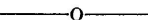


MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Kansas & Missouri Conference
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD NEAR
EMPORIA, LYON CO., KANSAS, SEPT. 6-8, 1877.



OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS. *Secretary*—G. W. C. SMITH.

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, September 6th, 1877, by the President, who opened the session by singing and prayer.

The roll was called, and five preachers responded to their names, and ten delegates presented certificates of election.

Geo. W. C. Smith was elected secretary.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, C. H. Lovejoy and W. M. Adams.
- On Publishing the Minutes—C. H. Lovejoy, and Geo. W. C. Smith.
- On Sabbath Schools, Bible Cause, Temperance, and Secret Societies—J. C. Washburn, T. Shearwood, and R. L. Littler.
- On Publications—C. H. Lovejoy, E. F. Miller, and A. Goode.

On Memoirs—C. H. Lovejoy, Wm. N. Hamby, and J. Nichols.

On Statistics—E. E. Miller.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

C. H. Lovejoy,	Geo. W. C. Smith,	J. W. Kendall,
T. Shearwood,	E. E. Miller,	J. C. Washburn,
R. F. Morris,	Wm. M. Adams,	J. Whittaker,
Wm. N. Hamby,	I. Bliss,	J. H. Oney,
R. Abell,	Wm. Cooley,	D. Buck.
Wm. W. Harris.		

DELEGATES.

A. Goode,	J. S. Pigman,	J. R. Robinson.
R. L. Littler,	N. Surface,	J. E. Nichols.
C. Howater,	Wm. McClintock,	I. Swim.
Wm. H. Smith.		

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

B. T. Roberts, Wm. M. Adams, J. E. Nichols.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

P. H. Arlington, A. C. Allen, David M. Poor, T. D. Bickham, John Garrett, Jeremiah Adams, A. Goode.

4. Who remain on trial ?

B. F. Smalley, Wm. Garrett, John T. Shearwood, J. Tiernan, D. J. Goode, J. B. Allen.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

C. H. Lovejoy, Wm. McClintock, J. H. Oney, Wm. W. Harris, Geo. W. C. Smith, J. W. Kendall.

6. Who are the Deacons ?

Geo. W. C. Smith, D. J. Goode, D. Buck, R. F. Morris, ordained last year. J. H. Oney, Wm. W. Harris, T. D. Bickham, J. W. Kendall.

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

8. Who have located this year ?

D. Buck, at his request.

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?

Their characters were each examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year?

Rev. O. C. Wisner.

14. What is the number of church members?

See table of Statistics.

15. Where are your preachers stationed this year?

See Appointments.

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

In connection with a camp-meeting, to commence the last of August, 1878, on Elk Creek, in Republic County, Kansas.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was ordered to hold two sessions of Conference per day, the morning session to open at 6 o'clock A. M., and close at 7 o'clock A. M., and open again at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Rev. B. T. Roberts was appointed to select the Committee on Examinations.

Visiting members and preachers were elected to honorary seats in the Conference.

Rev. C. H. Lovejoy re-admitted from the Illinois Conference. Also Rev. Wm. McClintock re-admitted into the Conference.

Rev. J. E. Whiting received from the Illinois Conference.

The Conference ordered the minutes to be published in connection with the minutes of the other conferences.

The roll was called, and the members answered to their respective names in raising funds to pay for publishing the Conference minutes.

The Conference appointed J. C. Washburn, Wm. M. Adams, and Wm. McClintock a committee to raise funds to purchase a conference tent.

The Conference ordered the Stationing Committee to so arrange the work that there be three districts, and

that the chairmen travel at large, opening new works in their respective districts.

The President was appointed to select the committee on examination for next year.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

Preliminary Course—J. C. Washburn, R. Abell.

First year—G. W. C. Smith, J. W. Kendall.

Second year—C. H. Lovejoy, T. Shearwood.

Third year—Wm. N. Hamby, R. F. Morris.

Fourth year—E. E. Miller, Wm. M. Adams.

APPOINTMENTS.

EASTERN DISTRICT—Wm. McClintock, Chairman.

Lawrence and Harmony.....R. F. Morris

Prairie Centre and Olatha.....C. H. Lovejoy

Leavenworth.....To be supplied

Morris County.....I. Bliss

Evangelist—J. B. Allen.

WESTERN DISTRICT—E. E. Miller, Chairman.

Riley County.....R. Abell

Clay Centre.....J. C. Washburn

Elk Creek.....John Garrett

Osborn.....Wm. Garrett

Salem.....J. E. Whiting

Spring Valley.....F. B. Sinalley

Armenia and Farmingdale.....A. Goode

Smith County.....D. J. Goode

Methodist Creek.....P. Arlington

Friendville.....J. H. Oney

Hamilton County.....J. Adams

Evangelist—T. Shearwood.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—Wm. M. Adams, Chairman.

Neosho Rapids and Badge Creek.....Geo. W. C. Smith

Coffee County.....J. Tiernan

Springfield.....John Robinson, supply

Xenia.....Wm. N. Hamby

Labett County.....T. D. Bickham

Starpolo.....M. B. V. Phillips

Cedar Vale.....M. L. Wilkinson, supply

McPherson.....John Shearwood

Council Grove.....Wm. W. Harris

Idaho.....A. C. Allen

Conference Evangelist—C. H. Lovejoy.

J. Whittaker to be appointed by the Superintendent.

STATISTICS OF THE KANSAS AND MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Preachers' Receipts.	Supts' Collection.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.
EASTERN KANSAS DISTRICT.										
Lawrence.....	W. M. Adams, Chairman	20	20	40	\$213	.....	1	\$800	1	\$250
Leavenworth.....	J. B. Allen	6	6	12	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony and Prairie Centre.....	E. E. Miller	25	9	34	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Princeton.....	O. C. Wisner	50	.....	50	71	.....	1	\$800	1	\$250
Lyndon and Council Grove.....	George W. C. Smith and Wm. W. Harris	30	.....	30	200	\$165	.....	.....	.....	.....
Xenia and Springfield.....	D. Buck	14	.....	14	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre.....	D. J. Goode	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley County.....	R. Abell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morris County.....	I. Bliss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McPherson.....	M. V. B. Phillips	9	9	18	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osborn and Salem.....	John Shearwood	18	6	24	218	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley.....	W. N. Hamby and Wm. Garret	85	17	102	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Methodist Creek.....	A. Goode	49	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton County.....	J. H.ONEY	16	5	21	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....		330	37	367	\$1,286	\$165	1	\$800	1	\$250

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We live in a reading age, and it is sad to know that very much of the reading matter that is circulated among the people is most demoralizing in its influence, and should be discountenanced by us as a people.

The professing religious press, by giving publicity to all manner of fictitious tales and stories which are most damaging in their effects upon the morals of the people, are unworthy of the name they bear, and ought not to receive our support. While there is a growing demand for reading matter, we should do our best to put into the hands of our people a pure, religious literature, such reading as we find in the *Earnest Christian*, and *Free Methodist*. Therefore we pledge ourselves to give these and like publications our most hearty support, and will do the best we can to circulate them among our people.

II.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved—1st, That we will endeavor by the help of God, to increase our diligence in the Sabbath-School field of labor, having been convinced by our past experience of its great importance.

Resolved—2d, That we will do all that we can, both by our means and influence, to promote the circulation and study of the Bible.

Resolved—3d, That we as a Conference, are in favor of meeting the temperance issue at the ballot-box, and that we regard the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, a crime against society that ought to be severely punished by law.

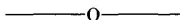
Resolved—4th, That we regard secret societies as one of the chief evils of the day, both against Church and State; and that we as ministers and members will do all that we can in the Spirit of Christ, to accomplish their over-throw.

III.—ON MEMOIRS.

For the first time since we have been a Conference has death made a vacancy in our ranks, by taking from among us our beloved brother O. C. Wisner, who departed this life in holy triumph, on the 4th day of February, 1877.

Bro. Wisner undervalued himself, being naturally timid and fearful. But through the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, he became bold and confiding. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and those who knew him most, loved him best;—a kind and loving husband and father, a holy man of God. As a preacher, clear, short and impressive, whose welcome with a people never wore out. Although it was a long and desperate struggle with him, he got a complete victory over self and the world, he triumphed most gloriously in death, and no doubt is with the blood-washed around the throne. May his mantle fall on the young men of this Conference. His dear wife enjoyed the sanctifying grace of God which enables her to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, in this trying hour. Let the Church remember Sister Wisner and her two children, at a throne of grace.

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NEW YORK CONFERENCE,
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
WILKESBARRE, PA., SEPTEMBER 12-16, 1877.



OFFICERS.

President—E. P. HART.
Secretary—E. P. SELLEW— *Assistant*—J. E. BRISTOL.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—W. Jones, W. B. Bertels, E. P. Hart.
On Publishing Minutes—E. P. Sellew, J. E. Bristol.
On Collecting Funds for Minutes—W. B. Bertels.
On Nominating Examiners in the Course of Study—W. Gould, A. G. Terry.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The Stationing Committee.
On Bible Cause—J. Glen, W. B. Bertels.
On the State of the Work—W. Jones, J. Dickson, O. V. Ketels, T. S. LaDue.
On Sabbath Schools—W. Gould, E. P. Sellew, W. W. Dickson.
On Reforms—T. S. LaDue, J. E. Bristol, E. Smith, G. R. Harvey, J. J. Haviland.

On Ministerial Relations—J. Glen, W. Jones, W. B. Bertels, W. M. Parry, M. D. McDougal.

On Publications—S. V. McVey, E. E. Adams, J. Dickson, J. E. Bristol.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary Course—E. P. Sellew.

First year—W. Jones, S. V. McVey.

Second year—J. Glen, G. E. Ferrin.

Third year—W. M. Parry, G. R. Harvey.

Fourth year—T. S. LaDue, O. V. Ketels.

On Conference Tent—W. M. Parry, T. S. LaDue, E. P. Sellew, S. V. McVey, J. S. Bradbrook.

On Arrangements for Sunday School Conventions—W. Gould, J. Glen, E. P. Sellew.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

A. G. Terry,
T. S. LaDue,
W. Jones,
W. Gould,
J. Travis,
M. D. McDougal,
W. M. Parry,
C. F. Wurster.

S. H. Bronson,
J. Glen,
G. Edwards,
G. R. Harvey,
E. P. Sellew,
G. Eakins,
G. E. Ferrin,

R. Coons,
S. V. McVey,
O. V. Ketels,
J. E. Bristol,
E. E. Adams,
C. H. Southworth,
A. Ahgreen,

DELEGATES.

W. B. Rose,
O. Nelson,
J. Dickson,
W. Spry,
W. Bartholomew.

C. H. Kaepfel,
J. J. Haviland,
W. B. Bertels,
Z. A. Swingle,

E. H. Winchester,
B. Schantz,
Ebert. Smith,
W. W. Dickson,

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

T. S. LaDue, W. Gould, J. Dickson, W. B. Bertels.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

James S. Bradbrook.

4. Who remain on trial ?

J. Wintsch, J. W. Tamblyn.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

C. F. Wurster.

6. Who are the Deacons?
A. Abgreen, G. Eakins, J. W. Tamblyn, and C. F. Wurster. The last named ordained this year.
7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?
James E. Bristol and Elbert E. Adams.
8. Who have located this year?
None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?
S. H. Bronson and C. H. Southworth.
10. Who have been expelled from the Conference this year?
None.
11. Who have withdrawn?
J. Mathews and F. J. Ewell. The last-named under censure.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc.?
The character of each was examined and passed.
13. Who have died this year?
None.
14. What is the number of church members?
See table of Statistics.
15. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers?
See Report of Committee on Claims and table of Statistics.
18. Where are the preachers stationed this year?
See Appointments.
19. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?
At Rahway, N. J., as near the second Wednesday of September, 1878, as shall be consistent with the plans of of the General Superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Six sittings of Conference were held as follows: Wednesday afternoon; Thursday, morning and afternoon; Friday morning; and Saturday, morning and evening. Afternoons and evenings not thus employed were devoted to the usual religious services.

ORDINATIONS.—On Sabbath, September 16th, at the

close of the morning service, J. E. Bristol and E. E. Adams were ordained Elders by the General Superintendent assisted by other Elders. At the close of the afternoon service, C. F. Wurster was, by imposition of the hands of the Superintendent, ordained Deacon.

President Hart preached Friday evening and Sabbath morning and evening. Sabbath afternoon was devoted to the consideration of topics suggested by the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

A resolution of thanks to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company was adopted, for their kindness in granting a free return to the ministers, delegates, and visitors, who had paid full fare in coming over their road, and for other favors shown to our people.

The Conference, by a large majority vote, ordered local, instead of traveling chairmen, for the coming year.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. *Resolved*, That the action of the Phillipsburg Society, in not receiving their preacher, and in admitting A. J. Campbell to full membership in their society, be censured.

2. *Resolved*, That we deem it inconsistent with Christian and Ministerial conduct, for any of our preachers or people to patronize any such modes of public conveyance, on the Lord's Day, as railroads, street-cars, steam and ferry-boats.

3. *Resolved*, That all the preachers in charge of circuits be requested to present and read the statistics of their circuits, in connection with the passage of their characters at the next annual session of this Conference

4. *Resolved*, That the candidates for examination and the Examiners in the Course of Study, be required to be present at the seat of the Conference, next year, one day previous to the time of its sitting; and that the candidates for examination be required to bring with them their text books.

5. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the Executive Committee to locate the next General Conference at Philadelphia.

6. *Resolved*, That we tender to the citizens of Wilkesbarre, who have so kindly entertained us, our warmest thanks for their hospitality.

7. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that there should be but one order of ministers in the Church, namely: Presbyters or Elders—Deacons being only stewards—and that we therefore request the General Conference to change our book of Discipline accordingly.

8. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the next General Conference of our Church should amend our book of Discipline in the following particulars:

I. In Chapt. v, Sect. 1. "Of Dress."

1. By inserting a clause in which we shall express our disapproval of the custom of changing the apparel, in mourning for the dead.

2. By informing those who are requested to read "Mr. Wesley's Thoughts on Dress," where the said article may be found.

II. In Chapt. iv, Sect. 4. "Of Love-Feasts." By adopting a plan by which closed-door Love-Feasts may become generally practicable, or by striking out all reference to closed doors.

III. In Chapt. iii, Sect. 15. "Of employing our time profitably etc. In the answers to Question 1.

1. By changing the hour, at which we advise you to rise, from four to five.

2. By advising to meditate, pray and read the Scriptures from five to six in the morning, instead of from four to five.

3. By advising to "study and read standard religious works from seven to twelve," instead of "from six to twelve (allowing an hour for breakfast) read, with much prayer, some of our best religious tracts."

IV. In Chapt. iii, Sect. 16. "Of the necessity of union among ourselves." By stating where "the causes, evils and cures of heart and church divisions," of which a serious perusal is recommended, can be obtained.

APPOINTMENTS.

WINDSOR DISTRICT.—E. P. SELLEW, Chairman.

Windsor,.....	E. P. Sellew
Harpersville,.....	G. Eakins
Bainbridge, Unadilla and Oneonta,.....	G. E. Ferrin
Uniondale and Lennox,.....	To be supplied
Liberty,.....	J. W. Tamblyn
Beaverkill,.....	A. G. Terry, also a Conf. Evangelist

WILKESBARRE DIST.—S. V. McVEY, Chairman.

Wilkesbarre,.....	James S. Bradbrook
Abington and Prospect Hill,.....	E. E. Adams
Canaan,.....	G. R. Harvey
Beach Pond and Oregon,.....	S. V. McVey

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—W. M. PARRY, Chairman.

New York, (Thirty-seventh street) and Rahway,.....	W. Jones
New York and German circuit,	O. V. Ketels
Brooklyn, (First and Second Churches)....	W. M. Parry
Farmingdale and Long Island Mission, W. Gould, { also a general } Missionary.	
Windham,.....	C. F. Wurster
Newark,.....	J. Wintsch

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—T. S. LADUE, Chairman.

Philadelphia,.....	J. Travis
Allentown, Emaus, Saucon Valley and Whitehaven, T. S, LaDue	
Stanhope and Phillipsburg,.....	J. Glen
Dover,.....	J. E. Bristol

S. H. Bronson and C. H. Southworth—superannuated and members of Windsor Quarterly Conference.

G. Edwards, missionary to Washington Territory and Oregon; member of New York Quarterly Conference.

M. D. McDougal and A. Ahgreen to be appointed by the General Superintendent.

R. Coons to be appointed by the chairman of the New York District, and member of New York Quarterly Conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON CLAIMS.

Previously sent to C. H. Southworth,.....	\$33 15
In the hands of the committee,.....	5 16
Whole amount received,.....	\$38.31

II.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Amount raised for the Bible Cause,.....	\$20.15
Which the Conference ordered paid to "The American Bible Society."	

III.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount of missionary collections,.....	\$21.91
We recommend that this amount be appropriated as follows: T. S. La Due, \$15; S. V. McVey, 6.91.	

As some of our circuits are severely pressed financially, it is necessary that our preachers strictly carry out the Disciplinary requirements for raising missionary money.

IV.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THE MINUTES.

Amount subscribed,.....	\$18.15
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V.—ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

We recommend that our minutes be published as usual, in connection with those of the other Conferences.

VI.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

We, your committee on the state of the work, respectfully report: That we find a great number of charges suffering from the present financial pressure—many of our people being without work, and others at work on short time—for which cause some of them have concluded (so we are informed,) that they could not support a preacher. And indeed if we look at the things that are seen, this would be a consistent conclusion

On these fields much labor has been bestowed. The question now is : shall these charges be sustained, or shall they be abandoned? Our answer is : "They must be sustained." Therefore,

Resolved, That we will stand by our beloved Zion, in this, her time of need, and prove by our self-denial our love for Him, whose we are and whom we serve.

VII.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Whereas, We view with sorrow the general corruption prevailing in our land, and which we believe is owing largely to the increased circulation of trashy and impure literature ; and

Whereas, We recognize the fact that the press is a mighty agent for the promulgation of knowledge, whether good or evil ; and

Whereas, Many of the so-called religious papers of the day are becoming mere vehicles of worldliness and folly, wielding an influence contrary to the pure Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Resolved, That we as a people, discountenance *all* publications that do not tend to the glory of God, and that we make more strenuous efforts than heretofore to secure and encourage such *only* as are manifestly calculated to build up and strengthen the cause of righteousness.

Resolved, That we especially recommend our people to heartily sustain and circulate the *Earnest Christian*, the *Free Methodist*, and the Sunday-school papers published in connection therewith.

Resolved, That we do all we can to circulate the Anti-Tobacco, Temperance and various Salvation Tracts published by Bro. J. E. Bristol. And that we recognise this Tract Repository as worthy of our highest esteem.

Resolved, That among the various secular newspapers of the day, we regard the New York Witness as the most deserving of our support.

VIII.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We rejoice in believing that there is a decided increase of interest in Sabbath-school work, within the bounds of our Conference, and that our people are stirring themselves up to take hold of it with more intelligence, love and zeal than formerly.

Our hearts are gladdened by seeing manifest tokens of benefit resulting from the increase of interest, which we think is largely due to the influence exerted by our Sabbath school Convention. But there is much need that in this department of church work we should abound more and more. We have been sadly de-

linquent in discharging our duty to the rising generation, and have much lost ground to regain.

Hence we would reiterate such utterances of former Sabbath-school reports as call the attention of our people to the nature and importance of this work, and would repeat the hints and instruction of said reports as to modes of procedure, and special ways of promoting Sabbath-school interests. We especially urge our preachers to be unremitting in their attention to Christ's lambs, to enter as heartily at least, into Sabbath-school labors as into any other Gospel work, and to pay particular regard in their pastoral visits, to the spiritual condition of the children.

We urge all of our people to enter as fully as possible into the work of saving the young, by exerting home and neighborhood influence, by attendance at and participation in the Sabbath-school, and by contributing freely of their means for the support of such enterprises as are calculated to give Scriptural instruction to the young, and to bring them to God. We strongly recommend a liberal patronage of the S. S. papers published by Bros. Baker and Arnold, on account of their general excellence, and particularly because they are free from certain objectionable features of most S. S. papers. They do not spread before the eyes of our children, pictorial illustrations of the sinful, yet fashionable modes of dressing children, which are now practiced so extensively by professing Christians, which almost all S. S. papers portray, not only without any condemnation of the practice, but even in such a manner as to commend it.

We recommend that a committee be appointed, who shall be entrusted with the duty of arranging for and conducting one or more Sabbath-school Conventions, within the bounds of our Conference during the coming year, if they find it practicable to do so.

IX.—ON REFORMS.

We are, as a Church, deeply interested in three great departments of reform, namely: Temperance, Anti-Secretism, and last, but by no means least, reform from the worldly conformity so conspicuous in the prevailing religions.

In regard to this reform we think that, as a denomination, we have taken advanced ground. Some others are equally radical and active in temperance and anti-secretism, and we are glad that some are adopting strong measures against the use of tobacco by their preachers; but we know of none who come up to our convictions and practices against fashionable and extravagant attire, costly and splendid church edifices, and the various carnal contrivances to procure money for religious ends. We believe that God has raised up the Free Methodist Church to bear no unequivocal witness against these evils.

We exhort our brethren to jealously guard against any innovations among us in these respects. Let us be warned by the history of denominations once as strict as our own, who, yielding little by little, are now foremost in the race of worldliness.

We are more than ever interested in temperance reform, from the fact that it has assumed so marked a Christian phase. The

movement inaugurated more especially by Mr. Murphy, has our hearty sympathy and support. The blessing of God appears to attend it in the reformation and salvation from sin of many victims of intemperance. We reaffirm the position so often declared by us as a people, that grace alone is the true basis of reform; therefore the supreme aim should be to secure that change of heart which involves salvation from all wrong.

We see no reason to change our oft expressed opinion against organized secretism. Corrupt and selfish human nature must naturally and inevitably lead men into secret organizations, to plan and plot for their own interests, even though at the expense of others.

A powerful temptation is thus brought to bear, especially in the *great* secret organizations, to control Church and State, and to put under ban all who do not sustain them and to crush any who may oppose.

Our feelings are excited to abhorrence against Free Masonry, not only on account of its barbarous oaths, murderous penalties and Christless religious mummeries, but also as we learn of the religious, or rather sacrilegious, ceremony of baptizing four children, recently performed in Jersey City by a deputy Grand, of a "Lodge of Perfection," or, Symbolic Lodge of the Ancient Scottish Rite.

A large region of country has been intensely agitated of late, by the revolt of multitudes of railroad employees and miners against the companies employing them. This has resulted in the loss of many lives, in the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property, in the paralysis of some of the most important departments of business, and in great loss to the laborers engaged in it. While we condemn capitalists and the great business corporations for oppressing the hireling in his wages, we also condemn this action of the laborers.

We think that this excitement and violence is largely due to the workings and suggestions of certain secret organizations, patronized by many of these laborers, which form a kind of communism; which, when fully developed, can only bring ruin to its members, and great injury to the public. We protest against this Communism, and exhort our people to pay no heed to its mandates, but to firmly discountenance it.

We would call attention to the efforts being made by a number of influential clergymen and reformers in our republic, for an express recognition of the Lord God, in the Constitution of the United States. We would second these efforts. We consider this omission of the name of God in the Constitution, and this neglect and refusal to recognize Him as the Supreme Jehovah, as a black stain upon our national Government, and as bordering on impiety, if not actually impious. We regard it as of a piece with those works of the devil exhibited in rank infidelity, and of those by which Satan would, through papal machinations, crowd true recognition of Deity out of our public schools, by excluding from them, the Bible.

STATISTICS OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Loc. Prechers.	Sun. Schools.	Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Vols. in Library.	Money Raised	Preachers' Receipts	Missionary Collections.	Bible Collection.	Superann'ted Collection.	Superint's Collection.	Valuation of Church Prop erty.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	T. S. LADUE, Chairman.															
Wilkesbarre and Whitehaven.	W. Jones	43	2	45	1	2	29	8	245	\$5 34	\$241.00			\$4.25	\$4.64	\$1,200
Abington and Prospect Hill.	E. E. Adams	45	3	48	1	2	35	12	20	6.00	603.39			1.08	3.65	2,800
Beach Pond and Oregon.	S. V. McVey	18	1	19	1	1	45	10	10	6.75	457.95			1.80	1.80	1,800
Canaan and Hollisterville.	G. R. Harvey	19	6	25	1	2	80	9	225	10.25	132.44			2.08	2.85	1,500
*Uniondale and Lennox	S. H. Bronson										273.80					
Windsor and Harpersville	G. Eakins	67	15	82	2	1	60	10	200	35.00	512.96			2.78	8.24	4,000
Bainbridge, Unadilla, &c.	G. E. Ferrin.	29	1	30	2	1	8	5		.68	242.67					2,000
Liberty and Beaverkill.	J. S. Bradbrook (supply).	36	2	38	3	1	20	4	200		324.00				.50	500
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.	W. M. Gould, Chairman.															
New York, 37th street.	W. M. Parry	34	5	39	2	1	20	8	400	40.86	616.89					
"	O. V. Ketels	38	3	41	1	1	25	7		30.00	323.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	5.00	6.15	
"	"	16	2	18	1	1	24	4		18.00	220.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	2.70	
Brooklyn, 1st Church.	J. Mathews	14	6	20	1	1		6	60	25.00	200.00				2.80	
"	Supplied by W. M. Parry.	20	2	22	1	1	38				134.00			3.00	3.00	
Riverhead and Farmingdale.	J. W. Tamblin	17	1	18	1	1					300.00	1.26			1.54	1,500
Newark	J. Wintsch	19	1	20	1	1	23	4		11.15	290.00	3.00		2.00	3.50	2,300
Rahway and Elizabeth.	E. P. Sellow	19	1	20	1	1	20	5	30	6.00	424.00	4.00		4.50	2.15	8,500
Philadelphia.	M. D. McDougal	43	10	53	1	1	41	10		55.86	503.27	2.00		6.25	2.00	7,000
Windham	C. F. Wurster	16	3	19							100.00	.38			2.40	
Dover and Stanhope.	J. Glen	61	4	65	1	2	80	18		44.00	445.00	1.02		2.30	1.80	10,000
Allentown, Phillipsburg, &c.	J. E. Bristol.	30	1	31	2	1	115	14		8.00	269.58	2.00	1.50	2.00	2.40	2,500
Emaus and Saucua Valley.	Supplied	14		14	1	2	50	9	36	6.18						
*No report.	Totals	598	65	664	20	23	713	143	1416	309.07	\$7285.05	\$21.66	\$20.56	\$36.24	\$51.02	\$45,600

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS ADDRESSES.

YEAR OF ADMISSION TO FULL CONNECTION.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1860,	A. G. Terry,	Hancock,	Delaware,	N. Y.
"	T. S. LaDue,			
1863,	W. Jones,	Rahway,	Union,	N. J.
"	W. Gould,	77 Fourth ave., Brooklyn,		N. Y.
"	J. Travis,			
1866,	M. D. McDougal			
1867,	W. M. Parry,			
1868,	S. H. Bronson,	Uniondale,	Susquehanna,	Pa.
1869,	J. Glen,	Stanhope,	Morris,	N. J.
"	G. Edwards,	Seattle,	King,	W. T.
1870,	G. R. Harvey,	South Canaan,	Wayne,	Pa.
"	E. P. Sellew,	Windsor,	Broome,	N. Y.
"	C. H. Southworth,	Union,	Broome,	N. Y.
1871,	G. E. Ferrin,	Oneonta,	Otsego,	N. Y.
1872,	R. Coons,			
"	S. V. McVey.	Beach Pond,	Wayne,	Pa.
1874,	O. V. Ketels,	317 Front Street,	N. Y. City,	N. Y.
1875,	J. E. Bristol,	Dover,	Morris,	N. J.
"	E. E. Adams,	Waverly	Luzerne,	Pa.
1876,	A. Ahgreen,			
1876,	G. Eakins,	Harpersville,	Broome,	N. Y.
1877,	C. F. Wursted,	Windham,	Greene,	N. Y.
ADMITTED ON TRIAL.				
1876,	J. Wintach,	49 Clinton street,	Newark,	N. J.
"	J. W. Tamblin,	Liberty Falls,	Sullivan,	N. Y.
1877,	J. S. Bradbrook,	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne,	Pa.

LOCAL PREACHERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

CIRCUIT.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Brooklyn, 1st church,	John Gray,	263 Eighth street,	Brooklyn,	N. Y.
" 2d "	H. E. Hunt,	4th ave. and 17th st.,	"	N. Y.
37th street, N. Y.,	Wm. Lamont,	495 Third ave.,	N. Y. City,	N. Y.
"	*J. Somerville,	402 South 10th st.,	Newark,	N. J.
Riverhead, etc.,	S. L. Downs,	Bay Shore,	Suffolk,	N. Y.
Rahway,	*J. T. Haviland,	Rahway,	Union,	N. J.
Dover,	Aaron Ball,	Hanover,	Morris,	N. J.
Bainbridge, etc.,	J. P. Marble,	Oneonta,	Otsego,	N. Y.
"	D. D. Southworth,	North Walton,	Delaware	N. Y.
Wilkesbarre,	*W. Bertels,	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne,	Pa.
Canaan,	*T. W. Swingle,	South Canaan,	Wayne,	Pa.
Abington, etc.,	I. Pembleton,	Waverly,	Luzerne,	Pa.
Allentown, etc.,	Joel Schultz,	Allentown,	Lehigh,	Pa.
Emaus, etc.,	John Knauss,	Emaus,	Lehigh,	Pa.
Liberty,	W. W. Bartholomew,	Liberty Falls,	Sullivan,	N. Y.
"	W. D. Steenrod,	Stevenville,	Sullivan,	N. Y.
53d street, N. Y.,	C. H. Kaeppl,	502 W. 53d street,	N. Y. City,	N. Y.
Windsor,	*L. Woodruff,	Windsor,	Broome,	N. Y.
"	W. W. Dickson,	"	Broome,	N. Y.
Liberty,	*E. Dewey,	Fishes Eddy,	Delaware,	N. Y.
Uniondale,	J. M. Hobbs,	Uniondale,	Susquehanna,	Pa.
"	P. Phillips,	Uniondale,	Susquehanna,	Pa.

☞ Those marked thus * are Deacons.

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GENESEE CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT

Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., September 26-29, 1877.

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OFFICERS.

President—E. P. HART.

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

The Conference was called to order at 2 P. M., on Wednesday, the 26th, by the President, who conducted the religious exercises.

The roll of preachers was called, and twenty responded to their names, and twenty-five lay delegates presented certificates of election.

S. K. J. Chesbro having received thirty-six out of forty-four votes cast, was elected secretary.

William Manning was elected assistant secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—R. W. Hawkins, W. T. Hogg, G. W. Coleman.

On Missions—The Stationing Committee.

On Education—T. B. Catton, W. A. Peters, R. W. Hawkins, W. H. Doyle, Wm. Jackson.

- On Sunday Schools—A. B. Mathewson, C. C. Eggleston, Wm. Ingleby, M. N. Velzy, D. S. Damon.
- On Claims—W. Jackson, I. C. White, L. P. Rose, S. B. Lane, O. O. Bacon.
- On Bible Cause—W. Manning, C. D. Brooks, G. C. Sheldon, J. W. McAlpine.
- On Publications—J. Robinson, C. C. Eggleston, A. B. Mathewson, S. M. Woodruff, N. A. Bennett.
- To Collect Funds for Minutes—M. E. Brown, U. R. Hecox.
- To Publish the Minutes—The Secretaries.
- On Memoirs—C. D. Brooks, G. W. Coleman, G. W. Holmes, A. A. Burgess, T. Picock, W. Manning.
- On Reforms—C. D. Brooks, T. B. Catton, I. C. White, W. H. Doyle, R. L. Walkley, J. E. Randall, Geo. Anderson.
- On Ministerial Support—W. A. Peters, W. H. Doyle, G. C. Sheldon, J. W. McAlpine.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

- Preliminary Course*—C. D. Brooks, W. Jackson.
 First year—W. T. Hogg, W. Ingleby.
 Second year—G. W. Marcellus, W. Manning.
 Third year—A. H. Bennett, S. K. J. Chesbro.
 Fourth year—H. Hornsby, I. C. White.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.—Wm. Manning, S. K. J. Chesbro, G. W. Marcellus, A. A. Burgess, W. T. Hogg, T. Sully, A. Pickard, A. K. Bacon, Thomas Hogg, J. Barnhard, S. K. J. Chesbro, *Recording Secretary*.

CHILI CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.—Wm. Manning, T. B. Catton, G. W. Holmes.

VISITORS TO CHILI SEMINARY.—Wm. Manning, G. W. Marcellus, W. T. Hogg.

COMMITTEE TO AID TRUSTEES TO COLLECT FUNDS.—The Visiting Committee.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

B. T. Roberts,
John Robinson,
C. D. Brooks,
O. O. Bacon,
S. K. J. Chesbro,
Wm. Jackson,
A. H. Bennett,
J. C. White,
J. McAlpine,
L. Wood,
M. D. McDougal.

T. B. Catton,
Asa Abell,
A. B. Mathewson,
R. W. Hawkins,
G. W. Marcellus,
W. T. Hogg,
M. E. Brown,
A. N. Moore,
M. C. Burritt,
W. G. Oakes,

J. W. Reddy,
A. A. Burgess,
H. Hornsby,
C. C. Eggleston,
Wm. Manning,
Wm. Ingleby,
G. W. Coleman,
G. W. Humphrey,
J. Ireland,
J. Henning,

DELEGATES.

W. A. Peters,
Wm. H. Doyle,
G. W. Holmes,
Benoni Carpenter,
Owen Wild,
John E. Randall,
U. R. Hecox,
De Salvo Damon,
Harvey Hinman,
Geo. Anderson,

Henry Cummings,
L. S. Wolcott,
M. N. Velzy,
Thomas Picoock,
Jas. G. Cassidey,
H. E. Bates,
N. A. Bennett,
S. B. Lane,
Jas. Whitehill,
William Hodges.

S. M. Woodruff,
Josiah French,
F. Cowen,
R. L. Walkley,
Henry Roraback,
Dewey Tefft,
L. P. Rose,
G. C. Shelden,
Dedrick Miller,

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

E. P. Hart, H. Hornsby, Wm. Jackson, I. U. White,
R. W. Hawkins, G. W. Coleman, W. A. Peters, L. P.
Rose, B. Carpenter, S. B. Lane, Geo. Anderson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

John R. Chesbro, Wm. Cantine, Jr., John H. Harmon,
Myron H. Monroe.

4. Who remain on trial ?

W. B. Pattridge, R. S. Phillips, H. H. Loomis, James
A. Greene, W. F. Requa, John Taylor, C. B. Essex, J.
S. McGeary.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

Joseph Henning, W. G. Oakes, M. D. McDougal (by
transfer from New York Conference), Levi Wood (by
certificate of location).

6. Who are the Deacons ?

Joseph Henning, W. G. Oakes.

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

S. K. J. Chesbro, W. T. Hogg, Wm. Ingleby, A. H. Bennett.

8. Who have located this year?

G. W. Humphrey, J. Ireland.

9. Who are the superannuated preachers?

Asa Abell, T. B. Catton.

10. Who have been expelled?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn?

None.

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

The names were all called, and their characters separately examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year?

John W. Reddy, Anthony N. Moore.

14. What is the number of church members?

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?

Kendall, N. Y., third Wednesday in September, 1878.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sessions were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Jamestown. There was daily a large attendance from abroad.

The church, which is very large, was filled at the evening services; and on Sunday, the church was "well packed," many being unable to gain admittance.

Six sessions were held; one on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and three on Saturday.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Revs. Mr. Jones and Ball of the Wesleyan, and Rev. Mr. Davis of the M. E. Church.

Rev. L. Wood was re-admitted into full connection; and Rev. M. D. McDougal was received by transfer from the New York Conference.

Four were received on trial: John R. Chesbro, from Genesee District; William Cantine, Jr., from Allegany District; John H. Harmon, from Pittsburg District, and M. H. Monroe.

The following brethren preached:

Rev. E. P. Hart—Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, and Sunday morning.

“ M. D. McDougal—Wednesday evening.

“ S. K. J. Chesbro—Friday evening.

“ Wm. Manning—Thursday afternoon.

“ Wm. Ingleby—Friday afternoon.

“ W. A. Sellew—Saturday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. L. Wood preached a funeral sermon in memory of Rev. J. W. Reddy and Rev. A. N. Moore.

Rev. Wm. Jackson preached Sunday morning at the Baptist Church, and Rev. R. W. Hawkins at the Congregational Church. Rev. W. A. Sellew preached at the same place Sunday evening.

Several collections were taken up during the Conference, amounting to \$146.47.

Rev. G. W. Humphrey and J. Ireland were granted locations.

Rev. J. T. James and J. Walton were discontinued.

The session was the best, taken all together, in the history of “Old Genesee.” A general removal of preachers took place, only two escaping “a move.”

To God be all the glory for the success attending the Conference.


The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we tender to the citizens of Jamestown our hearty thanks for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors of this Conference, and pray to God to send them abundant blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

2. *Resolved*, That we tender to the trustees and members of the

M. E. Church our thanks for the use of their large and commodious house of worship for our daily sessions and religious services.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender to the Buffalo and Jamestown Railroad, and Buffalo, New York and Pittsburg Railroad for free return tickets to all in attendance at our Conference; and also to the Atlantic & Great Western and Erie Railroads for liberal reduction of fare, our sincere thanks.

 N. B.—No reports were received from Albion, Buffalo and Belmont. The statistics are estimated from last year's report by the Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—H. HORNSBY, Chairman.

Rochester,..... W. Jackson
 Parma and Chili,..... C. C. Eggleston, M. C. Burritt
 Sweden and Brockport,..... W. B. Pattridge
 Kendall,..... M. D. McDougal
 Albion and Gaines,..... S. K. J. Chesbro
 Yates and Carlton,..... O. O. Bacon
 Hulberton and Barre,..... H. Hornsby
 Asa Abell, superannuated.

BUFFALO DISTRICT.—W. MANNING, Chairman.

Buffalo,..... W. T. Hogg
 Tonawanda,..... R. S. Phillips
 Niagara Falls, Chippewa and Clifton, W. F. Requa
 Porter,..... W. W. Ingleby
 Newfane and Wilson, } W. Manning
 Lockport and Pendleton, } One to be supplied
 Akron and Town Line,..... Jas. A. Greene
 Wales and West Falls,..... J. W. McAlpine

WYOMING DISTRICT.—G. W. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Le Roy and Bethany,..... G. W. Marcellus
 Perry and Burke Hill,..... G. W. Coleman
 Java,..... I. C. White
 Gainesville and Granger,..... J. Henning
 Groveland and Greigsville,..... J. Robinson
 T. B. Catton, superannuated.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT.—A. A. BURGESS, Chairman.

Gowanda and Collins,..... A. B. Mathewson
 East Otto and Springville,..... C. B. Essex
 Belmont and Scio,..... Cornell Wiltse (supply)
 Rushford and Caseville,..... A. A. Burgess
 Franklinville and Yorkshire, A. H. Bennett

Allegany,.....	M. H. Monroe
Penfield and Mill Run,.....	M. E. Brown
Emporium	To be supplied
Texas and State Line,.....	Wm. Cantine, Jr.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.—R. W. HAWKINS, Chairman.

Pittsburg,.....	To be supplied
Oil City and Franklin,.....	H. H. Loomis
Hickory,.....	To be supplied
Nineveh and Weaver's,.....	J. Barnhart (supply)
Jamestown, Randolph and Salamanca,.....	J. S. McGearry
Leon,.....	W. G. Oakes
Ellington and Gerry,.....	John Harmon
Nashville and Pine Valley,.....	John Taylor
Dunkirk and Arkwright,.....	John R. Chesbrough
Brenham mission, Texas,	F. W. Lucore (supply)

C. D. Brooks and Levi Wood to be appointed by the General Superintendent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

That there exists a real cause of complaint in reference to the support of the ministry. On some of our fields of labor the preachers are crippled and embarrassed in their work, being compelled to engage in temporal pursuits to supply the wants of their families. The cause of God is suffering in view of this state of things.

Your committee do not believe that this is the economy of God. His word teaches that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. "Thou shall not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." We believe that there are ample means in the Free Methodist Church to support the ministry; and we do not believe that the ministry are to make all the sacrifices, and the membership do as they please in this matter. We believe the cause in many instances arises from covetousness; which, in the word of God is called idolatry, and which, we think should be dealt with the same as other sins.

Some of our fields of labor have not the ability to sustain a preacher. This should be clearly understood, and provided for

1. *Resolved*, That those who are delinquent should be made clearly to understand that the support of the Gospel is not a matter of charity, but a debt binding upon them morally, which they cannot throw off without losing the favor of God.

2. *Resolved*, That the Stationing Committee should take into consideration the matter of support, and where there is a lack of ability to support the preacher, that ample missionary money should be provided so as to leave the preacher free for the work of God.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Mem	Prob.	Total	L. P.	S. S.	O., T.	S'lers	S. S. Coll'rs	P. R.	Sup. of Supts	Mis. Col's.	Sup'd	V. C. Prop.	Val. of Prop.					
Rochester	S. K. J. Chesbro	43	1	44	1	1	11	43	\$650 59	\$825 00	\$11 50	\$15 50	\$4 00	\$6000	\$3400					
Panna and Chili, etc.	Wm. Manning	184	50	234	5	2	20	161	590 00	590 00	13 50	5 57	46 90	12500	5700					
Sweden and Brockport	W. B. Partridge (supply)	67	6	73	2	2	20	97	32 84	350 00	5 57	7 19	9 80	1400	600					
Kendall	O. O. Bacon	99	13	111	1	3	31	185	31 25	500 00	12 19	11 00	25 00	3000	1000					
Albion and Gates	J. Travis (supply)	194	20	214	1	3	20	100	31 25	750 00	2 10	..	..	16000	1800			
Yates and Carlton	M. C. Barrett	34	3	37	2	..	..	..	..	290 14	2 10	..	5 75	4000	..	
Hulburton and Transit	H. Hornsby	18	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	55 00	..	..	..	..	..
Buffalo	J. T. James	62	23	85	1	2	14	110	..	650 00	1 25	..	..	12500	..			
Lockport, Pendleton, etc.	C. C. Eggleston, J. S. McGeary	81	8	89	2	3	17	60	..	527 00	5 06	..	1 00	7500	..					
Tomawanda, etc.	W. G. Oakes	42	26	68	1	1	10	24	12 25	275 00	1 71	1 68	1 73	2500	..					
Akron and Alden	James A. Greene	54	11	65	1	3	25	115	..	410 00	9 10	4 87	2 70	3000	..					
Porter and Wilson	Wm. Jackson	87	15	102	1	4	32	185	60 00	575 00	20 00	9 00	6 57	5000	1800					
Wales and West Falls	M. E. Brown	73	6	79	1	2	12	75	10 00	275 00	3 47	1 50	1 00	3000	..					
Perry and Burke Hill	G. W. Marcellus	71	3	74	1	1	4	10 00	..	550 00	8 45	27 00	..	2900	1800					
Java	A. B. Mathewson	57	4	61	1	1	4	25	24 00	360 00	1 65	1 60	1 25	6000	1000					
LeRoy and Bethany	A. H. Bennett	56	12	68	1	2	15	80	24 00	365 00	5 63	4 80	4 30	4000	..					
Gainesville, etc.	J. W. McAlpine	47	1	48	1	1	8	26	6 19	182 95	..	..	3 40	2500	..			
Grovehand and Greigsville	I. C. White	31	1	32	2	2	11	28	5 00	308 03	4 60	..	1 12	2500	..					
Batavia	W. B. Partridge	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	..	..	..
Gowanda and Collins	R. W. Hawkins	105	13	117	1	3	16	90	..	584 86	10 83	6 00	5 44	6500	1500					
East Otto	R. S. Phillips	35	..	35	1	1	7	50	4 35	125 70	2 00	..	4 00	2500	..					
Belmont and Scio	..	70	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	250 00	..	..	..	1000	1000
Franklinville	John Robinson	54	2	56	3	2	16	50	14 00	328 69	8 45	..	7 35	2000	800					
Rushford and Caseville	..	47	6	53	1	2	13	65	..	444 59	7 25	1 77	..	4500	..					
Franklinville	Wm. Ingelby	100	27	127	1	4	23	83	25 50	450 00	4 29	8 45	6 90	4000	1000					
Allegany	A. A. Burgess	17	17	34	2	..	..	..	..	236 00	..	..	..	..	..
Emporium	J. Henning	16	18	34	1	2	16	60	..	360 61	6 00	2 10	..	..	..		
Oil City, Franklin, etc.	H. H. Leomis	87	18	104	3	2	..	..	..	141 70	2 20	..	..	..	..	
Dunkirk, etc.	W. F. Bequa	21	9	30	1	1	6	25	9 06	300 00	..	..	..	..	..
Jamesstown, Ellington, etc.	W. T. Hogg	60	25	85	4	1	8	62	..	150 00	3 50	..	3 00	..	..			
Leon	John Taylor	36	50	86	2	2	13	82	..	309 76	8 00	..	2 00	1000	..					
Pittsburg	G. W. Coleman	46	9	55	1	..	7	35	15 00	*20 96	..	..	..	..	..
State Line and Texas	Wm. Cantune, jr (supply)	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
* Eight weeks.	Totals	1988	357	2345	36	52	380	1734	3850	69	11634	50	160	67	107	60	143	71	107200	19200

 II.—ON EDUCATION.

True religion recognizes the intimate relation that exists between the mental and moral nature of man, and the importance of the position which education occupies in enlightening and developing the mind, and thereby assisting to secure the highest degree of mental as well as moral power.

In the present, which doubtless surpasses every preceding age in mental culture, and the universal desire for intellectual attainments, the tendency is to an undue developement of mind, at the sacrifice of moral power, and a substitute of the religion of the head for that of the heart: yet the other extreme is to be avoided—the error of supposing that “ignorance is the mother of devotion.” Reason without religion tends to skepticism: a religion which rejects reason ends in superstition or fanaticism. Wesley says: “Human learning is by no means to be rejected in matters of religion, but cannot be substituted as a key to the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We, as a people, believe that the highest degree of intellectual advancement is consistent with true religion; but hold that great care should be taken so to educate the young as to promote and maintain spiritual life. The tendency to ignore the Bible in the schools, and the loss of vital piety in many institutions of learning professedly religious, through the introduction of formalism and worldliness, led to the establishment of the Chili, and Spring Arbor Seminaries. These institutions have been eminently successful in fulfilling their original design—“To promote sound, thorough Christian education.”

In the present organization of the Chili Seminary, and the additional facilities afforded by the new building lately erected, it is better prepared than ever to continue this work. The report of the trustees, referred to your committee, shows that the original building is entirely free of debt. From the causes mentioned in the report there is an indebtedness of \$4,402.08, on the new building, so far as it has been completed. Believing that we as a Conference, are deeply interested in the success of the school, your committee beg leave to recommend that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of assisting the trustees to raise funds for the liquidation of this debt. It is further recommended that the report of the trustees be published in connection with the Conference minutes. In accordance with the action of the General Conference, your committee also recommend that a committee of three be appointed to visit the school during the year.

Report of Auditing Committee of Chili Seminary.—Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

1st. That at the annual meeting of the board, held in June, 1874, the treasurer presented his report, which as per the record, was received and adopted. Your committee in view of this fact, and also that all these accounts were drawn off from his books by S. K. J. Chesbro, upon a ledger (the property of this body),

and after a careful examination by him, found to be correct, did not deem it necessary to go over them again.

That report was as follows :

Cost of building Seminary,.....	\$13,774.45
Furniture,.....	1,686.03
Library and apparatus,....	332.12
(Does not include donation of books.)	
Interest paid,.....	1,146.05
Incidentals,.....	522.44
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Total disbursements,	\$17,488.00

Receipts :

Subscriptions paid,.....	\$15,948.00
Donations, (conditional).....	1,540.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$26.91

2d. That at the annual meeting of the trustees, held in June, 1875, it was resolved to raise if possible, at the camp-meeting to be held at that time, a sufficient amount to warrant the commencement of the wing. A subscription amounting to over \$4,000 was taken, and the work commenced.

Upon a careful examination of the accounts since June, 1874, which we find correct, and to us entirely satisfactory, proper vouchers were presented for the disbursements of monies received. There has been raised from subscriptions paid, \$4,212.17
Expenditures,..... 8,614.25

Present indebtedness,.... \$4,402.08

3d. That we find this large indebtedness arises from two sources, viz: The failure of many to pay their subscriptions made two years ago, and pledged to be paid within six months, amounting to nearly \$1,500 (as reported to us by Bro. Roberts,) and also the fact that it became necessary to enclose the building, to preserve it from damage from the elements.

P. H. CURTIS,	} Auditing Committee.
THOMAS SULLY,	
T. CORLISS,	
S. K. J. CHESBRO.	

III.—ON CLAIMS.

Amount of money received,..... \$147.15

Paid as follows:

Sister Reddy,.....	\$85.00
Sister Moore,.....	37.15
Asa Abell,.....	25.00—\$147.15

IV.—ON MISSIONS.

Total amount received,..... \$123.00

Amount paid J. W. McAlpine,.....	\$50.00
“ “ W. F. Requa,.....	50.00
“ “ C. B. Essex,.....	11.50
“ “ J. Henning,	11.50—\$123.00

The Conference voted to raise \$150.00 in addition, to be appropriated by Conference next year.

V.—ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1878.

For traveling chairman, Pittsburg District, \$200.00

II.—MEMOIR OF REV. JOHN W. REDDY.

Death has again broken the ranks in our Conference. On Nov. 20th, 1876, Bro. John W. Reddy died in peace, at Brockport, after a short illness, aged 44 years. Bro. Reddy commenced his ministerial labors soon after his conversion, and was received into the Genesee Conference of the M. E. Church in the autumn of 1856.

His first appointment was as junior preacher on Olean Circuit, and the two following years he had charge of Caneadea. At the well-remembered Brockport Conference in 1859, when Bro. Stiles and others were arraigned and expelled from the Church and Conference, at the dictation of the Masonic members thereof, our deceased brother felt the pressure of that dominant party so severely, that he voluntarily retired from the connection. The pressure of those times was very great, and matters were so managed in said Conference that Bro. Reddy and others felt that the only way left for them to pursue, was to sever their connection with the same.

After said Conference, he returned as a local preacher to his former charge. But God's people were not willing that he should cease to labor, hence they called him to preach more than ever. For yielding to these calls, and preaching in school houses, barns and groves, he was notified to appear before his Quarterly Conference, to answer to the charge of preaching the Gospel within the bounds of that charge, without the consent of the preacher sent there by Conference. They found him guilty of the charge, and expelled him from the Church. This action did not remove his convictions of duty to preach Jesus, nor lessen the confidence of the people in his Christian character; but its effect was to open more doors, which no man could shut. During that year he was in labors more abundant, and hence was in full readiness to join the first Free Methodist Conference, at its organization at Rushford, N. Y., Nov. 8th, 1860.

Bro Reddy's appointments were as follows: 1860, Rushford; 1861, Parma and Chili; 1862-3, Albion; 1864-5, Perry and Burk Hill; 1866, Belmont; 1867, Mount Morris; 1868-9-70, Kendall; 1871-2, Parma and Chili; 1873-4, Clarkson; 1875-6, Brockport. He also held the office of chairman of districts for nine years; and was three times elected a delegate to the General Conference, 1866, 1870, 1874; at the last of which he was elected secretary. His eldest child, a deeply pious and lovely daughter, died soon after our last session of Conference, and he was soon thereafter prostrated, with creeping paralysis. From this attack he did not rally, but in three weeks' time, life was extinct. For twenty years he labored in the ministry, and on some charges was permitted to enjoy extensive revivals.

But that voice, always heard in our business sessions, which

sounded when delivering his sermons, like a swiftly flowing stream over a pebbly bed, is hushed, to be heard on earth no more. May great grace be given our afflicted sister and her children, until the whole family shall be gathered in heaven.

VII.—MEMOIR OF REV. A. N. MOORE.

“Death enters, and there’s no defence;
His time, there’s none can tell.”

During the year past he has entered our ranks, and ruthlessly taken from us two very able and useful men, in the persons of Bros. J. W. Reddy and A. N. Moore. To the latter our attention is directed in this tribute to his memory.

Bro. Moore was converted early in life, and immediately became a zealous worker in the vineyard of Christ. He was first engaged in the Sabbath-school work, and soon after was drawn out to call sinners to repentance; holding prayer-meetings for the benefit of his Sabbath-school. Impressed that it was his duty to labor more publicly, he held grove and other meetings in summer, and revival prayer-meetings in winter. This he continued to do for some time, until it became evident to the church that God had a place for him in the itinerant rank. He then offered himself for the work of the ministry, to God and the Church.

After laboring one year on the Parma and Chili circuit, he joined this Conference on trial, at Ransomville, Sept 1870, and was appointed to the Gowanda and Collins circuit, where he labored with acceptability and success for two years. Subsequently he labored successfully on the Le Roy, Bethany, Mount Morris, Groveland and Greigsville, and Albion and Gaines circuits. In the fall of 1875 he was earnestly solicited to supply the work at Utica, within the bounds of the Susquehanna Conference, which he did by the permission of this Conference.

Our brother was a young man of great promise. He was truly a revivalist—revivals attended his ministry on all the circuits where he labored. His mind though always clear, was at times quite brilliant. His nature nervous and energetic. He always aimed for victory, and deemed nothing too hard to do, or suffer, if God could thereby be glorified. Self sacrificing, he did what he could with all his might. He was strongly Methodist. Holiness to the Lord was his motto. He preached it, he professed it, he enjoyed it. Always positive in his testimony. But that noble soul, so full of love, zeal, and energy, dwelt in a frail body.

He was consecrated to his work. He loved not his life in comparison to the work of the Lord. He did a great work in a short time, and honored God in his life and labors, and God honored him in supporting him when heart and flesh were failing. It is not to be wondered at that he said, “I feel an unseen power drawing me heaven-ward, I am allied to God, and angels.” The casket was soon to break, and the precious jewel was to be gathered, and preserved in the House of many Mansions. His last hours were more than peaceful, they were oftentimes triumphant.

The last word spoken on earth was *Jesus*.

May we not say—

Happy if with our latest breath
We may but gasp His name,
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
Behold! Behold the Lamb!

Bro. Moore was true to his covenant vows, faithful in the discharge of duty; an example of what Paul wrote to Titus, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works, in doctrine uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." His work is done, his voice is hushed in death. He fell asleep in Jesus, on the 23d of Dec. 1876, in the thirty-second year of his age.

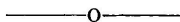
May his mantle fall on us, and especially on our young brethren who are just entering the ministry.

May God preserve the bereaved unto everlasting life. Amen.

Let us remember while we pray for them, that they have claims upon us for assistance, spiritually and temporally.

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
IOWA CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT

WALKER, LINN COUNTY, IOWA, SEPTEMBER, 12-16 1877.



OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS.

Secretary—C. E. HARROUN, JR. *Miss. Treas.*—E. E. HALL.



COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—C. E. Harroun Sr., E. E. Hall, and J. W. Dake.
On Temperance—C. E. Harroun Sr., J. N. Bovee and O. C. Stoughton.
On Secret Societies—A. Steadwell, G. W. Merrell and E. E. Hall.
On Sunday Schools—S. S. Stewart, J. W. Dake and J. Fordice.
On Publishing the Minutes—The Secretary.
On Collecting Funds for Minutes—J. N. Bovee.
On Nominating Examiners in the Course of Study—The President.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

J. W. Dake,	A. Steadwell,	J. M. Scott,
J. N. Bovee,	C. E. Harroun Sr.,	S. S. Stewart,
J. Travis,	L. C. Gould,	T. Vipond,
C. E. Harroun Jr.,	R. S. Ellis.	

DELEGATES.

G. B. Howard,	O. C. Stoughton,	J. Fordice,
E. E. Hall,	G. W. Merrell,	L. R. Robinson,
B. F. McCall,	L. O. Smith,	T. G. Hill,
Geo. Patrick,	H. Fowler,	W. Miser.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

B. T. Roberts, J. W. Dake, E. E. Hall.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

S. C. Scott, V. A. Dake, B. F. McCall, R. W. Scott, J. C. Long.

4. Who remain on trial ?

G. A. Loomis, W. C. Thompson, G. W. Stewart, A. P. Goode. H. S. Carpenter requested to be discontinued, which was granted.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

R. S. Ellis.

6. Who are the Deacons ?

L. C. Gould, S. S. Stewart, G. A. Loomis, W. C. Thompson (ordained this year).

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

R. S. Ellis, J. N. Bovee.

8. Who have located this year ?

None.

9. Who are the superannuated preachers ?

None.

10. Who have been expelled ?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn ?

None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc.?
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?
See table of Statistics.
15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?
See Appointments.
16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?
Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, September 11, 1878.

APPOINTMENTS.

WATERLOO DIST.—C. E. HARROUN SEN., Chairman.
Waterloo.....C. E. Harroun Jr.
Walker.....V. A. Dake
Otter Creek.....W. C. Thompson
DeWitt and Maquoketa.....L. C. Gould and S. C. Scott
Hardin Co., Miss.,.....J. C. Long
Albion and Alice.....J. W. Dake

FAIRFIELD DIST.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN., Chairman.
Birmingham and Winchester.....S. S. Stewart
Fairfield.....L. Mendenhall (supply)
Salina and Mt. Zion.....J. N. Bovee
South English.....B. F. McCall
White Oak.....R. W. Scott
Blakesburg.....G. W. Stewart
Texas Mission.....G. A. Loomis

BEAR GROVE DIST.—C. E. HARROUN, SEN. Chairman
Bear Grove.....J. M. Scott
Page Co.....Wm. Cooley
Taylor Co., and Grant City.....A. Steadwell
North West Mission.....A. P. Goode
Arkansas.....T. Vipond

Conference Evangelist R. S. Ellis.

J. Travis to be appointed by the Superintendent at his request.
J. Russ transferred to Illinois Conference.

STATISTICS OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Money raised for Sunday School purposes.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts	General Superintendent's Collection.	Value of Church Property.	Received.
Salina and Mount Zion	L. C. Gould	89	11	100	4	4	20	100	\$10 00	\$264 00	\$29 42	.....	\$1,200	.....
Page County Mission	G. W. Stewart	26	3	29	2	2	16	79	17 11	117 52	20 30	.....	.....	.....
Alice	R. W. Scott	24	9	33	3	3	2	50	.....	207 00	27 53	.....	.....	.....
Other Creek	W. G. Thompson	60	6	66	3	2	10	.....	.....	133 29	16 49	.....	2,000	.....
Dewitt	H. S. Carpenter	16	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 00	21 20	.....	.....	.....
Maquoketa	S. S. Stewart	15	7	22	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	475 00	75 90	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham and Fairfield	R. S. Ellis, V. A. Dake	103	30	133	5	4	35	140	21 00	365 00	52 00	\$4 08	400	.....
Bear Grove	C. E. Harroun, Jr.	60	2	62	4	2	12	80	7 64	300 00	30 03	.....	.....	.....
Walker	C. E. Harroun, Sr.	29	6	35	.....	1	8	47	17 37	237 80	36 60	.....	.....	.....
South English	J. N. Bovee	67	15	82	.....	3	16	55	5 55	280 00	36 41	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	J. M. Scott	68	6	74	.....	3	15	50	7 00	122 00	20 00	.....	1,748	.....
Blakesburg	A. Steadwell	36	11	47	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....
CHAIRMAN	J. W. DAKE	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$405 58
Totals	Totals	593	107	700	22	21	132	601	\$85 67	\$2721 61	\$365 29	\$4 08	\$4,600	\$404 58

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was ordered that the preachers take up a collection of fifteen cents per member for the General Superintendents.

The Secretary was appointed treasurer, to receive the collections for the General Superintendents during the ensuing year.

It was ordered that the missionary collections be paid over to the Missionary Treasurer, and disbursed by him *pro rata* to the claimants.

The Secretary was appointed to make out the amount *pro rata* throughout the Conference, and send the same to each preacher in charge.

It was ordered that preachers take up missionary collections during the second quarter and forward to the Missionary Treasurer.*

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Walker for their hospitality to the members and visitors of the Conference.

A vote of thanks was also tendered the Wesleyan society for the use of their church in which to hold the Conference.

By motion, the candidates in the course of study were requested to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., September 11th, 1878, at the seat of Conference for examination.

Brothers Roberts and Baker addressed the Conference on the various phases of their publications.

E. E. Hall, J. W. Dake, C. E. Harroun, Sr., J. Fordice, A. Steadwell, and W. E. Coqueiette, were appointed delegates to the State Christian Association, opposed to secret societies, to meet at Washington Iowa, the second Tuesday, in December, 1877.

The Secretary was appointed a committee to solicit reduction of fare on the various railroads for those attending the next Conference.

The Stationing Committee was appointed a Committee on Missions.

A communication from Wm. Cooley was read, stating his desire to be transferred to the Iowa Conference.

* [His address is—Walker, Linn County, Iowa.]—Secretary.

By a motion he was invited to take a transfer to the Iowa Conference.

Certificates from the Bear Grove District, recommending E. Picket for deacon's orders, and Warren Stannard for elder's orders were presented to the Conference; but they not being present, the certificates were ordered put on file.

Alex. Doud was recommended to the chairman.

Rev. Mr. Cummings, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Walker; Rev. D. P. Baker, editor of the *Free Methodist*, and the probationers in the Conference were invited to honorary seats.

A communication from Brother G. A. Loomis from Texas was read before the Conference.

The minutes were ordered published with those of the other fall Conferences.

The ordination of deacons followed the morning service, and the ordination of elders after the afternoon service.

The President, at the request of the Conference, delivered an address to the preachers after the Saturday evening session.

R. S. Ellis was appointed Conference Evangelist.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

North West Mission.....	\$50.
Alice and Albion.....	\$50.
Taylor Co., and Grant City.....	\$25.
	\$125.

II.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THE MINUTES.

amount received.....	\$18.15
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III.—ON RECEIVING MONEY FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Amount received and paid.....	\$17.88
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IV.—ON EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY.

First year—J. W. Dake, J. N. Bovee.

Second year—C. E. Harroun Jr., R. S. Ellis.

Third year—J. M. Scott, T. Vipond.

Fourth year—A. Steadwell, L. C. Gould.

V.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, The use of ardent spirits as a beverage is contrary to the Bible, subversive of the moral interests of society, and tends to the final loss of the soul ; and

Whereas, Without divine grace, no person can be saved from sin ; therefore,

Resolved, That the only hope for the drunkard is in the grace of God, and the only hope for the success of Temperance is in the Gospel of Christ.

VI.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Secret Societies contemplate the union of Christian believers with men of every grade of moral character, and shade of unbelief above blank atheism, contrary to the divine mandate,—“Come out from among them and be ye separate.”

The theology of the lodge, deduced from its prayer, burial services and religious ceremonies is devoid of all those essential truths that distinguish Christianity from the false religions of this world.

There are *three* points of difference :

1. An acknowledgement of man's true condition,—lost, fallen, deprived.
2. Of his redemption by Jesus Christ, by whom *alone* he can come to God the Father.
3. Of his need of the Holy Ghost, to awaken, and lead him to Christ, to regenerate and sanctify his soul, and dwelling in its purified temple, guide him through to heaven.

These Bible truths are all left out.

The oath they require cross the prior obligations God has established. He has established three orders or associations, the family, the Church and the state. Fidelity to God in these relations requires all our time, means and talents

These assumed obligations interfere with them all.

For the above reasons and many others that might be adduced we maintain our stand “in the name of God” against these unfruitful works of darkness.

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Minnesota & N. Iowa Conference,
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
OSAGE, IOWA, *SEPTEMBER 19-23, 1877.*

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OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS.

Secretary—C. M. DAMON. *Assistant*—JOHN BALL.

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COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, J. C. Norton, W. A. Swain.
On Sunday Schools—C. W. LaDue, J. M. Cusick, H. J. Van Auken.
On Temperance—S. P. LaDue, C. W. Tenney, A. J. Cook.
On Secret Societies—G. C. Coffee, A. J. Cook, C. W. Tenney.
On the State of the Work—Wm. A. Swain, J. C. Norton, J. Ball, S. P. LaDue.
On Publications—S. H. Greenup, J. Ball, L. Jones.
On the Tract Cause—G. C. Coffee, Wm. R. Cusick, J. M. Cusick, D. H. Simons.
On Publishing Minutes—C. M. Damon, Wm. R. Cusick.
On Collecting Funds for Minutes—J. W. Landon.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary Course—D. W. Cook, G. B. Newville.

First year—S. H. Greenup, J. C. Norton.

Second year—C. W. LaDue.

Third year—S. P. LaDue, J. Ball.

Fourth year—G. C. Coffee.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

S. P. La Due,
S. H. Greenup,
John Ball,
G. C. Coffee,
J. B. Newville,
Cyrus Cook.

C. W. La Due,
H. J. Van Auken,
C. M. Damon,
D. W. Cook,
Nelson Cook,

J. S. Bradley,
J. W. Sharp,
E. N. Sumner,
Wm. R. Cusick,
J. C. Norton,

DELEGATES.

C. W. Tenney,
Wm. Owen,
D. H. Simons,
E. L. Smith,
U. Wall,

S. R. Smith,
L. Jones,
J. W. Landon,
A. J. Cook,
J. M. Cusick.

Wm. A. Swain,
Samuel Morrison,
F. P. Haworth,
Walter Barham,

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, C. M. Damon, C. W. Tenney.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial?

None.

4. Who remain on trial?

Luther Cook.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

D. W. Cook, J. S. Bradley, J. B. Newville, Cyrus Cook, and J. W. Sharp, an ordained elder, who was received by transfer from the Michigan Conference.

6. Who are the Deacons?

J. S. Bradley, H. J. Van Auken; D. W. Cook, J. B. Newville, Cyrus Cook and Luther Cook, ordained this year.

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

John C. Norton.

8. Who have located this year?

None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers ?
Nelson Cook, without a claim.
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 ?
Their characters were each examined and passed.
13. Who have died this year ?
None.
14. What is the number of church members ?
See table of Statistics.
15. What amounts are necessary, etc. ?
No estimate was made.
16. What has been collected, etc. ?
Nothing.
17. Where are your preachers stationed this year ?
See Appointments.
18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?
At Havana, Minn.. The time to be determined by the General Superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS.

IOWA DISTRICT—G. C. COFFEE, Chairman.

Plymouth.....	J. S. Bradley
Grant and Forest City.....	Cyrus Cook
Algona.....	J. C. Norton
Osage, Rudd and Flood Creek.....	J. B. Newville
Lime Springs.....	C. M. Damon
Waukon and Menona.....	D. W. Cook
Mitchell county Circuit.....	H. J. Van Auken
Dakotah.....	J. W. Sharp; N. B. Baldwin, (supply)
Oregon Mission.....	E. N. Sumner

MINNESOTA DISTRICT—W. M. R. CUSICK, Chairman.

Havanna, Owatonna, and } Dodge City,	Wm. R. Cusick, one to be supplied
Mapleton.....	C. W. La Due, Luther Cook
Northfield.....	S. H. Greenup

S. P. La Due, Evangelist.

C. A. Cusick, transferred to North Michigan Conference.

John Ball and Nelson Cook to be appointed by the President

STATISTICS OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA											
		Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers	Sun. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts.	Superin'ts' Collection.	Value of Church Property.	Chairman Miscellaneous Receipts.
Hayana	Wm. R. Chick, N. Brown	41	3	44	2	2	12	75	\$400 50	\$50 00	\$6 00	\$400 00	.....
Dodge City	J. B. Newville	15	2	17	.....	.....	.....	40	166 00	30 46	5 10	.....	.....
Mapleton	J. S. Bradley, C. W. Laidne	41	16	57	3	2	6	40	322 93	41 69	.....	300 00	.....
Northfield	S. H. Greend	12	5	17	1	1	5	15	45 64	7 65	.....	3500 00	.....
Plymouth	G. C. Coffee, L. Cook	67	12	79	2	5	28	180	625 00	115 50	.....	125 00	.....
Grant	J. M. Cook	11	1	12	1	.....	.....	.....	125 59	16 36	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	I. N. Aldrich, supply	13	.....	13	.....	.....	7	47	76 00	11 86	1 80	1000 00	.....
Algona	In care of the Chairman	15	9	24	1	1	.....	.....	.....	19 51	.....	.....	.....
Flood Creek	J. L. Greenup	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 83	.....	.....	.....
Osage	J. C. Norton	13	7	20	1	1	3	20	175 00	23 82	2 00	2000 00	.....
Line Springs	Cyrus Cook	9	1	10	1	.....	.....	.....	* .....	13 85	1 50	500 00	.....
Waukon	D. W. Cook, W. Barham, supply	16	3	19	1	1	5	12	133 85	13 75	.....	.....	.....
Oregon Mission	E. N. Sumner	13	.....	13	1	.....	.....	.....	96 20	22 37	45	.....	.....
Chairman	C. M. Damon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$79 48
* No report.	Totals	274	59	333	14	14	73	389	\$2166 71	\$366 76	\$16 55	\$7825 00	\$79 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Examining Committee met those to be examined on the Course of Study, Wednesday, September 19th, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Conference convened at 2½ o'clock P. M. of the same day, and was opened by the President with devotional exercises. It was held in a church purchased of the Congregationalists some months ago, and since occupied by our society.

After preaching Saturday evening, Brother Roberts raised more than \$400 on subscription, to pay off the indebtedness on the church, and after preaching an able sermon Sunday A. M., he dedicated it, free of debt.

Conference hours were fixed from 8 till 11½ A. M., from which they varied somewhat by subsequent motions. Four morning meetings were held, and on Saturday at about 4 o'clock and 9 o'clock, afternoon meetings.

Preaching and other exercises were held every afternoon and evening. The following brethren preached during the session: B. T. Roberts, four times; D. P. Baker, three times; J. W. Sharp, once; Wm. R. Cusick, once.

G. C. Coffee was appointed to receive the monies brought to Conference for the General Superintendent's and other claims. On Sunday collections were raised, amounting in connection with several circuit collections for that purpose, to \$60, to meet the claim of the General Superintendents upon this Conference, and to defray the traveling expenses of the President; and were paid by Brother Coffee to Brother Roberts.

Brother Landon reported about \$14, raised for the publication of our Minutes in connection with those of the other Conferences, which was paid to Brother Roberts. The amount required was \$20.

The dedicatory services Sabbath morning were followed by the Lord's Supper, and the ordination of the following brethren Deacons by the imposition of the hands of the President: D. W. Cook, J. B. Newville, Cyrus Cook, and Luther Cook.

Brother Baker preached in the afternoon, at the close of which John C. Norton was ordained Elder by the imposition of the hands of the President, and the follow-

ing Elders : D. P. Baker, S. P. LaDue, S. H. Greenup, G. C. Coffee, and C. M. Damon.

There was a large attendance of visitors from various parts of the Conference. All were kindly entertained, and on Saturday evening a rising vote of thanks was given to the brethren and citizens of Osage and vicinity for their hospitality.

The following, introduced by Brother Coffee, was adopted :

Resolved, That the preacher in charge of Algona Circuit, and the chairman of the district, be instructed to put forth special effort to remove the indebtedness on the church at Algona. We recommend that they thoroughly canvass the community in which the church is located, and if, after doing this, they find it necessary to go beyond the bounds of the Circuit for help, we hereby promise to render them all the assistance in our power.

After a spirited debate, a camp-meeting was ordered at Plymouth, Iowa, as early in June next as convenient, in charge of Brother Roberts, by a rising vote of thirteen to ten. The motion being not clearly understood, another vote was called for, which stood sixteen against four.

D. P. Baker, editor of the *Free Methodist*, from the Illinois, and J. W. Sharp of the Michigan Conferences, were introduced, and invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

Brother Baker represented and urged the claims of the *Free Methodist*, *Pearl*, and *Lily*, and also highly commended the *Earnest Christian*.

The following brethren were examined by the President, according to Section VII of the Discipline : D. W. Cook, J. S. Bradley, J. B. Newville, Cyrus Cook, Luther Cook, and J. M. Cook.

The following were discontinued from the traveling connection : Newton Brown, J. M. Cook, and J. L. Greenup ; the latter at his own request. Newton Brown was recommended to the attention of the chairman, as a supply.

It was ordered that we have two chairmen for the Conference, one traveling and one local.

On the second balloting for traveling chairman, G. C. Coffee was elected, receiving sixteen of the twenty-seven votes cast.

After the report of the Stationing Committee, the preachers and delegates of the Minnesota District nominated Wm. R. Cusick, local chairman. The Conference confirmed the nomination by acclamation.

C. A. Cusick having left his circuit and requesting a transfer to the North Michigan Conference, it was moved and carried that his request be granted; and also that it is the sense of this Conference that Brother C. A. Cusick is censurable for leaving his work.

Brother Coffee was appointed last year to correspond with Nelson Cook (see Minutes), reporting that he had done nothing, the committee was continued with the same design as last year.

On Friday a motion prevailed that ministers be not required to retire during the passing of their characters, where a vote is not required to determine their relation. On Saturday this action was rescinded.

Brother Norton reported that the amount required in the case of the old Conference collection for Brothers Coffee and Cusick (see Minutes), has been raised and record cleared.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is the most important field of labor in which we can engage. Therefore let us examine ourselves, and see whether we have been as diligent in this work as we should have been, and henceforth prosecute it more energetically; organizing Sabbath-schools wherever practicable, expending as much personal labor on them as possible, and urging the parents to greater activity.

We greatly disapprove some of the modern expedients for attracting Sabbath-school scholars; such as theatrical performances, and Christmas trees.

We recommend carefulness in the selection of Sabbath-school literature, and would give the preference to our own papers.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Desiring to arrest intemperance in the excessive use of things lawful in themselves, and intemperance in the least use of all intoxicating drinks, tobacco, and narcotic drugs, (excepting for medicinal and mechanical purposes;) we, as a Conference,

pledge ourselves not to grow or furnish either hops, barley, or any material to feed the fumes of the distillery or brewery.

We also pledge ourselves, when possible, in all our business relations and transactions, to prefer, employ and patronize, strictly temperance persons; such as temperance workmen, mechanics, and merchants.

And we further pledge ourselves to preach down, live down, work down, and down with intemperance in all its Hydra forms and degrees; whether it relates to what we live in, wear, eat or drink, smoke or chew.

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

We are as much as ever opposed to secret, oath-bound societies, and will, by the grace of God helping us, continue our efforts against the same, until, like Dagon, they fall before the Ark of God.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We realize the necessity of urging our people to the purchase and reading of a literature that is pure, in order to the filling of our mission as a Church.

We know of no better family weekly than the *Free Methodist*, or monthly than the *Earnest Christian*, to provide for our families and friends, profitable and wholesome reading.

We heartily endorse the *Pearl* and *Lily* as Sunday-school papers, and commend them to the patronage of all schools, as among the very best.

V.—ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Resolved, That we take up a collection to the amount of five cents per member on all the circuits in the Conference, and bring up to our next Annual Conference, and expend the same for tracts for free distribution by the preachers on the different circuits.

VI.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

During the year some have been saved on every circuit excepting one. The prayer, class, and public meetings have been generally sustained. The Quarterly and Camp-meetings have been very well attended, and seasons of considerable power. The Sabbath-schools have been generally kept up, and new ones organized.

There has been a degree of progress, but not as great as we desire, and as we will strive to promote during the coming year, by holy living; by visiting not only our own members, but our congregations and communities; by looking up preaching points to be filled between the Sabbaths; by praying fervently, studying hard, visiting hard, preaching hard, believing hard, and working hard.

For in well doing, which means constant, hard, and yet joyful work, we shall reap, if we faint not.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Susquehanna Conference,
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD IN THE
Free Methodist Church, Clyde, Wayne County, N. Y.,
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 1877.

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OFFICERS.

President—E. P. HART.
Secretary—O. M. OWEN. *Assistant*—O. W. YOUNG.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, M. N. Downing, O. M. Owen, W. Finch.
On Statistics—The Secretaries.
On Publishing the Minutes—The Secretaries.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The Stationing Committee.
On Bible Cause—T. Whiffin, L. S. King, Geo. Willard, Hiram King.
On Claims—B. Winget, M. N. Downing, F. A. Town, S. Pennock.
On Temperance—L. S. King, A. F. Curry, R. M. Snyder, O. M. Owen, R. C. Stoner, Sidney Bowers.

- On Secret Societies—L. Kelley, L. W. Cronk, W. Southworth, A. P. Yager, A. Wise.
 On Publications—J. B. Freeland, G. Stover, H. A. Carpenter, J. D. Osmun.
 On Sunday-schools—J. B. Stacy, A. W. Paul, J. Odell, W. Riker.
 On Education—E. Owen, T. Whiffin, D. Dexter, H. Stambro.
 On Memoirs—M. N. Downing, D. Dempsey, R. C. Stoner, A. Tucker.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

- Preliminary Course*—T. Whiffin, O. W. Young.
 First year—J. A. Odell, W. Southworth.
 Second year—M. N. Downing, B. Winget.
 Third year—J. B. Freeland, D. Dempsey.
 Fourth year—A. F. Curry, E. Owen.

- Conference Camp-Meeting Committee—A. F. Curry, M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland.
 To Receive Money for Chili Seminary—E. Owen.
 To Collect Funds for Minutes—S. Beckwith.
 To Forward the Bible Money—J. B. Freeland.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

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| A. F. Curry, | J. Olney, | J. B. Freeland, |
| M. N. Downing, | J. B. Stacy, | Z. Osborne, |
| J. A. Odell, | B. Winget, | J. W. Sawyer, |
| E. Owen, | W. Southworth, | T. Whiffin, |
| D. Dempsey, | T. A. Ross, | J. Guyon, |
| L. Kelley, | O. M. Owen, | A. W. Paul, |
| J. D. Osmun, | C. W. Stevens, | O. W. Young, |
| L. S. King, | L. H. Robinson, | J. N. Steil, |
| L. Cronk, | R. M. Snyder, | Geo. Stover, |
| W. W. Warner, | H. Perkins. | |

DELEGATES.

Geo. Willard,	A. Wise,	Sidney Bowers,
Jared Matthews,	F. A. Town,	A. P. Yager,
Selden Beckwith,	Hiram King,	Simeon Pennock,
Harmon Case,	William Finch,	H. A. Carpenter,
M. Marble,	John Keene,	N. M. Harrington,
Warner Daniels,	Daniel Colgrove,	A. Tucker,
J. F. Lawrence,	D. Dexter,	H. Stambro,
R. C. Stoner,	W. J. Riker,	W. R. Williams.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

E. P. Hart, M. N. Downing, E. Owen, W. Southworth, B. Winget, J. B. Freeland, A. F. Curry, J. Mathews, George Willard, F. A. Town, Sidney Bowers, S. Pennock, R. C. Stoner.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

G. W. Hughes, H. A. Carpenter, Almiron Smith, W. Crossman.

4. Who remain on trial ?

W. H. Clark, Orlo Moore.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

Harvey Perkins.

6. Who are the Deacons ?

D. Dexter, A. P. Yager, B. F. Tisdale, local. Ordained this year.

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

O. W. Young, J. D. Osmun, L. S. King, L. H. Robinson.

8. Who have located this year ?

None.

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

J. Guyon, C. W. Stevens.

10. Who have been expelled from the Conference this year.

None.

11. Who have withdrawn ?

Ezra Lyon.

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

The character of each was examined and passed except one.

13. Who have died this year?

Samuel Perkins.

14. What is the number of church members?

See table of Statistics.

15. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers?

See report on claims.

16. What sum is necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference?

Conference ordered a collection to be taken on all the charges during the year.

17. No business.

18. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

See Appointments.

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

At Rome, Oneida County, N. Y., as near the third Wednesday in September, 1878, as is consistent with the plans of the General Superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fifteen sessions of the Conference were held.

A. H. Knapp; probationer, discontinued at his own request.

Four districts to be supplied with two traveling Chairman and one with local.

Motion passed to have the preachers read their Statistical Reports next year in connection with the passage of their character.

S. K. J. Che bro. C. D. Brooks and W. H. Henderson were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. W. A. Hawkes received into the church in full connection, and his credentials as an Elder recognized.

Conference decided to unite with the N. Y. and Genesee Conferences in a Camp-meeting at Chili in June, 1878.

Collection for the Secretaries, \$5.58; for Sister Mary E. Perkins, \$28.

Conference expressed their entire satisfaction with the report of the trustees of Chili Seminary.

Those coming next year recommended for Local Deacon's orders are requested to appear before the committee on the first year's course.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS.

1st Quarter—	Missionary.
2d	“ Bible and for delegates to Conference.
3d	“ Claims.
4th	“ General Superintendents.

Conference, by rising, tendered a vote of thanks to citizens, for their kindness in entertaining them.

E. Owen, at his own request, appointed Conference Evangelist.

APPOINTMENTS.

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

Clyde and Rose	O M. Owen
Montezuma and Port Byron	J. Olney
Pittsford and Bushnell's Basin	To be supplied
Waterloo	J. N. Steil
Webster and Ontario	R. M. Snyder
Alton and Wayne Centre	D. Dempsey
Oswego and Thomson School house	W. H. Clark

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

Syracuse	L. H. Robinson
Fulton	T. Whiffin
Chittenango and Cicero	B. F. Tisdale (supply)
Nelson and Stockbridge	T. A. Ross
Black River	Z. Osborne

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

Rome.....	G. W. Hughes
Frankfort and Schuyler.....	L. Kelley
Vienna and New London.....	H. Case and A. P. Yager
Brookfield, Edmeston and New Berlin.....	J. W. Sawyer
Stratford and Salisbury.....	W. Crossman

BINGHAMTON DIST.—J. B. FREELAND Chairman.

Binghamton.....	B. Winget
Ithaca and Owego.....	J. D. Osmun
Summer Hill.....	J; B. Stacy
Norwich, Sherburne and Columbus.....	L. S. King
Smyrna.....	A. W. Paul
Pharsalia.....	A. Smith

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

Saratoga.....	J. A. Odell
Schoharie.....	W. A. Hawkes (supply)
Lansingburg and Bath.....	O. Moore
Greenfield and Corinth.....	H. A. Carpenter
Grafton.....	A. B. Burdick (supply)

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

Woodsville, Red School house and Tuscarora Wm. Southworth	
Byersvill and Ossian.....	A. F. Curry
Bloods, Lent Hill, Carney Hollow and Hemlock Lake	L. W. Cronk
Italy Hill.....	H. Perkins
Gibson and Lindley.....	G. Stover

J. Guyon, C. W. Stevens, superannuated and members of the Binghamton Quarterly Conference.

E. Owen, Conference Evangelist and member of Syracuse Quarterly Conference.

W. W. Warner, to be appointed by the President.

 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON STATISTICS (See Statistics.)

II.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Money in the hands of Committee, \$42.

We recommend that the money on hand be divided *pro rata* between the three charges to which appropriations were made last year.

DIST	CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Mem	Prob.	Total	T. P.	B. Yan.	S. S.	Sht's	O. T.	Am't raised for S. S.	P. R's	Mis. Col.	C. M's	Bible Col.	Value Ch. Prop.	Value Par.
Olyde.	Clyde and Rose	O. M. Owen	64	44	108	1	1	2	75	12	\$19 00	\$490 24	\$7 01	\$1 00	\$1 89	\$3500	\$500
	Montezuma, Port Byron.	M. N. Downing	12	12	24	1	1	1	30	5	2 25	276 67				2000	
	Pittsford, Ba-nnell s Basin.	C. D. Brooks	29	3	32				3			194 37				2500	
	Webster, Ontario	O. W. Young	57	8	65	1	1	1	100	16	18 00	365 00		2 00		3000	
	Alton, Wayne Center	D. Dempsey	46	27	73	1	1	1	60	18	25 56	263 51	1 00	3 01		1500	
	Oswego, etc.	E. Owen	25	25	50	1	1	1	40	12	18 00	151 00		1 25	2 51	4000	
	Syracuse	T. Whiffin	63	13	76	1	1	1	50	9	17 50	273 40	3 59	1 26	75	1800	
	Utica	J. B. Stacy	72	10	82	1	1	1	43	12	9 32	411 92	2 55	2 89	2 16	1000	
	Frankfort, Schuyler.	L. H. Robinson	48	6	54	1	1	1	30	7	16 60	289 00	1 16	1 65		1000	500
	Brookfield, Edmeston, etc.	Z. Osborne	39	8	50	2	2	2	30	7	16 60	452 88	5 52	8 41	3 00	5000	1000
Utica.	Stratford, Salisburv	J. A. Odell	72	2	78	2	2	2	82	19	32 00	550 00	1 30	3 53	60	5500	2000
	New London	W. Southworth	44	29	73	1	1	2	82	19	32 00	242 00	3 63	3 84	52	1000	600
	Saratoga	L. W. Cronk	43	2	45	2	2	2	1	6	3 00	110 00	75	50	60	1200	
	Schenario	B. F. Tisdale	23	1	24	3	3	2	20	6	3 00	106 34	60	25	60	1500	
	Lansingburgh, Bath.	J. Olney	30	2	32	2	2	2	34	10	20 00	400 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	4250	900
	Genfield	B. Winget	43	24	67	1	1	1	40	5	20 00	204 78	2 00	1 00	1 25	2000	
	Genfield	L. Kelly	38	1	39	3	3	1	35	10	2 00	196 64	75	1 00			
	Genfield	W. H. Clark	21	4	25	1	1	1	93	15	7 00	632 70				1200	
	Genfield	A. B. Burdick	16	3	19	1	1	1	29	7	14 70	100 00	2 50	3 50	1 59	4000	2000
	Genfield	J. B. Freeland	76	7	83	1	2	1	29	7	14 70	100 00	2 50	3 50	1 59	4000	2000
Saratoga.	Genfield	J. D. Osmun	23	1	24	1	1	1	20	6	5 00	130 00	1 13	1 50		3000	
	Genfield	T. A. Ross	36	2	38	1	1	1	30	6	1 50	267 89	1 30	80	65	1500	
	Genfield	L. S. King	53	5	58	1	1	2	40	13	5 00	271 00	1 84	2 43		1500	
	Genfield	H. Perkins	25	4	29	2	2	1	20	5	3 00	200 00		2 50			
	Genfield	S. W. Perkins	12		12	1	1	1	30	8	18 00	232 00				1500	
	Genfield	A. F. Curry	80	6	86	1	2	2	60	8	10 00	245 00		2 35		2000	500
	Genfield	Geo. Stover	25	11	36	1	1	1	20	6	5 00	223 89	85	1 25		1000	
	Genfield	A. W. Paul	49	5	54	2	2	3	92	15	8 19	179 10		3 66		3600	
	Genfield	R. M. Snyder	1	7	8			2	66	10	8 19	59 00				400	
	Genfield	J. N. Stell	5	1	6				66	10	8 19	59 00				400	
Totals			1273	288	1551	30	6	35	1139	240	\$260 02	\$3975 51	\$42 76	\$49 53	\$18 03	60850	\$8000

Dansville, Binghamton, Saratoga, Utica.

III.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Holy Bible we receive as the book of God. It reveals God's love; makes known man's duty to God and his fellows. Of divine origin it bears the seal of supreme authority. Higher than all law, it must not be bound by law. Containing benedictions for all, it must not be bound by priestcraft or politics. Fraught with its message of life and hope to all, its leaves of healing should be scattered among all nations, people and tongues. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, increase our interest and collections for the distribution of the Bible, and that we take collections the coming year on all our charges for the above-named purposes.

IV.—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The prosperity of the Church depends largely upon the degree of interest taken in the Sabbath-school work. The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the Church, and we should put forth renewed and persevering efforts to make it a complete success. Where Sabbath-schools are neglected the work of God in the Church soon declines.

The object of the Sabbath-school being the diffusion of divine knowledge and the conversion of the young, we should jealously guard their moral and religious education in every particular, by every possible means, especially by prohibiting the introduction of sensational literature in our schools; and sanction nothing but sound, religious literature and the Word of God.

V.—ON FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Amount raised \$24.00

VI.—ON CLAIMS.

Amount raised during the year.....	\$48.95
Ordered paid to Sister Selby.....	\$48.95
Collection at Conference for Sister Mary E. Perkins ...	28.00
Total raised.....	<u>\$76.95</u>

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your Committee present the following reasons why we, as a Church, are opposed to all secret associations, and especially to the Masonic Order:

1. Because they are enemies to Christ and His religion.
2. Their oaths and obligations unfit them for church fellowship.
3. They are dangerous to civil and religious liberty.
4. They prevent judgment, justice and equity.
5. Their code of morals is very deficient.
6. They teach, at least in one order revenge, proscription and murder.
7. Their benevolence is simply returning moneys which they obtained by fraud and extortion from those whom they duped.
8. Because God says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.

1st. *Resolved*, That we will oppose them vigorously and incessantly.

2d. *Resolved*, That we will circulate such publications as may promote a strong opposition against them.

3d. *Resolved*, We will invoke God's grace for their awakening and conversion.

VIII.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are living in an age in which agencies of more than ordinary power are being zealously used, to form and control the public mind. Some of these agencies are capable of being used alike for good or evil. One of the most efficient of this class is the Press.

Satan, ever alike to the interests of his kingdom, is running day and night, thousands of presses, from which is pouring a stream of moral death, deep and wide—undermining the cause of truth and righteousness. Theoretical, experimental, and practical godliness, are ignored and opposed by *professedly* infidel publications. But here is not where the work of death is done most successfully. The sad fact is too plainly evident, that many of those publications that are *professedly* used to promote the interests of truth, are so mixed that righteousness is wounded in the house of its friends.

A remedy for this sad state of things is found in a more faithful and earnest use of the Press for God. Much has been done in this direction, but much more can be done by sanctified *means* and *minds*. We are thankful to God for what has been, and is being done, among us as a people. *The Earnest Christian* continues to be the same faithful monitor as in the past, and we urge that it should be more earnestly supported among us, both by our efforts to increase its circulation, and by writing for its pages.

In *The Free Methodist* we find a valuable co-laborer in spreading the truth as it is in Jesus. We recommend it to all; but especially to our people; and urge the importance of its circulation, being largely increased. Also that we do what we can to furnish the editor with original articles, of the right type for its columns.

We also welcome to our Sabbath-schools the valuable papers, *The Pearl* and *The Lily*, and hope their circulation may be largely increased.

Also we find in *The Christian Cynosure*, an able and faithful agent in carrying on the much-needed reform in the interests of which it is published. We recommend it as worthy of our confidence and support. We also recommend a more faithful use of that cheap, and yet efficient means of disseminating truth—the circulation of tracts, that are of the right stamp. Let them be scattered broad-cast among the people, and doubtless much fruit will be realized to the glory of God.

IX.—ON TEMPERANCE.

While we view the awful power of the liquor traffic and its terrific influence, spreading like the Bohon Upas tree, and cast-

ing its malarious breath and withering blight upon everything within its reach, it behooves us to use all the means within our reach to not only influence men to sign the pledge, but to remove by statute the means of continuing the awful evil; and

Whereas, The temperance movement is now passing through a stage of revival, such as we have never before witnessed, we must not stand idly by, but come to the front and help to push movement beyond even its present position; and

Whereas, The ballot is the exponent of and executes the free-man's will, as lightning does the will of God. And,

Whereas, All other efforts seem to be futile in regulating the liquor traffic, we consider our only hope lies in God and total prohibition.

Resolved, That as a body we advise our preachers to preach twice a year, at least, upon the subject of temperance on their charges.

Resolved, That, as we judge it proper for the success of the cause, we exhort the people to support for office only those who are in favor of total prohibition.

Resolved, That, to be consistent, we cannot do less than to bind ourselves to the chariot of total prohibition and by all the powers God has given us pray and labor for its success.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, consider hard cider, beer, billiards and tobacco, in all its forms, as tending directly to sustain and promote the evils of intemperance; therefore, that we urge upon our people that they use their influence against these.

Resolved, That a copy of this paper be given to the *Clyde Times* for publication.

X.—ON MEMOIRS.

Seldom has death been permitted to enter the ranks of the Susquehanna Conference since it was organized. But this year he has been allowed to make his appearance again and has borne away our beloved brother S. W. Perkins. "Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Bro. Perkins was born in the town of Sodus, N. Y., in the year 1849, and fell asleep in Jesus, July 14th, 1877, in the 28th year of his age.

Early in life he was converted to God. The period of his itinerant ministry was brief. In the year 1873 he was received on trial into the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the F. M. Church. With acceptability he served the period of Conference probation and was received into full connection in the Fall of 1875, and was ordained deacon. He was stationed to the following circuits: 1873, Brookfield and Edmeston; 1874, Gibson and Lindley; 1875, Sparta; 1876, Pharsalia. While at Sparta his health failed, and, resigning the charge, he repaired to the home of his mother, where he tarried until Conference convened. Recruiting somewhat, he appeared at the Conference, and with the ambition of a Christian soldier desired an appointment. He was read off for Pharsalia. He went on to the charge, took possession, and began

to prepare for holy war, and stimulated with strong and sanguinary hopes of taking prisoners for Christ. But he lacked a body. His fired soul was pent up in a frail, consumptive vehicle which could not resist the natural elements. With reluctance, and yet with holy resignation, he gave the charge into the hands of his Chairman, and went to the home of his mother to die.

Brother Perkins was a good preacher, a devoted Christian, and possessed a spotless character. His sick room was a hallowed place. With majestic and holy grandeur, he faced death, triumphed over all, and departed in the sure and certain hope of eternal life. He left a wife and two children. May the "God of all grace" smile upon and bring them through this troublesome life to a "home beyond the tide," to rejoin husband and father with the glorified.

"Saved by the merit of his Lord,
Glory and praise to Christ he gives,
Yet still his merciful reward
According to his works receives ;
And with the seed he sowed below,
His bliss eternally shall grow."

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS ADDRESSES.

YEAR OF ADMISSION TO FULL CONNECTION.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1860,	A. F. Curry.	Almond,	Allegany,	N. Y.
1862,	J. Olney,	Port Byron,	Cayuga,	"
"	J. B. Freeland,	Binghamton,	Broome,	"
1863,	M. N. Downing,	Alton,	Wayne,	"
1865,	J. B. Stacy,	Summer Hill,	Cayuga,	"
1866,	J. A. Odell,	Saratoga,	Rens.,	"
1867,	B. Winget,	Binghamton,	Broome,	"
1868,	J. W. Sawyer,			"
1869,	E. Owen,	Cortland,	Cort.,	"
"	W. Southworth,	Dansville,	Livingston,	"
"	T. Whiffn,	Fulton,	Oswego,	"
"	D. Dempsey,	Alton,	Wayne,	"
1870,	T. A. Ross,	Nelson,	Madison,	"
1871,	J. Guyon,			"
1872,	L. Kelly,	Frankfort,	Herkimer,	"
"	O. M. Owen,	Rose (Box 33),	Wayne,	"
"	A. W. Paul,			"
1874,	J. D. Osmun,	Ithaca,	Tompkins,	"
1875,	C. W. Stevens,	Greenfield,	Saratoga,	"
"	O. W. Young,	Utica, 203 Park ave.,	Oneida.	"
"	L. S. King,	Norwich (Box 1087),	Chenango,	"
"	L. H. Robinson,	Syracuse,		"
"	J. N. Stell,	Waterloo,	Seneca,	"
1876,	L. W. Cronk,			"
"	R. M. Snyder,	West Webster,	Monroe	"
"	Geo. Stover,			"

1876,	W. W. Warner,			N. Y.
1877,	Harvey Perkins,			"
ADMITTED ON TRIAL.				
1876,	Orlo Moore,	Lansingburg,	Rennsalaer,	N. Y.
"	W. H. Clark,	Oswego,	Oswego,	"
1877,	H. A. Carpenter,	Corinth,	Saratoga.	"
"	Almiron Smith,	Pharsalia,		"
"	W. Crossman,			"
"	G. W. Hughes,	Rome (Box 667),	Oneida,	"

LOCAL PREACHERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE
William Griswold,*	Harford Mills,	Cortland,	N. Y.
Ezekiel Osmun,	Ithaca,	Tompkins,	"
W. M. Sullivan,	Binghamton,	Broome,	"
Elisha Hudson,†	Lindley,	Steuben,	"
H. F. Hill,	Gibson,	"	"
Daniel Colgrove.	Edmeston,	Otsego,	"
Charles Howe,†	"	"	"
J. N. Fulford,†	Chittenango,	Madison,	"
David Gleason,	Saratoga Springs,	Saratoga.	"
John Benedict,*	Plymouth,	Chenango,	"
A. L. Holliday,	Otselic,	"	"
John Woodhull,	Stanwix,	Oneida,	"
B. F. Tisdale,†	Chittenango Station,	Madison,	"
C. H. Austin,*	Ilion	Herkimer,	"
Harman Case.			"
R. R. Jacobs,	Montezuma,	Cayuga,	"
Hiram Reddy,	Arkport,	Steuben,	"
Amos Chrysler,†	Navarino,	Onondaga,	"
James Brown,*	Utica,	Oneida,	"
James Dowend,*	"	"	"
B. F. Morrell,	East Albany,	Rennsalaer,	"
A. P. Yager,*	North Bay,	Oneida,	"
J. J. Dickenson,	"	"	"
Geo. Milum,	Clyde,	Wayne,	"
David Dexter,†	Black River.	Jefferson,	"
J. C. Kennedy,	"	"	"
Geo. Willard,†	Union Hill,	Monroe,	"

Those marked thus * are elders, and those marked thus † are deacons.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EVANGELIST.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY,	STATE.
Mrs. M. H. Freeland,	Binghamton,	Broome,	N. Y.
" Mary Wise,	Fulton,	Oswego,	"
" Asenath Sullivan,	Binghamton,	Broome,	"
" Lucy M. Potter,	Norwich,	Chenango,	"
" J. D. Osmun,	Ithaca,	Tompkins,	"
" Melissa Carter.			

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
North Michigan Conference
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
GAINES, SHIAWASSE Co., MICHIGAN, OCT. 10-13, 1877.

OFFICERS.

President—E. P. HART. *Secretary*—C. S. GITCHELL.

The Conference was called to order Wednesday, 10 o'clock A. M., by the President who conducted the religious services.

The roll was called and ten preachers responded to their names, and twenty-two delegates presented their certificates of election.

C. S. Gitchell was elected secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—C. W. Haynes, J. Ellison, E. P. Hart.

On Missions—The Stationing Committee.

On Publishing the Minutes—The Secretary.

On Collecting Funds for Minutes—C. W. Haynes, I. Mudge.

On Sabbath schools—A. H. Springstein, W. K. Barrett
J. P. Soule.

- On Publications—S. Roberts, A. H. Springstein, O. L. Slade.
 On Secret Societies—A. H. Springstein, H. Sawyer, D. Peabody.
 On Intemperance—I. Mudge, J. Ellison, J. Dexter.
 On Sanctity of the Sabbath—J. F. Wetherald, J. Witham, H. Speares, J. Ellison.
 On Education—A. H. Springstein, E. P. Hart, J. Withers.
 On Nominating Examiners in the Course of Study—The Superintendent.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

- Preliminary Course*—A. H. Springstein, G. A. Olmsted.
 First year—C. W. Haynes, I. Mudge.
 Second year—C. S. Gitchell, C. H. Sage.
 Third year—J. Ellison, J. F. Wetherald.
 Fourth year—S. Roberts, H. Bearss.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

John Ellison,	J. P. Soule,	J. F. Witherald,
S. Roberts,	J. G. Witham,	I. Mudge,
C. S. Gitchell,	C. H. Sage,	J. W. Nichols,
H. Sawyer,	C. W. Haynes,	G. A. Olmsted,
H. Bearss,	G. H. Joslin,	C. A. Cusick,
A. H. Springstein,	C. R. Clark,	S. Johnson.

DELEGATES.

J. Decker,	J. W. Banta,	W. H. Osmun
A. L. Ward,	J. Vanwagner,	C. Gundry,
J. Barnard,	O. S. Slade,	Wm. Caywood,
D. Peabody,	G. Bartle,	J. W. Thetge,
R. S. McLain,	J. Akins,	A. Rossman.
H. Spears,	P. C. Gould,	S. Webster,
J. Rice,	R. B. Minor,	W. R. Barrett,
J. Winter,	I. D. Joslin,	I. W. Carey,
L. Pickard,	B. Bingham.	

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2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?
E. P. Hart, J. Ellison, S. Roberts, W. R. Barrett, W. H. Osmun.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?
M. Devoist, C. B. Schaeffer, R. S. McLain, D. Marstin.
4. Who remain on trial ?
T. C. Fisher, A. Mudge, L. D. Russell, C. D. Hoadley, Wm. McKay, W. I. Warren, J. Craig, W. S. Chamberlain, R. D. Robinson, W. S. Haight, J. E. Kennedy.
5. Who are admitted into full connection ?
S. Johnson.
6. Who are the Deacons ?
Wm. McKay, L. D. Russell, J. P. Soule, S. Johnson.
7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year ?
G. H. Joslin.
8. Who have located this year ?
None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers ?
None.
10. Who have been expelled from the Conference this year.
None.
11. Who have withdrawn ?
W. J. Johnson.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc. ?
The character of each was examined and passed.
13. Who have died this year ?
None.
14. What is the number of church members ?
See table of Statistics.
15. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?
See Appointments.
16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?
Time left with the Superintendents ; place left with the Chairmen and the place to be published three months previous to its session.

APPOINTMENTS.

GRAND RAPIDS DIST.—JOHN ELLISON, Chairman.

Coopersville.....	C. S. Gitchell
Six Corners.....	M. Devoist
Sunfield.....	Wm. McKay
Grand Ledge.....	G. A. Olmstead
DeWitt and Diamonddale.....	I. Craig
Saranac and Carlton.....	J. W. Nickols
Orleans and Ionia.....	C. W. Haynes
Cedar Springs.....	C. B. Shaeffer
Ensley and Mapleville.....	C. A. Cusick
Stanwood.....	L. D. Russell
Big Rapids and Chippewa.....	R. S. McLain
Clam Lake.....	I. Kelly (supply)
Kalkaska.....	To be supplied
St. Johns and Ovid.....	H. Bearss
North Star.....	T. C. Fisher
Isabella and Clare.....	I. McLucas (supply)
Gladwin.....	I. Cope (supply)

FLINT DISTRICT.—S. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Macomb.....	W. S. Chamberlain
Goodland.....	W. J. Warren
Hadley.....	R. D. Robinson
Speaker.....	H. Sawyer
Richfield and Burton.....	W. S. Haight
Mayville and Cass River.....	E. Chapman and J. E. Kennedy
Farrandville and Forrest.....	J. F. Wetherald
Williamston.....	Israel Mudge
Livingston.....	A. Mudge
South Lyon.....	S. Johnson
Pontiac and Auburn.....	C. D. Hoadley
Gaines and Linden.....	G. H. Joslin

CANADA DISTRICT.—C. H. SAGE, Chairman.

Warwick.....	G. Shorter (supply)
Galt.....	D. Marstin
London.....	To be supplied
Ellesmere.....	G. Showers (supply)
Gananoque.....	J. W. Banta (supply)

A. H. Springstein, Flint District, evangelist.

J. S. Witham, C. K. Clark and J. P. Soule to be appointed by the Superintendent.

CIRCUIT.	PASTORS.	Mem.	Prob.	Total.	Loc. P.	S. Sch.	O. & T.	Scholars	P'chers	Repts.	Mis'sry	Coll'n	Chas'ns	Supt's	Value of Church Prop'y.	Value of Par'ge
GRAND RAPIDS DIST.	S. ROBERTS, Chairman.															
Coopersville.....	C. S. Gitchell.....	65	19	84	1	1	10	80	\$518 78	\$55 00	\$5 10	5 00	\$95 00	5 00	\$3000	\$900
Six Corners.....	A. Sly, supply.....	10	10	20	10	10	10	40	40 00							
Saranac.....	A. H. Springstine.....															
Orleans.....	T. C. Clark.....	45	5	50	1	1	8	30	120 00	62 34		1 20	62 34	1 20	1500	
Courtland and Cedar Springs	C. C. Fisher.....	48	3	51	2	16	56	56	201 56	49 21		75	49 21	75	400	
Howard and Enstey.....	J. G. Witham.....	25	3	28	1	8	16	130 78	32 33	1 60		2 26	32 33	2 26		
Big Rapids.....	L. D. Russell.....	16	10	26	1	4	20	180 82	183 02							
Clam Lake.....	Wm. McKay.....	38	10	48	1	2	8	38	183 02						600	100
Sunfield.....	J. W. Nichols.....															
Grand Ledge.....	J. Craig.....	49	6	55	1	1	1	174 47	174 47	12 28		4 76	43 68	4 76		
St. Johns and Ovid.....	C. D. Hoadley.....	71	9	80	1	2	8	40	300 00	54 06	3 24	7 54	54 06	7 54	3580	
North Star.....	L. L. Warner.....															
Lansing and DeWitt.....	W. J. Johnson.....															
Delta and Diamouddale.....	T. Fleuelling.....	25	3	28					36 80		1 38				200	
FLINT DISTRICT.	J. Ellison.....															
Macomb.....	G. H. Joslin.....	98	13	111	3	4	27	143	515 39	58 94		2 60	58 94	2 60	4500	
Greenwood and Brockway	A. Mudge.....	26	18	44					165 00	12 89						
Warren.....	J. E. Kennedy.....								70 00							
Goodland and Speaker.....	C. H. Sage.....	37	1	38	3	15	60	60	72 05	12 11	1 19	4 73	12 11	4 73	400	300
Hadley.....	R. D. Robinson.....	63	6	69	1	2	18	70	352 00	60 00	3 00	3 40	60 00	3 40	400	500
Richfield and Burton.....	W. S. Haight.....	54	13	67	1	2	18	420 74	420 74	53 63	4 25	10 00	53 63	10 00		
Flint, Forest, Maple Grove	J. P. Soule.....	74	11	85	3	4	22	180	158 80	3 03	35 11	4 20	35 11	4 20	800	
Farrandville and Birch Run	H. Sawyer.....	26	3	29	1	1	6	20	180 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1600	800
Gaines and Linden.....	C. W. Haynes.....	63	2	65	1	2	13	60	360 00	3 15	3 15	7 21	3 15	7 21		
Williamston and Lock.....	Israel Mudge.....	64	8	72	1	1	6		164 00	37 91	5 62	5 31	37 91	5 31		
Conway and Leroy.....	W. J. Warren.....								81 00	4 52			4 52			
Livingston and Lyons.....	W. S. Chamberlain.....	58	4	62	3	2	15	60	280 50	40 00	4 50	4 00	40 00	4 00	1000	
Pontiac and Auburn.....	S. Johnson.....	34	20	54	2	1	7	53	277 45	48 00	4 00	5 85	48 00	5 85		
Mayville and Cross River	J. F. Wetherald.....	29	6	35	3				100 52							
Canada.....	C. H. Sage.....	34	15	49	3	2	10	40	52 06						350	
Totals.....		1042	163	1235	26	55	198	966	\$4886 68	\$1031 00	56 03	\$80 61	\$17850	\$80 61	\$2600	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Conference held its session in Shiawassee Co., Mich., two miles west of Gaines village.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference and invited to take honorary seats. D. P. Baker, editor of the *Free Methodist*; G. H. Joslin, E. Mathews, F. Britter, and L. Vicker of the Christian Church.

Rev. G. A. Olmsted was received by transfer from the Michigan Conference.

Rev. C. A. Cusick was received by transfer from the Minnesota and North Iowa Conference.

Rev. H. Bearss, an ordained elder of the Protestant Methodist Church, after answering the usual disciplinary questions was received into full connection and his ordination recognized.

Rev. G. H. Joslin, formerly of the Genesee Conference of the F. M. Church, was received into full connection on his certificate of location from said Conference and elected to Elders Orders.

Conference invited the preachers on probation to take honorary seats.

A vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Vernon for their kindness in so hospitably caring for the members of Conference.

Conference required all to bring up the studies in which they were deficient.

Missionary collection is to be taken up the second quarter. Collection to defray the traveling expenses of preachers and delegates to General Conference to be taken up the third quarter, and the collection for the Superintendents, the fourth quarter.

John Ellison, S. Roberts, and C. H. Sage were elected traveling chairmen. C. H. Sage devotes his time to the Canana work.

Last Conference C. S. Gitchell and W. R. Barrett were elected Executive Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committees on Intemperance, Sabbath-schools, Publications, and Sanctity of the Sabbath, respectfully recommend the adoption of last year's reports.

I.—ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report \$28.68 on hand, which we recommend to be divided as follows:

M. I. Warren.....	\$10.00
J. McLucas.....	10.00
Wm. McKay.....	8.68

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We believe Christian education to be one of the most efficient means, in the hands of God, for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Believing, as we do, that moral culture and intellectual development must go hand in hand, if we would attain the highest possible good to be sought in the training of our children, we realize the imperative necessity of having schools which in their systems of teaching, combine both of these. We recognize in Spring Arbor and Chili Seminaries, institutions in which our desires in this direction are being more fully met than in any other schools in the land; and we pledge ourselves, both by our means and patronage, to encourage and sustain these excellent institutions.

Report of Trustees of Spring Arbor Seminary.

To the North Michigan Annual Conference, assembled at Gaines, Mich.:

DEAR BRETHREN: We beg leave to submit the following report of the financial condition of Spring Arbor Seminary:

We have pledges in notes and subscriptions, . . .	\$1,800
Lots,	200
	\$2,000
Total,.....	\$2,000
Indebtedness,.....	1,900
Balance,.....	100
	\$2,000

We have also, pledges to the amount of \$1,200 towards a new building.

We need the money pledged, in order to meet our indebtedness and most earnestly request the members of your Conference, and all others interested to do all in their power to raise funds, both by soliciting new subscriptions, and by collecting money on pledges already given.

E. P. HART, Treas.
I. W. BELL, Sec.

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Having carefully reviewed our repeated testimonies against organized secretism, we are thoroughly persuaded that we have not been too radical. We propose, through grace, to continue a vigorous opposition to this giant evil in the land.

With deep regret we perceive among us a tendency to silence and inactivity in this matter. The trumpet must not give an uncertain sound. When the hosts of hell sheathe their swords, Zion's soldiers have stacked their arms. Our people are warmly admonished not to mistake timidity for prudence.

IV.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Reported.....\$20.00

V.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

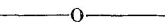
Report of W. R. Barrett.....\$78.87

Which was paid to Rev. E. P. Hart.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' P. O. ADDRESSES.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
John Ellison,	Ovid,	Clinton,	Mich.
S. Roberts,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	"
C. S. Gitchell,	Coopersville,	Ottawa,	"
H. Sawyer,	Melvina,	Sanalac,	"
J. P. Soule,	Flushing,	Genesee,	"
J. G. Witham,	Greenville,	Mont Calm,	"
C. H. Sage,	Memphis,	Genesee,	"
A. H. Springstein,			"
C. W. Haynes,	Ionia,	Ionia,	"
J. F. Wetherald,		Tuscola,	"
C. R. Clark,	Corrunna,	Shiawassee,	"
I. Mudge,	Williamston,	Ingham,	"
J. W. Nickols,	Charlotte,	Eaton,	"
G. A. Olmstead,	Charlotte,	Eaton,	"
H. Bearss,	St. John's,	Clinton,	"
G. H. Joslin,	Gaines,	Shiawassee,	"
C. A. Cusick,	Fallasburg,	Ionia,	"
S. Johnson,	South Lyon,		"
T. C. Fisher,	North Star,	Gratiot,	Mich.
A. Mudge,	Tyrone,	Livingston,	"
L. D. Russell,	Stanwood,	Mecosta,	"
C. D. Hoadly,	Pontiac,	Oakland,	"
Wm. McKay,	Vermontville,	Eaton,	"
W. J. Warren,			"
J. Craig,	DeWitt,	Clinton,	"
W. S. Chamberlain,	Memphis,	Macomb,	"
H. D. Robinson,	Hadley,	Lapeer,	"
W. S. Haight,	Richfield,	Genesee,	"
J. E. Kennedy,			"
M. Devoist,	Rawanna,	Muskegon,	"
C. B. Shaeffer.	Cedar Springs,	Kent,	"
R. S. McLain,	Big Rapids,		"
D. Martin,	Galt,		Canada.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER 27-29, 1877.



OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS. *Secretary*—J. P. SHATTUCK.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—D. M. Sinclair, J. A. Murray and L. Johnson.
On Missions—L. Whitney, J. Thaxter, and J. W. Townsend.
On Publications—L. Whitney, H. P. Marks, and J. P. Shattuck.
On Publishing the Minutes—J. P. Shattuck and J. A. Murray.
On Collecting Funds for Minutes—F. W. Arndt.
On Nominating Examiners in the Course of Study—J. W. Cain.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary Course—F. W. Arndt.

First year—J. A. Murray, J. W. Cain.

Second year—Jas. Thaxter, J. P. Shattuck.

Third and Fourth years—D. M. Sinclair, L. Whitney.

Conference Tent—D. M. Sinclair, L. Whitney, J. W. Townsend, A. Bennett.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Preachers—L. Whitney, J. W. Cain, D. M. Sinclair.

Laymen—J. W. Townsend, A. Perceyville, H. P. Marks.

TRUSTEES OF INCORPORATION.

For one year—E. Z. Thwing, A. Bennett.

“ two years—L. Whitney, L. Auchampach.

“ three years—D. M. Sinclair, J. H. Knapp.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

D. M. Sinclair,
L. Whitney,
F. W. Arndt,

E. Z. Thwing,
J. P. Shattuck,
J. A. Murray.

J. W. Cain,
Jas. Thaxter,

DELEGATES.

H. P. Marks,
A. Perceyville,
J. N. Winds,

Wm Holden,
J. W. Townsend,
R. Marsh,

George Cadwell,
L. Auchampach,
L. Johnson.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?
B. T. Roberts, D. M. Sinclair, Geo. Cadwell.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?
None.
4. Who remain on trial ?
I. Emerton.
5. Who are admitted into full connection ?
F. W. Arndt, J. A. Murray.
6. Who are the Deacons ?
F. W. Arndt, J. A. Murray.
7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year ?
Jas. Thaxter.
8. Who have located this year ?
None.
9. Who are the superannuated preachers ?
None.

10. Who have been expelled ?
None.
11. Who have withdrawn ?
F. A. McDonald.
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life, etc. ?
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.
15. What amounts are necessary, etc. ?
No estimate was made.
16. What has been collected, etc. ?
Nothing.
17. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?
See Appointments.
18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?
At Plattville, on Thursday, at 9 o'clock, as near the 25th of September, 1877, as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved, That we as a Conference thankfully receive the offer of Brother O. Bennet, of his tent and his services, to labor with the tent during the coming season.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Baptist Church for the use of their house of worship, in which we have held our Conference ; and to the citizens of Beaver Dam for receiving us into their homes, and entertaining us so pleasantly during our stay with them.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of the state of Wisconsin, the sum of dollars, to be paid to the said Annual Conference to its Treasurer, or other duly constituted authority for receiving its funds, as soon as may be after my decease. To have and to hold the same to the said Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of the state of Wisconsin, and its successors and assignees forever.

APPOINTMENTS.

WHITEWATER DIST.—D. M. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

Whitewater.....	J. W. Cain, F. W. Arndt
Sharon.....	O. Barret, Supply
Deanville, Pierceville, Stony- Brook and Portland,	} L Whitney and J. H. Knapp, { supply
Beaver Dam.....		J. A. Murray
Portage.....	R. Pate, supply
Camp Douglas.....	J. P. Shattuck

PLATTVILLE DISTRICT—D. M. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

Plattville and Martinville.....	E. Z. Thwing
Cuba City and New Diggings	J. Thaxter

NORTHWEST DIST.—D. M. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

Emerald.....	I. Emerton.
Menomonee.....	To be supplied
Cranberry, Lenna and Bear Creek.....	To be supplied
Eau Claire and Osseo.....	To be supplied
Hudson.....	To be supplied

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications are deeply impressed with the importance of giving a more extensive circulation to our Denominational publications, the *Free Methodist*, *Earnest Christian*, *Pearl and Lily*. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to a renewed effort to obtain new subscribers to the *Earnest Christian* and *Free Methodist*, and to introduce the *Pearl and Lily* into all our Sabbath-schools. And to help us in obtaining new subscribers to the *Free Methodist*, we humbly request our beloved Editors to write out and publish each week, a good, soul-stirring "Editorial," that will encourage the hearts of our members to a renewed effort in obtaining renewals and new subscribers to the *Free Methodist*. We likewise request the corresponding Editors to assist the Editor, by writing for the columns of the *Free Methodist*.

II.—ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

Amount raised,\$14.75

III. ON RAISING MONEY FOR SUPERINTENDENT.

Collection at Conference\$27.81

" at Whitewater camp-meeting for Bro. Hart.... 20.00

Total..... \$47.81

STATISTICS OF THE WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS.	PASTORS.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Money raised for Sunday School purposes.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts.	Missionary Money.	Value of Church Property.
Deanville, Pierceville, Stony Brook, Portland.	F. W. Arndt	40	7	47	2	2	76	45	\$186 56	\$93 37	\$3 75	..	..
Whitewater	J. W. Cain	43	5	48	1	1	..	..	172 80	45 43	..	..	\$3500
Plattville and Martinville	E. Z. Thwing	30	3	33	1	2	8	40	425 00	93 50	..	..	1000
Cuba City and New Diggings	L. Whitney	26	2	28	1	1	3	20	130 00	31 41	..	..	1200
Beaver Dam	J. A. Murray	14	..	14	1	1	7	40	202 00	39 02	1 75	..	800
Portage	J. F. Shattuck	27	19	46	..	1	5	15	238 85	40 50	..	..	1000
Sharon	Jas. Thaxter	9	1	10	..	..	..	..	148 25	25 82	..	..	1200
Menomonee and Bear Creek	I. Emerton	28	..	28	..	..	..	..	83 57	6 46	..	..	..
Eau Clair and Osseo	..	18	1	19	1	2	5	30	8 35	17 64	..	..	..
Emerald and Hundson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 80	..	..	..
Totals	..	243	98	341	6	10	94	190	\$1595 38	\$424 95	\$5 50	\$87 00	..

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
CLINTONVILLE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 3-8 1877.

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OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS
Secretary—J. G. TERRILL. *Assistant*—W. W. KELLEY.
Missionary Treasurer—E. A. Kimball.

Trustees of the Benevolent Association—D. P. Baker,
D. Reynolds, M. V. Clute, E. A. Kimball, J. G.
Terrill, O. P. Rogers

Members of the Executive Committee—J. G. Terrill, O. P.
Rogers.

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COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship—The President, W. W. Kelley, M
V. Clute, E. A. Kimball.
On Missions—The Stationing Committee.
On Claims— “ “ “
On Sunday-Schools—J. G. Terrill, W. W. Kelley, O. P
Rogers.
On Education—W. W. Kelley, D. P. Baker, E. C. Best,
M. S. M. West, J. L. Ward.
On Temperance—T. B. Arnold, M. V. Clute, M. L.
Voorheis, David Sinclair, Wm. Harding.

- On Secret Societies—W. E. Coquette, W. F. Manley,
D. P. Baker, D. Reynolds, James Partrick.
- On Publishing the minutes—The Secretaries.
- On Collecting funds for minutes—A. F. Ferris, E. C. Best.
- On Examiners in the Course of Study—D. P. Baker,
M. V. Clute, D. Fear.

EXAMINERS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Preliminary Course—D. P. Baker, N. E. Parks.

First year—M. V. Clute, T. B. Arnold

Second year—C. W. Frink, J. E. Whiting.

Third year—W. W. Kelley, W. F. Manley.

Fourth year—J. G. Terrill O. P. Crawford.

To secure reduction of Fare to the next Conference—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,
Judah Mead,
C. W. Frink,
W. W. Kelly,
W. F. Manly,
N. E. Parks,
Ira F. Ward,
C. A. Brandt,
James Kelso,

M. L. Vorheis,
M. C. Collins,
W. B. Walls,
David Fear,
John Wilson,
A. H. Greene,
J. E. Whiting,
D. P. Baker,
A. F. Ferris,

C. S. Spalding,
W. E. Coquette,
J. J. Hales,
C. B. Ebey,
E. C. Best
O. P. Crawford,
T. B. Arnold,
J. Buss,
C. P. Miller,

DELEGATES.

E. A. Kimball,
Morris Parks,
Wm Harding,
D. Reynolds,
O. P. Rogers,

David Sinclair,
J. L. Ward,
M. S. M. West,
Ferry Crowden,
James Partrick

L. C. Ebey,
Henry Lowrey,
John Simmons,
Warren Tyler.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee?

B. T. Roberts, M. V. Clute, D. P. Baker, David Fear,
O. P. Rogers, E. A. Kimball, Wm Harding.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial?

J. G. Templeton, F. W. Kent, E. Haley, F. H. Miller,
O. Lrink.

4. Who remain on trial ?

None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

J. J. Hales, C. B. Ebey, E. C. Best. O. P. Crawford, was re-admitted he having located from the Iowa Conference, at his own request. (See Minutes for 1876.)

6. Who are the Deacons ?

N. E. Parks, J. Wilson, C. P. Miller, Ira F. Ward, J. J. Hales, A. F. Ferris, J. Kelso, C. S. Spalding, W. E. Coquillette ; C. B. Ebey, O. Frink, and J. G. Templeton were ordained this year.

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

Alfred T. Riley.

8. Who have located this year ?

None.

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

Judah Mead, T. B. Arnold, A. H. Greene, W. E. Coquillette.

10. Who have been expelled this year ?

None.

11. Who have withdrawn from the Conference this year ?

Peter Chalmun.

12. Are all the preachers blameless in life ?

Their characters were each examined and passed.

14. What is the number of church members ?

See table of Staastics.

18. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?

See Appointments.

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

At Crystal Lake, Illinois, the time to be determined by the General Superintendents, with the understanding that it be as near the first Wednesday in October as practicable.

STATISTICS OF THE ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Circuits.	Members.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Money raised for Sunday School purposes.	Preachers' Receipts.	Chairman's Receipts.	Missionary Money.	Supernannated Collection.	General Collection.	Supernannated Collection.	Value of Church Property.
Chicago.....	86	31	99	5	3	23	160	\$69 90	\$715 16	\$77 40	\$1 00	\$1 00	.....	.....	\$450
Annua.....	37	6	43	43	2	8	36	25 00	584 81	40 77	8 00	.....	.....	.....	12000
St. Charles.....	84	14	98	8	1	10	60	.....	300 00	59 38	7 25	.....	.....	.....	1800
Clintonville.....	79	3	82	1	1	13	80	30 00	450 00	70 68	12 64	.....	.....	.....	2500
Lodi, etc.....	68	12	80	1	4	21	100	30 50	442 00	34 66	9 20	55	\$7 07	.....	3800
Crystal Lake.....	117	9	126	3	5	22	102	28 72	500 00	79 05	34 61	.....	30 00	.....	6500
Marengo.....	70	9	75	2	1	9	75	20 00	500 00	60 84	6 35	.....	35 00	.....	2500
Belvidere.....	32	1	33	1	1	11	95	36 11	357 98	40 56	4 17	.....	.....	.....	2700
Winnebago.....	51	4	55	1	1	11	95	36 11	400 00	82 98	10 05	5 70	.....	.....	3000
Lena.....	25	9	34	1	1	6	25	21 00	249 15	48 00	.....	.....	7 05	.....	.....
Savanna, etc.....	23	3	23	1	1	6	25	21 00	146 61	23 13	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashton, etc.....	63	20	83	1	2	28	132	.....	435 00	39 37	3 70	3 64	.....	.....	2500
Galva, etc.....	51	5	51	5	2	10	75	9 00	150 00	81 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	3000
Shelfield, etc.....	95	10	105	5	3	28	140	37 00	490 52	91 53	5 57	.....	20 00	.....	500
Jacksonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3500
Whitehall.....	12	2	14	1	1	5	35	.....	102 62	19 73	1 35	.....	.....	.....	1000
Athens, etc.....	35	5	40	1	1	7	35	7 46	209 94	50 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	1100
West Belleville.....	41	6	47	1	1	5	45	13 00	500 00	8 40	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alma, etc.....	26	3	29	1	1	6	39	27 31	110 00	9 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000
Lebanon.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis (Col.).....	845	.....	345	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Bay, etc.....	11	8	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 73	305 00	5 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1858	130	1488	27	33	212	1361	\$488 73	\$6967 16	\$972 56	\$136 74	\$10 89	\$79 12	.....	\$49350

No Report from Calvey and Mount Hope, and St. Peters.

APPOINTMENTS.

FOX RIVER DISTRICT.—M. V. CLUTE, Chairman.

Chicago.....	C. B. Ebey
Aurora.....	J. G. Terrill
St. Charles, Geneva, Red School-house etc.....	W. W. Kelley
Lodi, Burlington and Sycamore.....	W. F. Manly
Elgin and South Elgin.....	A. F. Ferris
Crystal Lake, Algonquin, Carey and Pleasant Valley,	} C. W. Frink and F. H. Miller
Marengo and Union.....		O. P. Crawford
Belvidere.....	A. T. Riley (supply)

T. B. Arnold superannuated, member of Fox River District Q. Conference.

ROCK RIVER DISTRICT.—J. E. WHITING, Chairman.

Winnebago.....	C. P. Miller
Lena and Plum River.....	J. Buss
Ashton.....	N. E. Parks
Grandetour and Amboy.....	J. E. Whiting

GALVA DISTRICT—D. P. BAKER, Chairman.

Galva and Kewanee.....	E. C. Best
Sheffield, Atkinson, New Bedford and Eight-mile Grove,	} F. W. Kent, and J. Sprague (supply)
A. H. Greene, superannuated.	

CENTRAL ILL. DISTRICT—M. V. CLUTE, Chairman.

Jacksonville and Whitehall.....	Orville Frink
Waynesville and Big Grove.....	C. S. Spalding
Athens.....	Fred Haley

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT—M. V. CLUTE Chairman.

West Belleville.....	M. L. Vorheis
Alma, Dutch Hollow and Lebanon.....	J. J. Hales
St. Louis (Morgan st.).....	S. Adams (supply)
“ “ (Mission).....	M. C. Collins
Calvy and Mt. Hope.....	W. B. Walls

The appointment of David Fear left with the President.

Lake Superior and Green Bay mission, J. G. Templeton.

Judah Mead, superannuated.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Conference requested the President to occupy the fifteen minutes previous to adjournment of each sitting, in an address to the preachers, the topic to be selected by himself. Two such addresses were delivered. Their respective subjects were "Consecration to our work," and "Where and how to work."

As the Conference was about to vote for Chairmen the President gave the following decision:

Ques. Has a traveling Chairman the right to hold a quarterly meeting by proxy?

Ans. He has in cases where providential circumstances require it, but not as a rule.

The Conference invited the President to confer with the Chairman of the Central Illinois District and C. S. Spalding in regard to holding a series of meetings in Springfield.

The Conference requested the President to arrange his work for the next summer, so as to attend the camp-meetings within the bounds of this Conference.

At the close of the Sunday morning service, O. Frink, J. G. Templeton and C. B. Ebey were ordained deacons. At the close of the afternoon service, A. F. Riley was ordained Elder.

Rev. E. M. Baxter of the Free Will Baptist Church, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat.

The last quarter was fixed as the time of taking the collection to pay the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference of next year.

REPORTS.

I.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Cash on hand at the last Conference.....	\$40.50
Paid as taxes for the year 1876.....	4.55
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Amount on hand Oct. 3, 1877.....	\$35.95

E. A. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

II.—ON MISSIONS.

That Jacksonville and Whitehall receive \$50; Waynesville and Big Grove \$50; Lena and Plum River \$25; Lake Superior \$25; St. Louis Mission \$50; and recommend that the collection be taken during the First Quarter and be forwarded to E. A. Kimball, Treasurer, Elgin, Ill.

III.—ON COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Received from Lena Circuit.....	\$7.05
“ “ Lodi “	7.07
“ “ Winnebago Circuit.....	5.70
Total.....	\$ 9.82

Which was paid to B. T. Roberts.

IV.—ON J. TRAVIS' LETTER.

The committee to whom was referred the subject and letter presented by Brother J. Travis, having considered the matter, would report that in view of Brother Travis' labors and sacrifices in our ministry, we do at this Conference proceed to raise the sum of \$45, to aid in the discharge of the debt mentioned.

V.—MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from W. W. Kelley, Crystal Lake Circuit.....	\$34.61
“ “ C. B. Ebey, West Belleville.....	30.00
“ “ W. Harding, “	1.10
“ “ R. B. Smith, Aurora.....	8.00
“ “ A. T. Riley, St. Charles.....	7.25
“ “ Clintonville.....	12.64
“ “ M. L. Vorheis, Marengo.....	6.35
“ “ E. C. Best, Belvidere.....	4.17
“ “ C. P. Miller, Winnebago.....	10.05
“ “ W. F. Manly and T. B. Arnold, Lodi.....	9.20
“ “ C. W. Frink, Savanna.....	2.61
“ “ J. E. Whiting Sheffield,	5.57
Total.. ..	\$131.55

Disbursed to claimants as follows:

To C. W. Frink.....	\$37.32
“ Julius Buss.....	37.32
“ J. J. Hales.....	37.32
“ C. S. Spalding.....	18.67
“ Postage and Postal Orders .....	.92—\$131.55

Received at Conference:

From Ashton Circuit.....	\$3.70
“ Marengo “	1.00
“ Chicago “	1.00—\$5.70
Paid C. W. Frink.....	\$1.63
“ J. Buss.	1.63
“ J. J. Hales	1.63
“ C. S. Spalding.....	.81—\$5.70

E. A. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Realizing as we do the power of the press at the present day, and rejoicing in the fact that in the midst of the deluge of literature there are a few periodicals devoted to the cause of God,

We cheerfully recommend the *Free Methodist* as a representative paper, and we would hail with delight a paying issue of the same, free from secular advertisements.

We consider the *Earnest Christian* as the best periodical for the promotion of experimental and practical piety, in the land. Wherefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon our ministry greater zeal and activity in the spreading of these periodicals; and that we also recommend the Sabbath-school papers, the *Pearl* and the *Lily*, published by Brothers Baker and Arnold, which for quality of reading matter, beauty of design, and cheapness, we consider unsurpassed.

VII.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee beg leave to report that they see no reason for changing the testimony which we as a Conference have borne from the beginning of our existence, against these works of darkness, especially Free Masonry.

Its rejection of the name of Jesus Christ, its horrid oaths and death penalty obligations, its profession to save in heaven all its members who live up to its obligations, without respect to their moral or Christian character, representing heaven as the great, Grand Lodge above, the home of all good Free Masons; and God as a Masonic Grand Master, presiding; its adaptation and obligations to shield the guilty and thereby thwart justice, is enough to cause every honest person to reject and oppose Free Masonry: and whereas most secret societies act as feeders to Free Masonry, therefore,

Resolved, That it becomes us as a church to speak out clearly and positively in their condemnation, and seek by every honorable means, to oppose the onward progress of Secrecy.

VIII.—ON EDUCATION.

God created man for his own glory, and so harmonized his physical, mental and spiritual powers as to conduce to the happiness of the creature and the glory of the Creator. Sin has destroyed man's moral nature and broken this harmony. Full and complete education is the harmonious development and cultivation of the whole being for the glory of God. The first commandment, which embraces all others, requires man to love God with all the soul, and mind, and strength. To love God with all the mind, requires the development and growth of the mental powers, as well as their right use. To secure such development is an important design of education. Methods of teaching are rapidly improving, and skillful teachers are more numerous than ever before. Yet it is painfully apparent that mental development has been divorced from spiritual growth. While much attention is paid to intellectual culture, there is but little

effort to lead the heart into the right ways of the Lord. There is but little positive religious influence in most of the schools of the land, while there is much influence and example tending to vanity and strife, instead of holiness and love. We therefore, cannot too strongly urge upon parents the necessity of exercising great care in the selection of a school for their sons and daughters. The association of a large number of youth, away from parental advice and restraint, involves elements of danger which can only be counteracted by a positive religious influence pervading the entire school and infusing itself into all its workings.

Our schools at North Chili, N. Y., and Spring Arbor, Mich., to a great extent meet these requirements, and we urge our people to aid these schools by their patronage and means.

IX.—ON TEMPERANCE.

It is with joy that we witness the rapid progress that temperance reform has made during the three years just passed, and especially during the last year. The blessed work has received an impetus that causes the hearts of good men to rejoice. Multitudes who have been held fast by the chains of strong drink, are now rejoicing in deliverance therefrom. The unprecedented success of the late temperance movement is attributable, as we believe, to the fact that there has been a change in the plan of operations. Instead of depending on secret organizations, and mere legal restraints, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been admitted as a principal factor in the work, and the people have been reached by public meetings and through the press, to such an extent as to create a wholesome public sentiment upon this question.

Beside the joy experienced by knowing that many have been redeemed, it is gratifying to note that the principles underlying the present temperance movement, are those for which we have as a people, long contended. This will be seen by referring to the reports on temperance as recorded in the minutes of former years. This fact should encourage us to greater efforts in aiding what is now popularly called Gospel temperance. Therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to the Gospel temperance work our most hearty co operation and support.

Resolved, That we commend the measures employed, and the zeal exhibited by the Ladies' Christian Temperance Union, in holding special prayer-meetings for the promotion of the work of temperance, and in circulating temperance literature.

Resolved, That we are more than ever convinced that the regenerating grace of God is the drunkards' only hope for permanent reformation.

Resolved, That we commend the action of the friends of temperance in the state of Maine, in moving for a law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and that we favor a like movement in our own state.

Resolved, That we express our unqualified disapproval of the license system, as being in principle wrong, and hence under no circumstances to be encouraged.

Resolved, That while we have no confidence in legislative restriction *alone*, for the suppression of the liquor traffic, it is a potent means of advancing the good work; and it is the duty of every Christian to use his vote whenever practicable, in the election of temperance men to office.

Resolved, That we will, so far as in us lies, banish fermented wine from our communion table.

Resolved, That we discountenance the use as a beverage, of domestic wines, home-brewed beer, fermented cider etc., as preparing the way for grosser forms of intemperance.

X.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

God has given us a revelation of his will. It has been placed in the hands of all. Interests incalculable are depending upon our knowledge of it. And yet how little of it do we know! It is a crying shame of humanity, and of the church, that such a book, by such an Author, treating of interests so great, so dear, should have been in our hands so long with so little consideration. What a mercy that it has not been taken from us! But God be praised, at last the church is waking up and turning her attention to the sacred treasure. The past ten years has witnessed a greater sale, and a more systematic and thorough study of the Word of God than any other period of the world's history. The best talent of the age is now devoted to it. Appliances and opportunities are now afforded to make all who have a mind to work for God, mighty in the Scriptures.

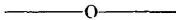
One element of the power of the early Methodist preacher, was his sound and thorough knowledge of the Word of God. One thing that gave the sturdy integrity to the Scotch people, for which they have been noted, was their acquaintance with the Bible. The labors and success of Mr. Moody have demonstrated what power and efficiency may be attained by one denied the privileges of a liberal education, but who will make a good use of the simple Word of God.

Those who constitute the rank and file of our ministry and laity, and those to whom we are sent, are adapted each to each, if they but meet with the open Bible only between them; and there is no reason why we should not gloriously succeed in bringing many to righteousness by it.

But if we want to lay the foundations of our Church deep and strong we must pay more attention to teaching them from a Biblical stand point, and that to the children. It is a lamentable fact that many children of Free Methodist parents are being lost to the Free Methodist Church. Even when converted many of them go to other denominations for their church homes. Is not the reason of this found in the lack of careful, systematic instruction in the Word of God? If our principles are not Scriptural, throw them away, but if they are, teach them to the children.

But what can be done? We can turn our attention in the proper direction. The Sunday-school should be devoted to the study of the Word of God, pre eminently. It should be conducted religiously, of course, but let the public congregation of adults and children together, be the place more particularly for devotion, and the Sunday-school the place for study. Make the want felt by each, and then supply that want. Give to our teachers the appliances and opportunities that can be had to make them efficient. The pastor should have the most thorough knowledge of the weekly lesson of any of his workers. He should meet with them stately to know what they are teaching, and to guide them in their work. Our societies should bear the financial burdens of the work. As a rule this falls upon the workers. At least once a year there should be a general gathering of the workers together, for conference. This could be held in connection with a District Meeting, and thus save time and expense. Let the questions discussed be of a general character, and cover the full range of thought and experience upon them. In short, make the Sunday-school all it can be for God and humanity.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
OF THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD AT
RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO. OCTOBER, 3-6, 1877.



OFFICERS.

President—E. P. HART.

Secretary—W. H. JAMES. *Assistant*—A. BRADFIELD.

Conference Treasurer—D. W. ABRAMS.



Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. Wednesday, October third, by the President who conducted the religious exercises.

The roll of preachers was called and fifteen answered to their names, and seventeen lay delegates presented certificates of election.

W. H. James was elected secretary by ballot, receiving twenty-two out of twenty-three votes cast.

A. Bradfield was elected assistant secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—The President, I. W. Bell.

On Publishing the Minutes—President and Secretaries.

On Collecting Funds for Minutes—J. Cripps, E. H. Taylor.

- On Secret Societies—L. T. Frink, E. Mathews, D. W. Abrams.
- On Temperance—D. W. Abrams, E. Leonardson, G. A. Olmsted.
- On Sunday-Schools—S. Marshall, W. Godden, E. Thomas.
- On Sanctity of the Sabbath—J. A. Wilson, I. W. Bell, E. Basset.
- On Education—E. P. Hart, E. H. Taylor, D. W. Abrams.
- On Missions—The Stationing Committee.
- On the case of A. F. Godwin—D. W. Abrams, I. W. Bell, L. T. Frink.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINERS ON COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR.

- Preliminary Course*—E. Mathews, W. A. Sellew.
- First year—A. Bradfield, J. Lawrence.
- Second year—J. Cripps, T. Riley.
- Third year—L. T. Frink, C. F. Irish.
- Fourth year—I. W. Bell, J. A. Wilson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

PREACHERS.

E. P. Hart,	W. H. James,	E. Leonardson,
J. A. Wilson,	E. Mathews,	William Mabbs,
L. T. Frink,	A. Omens,	S. Marshall,
A. V. Leonardson,	G. A. Olmsted,	George Linn,
W. D. Bishop,	I. W. Bell,	A. Bradfield,
B. R. Jones,	C. F. Irish,	J. Cripps,
Parmenius Vincent,	Thomas Riley,	Jacob Leisenring,
Joseph Lawrence,	Peter Zeller,	W. A. Sellew.

DELEGATES.

D. W. Abrams,	E. Basset,	Franklin Sutton,
E. H. Taylor.	C. Farrington,	Joseph Palmeter,
Joseph Plumb,	Othias Barfell,	A. C. Russell,
Enoch Thomas,	William Godden,	C. W. Pratt,
M. L. Hart,	Maggie Postle,	H. Draper,
William Bainbridge,	Simon Humfeld,	Charles Felt.
John Jeffs,	George English,	C. L. Osgood.

2. Who are the Stationing Committee ?

E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, I. W. Bell, A. V. Leonardson
J. A. Wilson, M. L. Hart, Enoch Thomas, Othias Barfell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial ?

Geo. Thompson, J. Harden, O. Barfell, G. R. Thomp-
kins.

4. Who remain on trial ?

J. Scott, B. Burlington, G. Windust, N. R. Wood, A.
F. Godwin, J. Hayden.

5. Who are admitted into full connection ?

P. Vincent, T. Riley, J. Leisenring, J. Lawrence, P.
Zeller, W. A. Sellew.

6. Who are the Deacons ?

G. Linn, P. Vincent,* T. Riley,* J. Leisenring, J.
Lawrence,* P. Zeller.*

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

A. Bradfield, W. A. Sellew.

8. Who have located this year ?

None.

9. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers ?

A. Omens.

10. Who have been expelled from the Conference this
year.

None.

11. Who have withdrawn ?

None.

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

The character of each was examined and passed.

13. Who have died this year ?

None.

14. What is the number of church members ?

See table of Statistics.

15. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?

See Appointments.

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

It was left with the Chairmen to appoint the place.

* Ordained this year.

Circuit.	Pastors.	Mem.	Prob.	Total.	Loc. P.	S. Sch.	O. & T.	Sch'lars	P'chers Re'pts.	Supt's Coll'n.	Miss'ry Coll'on.	Super'd	Value of Church Prop'y.
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT.	B. R. JONES, Chairman												
Spring Arbor Seminary.....	W. A. Sellev.....	46	7	53	1	1	8	50	\$275 00	\$6 65	16 57	3 75	4000
Spring Arbor.....	A. Omens.....	35	1	36	1	1	5	35	93 72	20 00	1 00	5 46	2000
Jackson, Sandstone, Eckford, etc.....	E. Mathews.....	25	1	26	1	1	5	35	400 00	2 40	1 00	1 50	1000
Napoleon and Kelly Corners.....	L. T. Frank.....	60	1	60	1	1	8	60	359 76	4 00	2 40	2 44	4000
Ransom.....	Wm. Mabbs.....	60	2	62	1	1	10	70	200 00	4 00	2 40	1 50	2000
Ridgeway.....	J. Leisinger.....	73	5	78	1	1	8	80	365 00	95	1 00	5 46	4000
Raisenville.....	G. A. Olmsted.....	83	13	96	1	1	10	100	306 49	1 00	2 40	2 44	2000
Ypsilanti and Sunper.....	P. Vincent.....	48	4	52	2	2	14	42	400 47	3 00	2 40	1 50	2000
Huron.....	A. Bradford.....	68	17	85	2	2	14	42	195 00	3 00	2 40	2 44	2000
Wayne.....	Jasper Hayden.....	80	10	90	2	2	20	100	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.	B. R. Jones												
Coldwater and Sherwood.....	Thomas Riley.....	96	7	103	1	1	7	20	368 20	3 88	.....	3 75	4000
Three Rivers, Sherman, Marcellus.....	J. W. Sharp, B. Burlington.....	33	1	34	1	1	4	20	453 38	2 45	.....	1 50	800
Paw Paw and Lawrence.....	H. Ferguson.....	33	1	34	1	1	4	20	186 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waverly and Johnston.....	W. H. James.....	10	1	11	1	1	.....	.....	112 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Angola.....	P. Zeller.....	13	1	14	1	1	.....	.....	62 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Battle Creek.....	W. H. James.....	58	2	60	1	1	10	40	42 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOLEDO DISTRICT.	I. W. Bell, Chairman												
Delta.....	C. F. Irish.....	37	6	43	1	1	6	30	157 07	4 00	.....	.....	3000
Holland and Otway Lake.....	S. Marshall.....	71	4	75	2	2	10	40	350 00	1 80	2 40	2 40	3000
Amboy, Fairfield and Dover.....	Geo. Thompson.....	58	2	60	1	1	6	30	869 00	5 32	2 40	2 40	2900
CLEVELAND DISTRICT.	Geo. Linn												
Ida and Petersburg.....	I. W. Bell, Chairman.....	58	11	69	3	3	7	59	249 43	3 30	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	Jos. Lawrence.....	30	3	33	1	1	7	30	234 53	4 00	.....	.....	4500
Unionville and Ridgeway.....	W. R. Woods.....	41	16	57	3	3	7	60	400 00	4 25	.....	.....	1400
Mansfield and Howard.....	E. Leonardson.....	235	36	271	4	4	4	290	170 00	90	1 16	1 90	1700
Summerville.....	J. Clipp, J. Scott.....	43	19	62	2	2	12	60	300 00	3 00	8 61	5 54	4525
NORTHERN IND. DISTRICT.	A. V. Leonardson, Chm.												
Attica.....	A. V. Leonardson.....	54	1	55	1	1	4	30	714 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Wayne and Columbus City.....	A. F. Goodwin.....	30	1	31	1	1	12	60	192 00	.....	.....	.....	2700
Mishawaka	Geo. Windust												
SOUTHERN IND. DISTRICT.	J. A. Wilson, Chairman												
Evanville.....	J. A. Wilson.....	30	1	31	1	1	7	30	210 00	.....	1 00	.....	4200
Totals.....	J. A. Wilson	1370	136	1506	31	30	180	1191	\$562 25	\$69 79	16 57	\$39 89	\$47425

APPOINTMENTS.

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—B. R. JONES, Chairman.
 Spring Arbor, Concord and Sandstone..... L. T. Frink
 Jackson..... J. Lawrence
 Napoleon..... To be supplied
 Ransom..... George Linn
 Ridgeway and Blissfield..... Thomas Riley
 Raisenville..... P. Vincent
 Ypsilanti, Sumpter and Cady..... Jasper Hayden
 Woodstock..... To be supplied

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT—B. R. JONES, Chairman.
 Three Rivers and Sherman..... Peter Zeller
 Cold Water, Sherwood, Battle } G. Windust and G. R. Tompkins
 Creek and Eckford, }
 Paw Paw, Waverly and Marcellus..... W. H. James
 Mishawakee and Bankerville..... B. Burlington
 Reading and Angola..... Wm. Mabbs

TOLEDO DISTRICT—I. W. BELL, Chairman.
 Delta..... S. Marshall
 Holland and Ottawa Lake..... G. H. Tompson
 Ida and Otter Creek..... J. Leisenring
 Fairfield and Dover..... A. F. Godwin
 Mill Grove..... To be supplied
 Huron and Wayne..... A. Bradfield

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—I. W. BELL, Chairman,
 Cleveland..... C. F. Irish
 Ridgeville..... James Scott
 Orange..... To be supplied
 Unionville..... To be supplied

SOUTH EASTERN OHIO DIST.—J. CRIPPS, Chairman.
 Summerfield..... J. Cripps, (one to be supplied)
 Howard and Pleasant Grove..... E. Leonardson
 Windsor..... To be supplied

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—J. A. WILSON, Chairman.
 Evansville and Fort Branch..... N. R. Woods
 Bloomfield..... J. W. Vickery(supply)

CINCINNATI DISTRICT—J. A. WILSON, Chairman.
 Cincinnati..... J. A. Wilson
 Cochran and Lawrenceburg..... To be supplied

NORTHERN IND. DIST.—A. V. LEONARDSON, Chairman.

Attica.....A. V. Leonardson
 Fort Wayne and Blue River.....O. Barfell
 Sugar Grove.....John Harden
 Indian Point.....To be supplied

G. A. Olmsted, W. A. Sellew, and E. Mathews to be appointed by the President.

A. Omens, superannuated ; member of Spring Arbor Quarterly Conference.

W. D. Bishop, missionary to California.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was moved and carried that the Elders remain while their characters were being passed unless a vote was necessary to determine their relation.

J. W. Sharp was transferred to the Minnesota and N. Iowa Conference.

Dr. R. B. Taylor of Summerfield, Local Preacher of the F. M. Church, and Rev. Mr. Crogan, of Ridgeville, of Congregational Church, were invited to an honorary seat.

It was ordered to publish the minutes in connection with the other Conferences.

D. W. Abrams was appointed Conference Treasurer, to whom all conference collections are to be sent for Superintendent, Missionary, and Superannuated Preachers, which collections shall be distributed by him according to vote of Conference.

D. W. Abrams and E. P. Hart were constituted a committee to prepare a plan of Missionary operations and raising funds for same and report at this Conference if possible.

It was ordered that the Superannuated Collection be taken up the first quarter ; the Missionary collection, the third quarter ; and the Superintendent's, the fourth quarter.

E. Mathews and W. A. Sellew were appointed dele-

gates to represent this conference in the convention of the National Christian Association opposed to secret societies, held at Dayton O., Oct., 23-25, 1877.

H. Ferguson was recommended to the notice of the Chairman for appointment.

W. D. Bishop was continued as missionary to Seaman's Bethel, San Francisco, Cal.

The Chairmen of Districts were made a missionary committee to see that the money is raised the coming year according to the provisions of the Discipline.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Ridgeville for their kindness in entertaining the Conference.

It was ordered that the place for holding the next Conference be left with a committee composed of the Chairmen of the Districts, and they be required to report through *The Free Methodist*, three months before the next Annual Conference. The time for holding the next Conference was fixed on the third Wednesday in September, or as near that time as may suit the plans of the General Superintendents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SPRING ARBOR SEMINARY.

Our present indebtedness amounts to.....\$1,900
Our assets, subscriptions and lots amount to.....\$2,000

But we are paying interest on what we owe, which is slowly but surely eating up our assets.

We most earnestly appeal to all who have subscribed, and to all interested, to help us at once to wipe out our indebtedness, and enable us to set about putting up a new building, which is very much needed. For the present the school is in the hands of Brother Clark Jones.

E. P. HART, Treas.
J. W. BELL, Sec.

II.—ON FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.

J. Cripps, E. Taylor..... \$16. 15

III.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Whereas the evil of secretism is acknowledged by all live Christians, and by some who are not much alive, therefore,

Resolved, That our preachers be requested to inform themselves, by procuring Ronayne's Hand-book, which is unimpeachable; and as far as surroundings demand, and God directs, to cry out against this sin, and spare not, though threatened by starvation and violence.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Conference elect one or more members of its body to represent them in the approaching convention of The National Association, to be held at Dayton, Ohio.

IV.—ON TEMPERANCE.

The especial work of God's Church is human reformation. Everything that effects for good or evil the souls or bodies of men, legitimately commands the attention of Christianity. Hence the Church of God is the great temperance society, and all proposed plans for the prevention of the evils of intemperance are real successes or failures in proportion as they are in harmony with, or opposed to God's revealed Word. Wisdom teaches us that if we would destroy an evil we must go to the fountain-head.

Great temperance revivals and prohibitory laws fail because they do not reach the existing cause, which is the depraved appetite of fallen humanity.

Divine power, through the consent of the will, can and does effect a radical cure. This is the foundation stone on which we may, without fear of failure, erect our temperance work.

The little fountains, or exciting causes of intemperance, are hid away in almost all the homes of our land. Rich foods and stimulating drinks such as strong tea and coffee. Narcotics, as, the use of tobacco; certain drugs and medicines taken for diseases, are frightful sources of intemperance as well as other evils, in vitiating the appetites of unborn generations. When the fathers that beget and the mothers that bear the children of our land learn and practice the simple and plain laws of life, with which they may all so easily acquaint themselves, so that the coming generation shall not be born with morbid appetites, predisposed to whiskey, tobacco, and opium, the temperance question will be half solved for the next generation. Among the other domestic sources of intemperance are cider and wine drinking, and eating food seasoned with cider or intoxicating drinks; dime novels and New York weeklies, and every other home practice that creates morbid conditions of mind or body. "Be temperate in all things" saith the Word, *but it includes no sin*. We ask the sincere attention of the Church to the above thoughts. We will gladly join in every temperance movement that does not compromise right. We could not commend the Red Ribbon movement of Michigan as a whole, as it proposes to cure one evil by substituting another; namely, all manner of games and Sabbath entertainments for its converts.

The Word says, "Touch not the unclean thing."

The Murphy movement, at first so unobjectionable that its author would hardly let a collection be taken, for fear some poor drunkard might thereby be discouraged, if we are correctly in-

formed, has so changed that its author will not hold a meeting now, without his two hundred dollars. And the wretched man, whom he proposes to save, must pay his half dollar for the privilege. This we must condemn. We deem it the duty of every Christian man and woman relying on God's power in answer to the prayer of faith, to be rigidly temperate themselves, to rear their children in total abstinence, and to do everything they can in private and public, to banish the curse of intemperance from our race.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Believing that there is a great lack of interest on our part as a people, respecting Sabbath schools, and the religious instruction of children; and whereas there is a great degree of slackness on the part of our preachers to observe and perform their duty in this great work, as it is required of them in Chap. III, Sec. 14 of our Discipline Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we will observe more closely, and perform more faithfully our duty in that direction.

2d. *Resolved*, That as a people we will aid in this great work by our labors, by our influence, and by our means.

3d. *Resolved*, That we will use and circulate in our Sabbath-schools, and beyond so far as we can, the papers published at the *Free Methodist* office, namely, the *Pearl* and *Lily*.

VI.—ON SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Inasmuch as the command to remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy, forms a part of the moral law which is binding on men of every age down to the close of time, and whereas the holy Sabbath is shamefully desecrated by a large class of men doing business in the great cities in these United States; and whereas Sabbath desecration is not regarded as a sin of sufficient magnitude to exclude the guilty party from the pale of some orthodox churches, therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That all our preachers are hereby requested to preach on the subject of Sabbath desecration at all their regular appointments.

2d. *Resolved*, That we kindly yet faithfully admonish all the members of our Zion to carefully avoid doing any unnecessary business, or performing any unnecessary labor upon the Lord's Day.

3d. *Resolved*, That the practice of either making or receiving social visits on the Lord's Day, is a violation of the Fourth Commandment, and that persons guilty of the practice should not, under any circumstances, be allowed to hold membership in the Free Methodist Church.

VII.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We believe that education is in a great measure conducive to the future prosperity of the Church, and the salvation of souls. Also that the usefulness and prosperity of our children depend largely upon the mental discipline which they receive in youth. Therefore, if

we would have our children become useful in the highest sense of the word, let us give to them the benefit (as far as is within our reach) of a good education.

In looking at the state of morals in nearly all the Colleges, Universities and Seminaries of the land, we realize it to be extremely dangerous to send our children to these places to educate them, and since the Common School system does not meet the demand, it is necessary that a place be established and sustained where this want can be met. To meet this we recommend Chili and Spring Arbor Seminaries, which through God, have been raised up not only for the education of the youth, but also for their salvation. Great efforts have been put forth by our General Superintendents and others, to bring these schools up to a high moral and intellectual tone, and we are thankful that their efforts have been attended with much success. Yet there still remains a great work to be done in the way of sustaining these schools, if we are desirous of having schools where our children can secure an education under *Salvation* influence.

We must put forth every effort to build up these Seminaries, and especially Spring Arbor, since it is within the boundaries of this Conference, and looks to us in a great measure for assistance. The incumbrances which now embarrass the school should by special effort be removed, and the school placed upon a solid basis.

VIII.—ON MISSIONS.

The committee report ;
 Money on hand.....\$15.57
 Balance necessary to meet the appropriations for the past
 year.....\$45.43

We recommend that a collection be taken to-morrow to meet this deficiency.

We recommend further, that the Conference Treasurer be instructed to report to the next Annual session the amount of Missionary Collections taken during the year.

IX.—ON THE CASE OF A. F. GODWIN.

The committee in the case of A. F. Godwin report: We believe that Brother Godwin will remove all difficulties connected with his indebtedness, and recommend that he be continued.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we express our entire satisfaction with the report of the trustees of Spring Arbor Seminary, and the ministers of the Conference are instructed to act as agents in collecting the funds pledged for the payment of the debts thereon.

Whereas the present practice in the financial department of our Church is a source of great embarrassment to both preachers and members, and detrimental to the cause of God among us, therefore,

Resolved, That preachers of the different circuits and members of our Church be urged and required to carry the spirit and letter of our Discipline into immediate practice.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS ADDRESSES.

YEAR OF ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1864,	W. D. Bishop,	San Francisco,		Cal.
1870,	J. W. Bell,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	Mich.
1873,	A. Bradfield,	Waltz,	Wayne,	"
1873,	J. Cripps,	Summerfield,	Noble,	Ohio.
1865,	L. T. Frink,	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	Mich.
1860,	E. P. Hart,	"	"	"
1870,	C. F. Irish,	Cleveland, Bridge,	cor. Taylor st.	Ohio.
1868,	B. R. Jones,	Jackson,	Jackson,	Mich.
1868,	W. H. James,	Paw Paw,	Van Buren,	"
1867,	A. V. Leonardson,	Attica,	Fountain,	Ind.
1870,	E. Leonardson,	Howard,	Knox,	Ohio.
1873,	George Linn,	Ransom,	Hillsdale,	Mich.
1873,	Jacob Leisenring,	Ida,	Monroe,	"
1875,	J. Lawrence,	Jackson,	Jackson,	"
1868,	E. Mathews,	" (box 773)	"	"
1871,	William Mabbs,	Ransom,	Hillsdale,	"
1871,	S. Marshall,	Delta,	Fulton,	Ohio.
1869,	A. Omens	Spring Arbor,	Jackson,	Mich.
1875,	Thomas Riley,	Ridgeway,	Lenawee,	"
1875,	W. A. Sellew,	Dunkirk,		N. Y.
1875,	P. Vincent.	Oakville,	Monroe,	Mich.
1867,	J. A. Wilson,	Aurora,		Ind.
1875,	P. Zeller,	Nottawa,	St. Joe.,	Mich.
ADMITTED ON TRIAL.				
1876,	B. Burlington,	Rolling Prairie,	Laport,	Ind.
1877,	Othias Barfell,	Fort Wayne,		"
1875,	A. F. Godwin,	Jasper,	Lenawee,	Mich.
1876,	Jasper Hayden,	Ypsilanti,	Washtenaw	"
1877,	John Harden,	Paxton,	Ford,	Ill.
1876,	James Scott,	Ridgeville,	Lorraine,	Ohio.
1877,	George Thompson,	Holland,	Lemas,	"
1877,	G. W. Tompkins,	Battle Creek,	Calhoun,	Mich.
1872,	George Windust,	Coldwater,	Branch,	"
1876,	N. R. Woods,	Evansville, 1321	Walnut st.	Ind.