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OF THE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCES

OF THE  
**Free Methodist Church,**

FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1869.

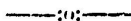
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MINUTES  
OF THE  
GENESEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

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The tenth session of this body was held at Johnsonsburgh, Wyoming Co., N. Y., commencing on Thursday morning, Sept. 30th, and closing on Monday, Oct. 4th, 1869.

Rev. A. F. Curry was elected President *pro tem.*, and opened the session with appropriate devotional exercises. Rev. B. T. Roberts, General Superintendent, arrived and took the chair on Friday.

Rev. Wm. Jackson was elected Secretary, and Rev. Geo. W. Coleman, Associate.

The roll was called, and sixteen of the twenty-six preachers in full connection responded to their names, and sixteen lay delegates presented their certificates of election and took seats in the Conference.

**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—H. Hornsby, G. W. Humphrey, Ebenezer Henshaw.

*On Missions*—B. T. Roberts, J. W. Reddy, A. F. Curry, Asa Abell, C. D. Brooks, G. W. Holmes, J. Handley, Tho's. Sully, Cornel Wiltse.

*On Sabbath-Schools*—G. W. Humphrey, Wm. Manning, Loren G. Hill.

*On Ministerial Support*—H. Hornsby, T. B. Catton, Seth M. Woodruff, C. Sperry, A. H. Greene, Tho's Hogg.

*On Temperance*—G. W. Marcellus, Geo. W. Coleman, C. Wiltse.

*On Bible Cause*—A. H. Greene, David Hoy.

*To Publish the Minutes*—W. Jackson, G. W. Coleman.

*To Collect Funds for Same*—William Jones, Cyrus Sperry.

*On Claims*—Otis O. Bacon, J. W. McAlpine, Robert Thompson.

*On Publications*—Melville Burritt, G. W. Marcellus, F. J. Ewell, Levi Wood, Loren Hill, M. S. Draper.

*On Education*—B. T. Roberts, Asa Abell, A. F. Curry, G. W. Holmes, S. M. Woodruff.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—B. T. Roberts, Asa Abell, A. F. Curry, Henry Hornsby, F. J. Ewell, J. W. Reddy, J. C. Thomas, Ephraim Herrick, C. D. Brooks, James Mathews, Wm. Manning, W. Jackson, S. H. Lowe, J. W. McAlpine, G. W. Coleman, M. E. Brown, I. C. White, A. G. Terry, R. Abell, Melville Burritt, Thomas B. Catton, John Robinson, Wm. R. Cusick, Wm. Jones, G. W. Humphrey, A. H. Greene, O. O. Bacon, G. W. Marcellus.

*Delegates*—E. S. Grinnel, Thomas Sully, Cornel Wiltse, Seth M. Woodruff, Geo. W. Holmes, Cyrus Sperry, Loren G. Hill, David Hoy, Johnathan Handly, Lyman B. Metcalf, John Cannon, Jr., William R. White, William Parrish, Ebenezer Henshaw, Thomas Hogg, Niles N. Tefft, John Leigh, Wm. McKernin, Robert Thompson, John Potter, Austin Phelps, Amos Underhill, M. S. Draper.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

Rev. B. T. Roberts, Rev. J. W. Reddy, Rev. A. F. Curry, Rev. A. Abell, Rev. C. D. Brooks, Geo. W. Holmes, T. Sully, Johnathan Handly, Cornel Wiltse.

3. What Preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial?

E. P. Sellew, A. A. Burgess.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

John Robinson, Wm. R. Cusick.

6. Who are the Deacons?

M. Burrirt, T. B. Catton, I. C. White, M. E. Brown,  
John Robinson,\* W. R. Cusick.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

None.

8. Who have located this year?

None.

Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

E. Herrick, H. Hornsby,† A. G. Terry.

10. Who have been expelled?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn?

S. H. Lowe.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Their names were called, and their characters separately examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year?

None.

14. What is the number of Church members, etc.?

(See next page.)

15. Where are our preachers stationed this year?

(See 4th page.)

15. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Ransomville, Niagara county, N. Y., next to the last Wednesday in September, 1870.

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\* Ordained this year. ● † Superannuated this year.

**TABLE OF STATISTICS.**

CHARGES.	No. of Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Missionary Col- lections.	Superannuated Monies.	Bible Cause.	Preacher's Re- ceipts.	Deficiency.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parson- ages.	
Tonawanda.....	66	15	81	8	1	20	\$2 58	\$2	\$1 60	\$325	\$25	\$1600	\$	
Gainesville.....	30	2	32	1	1	13	3	3	152 19	400		2100	500	
Rushford.....	78	3	81	1	1	18	3 50		12 10	450		2500	300	
Allegany.....	73	12	85	1	1	18	3		450	450	50	4500		
Mt. Morris, etc.....	48	12	60	1	2	45	35	10 72	15	575		2500	1000	
Porter and Newfane.....	190	28	218	3	3	37	35	16 50	1 78	525		2300	1200	
Perry and Burk Hill.....	78	3	81	3	2	50	42 35			248 80		10000		
Leroy and Bethany.....	44	6	50	1	1	54	4			654 69		2500	2500	
Buffalo.....	79	10	89	1	1	25	11	9		500	140	4000	1000	
Rochester.....	30	10	40	1	1	25	5	5 40	8 32	770		10000		
Kendall.....	75	10	85	1	1	30	5 27		7 94	404 23	95 75	7500		
Akron, etc.....	80	1	81	2	1	26	5			370	30	1000	800	
Albion.....	155	5	160	2	1	50	10 40	10 05		450		5000		
Lockport and Pendleton.....	68	24	92	2	2	100	5			282 57	217 43	2000		
Sweden and Brockport.....	53	6	59	2	2	30	5	5 76	1 50	365		2500		
Gates and Carlton.....	70	4	74	3	3	30	10 10	10	8	600		6000		
West Falls, etc.....	54	7	61	1	1	25	75	15	10 00	900		2500	800	
East Otto.....	26	5	31	2	1	20	6	1		310	90	2500		
Cadiz and Belmont.....	84	16	100	2	7	218	5	5 76		400	100	1200		
Gowanda and Collins.....	115	25	140	4	3	125	12	10				2500		
Parma and Chili.....	189	19	208	5	5	182	75	15				2500		
Java.....	64	4	68	2	1	20	6	1 50				2500	800	
Charlotte.....														
Wales and Aiden.....	58	12	70	8	2	110	5 37		3	400	100	1200		
Knapp's Creek.....														
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1737</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10182</b>	<b>50748</b>
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**APPOINTMENTS.**

GENESEE DISTRICT—J. W. REDDY, *Chairman.*

- Parma, Clarkson, and Charlotte..... } G. W. COLEMAN.  
 Rochester..... } MOORE Supply.  
 Chili..... M. C. BURRITT.  
 Sweden and Brockport..... To be supplied.  
 Albion..... A. H. GREENE.  
 Yates, Carlton, and Gaines..... G. W. MARCELLUS.  
 Kendall..... A. A. BURGESS.  
 Leroy and Bethany..... J. W. REDDY.  
 German Mission..... M. H. MONROE, *sup'y.*  
 J. C. THOMAS.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—A. F. CURRY, *Chairman*.

Buffalo.....	A. F. CURRY.
Akron, Cary, and Shelby.....	I. C. WHITE.
Lockport, Pendleton, and Middleport.....	M. N. DOWNING, s'ply,
Tonawanda, Pekin, and Military Road.....	J. W. MCALPINE.
Porter and Newfane.....	F. J. EWELL.
West Falls and Pratham.....	A. B. MATHEWSON, sup y.

WYOMING DISTRICT—A. ABELL, *Chairman*.

Perry and Burk Hill.....	G. W. HUMPHREY.
Wales and Alden.....	JOHN ROBINSON.
Gainesville, Yorkshire and Centerville.....	M. E. BROWN.
Java.....	W. JACKSON.
Mt. Morris, &c.....	O. O. BACON.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—C. D. BROOKS, *Chairman*.

Gowandv and Collins.....	C. D. BROOKS.
Otto and Cadiz.....	W. MANNING.
Belmont and Pikeville.....	E. P. SELLEW.
Rushford, Caneadea and Caseville.....	Wm. JONES.
Knapp's Creek.....	To be supplied.

LEVI WOOD, Editor of *The Free Methodist*, and Member of the Genesee Quarterly Conference.

JAMES MATHEWS, to be appointed by General Superintendent.

A. ABELL, Conference Evangelist.

W. R. CUSICK, supply Cooperville..... Mich. Conference.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The following resolution was adopted by the Conference.

*Resolved*, That in the examination of character, the preachers are requested to remain, unless a vote is necessary to decide their relation.

Rev. H. Hornsby, at his own request, was granted a superannuated relation. He also voluntarily relinquished his claim on the Conference funds.

Rev. A. G. Terry was also granted a superannuated relation, without claim.

The following certificate was voted Rev. R. Abell:

Rev. R. Abell, a member of this Conference, desiring to unite with the Illinois Conference, is hereby cordially commended to the confidence of that body as a suitable preacher to be received among them.

*Resolved*, That we tender a vote of thanks to the citizens of Johnsonsburgh and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Conference. Adopted by a rising vote.

A collection to defray the expenses of the delegates to the next General Conference was ordered to be taken on all our charges sometime during the ensuing year.

The Secretaries were ordered to publish our own minutes, together with the appointments and statistics of the other Conferences, separately.

A resolution, requesting each member of the Conference to use his personal endeavors to secure all the money he can for the benefit of the School at Chili, was adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was offered and adopted by the Conference:

*Whereas*, Several of our preachers have, at different times, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to persons who have been expelled from the Free Methodist Church; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we disapprove of such a course, and that it is the sense of this Conference that no such person should receive the Sacrament at our hands until satisfaction is given to the Society from which they have been expelled—until they have met the disciplinary requirement.

The Conference ordered that all monies raised the ensuing year for the Bible Cause be brought to the next Conference.

Rev. A. C. Leonard was discontinued from the traveling connection.

*Resolved*, That collections for the Superannuated Fund be taken during the month of October, and forwarded to Rev. J. W. Reddy, and that the excess, after paying up Sister Stile's claim, \$23.00, (See Report on Claims,) be forwarded by him to Rev. E. Herrick.

Moved, That Bro's B. T. Roberts and A. Abell appoint the Committees of Examination for next year. Carried.

Rev. G. W. Marcellus was elected Corresponding Editor of *The Free Methodist*.

Rev. N. H. Brown was discontinued from the travelling connection at his own request.

John Robinson, Wm. R. Cusick, George Steele, a local preacher from the Gowanda and Collins Circuit, and S. S. Parker, a local preacher from the Akron and Cary charge, were elected to Deacon's orders.

Rev. A. Abell was elected to represent the Wyoming District in the Stationing Committee, in place of Rev. H. Hornsby, who declined to serve on account of feeble health.

The following resolution was adopted by the Conference:

*Resolved*, That the appointment of females to the office of Steward is inexpedient.



A resolution making the District Chairman elective by ballot was adopted.

Rev. W. R. Cusick, desiring to remove to Michigan, was left without an appointment.

On Friday morning, immediately after the opening of the session, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to all the members of the Conference and many others who were present—a gracious season to many souls.

A Love-Feast was held on Sabbath morning. It was a season of great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. At about 11 o'clock, Rev. B. T. Roberts, the General Superintendent, preached a soul-stirring discourse from Isa. xii, 2. After which the Deacons were ordained.

At 2 A. M., Rev. A. F. Curry preached to a deeply interested audience, on "The mystery of the Gospel dispensation," Col. i, 27. In the evening, Rev. J. W. Reddy preached on "The redemption of the soul," Ps. xlix, 8. It was a day long to be remembered by many who were privileged to attend its services and to share in its labors; for God was verily in our midst.

On Monday, after a short session, the appointments were read by the General Superintendent; the District Chairmen elected; the Doxology sung, and the Conference closed. The preachers evidently went out to their several fields with the determination to make the coming year a successful one. May the great Head of the Church be with each one!

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES.**

*S. S. Board*—Rev's F. J. Ewell, Wm. Manning, Wm. Jackson, and A. F. Curry. F. J. Ewell, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. F. J. Ewell was appointed to preach a sermon on the subject of Sabbath Schools, as provided in the Report on Sabbath Schools.

Rev's B. T. Roberts, G. W. Humphrey, A. F. Curry and H. Hornsby were appointed delegates to attend the next Convention of the National Christian Association opposed to Secret Societies.

Rev. H. Hornsby, Rev. A. F. Curry and G. W. Holmes were appointed a Committee to secure a legal incorporation of the Conference.

*Executive Committee*—Rev. H. Hornsby, G. W. Holmes.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION ON THE COURSE OF STUDY  
FOR NEXT YEAR.

*Preliminary Course*—G. W. Humphrey, M. C. Burritt.

*First Year*—H. Hornsby, G. W. Marcellus.

*Second Year*—F. J. Ewell, G. W. Coleman.

*Third Year*—A. F. Curry, C. D. Brooks.

*Fourth Year*—L. Wood, W. Manning.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

I.—ON MISSIONS.

Monies received divided as follows:

Rochester .....	\$82 10
Gainesville.....	61 58
Lockport.....	41 05
Rev. R. Abell.....	41 05
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Whole amount received.....	\$225 78
Deficiency on last year's appropriations.....	\$49 22

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Rochester.....	\$100 00
Lockport.....	50 00
Last year's deficiency.....	49 22
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Total.....	\$199 22

C. D. BROOKS, *Sec'y of Committee.*

II.—ON CLAIMS.

Monies on hand.....\$77 43

*Resolved* That the above amount be paid to Sister Stiles, and that \$23 57—the balance of \$100—be raised during the month of October, and forwarded to Rev. J. W. Reddy.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated to Rev. E. Herrick the coming year,

III.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MINUTES.

Amount raised.....\$28 65

IV.—ON BIBLE CAUSE,

Amount raised for the Bible Society.....\$85 74

*Resolved*, That all monies raised the ensuing year for the Bible Cause be brought to the next Conference.

*Resolved*, That we will still co-operate with the American Bible Society in its work of spreading the Scriptures, by taking collections on all our charges, and report the same at our next Conference.

V.—ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The question of Ministerial Support, is one that forces itself upon the mind of every one who feels an interest in the welfare and permanence of the cause of Christ in the world. The Church has a claim on the minister for service, the minister a claim on the

Church for support, each party having rights which the other are bound to respect. We are filled with serious apprehensions for the future, as we, year by year, see the meagre and inadequate allowance which is made for the support of the preacher of the ever-blessed Gospel of Christ. Is it possible that the trite remark, "That which costs little is but little prized," is true in this case? We trust not. It cannot be that those who have been brought to God by the ministry of reconciliation can lightly esteem those who labor in word and doctrine for their spiritual welfare,—or that selfishness controls the action of the Church in this matter. Is not the cause found in the defective views which, to a large extent, prevail on the subject? "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he;" acts proceed from thoughts. Therefore if the sense of obligation is but feebly felt, the action will be correspondingly weak.

The Church's duty to support her ministry is not left to inference or caprice: the Word of God is clear on this subject. It says, "Even so hath God ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." The law of Moses forbade the Israelites to muzzle the mouth of the ox to prevent it from eating while actually engaged in their service. But this law, the apostle asserts, was not given chiefly out of God's regard for the animal creation, but to teach the higher lesson, that all proper encouragement should be given to those who are employed in our service, and are laboring for our good. The minister who breaks the bread of life to us, has a claim upon us for the bread that perisheth, and to withhold it is a flagrant violation of the precepts of the Bible,

It is not only the duty, but it is also for the interest of the Church to provide a comfortable support for her ministers. No man called of God to preach the gospel, will make salary the ultimate of his ministry, or say, "Put me in one of the priest's offices that I may eat a piece of bread." Nevertheless, he has temporal wants which must be supplied and the obligation to provide for his family is imperative. "It may be difficult for some to comprehend the fact, but fact it most unquestionably is, that the minister of Christ has feelings, and wants, and wishes somewhat like those of other men." Now, if his family is suffering for the want of the necessities of life, or himself weighed down with embarrassments, not knowing where the money for the next sack of flour, or the next thing needed shall come from, can a preacher thus harassed be in a state of heart and mind for active service? Anxiety, above almost everything, affects the functions of the body, and soon renders the person incapable of vigorous and continued effort, and destroys all hope of success with a people so regardless of the just claims clearly devolving upon them as members of the Church. There is another point to be noticed. It is this: A somewhat general sentiment prevails, that every other debt ought to be paid before this, and which allows this claim to be cancelled with the poorest pay, and that as a matter of generosity rather than justice.

We therefore recommend that both preachers and laymen, faithfully carry out the disciplinary provisions in the matter, as recorded in chapter viii., section 1; as also the section on the duties of stewards. We also recommend that our preachers present the subject

of Christian benevolence at least once during the year in every congregation on their respective circuits.

H. HORNSBY.

## VI.—ON EDUCATION.

The human mind is susceptible of great improvement by education. That fact shows it to be the design of our wise Creator that it should be thus improved. The educated person has a far more extended knowledge of the nature and relations of things than the uneducated; and is much more likely to perceive truth and falsehood readily and clearly. He is better prepared to act his part well upon the theater of human life. Divine inspiration has said "That for the soul to be without knowledge it is not good." No doubt this declaration relates primarily to the knowledge of spiritual things, including everything pertaining to our salvation—to our duty to God, our neighbor, and ourselves; but it may also very properly be regarded as relating to various branches of knowledge, taught in institutions of learning. Ministers of the Gospel, who have been favored with a liberal education, are no doubt, to a considerable extent, better prepared than they otherwise would be, for usefulness in the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, provided they are also full of faith and the Holy Ghost. All persons should take pains to store their minds with useful knowledge, and by reading and observation become possessed of general information.

The young should, as far as possible, be favored with school advantages: not only those of common schools, but also those of Academies and Colleges; and certainly it is very desirable and important that those schools where our children are educated should be of such a character as to exert no influence against holiness of heart and life—none in favor of the selfishness, the pride, and vain ambition so natural to fallen man.

This Conference, having undertaken to found an academic school, where our children may be furnished with all the requisite opportunities to obtain an education, without thereby endangering what is vastly more important, the salvation of their souls, do hereby declare their continued interest in the same, and determination to seek in every suitable way the consummation of the undertaking. The school is to be located at North Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y.

The seminary building is now nearly completed. It is a substantial, convenient edifice, well adapted to the purposes for which it is intended. A provisional charter has been obtained from the Regents of the University, and a lot of two acres and a half on which the building stands has been deeded to the corporation.

There has been expended on the building the sum of \$10,006 31 of which \$7,162 32 has been collected from various places, leaving \$2,604 99 of expenditures above receipts. The school will probably be opened about the first of November.

A. ABELL, *Ch'n.*

## VII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The direct tendency of the Christian religion is to produce habits of temperance in the practice of every one of its possessors. It is numbered in the Sacred Word among the graces of the Spirit. It

became a theme of Apostolical discourse. Every Christian must necessarily be opposed to intemperance in all its forms, and, very especially that most injurious and debasing form, the common use of intoxicating drinks, or that which creates a desire therefor. Every Christian man, and especially every Christian minister, must be deeply interested in this question. What can I do to prevent the evil consequent upon the sale and use of these things? The wickedness, misery, and wretchedness attendant on the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, and those that create a morbid appetite therefor, brand their sale for the above purposes, a crime to be suppressed by the strong arm of the civil law. As a body of Christian ministers and laymen, we recognize our duty to use our entire influence in securing a public sentiment in favor of the enactment of a prohibitory law.

We feel that the subject of temperance should be agitated on all suitable occasions: and we earnestly recommend all our preachers to make it the exclusive subject of discourse at least once during the year, on all our charges.

Inasmuch as it is patent to all observers that the barley and hops sold in the common market are almost exclusively used in sustaining the great evil of intemperance, we cannot but regard the practice as inconsistent with the profession of the Christian religion, and the individual who does so, to be in complicity with the injury done to his fellow men. We see no essential difference between the sale of the raw material and the manufactured article. While we ignore the modern plan for promoting temperance through secret organizations, we hail with joy the growing feeling in favor of organizing the entire temperance influence of the land in support of strictly temperance men and measures; and we will lend our influence and support for such and such only.

We regard the habitual use of tobacco in its various forms, and other substances possessing narcotic properties, the same in principle with the use of intoxicating drinks; being dissimilar only in the degree and rapidity of their effects.

We recommend the preservation of grapes by our people, for the manufacturing of wine for sacramental occasions.

*Resolved*, That we will not use fermented wine in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. G. W. MARCELLUS.

#### VIII.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is somewhat encouraging to find a little increase in interest on the subject of Sabbath Schools among us, and we are persuaded that if the preachers and leading members of our Church do not grow weary in well-doing in this enterprise, but steadily increase their labor of love and work of faith in giving moral and religious instructions to the children and youth, we may, by the blessing of God, assure ourselves of ultimate success. Therefore,

1. We recommend vigorous action on the part of those who are apprised of the value of this primary department of the Church.

2. That we, as a Conference, appoint a Sabbath-School Department in our Conference, whose especial duty shall be to look after the interests of the Sabbath-School.

3. That the preachers having charge of circuits bring a statisti-

cal report of their success in the Sabbath-School work, and present it to the members of said department.

4. That a report of the work of Sabbath-Schools among us be prepared by the above-mentioned department and given to the Annual Conference of next year.

5. That a proper person be elected at this Conference to prepare and deliver before our next Annual Conference, a suitable discourse on the subject of Sabbath-Schools. G. W. HUMPHREY, *Ch'n.*

#### IX.—ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication report that they are pleased with *The Free Methodist*, and are anxious to see it prosper more and more: and they recommend increased efforts for its circulation on the part of both preachers and people. They believe it has done, is doing, and will continue to do much good.

They recommend the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That the preachers of this Conference pledge ourselves to use our earnest endeavors to get all present subscribers to renew, and also to obtain new subscribers,—to do this work faithfully on our several fields of labor during the coming year.

The Committee also recommend that a Corresponding Editor be chosen, to serve for the ensuing Conference year.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, are well satisfied with the general scope, aim, and object of the *Earnest Christian*,

We will, therefore, continue to use our influence in increasing its circulation. F. J. EWELL, *Sec'y.* M. C. BURRITT, *Ch'n.*

#### PREACHERS' P. O. ADDRESS.

Geo. W. Coleman	Parma Center, Monroe Co.,	New York.		
F. J. Ewell	Rochester	"	"	"
A. H. Greene	Brockport,	"	"	"
G. W. Marcellus	Albion, Orleans	"	"	"
A. A. Burgess	Kenyonville,	"	"	"
J. W. Reddy	West Kendall,	"	"	"
H. Hornsby	"	"	"	"
A. F. Curry	23 Clifton Place, Buffalo,	Erie	"	"
I. C. White	Akron,	"	"	"
J. W. McAlpine	Tonawanda,	"	"	"
Asa Abell	North Bergen, Genesee	"	"	"
J. Robinson	Wales, Erie	"	"	"
M. E. Brown	Gainesville, Wyoming	"	"	"
Wm. Jackson	Johnsborough,	"	"	"
O. O. Bacon	Mount Morris, Livingston	"	"	"
C. D. Brooks	Gowanda, Erie	"	"	"
T. B. Catton	Allegany, Cattaragus	"	"	"
W. Manning	Cadiz	"	"	"
E. P. Sewell	Belmont, Allegany	"	"	"
W. Jones	Rushford	"	"	"
J. C. Thomas	Rush, Monroe	"	"	"
E. Herrick	Niagara Falls, Niagara	"	"	"
M. Burritt	Ransomville,	"	"	"
A. G. Terry	Hollisterville, Wayne	"		Penn.
James Mathews	Garnett, Anderson Co.,			Kansas.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

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The tenth session of this body was held at Amboy, Lee Co., Ill., commencing Oct. 12th and closing Oct. 16th, 1869.

In the absence of the Superintendent, the Secretary opened the session.

Rev. J. Travis was elected President *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and eight preachers responded to their names.

The certificates of delegates were called for, and on their being presented, the Conference elected Rev. J. Travis President, and Rev. J. G. Terrill Secretary, and F. C. Tritle assistant.

**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, J. Travis, J. W. Cain.

*On Bible Cause*—J. G. Terrill, R. L. Smith.

*On Missions*—B. F. Doughty, B. Hackney, F. C. Tritle.

*On Sunday-Schools*—J. G. Terrill, C. E. Harroun, E. A. Kimball.

*On the State of the Work*—J. Travis, J. W. Dake, T. S. LaDue, B. Hackney, E. A. Kimball, F. C. Tritle.

*On Education*—Wm. Cooley, L. Baily, E. A. Kimball.

*On Secret Societies*—J. Travis, M. V. Clute, R. L. Smith, C. L. Stowe, J. F. Drury.

*On Publications*—L. Bailey, W. Cooley, B. Hackney.

- On Temperance*—Robert Abell, C. W. Frink, B. R. Mosher.  
*Stationing Committee*—B. T. Roberts, J. Travis, J. W. Dake, T. S. LaDue, B. Hackney, E. A. Kimball, F. C. Tritle.  
*On Memoirs*—J. G. Terrill, W. H. Neal.  
*On Publishing the Minutes*—The Secretaries.  
*To Collect Funds for the same*—F. C. Tritle.  
*Members of Executive Committee*—B. Hackney, J. Travis.  
*On Railroads for next year*—B. Hackney, J. Travis.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the names of the Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference ?

*Preachers*—C. H. Lovejoy, T. S. LaDue, J. Mead, D. M. Rose, M. V. Clute, J. W. Dake, J. Travis, J. G. Terrill, J. C. Washburne, J. P. Shattuck, Isaac Bliss, C. E. Harroun, Peter Chalmun, Julius Buss, Wm. Cooley.

*Delegates*—F. C. Tritle, B. Hackney, Luther Finch, B. R. Mosher, M. Beach, D. Hamilton, Wm. Freeman, Wm. Morrison, R. L. Smith, E. A. Kimball, George Blackburne, G. Howard, J. S. Updike, L. A. Mease, L. H. Bishop, Alfred Turner, E. S. Cook, Isaac McDuffie.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

B. T. Roberts, J. Travis, J. W. Dake, T. S. LaDue, B. Hackney, E. A. Kimball, F. C. Tritle.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

Septer Roberts, Charles M. Damon, James Smith, G. C. Coffee.

4. Who remain on trial ?

Oliver Wisner, Harry Mathews, Wm. N. Hanby, E. N. Parks, W. A. Nobles, Peter Lynch.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

W. F. Manly, L. Bailey, J. W. Cain, W. H. Neal, D. M. Sinclair, Robert Abell.

6. Who are the Deacons ?

Isaac Bliss, W. F. Manly, J. W. Cain, W. A. Noble, G. C. Coffee.



7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?  
B. F. Doughty, J. Buss, L. Baily, J. E. Whiting, W. H  
Neal.

8. Who have located?

None.

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

Judah Mead.

10. Who have been expelled from the connection?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the connection?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life, and character,  
etc?

Their names were called and their characters passed.

13. Who have died this year?

William Austin.

14. What is the number of church members, &c.?

(See Table of Statistics.)

15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

(See the appointments.)

16. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

At White Water, Wis., on the first Wednesday of October,  
1870.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The division of St. Charles Circuit, by the Chairman of the District, in the interim of Conference, was declared valid.

After some explanation, and the reading of a paper passed by the Geneva Society, the society was recognized by the Conference, and their delegate admitted to a seat.

It was decided that the organization of Kansas and Missouri Conference was invalid. And the Conference ordered the appointments to be made so as not to conflict with those made at their June meeting.

D. M. Sinclair was transferred from the Susquehanna Conference.

Robert Abell was transferred from the Genesee Conference.

D. M. Sinclair and Wm. Cooley were appointed fraternal delegates to the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Connection, at its next session.

J. Travis and C. E. Harroun were appointed fraternal delegates to the United Brethren Conference, in session at this date.

L. Bailey and F. C. Tritle were appointed delegates to the Anti-Secret Society Convention, to be held at Cincinnati, in May next, the Conference to pay their expenses.

The Quarterly Conferences were requested to appoint one or more delegates to the same Convention.

The preachers were requested to present their statistical reports during their remarks, before the passage of their characters; also to report the number of pastoral visits the coming year.

C. E. Harroun and E. A. Kimball were elected, by ballot, Trustees of the Benevolent Society, according to the requirements of the charter.

The Stationing Committee were constituted a Missionary Board for this Conference.

J. G. Terrill was elected Corresponding Editor of *The Free Methodist*.

C. E. Harroun, L. Bailey, E. A. Kimball, and F. C. Tritle were appointed Conference Tent Committee, and authorized to call any minister of the Conference to labor with the tent, provided the place of said minister be supplied to the satisfaction of his Official Board.

L. Bailey, E. A. Kimball, and J. Travis were appointed to select a place and fix the time for a Conference Camp-Meeting.

#### LAW QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. Can a Chairman of a District call a committee of local preachers to try a local preacher?

*Ans.*—Yes.

2. If so, is their decision final?

*Ans.*—Yes.

3. After a local preacher has been tried and silenced, can he be tried by the Quarterly Conference on the same bill of charges?

*Ans.*—No.

4. Is it the privilege of an accused local preacher to ask for a Committee at a session of a Quarterly Conference?

*Ans.*—He may ask for a Committee, but the Chairman is to decide whether a Committee shall be granted or not.

5. Can a Circuit go beyond its bounds in selecting a Committee in Church trials?

*Ans.*—No.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we deem it just and due to our societies, as well as a proper equalization of the exhibit of the claims and receipts of our preachers; that a reasonable rent of parsonages furnished by the Society be included in the report of their claims and receipts.

*Resolved*, That we return our heart-felt thanks to the people of Amboy for their generous hospitality in entertaining us during the session of this Conference. And, that we also return our thanks to Br. Gibson for his untiring efforts in providing for our entertainment.

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due the Illinois Central Railroad Company for their kindness in returning the members of the Conference free.

#### VISITORS.

Rev'ds A. R. Brooks and H. T. Bessé of the American Wesleyan Connection, and Rev. H. Eley of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference, and were made honorary members of the same.

#### REPORTS.

##### I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The power of the Press, as an agency for good or evil, is beyond computation. To a very great extent, this agency is now wielded by the propagators of error and the disseminators of vice. Streams of corruption flow out from the majority of the publishing houses

of this land. The people of this country are rapidly becoming a people of letters. There can be but one result of their drinking down this literary poison. We feel in our hearts like crying, God save our fellow men from these fearful influences! But we must of necessity do our duty towards securing the answer to our prayers, so far as lies in our power. In this emergency we can do much toward counteracting these baneful influences, by promoting the circulation of wholesome literature. Our only hope is in supplying the people with profitable and interesting reading matter, to take the place of the light and vitiating publications of the day. In reviewing this field of moral conflict we are gratified to discover the extended and increasing influence of the *Earnest Christian* and the *Free Methodist*. We congratulate our fellow laborers against secretism, viz.: the publisher of the *Christian Cynosure* on their enterprise and success, and bid them God speed.

We more than ever feel the necessity of earnest and persevering effort in this important work. Therefore,

*Resolved.* That we will engage with still more vigor and courage in the work of extending the circulation of the above-named periodicals.

*Resolved.* That this 'Conference appoint a Corresponding Editor for *The Free Methodist*.

## II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance cause has reached a point of vital interest. Its all-important principles are obtaining a deep foundation in the hearts and minds of all thinking, right-minded men. Just now its forces are earnestly gathering for determined aggressive action. The times are ominous of a powerful, dauntless rally against the demon, rum. A temperance party is formed. Its banner is unfurled, flung to the breeze with its essential motto, *We are right*, and the right must conquer. Truth is invincible: and formidable numbers melt away before the steady, strong-hearted march of unflinching faith. With such a spirit pervading the minds of reformers, it becomes us as Free Methodists to join heartily and in every suitable time and place in this good work. The horrors of the liquor traffic need not be depicted. The dreadful tale of its appalling woes wails through the land amidst tears and blood. Therefore, let us attack this monster vice that is ruining its thousands and tens of thousands annually, in every practical way. Let preachers preach pointedly against it. Let the membership speak out boldly against it; and let all, as far as possible, act vigorously and persistently against it.

But we must be careful not to be allured into the support of those weak and precarious institutions, Secret Temperance Societies.—Against the boldest, most unscrupulous, bloodiest destroyer now ravaging the earth, and slaughtering with reckless, insatiable greed, night and day, the pleasing jingle of secrecy and mystery can offer but a feeble resistance. The genius of the Gospel must be our guide in this matter. "In secret have I said nothing," spake the World's Reformer. We know no other light but Jesus. Therefore, let us not be caught by the tinsel glare of the devil's tactics, nor be dis-

comforted by the plea of expediency. Nevertheless, we must not suffer ourselves to be paralyzed by inattention or idleness. We must meet questionable, illegitimate means of reform, with those that are harmless and laudable, and bear the test of the gospel. Let us bear in mind that all great moral or religious reforms have moved in open day; while the most dreadful errors and iniquitous institutions that have cursed the earth, have crept in the dark.

The following amendments were passed by the Conference :

That we deem the use of tobacco a filthy species of intemperance.

That we will not use alcoholic or fermented wine in the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and we recommend the stewards on all our charges to put up in the fall of the year, where they can be obtained, a sufficient quantity of grapes to make wine for the sacrament; and where they cannot be obtained, that they prepare from raisins wine for sacramental occasions.

### III.—ON MEMOIRS.

WILLIAM AUSTIN is gone! "A good man is fallen." The most of his life a slave,—yet a man—a Christian—a minister of Christ.

The colored people of St. Louis, this Conference, and the Church, have met with great loss in the death of our brother. We recommend to your kind regard the family of our deceased brother, and his work among the colored people in St. Louis, so auspiciously begun. And, while we mourn his loss, may our hearts be inspired to greater zeal and diligence in the service of our Master.

### IV.—ON MISSIONS.

As Free Methodists, we regard the cause of missions, the cause of God. Through the missionary work, must the world be converted. We need a more thorough effort in extending the work to the "regions beyond," by sending out more laborers to those places, from which repeated cries have come, "Come over and help us!" But this cannot be done without pecuniary aid. The lack of this has too long embarrassed and crippled our work. There are available openings to our work, which could be made self-sustaining if we could first send efficient laborers there. To organize classes, and then leave them to the merciless winds of adversity, will not do.—We need to follow up the work, when once started.

Therefore, we recommend that our preachers and class-leaders follow the disciplinary instructions as to raising missionary money, and our present embarrassment will cease. We hereby make our appeal to the consciences and pockets of our people, and sincerely hope the matter will not be suffered to pass unnoticed. According to our statistics, not one-half of our preachers take up the collection at all. "These things ought not to be." We need \$500 immediately, and recommend that it be raised as soon as practicable. We also recommend, that the Conference organize an efficient board to take control of and disburse the same.

### V.—ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

*Whereas*, The American Bible Society are performing their work

so efficiently ; therefore, we resolve to co-operate with it to the best of our ability, in purse and effort.

#### VI.—ON EDUCATION.

Religion and intelligence go hand in hand, and cannot be safely separated. While we have reason to thank God for the degree of spiritual power and heart-felt experience He has graciously favored us with as a people ; and while we feel it our duty always to lay great stress on holiness and a deep-toned simplicity among us ; we also hold that ignorance in no way promotes true religion ; and it is our duty to encourage sound learning among our people, and especially among our preachers, who are required by the Word of God to "Study to show themselves approved of God, workmen, that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Those of our preachers who in early life had only a limited opportunity to secure a sound and useful education, feel so much the need of a more thorough mental discipline ; and as sanctified learning is so important we advise our young preachers to pursue the Conference studies as thoroughly as they possibly can, and also to add to it as many useful studies as can be pursued without infringing upon their pastoral work. As we live in an intelligent age, we should prize learning as an important help in advancing the kingdom of Christ in the world. And in view of the irreligious influences connected with nearly all modern institutions of learning, which have a tendency to destroy the piety of our sons and daughters, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, cordially endorse every movement which has for its end the correction of such a state of things.

That we recommend to the patronage and support of our people the School located at North Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., as affording superior advantages in this regard ; and,

That in view of the noble stand taken by Wheaton College, in relation to Secret Societies, we recommend it to our people as the most suitable place for the education of our children in the West.

#### VII.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is the command of the Saviour to us as much as it was to the disciples. The Sabbath-School should be pre-eminently a place to preach the Gospel. It should be understood by children and adults, that it is a place to become acquainted with the will of God. There is no danger of the Sabbath-School usurping the place of family religious instruction, for usually there is so little of that, there is more necessity of this : and if all were done in the family that should be for the children, the bringing them together on the Sabbath gives an inspiration to the work that is beneficial. But there are families in every community where the light of the Gospel does not shine, and we must look after them : and the love that prompted the Saviour to labor for all, children included, will prompt his followers to carry the same Gospel to the same classes. Again, if the principles we advocate as a Church, are worthy our efforts, why not instil them in the minds of the children while they are tender ; and if they can be trained at all, why not train them right from the

beginning. As a people we talk as loud and strong as any, while in many respects we are behind in active labor, and in the matter of Sabbath-Schools in particular. While we remonstrate against the worldly policy, as well as the tendency of much of the Sabbath-School work of the day, we should set an example of what a Sabbath-School should be. If we have light others have not, we should let it shine. We need more of comparing note with each other, and expressing our minds freely and fully to each other, of our experience in this work, and we recommend that our people attend the various conventions that are held, and that they hold similar ones among themselves for mutual improvement. As we look over the past, we find that the Sabbath-School has not kept pace with the progress of our work. In 1865 we had 25 schools; in 1866 only 16. In 1867 we did better, having 21 schools; in 1868, 22, and this year 28. In 1861, with only 13 schools, we had 1,020 scholars, while this year, with 28 schools, we have only 1,008 scholars. We ought to hold the children better than this. We should inquire why we fail:—there is a reason. We want to learn the best way, the best methods, and with the blessings of God we can succeed. Our Discipline requires a school to be organized wherever ten children can be found. If we do this, we will form schools as often as we do societies. This provision is as old as Methodism itself, nearly. If the religious energy of our people was worked up as it should be, in this and other fields of labor, we should spread faster, and hold our ground better than we do now. We have much over which to rejoice notwithstanding, yet hope for better days to come.

#### VIII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

(The report not in the possession of the Secretaries.)

##### COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION FOR 1870.

*Preliminary Course*—Robert Abell, C. W. Frink.

*First Year*—L. Bailey, M. V. Clute.

*Second Year*—J. G. Terrill, D. M. Sinclair.

*Third Year*—J. Travis, C. E. Harroun.

*Fourth Year*—F. S. La Due, Wm. Cooley.

##### THE TIME FOR TAKING THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Missionary Collections, during the 1st Quarter.			
Bible	“	“	2nd “
Tract	“	“	3d “
Superannuated	“	“	4th “

**APPOINTMENTS.****CHICAGO DISTRICT—J. TRAVIS, *Chairman.***

Chicago and Wilmington.....J. TRAVIS.

**FOX RIVER DISTRICT—D. M. SINCLAIR, *Chairman.***

Aurora.....C. E. HARBOUN.  
 St. Charles and Geneva.....W. W. KELLEY.  
 Lodi and Sycamore.....J. W. DAKE.  
 Elgin and Clintonville.....D. M. SINCLAIR.  
 Crystal Lake.....S. ROBERTS.  
 Flint Creek.....LOOMIS BENJAMIN, supply.  
 Marengo and Belvidere.....J. SMITH; L. MENDENHALL, supply.

**FREEPORT DISTRICT—L. BAILEY, *Chairman.***

Freeport.....L. BAILEY.  
 Winnebago.....ROBERT ABELL.  
 New Diggings and Big Patch.....G. C. COFFEE.  
 Savannah and Stockton.....W. H. NEAL.  
 Ashton and Amboy.....WM. COOLEY.

**WISCONSIN DISTRICT—M. V. CLUTE, *Chairman.***

Whitewater.....M. V. CLUTE.  
 Berlin.....C. W. FRINK.  
 Beaver Dam.....W. A. NOBLES.  
 Sparta.....J. P. SHATTUCK.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT—T. S. LADUE, *Chairman.***

Cannon Falls.....T. S. LADUE.  
 Hudson.....C. M. DAMON.

**GALVA DISTRICT—J. G. TERRILL, *Chairman.***

Galva and Kewanee.....J. G. TERRILL, J. W. SHARPE, supply.  
 DeWitt.....J. W. CAIN.  
 Otter Creek.....ISAAC BLISS.  
 Manlius and Sheffield.....W. F. MANLEY.  
 Fairfield.....B. F. DOUGHTY.

**LEBANON DISTRICT—J. E. WHITING, *Chairman.***

Lebanon and Alma.....J. E. WHITING.  
 DuQuoin.....J. BUSS.  
 St. Louis.....To be supplied.

**KANSAS DISTRICT—(As arranged at their June meeting.)****COLORADO DISTRICT—D. M. ROSE, *Chairman.***

Colorado.....D. M. ROSE.  
 Scandinavian Mission.....PETER CHALMUN.



## CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

STATIONS.	Members.	Probation.	Total.	Local Pr's.	S. Schools.	Off'ers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Preachers' Receipts.	Missionary Collections	Supern'ed Collections	Tract Collections	Value of Church Property.
Arrora.....	80	20	100	1	1	10	50	360	\$800 00				\$12,000
Chicago.....	31	4	35	2	1	20	87	416	188 18	\$5 00			1,300
Elgin and Clintonville.....	49	6	55	1	2	15	50	640 00	10 10	50		4 20	9,000
Marengo and Belvidere.....	86		86	1	2	10	45	520	937 74				6,600
Crystal Lake.....	60	5	65	1					525 00	4 25			3,000
St. Charles.....	45		45	2	1	6			375 00				1,500
Geneva.....(Not reported.)					1							2 50	1,800
Lodi.....	34	4	38						400 00	10 00			4,000
Winnabago.....	55	5	60	1	2	19	104	300	450 00	3 00			1,500
Ashton and Amboy.....	38	18	56						500 00				4,000
Galva and Kewanee.....	80	26	106	1	2	20	106	120	600 00	25 00			
Manlius.....	40	4	42	1	2	19	60	300 00	5 00	1 50			3,300
Whitewater.....	54	8	62	1	4	37	160	375	550 00	10 00	5 00		1,000
Fairfield.....	51	2	56	1	1	10	45		319 35				2,500
Freeport and Savannah.....	51	15	66				30	550 00					1,000
DeWitt.....	52	11	63	2	1	10	112	250	500 00				2,500
Cedar Rapids Mission.....	12	14	26	2	2	9	46	170	183 60	6 05	2 00		400
New Digings and Big Patch..	20	12	38	2	2	18	113		360 00				400
Hudson and Cannon Falls.....	46	35	75						550 00	5 00			
Lebanon and Alma.....	89	15	104	2	2	15	105		350 00				4,000
Sparta.....(Not reported.)													
Bever Dam and Berlin.....													
Total.....	1076	202	1278	15	28	231	1113	2541	6078 87	83 50	8 50	6 70	\$44,800

MINUTES  
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The Fifth Session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church was held in connection with the Ridgeway Camp-Meeting, near Mooreville, Washtenaw Co., Michigan, commencing at 2 P. M., Sept. 10th, 1869.

Rev. B. T. Roberts, General Superintendent, in the Chair.

Appropriate devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

In the absence of the Secretary, B. R. Jones was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The roll was called, and six preachers in full connection responded to their names.

The delegates presented their certificates, and the Conference was duly organized.

B. R. Jones was elected Secretary.

**COMMITTEES.**

*On State of the Work.*—E. P. Hart, C. S. Gitchell, R. Wilcox.

*On Sabbath-Schools.*—J. A. Wilson, A. C. Squires.

*On Temperance.*—E. P. Hart, John Ellison, Asa Hiatt.

*On Publishing the Minutes.*—B. R. Jones, P. S. Car.

*To Collect Funds for the Same.*—John Ellison, Joseph Forbet.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

1. What are the names of the Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers.*—E. P. Hart, Russel Wilcox, C. S. Gitchell, John Ellison, J. A. Wilson, H. L. Jones, W. D. Bishop, L. T. Frink, A. C. Squires, A. V. Leonardson, G. H. Compton.

*Delegates* Joseph Corbet, I. Litchard, Nathan Bates, D. W. Tinkham, Nathan Keith, Smith Jenkins, P. S. Carr, John Billings, Lyman Parker, E. E. Miller, E. T. Pettis, H. Shingler, W. McFarlin, John Oswalt, Asa Hiatt.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, E. P. Hart, R. Wilcox, C. S. Gitchell, Joseph Jones, H. Shingler, D. W. Tinkham.

3. What Preachers are admitted on trial?

Anson Omens, John Billings, E. E. Miller, W. W. Warren.

4. Who remain on trial?

Holloway Sawyer, B. R. Jones, Edward Mathews, C. P. Miller, W. H. James.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

G. H. Compton, A. V. Leonardson.

6. Who are the Deacons?

A. V. Leonardson, G. H. Compton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

None.

8. Who have located this year?

None.

Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

H. L. Jones.

10. Who have been expelled?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Their names were called, and their characters separately examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year?

None.

14. What is the number of Church members, etc.?

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Ch'n's Receipts.	Value of Church Property.
Toledo.....	97	46	143		5	535	\$518	432	
Windsor.....	25		25	1					
Huron.....	85	42	127	1	4	68	353		\$700
Raisinville.....	90	12	102				140		
Petersburg.....	46	21	67		2	140	125		
Ridgeway.....	69	25	94		1	30	263		2000
Coldwater & B. Oak.	117	28	145	4	3	75	301		1200
Ransom.....	40	20	60	4	2		228		
Forest.....	18	11	29	1	1	75	124		
St. Johns.....									
Isabella.....	41	26	67	3	3	40	210		100
Flint.....	39	15	54		5		390		550
Dublin and Boston..	66	27	86	2	1	45	164		2000
Saranac.....	52		52	1					
Concord.....	22		22						
Total.....	807	266	1073	17	27	1008	2816	432	\$6550

15. Where are our preachers stationed this year?

TOLEDO DISTRICT—E. P. HART, *Chairman*.

Toledo,	Ohio.....	E. P. HART.
Springfield,	".....	L. T. FRANK.
Windsor	".....	C. S. GITCHELL.
Seneca,	".....	W. H. JAMES.
Dublin,	Ind.....	To be Supplied.
Petersburg,	Mich.....	H. SAWYER.
Raisinville,	".....	B. R. JONES.
Huron,	".....	A. V. LEONARDSON.
Ridgeway,	".....	JOHN ELLISON, EDWARD MATHEWS.
Ransom,	".....	To be Supplied.
Coldwater and Burr Oak,	Mich.....	J. A. WILSON, W. W. WARNER.
Concord,	Mich.....	JOHN BILLINGS.
St. John, Saranac,	}.....	{ W. R. CUSICK, C. P. MILLER,
& Cooperville		

SAGINAW DISTRICT—RUSSEL WILCOX, *Chairman.*

Farrandville & Saginaw, . . . . . R. E. WILCOX, A. C. SQUIRES.  
 Flint, . . . . . ANSON OMENS.  
 Forest, . . . . . E. E. MILLER.  
 Isabella, . . . . . G. H. COMPTON.

W. D. BISHOP, Missionary to California.

15. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?  
 At Springfield, Lucas Co., Ohio, on the last Thursday of  
 September, 1870.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Conference :

*Resolved*, That those who were deficient in their studies be required to bring them up the coming year.

*Resolved*, The members of this Conference extend to *The Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* their sincere approbation, and promise to do all they can to enlarge their circulation the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the arrangements made by the Quarterly Conference of Coldwater District, to build a traveling tent, become a Conference matter. And,

2. That the Committee appointed by said Quarterly Conference viz.: E. P. Hart, N. Bates, I. C. Water, to take charge of the tent be recognized by this Annual Conference. Also,

That Nathan Bates, Coldwater, Mich., act as Treasurer of said Committee.

*Resolved*, That the minutes be published in connection with the other Conferences.

E. P. Hart and Joseph Jones were elected members of Executive Committee.

Bros. A. V. Leonardson and G. H. Compton were elected to Deacons Orders, and ordained on Monday after the morning services.

The committee on raising funds for publishing Minutes, reported \$15 50.

Anson Omens was admitted, and his ordination as an Elder recognized.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.****I.—ON TEMPERANCE.**

Temperance is a good thing, and we will give it our hearty support.

**II.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.**

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We believe the Sabbath School interests have received due attention the past year,

Schools having been organized on all the circuits within the bounds of the Conference; and, so far as our means would permit, have been well supplied with books. Many of the Schools have been conducted on the union system—other Christian people co-operating with us. Hence, we would urge the necessity of excluding from our libraries all books which are not of a strictly religious character.

### III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee have decided to adopt the report of last year, since the condition of the work is essentially the same. It is as follows:

In the mind of your committee, we have, as a Conference, occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings of the past year, and the good degree of success with which our labors have been attended. None of our number have fallen by the hand of death, but we have been spared to meet once more in Annual Conference, and exchange Christian and friendly greetings. We feel to praise God for the peace and harmony which prevail throughout our borders. The success with which we have been blessed during the past year, has been, not only extending the work into sections hitherto unoccupied by us; but, what we consider fully as important, namely, finding a deepening of experience among our membership in the older sections of the work.

We have only to recommend the cultivation of that spirit of union and brotherly love so essential to our well-being as a denomination for, in the language of our blessed Discipline, "If we are united what can stand before us?"

If we continue to maintain the great distinctive doctrine upon which we have been thrust out as a people, we shall be able to report, from time to time, not only larger accessions to our numbers, but see the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ established in righteousness throughout the bounds of our Conference.

### P. O. ADDRESS OF PREACHERS.

E. P. Hart.....	Toledo, Ohio.
Wm. H. James.....	Green Springs, Seneca county, "
L. T. Frink.....	Holland, Lucas " "
C. S. Gitchell.....	Mansfield, Richland " "
Russell Wilcox.....	Isabella, Isabella county, Michigan.
G. H. Compton.....	Viola, " " "
J. A. Wilson.....	Coldwater, " "
Wm. W. Warner.....	" " "
A. C. Squires.....	Clio, Genesee county, " "
A. V. Leonardson.....	Brownstown, Wayne " "
John Billings.....	Concord, Jackson " "
B. R. Jones.....	North Raisinville, Monroe " "
John Ellison.....	Lake Ridge, Lenawee " "
Anson Omens.....	Elk, Saginaw " "
E. E. Miller.....	" " " "
H. L. Jones.....	Ida, Monroe " "
H. Sawyer.....	" " " "
C. P. Miller.....	Saranac, Ionia " "
Wm. R. Cusick.....	Coopersville, Ottawa " "

## LOCAL PREACHERS.

F. A. Downing.....	Homer, Calhoun county,	Michigan.
Hiram Bird.....	Ransomville, Wayne	“ “
J. Leisenring.....	Ransom, Hillsdale	“ “
Wm. Mabbs.....	“ “	“ “
Ira Bell.....	“ “	“ “
John Tomlinson.....	South Sherwood, Branch	“ “
E. B. Williams.....	Coldwater, “	“ “
H. Ferguson.....	“ “	“ “
John Oswalt.....	Mansfield, Richland	“ Ohio.
C. H. Sage.....	Saranac, Ionia	“ Michigan.
Geo. Havens.....	Hudson,	“

# MINUTES

OF THE

## SUSQUEHANNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

HELD AT ROME, N. Y., OCT. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11, 1869.

### OFFICERS.

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretaries*—W. GOULD; *Assistant*, J. B. FREELAND.

### COMMITTEES.

*On Public Worship*—M. D. McDougal, W. J. Selby, A. L. Webb.

*On Statistics*—W. Gould, J. B. Freeland.

*On Education*—W. J. Selby, B. Winget, J. Odell, L. Woodruff, S. Beckwith, J. S. Whitney.

*On Publications*—D. W. Thurston, Z. Osborne, A. Ranny.

*On Sunday Schools*—G. W. Anderson, J. B. Stacy, A. Paul, A. L. Webb.

*On Temperance*—J. Glen, W. A. Parry, C. T. Hicks.

*On Bible Cause*—J. B. Freeland, A. H. Knapp, A. Defendorf.

*On Publishing Minutes*—W. Gould, J. B. Freeland, B. T. Roberts.

*On Collecting Funds for same*—L. Woodruff.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Missions*—M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, Z. Osborne, M. Atkins, G. W. Anderson, S. Beckwith, W. Emory, G. Willard, A. Paul, L. Woodruff.

*Executive Committee*—E. Owen, J. Mackey.

*Delegates to Anti-Masonic Convention at Cincinnati*—E. Owen, J. Mackey, S. Irwin.



## EXAMINATION ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1870.

*Preliminary Course*—W. J. Selby, J. Odell.

*First Year*—J. T. James, B. Winget.

*Second Year*—J. B. Freeland, Z. Osborne.

*Third Year*—W. Gould, M. N. Downing.

*Fourth Year*—E. Owen, W. Southworth.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*On Nomination of Members of Judicial Committee in the Case of D. A. Cargill*—E. Owen, W. Southworth, L. Woodruff.

*Judicial Committee to try D. A. Cargill*—J. B. Freeland, W. M. Parry, E. Owen, B. Winget, J. Odell, G. W. Anderson, *Ministers*. G. Willard, J. S. Whitney, A. Defendorf, M. W. Crossman, J. F. Collins, A. Ranny, *Laymen*.

W. Gould, Secretary of Committee. W. J. Selby, Counsel for Prosecution.

*Corresponding Editor of The Free Methodist*—W. J. Selby.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

1. What are the names of Preachers and Delegates having a seat in this Conference?

*Preachers*—E. Bowen, S. H. Bronson, D. W. Thurston, E. Owen, M. Atkins, W. Southworth, J. Olney, W. M. Parry, Z. Osborne, W. Gould, J. B. Freeland, W. J. Selby, J. B. Stacy, M. D. McDougal, M. N. Downing, D. A. Cargill, D. Dempsey, J. Odell, J. Glen, G. W. Anderson, G. Edwards, J. T. James, B. Winget, T. Whiffin.

*Laymen*—W. A. Peters, J. Mackey, R. Coons, C. T. Hicks, S. Beckwith, A. L. Webb, W. Crossman, H. Thompson, W. Emery, J. Collins, A. Defendorf, G. Willard, J. S. Whitney, L. Woodruff, A. W. Paul, A. H. Knapp, W. Bartholomew, C. Jayne, A. Ranny, J. A. Somerville.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, W. Gould, J. B. Freeland, M. N. Downing, M. D. McDougal, J. Olney, J. Mackey, C. T. Hicks, J. Collins, L. Woodruff, C. Jayne.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial?

William H. Steegar, James Guyon, George Ferrin. (W. H. Steegar is in Elders' Orders.)

4. Who remain on trial?

Charles Southworth, T. Ross, J. W. Sawyer.

5. Who are admitted into full Connection?

\* Elias Bowen, \* Epenetus Owen, † John T. James, \* William Southworth, Thomas Whiffin, Geb. Edwards, John Glen, David Dempsey.

6. Who are the Deacons?

‡ George W. Anderson, † James Guyon, § Thomas Whiffin, § George Edwards, § David Dempsey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this Year?

Benjamin Winget, James Odell, John T. James.

8. Who have located?

None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out Preachers?

E. Bowen, S. H. Bronson.

10. Who have been expelled from the connection?

D. W. Thurston was excluded.

11. Who have withdrawn from the connection?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation, &c.?

They were examined and all their characters passed except D. W. Thurston who was charged with erroneous teaching, tried and excluded. And D. A. Cargill, who had been suspended by a Committee called since last Conference to try him on charges of immorality and imprudence, and whose case was now referred for trial, at his own request, to a Judicial Committee who are to meet after the adjournment of this Conference.

13. Who have died this year?

None.

14. What is the number of church members, &c.?

(See table of Statistics.)

15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—J. B. FREELAND, *Chairman.*

Syracuse.....G. W. ANDERSON.

Fulton.....C. SOUTHWORTH.

McGrawville, Dryden, and Summer Hill.....Z. OSBORNE.

E. BOWEN, superannuated, and member of Syracuse Quarterly Conference.

Clyde, Rose, Sodus, } ..... { J. B. FREELAND,  
and Montezuma, } ..... { G. EAKINS, supply.

Owasco .....J. OLNEY.

Seneca Falls and Waterloo.....One to be supplied.

\* In Elder's Orders.

‡ Ordained last year.

† In Deacon's Orders.

§ Ordained this year.

Bushnell's Basin, Pittsford, } { M. D. McDOUGAL,  
and Ontario, } { G. WILLARD, sup'y.  
Canandaigua and Pen Yan. . . . . } W. SOUTHWORTH.

UTICA DISTRICT—E. OWEN, *Chairman*.

Utica. . . . . E. OWEN,  
Frankfort and Schuyler. . . . . One to be supplied.  
Saratoga, Greenfield, Lan- } { J. ODELL, G. FERRIN, and  
singburg and Grafton, } { A. B. BURDICK, supply.  
Schoharie. . . . . G. EDWARDS.  
Rome, Lowell and New London, . . . . . B. WINGET.  
Nelson and Stockbridge, . . . . . M. ATKINS.  
Chittenango and New Guinea. . . . . W. H. STREGAR.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—W. GOULD, *Chairman*.

Binghamton and Owego, . . . . W. GOULD, G. W. SEVERSON, supply.  
Windsor, Sandford, } { W. M. PARRY, and L.  
and Bainbridge, } { WOODRUFF, supply.  
Brookfield; Edmeston and Norwich, . . . . . D. DEMPSEY, T. ROSS.  
Gibson and Lindleytown. . . . . J. B. STACY.  
Cohocton. . . . . J. W. SAMYER.  
Delaware. . . . . E. F. DEWEY, supply.  
Liberty. . . . . J. GUYON.  
Lenox and South Caanan. . . . . A. G. PERRY, supply.  
S. H. BRONSON, Superannuated.

NEW YORK DISTRICT—W. J. SELBY, *Chairman*.

New York, Brooklyn, Elizabeth } { W. J. SELBY,  
City, and Newark } { J. T. JAMES.  
Philadelphia, Allentown and Catsaqu. . . . . T. WHIFFEN.  
Whitehaven and Wilksbarre. . . . . J. GLEN.  
M. N. DOWNING to supply Lockport and Pendleton in the Gen-  
esee Conference.  
D. M. SINCLAIR transferred to the Illinois Conference.

18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

In the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., commencing Wednesday,  
Sept. 14th, 1870.

Conference had no business to transact under the 15th and  
6th Questions.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	No. of Members.	Total.											
		Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers, &c.	S. S. Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Preacher's Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Bible Cause.	Tract Cause.	Value of Church Property.	
Syracuse .....	50	50					350	\$554 70	\$4 50			\$3000	
Fulton .....	20	14				110	186 18	2					
Chittenango .....	89	84				200	300						
McGraville, &c. ....	47	9											
Rome, Lowell, &c. ....	69	9											
Utica .....	100	3											
Frankfort and Schuyler .....	40	3											
Nelson and Stockbridge .....	88	6											
Brookfield and Edmeston .....	47	3											
Saratoga, &c. ....	79	19											
New York, &c. ....	53	7											
Schoharie .....	11	23											
Clyde, Rose, &c. ....	120	39											
Seneca Falls, &c. ....	89	5											
Bushnell's Basin, &c. ....	59	10											
Canandaigua, &c. (No report .....													
Binghamton, &c. ....	62	14											
Windsor and Sandford .....	54	16											
Norwich and Bainbridge .....	30	3											
Gibson, Colton, &c. ....	78	8											
Delaware .....	89	6											
Liberty .....	38	45											
Philadelphia, &c. ....	16	9											
Catsaquia, &c. ....	17	18											
Whitehaven .....	36	10											
Glenwood, &c. ....	16	2											
Tellicoeth, &c. ....	17	6											
Total .....	1194	257	1451	283	21	152	608	22979	\$9364 00	\$39 06	\$10 02	\$9 50	65700

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Conference met in the Free Methodist Church, on Embargo street, at Rome, Oneida Co., N. Y., on Wednesday, Oct. 6th, 1869, at 9 A. M.

2. The roll was called by W. Gould, the Secretary of last year.

3. B. T. Roberts the General Superintendent, not having arrived, D. W. Thurston was elected Chairman *pro tem*.

4. Among the credentials of Lay Delegates presented, were those of Morgan Bement, from the Canandaigua and Victor Circuit. A question being raised as to their validity, a

committee was appointed to investigate, composed of W. J. Selby, J. Olney, and J. B. Freeland, who reported as follows: We recommend that this Conference do not admit Mr. Bement as a delegate, he not having been duly elected in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline.

Conference adopted the recommendation, but allowed said Mr. Bement to take an honorary seat.

5. Credentials were presented by G. S. Watkins, as delegate from Chittenango, and by W. Hill, from Fulton, which were objected to on the ground that both places were included within the grounds of the Syracuse Circuit, which was otherwise represented. Conference sustained the objection but admitted the said delegates to honorary seats.

6. All visiting Ministers were invited to take honorary seats.

7. D. M. Sinclair having removed to within the bounds of the Illinois Conference, J. Olney was elected to supply his place on the Stationing Committee.

8. Conference held subsequent sittings at 8 1-2 A. M., and 3 1-4 P. M., on the 7th; 8 1-2 A. M., 3 1-2 P. M., on the 8th; 9 1-4 A. M., 3 and 7 3-4 P. M., on the 9th; 8 1-2 A. M., 2 1-4 and 7 P. M., on the 11th.

9. B. T. Roberts arrived and took the Chair at the second sitting.

10. Elias Bowen, and E. Owen, formerly of the Central New York Conference of the M. E. Church; John T. James, from the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South; and William H. Steegar, of the Baptist Church, on being called forward to answer the questions asked of those who purpose to join in full connection, made interesting remarks explanatory of their reasons for seeking a change of Church relations.

E. Owen, not having been a member in the F. M. Church, previously, answered the usual Disciplinary questions asked of those joining the Church.

11. D. M. Sinclair was granted a letter of recommendation to the Illinois Conference of the F. M. Church, he having requested to be transferred to that Conference.

12. Rev. Levi Wood presented a report of the condition and prospects of *The Free Methodist* paper, and advocated its interests.

13. W. J. Selby was elected Corresponding Editor for this Conference.

14. It was resolved to publish the minutes of this Conference in connection with such of the other Conferences as will concur.

15. \$26 23 were collected for this purpose.

16. The Committee on Publishing the Minutes was granted discretionary power in determining what part of the proceedings of the Conference shall appear in the printed Minutes.

17. The devotional exercises in the Conference sittings were conducted by D. W. Thurston, B. T. Roberts, E. Bowen, A. G. Terry, and J. B. Freeland.

18. Preaching Services were held in connection with Conference, as follows:

Tuesday 5th—T. Whiffin preached at 7 P. M., on II Peter, i. 4.

Wednesday 6th—G. W. Anderson preached at 2 1-2 P. M., on Matt. vi. 9-13. E. Owen at 7 P. M., Gal. vi. 14.

Thursday 7th—J. B. Stacy, 2 1-2 P. M., Matt. v. 44. J. T. James, 7 P. M., Matt. xi.

Friday 8th—B. Winget, 2 1-2 P. M., Acts xi. 4. M. N. Downing, 7 P. M., Matt. vi. 33.

Saturday 9th—G. W. Severson, 2 1-2 P. M., II Chron. xv. 2. C. Southworth, 7 P. M., Psalm li. 14.

Sunday 10th—Love Feast at 8 1-2 A. M. B. T. Roberts preached at 11 A. M., on Prov. xi. 30. E. Bowen at 2 P. M., on I Thes. v. 16. L. Wood at 7 P. M., on John xiv. 1-4.

W. Gould preached before the Young Men's Christian Association, at their rooms, at 5 P. M., on Exodus xxxii. 26.

J. T. James preached in the Court Street M. E. Church, at 7 P. M., on Matt. v. 8.

Early morning prayer meetings were held, each day.

21. Ordination services were held in connection with the Sabbath morning and afternoon sermons, as follows: Thomas Whiffin, George Edwards, and David Dempsey were ordained Deacons, by the imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts at the close of the 11 A. M. service. Benjamin Winget, James Odell, and John T. James were ordained Elders, by the imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts and several of the Elders present, at the close of the 2 P. M. service.

22. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered after the ordination of Elders.

All the religious services were seasons of spiritual refreshing, and many of them times of great power.

The Conference Love Feast was a Pentecost.

21. The deliberations of the Conference were conducted in a spirit of love, and, notwithstanding their great importance and the strong interest attending them, were characterized throughout by calmness and impartiality and genuine desire and purpose to promote the glory of God.

22. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Pilgrims and citizens of Rome, who entertained the Conference in a liberal and Christian-like manner.

23. All money collected for the Bible cause was placed in the hands of J. Mackey, to be paid by him to the American Bible Society.

24. The appointments were read at the last sitting, about 8 1-2 P. M.

25. The Chairmen of Districts were elected without remark and without debate.

26. The journal was then read and approved, and Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That all resolutions offered for action to this Conference be presented in writing.

2. *Resolved*, That all candidates for examination on the course of study, and the members of all Examining Committees be present on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1870, at Brooklyn, at 9 o'clock A. M.; and that the examination of those who are not present at the appointed time shall be postponed for one year; unless their attendance is prevented by good and sufficient reasons.

#### ON SUNDAY CHEESE-MAKING.

3. *Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, heartily disapprove of the practice of cheese-making, or carrying milk to cheese-factories, on the Sabbath; and will do all in our power to extirpate this evil from the land, believing it to be in violation of that law which says; "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

#### ON DRESS.

The following preamble and resolutions on Dress, passed at the Rose Valley Conference, of 1866, and again at the Utica Conference, of 1868, were re-adopted:

*Whereas*, We believe the rule of our Discipline requiring all our members to forever lay aside all superfluous ornaments is founded on the express teachings of Scripture; and,

*Whereas*, We believe this rule to prohibit the wearing of all parts of dress, *put on for ornament only*; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we regret the growing tendency to worldly conformity among our members, exhibited in the putting on of those parts of dress worn under the name of *trimmings*, such as lace, fringes, embroidery, buttons, ribbons, braid, strips of velvet, &c.

2. That we affectionately admonish all our people that such a practice conflicts with the solemn vow taken by them on entering the church.

3. That we require all our Preachers, lovingly but faithfully, to enforce our Discipline in reference to this practice.

4. We hold that Christian parents are bound to refrain from putting ornaments on the dress of their children, as much as on their own.

## REPORTS.

### I.—ON EDUCATION.

We believe education is the hand-maid of religion; and that we, as a people, should do all in our power to promote thorough Christian and scientific knowledge: also, that we as preachers should heed the admonition given by St. Paul to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—rightly dividing the word of truth."

We learn, with gratitude to God, that a provisional charter has been obtained for our Seminary at Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y. A commodious and substantial brick building, 40 by 60, and four stories high, is now nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days. Two and a half acres of land, inclusive of that on which the building stands, has been deeded to the Trustees.

The sum of \$10,067 31 has already been expended on the building, of which \$7,162 32 has been collected from various sources, leaving \$2,904 99 as yet unpaid. This amount rests on a single individual, and should be paid in together with what may be necessary to complete the building as soon as possible.

School will commence in the new building as soon as completed, probably about the 12th of November next; and every effort will be made to have the school second to none in the advantages offered for obtaining a sound and thorough education, and superior to the popular schools of the day in promoting the spiritual self-denying religion of the cross.

Tuition will be at the usual rates. Board will be furnished in the Seminary building at cost.

*Resolved*, That we recommend and urge our members to sustain this school, by their prayers and contributions, and by sending their children to it whenever circumstances will permit them to do so.

### II.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-School work is closely connected with the prosperity of the Church. It is an excellent and wide field of labor for both ministers and people. Doubtless we all understand this, and realize the importance of the proper training of the young; but there is danger, while we are so engaged in the work of reformation, of our neglecting, or, at least, not being so thorough in this department as we should be. Hence,

*Resolved*, 1. That we will preach to both teachers and children as often as practicable.

2. That we will be careful to have godly officers and teachers in



our Sunday-schools ; and will keep out of the libraries all books of a light, fictitious character.

3. That we will continue to discountenance all the modern, popular modes of sustaining Sunday-schools—such as concerts, picnics, Christmas trees, etc.

### III.—ON TEMPERANCE.

We agree with the committee of last year, that :

“ *Whereas*, The evils of intemperance are of fearful magnitude, carrying in their train the temporal and spiritual interests of vast multitudes of our fellow creatures, thousands of whom are annually consigned to drunkard’s graves ; and our jails, prisons, and work-houses are filled with the victims thereof ; while poverty, theft, prophanity, licentiousness, and Sabbath breaking are its legitimate fruits ; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we, as a Conference, will do all in our power for the extirpation thereof, by preaching on the subject, by voting for its suppression, and by Church-Disciplinary action, in case any of our members become guilty of raising hops and barley for making beer, or of raising and selling grain for distillation.

2. That we will not use fermented or alcoholic wine in the administration of the Lord’s Supper, and we recommend the Stewards on all our circuits to prepare sacramental wine from grapes or raisins.

3. That the use of Tobacco in any form is a waste of the Lord’s money, and a violation of that passage of Scripture which commands us to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.”

### IV.—ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

We deem it of the utmost importance that in this age, in which atheistic and immoral publications are multiplying, that the truth of God, as revealed in his Word, should be found in every family. Finding in the American Bible Society an efficient agency for the accomplishment of this work ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we deem it our duty to sustain the same, and will do so by taking up collections for this purpose in all our congregations.

### V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We have reason for devout thankfulness and gratitude to God for the success of our publications—*The Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian*. They have abundantly satisfied a demand long felt by God’s dear children of medium through which light and truth might shine out upon the hearts and consciences of men.

Our land is filled with ungodly literature, and through this channel of communication the present and rising generation is drinking in darkness, death, and damnation ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Church will put forth renewed effort for a larger circulation of the *Earnest Christian* and *The Free Methodist*, thus relieving the latter from its embarrassment, and helping on the cause of Christ.

## VI.—ON MISSIONS.

The Christian Church is a Missionary Church. The commission Christ gave to his apostles was, to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Those disciples scattered abroad after the martyrdom of Stephen—"went everywhere, preaching the Word." The Scriptures plainly teach, that entire consecration includes the giving our worldly possession to the cause of Christ, as verily as giving ourselves. Hence, it is the duty of every child of God to contribute thereto according to his ability. While we are thankful to God for the benevolent spirit which is manifested among our people generally, in contributing of their means to aid the cause of God, yet we fear that the missionary enterprise in form, is not made by this Conference a sufficient specialty. Other contributions should not take the place of the special missionary collections ordered by the Discipline, which are: That 50 cents per member shall be collected on all our charges, from those who are able and willing to pay the same. Also that a public missionary collection be taken up at each appointment on every circuit. Judging from the amount received by the Treasurer of the Missionary Board, it is to be feared that these collections have been taken but in part.

According to our commercial strength, there should have been paid into the treasury this fall over six hundred dollars; whereas, there has been paid in but \$60.64. In view of this deficiency, and the demands of the work, it is hereby

*Resolved*, That all our preachers make a specialty of securing missionary money during the coming year, according to the provisions of the Discipline.

It is recommended that the money now in the treasury be distributed as follows: To J. B. Stacy, \$40; W. Southworth, \$10; G. Edwards, \$15; M. N. Downing, \$25.64.

The following appropriations are recommended for the coming year: To Philadelphia Mission, \$75; to Br. C. Southworth, \$35.

N. B.—All the forgoing Reports were adopted unanimously.

**P. O. ADDRESS OF PREACHERS.**

E. Owen.....	Utica, Oneida	Co., New York
J. Odell.....	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga	" " "
G. Ferrin.....	Lansingburg, Rensselaer	" " "
G. eo. Edwards.....	Breakabeen, Schoharie	" " "
B W nget.....	Rome, Oneida	" " "
Wm' H. Steegar.....	Chittenango, Madison	" " "
M. Atkins.....	Moorisville,	" " "
C. Southworth.....	Fulton, Oswego	" " "
J. B. Freeland.....	Rose, Wayne	" " "
Geo. Eakins.....	Clyde,	" " "
M. D. McDougal.....	Pittsford, Monroe	" " "
W. Southworth.....	Canandaigua, Ontario	" " "
Z. Osborne.....	McGrawville, Cortland	" " "
J. Olney.....	Owasco, Cayuga	" " "
E. Bowen.....	Cortland, Cortland	" " "
M. N. Downing.....	Lockport, Niagara	" " "

G. W. Anderson.....	North Chili, Monroe Co.	“	“
W. Gould.....	Binghamton, Broome	“	“
G. S. Severnson.....	Campville, Tioga	“	“
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