

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
New York Conference,  
OF THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,  
HELD AT  
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 1-6, 1875,  
In the F. M. Church, on Master St.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—W. Gould,

*Assistant*—J. Glen.

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, J. Mathews, J. Dickson.

*On Publishing Minutes and Collecting Funds for same*—B.

T. Roberts, W. Gould, J. Glen, W. B. Bertels.

*On Nominating Examiners on Course of Study for 1876*—

A. G. Terry, W. Jones.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The Stationing  
Committee.

*On Bible Cause*—J. E. Bristol.

*On Publications*—M. N. Downing, W. Gould, J. Dickson.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- On Arrangements for Sunday School Convention*—W. Gould,  
T. S. LaDue, P. Brooks, J. Wintsch.  
*On care and use of Conference Tent, etc.*—W. Gould, W.  
Jones, J. B. Bradbrook.

**Examiners on Course of Study for Next Year.**

- Preliminary Course*—F. J. Ewell.  
*First Year*—M. N. Downing, W. M. Parry:  
*Second Year*—T. S. LaDue, J. Mathews.  
*Third Year*—J. Glen, M. D. McDougal.  
*Fourth Year*—W. Gould, W. Jones.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

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

## PREACHERS.

A. G. Terry,	F. J. Ewell,	G. E. Ferrin,
T. S. LaDue,	M. D. McDougal,	W. W. Warner,
W. Jones,	W. M. Parry,	R. Coons,
W. Gould,	S. H. Bronson,	O. V. Ketels,
J. Mathews,	J. Glen,	F. Hendrickson,
M. N. Downing,	C. H. Southworth,	J. E. Bristol.

## LAYMEN.

W. Lamont,	J. Kraus,	J. Flumerfelt,
F. J. Wurster,	J. Dickson,	W. Spry,
J. Wintsch,	G. Cornwell,	L. Woodruff,
F. W. Myles,	J. J. Haviland,	J. W. Tamblyn.
J. A. Casterline,	W. B. Bertels,	
J. Markham,	S. Besecker,	

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*  
B. T. Roberts, W. Gould, J. Mathews, L. Woodruff, W.  
B. Bertels.
3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*  
F. J. Wurster.
4. *Who remain on trial?*  
G. Eakins, E. E. Adams, A. Ahgreen.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*  
T. S. LaDue, received by transfer from the Minnesota

Conference, G. R. Harvey, by transfer from the Genesee Conference, C. H. Southwick, transferred with the Windsor Circuit from the Susquehanna Conference, by the last General Conference, and with his own consent; Frederick Hendrickson, James E. Bristol.

6. *Who are the deacons?*

Andrew Ahgreen, James E. Bristol, Frederick Hendrickson. The last two named were ordained this year.

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

Rufus Coons.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.

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

W. W. Warner.

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

Their characters were each examined and passed.

The Conference had no business under the 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th and 16th questions.

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

See Table of Statistics.

17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

**STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT—W. GOULD, *Chairman.***

Windham,.....	G. Eakins
Liberty,.....	G. E. Ferrin.
Bainbridge, Unadilla and Oneonta,.....	R. Coons.
Windsor and Harpersville,.....	C. H. Southworth.
Hancock and Delaware,.....	A. G. Terry.
Beech Pond and Canaan,.....	E. E. Adams.
Unionville and Lennox,.....	S. H. Bronson.
Abington and Prospect Hill,.....	G. R. Harvey.
Wilkesbarre and Whitehaven,.....	T. S. LaDue.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT—W. JONES, *Chairman.***

New York, 37th Street,.....	W. M. Parry.
New York, 53d Street,.....	O. V. Ketels.
New York, Grand Street,.....	To be supplied.
Brooklyn,.....	To be supplied.
Riverhead and Farmingdale,.....	To be supplied.
Newark,.....	Supplied by J. Wintsch.
Rahway and Elizabeth City,.....	To be supplied.
Dover,.....	J. Glen.
Phillipsburg, Quakerstown, } Emaus and Saucon Valley, }	F. Hendrickson and T. J. Wurster.

Allentown,.....J. E. Bristol.  
 Philadelphia,.....M. D. McDougal.  
 South Jersey Mission,.....F. J. Ewell.  
 Swedish Mission,.....A. Abgreen.  
 M. N. Downing and J. Mathews, to be appointed by the President.  
 W. W. Warner, superannuated Member of the Southern District  
 Quarterly Conference.

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

At Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., commencing Wednesday, September 27th, 1876, or as near that time as shall be consistent with holding the other Conferences.

Candidates and Examiners on the Course of Study are requested to meet at 9 A. M., on Tuesday, September 26th, 1876, at the place above named.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

CASE OF S. IRWIN.

S. Irwin, having presented credentials as a delegate from the New York 37th-St. Society, his reception was objected to on the ground that he is not a member of the Free Methodist Church.

A motion that he be admitted was lost,—5 for, 13 against.

A motion to reconsider was carried, and during the debate which followed the President held "That in the admission of a delegate to which objection is made, an Annual Conference may inquire,

1st. If the Society meeting was held and the election fairly conducted according to the discipline.

2d. If the returns were correctly made.

3d. If the person elected was eligible.

But the chair DECIDED that each Society has the right to determine who are its members; that an Annual Conference has no right to decide who are or who are not members of any particular Society."

This decision was appealed from and the Conference voted not to sustain the chair—by 11 nays, 5 yeas.

It was then moved and carried, by 13 to 4, That S. Irwin be not received as a delegate from the New York Society.

W. Lamont, the reserve delegate from New York, was admitted.

At the second sitting a reconsideration of the last before said motion was ordered.

Portions of the journal of the New York 37th-St. Society were read, relative to the action of said Society on the case of S. Irwin. Statements were made by the pastor—W. M. Parry—and by W. Lamont, bearing on the action of said Society.

S. Irwin was then, on motion, allowed to address the Conference.

The time of adjournment having come further consideration of the case was postponed.

At the third sitting the case was again taken up and it was moved, That S. Irwin be admitted as delegate from the New York 37th St. Society.

In voting on this question the yeas and nays were called for. On the calling of the roll the following voted *yea* :

J. Mathews, M. N. Downing, F. J. Ewell, J. Glen, W. Lamont, J. Dickson, J. Cornwell, W. B. Bertels.—Total, 8.

The following voted *nay* :

A. G. Terry, W. Jones, W. Gould, M. D. McDougal, G. E. Ferrin, R. Coons, O. V. Ketles, C. H. Southworth, F. J. Wurster, J. Wintsch, F. W. Myles, J. A. Casterline, J. Markham, J. Knaus, J. J. Haviland, S. Besecker, J. Flumerfelt, W. Spry, L. Woodruff, J. W. Tamblyn.—Total, 20.

W. M. Parry was excused. S. H. Bronson and W. W. Warner absent.

#### THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE STATIONING COMMITTEE

were elected by ballot, at the first sitting, as follows :

1st ballot—For the Wilkesbarre and New York Districts, —Total votes 25 ; for L. Woodruff 11, W. B. Bertels 8, W. Lamont 5, J. Wintsch 1. No election.

2d ballot—26 votes cast. For L. Woodruff 15, W. B. Bertels 9, W. Lamont 2. L. Woodruff elected.

For the Philadelphia District—1st ballot, 24 votes cast— for W. B. Bertels 14, J. Dickson 9, J. J. Haviland 1. W. B. Bertels elected.

#### THE EDITOR OF THE FREE METHODIST—

D. P. Baker,—was introduced and elected to an honorary

seat. He addressed the Conference on the present condition and prospects of the *Free Methodist* and *The Pearl*.

#### TRANSFERS.

Windsor, Harpersville, Bainbridge and Unadilla Circuits having been transferred from the Susquehanna Conference by the action of the last General Conference, the President decided that C. H. Southworth and E. E. Adams, the pastors of said circuits at the time of transfer, are members of this body by said action and their own consent. C. H. Southworth signified his consent and took his seat. He is in full connection and Elder's orders.

E. E. Adams was not present, but having signified his consent through his chairman, his name was entered upon the roll as a preacher on trial, in the second year, and not in orders.

T. S. LaDue was received by transfer from the Minnesota Conference, and G. R. Harvey from the Genesee Conference. Both in full connection and Elder's orders.

#### CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Conference decided to employ two traveling chairmen, by a vote of 21 for and 9 against.

Moved and carried to vote for the two on one ballot.

First voting, 33 ballots cast, with two names on each: for W. Gould 23, W. Jones 19, M. N. Downing 13, J. Glen 8, J. Mathews 2, T. S. LaDue 1. W. Gould and W. Jones declared elected. But some doubt being expressed concerning the election of W. Jones it was resolved to ballot again, one name only on the ballot. The second ballot resulted as follows:—32 votes given; for W. Jones 18, M. N. Downing 12, J. Glen 2. W. Jones declared elected.

#### PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

It was resolved to publish the Minutes of this Conference in connection with those of the other Conferences held this fall, as far as practicable.

The Publishing Committee reported that \$25.00 had been collected for the purpose.

Discretionary power was given to the committee as to what parts of the proceedings should appear in the printed Minutes.

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CONFERENCE TENT.

W. Gould, on behalf of the New York and Wilkesbarre Districts, presented to the Conference a tent which had been recently purchased and paid for by said Districts, at a cost of \$200.00. Size, 46x30 feet and 18 feet high, capable of seating 300 persons. Conference accepted the gift and placed it under the care of a Tent Committee.

ORDINATIONS.

At the close of the morning service, Sunday, September 5th, Frederick Hendrickson and James C. Bristol were ordained deacons, by imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts; and Rufus Coons was ordained Elder, by imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts and several other elders.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

For the coming year were ordered as follows; For Bible Cause, during the second quarter; for Claims, during the third quarter; for Missions, during the fourth quarter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

It was decided to hold a S. S. Convention for the Conference during the coming year, and a committee of arrangements was appointed. (See list of committees.)

A VOTE OF THANKS

To the citizens of Philadelphia, the pastor and members of the Philadelphia Society, for their kindness in entertaining and caring for the Conference, was tendered by a unanimous rising vote.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

was discharged without reporting.

CONFERENCE SITTINGS,

Nine of which were held, ended sine die on Monday afternoon about 4 P. M.

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RESOLUTIONS.

ON CANDIDATES AND EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY.

*Resolved*, That all candidates for examination on the course of

study, and all examiners on the same, be requested to be present at the seat of Conference one day in advance of the time fixed for the assembling of Conference, next year.

#### BIBLE MONIES.

*Resolved*, That the amount collected for Bible cause be paid to the American Bible Society, in such a manner as to constitute W. Gould a life member of said Society.

#### ON SABBATH DESECRATION.

*Whereas*, Sabbath desecration is on the increase in our land, through the patronage of open saloons, the conducting of various business operations, and by pleasure taking on the Lord's day. And,

*Whereas*, Sunday railroading prevails in the most open and systematic manner. And,

*Whereas*, We are informed that the ministers and churches of the city of Philadelphia have taken strong ground in opposition to Sunday railroading, especially in view of the coming Centennial. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we deplore Sabbath desecration in all its forms, especially that of Sunday railroading, whether by steam, or street cars, we enter our protest against it, and exhort our ministers and members to discountenance it by precept and practice, being convinced that it is contrary to plain Scripture law and Free Methodist discipline.

NOTE.—The above resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

#### ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

The following questions were proposed to the President, whose answers are annexed.

*1st Question*.—Has a Free Methodist preacher a right to take from a class leader, his class book, without the consent of the class and that of the official board, or either?

*Answer*.—Our discipline, Chap. iv. Sec. 8th, says, "The preacher in charge shall nominate, and the class elect the leader, who shall hold his office for one year." Therefore a preacher has not a right to take away from a class leader his class book, without the consent of the class.

*2nd Question*.—Has a preacher a right to take a class himself and act as its legitimate leader, without being elected by the class?

*Answer*.—He may, as a temporary arrangement when circumstances demand it. But it may not be done as a general rule.

### REPORTS.

#### ON GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION EXPENSES.

W. Gould, as committee, reported that he had assessed the amount needed on a basis of 12½ cents per member, with some



NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

STATISTICS OF NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 1875.

NAME OF CIRCUIT.	MEMBERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Missions Col- lections.	Bible Collections.	Value of Church Property.	
	Full.	Probation.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Number.	Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Volumes in Library.					Amount raised for S. School purposes.
New York, 37th Street,.....	48	3	51	1	1	46	14	550	71 15	1119 94	18 05	6 00	15,000
Grand St. and 3rd Street,.....	48	3	51	1	3	89	17		56 00	484 10	16 20	7 00	
Newark,.....	16	2	18	2	1	45	9		33 29	146 00	6 85	3 70	3,300
Dover,.....	36	3	39	2	1	60	15		38 29	8 00 91	12 00	3 17	10,000
Allentown and Phillipsburg,.....	45	1	46	2	2	54	11		19 00	*79 97			75
Saucon Valley, Etnaus, etc.,.....	34	5	39	1	3	77	11	50	14 00	163 00	7 94	2 18	
Riverhead and Farmingdale,.....	16	3	19	2	1	12	5			†321 83	4 00		1,500
Brooklyn,.....	37	1	38	1	1	45	10	50	20 00	1020 00			
Rahway and Elizabeth,.....	21	1	22	1	1	14	6	75	7 00	†154 15	5 25	2 19	10,000
Philadelphia,.....	38	4	42	1	1	40	8	60	8 00	604 75	3 50	1 30	7,000
Vineland,.....	12		15							50 00			
Swedish Mission,.....										174 74			
Wilkesbarre and Whitehaven,.....	38	4	42	2	2	40	10	350	17 00	623 50	5 00	4 00	1,200
Abington and Prospect Hill,.....	35	11	46	1						381 83	4 15		
Beech Pond and Canaan,.....	40	4	44	2	3	75	20	250		416 39	4 02		4,000
Uniondale and Lenox,.....	7		7	1	1								
Windsor and Harpersville,.....	66	12	78	1	1	57	7	188	29 84	500 00		3 85	4,000
Bainbridge and Unadilla,.....	25	7	32	2	2	25	6		1 60	262 00			3,000
Hancock and Delaware,.....	9	3	12	1	1	12	3		1 20	357 73			
Liberty,.....	38	2	40	1	1	20	8		1 25	219 17			
Windham,.....	23	3	26	1						203 97			
Traveling Chairman's Receipts,.....										761 04			
	632	80	712	22	25	711	160	1573	317 62	8753 92	91 56	37 37	59,075

\*This circuit had no preacher appointed during most of the year.  
 †This circuit had a regular preacher during the first part of the year only.  
 ‡Preacher's receipts for 12 weeks only.

slight variation to meet the circumstances of members. That the following assessments were made and paid: New York 37th-st., \$7.00; New York Grand st., \$4.00; Newark, \$1.75; Hudson City, \$1.00; Brooklyn, \$8.00; Dover, \$6.00; Phillipsburg and Allentown, \$5.00; Saucon Valley, Emaus and Kingwood, \$3.00; Rahway and Elizabeth, \$2.75; Wilkesbarre and Whitehaven, \$7.00; Vineland Mission, \$2.00; Liberty, \$2.00; Windham, \$2.50; Canaan and Beech Pond, \$5.00; Abington and Lennox, \$2.50. Total, \$59.50

Amounts paid: To W. Jones, \$13.00; W. B. Bertels, \$14.00; J. Mackey, \$16.80; W. Gould, \$14.35. Total, \$58.15. Balance on hand, \$1.35.

#### ON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

W. Gould reported that he had expended all the money furnished him last year in the purchase of a Conference Journal and produced the journal he had purchased.

#### ON BIBLE CAUSE.

J. E. Bristol reported that \$36.07 had been collected for Bible Cause. (For details see Table of Statistics.)

#### ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount raised, \$89.12.

The committee recommended that the above amount be paid pro rata on the amounts appropriated at the last conference.

#### ON SUPPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

W. B. Bertels, on behalf of the Executive Committee, reported that \$50.93 had been collected for the support and traveling expenses of the General Superintendent at this Conference.

### Conference Roll and Preachers' Post Office Address.

Year of admission to full connection.	Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
1860,	A. G. Terry,	Hancock,	Delaware,	New York.
	T. S. LaDue,	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne,	Pennsylvania.
	J. Mathews,	Philadelphia,		"
1863,	W. Gould,	Harpersville,	Broome,	New York.
"	M. N. Downing,	Alton,	Wayne,	" "
"	W. Jones,	Phillipsburg,	Warren,	New Jersey.
1864,	F. J. Ewell,	Vineland,	Cumberland,	" "
1866,	M. D. McDougal,	Philadelphia,		Pennsylvania.
1867,	W. M. Parry,	329 W. 37th-st.,	New York,	New York.
1868,	S. H. Bronson,	Uniondale,	Susquehanna,	Penn.
1869,	J. Glen,	Dover,	Morris,	New Jersey.

1870, G. R. Harvey,	Waverly,	Luzerne,	Pennsylvania.
" C. H. Southworth,	Windsor,	Broome,	New York.
1871, G. E. Ferrin,	Liberty Falls,	Sullivan,	" "
" W. W. Warner,	North Chili,	Monroe,	" "
1872, R. Coons,	Unadilla,	Otsego,	" "
1874, O. V. Ketels,	317 Front St.,		" "
1875, J. E. Bristol,	Allentown,	Lehigh,	Pennsylvania.
" F. Hendrickson,	Phillipsburg,	Warren,	New Jersey.
Admitted on trial.			
1873, E. E. Adams,	Beech Pond,	Wayne,	Pennsylvania.
" Geo. Eakins,	Windham,	Greene,	New York.
1874, A. Ahgreen,	Hartford,		Connecticut.
1875, F. J. Wurster,	Saucon Valley,	Lehigh,	Pennsylvania.

**Local Preachers' Names and Post Office Address.**

Circuit.	Name.	Post Office.	County and State.
New York,	John Grey,	37th-Street,	New York.
Riverhead,	James L. Downs,	Riverhead,	Suffolk, " "
"	Sydney L. Downs,	"	" "
Brooklyn,	Hoyt Hunt,	Cor. 17th-st & 4th-av.,	" "
Emaus & S.V.	John Knauss,	Emaus,	Lehigh, Penn.
Allentown,	Joel Schultz,	Allentown,	" "
Phillipsburg,	J. Markham,	Bloomsburg,	Hunterdon, N. J.
Rahway,	John T. Haviland,†	Rahway,	Union, New Jersey.
New York,	C. H. Kæppel,	603 W. 58d-st,	New York.
Newark,	J. Wintsch,	173 S. Orange-st.,	Newark, N. J.
"	J. Summerfield,†	145 James st.,	" "
Canaan, B.P.,	Geo. W. Swingle,	South Canaan,	Wayne, Penn.
Liberty,	Seth Bonney,*	Liberty Falls,	Sullivan, N. Y.
Delaware,	Edward Dewey,†	Fisher's Eddy,	Delaware, "
Meriden,	L. Woodruff,†	Meriden,	Broome, "
Wilkesbarre,	W. B. Bertels,†	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne, Penn.
"	I. D. Pembleton,	"	" "
"	James Bradbrook.		
Windham,	D. Barlow,	Windham,	Greene, N. Y.
Delaware,	J. Tamblin,	Beaver Kill,	Delaware, "

NOTE.—Those marked thus, \* are Elders; those marked thus, † are Deacons.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—O. M. Owen,

*Assistant*—E. P. Sellew.

**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, A. F. Curry, E. P. Sellew, Charles Widler.

*On Statistics*—O. M. Owen, E. P. Sellew.

*On publishing Minutes*—B. T. Roberts, E. P. Sellew, O. M. Owen.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The Stationing Committee.

*On Sabbath Schools*—B. Winget, Z. Osborne, J. Odell, J. N. Fulford, J. Keen.

*On Claims*—M. N. Downing, E. Owen, Albert Case, Edward Traxler.

- On Bible Cause*—W. Southworth, J. Olney, S. Beckwith, Chas. J. Howe.  
*On Temperance*—L. Kelly, A. F. Curry, F. A. Town, Orville Frink.  
*On Publications*—J. B. Freeland, M. N. Downing, E. Owen, J. Benedict.  
*On Education*—A. F. Curry, E. Owen, J. Odell, J. Pye.  
*To collect funds for publishing Minutes*—S. Beckwith.  
*On Secret Societies*—T. Whiffen, Z. Osborne, J. N. Fulford, John Keen.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

**Examiners on the Course of Study for 1876.**

*Preliminary Course*—W. Southworth, J. B. Stacy.

*First Year*—B. Winget, A. N. Paul.

*Second Year*—T. Whiffen, Z. Osborne.

*Third Year*—O. M. Owen, E. P. Sellew.

*Fourth Year*—J. Odell, M. N. Downing.

*On arranging for S. S. Convention*—M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, A. F. Curry, F. A. Town, H. S. Forncrook, J. N. Fulford.

*To visit Chili Seminary*—M. N. Downing, E. Owen.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

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

## PREACHERS.

A. F. Curry,  
 J. Olney,  
 J. B. Freeland,  
 M. N. Downing,  
 J. B. Stacy,  
 Z. Osborne,  
 J. Odell,  
 B. Winget,  
 J. W. Sawyer,

E. Owen,  
 W. Southworth,  
 T. Whiffen,  
 D. Dempsey,  
 E. P. Sellew,  
 T. A. Ross,  
 J. Guyon,  
 S. V. McVey,  
 L. Kelly,

O. M. Owen,  
 A. W. Paul,  
 J. D. Osmun,  
 C. W. Stevens,  
 O. W. Young,  
 Samuel Perkins,  
 Lester S. King,  
 L. H. Robinson,  
 E. E. Adams.

## DELEGATES.

H. Forncrook.

D. Dexter,

Orville Frink,

John Pye,	C. J. Howe,	Melvin Marble,
S. B. Nichols,	David Webb,	John Benedict,
Albert Case,	F. A. Town,	Edward Traxler,
John Keen,	B. F. Morrell,	E. Osmun,
J. N. Fulford,	W. N. Eckerson,	James Harrower,
S. Beckwith,	C. H. Austin,	Byron Lafler.
Seymour Holdridge,	Charles Widler,	

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

B. T. Roberts, E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, A. F. Curry, J. N. Fulford, John Benedict, F. A. Town.

3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

Harvey Perkins, R. S. Bronson.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

L. W. Cronk, A. H. Knapp, R. M. Snyder, Geo. Stover.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

L. H. Robinson, Samuel Perkins, C. W. Stevens, O. W. Young, L. S. King, E. E. Adams; M. N. Downing received by transfer from the N. Y. Conference, E. F. Lyon from the Onondaga Conference of the Methodist Church, and Nicholas Steil, of the East German Conference of the M. E. Church.

6. *Who are the deacons?*

J. D. Osmun, ordained last year, L. H. Robinson, S. Perkins, C. W. Stevens, O. W. Young, L. S. King, E. E. Adams; J. N. Fulford—local preacher, ordained this year.

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?*

J. Guyon.

10. *Who have been expelled this year?* None.

11. *Who have withdrawn from the Conference this year?*

None.

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

Their names were called and characters passed.

13. *Who have died this year?* None.

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

For answer to this, and to the 15th and 17th, see Table of Statistics and Report of Committee on Claims.

No business under the 16th question.

18. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

APPOINTMENTS.

CLYDE DISTRICT.—M. N. DOWNING, *Chairman.*

Clyde, Rose, Montezuma & Port Byron, . . . T. Whiffen, Thos. A. Ross.  
 Pittsford and Bushnell's Basin, . . . . . Z. Osborne.  
 Webster and Ontario, . . . . . O. W. Young.  
 Alton and Wayne, . . . . . J. B. Stacey.  
 Ontario Mission, . . . . . J. Olney.  
 German Mission, . . . . . Nicholas Steil.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—M. N. DOWNING, *Chairman.*

Syracuse, . . . . . William Southworth.  
 Fulton, . . . . . O. M. Owen.  
 Chittenango and Cicero, . . . . . Ezra Lyon.  
 Nelson and Stockbridge, . . . . . S. V. McVey.  
 New London and Taberg, . . . . . O. D. Norton, supply.  
 Smyrna, . . . . . H. Perkins.  
 Pharsalia, . . . . . L. H. Robinson.

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

Utica, . . . . . Supplied by A. N. Moore.  
 Rome, . . . . . J. Odell.  
 Frankfort and Schuyler, . . . . . Supplied by H. Mathews.  
 Black River, . . . . . Supplied by J. C. Kennedy.  
 Brookfield, Edmeston and New Berlin, . . . . . L. W. Cronk.  
 Columbus, Sherburn and Norwich, . . . . . R. S. Bronson.

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

Saratoga Springs, . . . . . B. Winget.  
 Greenfield and Corinth, . . . . . C. W. Stevens.  
 Lansingburg and Bath, . . . . . D. Dempsey.  
 Grafton, . . . . . Supplied by A. B. Burdick.  
 Schoharie, . . . . . L. Kelly.  
 Stratford and Salisbury, . . . . . Supplied by B. F. Tisdale.

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

Binghamton and Oswego, . . . . . E. P. Sellev, One to be supplied.  
 Ithaca, . . . . . J. D. Osmun.  
 Summer Hill, . . . . . L. S. King.  
 Williamsport, . . . . . A. H. Knapp.

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

Sparta, . . . . . Samuel Perkins.  
 Ossian and Tuscarora, . . . . . R. M. Snyder.  
 Italy and Bloods, . . . . . George Stover.  
 Gibson and Lindley, . . . . . A. W. Paul.  
 Steuben Mission, . . . . . J. W. Sawyer.  
 E. Owen, Conference Evangelist.

*19. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Alton, Wayne Co., N. Y., commencing the second Wednesday in September, 1876.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### ELECTIONS.

The Secretary was elected by ballot, O. M. Owen receiving 17 votes out of 25 cast. E. P. Sellew was elected assistant by show of hands.

Three traveling chairmen, who shall devote all their time to district work, were elected on one ballot, as follows: A. F. Curry received 34 votes; J. B. Freeland, 34; M. N. Downing, 39; remainder scattering.

The lay members of the Stationing Committee were elected by ballot as follows: from Syracuse and Clyde Districts, J. N. Fulford, who received 18 of 30 votes; Utica and Saratoga Districts, F. A. Town, who received 23 of 33 votes; Binghamton and Dansville Districts, J. Benedict, who received 18 of 33 votes.

TRANSFERS.—M. N. Downing and E. E. Adams were received into the Conference by transfer from the New York Conference; C. H. Southworth transferred to New York Conference this year; G. H. Harvey transferred to Genesee Conference last year.

INTRODUCTIONS AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.—Rev's Richard Titus, pastor of St. Pauls Chapel, Binghamton, and B. F. Combrash of Albany N. Y., D. P. Baker, editor Free Methodist, William Gould of New York Conference, and E. F. Lyon, were introduced and invited to honorary seats. Rev. Joseph Hartwell, pastor of High St. M. E. Church, was also introduced. Rev. G. R. Harvey and Bro. A. L. Webb were made honorary members.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the following brethren: B. T. Roberts, J. B. Freeland, J. Olney, D. P. Baker. Four sessions of the Conference were held from 8½ A. M. to 12 M.; one on Saturday at 3-50 P. M. and one—the last—at 9 P. M.

Rev. E. Owen objecting to being chairman of a district, in



view of the health of his family, was, at his own request, excused and made Conference Evangelist.

J. Guyon was granted a Superannuated relation.

Nicholas Steil, of the East German Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, having answered the usual disciplinary questions, was admitted to full connection and his credentials as Deacon recognized. E. F. Lyon, of the Onondaga Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, answering the usual disciplinary questions, was admitted to full connection and his credentials as Elder recognized.

John N. Fulford—local preacher from Chittenango and Cicero charge—was elected to Deacon's orders.

Religious services were held each day, afternoon and evening. The following brethren preached: L. S. King, L. Kelly, D. Dempsey, O. W. Young, G. R. Harvey, T. Whiffin, J. Olney, Wm. Gould, J. Odell, M. N. Downing. On the Sabbath Rev's B. T. Roberts, E. Owen and D. P. Baker, in the Free Methodist Church. In the High Street M. E. Church, Wm. Southworth preached in the morning and J. Odell in the evening. In Zion Church, J. B. Stacy preached in the morning and M. N. Downing in the evening.

Conference decided to publish the Minutes in connection with those of the other Conferences.

Conference passed a motion that a copy of the Report on Publications be furnished the editor of the Free Methodist for publication.

On motion the Bible Committee were discharged.

VOTE OF THANKS.—Conference, by a rising vote, tendered thanks to the Binghamton Society and citizens for so kindly entertaining them. Conference also returned thanks to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their duties.

A collection of \$5.92 was taken up to purchase a new Conference Journal, and to pay for stationery.

ORDINATIONS.—On Sabbath, after morning preaching, the following were ordained Deacons, by the imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts: Lafayette H. Robinson, Samuel Perkins, Charles H. Stevens, Orren W. Young, Lester S. King, Elbert E. Adams and John Fulford—local preacher.

## SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.															
	Members.	Probation-ers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Volumes in Library.	Am't raised for S. S.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairmen's Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Claims.	Chili Seminary.	Valuation of Church Property.
Clyde and Syracuse Districts.....	51	6	57	1	1	75	17	225	\$35 00	\$584 10	\$229 43	\$2 00	\$5 00	\$3 00	\$3500
Aion and Rose.....	49	12	61	2	1				\$376 00	451 00		2 00	1 00	2 00	1500
Alton and Wayne.....	38	3	41	3					418 17	418 17		5 20	4 35	2 00	2500
Witford and Bushnell's Basin	55	8	63	1	2	149	13	298	24 79	531 00		3 09	3 23	1 73	3500
Syracuse.....	65	15	80	1	1	45	10	6	30 00	460 32		1 82	1 54	83	4000
Watson.....	55	14	69	2	2	20	6	20	15 50	850 00		54	1 54	68	5000
Chittenango and Cicero.....	58	16	74	2	2	100	18	20	11 00	224 02		1 50	1 50	50	50
Neilson and Stockbridge.....	26		26	1	2	55	15					1 50	1 50		1500
Utica and Saratoga Districts	86	19	105	1	1	50	9	184	20 65	710 00	559 00	26 66	16 13	6 00	6000
Rome.....	48	2	50	1	1	50	8	250	50 00	760 00		1 81	1 21	1 05	7500
Frankfort and Schuyler	43	10	53	1	1			150		254 32		3 25	4 17	52	1400
Black River.....	27	4	31	2	1	18	4		286 85	286 85		1 75	1 82	75	1000
Bookfield and Admeston	27	2	29	2	5				200 00	200 00		1 54		85	5000
Columbus, Sherburn and Norwich.	25	5	30			40	7	230	3 00	400 00		2 00	2 17	1 40	5000
Saratoga.....	28	1	29	1	1	20	5		200 00	200 00		2 00	25	2000	2000
Lansingburg and Bath.....	14	9	23	2	1	15	4		191 90	191 90		90	75	1 40	1500
Schoharie.....	32	7	39	1	1	26	8	80		138 00					
Stratford and Salisbury	22	4	26	1	1										
Greenfield and Corinth.....	21	3	24	1	1										
Grafton.....	15	4	19	4	1	64	8	260			300 00				800
Binghamton and Damsville Dist's.	76	7	83	2	1	30	5	190	10 00	625 00		3 20	2 75	2 08	10000
Binghamton and Owego	22	2	24	1	1	23	6	5	5 00	120 50		1 30			1300
Shutty.....	13	3	16	1	1	25	5	25	18 00	288 18		2 25	2 50		3000
Pharsalia.....	33	1	34	1	1	30	10		217 68	217 68		1 80			1200
Summer Hill and Homer	41	7	48	1	2	30	8		890 00	890 00		2 25			5000
Sparta and Bloods.....	19	19	38	1	1	10	5		361 44	361 44		3 25	63	88	2800
Ithaca.....	43	8	51	2	1	60	14	80	22 50	430 34		8 59	40	88	3600
Gibson and Lindletown.....	26	12	38	1	1	25	5		230 00	230 00		2 22	1 20	1000	1000
Italy and Penn Yan.....	4	2	6						4 65	4 65					
Williamsport.....	14	20	34	1	1	30	3		300 00	300 00					
Ossian.....	8	7	15						109 23	109 23					
Steben Mission.....															
Total.....	4084	215	4299	29	28	1005	190	1732	264 44	9637 71	1088 43	69 72	50 40	25 62	67,050

Canandaigua, Auburn and Seneca Falls Mission, New London, and Montezuma--no report.

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**REPORTS.****I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES:**

Confidence among men appears to be indispensable to safety and happiness. This is secured only by open and unreserved association. Hence we everywhere find distrust and alienation where secret societies exist. We heartily endorse the sentiments and resolutions of last year's report on this subject.

**II.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.**

We are happy to report an increased interest in the Sabbath School work among us. During the past year our Conference held a Sabbath School Convention at Rome, N. Y., which, though not largely attended, was one of profit and interest. But there remains much to be done yet: there is much land to be possessed. The study of the Scriptures was never more important than now. The Church of Rome is doing all she can to take the Bible from the rising generation. Let us do all we can to write it on their hearts. The object of the Sabbath School is the diffusion of divine knowledge and the conversion of the young. The Bible is the revealed will of God, and every one should be familiar with it. As a church we should be awake to this matter; therefore we recommend that in connection with our General Quarterly Meetings a half-day be given to the interests of the Sabbath School work, and that a Conference S. S. Convention be held during this year. We also recommend that our preachers preach special discourses to the young, and hold special services for them. Let us be up and doing, brethren. Hoping these few words may meet your approbation, we subscribe ourselves,

Your Committee.

**III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.**

We believe that the demands for thorough evangelical publications, in the form of books, papers and tracts, is greater now than ever in the past. Satan is busy and increasingly bold. The number of his publications are as the stars of heaven for multitude. In character they range from the obscene and vulgar to the professionally orthodox. It is appalling to see with what a relish his deadly poison is drank by the masses. To counteract this effort of Satan we recommend the wide-spread circulation of publications of the opposite character, and especially of that class which directly tend to convince of sin and lead to God. While, as a Church, we have no Publishing House of our own, and no official organs by which to disseminate elevating and soul-saving truth—nevertheless our wants may be amply met by the use of that which is already available through other sources. We therefore recommend a more vigorous effort on the part of the ministry and laity of our church to increase the circulation of the *Earnest Christian*, believing that, in view of its highly intellectual and uncompromising religious character, it is admirably adapted to

check the tide of worldliness, error and sin, and to build up and establish believers in the faith of the gospel of Christ.

We also recognize in the *Free Methodist* a circulating medium of evangelical truth which is materially aiding the church in its aggressive and reformatory movements. And we recommend an earnest endeavor to increase its circulation on all our charges. We hereby acknowledge our gratitude for and admiration and appreciation of *The Pearl*—a monthly paper published at Sycamore, Ill., by the proprietors of the *Free Methodist*—which we believe is admirably adapted to S. S. enterprise. We hope its managers will soon be able to make it a semi-monthly. We heartily commend it to the S. Schools everywhere. Your committee would also exhort all our preachers to make a special effort to put into the hands of all our young converts such books as *Memoirs of Bramwell*, *Carvosso*, *Hester Ann Rogers*, *Mary Fletcher*, *Lady Maxwell*, etc.; knowing that the careful reading of the same greatly tends to build up believers in that "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

#### IV.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The wide spread evils of Intemperance are alarming in the extreme. It strikes every beholder who is in sympathy with moral reform, as one of the most gigantic and unaccountable evils which has cursed the human race. How to redeem the people from this blighting curse, has been the problem for solution. Methods of reform have been tried, which, though not altogether unsuccessful, have proven themselves inadequate, and too superficial for the end proposed. One unsuccessful method was publicly caricaturing rumsellers, mimicking drunkards, and the singing of mirthful so-called temperance songs, to the delight of gaping multitudes, which, however, now have been superseded by songs of a different character altogether. Now we hear sung, "Rock of Ages cleft for me," or "Nearer my God to Thee," with a power often accompanying them that seems like a touch of prophetic fire. Another method is investing temperance with secrecy. These so-called temperance orders have never inspired a movement, but always thrive when they can come in and share the spoils. It may truthfully be said that they kill the aggressive temperance reform. The moment that reform is turned aside from its accustomed channel, which is for the general good, and secreted in halls, subjected to signs, grips and passwords, its power is destroyed. Again, the license system has been tried, and is proved to be just what it was always designed to be, namely: a legal support of the rum traffic.

We have reason to believe that one prolific source of drunkenness is traceable to the use of tobacco, which creates an appetite in most cases for alcoholic stimulants. It is kept in every rum hotel and grocery in the land. Its use ought to be totally discarded. Both dram drinking and tobacco using are hostile to the New Testament religion, which enjoins sobriety and cleanliness.

as essential qualities in the Christian character. We, as a church, have taken strong ground against these evils, and, as far as we know, have maintained our position. Therefore,

*Resolved* 1st. That we will co-operate with any party in nominating and electing such men to office who shall carry out the temperance platform, and who stand pledged for a stringent prohibitory law.

*Resolved*, 2d. That we believe, in order to succeed, we must have faith in the only efficient cause, ordained of God, as a remedy for all human woes.

We also see the absolute necessity of infusing as much of the religious element into this movement as we possibly can.

V.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

Amount raised, \$25.50.

VI.—ON STATISTICS.

See Table.

VII.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Money in hands of the committee,.....	\$59.08
Previously paid to Bro Sawyer,.....	10.64—\$69.72

Due to Bro. Sawyer on last year's appropriation, \$39.36, which your committee recommend to be paid; after the payment of which your committee will have in hand, \$19.72.

We recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:

Steuben Mission,.....	\$50.00
Ontario " .....	25.00

We recommend that the money in hand be paid on these appropriations as follows:

J. W. Sawyer,.....	\$10.00
J. Olney,.....	9.72

VIII.—ON EDUCATION.

The human mind, without true education, is like marble in the quarry: the intrinsic value and beauty of which does not appear until it has passed under the chisel of the skilful sculptor. We say *true* education, because there is so much bearing the name which tends rather to deform than beautify. We have reason for devout thanksgiving to God, that, amid the false and mixed instruction which render it so difficult to give the mind a thorough scientific drill, without at the same time poisoning it with false principles; there are opening to us places and facilities for the acquirement of science, which are not only free from such contaminations, but baptized with divine and hallowed influence which give science its truest lustre, and directs to its noblest end.

Among these institutions we are glad to reckon our *Chili* and Spring Arbor Schools. During the brief existence of our *Chili*

Seminary, many have risen up to call it blessed,—not only for its thorough educational benefits—but for the pearl of great price which they have picked up within its walls. No one can visit this institution without feeling that the God of science and of salvation really dwells there. We rejoice to know that the present building is becoming too strait for the students flocking thither, and that already new walls are going up for the accomodation of others. We also rejoice to learn that a subscription of \$4,000 was secured for the purpose; at the late Chili Camp-Meeting. To complete and furnish the building commenced will require as much more money as is now pledged. Let us everywhere direct our youth and contributions towards this God honored institution.

## IX.—ON CLAIMS.

Whole amount collected,.....	\$51.36
Of this amount our claimant has received,....	16.17
Amount in hands of committee,.....	35.23
Deficiency,.....	\$76.64

Your committee deeply regret that they are obliged to report so great a deficiency in the superannuated fund. Sister M. J. Selby, our only claimant, has three children dependent upon her for food, raiment and for an education. She is a faithful, industrious and economising Christian. She needs the entire amount the discipline of the church allows her. We cannot neglect her and be guiltless before God. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

Our present indebtedness to Sister Selby, including the deficiency of last year, is \$114.31. Added to this \$128—her annual disciplinary allowance,—we find that it will be necessary to raise the coming year the amount of \$242.31, in order to be able to meet her claims against us, at the next session of the Conferencee.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conferenc that each preacher having a charge should vigilantly endeavor to raise during the coming year the average amount of twenty cents per member, for the benefit of said claimant.

## Conference Roll and Preachers' Post Office Address.

Year of admission to full connection.	Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
1860,	A. F. Curry,	Almond,	Allegany,	New York.
1862,	J. Olney,	Bushnell's Basin,	Monroe,	" "
"	J. B. Freeland,	Utica,	Oneida,	" "
1863,	M. N. Downing,	Alton,	Wayne,	" "
1865,	J. B. Stacy,	Alton,	Wayne,	" "
"	Z. Osborne,	Pittsford, (Box 89),	Monroe,	" "
1866,	J. A. Odell,	Rome, (Box 876),	Oneida,	" "

1867, B. Winget,	Saratoga,	Rensselaer, New York.
1868, J. W. Sawyer,		
1869, E. Owen,	Cortland,	Cortland, " "
" W. Southworth,	21 Linden st.,	Syracuse, Onondaga, "
" T. Whiffen,	Clyde,	Wayne, " "
" D. Dempsey,	Lansingburg,(Box 65)	Rensselaer, " "
1870, E. P. Sellew,	Binghamton,	Broome, " "
" T. A. Ross,		
1871, J. Guyon,		
1872, S. V. McVey,	Nelson,	Madison, " "
" L. Kelly,	Barnerville,	Schoharie, " "
" O. M. Owen,	Fulton, (Box 161),	Oswego, " "
" A. W. Paul,		
1874, J. D. Osmun,	Ithaca,	Tompkins, " "
1875, C. W. Stevens,	Greenfield,	Saratoga, " "
" O. W. Young,	West Webster,	Monroe, " "
" Samuel Perkins,		
" Lester S. King,	Summer Hill, (Box 65),	Cayuga, " "
" L. H. Robinson,	North Pharsalia,	Chenango, " "
" E. E. Adams,		
Admitted on trial.		
1873, L. W. Cronk,	Edmeston,	Otsego, " "
1874, A. H. Knapp,	Williamsport,	Penn.
" R. M. Snyder,		
" Geo. Stover,	North Cohocton,	Steuben, New York.
1875, Harvey Perkins,	Smyrna,	" "
" R. S. Bronson,	Norwich,	Chenango, " "

**Local Preachers' Names and Address.**

Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
Wm. Griswold,*	Harford,	Thompkins, New York.	
E. Osmun,	Ithaca	"	" "
Geo. Willard,	Union Hill,	Monroe,	" "
O. D. Norton,	Morrisville,	Madison,	" "
C. H. Austin,	Ilion,	Herkimer,	" "
D. Colgrove,	Edmeston,	Otsego,	" "
A. L. Holliday,	Otselic,	Chenango,	" "
D. D. White,	Brookfield.	Madison,	" "
D. Walling,	West Deavenport,	Delaware,	" "
Lewis Barrett,	Alton,	Wayne,	" "
A. J. Cady,	Canandaigua,	Ontario,	" "
J. Brown,*	Utica,	Oneida,	" "
G. W. Henry,	Frankfort,	Herkimer,	" "
J. Benedict,†	Plymouth,	Chenango,	" "
Orville Frink,	North Pharsalia,	"	" "
Wm. Fisher,†	New London,	Oneida,	" "
Geo. Milem,	Clyde,	Wayne,	" "
M. P. Smith,	Barnerville,	Schoharie,	" "
Almiron Smith,	Plank Road,	Onondaga,	" "

B. F. Tisdal,	Frankfort,	Herkimer,	New York.
J. N. Fulford,†	Chittenango,	Madison,	" "
Amos Chrysler,†	Navarino,	Onondaga,	" "
H. F. Hill,	Lindleytown,	Steuben,	" "
D. Dexter,	Black River,	Jefferson,	" "
J. C. Kennedy,	" "	"	" "
Charles J. Howe,†	Edmeston,	Otsego,	" "
B. F. Stoutenburg,†	Binghamton,	Broome,	" "
W. M. Sullivan,	"	"	" "
John Woodhall,	Rome,	Oneida,	" "
B. F. Morrell,	East Albany,	Rensselaer,	" "
F. Heasty,	Lansingburg,	"	" "
S. S. Webber,	Edmeston,	Otsego,	" "
J. Downend,	Utica,	Oneida,	" "

Those marked thus,\* are in Elder's orders; those marked thus,† are Deacons.



MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
Genesee Conference,

HELD AT  
Allegany, N. Y., September 15-20, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—B. T. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*—S. K. J. CHESBRO.      *Assistant*—W. MANNING.

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The Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. on Wednesday the 15th. by the President, who conducted the religious exercises.

The roll of preachers was called and nineteen responded to their names, and twenty-three delegates presented certificates of election during the first session.

S. K. J. Chesbro, having received twenty-one of the thirty-eight ballots cast, was declared elected Secretary.

William Manning was elected assistant secretary.

**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—J. Robinson, R. W. Hawkins.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The Stationing Committee.

*On Education*—H. Hornsby, S. K. J. Chesbro, A. N. Moore, J. W. Reddy, J. Stainton, H. A. Crouch.

- On Sunday Schools*—G. W. Marcellus, S. K. J. Chesbro, A. B. Mathewson, W. T. Hogg, A. A. Burgess, N. A. Bennett, W. A. Sellew.
- On Claims*—O. O. Bacon, G. W. Coleman, G. W. Holmes.
- On Bible Cause*—J. Robinson, N. A. Bennett, I. C. White, Charles English.
- On Temperance*—L. Wood, J. R. Annis, C. C. Eggleston, C. Sperry.
- On Publications*—W. Jackson, D. Tefft, H. Pulis, G. W. Coleman.
- To collect funds for Minutes*—N. H. Brown, T. Allen.
- To publish the Minutes*—The President and Secretaries.
- On Secret Societies*—R. W. Hawkins, J. A. Campbell, C. Wiltsie, J. W. McAlpine.
- On Memoirs*—G. W. Coleman, T. Allen.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

#### PREACHERS.

B. T. Roberts,	H. Hornsby,	A. N. Moore,
J. W. Reddy,	W. Jackson,	C. C. Eggleston,
Asa Abell,	G. W. Coleman,	R. W. Hawkins,
L. Wood,	J. W. McAlpine,	S. K. J. Chesbro,
C. D. Brooks,	M. E. Brown,	G. H. Joslyn,
J. C. Thomas,	I. C. White,	N. H. Brown,
O. O. Bacon,	T. B. Catton,	Wm. Inglesby,
W. Manning,	M. C. Burritt,	W. T. Hogg,
G. W. Humphrey,	Jno. Robinson,	A. H. Bennett,
A. H. Greene,	A. A. Burgess,	J. Ireland.
G. W. Marcellus,	A. B. Mathewson,	

#### DELEGATES.

C. Wiltse,	L. P. Rose,	J. Barnhart,
T. Roberts,	Thos. Allen,	J. R. Annis,
R. M. Paul,	James Q. Welch,	H. A. Crouch,
Jno. Stainton,	D. Tefft,	Loren Lockwood,
G. W. Holmes,	L. Herrington,	Nelson Warner,
Jas. E. Cassidy,	Henry Pulis,	J. A. Greene,
N. A. Bennett,	Cyrus Sperry,	Maxwell Moore,
T. A. Blanchard,	Bailey Burritt,	J. B. Nessell,
A. Horning,	Chas. English,	G. Johnston.
E. B. Buck,	J. A. Campbell,	

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*  
B. T. Roberts, W. Manning, G. W. Coleman, W. Jackson, G. W. Holmes, Thomas Allen, John Stainton, H. A. Crouch.
3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*  
H. H. Loomis; M. H. Monroe, W. G. Oakes, W. A. Sel-  
lew.
4. *Who remain on trial?*  
W. B. Pattridge, Jno. Walton, R. S. Phillips, Jos. Hen-  
ning.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*  
W. T. Hogg, A. H. Bennett, J. Ireland.\*
6. *Who are the Deacons?*  
S. K. J. Chesbro, Wm. Ingleby, W. T. Hogg, J. Walton,  
A. H. Bennett, W. A. Sellew.
7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*  
None.
8. *Who have located this year?*  
L. Wood, G. H. Joslyn, N. H. Brown.
9. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*  
Asa Abell, H. Hornsby, T. B. Catton.
10. *Who have been expelled?* None.
11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.
12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*  
The names were all called and their characters separately  
examined and passed.
13. *Who have died this year?* E. Herrick.
14. *What is the number of Church members, etc.?*  
See Table of Statistics.
15. *What amounts are necessary, etc.?*  
See Reports on Claims and Missionary Appropriations.
16. *What has been collected on the foregoing account?*  
See Report on Claims.
17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*  
See Appointments.
18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*  
At Parma, third Wednesday, in September, 1876.

\*Admitted from the Methodist Church.

## APPOINTMENTS.

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

Rochester,..... W. A. Sellw.  
 Parma, Chili and Clarkson,..... Wm. Manning, J. Walton.  
 Kendall,..... O. O. Bacon.  
 Sweden and Brockport,..... J. W. Reddy.  
 Albion and Gaines,..... Supplied by J. Travis.  
 Yates and Carlton,..... M. C. Burritt.  
 Chili Seminary,..... To be Supplied.  
 A. Abell and H. Hornsby, superannuated.

### BUFFALO DISTRICT.—WILLIAM JACKSON, *Chairman.*

Buffalo,..... G. W. Coleman.  
 Lockport, Pendleton and Newfane,..... C. C. Eggleston.  
 Tonawanda, Pekin and Military Road,..... W. G. Oakes.  
 Akron and Alden,..... W. B. Pattridge.  
 Porter and Wilson,..... W. Jackson.  
 Wales and West Falls,..... M. E. Brown.

### WYOMING DISTRICT.—I. C. WHITE, *Chairman.*

Perry and Burke Hill,..... G. W. Marcellus.  
 Java and Johnsonsburg,..... A. A. Mathewson.  
 LeRoy and Bethany,..... A. H. Bennett.  
 Mount Morris, Groveland and Greigsville,..... I. C. White.  
 Gainesville, Eagle and Centerville,..... J. W. McAlpine.  
 T. B. Catton, superannuated.

### ALLEGANY DISTRICT.—R. W. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Gowanda and Collins,..... M. H. Monroe.  
 East Otto,..... R. S. Phillips  
 Belmont, Scio, Pikeville and Honeoye Creek,.... To be Supplied.  
 Rushford, Caneadea and Caseville,..... J. Robinson.  
 Franklinville and Yorkshire,..... W. Ingleby.  
 Allegany,..... A. A. Burgess.  
 Great Valley,..... J. Henning.  
 Emporium,..... James Ireland.

### OIL CITY DISTRICT.—R. W. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Oil City, Franklin and Meadville, J. T. James, J. Barnhart, supplies.  
 Dunkirk,..... W. T. Hogg.  
 Jamestown,..... H. H. Loomis.  
 Leon, Ellington and Randolph,..... John Taylor, Supply.  
 Ripley and North East,..... C. D. Brooks.  
 Pittsburg,..... To be Supplied.  
 German Mission,..... J. C. Thomas.  
 California Mission,..... G. W. Humphrey.  
 A. H. Greene and A. N. Moore, to be appointed by Superintendent.  
 S. K. J. Chesbro, (by consent of Conf.),... Brooklyn, N.Y., Supply.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Loc. Pr'chers.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Missionary Collections.	Superan'ted Collections.	Bible Cause.	Preachers' Receipts.	Deficiency.	Value Church Property.	Value of Parsonages.			
Rochester.....	S. K. J. Chesbro.....	53	7	60	1	1	13	70	60.00	15.00	.....	800.00	.....	8,000	4,000			
Parna and Chili.....	O. O. Bacon, L. Wood.....	159	14	173	3	2	44	214	60.00	15.00	.....	1050.00	.....	12,500	3,500			
Kendall.....	Wm. Manning.....	95	11	105	1	1	140	45.45	45.45	.....	.....	500.00	.....	3,000	900			
Sweden and Brockport.....	G. W. Marcellus.....	604	4	681	1	3	22	130	19.45	.....	.....	460.00	.....	1,400	600			
Albion and Gaines.....	A. N. Moore.....	292	5	297	1	1	8	230	27.00	.....	8.00	730.00	.....	10,000	2,000			
Clarkson.....	J. W. Reddy.....	30	6	36	2	1	30	50	6.50	2.15	.....	135.00	.....	4,000	.....			
Yates and Carlton.....	A. H. Bennett.....	66	4	70	2	.....	12.70	.....	12.70	.....	.....	135.00	.....	4,000	.....			
Buffalo.....	G. W. Coleman.....	69	12	78	.....	.....	14.00	.....	14.00	14.50	.....	688.78	.....	15,000	.....			
Lockport, Pendleton, etc.....	N. H. Brown.....	63	8	88	2	3	15	60	11.10	.....	1.85	470.00	.....	7,500	.....			
Porter and Wilson.....	W. B. Partridge.....	43	14	77	1	2	27	173	8.00	6.00	.....	575.00	.....	2,000	2,000			
Tonawanda, Pekin, etc.....	W. A. Sellaw, supply.....	43	4	47	1	2	13	45	3.23	1.50	.....	236.00	.....	2,500	.....			
Arron and Alden.....	A. B. Mathewson.....	71	3	74	2	2	.....	.....	5.97	3.84	.....	413.60	.....	2,300	.....			
Perry and Buck Hill.....	M. C. Barrett.....	53	3	56	.....	.....	19.31	.....	19.31	12.56	6.60	550.00	.....	2,300	1,200			
Wales and West Falls.....	G. H. Joslyn.....	94	3	97	1	3	18	100	4.60	.....	.....	450.00	.....	3,000	1,000			
Java and Attica.....	John Walton.....	74	13	87	2	1	11	93	1.70	2.00	.....	339.77	110.23	6,000	1,000			
Mount Morris, etc.....	A. A. Burgess.....	32	19	42	2	1	9	20	.....	.....	.....	435.00	.....	3,000	.....			
LeRoy and Bethany.....	W. Jackson.....	58	7	65	1	2	13	41	.....	.....	.....	425.00	.....	4,000	.....			
Gainesville.....	W. G. Oakes, supply.....	52	4	56	1	1	12	21	.....	.....	.....	202.60	.....	2,500	.....			
Allegany.....	John Robinson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Gowanda and Collins.....	L. C. White.....	98	10	108	2	3	17	80	9.60	3.65	.....	550.00	.....	6,500	1,500			
East Otto.....	M. E. Brown.....	41	10	51	2	1	5	33	3.60	1.00	.....	378.00	.....	2,500	.....			
Belmont and Scho.....	R. S. Phillips.....	45	4	49	2	.....	.....	.....	4.85	.....	.....	230.88	.....	.....	.....			
Pikeville and Horseoove Creek.....	Wm. Ingley.....	37	3	40	1	2	11	50	.....	.....	.....	232.57	.....	.....	.....			
Rushford, Cananda, etc.....	M. H. Monroe, supply.....	55	1	56	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	816.39	.....	2,000	700			
Cadiz and Yorkshire.....	Supplied.....	43	3	46	1	2	30	50	2.62	.....	.....	84.75	.....	1,500	.....			
Oil City, Franklin, etc.....	Joseph Henning.....	85	45	130	2	1	6	32	.....	.....	.....	307.37	.....	.....	.....			
Jamestown.....	W. T. Hogg.....	33	9	42	.....	2	12	50	.....	.....	.....	250.50	150.00	.....	.....			
Dunkirk.....	C. C. Eggleston.....	26	4	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	270.00	.....	.....	.....			
Leon, Ellington and Randolph.....	J. W. McAlpine.....	19	19	38	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137.05	.....	.....	.....			
Chaunauqua Mission.....	C. D. Brooks.....	36	4	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205.00	.....	.....	.....			
Emporium.....	G. K. Harvey.....	13	13	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205.00	.....	.....	.....			
Allegany District, <i>Chattanooga</i> .....	R. W. Hawkins.....	17	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	535.00	.....	.....	.....			
		1832	231	2063	84	49	306	1607	259	68	67	20	16	45	12568	88	260	23
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97,500	16,900	.....	.....	

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The Conference held the session in the Free Methodist Church at Allegany. Six sessions were held, viz: Wednesday, 2 to 4-30 P. M.; Thursday and Friday, 9 to 12 A. M.; Saturday, 9 to 12 A. M., and 4 to 5-30 P. M.; Monday 9 A. M. to 12-30 P. M.

The following visiting ministers were introduced to the Conference, and invited to honorary seats; Rev. D. P. Baker editor of the Free Methodist, and Rev. J. B. Freeland of the Susquehanna Conference.

Religious services were held during the Conference, as follows; preaching, Wednesday, 7-30 P. M., J. B. Freeland; Thursday, 2-30 P. M., A. H. Bennett; Thursday, 7-30 P. M., I. C. White; Friday, 2-30 P. M., J. H. James; Friday, 7-30 P. M., D. P. Baker; Saturday, 2-30 P. M., Children's Meeting; Saturday, 7-30 P. M., S. K. J. Chesbro; Sunday, 10-30 A. M. B. T. Roberts; Sunday, 2-30 P. M., G. W. Coleman; Sunday, 7-30 P. M., D. P. Baker.

Bro. Reddy preached at the M. E. Church in Allegany at 10-30 A. M., and Bro. Marcellus at the same place at 7-30 P. M.

The services on Sunday were held in the Presbyterian church, which was kindly offered us for the occasion. At 9-30 A. M., a love feast was held, and following the morning service Bro Roberts ordained to the office of Deacons, W. T. Hogg, A. H. Bennett, W. A. Sellev, and J. Walton.

The entire session of Conference was remarkably free from anything like bitterness or a spirit of contention. Brotherly love continued from the opening to the closing service. The preachers were blessed in preaching, and all the services were seasons of refreshing. The Children's meeting was well attended. Bro. Baker made the leading speech to the children, which was very interesting. He was followed by Bro. Barnhart of Oil City, and Bro. Reddy, who were able to maintain the interest to its close.

A vote of thanks to the friends of Allegany was passed. We were well entertained, and shall ever carry with us kind remembrances of the Conference of 1875.

**Examiners on the Course of Study for the Next Year.**

*Preliminary Course*—J. W. Reddy, G. W. Coleman.

*First Year*—W. Jackson, Jno. Robinson.

*Second Year*—M. C. Burritt, Wm. Manning.

*Third Year*—O. O. Bacon, C. C. Eggleston.

*Fourth Year*—H. Hornsby, A. B. Mathewson.

*S. S. Board.*—Recording Secretary, W. A. Sellew, Wm. Manning, G. W. Marcellus, John Robinson, W. T. Hogg, G. W. Johnston, Loren Hill, R. M. Paul, N. A. Bennett, J. Barnhart.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### I.—ON CLAIMS.

Total amount received, \$70,69. Paid as follows:

Rev. Asa Abell,.....	\$25.00
Rev. H. Hornsby,.....	25.00
E. Herrick's widow—donation,.....	20.69—\$70.69

A collection of \$17, 30 was also taken up for Sister Herrick.

### II.—ON MISSIONS.

Total amount received, \$292,00. Paid as follows:

Leon, Randolph and Ellington, to J. W. McAlpine, \$100.00
Chautauqua Mission, to C. D. Brooks,..... 100.00
Pikeville and Honeoye, to W. Ingleby,..... 50.00
California Mission, to G. W. Humphrey,..... 22.00—\$292.00

### III.—ON FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

• Amount received for printing Minutes, \$29.00.

### IV —ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance are well known, and, therefore, need not be here repeated. The blessings of temperance are equally well known,—it “leads to health, wealth, happiness and long life.” Intemperance is, probably the greatest scourge that ever afflicted society; leading to a greater number and variety of evils than any other one sin. Its evils reach—not only the depraved and guilty—but come down with ponderous weight on lovely and helpless innocency. Now, we ask, what is the legitimate province and work of law? The answer is plain and obvious—it is to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. There are various classes of hardened wretches, cursing not only themselves, but also multitudes of those who are innocent and virtuous. Among all these classes none are more vile, or to be more thoroughly detested, than the dealers in alcoholic beverages. That these monsters in human shape are permitted to prey on society as they do is a burning shame to the body politic—to our State and nation.

Aye, and to the body ecclesiastic, also, for, if the churches did not wink at the evil, it would be in their power to abate it.

To attempt to reach liquor dealers by the gospel, or moral suasion, in order to cure the evil in that way, is an attempt at once futile and silly. What do they care for the gospel, or moral suasion, or the tears and groans of their wretched victims? It is their chief business to trample all these things under their feet. All that they will appreciate is physical force, pains and penalties, in the form of legal suasion. Society owes it to itself to protect itself from these voracious monsters.

Temperance men and societies have long looked to the great political parties for some efficient aid in their holy efforts to abate this great public nuisance, but have as long looked in vain. "Time and again have the temperance people of this State been grievously disappointed in the persons sent by their aid into the Legislature, or elected through their endeavors to high office. Deliberately have pledges been violated, and promises been made deceitfully, with regard to liquor legislation. Sneers were the reward which treacherous politicians thought fit to offer to the faithful advocates of temperance. Yet it may be safely said that no class in the community wrought with greater energy to give the power of doing good to the parties with which they had been allied, than the temperance voters. These voters were always called upon when a party was in sore straits, concessions being made to win their vote, but have always been overlooked when the party felt proud of its conscious strength. Parties have chosen to ally themselves with the liquor interest, and must abide by the results of their choice." Henceforth temperance men are expected to act politically independent of the great parties with which they have heretofore been allied,—to act as a third party for the destruction of the evil. This is the position taken by both the National and State Temperance Societies,—and the appeal is to every lover of his kind to fall into line. "Between the makers and venders of intoxicating drinks, and true temperance people, there can be no fellowship. Such legislation as has been obtained, with a view to conciliate both, has been a mere mockery. What avenues of intoxication were closed with one hand were opened with the other. Even regulating measures have been so laxly administered as to be of no real effect in abating drunkenness and the evils which it entails. Liquor laws have been so framed as to be in their very nature ineffective, and were, doubtless, intended to be barren of results; thus producing, among the criminal classes, not only a contempt for these laws but for all law. The State Temperance Society has resolved hereafter to achieve success by its own efforts. In the recent annual meeting at Saratoga, it adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the traffic in alcoholic beverages is, in no proper sense, a legitimate business: that it is a flagrant nuisance and curse, and should be legally declared such, and be every-



where and summarily abated, by a due process of law, under the police power of the State.

*Resolved*, That the prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages is a political issue of pressing and transcendent importance, involving, in a large degree, the welfare and prosperity of free institutions.

*Resolved*, That the Democratic and Republican parties, by the adherence to the license system, which guarantees a legal status to the liquor traffic, are unworthy of our confidence and support."

The foregoing resolutions have the right ring. If all temperance voters would stand to them they would soon achieve a complete victory over the demon of Intemperance. The other parties have themselves to blame for their truckling policy, if they lose the temperance vote.

"This, then, is a political, as well as a moral, question. Not made political by temperance men, but by the friends of the liquor traffic. The charge is wilfully and maliciously false, that the temperance men have carried the question into politics. The liquor sellers have carried it there long ago, to sanction their selling; and the drinkers to sanction their drinking, and neither of them wishes us now to 'meddle with politics,'—and some good men deceived by this false and hypocritical cry, are free with their advices to us to 'let politics alone.' But, while we adhere to moral suasion alone and save a few men each year, the drinking saloons are drawing in and destroying far more than we save. Let us, then, do all we can to aid in putting the iron heel of definite and unequivocal prohibitory legislation on the neck of this nefarious traffic,—this evil which has so long been an infinite disgrace to our American civilization.

And we hereby earnestly urge all our members and friends to carefully abstain from anything and everything that can in any way aid this diabolical business. He who will, for the sake of sordid gain, raise rye, barley, hops, etc., and sell these things to the manufacturers of intoxicating drinks,—or who will rent out his buildings to vendors of the vile stuff, or in any other way knowingly help on the evil, is not worthy of our Christian confidence and love. It is our duty to 'abstain from all appearance of evil.'" Respectfully submitted.

L. WOOD, *Chairman*.

J. R. ANNIS, *Secretary*.

#### V.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Our efforts in connection with other agencies are making an impression for good upon the public mind, and though not all we desire, yet are sufficient to be a cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that as a people we are fully alive to the great danger of Secret Societies.

Almost, if not entirely, the only danger that can arise to our civil and political institutions, is from Secret Societies, in their various ramifications. They already defile the church, poison the

fountains of knowledge, corrupt the Judiciary, and control the Legislature; and unless checked, bid fair to subvert our institutions, and overthrow our government.

An evil of still greater magnitude, is, that Masonry and some other orders claim to be systems of religion, offering to men eternal life by conformity to the requirements of their order, while they set aside Christ as the only name given under heaven whereby we must be saved.

As in combating other gigantic evils, so also in this, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is the first and great agency on which we can rely with any hope of complete victory. But let it be remembered that our efforts should be directed against these institutions, and not against individuals. We should so speak the truth in love that we may rescue as many as possible from these dangerous entanglements, and so educate the public mind as to prevent others from being involved.

Amongst the various human agencies in opposition to Secretism, we recognize as the most efficient, The National Christian Association, in furnishing literature and lectures on this subject: also the outspoken character of the Christian Cynosure, the Reformer, and Free Press.

We also earnestly recommend the observance of the day set apart by the N. C. Association as a day of fasting and prayer for the overthrow of Secretism in Church and State-

#### VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications beg leave to report that they see with gratification the increasing appreciation, by our people, of the potency of the religious press as an agency for promoting the work of God in which we are engaged

In this age of general knowledge and enlightened literature, no church can measure up to the full height of her responsibility to her own membership, or to the world around her, without making a diligent use of a sanctified, periodical press.

It is a matter of congratulation that our publications,—the *Earnest Christian* and *Free Methodist*—are as fully, and perhaps more than ever, meriting and receiving the favor and patronage of our people. The statement of the publishers that the *Free Methodist* is now on a self-sustaining basis, is especially gratifying; and we trust that the subscription list will soon warrant the employment of the constant services of a competent editor.

We are also highly pleased that the publishers of the *Free Methodist* have undertaken the publication of a S. S. paper—the “*Pearl*,”—the size appearance and matter of which is making it very popular with our Sunday Schools; and we believe its semi-monthly publication next season would meet the wishes of our people generally. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will use our best endeavors to promote the circulation of each of the above named publications in our respective charges.

## VII.—ON EDUCATION.

Every enlightened people must take a deep interest in the education of the young. The importance and benefits thereof are too obvious to need reiteration. The fact has taken hold on the minds of the people, and facilities to store the mind with useful knowledge abound on every hand. But with the Christian parent there is a felt want of the right moral influence being exerted upon his child, even in most of the professedly religious schools of the land.

To provide for the want, to furnish a place where a healthy religious influence can be excited upon the students, and where the Christian youth can feel that real religion does not pass at a heavy discount, our school at Chili was instituted.

The increase of attendance has made it necessary to increase the accommodations for the students. To this end the trustees decided to build an addition to the present Seminary building. At the Chili Camp Meeting \$4,000 was secured by pledges, and the work was commenced. The enlargement of the Seminary will cost about \$8,000. We need the funds to help the trustees to go forward with the work: as, by vote of the trustees, they can at no time be more than \$2,000 in debt. We commend the school to all our people, and the community at large, as worthy of their confidence, patronage and support; and we pledge ourselves to do what we can to insure its continued and permanent success. As the General Conference, by resolution, requested this Conference to appoint a committee to visit the Chili Seminary, and report to this body at its ensuing session: therefore,

*Resolved*, That we appoint three ministers and two laymen as such committee.

The committee recommend the following persons to constitute the said committee: G. W. Marcellus, W. Jackson, H. Hornsby, C. B. Essex, G. W. Holmes.

## VIII.—ON MEMOIRS.

Death has again taken one of our members. Shortly after our last session of Conference, our brother—Rev. Ephraim Herrick—a superannuated member of this body—passed away in holy triumph to the better world. He became a member of this body at its first session, clearly from his attachment to the doctrines of old-fashioned Methodism. Having embraced these holy principles in his earliest Christian experience, he continued to love and practice them to the end.

Being confined to his bed for several months previous to his decease, it was apparent to the beholder that the Scripture declaration was fulfilled: "Thou shalt make all his bed in sickness." God was with him, and he seemed perfectly resigned to the divine will. His closing days were a fitting termination of a singularly consistent and upright life. His conduct, conversation and spirit were always such as became a Christian minister. He

obeyed the apostolic precept: "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity. Never light and trifling, he was grave, yet cheerful; solemn, but not gloomy. His words were chosen words, calculated to minister grace to the hearers. He was especially careful not to reflect on the character of others, or to unnecessarily wound their feelings. He was a man of generous and tender impulses, regarding the welfare of others at the sacrifice of his own.

As a minister he was clear, methodical, evangelical in his presentations of truth, and successful in building up the work of God on the charges where he labored. He left them better than he found them. He performed his work in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, but it was none the less well done—it was practical and permanent.

His blameless Christian deportment won for him the confidence, respect and esteem of all who made his acquaintance, both saint and sinner. He leaves a spotless record.

His tranquility of soul continued through all his sickness. A heavenly influence pervaded his sick room. At times he expressed his sensible realization of the presence of angelic visitants around his bed—and no doubt they were there. The impression made in witnessing his submission and serenity of mind, the power of grace exhibited during his sickness is embodied in the words, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

#### IX.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Conscious of the increasing importance of the Sunday School work among us, we think it no time to slacken interest in the cause. Therefore,

*Resolved, 1st.* That we hold our Convention during the coming Conference year, to be held at———, to commence on the second Wednesday in April.

*Resolved, 2d.* In order to secure a full attendance of preachers and S. S. workers at our next Convention, we earnestly request that collections be taken up in all our charges to defray the expenses of preachers and delegates to the Convention, and that this resolution be printed in the notice calling said Convention.

*Resolved, 3d.* That the S. S. Board be composed of one preacher from each district, and the following laymen: G. W. Johnston, Loren Hill, R. M. Paul, N. A. Bennett, and Jeremiah Barnhart.

*Resolved,—4th.* That our preachers and S. S. superintendents be requested to prepare and forward promptly whatever statistics may be called for by the corresponding secretary.

*Resolved,—5th.* That the corresponding secretary together with the preacher in charge where the Convention shall be held, be a committee to prepare business for the Convention.

*Resolved,—6th.* That we advise the chairman on the several districts to hold sometime during the Conference, a district S. S. Convention within the bounds of their respective districts.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
*ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION*  
OF THE  
**Michigan Conference,**

HELD AT  
Spring Arbor, September 1-4, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—E. P. HART.

*Secretary*—A. H. Springstein,      *Assistant*—W. H. James.

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—B. R. Jones, E. P. Hart.

*On Publications*—E. P. Hart, J. A. Wilson, Joseph Lawrence.

*On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—The Stationing Committee.

*On Secret Societies*—A. H. Springstein, R. B. Taylor, B. F. Shipley.

*On Temperance*—A. V. Leonardson, Anson Omens, John Plues, E. E. Miller.

*On Sabbath Schools*—C. W. Haynes, E. Leonardson, Isaac Hoard, Joseph Lawrence.

*On Education*—E. P. Hart, I. W. Bell, Wm. Barrett, E. T. Pettis, John Ellison.

*On publishing Minutes*—The President and Secretaries.

*On Collecting Funds for Publishing Minutes*—E. Leonardson, C. W. Haynes.

*On Case of S. C. Stringham*—G. A. Olmstead, E. Mathews, A. V. Leonardson.

*On Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*—J. Ellison, G. A. Olmstead, Geo. English, A. Omans.

*On Division of Conference*—S. Roberts, Wm. Barrett, C. W. Haynes, E. T. Pettys, B. R. Jones, M. L. Hart, J. W. Sharp, Job Burnapp, L. T. Frink, Geo. W. Thompson, J. Ellison, A. Hamfield, E. Leonardson, B. R. Taylor, C. S. Gitchell, B. F. Shipley, Geo. W. Goodge, E. P. Hart.

*Conference Examining Committees*—To be appointed by E. P. Hart.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

#### PREACHERS.

J. Ellison,  
C. S. Gitchell,  
J. A. Wilson,  
L. T. Frink,  
A. V. Leonardson,  
H. Sawyer,  
B. R. Jones,  
E. Mathews,  
W. H. James,  
W. R. Cusick,  
J. Cripps,

J. G. Witham,  
E. E. Miller,  
A. Omans,  
G. A. Olmsted,  
S. Roberts,  
C. H. Sage,  
I. W. Bell,  
C. F. Irish,  
E. Leonardson,  
Wm. Mabbs,  
A. Bradfield,

S. Marshall,  
S. C. Stringham,  
A. H. Springstein,  
C. W. Haynes,  
J. W. Sharp,  
John F. Wetherald,  
Charles R. Clark,  
J. W. Nichols,  
Wm. M. Johnson,  
Geo. Linn.

#### DELEGATES.

Daniel Peabody,  
John Plues,  
R. B. Taylor,  
A. Haverfield,  
B. T. Shipley,  
Geo. W. Goodge,  
Job Burnapp,  
E. T. Pettis,  
J. Lawrence,  
C. Palmer,  
Wm. Barrett,  
J. Corson,  
H. Spears,  
Jas. McKutcheon,

I. P. Beach,  
A. D. Carrier,  
Enos Palmer,  
W. M. McKormick,  
J. L. Thompson,  
Geo. W. Burnapp,  
Geo. H. Thompson,  
C. H. Benjamin,  
L. Warner,  
M. L. Hart,  
Geo. English,  
Jas. Bentley,  
W. Godden,  
Jos. Wren,

Wm. Boswell,  
D. W. Abrams,  
I. P. Ulrich,  
D. W. Tinkham,  
Walter McFarland,  
Henry Iles,  
F. T. Fluelling,  
L. B. Beach,  
Wm. Flower,  
Joseph Bittle,  
J. Harter,  
T. Ressegine,  
A. Huff,  
E. Sutherland.

*2. Who are the Stationing Committee?*

E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, L. T. Frink, C. S. Gitchell, S. Roberts, E. Leonardson, E. T. Pettis, George English, John Plues, Wm. McKormick, R. B. Taylor.

*3. What preachers are admitted on trial?*

Parmenus Vincent, Able Mudge, D. D. Warner, Jacob Rote, Joseph Lawrence, Howland Ferguson, Wm. B. Golden, Tyler Fluelling, Geo. B. Havens, Allen F. Godwin, Silvester Johnson, Thomas Riley.

*4. Who remain on trial?*

H. Ferguson, T. C. Fisher, S. Fluelling, A. F. Godwin, C. D. Hoadley, G. B. Havens, J. Leisinger, J. Lawrence, A. Mudge, Wm. McKay, L. D. Russell, Thos. Riley, J. Rote, J. P. Soule, Geo. Windust, L. L. Warner, P. Vincent, P. Zeller.

*5. Who are admitted into full connection?*

J. Cripps, John F. Wetherald, A. Bradfield, George Linn, Charles R. Clark, W. J. Johnson, J. W. Nichols, W. B. Golden.

*6. Who are the deacons?*

Thos. Carveth, W. B. Golden, J. Cripps, S. Marshall, C. W. Haynes, J. W. Sharp.

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

E. E. Miller.

*8. Who have 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 from the Conference this year?*  
None.

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

Their characters were each examined and passed.

*13. Who have died this year? None.*

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

*15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

See Appointments.

*16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Spring Arbor, should the Conference not be divided; otherwise at St. Johns, Mich., and Delta, Ohio.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The day previous to the meeting of the next session of Conference, was designated as the time for the examination of classes.

The Conference directed that in the appointment of the Examining Committee, only one person should be appointed for each class.

The Committee on "State of the Work" was excused from reporting.

Revs. Mulholland, Fincher, Banta and Israel Mudge, were invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

Clara F. Wetherald, for several years a preacher in the Methodist Church, was licensed as an Evangelist.

ADMITTED ON TRIAL.—P. Vincent, recommended by the Spring Arbor District Q. Conference; J. Lawrence, recommended by the Cleveland District Q. Conference; H. Ferguson, Kalamazoo District Q. Conference; B. Havens, Grand Rapids District Q. Conference; A. F. Godwin, Cleveland District Q. Conference; Thomas Riley, Cleveland District Q. Conference; J. Rote, Kalamazoo District Q. Conference. Sylvester Fluelling, Grand Rapids District Q. Conference. Able Mudge, Spring Arbor District Q. Conference, and D. D. Warner.

The ordination of P. R. Ransom, a Local Elder in the Methodist connection, was recognized and he was recommended to the favorable attention of the chairmen.

R. B. Taylor, duly recommended by the Pittsburgh District Quarterly Conference, was elected to Local Deacon's orders, and was ordained on Sunday.

The ordination of William Cochrane, a Local Deacon from the Methodist connection, was recognized.

John F. Wetherald, an ordained elder in the Methodist connection, was admitted to full connection in the Conference.

Charles R. Clark, an ordained elder in the Wesleyan connection, was admitted to full connection in the Conference.

Jas. Linn was discontinued at his own request.

Chas. Cusick was transferred to the Minnesota Conference.

Wm. J. Johnson was received by transfer from the Kansas Conference.

W. D. Bishop was appointed Missionary to California.



## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the minutes be published in connection with those of the other conferences.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary money on hand, \$28.70, be divided between S. C. Stringham and L. D. Russell, and that L. T. Frink be appointed to attend to it.

*Resolved*, That we, by a rising vote, extend to the citizens of Spring Arbor and vicinity our sincere thanks for their generous entertainment of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That the Examining Committees shall hereafter be required to read, during the year for which they are appointed, the books on which their classes are to be examined—if they had not before read them; and that no one appointed on Examining Committees shall be allowed to resign after the adjournment of the session of Conference during which they were appointed.

*Resolved*, That after due consultation and deliberation we respectfully petition the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist Church to divide, during the current year, the Michigan Annual Conference, so as to constitute a North Michigan Conference, the southern boundary of which shall be the line known as the "Base Line," running due east from South Haven.

## APPOINTMENTS.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—JOHN ELLISON, *Chairman*.

Coopersville,.....	Tyler Fluelling.
Six Corners,.....	Wm. McKay.
Orleans,.....	C. R. Clark
Saranac,.....	E. E. Miller.
Courtland and Cedar Springs,.....	T. C. Fisher.
Howard City and Ensley,.....	S. Johnson.
Eagle, Grand Ledge and Earle,.....	J. G. Witham.
Sunfield and Hickory Corners,.....	W. R. Cusick.
Clam Lake,.....	L. D. Russell.
Big Prairie,.....	G. W. Havens.
St. Johns and DeWitt,.....	W. J. Johnston.

FLINT DISTRICT—S. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,

Lansing, Corunna and Lock,.....	W. B. Golden.
Gaines and Venice,.....	C. W. Haines.
Ovid and South Ovid,.....	J. W. Nichols.
Pontiac, Auburn and South Lyon,.....	E. Mathews.
Flint and Forest,.....	A. C. Avers.
Farrandville and Birch Run,.....	H. Sawyer.
Hadley,.....	J. F. Wetherald.

Macomb,.....C. Sage and S. C. Stringham.  
 Forest and Hazelton Centre,.....J. P. Soule.  
 North Star and Isabella,.....L. L. Warner.

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—B. R. JONES, *Chairman*.

Jackson, Spring Arbor, etc.,.....G. A. Olmsted.  
 Napoleon,.....A. Mudge.  
 Wayne,.....Wm. Mabbs  
 Huron,.....A. H. Springstein.  
 Raisinville,.....J. Cripps and P. Vincent.  
 Ridgeway,.....A. Omens.  
 Ransom,.....A. Bradfield.  
 New Boston,.....J. Leisingring.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—B. R. JONES, *Chairman*.

Coldwater and Sherwood,.....Thos. Riley.  
 Three Rivers and Sherman,.....S. Marshall.  
 Paw Paw and Waverly,.....J. W. Sharp and H. Ferguson.  
 Marcellus Mission,.....J. Rote.  
 Alagansa and Ovid,.....Peter Zeller.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—L. W. BELL, *Chairman*.

Delta,.....C. F. Irish.  
 Holland and Ottawa Lake,.....C. D. Hoadley.  
 Auburn and Fairfield,.....L. T. Frink.  
 Petersburg,.....Geo. Linn.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—L. W. BELL, *Chairman*.

Mansfield and Howard,.....E. Leonardson.  
 Summerfield,.....W. H. James.  
 Cleveland and Brunswick,.....J. Lawrence.  
 Unionville,.....To be supplied.  
 Upper Sandusky,.....S. M. Bradford, supply.

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT—C. S. GITCHEL, *Chairman*.

Fort Wayne,.....  
 Columbia City,.....A. V. Leonardson.  
 Attica,.....A. F. Godwin.  
 Indian Point,.....Thos. Carveth.

SOUTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT.—J. A. WILSON, *Chairman*.

Evansville,.....J. A. Wilson.  
 Bloomfield,.....Geo. Windust.  
 Cochrane,.....J. C. Wright.  
 Cincinnati and Lawrenceburg,.....To be supplied.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Loc. Pr'chers.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Value Church
GRAND RAPIDS DIST.,	J. Ellison, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Coopersville, etc.,	A. V. Leonardson,	67	5	72	3		22	50	\$523.78		
Saranac and Orleans,	J. G. Witham,	104	12	116	3		21	73	389.00		\$1,1
Montcalm,	E. E. Miller,	44	19	63	3		15	50	327.00		
St. Johns and Ovid,	C. F. Irish,	56	15	71	1	2	12	50	325.00		3,0
Lansing and Dewitt,	W. R. Cusick,	125	15	140	7	2	10	60	375.00		
North Star, etc.,	Thos. Placer,	25	10	35					252.60		
Clam Lake,	L. D. Russell,	28	19	47		2	8	30	170.00		
FLINT DISTRICT,	S. Roberts, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Gaines,	J. P. Soule, H. Sawyer,	56	2	58		2	12	58	273.75		
Flint and Forest,	H. C. Ayers,	42	23	65	1	1	8	35	319.74		
Farrandville,	C. W. Haynes,	40	4	44	1				181.31		1,1
Pontiac,	E. Mathews,	54	7	61	1	1	8	45	370.00		
Corunna and Ovid,	W. B. Golden,	54	55	109	1	2	20	75			
SPRING ARBOR DIST.,	B. R. Jones, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Jackson and Napoleon,	J. Ellison,	55	5	60	1	2	9	30	308.10		
Ransom,	A. Omans,	51	4	55					258.00		
Ridgeway, etc.,	C. H. Hoadley,	58	10	68	1	2	8	64	273.22	\$1.52	5,0
Franklin,	Geo. Linn,	18	3	16	1				25.41		
Huron,	J. Leisenring,	46				1	10	30	227.22	3.10	2,0
Ypsilanti and Wayne,	A. H. Springstein,	53	43	96	1						
Macomb,	H. C. Sage,	89	37	126	3	4	31	132	450.00	2.00	1,0
KALAMAZOO DIST.,	B. R. Jones, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Coldwater,	Jas. Linn,	47	2	49		1	13	70	275.00		1,0
Sherwood,	S. Marshall,	35	9	44							
Waverly and Paw Paw,	J. W. Sharp,	72	7	79	3	2	15	60	336.50		
Three Rivers,		12									
TOLEDO DISTRICT,	L. T. Frink, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Delta,	J. A. Wilson,	67	3	70							
Holland, etc.,	G. A. Olmsted,	20		20	1		7	57	231.00		3,0
Raisinville,	J. Cripps,	89	28	117	1	2	8	70	369.62	2.50	1,0
Petersburgh,	Wm. Mabbs,	74		74	2		10	60	300.00	3.00	1,0
Fairfield, etc.,	A. Bradfield,	67	11	78		2		39	419.41	2.75	2,0
CLEVELAND DIST.,	L. T. Frink, <i>Chairman</i> ,										
Cleveland,	S. C. Stringham,	15	5	20		1	9	35			4,1
Unionville,											
Mansfield, etc.,	Thos. Riley, <i>supply</i> ,	20		20		2	7	100	75.00		
Upper Sandusky,	J. Banta, <i>supply</i> ,										
Howard,	Thos. Riley, <i>supply</i> ,	15	2	17		1		25			
N. IND. DISTRICT,	C. S. Gitchell, <i>Ch'n</i> ,										
Attica,	C. S. Gitchell, P. Zeller,	36	10	46	1	1	12	148	535.55		9,1
Westville, etc.,	Thos. Carveth,	80		80	1		5	14	160.00		
Col. City,	A. F. Godwin, <i>supply</i> ,	28	3	31	1	2	16	80	301.54		1,1
Fort Wayne,	A. F. Godwin, <i>supply</i> ,	19		19					115.00		1,0
S. IND. DISTRICT,	C. S. Gitchell,										
Cincinnati, etc.,	W. H. James,						5	20	141.19		
Bloomfield,	G. R. Thompkins,	32		32		1					
Evansville, etc.,	Geo. Windust,	28	5	31	1	1	8	45	402.50		
PITTSBURGH DIST.,											
Braddoc,	E. Leonardson,	54	12	66		2	12	80	540.00	2.45	2,0
Summerfield,	W. H. James,	111	43	154	4	2	31	173	482.44		1,0
		2101	368	2299	31	54	352	1768	8440.10	17.32	45,1

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**REPORTS.**

## I.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

Reported,.....\$25.03

## II.—ON MISSIONS.

Reported, That the \$28.70 now on hand be divided between S. C. Stringham and L. D. Russell.

## III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Recognizing the mighty power of the press for good or evil and that the periodicals of a people reach more universally, giving cast to morals and manufacturing public sentiment for good or bad more than any human agency—

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our continued appreciation of the high, moral, religious character of the *Earnest Christian*, published by our beloved Superintendent—Rev. B. T. Roberts; and that we are pleased with the enlargement and other improvements of the *Free Methodist*, and that we believe that wherever these papers go they preach effectively the everlasting gospel and purify the moral atmosphere of society;—and that we ask every preacher to put one or both of the above-named papers, if possible, in each Free Methodist home, and persuade as many others to subscribe as will.

*Resolved*, That we look forward to a time, not far distant, when the church shall render more efficient aid than patronage—itsself ministering to the wants of its people instead, as now, being ministered unto.

## IV.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We believe that all secret societies are essentially Masonic. We believe that Masonry is totally and thoroughly bad. We hold that a Free Mason does not cease to be such till he renounces. It is the obligation that makes a Mason. So long, therefore, as any man is bound, to any extent, by Masonic obligation, he has not renounced.

The word of God requires us to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. This, in reference to secretism, may mean non affiliation. The same authority enjoins us to reprove the works of darkness. This, in the case of one who is or has been a Mason, clearly implies divulgence. Christ has said, "Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd, (discovered). But he that doeth good cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God." We hold that no one can, at one and the same time, be a Free Mason and a Christian; for whom the Son makes free is free indeed.

As a band of Christians we shall, by the help of God, continue an uncompromising opposition to Masonry in every form, whatever its name may be. Because we love the souls of our fellow-men

for Jesus' sake, we will in any wise reprove our neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. As a Church we are always anti-sin, consequently we are anti-masonic. We not only do not recede from the position we have held in the past, but we pledge ourselves through grace to increased activity in the service of Him who came to destroy the works of the devil, till we see all enemies put under his feet. Our motto is, "Down with error! Up with truth!"

#### V.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report :

Fully realizing the importance of thorough mental culture, as well as correct moral training, we are thankful that God in His providence has raised up the institution of learning at this place. We believe that we are now able to offer to the young the opportunity of securing a good, sound, practical education, combined with careful discipline in habits of order, neatness, propriety and prompt obedience to proper authority, as well as due respect to all.

The success with which the institution has been blessed has thus far exceeded our most sanguine expectations; and, with judicious management, we believe it will prove a success—not only in a literary—but in a Spiritual point of view.

We find that there is about one thousand dollars indebtedness, above what is already provided for. We find that a new building is demanded, at a cost of at least five thousand dollars. Apparatus and a library are needed. We recommend that a subscription be taken at this session of Conference, and pledge ourselves to do our best to raise, in cash and pledges, at least eight thousand dollars.

#### VI.—ON SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The sacraments of the Gospel are two, namely: Baptism and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. No one has a right to either who is not a child of God. There being some among us who differ in opinion respecting whom we should admit to the Lord's table, I wish to call attention to a few facts. First, The Lord's Supper represents his death and suffering. Second, That our faith is predicated on the atonement. Third, That the world is crucified unto us and we unto the world. This being true it must be readily seen that no one has a right to commune except those who are born of God; and we have no right to invite only such whose life is in harmony with the Divine will. If we admit persons to commune with us mainly upon their profession or church relation, we necessarily admit those who are conformed to the world, attend theatres, horse races and such like, and many who are connected with most every secret order of the day. Farthermore we admit them to be Christians, and that they live without sin, for he that is born of God does not commit sin, or else we admit persons whom we know to be sinners. Let us learn to be

consistent, and admonish all whose duty it may be to invite communicants to the Lord's table to read the prohibitory clause found in our discipline, and explain the same, touching those things for which we would exclude a member of our own church. Then it would be proper to read the general invitation, and to say, All you who truly repent of your sins draw nigh: and never to admit any one who is guilty of these things, unless we have reason to believe they come repenting.

#### VII.—ON THE CASE OF S. C. STRINGHAM.

Your committee report that according to the evidence brought before us, we believe the spirit of Bro. Stringham has not always been sweet, and his influence sometimes against the Church and the cause of God in Cleveland. We also recommend that Bro. Stringham be forgiven, and that we all pray for him.

#### Conference Roll and Preachers' Post Office Address.

Year of admission to trav. connection.	Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
1870,	Bell I. W.,	Delta,	Fulton,	Ohio.
1875,	Bradfield A.,	Ransom,	Hillsdale,	Mich.
1867,	Cusick W. R.,	Hastings,	Barry,	"
1875,	Clark C. R.,	Orleans,	Ionia,	"
1875,	Cripps J.,	Oakville,	Monroe,	"
"	Carveth Thos.,	Indian Point,		Indiana.
1865,	Ellison J.,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	Mich.
"	Frink L. T.,	Adrian,	Lenawee,	"
1864,	Gitchell C. S.,	Litchfield,	Hillsdale,	"
1860,	Hart E. P.,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	"
1872,	Haynes C. W.,	Gaines,	Genesee,	"
1870,	Irish C. F.,	Delta,	Fulton,	Ohio.
1868,	Jones B. R.,	Jackson,	Jackson,	Mich.
"	James W. H.,	Summerfield,	Noble,	Ohio.
1875,	Johnson W. J.,	St. Johns,	Clinton,	Mich.
"	Johnson S.,	Howard City,	Mont Calm,	"
1867,	Leonardson A. V.,	Columbia City,		Indiana.
18.0,	Leonardson E.,	Mansfield,	Richland,	Ohio.
1875,	Linn Geo.,	Petersburg,	Monroe,	Mich.
1868,	Mathews E.,	Pontiac,	Oakland,	"
1871,	Mabbs Wm.,	Trenton,	Wayne,	"
"	Marshall S.,	Three Rivers,	St. Joseph,	"
1869,	Miller E. E.,	Saranac,	Ionia,	"
1875,	Nichols J.,	Ovid,	Clinton,	"
1869,	Omans A.,	Ridgeway,	Lenawee,	"
1871.	Olmsted G. A.,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	"
1869,	Roberts S.,	Ovid,	Clinton,	"

1874, Springstein A. H.,	Ypsilanti,	Washtenaw,	Mich.
" Stringham S. C.,	Richmond,	Macomb,	"
1868, Sawyer H.,	Farrandville,	Genesee,	"
1870, Sage C. H.,	Richmond,	Macomb,	"
1872, Sharp J. W.,	Paw Paw,	Van Buren,	"
1867, Wilson J. A.,	Evansville,	Vanderburg,	Indiana.
1870, Witham J. G.,	Greenville,	Mont Calm,	Mich.
1875, Wetherald J. A.,	Hadley,	Lapeer,	"
" Golden W. B.,	Corunna,	Shiawassee,	"
" Ayers H. C.,*	Richfield,	Genesee,	"
Probationers.			
1875, Furguson H.,	Paw Paw,	Van Buren,	Mich.
1873, Fisher F. C.,	Cedar Springs,	Kent,	"
1875, Fluelling S.,	Coopersville,	"	"
" Godwin A. F.,	Attica,	Fountain,	Ohio.
1874, Hoadley C. D.,	Holland,	"	"
1875, Havens G. B.,	Big Prairie,	Newaygo,	Mich.
1873, Leisenring J.,	New Boston,	Wayne,	"
1875, Lawrence Jos.,	Cleveland,	"	Ohio.
" Mudge A.,	Napoleon,	Jackson,	Mich.
1873, McKay Wm.,	Six Corners,	Ottawa,	"
" Russell L. D.,	Clam Lake,	"	"
1875, Riley Thos.,	Coldwater,	Branch,	"
" Rote J.,	Marcellus,	"	"
" Soule J. P.,	Forest,	Genesee,	"
1872, Windust Geo.,	Bloomfield,	"	Indiana.
1875, Warner L. L.,	North Star,	Genesee,	Mich.
" Vincent P.,	Oakville,	Monroe,	"
Zeller P.,	Coldwater,	Branch,	"

\*Relation not known.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**IOWA CONFERENCE,**  
OF THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,  
HELD AT  
Birmingham, Iowa, September 23-26, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—REV. E. P. HART.  
*Secretary*—C. E. HARROUN, JR.

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—O. P. Crawford, E. P. Hart, Wm. H. Huff.  
*On the State of the Work*—The Stationing Committee.  
*On Sunday Schools*—C. E. Harroun, Jr., Ira F. Beach.  
*On Education*—J. Travis, C. E. Harroun, Jr., S. Ostrander.  
*On Temperance*—A. Steadwell, J. Buss, Isaac Wilburn.  
*On Publications*—J. W. Dake, C. E. Harroun, Jr., W. H. Huff.  
*On Secret Societies*—J. Travis, E. P. Hart, I. F. Beach.  
*To Publish the Minutes*—C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. Travis.  
*To Collect Funds for publishing Minutes*—A. Steadwell.



## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

## PREACHERS.

J. Travis, C. E. Harroun, Sen., J. Buss, J. W. Dake, C. E. Harroun, Jr., O. P. Crawford, A. Steadwell.

## LAYMEN.

S. Ostrander, J. Milburn, W. H. Huff, Ira F. Beach, R. M. Rhama, S. T. Horton.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

E. P. Hart, J. Travis, S. Ostrander.

3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

L. C. Gould, T. Vipond, S. S. Stewart.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

J. N. Bovee, A. P. Goode.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

O. P. Crawford.

6. *Who are the deacons?*

C. E. Harroun, Jr., S. T. Horton.\*

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

There were none.

8. *Who have 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 from the Conference this year?*

None.

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

Their characters were each examined and passed.

13. *Who have died this year?* None.

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

See Statistics.

15. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

See Appointments.

16. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

The first Thursday of April, 1876, Place left with the chairman and the traveling preachers.

\*Ordained this year.

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## APPOINTMENTS.

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WATERLOO DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., *Chairman*.

Waterloo,.....	O. P. Crawford
Prairie Valley,.....	J. N. Bovee
Otter Creek,....	S. S. Stewart
DeWitt,.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr.

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., *Chairman*.

Birmingham and Fairfield,.....	J. W. Dake
Salina and Mt. Zion,.....	A. Steadwell
South English and Richland.....	A. P. Goode
White Oak,.....	Thomas Vipond
Blakesburg,.....	L. C. Gould
Bear Grove,.....	J. Buss
Page Co. Mission,.....	Geo. Stewart, supply

J. Travis to be appointed by the Superintendent.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

The hour for opening the sessions of Conference was fixed at 9 o'clock A. M., of adjourning 11½ A. M.

The Conference ordered that the Minutes be published with those of the other fall Conferences.

In behalf, and by vote of the Conference, the Superintendent was requested to tender a vote of thanks to the citizens of Birmingham, at the Saturday evening service, for their hospitality.

It was ordered that a collection be taken after the Sunday A. M. service for the General Superintendent.

A resolution was passed condemning the permitting of boarding tents in connection with our Camp Meetings.

Rev. J. W. Cheney, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The following motion was unanimously voted: That inasmuch as the probability is that Rev. J. Travis will remove from our midst, that by rising we declare that we part with him very reluctantly, and bid him "God speed" wherever he may go.

Robert S. Ellis, Traveling Evangelist of the Illinois Conference F. M. Church, was received into the Iowa Annual

Conference in the capacity of Evangelist, and granted a certificate to that effect.

It was ordered that the Missionary money now on hand be paid to A. P. Goode, and he send a receipt therefor to O. P. Rogers, treasurer of Illinois Annual Conference.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved,* That we call the attention of our brethren in the ministry of this Iowa Annual Conference to answer 7 of question 2, Sec. X., Chap. III. of our book of Discipline, wherein the duty of such as have charge of circuits is declared to be the reading of the General Rules once a quarter in every Society.

We also recommend that our District Chairmen shall, from time to time as their best judgment shall determine, previous to the administering of the Lord's Supper, read Sec. 4 of the General Rules,—that portion of our Chapter on Secret Societies commencing with the following words: "Any Society requiring an oath," etc., with any other portion or portions of our Discipline he may think necessary to plainly set forth our principles.

It was ordered to hold a session of Conference Saturday, after the afternoon religious services.

The sum of \$5.00 was raised to purchase a Conference Record Book, and the Secretary was appointed to purchase one of E. Osborne, Burlington, Iowa.

Rev. O. P. Crawford and Rev. J. Travis were elected delegates to the ensuing convention of the National Christian Association.

The following was adopted :

*Resolved,* That when the notice of place of meeting of the National Convention shall be announced, it shall be the duty of the District Chairman to ascertain the amount necessary to pay Bro. Crawford's expenses to the Convention, and assess the same pro rata to the several circuits in the bounds of the Iowa Conference ; and the preachers of the several circuits shall, by collections taken and what other means may be proper, raise their several assessments, and forward them to the delegate elect.

Rev. J. Travis and I. Milburn were elected to represent the Iowa Annual Conference in the Executive Committee.

R. S. Ellis was invited to an honorary seat in the Conference.

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## REPORTS.

### I.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to report progress in the Sabbath School work during the year, for which we thank God and take courage.

We believe the Sabbath School should be extended to the adults, as well as to the children, because the study of the Scriptures is of vital importance to the church. It is the *truth* that makes us *free*. The tendency of the age is to become superficial, therefore let us labor earnestly for the children and get them saved.

While we hold that a union school is better than none, we advise to hold our own schools—though small.

We believe persons fully saved are better qualified to teach, because persons cannot teach that which they do not enjoy.

## II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We recommend the following appropriations:

White Oak,.....	\$25.00
Blakesburg,.....	75.00
Page County Mission,.....	50.00

Also that the preachers in charge of circuits be requested to take up the Missionary collection, commencing the first Sunday in December, 1875, and forward it to S. Ostrander, New Hartford, Butler Co., Iowa, (get Money Order on Cedar Falls P. O.), to be disbursed by him among the above Missions pro rata.

## III.—ON EDUCATION.

Although God has oftimes chosen the illiterate as instruments of his will, in spreading the knowledge of salvation in the earth, the history of the Church of Christ teaches this truth, viz: That men of intellect, wholly sanctified to God, have been the pillars of the church; and that the work of such men has left its impress on after generations, as the labors of other men have not. Although grace immeasurably transcends intellectuality, as a qualification for religious usefulness, yet this is not to the disparagement of intellect, as God's order is that they twain be united, each helping the other; for it is but in the experience of moral purity and under the fostering care of the Spirit of God, that man's intellectual faculties can attain their highest development.

God would not have us depend wholly upon either one, but would that we have the "letter with the Spirit," as also the Spirit with the letter. An undue dependence on either, to the neglect of the other, is wrong; and in the union of the two we have the safe course God designed for us. We herein avoid the dangers of fanaticism on the one hand and formalism on the other. As God, who might have communicated the great truths and principles of revelation by direct impression to the minds of men, has been pleased, for wise and sufficient reasons, to clothe them in language, thus giving us a Bible; thereby necessitating the use and cultivation of man's mental powers in the pursuit of the truths therein given, so we would augment the power of moral purity by the addition of a strong, well-developed and sound in-

telleetuality. This is the education we prize for ourselves, and would transmit to our posterity.

The schools already founded among us aim at this. We thank God for the success that has attended them, and pledge them our prayers and patronage.

We feel deeply the need of a school among us in this growing West, whose almost illimitable prairies are fast settling up with mixed multitude of all shades of opinions, beliefs and unbeliefs. Modern churchism will not reach them, neither will mere dogmatism, declamation or denunciation; nor can we expect to keep our own children from infection, and fit them for real and efficient service, but in schooling them in the fear of the Lord to a manly and rigid observance and defense of our principles.

We recommend this Annual Conference to take such steps as their prayerful wisdom may suggest to bring about, at the earliest opportunity, the establishment of a denominational school within our own Conference boundaries.

#### IV.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

As a body of American citizens, and as representatives of a branch of the Church of Christ, we regard it as neither impertinent nor officious to deliberate upon and express our opinion of any and every organization amongst us that does, or even may, exercise an undue and improper influence upon our political, religious and social institutions or relations.

Holding as we do ourselves and our actions open to criticism, we claim the right to candidly criticize others. Nor are we to be cheated of this inalienable right by any pretensions of antiquity, sanctity, etc., of any of the various secret orders, as made by their adherents or friends;—and as the working of such orders in the church led to and helped on the injustice and oppression of ministers and members who, in all sincerity, were opposed to them and their faction,—making influence resulting in the denial of rights pledged in the Book of Discipline, and the final ejection of some, thereby giving room for and making it a necessity that another church be organized, in which such influence might not be exercised,—we, being delivered, may, ought and will speak out on this subject.

Such has been the usage of our respective Annual Conferences from time to time, and at this our first session we would be well understood as standing in line and in fullest sympathy with those who, on principle, oppose the existence of the secret orders.

We recommend to our people the *Christian Cynosure* as the organ of the National Christian Association, and equally recommend, as an out-spoken and untrammelled advocate of the cause, *The Reformer* and *Free Press*; and furthermore recommend that this Annual Conference elect from its number a delegate or delegates to represent them in the ensuing National Convention of the National Christian Association.

## STATISTICS OF IOWA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers	Total.	Local Pr'chrs	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Money Ex-pended.	Preachers Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Chairman's Receipts.	Val. Church Property.
Salina and Mt. Zion....	C. E. Harroun, Sen....	65	5	70	4	4	.....	175	\$50.00	\$261.97	.....	.....	\$1800
Bear Grove.....	J. Buss.....	39	7	46	3	1	3	25	41.50	456.66	.....	\$47.50	.....
Waterloo, Cedar Falls,	J. W. Dake.....	66	8	74	1	3	24	75	.....	865.00	.....	63.00	2000
Prairie Valley.....	A. Steadwell.....	31	9	40	.....	1	6	40	.....	200.00	\$13.00	32.20	.....
Fairfield, Birmingham.	O. P. Crawford.....	62	18	80	4	1	9	52	11.00	121.00	.....	52.00	1500
DeWitt.....	C. E. Harroun, Jr....	24	5	29	2	1	.....	.....	.....	350.00	3.00	34.00	2000
Blakesburg.....	L. C. Gould.....	38	2	40	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	116.00	.....	13.50	400
Otter Creek.....	T. Vipond.....	25	5	30	3	2	5	36	.....	156.00	.....	.....	.....
White Oak.....	.....	15	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Keokuk Mission.....	A. P. Goode.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		365	59	424	18	13	47	403	102.50	2025.63	16.00	247.20	7700

## V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We recognize in the public press a power to mould public sentiment upon all moral issues. Upon examination we find that a very large portion of the so-called religious literature is calculated to vitiate the mind from a clear and right apprehension of Bible truth, to sap the foundation of true Christian faith and practice. While we deplore that such is the case, we are grateful that there are some periodicals which aim to benefit the race, by holding up the truth as it is in Jesus—that are free to speak out against popular sins and follies, errors and heresies, and lift a warning voice against any approaching danger,—which advocate a full and complete salvation from sin in heart and life, to one and all of the human family.

As such we would heartily recommend to the patronage of our people and all others, the *Free Methodist*, *Earnest Christian* and *Christian Pilgrim*. We would also recommend *The Pearl*, edited by Baker and Arnold, as a most excellent Sabbath School paper, and would urge that it be circulated in all our Sabbath Schools.

Your committee would earnestly request that all of our people, instead of using the before-mentioned papers as waste paper, that they be preserved and distributed among the people at large, as gospel tracts, believing that God would be glorified and some souls saved thereby.

We would also recommend the circulation of such religious books as will tend to build up the church in spirituality and holiness of heart and life, especially the memoirs of Bramwell, Carvosso, Hester Ann Rogers, and any others of like character. We would also advise the ministers of this Conference to accept the proposition made by the editor of the *Free Methodist*, viz; that he will furnish that paper six weeks *free* to all such parties as our ministers may request, hoping to thereby secure many permanent subscribers.

## VI.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Self-indulgence is the essence of all sin. Self-denial is the first principle in saving grace. Intemperance is one of the basest forms of self-indulgence. The only certain cure is salvation. Yet the rising waves of this moving flood may be greatly checked by Christians uniting in the name of God to raise up a standard against it. Though as a church we cannot co-operate with secret temperance orders, believing them to be hot-beds of secretism, we stand ready to help in all fair, open measures, against the making, selling and using of intoxicating liquors.

We will, therefore,

1. Vote no man into office who does not stand square on this question.

2. Discourage patronizing men who keep and sell intoxicating liquors.

3. Discourage raising hops, barley, and all other products which receive their market value from the liquor traffic.

4. Discourage the raising and selling of tobacco, the use of which is generally the first step downward towards a drunkard's grave.

VII.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Committee reported \$13.40 raised.



MINUTES  
OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**MINNESOTA**  
AND  
Northern Iowa Conference,  
HELD AT  
Owatonna, Minn., September 29th, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—REV. E. P. HART.

*Secretary*—REV. C. M. DAMON.

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup, E. P. Hart.

*On Sabbath Schools*—G. C. Coffee, C. W. Tenney.

*On Temperance*—J. C. Norton, H. J. Vanauken.

*On Secret Societies*—S. P. LaDue, C. M. Damon, C. W. Tenney.

*On Publications*—G. C. Coffee, John Ball.

*On State of the Work*—C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup.

*On Publishing Minutes*—C. M. Damon, J. C. Norton.

*On Collecting Funds for Publishing Minutes*—J. C. Norton, J. M. Cook.

**Examining Committee for Next Year.\***

*Preliminary Course*—H. J. Vanauken, J. P. Shattuck.

*First Year*—J. C. Norton, C. A. Cusick.

*Second Year*—C. W. LaDue, G. C. Coffee.

*Third Year*—S. H. Greenup, C. M. Damon.

*Fourth Year*—S. P. LaDue, John Ball.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

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

**PREACHERS.**

T. S. LaDue, C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup, S. P. LaDue, J. P. Shattuck, Nelson Cook, J. C. Norton, C. W. LaDue, Charles A. Cusick, John Ball, E. N. Sumner, G. C. Coffee.

**DELEGATES.**

Joseph Beetem, Silas Smith, Wm. Owen, A. C. Wolcott, Cyrus Cook, C. W. Tenney, J. W. Landon, Lawrence McLeod, J. F. Drury.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

E. P. Hart, C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup, J. W. Landon, C. W. Tenney.

3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

John B. Newville, Cyrus Cook, Luther Cook, Jason L. Greenup, Isaac Newton Aldrich.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

J. M. Cook, J. S. Bradley, A. W. Childs, H. J. Vanauken,

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

None.

6. *Who are the Deacons?*

J. C. Norton, C. W. LaDue, C. A. Cusick, J. S. Bradley.\*

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

None.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.

9. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

Nelson Cook, without a claim.

\*Conference omitted to appoint this committee. I have therefore taken the responsibility to insert the same as last year.—C. M. Damon.

10. *Who have been expelled?* None.
11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.
12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*  
The names were all 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 Table of Statistics.  
No collections were reported. The Sunday School report was defective.
15. *What amounts are necessary, etc.?*  
No estimate was made.
16. *What has been collected on the foregoing account?*  
Nothing.
17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*  
See Appointments.
18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*  
The first Wednesday of October, 1876. The place to be determined by the Chairman.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

G. C. Coffee was elected by ballot travelling chairman of both the Minnesota and the Northern Iowa Districts; there being 17 votes cast, of which he received 10.

C. M. Damon was elected by ballot, to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee; receiving 9 of the 17 votes cast.

The committee on examination of Conference Studies met at the church occupied by the Free Methodists in Pearl St., Owatonna, Wednesday September 24th, at 9 o'clock A. M., and passed the following:

*Resolved*, That as an Examining Committee, in order to report a satisfactory examination, we insist upon a reasonable thoroughness on the part of the classes, in the full course of Conference Studies.

*Resolved*, That the chairmen of the several committees be requested to present a clear and definite written report of the standing of each member of their classes.

This request was complied with; the secretary of the Con

\*Ordained Deacon this year.

ference noting in the Minutes, the standing of every person examined in each branch of the course. Those who were deficient were requested to bring up the course, as conditional to full membership, or election to Orders.

J. S. Bradley was, however, specially elected to Deacon's Orders, to meet the contingencies of the work. He was ordained by the President, at the close of the Sabbath afternoon services.

A Missionary collection was ordered to be taken during the first quarter, to be disbursed by J. C. Norton, the Conference treasurer, equally between the four circuits following, viz.: Vernon and Mountain Lake, Northfield and Cannon Falls, Pine Island and Blooming Prairie.

The committee in the case of Nelson Cook, reported that in view of our part of the Wisconsin work having been placed under the supervision of Bro. Sinclair during the past year, he had found it impracticable to examine the case.

Bro. Cook's Conference relation was continued, and also the committee.

A. W. Childs having been absent from the Conference during the year, his relation was continued, but his name was omitted by oversight from the list of appointments.

A deficiency of \$21.70 on the Minn. District, and about \$15.00 on the N. Iowa District, remaining on the collection ordered last year to defray Bro. Coffee's moving expenses, it was ordered that this deficiency be apportioned by the chairman among the circuits of the district, and be raised by the preachers in charge, within thirty days.

It was moved that our minutes be published in connection with those of other Conferences.

The committee on collecting funds for the above, reported \$13.75 collected, which was left with J. M. Cook, to be forwarded to Bro. Roberts for that purpose.

A collection of \$30.50 to meet our Conference proportion of the deficiency in the claim of the General Superintendents, was raised on the Sabbath, and paid to Bro. Hart.

G. C. Coffee, S. P. LaDue, J. Ball, Cyrus Cook, and E. P. Hart, preached during the Session; the latter six times to appreciative audiences. There were three services on Sabbath in Chambers' Hall; the first followed by the Lord's Supper. Bro. Hart preached at every Sabbath service.

Statistics of Minnesota and Northern Iowa Conference.

CIRCUITS.	PASTORS.	Members	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Value Church Property.
Havana and Owatonna.....	C. M. Damon.....	47	11	58	1	1	.....	.....	\$420.00	.....
Cannon Valley and Northfield	C. W. LaDue, J. B. Newville.	14	4	18	2	.....	.....	.....	175.00	.....
Pine Island.....	J. S. Bradley.....	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blooming Prairie.....	C. A. Cusick.....	12	4	16	1	.....	.....	.....	148.85	.....
Mapleton and Mountain Lake	J. S. Bradley.....	20	8	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shell Rock River, Mason City	G. C. Coffe, J. C. Norton.....	55	32	87	1	3	12	85	588.50	1000
Forest City, Grant.....	J. Ball, H. J. Vanauken.....	43	7	50	2	1	4	30	243.00	.....
Algona.....	S. H. Greenup.....	15	2	17	.....	1	5	20	95.00	300
Osage, Lime Springs.....	J. M. Cook.....	12	6	18	3	.....	.....	.....	120.00	.....
		221	74	295	10	6	21	135	1790.35	1300

The following was passed near the close of Conference. We tender Bro. Hart our gratitude and warmest thanks, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided at this, the first session of our Conference over which he has presided.

John B. Newville, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Minn. District; and Cyrus Cook, Luther Cook, Jason L. Greenup, and J. Newton Aldrich, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Northern Iowa District; were received on trial.

The Conference probationers were elected honorary members.

Regular sessions of the Conference were held from 8 to 11:30 o'clock A. M.

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## APPOINTMENTS.

### MINNESOTA DISTRICT—G. C. COFFEE, *Chairman.*

Havana and Owatonna,.....Cyrus Cook  
 Dodge City and Clinton Falls,.....G. M. Damon  
 Mapleton,..... J. S. Bradley  
 Vernon and Mountain Lake,.....A. T. Riley, supply  
 Northfield and Cannon Falls,.....J. M. Cook  
 Pine Island,.....A. G. Hawes, supply  
 Blooming Prairie.....H. J. Vanauken  
 J. P. Shattuck, to be appointed by the President.  
 T. S. LaDue, appointed by N. Y. Conference.  
 Nelson Cook, superannuated.  
 A. W. Childs, without an appointment,

### NORTHERN IOWA DISTRICT—G. C. COFFEE, *Chairman.*

Algona,.....S. P. LaDue, J. N. Aldrich  
 Forest City,.....C. W. LaDue, J. L. Greenup  
 Grant,.....S. H. Greenup  
 Plymouth and Mason City,.....C. A. Cusick, Luther Cook  
 Orchards and Flood Creek, .....John Ball  
 Orange and Lime Springs,.....J. C. Norton, J. B. Newville  
 Waukon,.....W. Barham, supply  
 E. N. Sumner, missionary to Oregon.

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**REPORTS.****I.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :

We observe a great lack of interest in Sunday School work ; and believing as we do, that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, and that our duty to God and the rising generation call for activity in this work : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will put forth vigorous efforts to establish Sunday Schools in all our fields of labor. We also believe it to be the duty of all our preachers to give their personal attention to the Sunday School work.

**II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.**

The Press is everywhere recognized as a powerful agent for good or evil.

While we protest against the light and fictitious literature of the day, we are thankful for the *Earnest Christian* and *The Free Methodist*, and hereby pledge them our hearty support.

We heartily commend the *Christian Pilgrim* and *The Pearl*, published by Bros. Baker and Arnold ; also the effort of Bro J. A. Murray, to establish a Tract Repository, for the benefit of the Church and the public.

We call the attention of our Sunday Schools especially to these publications.

**III.—ON TEMPERANCE.**

*Whereas*, Intemperance is a hydra-headed monster, appearing in different guises, known by various names, masked and unmasked, stalking abroad at noonday, and frequenting the secret retreat ; and wherever and whenever it appears is to be dreaded, hated, and put to the sword ; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we labor assiduously and perseveringly for the overthrow of Intemperance in all its forms.

*Resolved*, That we desist from, and discountenance the raising of barley or hops for market, or brewing purposes.

*Resolved*, That we will withhold our support at the polls from men who engage in the manufacture, traffic, or use of tobacco, opium, or spirituous liquors, where the same are to be used for the gratification of a depraved appetite.

*Resolved*, That we continue to pray for the overthrow of Intemperance.

**IV.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.**

Experience proves the importance of our rule excluding members of Secret Societies from our Church and the Lord's table. We urge the enforcement of this rule ; for by admitting Maçons, and those of other secret organizations, to our Church and the

Lord's table, we say, you are right, go ahead, God speed you ; thus lending our influence to build up that vast network of secretism overspreading our land.

We especially urge our preachers to enforce this rule upon Grangers, for they take God's money from all who unite with them without returning an equivalent.

The Grange is also the stepping-stone to an Order which assumes the power, even in this free land, to cut the throats, dig out the hearts, and smite in twain the skulls of all their dear brethren who presume to reveal their frivolous secrets.

#### V.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The standard of our work is Holiness. Without this, success is failure. We should avoid seeking the friendship and honor of the world. Fidelity to God, personal and collective purity and fervent brotherly love, are essential to our prosperity.

With these as stock in trade, our business is to win souls. We can and should expect to succeed. Our work is scattered, and generally is numerically and financially weak. This gives us the more abundant opportunity for self denial, devotion, and liberality. Let us rejoice in our labors, glory in our tribulation, and bear one another's burdens.

Our church records, steward's books and class books, are not kept with proper accuracy. Perfection in detail will secure perfection in the organization. Our Boards of Stewards are believed to be deficient in a sense of responsibility and thorough attention to the duties of their office. Some of our ministers have left their work, or neglected their appointments. This is disastrous.

Are we not too well content merely to fill our appointments, instead of saving all the souls we can? Do we not depend too much on protracted meetings, and too little on mid-week appointments, that is, on circulation?

We should carefully shun the unsanctified dependence on men, needless complaints of pastors, and restless desires for change. Let us, as pastors and members, be brethren, and heartily co-operate to move on the work of God. Let us avoid despising each other's gifts, speaking evil, and needlessly wounding the feelings of any. Let us seek the unity of the Spirit.

At Algona there is an unfinished church building worth as it now stands, including lots, \$1,000, to complete and pay for which the means are wanting. During the past year, amid trials and conflicts, with limited success, we have had frequent and blessed victories. We will thank God and take courage.



MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
Wisconsin Conference,  
OF THE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,  
HELD AT  
Pierceville, Wis., Oct. 7-9, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

*President*—REV. E. P. HART.

*Secretary*—J. P. SHATTUCK.

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**COMMITTEES.**

*On Public Worship*—D. M. Sinclair, L. Whitney, C. E. Lumm.

*On Missions*—The Stationing Committee.

*On Publications*—L. Whitney, Jas. Smith.

*On Reforms*—J. P. Shattuck, A. Bennett.

*To Collect Funds for publishing Minutes*—E. Z. Thwing.

*To Publish the Minutes*—J. P. Shattuck.

*To Appoint Examiners on Course of Study for Next Year*—  
E. Z. Thwing, C. E. Lumm.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Missions*—D. M. Sinclair, C. E. Lumm.

*Executive*—L. Whitney, C. E. Lumm.

**Examiners on the Course of Study.**

*Preliminary Course*—J. P. Shattuck.

*First Year*—L. Whitney.

*Second Year*—D. M. Sinclair, J. W. Cain.

*Tent Committee*—D. M. Sinclair, L. Whitney, A. Bennett, W. Holden.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

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

**PREACHERS.**

D. M. Sinclair, L. Whitney, E. Z. Thwing, J. W. Cain, W. A. Noble, S. A. Gilley, J. P. Shattuck, transferred from Minnesota Conference.

**DELEGATES.**

A. Bennett, Jas. Smith, W. Holden, C. E. Lumm.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

E. P. Hart, D. M. Sinclair, C. E. Lumm.

3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

F. W. Arndt, J. A. Murray.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

F. A. McDonald.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?* None.

6. *Who are elected and ordained Deacons?*

F. A. McDonald.

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

E. Z. Thwing.

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

W. A. Noble.

11. *Who have withdrawn from the Conference this year?*

S. A. Gilley, having surrendered his credentials was allowed to withdraw under serious charges unfavorable to his moral character.

12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc.?*  
 Their characters were each examined and passed, except S. A. Gilley who had withdrawn.
13. *Who have died this year?* None.
14. *What is the number of Church members, etc.?*  
 See Statistics.
16. *What has been collected and applied on Missionary purposes?*  
 See Statistics and Report on Missions.
17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*  
 See Appointments.
18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*  
 At Portage City, Wisconsin, the last Wednesday in September, 1876.

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## APPOINTMENTS.

### WHITEWATER DISTRICT.—D. M. SINCLAIR, *Chairman.*

Whitewater,.....	J. P. Shattuck.
Deanville and Pierceville,.....	F. A. McDonald.
Beaver Dam, Stony Brook and Aztalan, ..	Supplied by I. Emerton.
Platteville and New Diggings, ..	E. Z. Thwing, one to be supplied.
Portage, ..	J. A. Murray.
Sharon,.....	J. W. Cain.

### EAU CLARE DISTRICT.—D. M. SINCLAIR, *Chairman.*

Menomonee, Osseo and Eau Clare,.....	L. Whitney.
Hudson and Emerald,.....	F. W. Arndt.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

The Conference was held in Pierceville, commencing on Thursday, October 7th, at 10 a. m., and closed the following Saturday afternoon. Religious services were held every afternoon and evening during the session of the Conference.

### ORDINATIONS.

At the close of the morning service on the Sabbath—Oct. 10—F. A. McDonald was ordained Deacon. At the close of the afternoon service E. Z. Thwing was ordained Elder.

## STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	No. Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Loc. Preachers.	S. Schools.	Officers & Tea.	S. S. Scholars.	Money Expended.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Value Church Property.
Deanville and Pierceville.....	L. Whitney.....	32	3	32	1	210	70	40	\$8.70	\$300.00	\$66.47	.....	.....
Whitewater .....	E. Z. Thwing...	45	3	48	1	210	40	80	8.00	333.28	43.29	\$7.50	8500
Platteville and New Digging.	J. A. Murray...	78	11	84	1	215	80	80	.....	350.00	67.00	9.70	1800
Portage.....	W. A. Noble....	50	..	50	1	..	..	..	.....	235.00	72.55	.....	1000
Beaver Dam.....	J. Kelso.....	30	..	30	1	3	..	..	.....	300.00	39.63	.....	800
Eau Claire and Hudson.....	J. P. Shattuck..	35	5	40	..	1	4	30	.....	135.00	22.15	.....	.....
		265	19	274	5	1039	220	17	70	1653.28	311.09	17.26	7100

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That, while as a Conference we have all confidence in Bro. Noble's honesty and sincerity in his Missionary enterprise, yet we cannot approve of or endorse it, and we advise him to dispose of the boat to the best advantage possible, and as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That we publish our Minutes in connection with those of the other Conferences.

*Resolved*, That a collection be taken as soon as possible by the preachers of the several circuits, and given to D. M. Sinclair, for Bro. W. A. Nobles.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary collection to be taken during the first quarter and forwarded to the Conference Missionary Treasurer—C. E. Lumm—Marshall, Dane Co., Wis.

*Resolved*, That we take a collection at the close of the Sabbath morning service for the Superintendent.

*Resolved*, That we tender a vote of thanks to the citizens of Pierceville for their hospitality in entertaining the Conference.

## REPORTS.

## I.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

Committee reported \$15.44 received.

## II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

*Whereas*, The age that we live in is one in which the press exerts a wide extended influence, and greatly for evil. Very much of the so-called Christian reading is such that we cannot indorse. Very many are blindly led by it into error. The work of our publications is to counteract this poisoning work done by these compromising sheets. Therefore we feel it to be a duty to urge on our preachers and members to do all they can to extend the circulation of all our publications, outside as well as inside of our church. God holds us responsible for the influence we might exert in this way.

We rejoice in that we find in the *Earnest Christian* a faithful exponent of our doctrines as a church, and as Methodists. The extending of its circulation cannot but extend the work of God.

We recognize the *Free Methodist* as a reformatory Christian paper, in which our distinctive reformatory principles are set forth and defended, and we pledge ourselves as ministers and laymen of the Wisconsin Conference, to aid in its circulation so long as it shall maintain its present out-spoken and independent position.

The *Christian Pilgrim* is an excellent paper to work in where we cannot get the Free Methodist introduced; and, as a fearless exponent of our views, deserves and should have our patronage.

The publishers of the Free Methodist have this year purchased and enlarged what was the "Little Crumbs," and give us in "The Pearl," at the same price and of equal quality as other S. S. papers, and what is better give us monthly a pure sheet, filled with such matter as is calculated to be a blessing to our children.

We have need in our work of a good selection of tracts on our issues. A strong effort should be made among us to further the work of their publication, as they do a work that no other means can do.

### III.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on Reforms would report on Secret Societies, worldly conformity, Sabbath desecration, popular amusements, social religion, or the form without the life and power, destruction of fetal, with all their concomitant vices—all of which are practiced in our land and in our midst, to the destruction of the souls and bodies of men.

These evils we regard as the more dangerous, because those claiming to be the better class of society are participating in and upholding these wrongs, almost without exception.

That all these mitigate against the well being of humanity and cause of God, and are hindering the salvation of men, is a fact too glaring to need elucidation. That they are kindred in their nature, all springing from worldliness and the spirit of the wicked one, is another fact that needs no proof; for the spirit of the world enters into all of them, while the Holy Ghost testifies against them, and the word of God bears testimony and agrees therewith.

In view of these facts reform is loudly called for. We, as a people, declare our opposition to all these, and will, both by precept and example, cry aloud and spare not. By the grace of God we will not let our fellow-men slumber over these craters of destruction, unconscious of their danger, but will wash our hands and cleanse our garments from the blood of all men. In public and in private, in the pulpit and in the press, we will testify against them; at the same time offer to men a salvation that saves from the desire to indulge in any of them. We ask all lovers of humanity to join in waging a holy warfare against these enormous crimes that are deluging our country, and destroying the souls and bodies of so many of our fellow-beings.

### IV.—OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

We recommend,

- 1st. The appointment of a Conference Missionary Treasurer.
- 2d. That each of the preachers follow the direction of the Discipline for raising Missionary money.

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3d. That the Missionary collection be taken the first quarter and sent to the Missionary Treasurer of this Conference as soon as possible.

4th. That the Missionary money be held in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the call of the Chairman of the Districts, to be appropriated as the Treasurer and Chairman shall think best.

5th. That \$14.26 of the amount on hand be given to Bro. J. P. Shattuck, and the balance—\$5.00—be held in the hands of the Treasurer.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**Illinois Conference,**  
HELD AT  
St. Charles, Ill., Oct., 13-17, 1875.

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**OFFICERS.**

- President*—E. P. HART, General Superintendent.  
*Secretaries*—J. G. TERRILL, W. W. KELLEY.  
*Missionary Treasurer*—E. A. KIMBALL.  
*Trustees of the Benevolent Association*—M. V. CLUTE, E. A. KIMBALL, J. G. TERRILL, O. P. ROGERS, D. P. BAKER, DARIUS REYNOLDS.
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**COMMITTEES.**

- On Public Worship*—E. P. Hart, J. G. Terrill, J. M. Scott.  
*On Missions*—The Stationing Committee.  
*On Sunday Schools*—T. B. Arnold, W. Marshall, M. L. Vorheis, D. P. Reed.  
*On Publications*—W. W. Kelley, W. F. Manley, E. A. Kimball, W. Tyler, Sidney Beach.  
*On Education*—J. G. Terrill, W. E. Coquillette, M. V. Clute, Monroe Kendall.  
*On Temperance*—C. W. Frink, L. C. Ebev, N. E. Parks, W. Tyler, J. Poyer, E. C. Best.  
*On Secret Societies*—D. P. Baker, W. E. Coquillette, J. M. Scott, L. C. Ebev, Wm. Marshall.



*On Claims*—The Stationing Committee.

*On Memoirs*—M. V. Clute, D. P. Baker, E. A. Hall, W. Tyler, W. F. Manley.

*Tent Committee*—E. A. Kimball, T. B. Arnold, J. G. Terrill.

*To Publish the Minutes*—The Secretaries.

*To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—L. C. Ebey.

*To Appoint Examiners in Studies for next year*—The Chair.

*Standing Committee on a Conference School*—D. P. Baker, J. G. Terrill, M. V. Clute, W. F. Manley, E. A. Kimball, D. Reynolds, Warren Tyler.

#### DELEGATES.

*To the Annual Convention of the National Christian Association*,—W. E. Coquillette, J. G. Terrill, reserve.

*To the Illinois State Convention of the N. C. A.*—D. P. Baker.

*Fraternal Delegates to the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.*—J. G. Terrill, D. P. Baker.

#### Examiners on Course of Study for Next Year.

*Preliminary Course*—E. C. Best.

*First Year*—W. E. Coquillette.

*Second Year*—D. P. Baker.

*Third Year*—W. W. Kelley.

*Fourth Year*—J. G. Terrill.

#### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

#### PREACHERS.

J. G. Terrill,

M. V. Clute,

C. W. Frink,

W. W. Kelley,

W. F. Manley,

N. E. Parks,

T. B. Arnold,

D. P. Baker,

C. P. Miller,

Ira F. Ward,

C. A. Brandt,

Peter Chalmun,

Judah Meade,

M. L. Vorheis,

Moses C. Collins,

C. H. Lovejoy.

W. B. Walls,

James Thaxter,

John Wilson,

A. H. Greene,

J. E. Whiting.

#### DELEGATES.

Warren Tyler,

William Marshall,

John H. Poyer,

Sidney Beach,

C. B. Ebey,

William Harding,

Baxter Bovee,	E. A. Kimball,	Darius Reynolds,
Monroe Kendall,	L. C. Ebey,	L. L. Burdick,
J. Maze,	Thomas Wright,	J. J. Schuyler,
E. A. Hall,	D. P. Reed,	W. W. Bradford.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

E. P. Hart, J. G. Terrill, W. W. Kelley, W. F. Manley,  
L. L. Burdick, William Harding, E. A. Kimball.

3. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

J. J. Hales, Charles B. Ebey, Edwin C. Best.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

J. M. Scott, A. F. Ferris, James Kelso, H. S. Carpenter,  
C. S. Spaulding, W. E. Coquillette, Shepherd Adams, David  
Fear, W. C. Thompson.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

James Thaxter, John Wilson, J. E. Whiting, from the  
Kansas Conference, A. H. Greene, from the Genesee Con-  
ference.

6. *Who are the Deacons?*

N. E. Parks, J. Wilson, J. Thaxter, C. P. Miller, Ira F.  
Ward, Joseph Fletcher,\*—local preacher.

\*Ordained this year.

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

Martin L. Vorheis.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.

9. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

Judah Mead, T. B. Arnold, M. V. Clute.

10. *Who have been expelled?* None.

11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.

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

Their names were all called and their characters passed in  
the usual manner. Charges were presented against C. P.  
Miller: a committee was appointed and the case was tried.  
He was found not guilty.

13. *Who have died this year?*

James M. Y. Smith.

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

See Table of Statistics.

18. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

See Appointments.

19. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Aurora, Illinois; the time to be fixed by the General  
Superintendents.

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 APPOINTMENTS.
 

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FOX RIVER DISTRICT.—J. G. TERRILL, *Chairman.*

Chicago.....	M. L. Vorheis.
St. Charles and Wheaton.....	To be supplied.
Red School House.....	N. Morrison, supply.
Aurora.....	A. H. Greene.
Elgin, Clintonville and Huntley.....	W. W. Kelley.
Lodi, Burlington, Sycamore etc.....	J. M. Scott, H. S. Carpenter.
Crystal Lake, Algonquin, } .....	C. P. Miller, and
Brick School House and Franklinville, }	one to be supplied.
Marengo and Union.....	A. F. Ferris.
Belvidere and Bonus.....	E. C. Best.
Winnebago and Ridott.....	W. E. Coquillette.
Freeport and Lena.....	C. W. Frink.
Savanna and Plum River.....	James Kelso.
Ashton, Grandetour and Chana.....	N. E. Parks.
German Mission.....	C. A. Brandt.

GALVA DISTRICT.—D. P. BAKER, *Chairman.*

Galva and Kewanee.....	James Thaxter.
Manlius, Sheffield, Atkinson, }	J. E. Whiting.
Yorktown and Tampico, }	
Swede Mission, .....	Peter Chalmun, J. Wilson.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—D. P. BAKER, *Chairman.*

Jacksonville and Whitehall.....	C. S. Spalding.
Althens and McLean Co.....	J. J. Hales.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.—D. P. BAKER, *Chairman.*

West Belville, Lebanon, Alma, }	W. F. Manley, C. B. Ebeys.
Dutch Hollow and St. Louis. }	
DuQuoin.....	F. H. Kenedy supply.
St. Peters.....	Isaac Jones, supply.
St. Louis, (Morgan St.), Kirkwood, }	W. B. Walls.
Edwardsville and Bunker Hill, }	Shepherd Adams Sr.
Mt. Hope and Calvary.....	Moses C. Collins.
Richwoods, Mo.....	Shepherd Adams Jr.
Washington Territory Mission.....	Ira F. Ward.
C. H. Lovejoy, to be appointed by the President.	

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 MISCELLANEOUS.

The Conference convened in the Free Methodist Church in St. Charles, Ill., October 13th, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M. : the junior Superintendent—Rev. E. P. Hart—in the chair.

The devotional exercises, consisting of reading the 12th chapter of Romans, singing the hymn commencing :

"And are we yet alive,  
And see each other's face?"

and prayer, were conducted by the Chair.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed at the fourth seat from the altar. The regular sittings of the Conference were ordered to commence at 8½ A. M., and to adjourn at 11½ A. M.

The probationers in the Conference were invited to honorary seats.

Rev's C. W. LaDue, J. C. Norton and G. C. Coffee of the Minnesota Conference, J. E. Whiting and A. H. Greene, of the Genesee Conference of the Free Methodist Church, E. I. Grinnell of the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Connection, and H. H. Hinman, (Congregationalist,) Illinois State Agent of the National Christian Association, were severally introduced and invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

The President announced the enrollment of J. Travis, C. E. Harroun, Sr., C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. W. Dake, J. Buss and A. Steadwell in the new Iowa Conference; and J. W. Cain, E. Z. Thwing, W. A. Nobles, D. M. Sinclair and L. Whitney in the new Wisconsin Conference. Also that J. N. Bovee and A. P. Goode, probationers in this Conference, had been received by the Iowa Conference; and that F. A. McDonald, a probationer of this Conference, had been received by the Wisconsin Conference.

W. F. Manley was elected to fill the vacancy in the Stationing Committee, caused by the absence of the Chairman of the Jacksonville and Bellville Districts; and W. W. Kelley was elected to fill the vacancy in the same committee caused by the absence of the Chairman of the Freeport District.

J. E. Whiting was received by transfer from the Kansas Conference, and A. H. Greene by transfer from the Genesee Conference. J. J. Hales, a probationer for two years in the Kansas Conference, was received on probation, his absence preventing his being received into full connection.

The names of Moses C. Collins, W. B. Walls, C. H. Lovejoy—and of Shepherd Adams and David Fear, probationers—

appear upon the Minutes, from the addition of the Belville District to this Conference, by the action of the last General Conference.

The Chair, desiring that this Conference be represented in the Board of Trustees of Spring Arbor Seminary, was authorized by the Conference to nominate two members for that office. Their election will be by the action of the Board of Trustees.

W. E. Coquillette, our delegate to the last annual convention of the National Christian Association, gave a verbal report of the doings and spirit of the convention. On being questioned in regard to the matter he reported himself short \$5.00 on his expenses to the Convention, and Bro. Travis, our other delegate, short some \$13.00. By voluntary contributions the \$5.00 was soon more than made up, and Bro. Coquillette was instructed to pay the surplus to Bro. Travis.

The Conference ordered sittings for Saturday at 2 P. M., and for the evening, after preaching.

A collection was taken at the close of the Sunday A. M. services, both in the F. M. and in the M. E. Churches, for the President.

A subscription was taken Saturday evening for the Spring Arbor Seminary, of about \$700 00.

The Conference ordered that those societies which are in arrears on the expenses of delegates to the last General Conference, shall forward the money to the Rev. W. W. Kelley, at Elgin, Ill. ; and that he should pay it to the proper persons.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of St. Charles and vicinity, for their kindness in entertaining the Conference and its visitors.

At 10 20 Saturday evening, the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned.

Brother Hart preached Sunday morning and evening, and Bro. A. H. Greene at 3 P. M., in the Free Methodist Church.

Bro. M. V. Clute preached in the M. E. Church in the morning, Bro. M. C. Collins at 3 P. M., and Bro. M. L. Vorheis in the evening. Bro. Collins preached in the evening also, to the colored people in a house on the West side.

At the close of the afternoon service in the F. M. Church.

DISTRICTS.	CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers	Total.	L. Pr'chers.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Am't raised for S. S.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairmen's Receipts.	Missionary Collections.	Col. Del. to N. C. A.	Valuation of Church Property.
FOX RIVER DIST. J. G. Terrill, <i>Chaplain.</i>	Chicago.....	D. P. Baker, H. Westerdale	100	17	117	4	2	23	100	\$75 00	\$512 00	\$30 04	30 40	\$7 26	\$1000
	Wheaton.....	J. L. Ward, <i>supply</i>	21		21			8	50	50 00	103 62	26 00			
	Aurora.....	N. V. Clure.....	39	4	43	3	1	23	800 00	57 00	800 00	15 41	41	3 00	12000
	Elgin and Chilmoville.....	N. E. Parks.....	58	22	80	3	3	8	100	69 05	675 67	62 75	6 65	4 00	5000
	St. Charles.....	J. M. Scott.....	64	12	76	3	2	9	77	25 00	450 00	71 55	6 00	4 00	1800
	Lodi and Blackberry.....	C. S. Spalding.....	63	13	76	1	2	17	60	15 80	300 00	47 35	13 00	3 00	2800
	Crystal Lake, etc.....	M. L. Vorheis, H. S. Carp'r	105	33	138	3	2	15	76	26 00	525 00	102 28	2 61	2 35	5100
	Marengo and Union.....	W. E. Coquille.....	66	3	69	1	1	10	60	30 00	495 00	64 16		2 80	2500
	Belvidere and Bonus.....	A. F. Ferris.....	42	4	46		1	8	37		356 00	36 50		1 75	2500
	GALVA DISTRICT. J. G. Terrill, <i>Chm.</i>	Galva and Kewanee.....	J. E. Whiting.....	36	5	41		2	16	70	25 00	473 00	54 00		
Atkinson, Manlius, etc.		C. P. Miller.....	57	20	77		2			336 00	336 00	49 00			500
FREEPORT DIST. D. M. Sinclair, <i>Chaplain.</i>	Freeport and Lena.....	C. W. Frink.....	35	9	44		2	23	111	32 20	314 50	64 13		6 00	3000
	Winnebago.....	James Thaxter.....	46	3	49		1	8	60	25 00	400 00	65 00	5 00	5 00	3000
	Ashton and Grandetour	W. W. Kelley.....	48	6	54					525 00	525 00	47 00	14 00	3 00	2500
	Savanna & Plum River.	F. A. McDonald.....	26	1	27						189 61				
JACKSONVILLE D., C. H. Lovejoy, <i>Chaplain.</i>	Jacksonville, Whitehall	E. C. Best, <i>supply</i>	26	6	32	3	3	9	35	6 50	164 68	60 00	5 00		3500
	Athens.....	Thomas Wright, <i>supply</i>	11	8	14		1	7	50	15 50	217 25	38 50			1100
	McLean.....	J. N. Boyce.....	12	1	13										
BEVELL DIST., C. H. Lovejoy, <i>Chaplain.</i>	West Belleville.....	W. F. Manly.....	44	10	54	2	2	15	106	60 00	300 00	28 00			1200
	Lebanon.....	David Fear.....	15		15	1						14 50			306
	St. Louis.....	Shepherd Adams, Sr.....	10	7	17	1		2	15		250 00	2 50			1200
	Edwardsville, Bunker Hill	W. B. Wallis.....	10		10		1	2	8	46	64 85	174 70	10 00		1000
	Mt. Hope and Calvary	Moses C. Collins.....	153		153		2	3	50						
	Morgan St. (St. Louis)	J. W. Johnson.....	134	7	161		1	1	7	35	5 40		13 45		
	Alma and Dutch Hollow	Isaac Jones.....	19	6	25										
St. Peter's.....		12	14	26											
			1982	206	1488	23	23	211	1140	523 30	7934 03	1023 71	98 07	38 16	49,500

Martin L. Vorheis was ordained Elder, and immediately before the evening service, Joseph Fletcher, a local preacher, was ordained Deacon.

The Conference Lovefeast was a season of glorious power; at 11 A. M. it was adjourned until 6. P. M., and then continued until after 7.

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## REPORTS.

### I.—ON PURCHASING A SCHOOL IN IOWA.

Your committee visited the place, Birmingham, Iowa, and after viewing the property and taking into consideration its location, concluded that it was not advisable to make a purchase. Since then the property has been disposed of to other parties.

### II.—ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We recommend—

1. That an appropriation of \$150 be made to the chairman of the Galva, Jacksonville, and St. Louis Districts.

2. That \$50 be appropriated to the Savanna and Plum River Circuit.

3. That the missionary collection be taken during the 2d quarter.

4. That the class leaders through our Conference be urged to carry out the disciplinary instructions respecting the appointment of a missionary collector in each class.

5. That Brother E. A. Kimball be our Missionary Treasurer for the coming year.

### III.—ON CLAIMS.

We recommend that a superannuated collection be taken during the fourth quarter, and the money be brought to the Conference.

### IV.—ON MEMOIRS.

Another reaper has been snatched from the harvest field by the hand of death. Our beloved brother, J. M. Y. Smith, died of heart disease in the city of New York January 21, 1875, in the 48th year of his age.

He was converted at the age of fourteen, and commenced preaching at seventeen. He was laboring as a supply in the Thirty-seventh street F. M. Church New York at the time of his death. He sleeps in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. His untiring energy; his zeal in the work of the ministry; his fidelity to the principles involved in our holy religion; combined to

make him valuable to the Church and the world. He was emphatically a man of God.

We deeply mourn his loss, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved and afflicted wife.

#### V.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the importance of properly instructing the young can hardly be overestimated, and in view of the fact that many children are destitute of religious training at home, we hail the Sunday School as an efficient means of instilling right principles and sentiments into the minds of the rising generation. While we rejoice to see an increasing interest in this direction, it is our opinion that as yet the interest in Sunday School work is not equal to its importance; and we would urge a more earnest effort on the part of both ministry and laity in behalf of this noble enterprise. We therefore resolve—

1. That the Sunday School is and should be the nursery of the Church.

2. That the Sunday School should be a means of grace; and that we may reasonably expect conversions as a result of Sunday School labor.

3. That the officers and teachers so far as possible should be sound in doctrine, and have a clear religious experience.

4. That mission Sunday Schools be organized and maintained wherever practicable.

5. That such helps to Bible study as are available should be employed, and that the "Bible Lessons" as prepared by brother H. M. Hugunin of Chicago, and published in the *Free Methodist*, are worthy the attention of Sunday School workers.

6. That unless great care be exercised in the selection of books, that libraries be discarded and papers be substituted therefor.

7. That we give our voice against holding or participating in Sunday School Picnics, as they are calculated to engender a taste for worldly pleasure, and draw the mind away from the main object, leading the young to Christ.

8. That each of the several Districts be recommended to hold one or more Sunday School Conventions during the year in connection with the general quarterly meetings when practicable.

#### VI.—REPORT ON A CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

As the chairman of your school committee I beg leave to report as follows:

About the first of January your committee came together at the house of Truman Gilbert in Clintonville, Illinois, for consultation. We found a subscription with about \$3,000 as pledged, provided a school was located at Clintonville. We also found that one person who had pledged \$1,000 understood that it was not to be paid unless the building was erected within three years from the time the pledge was given, and two years and a half of



that time had elapsed, and from what your committee could learn the person above referred to was inclined to hold to the erection of the school within the time specified. We also found that another subscriber to the above fund was now from financial reverses unable to pay his subscription unless your committee would accept of four acres of land as a school site in Clintonville, and the question would have to be settled by April 1st. As your committee had no instructions to purchase, we could come to no positive conclusions. We at last concluded to circulate the subscription paper above referred to and see how much could be raised toward a school at that place.

A few days after the above meeting the chairman of your committee received a note stating that the subscriber who wished to donate the four acres of land desired to sell us his dwelling house and grounds (two acres) for a school. Another meeting of the committee was called to consider the proposition. But a part of the committee came, and nothing conclusive was reached. The house and grounds would cost \$8,000, and it would cost at least \$2,000 more to refit it, and then it would not be what we want.

While waiting for the time for the last mentioned meeting of the committee the chairman heard of an opportunity to purchase a school property at Crystal Lake. He went to see it, and found it to consist of five acres of ground nicely improved, with a street on every side on an adjoining block to that of our Church and parsonage in the village. The building is of brick, built on purpose for a Seminary. The location is a good one in many respects. The terms are \$6,000, \$1,000 down, and the rest in annual payments.

Another site is offered at St. Charles, on the west side of the river, with a liberal donation on its valuation. There is a general feeling that we must soon have a school. Quite a number are making calculations to donate money for that purpose. Our Conference is now sending away to other schools about twenty scholars. There is no immediate demand for a school, yet we should be preparing for one. We need to be on the watch for the openings of Providence. We must not act hastily, and yet we must act promptly when the time to act arrives.

It would be well to have a committee to watch the openings of Providence, and authorized to act decisively when they can safely. It would be safe to act when good accommodations in a good locality can be found, and a sufficient amount of money in reliable subscriptions is pledged to make the matter secure.

## VII—ON TEMPERANCE.

Much has been accomplished in the work of temperance within the last year, especially by way of arousing public sentiment. Yet we are aware that we have to meet a powerful foe, opposed not only to knowledge and the general prosperity and good of the community at large, but also to religion.

The evils arising from intemperance are many, as the reports of

the Commissioners of our Penitentiaries, Poorhouses and Insane Hospitals, and the daily catalogue of crimes will show.

The enemies of temperance in many localities have banded together, in order to resist the law and evade justice, that they may continue their nefarious work in destroying not only the souls and bodies of the unfortunate victims of strong drink, but also their weeping and heart-broken families.

We are pleased that an effort is being made to bring this matter before Congress for investigation. Let us therefore earnestly pray that the divine blessing may rest upon the undertaking.

The habit of drinking spirituous, malt and vinous liquors is by no means the only form of intemperance existing at present; the habit of chewing or smoking tobacco, or the use of opium for the gratification of a depraved appetite may justly be considered intemperance. And we believe that in all cases of this kind among us that it is our duty to kindly but firmly enforce discipline.

Therefore in order that we may perform our part in this great reform be it

*Resolved.* That while we will not unite with secret organizations in our efforts, we will unite with all Christian efforts to secure total abstinence and prohibition.

#### VIII.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

It needs no argument to show that the press is a power for good or evil, and perhaps exerts a greater influence over the minds and actions of men than any other human agency. Publications not in harmony with the teachings of the Bible are scattered broadcast over the land, luring souls to perdition by the thousand. We cannot stop the circulation of such literature, but we may counteract its influence to a great extent by the circulation of that which is pure.

We know of no periodical so well calculated to lead souls to Christ and into the higher walks of the Christian life as the *Earnest Christian*. We are also much pleased with the *Free Methodist* under its present management, and note with pleasure its increasing prosperity. These two periodicals in many cases go before the herald of the Cross and prepare the way of the Lord. Therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That we urge our preachers to make an effort to put one or both of these periodicals in every family under their care.

2. That we recommend the *Christian Pilgrim* and the *Pearl* to our people as worthy of their patronage.

3. That we believe it necessary to circulate tracts, and would urge our preachers to collect money to purchase short, clear and strictly evangelical tracts, and see that they are judiciously distributed.

4. That we request our preachers to circulate on their charges

such books as the lives of Wesley, Bramwell, Abbott, Carvosso, and Hester Ann Rogers.

#### IX.—ON EDUCATION.

*Whereas*, True religion and thorough mental culture are not opposed to each other, but rather go hand in hand; and as knowledge and religion increase, so ignorance, superstition and crime are lessened; and

*Whereas*, We believe it possible to have an enlightened mind and a sanctified heart at the same time, and that this is our great need at the present day; and

*Whereas*, The human mind, especially in childhood, is so constituted that it seeks mental food, which if not furnished from a pure source will be furnished by the world and satan; and

*Whereas*, We believe that a wilful neglect to cultivate the mind is sinful, and also calculated to lessen our sphere of action and our usefulness in the same; and

*Whereas*, We believe that such knowledge alone is conducive to happiness and eternal good which has God for its grand object, as the Scriptures declare. Therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That we put forth an effort to educate the rising generation especially, and this effort be commensurate with the importance of the subject under consideration.

2 That we restrain our children from reading the light trashy literature, which poisons the mind and unfits it for the reception of divine truth.

3. That we will patronize those institutions of learning conducted by our Church at Spring Arbor, Mich., and North Chili, N. Y., and we will help maintain them by our influence and otherwise as it may seem best.

4. That a subscription for the benefit of the Spring Arbor Seminary be taken at the close of this (Saturday) evening's sermon.

#### X.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We deem secret organizations an enemy to society, because they infringe on the moral, social and civil relations of life; and we believe that as American citizens we have the right to investigate their character; and that this right cannot justly be called in question. The true character of such institutions become more apparent as the opposition to them increases. The claims of Free Masonry being held as paramount to every other claim, a Free Mason cannot be a loyal citizen, an impartial juror, or a truthful witness in Court. Free Masonry 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. It claims to be of divine origin, yet arrogates to itself principles and attributes which belong alone to the Divine Being. It is the grandparent of all other secret organizations, and while it denies being a religion, it takes the Christian, Jew and Moslem, and binds them by its faith in one

universal brotherhood, which claims Gôd for its father, yet utterly ignores Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer and Saviour. It casts a veil of seeming security over the minds of the people; paralyzes and muzzles pulpit and press; thwarts justice; justifies crime, and even boasts of its deeds of darkness.

Therefore we are more and more persuaded that it is the imperative duty of every lover of republican principles, of every believer in and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, to stand out in clearly defined opposition to this monster evil. We are also convinced that mere denunciation and ridicule do harm rather than good, and should be avoided. Since our reliance in God and his truth we believe all providential agencies should be encouraged.

We would recommend the *Reformer & Free Press* of Sycamore, Ill., as a publication doing efficient service in the work of reform, and meriting the patronage of our people.

Believing as we do that the successful prosecution of all Gospel enterprises require diffusion rather than centralization, the encouragement of individual enterprises rather than incorporations, we hail with joy the increase of publications whose columns flash light in the midst of darkness.