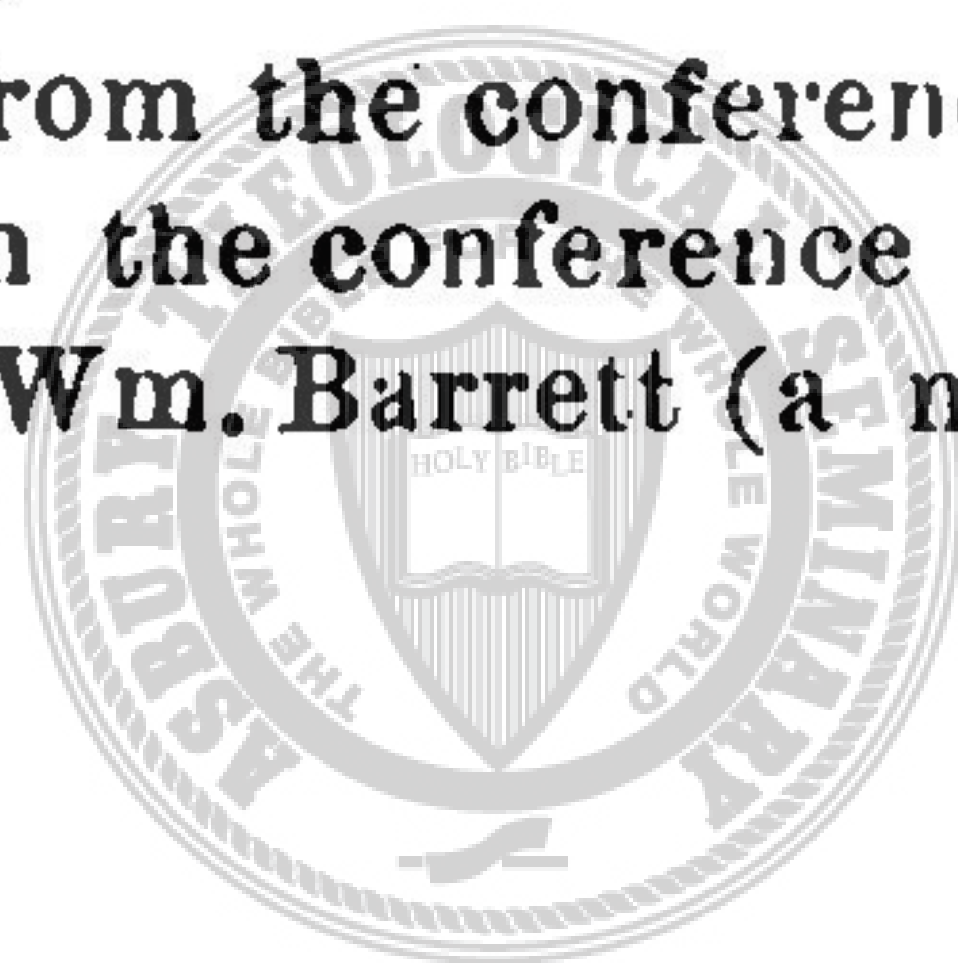
6. Who are the deacons? R. A. Thompson, R. L. Averill, J. T. Fontaine, M. L. Lancaster.

7, 8, 9. None.

10. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. Cripps, from the West Kansas conference.

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

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. Cripps, by transfer to the Louisiana conference; Wm. Barrett (a member on trial), by transfer to



the Colorado conference. W. T. McDonald, having left the church, was dropped from the traveling connection on trial. R. L. Harris and J. A. Cummings (members on trial) were dropped at their own request.

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

14. Who have died this year? None.

15. What is the number of church members? See statistics.

16, 17, 18. See statistics.

22. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At San Antonio, about the first of November, 1890.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Five sittings of the conference were held.

Superintendent B. T. Roberts not being present, Rev. J. Cripps was duly elected president of the conference, and presided with much ability and judgment.

The spirit of the conference throughout was blessed and sweet; and a spirit of subordination was manifest as a ruling feature of every member of the conference. Praise the Lord!

The religious services were times of gracious instruction and deep spiritual profit to every heart.

The powerful, heart-searching sermons, by the president and others, made a lasting impression on many hearts,—especially the Sunday morning sermon by J. Cripps, which was an epitome of the spirit and essence of Free Methodism and Bible salvation.

A conference missionary society of five members was organized, which also was constituted a conference church extension and aid society. The following are the names of the members: Geo. McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, J. H. McCoy, J. H. Padgett, J. B. Catron. The officers are as follows: Geo. McCulloch, president; J. H. McCoy, secretary; J. B. Catron, treasurer.

Warren Parker and J. A. Biggs were elected to fill vacancies in the conference board of trustees for the term of three years. The following now constitute said board: Geo. McCulloch (president), H. V. Haslam (secretary), J. B. Catron (treasurer), E. A. Kimball, Henry Rose, W. Parker, J. A. Biggs.

The board, in reporting business done during the year, reported having purchased a property in Lawrence, Kaufman Co., of four acres of land with buildings on it suitable for seminary purposes, to-wit, a substantial frame house of eleven rooms, plastered and well-finished throughout and in very good repair, very suitable for a boarding department; a smaller building of two rooms, suitable for school purposes but needing some repairs and finishing and fitting up within; two good cisterns, other out buildings, and two acres fenced in,—the whole costing \$840 and now valued at about \$2,000. Steps are being made to get things in readiness to commence the first term of school by the first Monday in December. H. V. Haslam was elected principal and J. H. McCoy assistant principal.

On Sunday afternoon M. L. Lancaster was ordained deacon.

A vote of thanks was tendered the people of Ennis for so hospitably entertaining the conference.

A collection of \$2.60 was taken on the conference floor for the secretary.

On Sunday a collection of \$10.40 was taken for J. Cripps.

Rev. J. A. Biggs, of the Louisiana conference, was present and was invited to an honorary seat in the conference.

A collection of \$.50 per member in full connection was ordered to be taken this year for home missionary purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.

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| Amount of assessment..... | \$27 40 |
| By cash received at conference..... | 27 40 |

II.—ON FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

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| Amount raised at conference..... | \$5 00 |
| Amount to our credit at Publishing House..... | 12 45 |
| Total..... | \$17 45 |

III.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

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| Cash on hand Oct. 20, 1888..... | \$11 08 |
| Interest at 7 per cent. per annum..... | 77 |
| Cash received at conference..... | 8 50 |
| Total..... | \$20 35 |

GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| Amount of assessment..... | \$13 70 |
| By receipt from S. K. J. Chesbro..... | \$7 50 |
| By cash received at conference..... | 6 20 |
| By cash paid for money orders and postage..... | 25 |
| | \$13 95 |

HOME MISSIONS.

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| Raised on Lawrence district..... | \$8 95 |
| Raised on Ennis district..... | 12 20 |
| | \$21 15 |
| Disbursed as follows: | |
| R. A. Thompson..... | \$ 5 00 |
| Money order and postage..... | 10 |
| Geo. McCulloch..... | 3 85 |
| H. V. Haslam..... | 12 20 |
| | \$21 15 |

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Ever since the invention of the printing press, it has been used and owned of God as one of the greatest factors in the evangelization of the world. It has carried the message of salvation to thousands of minds and hearts, and has broken the bread of life to famishing souls in the dark corners of the earth; and multitudes in Heaven to-day owe their salvation to its instrumentality. The devil has taken advantage of it and made it one of the greatest promoters of evil in the world, darkening the minds of millions and fortifying them against the truths of the Gospel. The moral tone of the secular press is greatly to be deplored. The sale of trashy novels is almost, if not altogether, as great a crime as that of intoxicating liquors. One of the greatest works of the church in the world is to redeem the printing press out of the hands of the devil and put it to work for God.

We recommend that all the traveling preachers organize tract societies on their respective charges, and that they see that each family is supplied with Methodist literature, both doctrinal and biographical; and that earnest efforts be made to put the *Free Methodist*, our general organ, in every family in the connection.

We also recommend the *Earnest Christian* as the best periodical for use in pioneer work.

We recommend that the price of the *Free Methodist* be reduced to \$1.00 per year.

We recommend also a conference library from which preachers can borrow books when they have not the money to purchase them.

Resolved, That we disapprove of the general tone of the *Vanguard* toward our general mission board and its apparent disloyalty to our church.

V.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms are more than ever convinced of the fact that every movement of a reformatory nature has a just claim to our indorsement and co-operation while disconnected with other movements which may be of an objectionable character.

We are opposed to anything the tendency of which is to obscure the light of the Gospel or dim the eye of the soul; and since we have many times committed ourselves on the subject of oath-bound secret societies and their destructive influence, the use of tobacco, and of ardent spirits as a beverage, and believe in the prohibition of the same;

Resolved, That we plight our eternal allegiance to both the anti-secrecy and prohibition reforms, and pledge ourselves, both severally and collectively, to sustain no man for public office who will directly or indirectly use his influence for the propagation or establishment of the secret society or saloon.

Since each of our individual members is awfully responsible for the use of all means which God may place in their hands as stewards of his goods and agents in his work; and that the best possible use of the same is absolutely necessary for the establishment and sustenance of his cause; and since eternal consequences result from small, unnoticed causes, we call the especial attention of our members, both lay and ministerial, at home and abroad, to the vast sums expended daily and annually on tea, coffee, etc., and ask, Is not this intemperance, or at least an unnecessary waste of means? If so, in the name of God and for his glory, let us break the habit, cease the practice, and be temperate in all things.

APPOINTMENTS.

ENNIS DISTRICT.—GEO. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

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| Ennis and Waxahachie..... | R. L. Averill |
| Corsicana and Wortham..... | To be supplied |
| Kosse and White Rock..... | To be supplied |
| San Antonio..... | R. A. Thompson |
| Rockdale and Hutto..... | To be supplied |
| Whitney Mission..... | To be supplied |
| Warren Parker, conference missionary; member of Ennis district quarterly conference. | |

LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—GEO. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

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| Lawrence, High Point and Terrell..... | H. V. Haslam |
| Riley and Seagoville..... | To be supplied |
| Dallas..... | J. A. Biggs, supply |
| Owlet Green and Starville..... | J. T. Fontaine |
| H. A. Hanson, left without appointment at his own request; member of Lawrence district quarterly conference. | |
| A. F. Ferris, conference evangelist; member of Lawrence district quarterly conference. | |

RED RIVER DISTRICT.—GEO. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

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| Lamasco..... | M. L. Lancaster, C. M. Brown |
| Calamus, Warner Springs and Warren..... | J. E. Stowe, supply |
| Honey Grove and McCraw's Chapel..... | To be supplied |
| Leonard and Bells..... | To be supplied |

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.

| Names. | Addresses. |
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| Geo. McCulloch..... | Lawrence, Kaufman county, Texas |
| Warren Parker..... | Corsicana, “ |
| H. A. Hanson..... | 1514 Elm St., Dallas, “ |
| H. V. Haslam..... | Lawrence, Kaufman county, “ |
| R. A. Thompson..... | No. 3 Sharer St., San Antonio, “ |
| R. L. Averill..... | Ennis, Ellis county, “ |
| A. F. Ferris..... | 225 Elm Ave., Jackson, Mich. |
| J. T. Fontaine..... | Starville, Smith county, Texas |
| C. M. Brown..... | Lamasco, Fannin “ “ |
| M. L. Lancaster..... | Lamasco, Fannin “ “ |
| J. A. Biggs..... | “ “ |
| J. E. Stowe..... | “ “ |
| J. H. Padgett..... | Ennis, Ellis “ “ |
| E. A. Kimball..... | Ennis, Ellis “ “ |
| A. G. McKeithen..... | Kosse, Limestone “ “ |
| J. H. McCoy..... | Lawrence, Kaufman “ “ |

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | | PREACHERS. | | FINANCIAL REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Providence Church, Arkansas, October 24-26, 1889.

OFFICERS.

J. CRIPPS, President.

R. M. REID, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Sabbath-schools--R. M. Reid, David Day.

On Reforms--C. W. Roberts, David Day.

On the State of the Work--N. T. Holcomb, A. E. Barr.

EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1890.

Preliminary--J. C. Pierce, C. W. Roberts.

First and Second Years--N. T. Holcomb, David Day.

Third and Fourth Years--David Day, N. T. Holcomb.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

David Day,

N. T. Holcomb,

J. Cripps,

C. W. Roberts.

DELEGATES.

A. E. Barr,

R. M. Reid,

J. B. Clemons.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. Cripps, David Day, R. M. Reid, A. E. Barr.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. W. Roberts.

8. Who have located this year? J. Cripps.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. A. Biggs; transferred to the Texas conference.

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

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

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

23. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Funny Louis, Louisiana, as near after the Texas conference as will suit the superintendents.

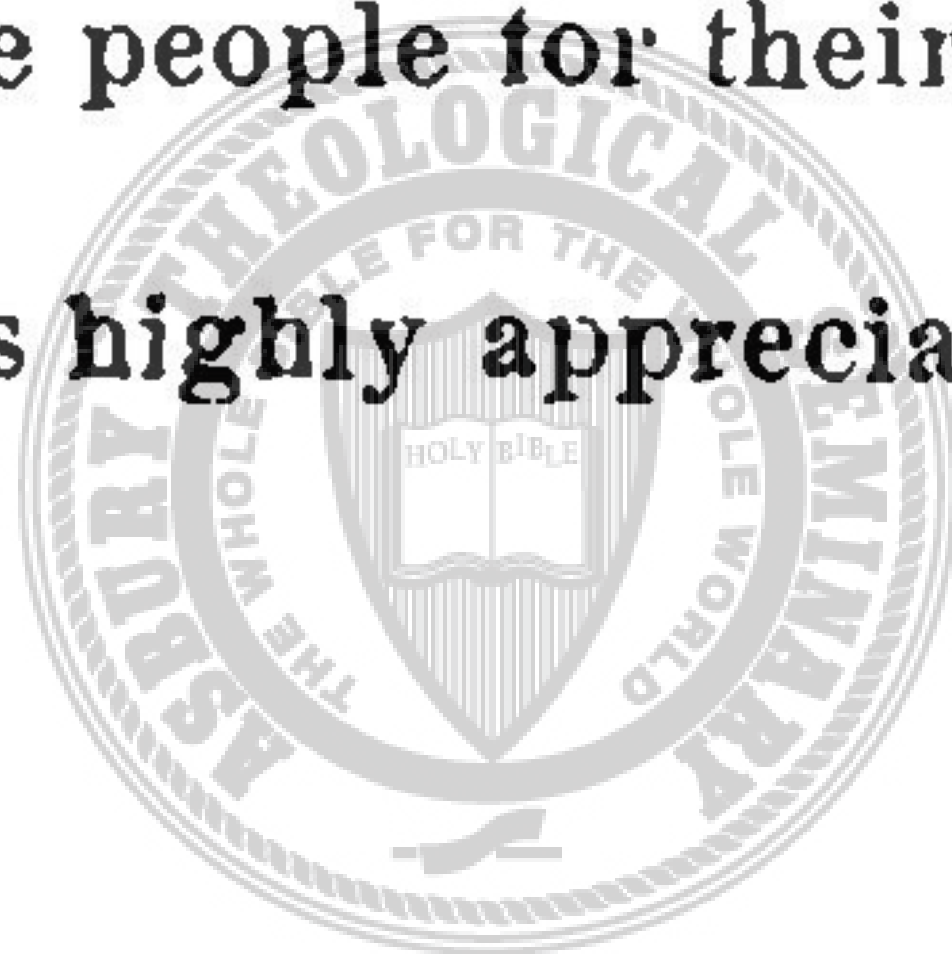
MISCELLANEOUS.

Brother Cripps presided over each sitting in an able and acceptable manner.

Each sitting was opened with devotional exercises, and a blessed spirit of harmony prevailed through the entire session.

A vote of thanks was given the people for their kindness and liberality evinced in entertaining the conference.

Brother Cripps' preaching was highly appreciated by the pilgrims.



Brother J. Baker, a preacher of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to an honorary seat in the conference.

The Providence Free Methodist church was dedicated by Brother Cripps, free of debt.

A collection of \$14.20 was taken up for Brother Cripps.

In view of the fact that four sessions of this conference had been held since the last General conference, it was decided to elect delegates to the next General conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath-schools submit the following report:

We believe the Sabbath-school to be a very important work. Therefore we recommend that all the pastors of circuits set apart one Sabbath appointment in the year to preach to the children, to instruct the church, to always select godly men or women for officers, and to use the best literature. We recommend the literature published by T. B. Arnold, 104 Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We believe that the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants is unscriptural and wrong, and that the entire liquor traffic is an act of treason against God, home and native land.

2. We believe secret societies to be another great evil in our land. They are a curse to us as a nation, often hindering the proper enforcement of our laws, and working spiritual death in the churches.

3. We believe the common use of tobacco is another great evil that is spreading worldwide, and working death both physical and spiritual to our race.

Resolved, That we as a conference will use all legitimate means, such as preaching, praying and voting, against these evils.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

After a careful consideration of the work we find that while there are some reasons for discouragement there are many reasons for thankfulness to God. The Welcome Home district has had the no-sect element to contend with; and while it has caused them to have trouble, yet it may be a blessing to the work. It seems that in building up a work, it is hard to keep out the impure. It must be sifted to get out the dross. So while the work seems to be crippled, it is only to show who has the pure gold tried in the fire. We find the work on a better footing than it has been in former years. While the membership is cut down it shows who is on the Lord's side. So we can thank God and take courage.

The work in the Arkansas district is moving on. It is widening and reaching out to other parts. We have more calls than we can attend to. We can safely report the work in good condition. May God help us as preachers and members to press this battle on until he may say, "Come up higher. It is enough."

APPOINTMENTS.

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT.—DAVID DAY, Chairman.

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| Welcome Home, Centerville and Catahoula..... | S. T. McDonald, supply |
| Franklin..... | J. C. Pierce |
| Black River..... | C. W. Roberts |
| Red River Mission..... | A. J. McKeithen |
| Mississippi Mission..... | To be supplied |

ARKANSAS DISTRICT.—N. T. HOLCOMB, Chairman.

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| Providence..... | E. G. Cary, supply |
| Mt. Zion..... | W. A. Taylor, supply, Princeton, Arkansas |
| Harrison..... | To be supplied |
| Dedman School-house..... | W. T. Wozencraft, supply, Holly Springs, Arkansas |
| Cypress..... | To be supplied |

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

| CHARGES. | PREACHERS. | Members. | | Total. | L. Preachers, etc. | Preachers' Re- ceipts. | Chairmen's Re- ceipts. | Gen'l Superin- tendents' Collec- tion. | Value of Church Property. | Incidental Ex- pense Collection. |
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| | | | Probationers. | | | | | | | |
| WELCOME HOME DISTRICT. | David Day, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | |
| Franklin..... | C. W. Roberts..... | 17 | .. | 17 | .. | \$183 75 | \$30 75 | \$2 60 | \$125 | |
| Catahoula..... | David Day..... | 16 | .. | 16 | 1 | 10 15 | 20 00 | 3 20 | 125 | ..... |
| Black River..... | S. T. McDonald..... | 16 | .. | 16 | 2 | 27 50 | 37 75 | 3 20 | ..... | ..... |
| Centerville | David Day..... | 10 | 2 | 12 | .. | ..... | 30 15 | 40 | 200 | ..... |
| ARKANSAS DISTRICT. | J. A. Biggs, Chairman. | | | | | | | | | |
| *Providence | N. T. Holcomb..... | 30 | 2 | 32 | 2 | 66 29 | 7 70 | 6 00 | 500 | \$78 70 |
| Harrison..... | J. A. Biggs..... | 9 | .. | 9 | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Zion..... | J. A. Biggs..... | 11 | .. | 11 | 2 | ..... | 3 00 | 2 40 | 300 | ..... |
| Total for conference..... | | 109 | 4 | 113 | 7 | \$287 69 | \$129 35 | \$17 80 | \$1250 | \$78 70 |
| *Miscellaneous, \$8.45; Sunday-schools, 1; Officers, Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35; Raised for Sunday-schools, \$5.50; General Missions, \$3. | | | | | | | | | | |

MISCELLANEOUS.

Corrections, Changes, and Addresses Furnished after "Individual" Minutes had been Printed.

CORRECTIONS.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE: Palmyra circuit should be credited with preachers' receipts, \$338.64.
The Board of Incorporation should read: 1890, E. Z. Thwing, A. Bennett; 1891, F. E. Doubleday, A. Turner; 1892, E. P. Tullis, J. W. Roberts.
ILLINOIS: The Minutes state that the conference was held September 10. It should have been, September 10-14.
"J. D. Kelsey and F. D. Christie were made a committee to secure reduction of freight on preachers' goods, for next year," should read, for preachers moving at the close of this conference.
MISSOURI: In the Minutes, in the Statistical Report A. F. Hall is made chairman of Bowling Green and St. Louis districts. It should have been L C. Ebey. The copy sent us left this item blank, and the compositor who set it up filled out the copy, from the appointments for this year, and the mistake was not discovered until Brother Ebey wrote us. We gladly correct.
PITTSBURGH: On page 149 under question 6, "Who are the deacons?" strike out "local deacon" after the name Alexander Beers.
On page 150, in the last line before "Sunday Service" correct by inserting the words, "On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic," so the sentence will read, "It was ordered that the report of the committee on Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic be sent to the *Free Methodist* for publication."

ADDRESSES.

EAST MICHIGAN.

B. H. Green.....Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Michigan
S. W. Stone.....Williamston, "

KANSAS.

W. W. Harris.....Wahoo, Nebraska
and not as given in conference roll.

WEST KANSAS.

E. G. Cary.....Arlin eno Co., Kansas

NORTH MICHIGAN.

M. Gilpin Evans, Kent Co., Michigan
 W. A. Witham Clare, Clare Co., Michigan, Box 265
 A. Witham Mt. Pleasant, Isabella Co., Michigan, Box 610

GENESEE.

L. D. Perkins Brockport, N. Y., Box 671
 A. H. Bennett Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y.
 C. C. Eggleston Gowanda, Catt. Co., N. Y.
 E. A. Taylor 147 Broadway, Rochester, N. Y.
 Wm. McCormick 92 Main St., Lockport, N. Y.

WABASH.

W. W. Kelley 612 North Fourth St., Vincennes, Indiana
 T. J. Noland Athens, Illinois

OHIO.

J. E. Williams Grigg's Corners, Ashtabula Co., Ohio
 J. Lawrence 259 Bridge St., Cleveland, "
 F. L. Hall Brunswick, "
 H. F. Hall Fields, "
 J. E. Lake North Lima, "
 J. W. Headley Delta, "
 William Wilson Edgerton, "
 C. W. Wade Deshler, "
 S. F. Way Holland, "
 W. B. Olmstead New Albany, "
 G. A. Olmstead New Albany, "
 M. B. Taylor Logan, "
 R. F. Brothers Middleport, "
 J. H. Hayden Athens, "
 H. Barker Big Prairie, "
 S. K. Wheatlake Summerfield, "
 S. Wellington Senecaville, "
 J. W. Hamilton Whigville, "
 Jennie L. Olmstead, evangelist New Albany, "
 E. N. Foulk, evangelist Holland, "
 G. B. Strong, evangelist Strongville, "
 Laura A. Tollman, evangelist Jefferson, "

MISSOURI.

E. G. Cooper Albany, Mo.
 L. C. Ebey Albany, "
 A. F. Hall Bowling Green, "
 James Tiernan Chantilly, "
 C. G. Cox Mount Moriah, "
 R. J. Wilcox Grant City, "
 C. L. Lucas 815 North 9th St., St. Louis, "
 W. B. Walls 920 North 9th St., St. Louis, "
 J. W. White Albany, "
 J. H. Brittain St. Louis, "
 J. H. Guffey Albany, "

PROBATIONERS.

S. S. Ripple Kansas City, "
 A. C. Rybolt Ravanna, "
 J. M. Tays Bethany, "
 R. F. Johnston Westboro, "
 S. M. Henry Elmo, "
 W. S. Ballenger Elmo, "
 J. F. Mudd Mound City, "
 C. E. Bullock Elmo, "
 Mary E. Kelley Albany, "
 G. W. Britton Cameron, "

SUPPLIES.

Robert Oxley Ashburn, "
 A. Baker Richwoods, "
 Hattie Anderson 1015 North 7th St., St. Louis, "

KANSAS: The following belongs with the miscellaneous items:

G. B. Howard was tried before the conference and convicted of willful falsehood. On his confession of moral guilt and promise of reformation he was placed on probation in the church for one year, and his credentials were taken from him with the understanding that if his repentance prove genuine they may be restored at the expiration of the year. He afterward having modified his confession and given notice of appeal to the General conference, a motion was made to reconsider the verdict in his case. The president ruled that the motion was out of order, and an appeal was taken from his decision to General conference.

