

Minutes of Zanesville Conference 1863

Fifteenth Session

[Margin: Opening Services; Sermon by the President]

The fifteenth Session of the Zanesville Conference of the Wesleyan M Connection was held at East Orange, Delaware Co., Ohio. Commencing Aug. 26th 10 A.M. 1863. And was opened with an appropriate and interesting sermon by the President. Rev. B. Tressenrider, founded upon 2 Cor. 5:14. After which the Lor's Supper was administered.

The President anounced [sic] a meeting of the Conference at 2 P.M. and pronounced the benediction.

2 Oclock P.M. Conference met according to the call of the President, and opened with reading, singing & prayer by Prof. McEldowney of Adrian College Mich.

The Secretary, Rev. Evans Thompson being absent. Wm H. Brewster was chosen secretary protem [sic].

The names of Ministerial members of the Conference were read and the certificates of Lay Delegates received and their names recorded.

[Margin: Roll of Confer.]

Ministers Present

A.N. Hamlin	G. B. Smith
A. W.Saunders	A. R. Brooks
A. Crooks	J. A. Nettleton
William Sewell	Earl D. Fink
Richard Horton	S. Nickerson
L. R. Royce	
G. W. Bainum	
B. Tressenrider	
D. L. Travis	
W. H. Brewster	

<u>Names of Delegates –</u>	<u>Stations or Circuits</u>
James Christian	Cleveland
C. H. Parmenter}	
Andrew Hicks}	{Mt Vernon
Israel Row	Huntington
Wesley Norick	Washing
G. S. Harrison	Bennington
James Guy	Delaware
Thomas Evans	Licking
John W. Thompson	Deersville
Eleazer Thompson}	
H. D. Hardy}	{Senecaville
Edward Turnbull	Middleport
Thomas Furguson	Hocking
Ira Schmock	Blenden

George Steffy
W. R. Johnson

Plymouth
Meiys Mission

Conference fixed by vote the bar of the Conference – The President then announced the following –

Committees

On religious Services

Wm. Sewell
A. N. Hamlin
G. S. Harrison

On Missions

A. Crooks
James Christian
D. L. Travis

On the State of the Nation

W. H. Brewster
D. L. Travis
M. D. Hardy

On Education

G. W. Bainum
G. S. Harrison

Reforms

G. W. Bainum
Eleazer Thompson
A. N. Hamlin

Statistics

G. W. Bainum
Wm Sewell
W. H. Brewster

S. Schools

Thomas Evans
A. W. Saunders

On Obituaries

A. Crooks
Edward Turnbull
Wm Sewell

On Book Concern

R. Horton
L. R. Royce
C. H. Parmenter

Conference voted to meet at 8 and adjourn 11 ½ A.M.

Bro Prindle laid before the Conference the Condition of the Book Concern.

[Margin: Action on the first question]

Took the first question in the Discipline, when on motion of Bro. Bainum it was voted that when the name of a brother is called he shall rise and give his statisticle [sic] report – and lay the same upon the Secretaries table.

The following names called and character passed – Wm. Smith, A. N. Hamlin, S. D. Jones, A Crooks.

Adjourned

W. H. Brewster

Sec.

[Margin: Com on Pas. Rela.]

August 27th 8 A.M. Conference met and was led in religious services by Bros Crooks & Hodges.

Minutes of the previous session were approved. Conference proceeded to elect the Committee on Pastoral relations A. Crooks R. Horton L. R. Royce Edward Turnbull G. S. Harrison James Christian were chosen.

Resumed the examination of character Passed the character of A. W. Saunders Wm. Sewell Evans Thompson Richard Horton.

[Margin: Adrian College]

At this point the business before the Conference was suspended to listen to a statement of the Condition and wants of Adrian College from Prof. McEldowney – The statement elicited much interest and the Conference voted to make the affairs of the College the order of the day at 2 O'clock P.M.

[Margin: A letter & Collection for Bro. Crane]

Bro. A. N. Hamlin, referred [sic] feelingly to the affliction of Bro. Crane of Mich. Whereupon his motion, it was voted that the Secretary write Bro. Crane a brief letter of Condolance [sic] and that the Conference proceed to take a collection for his benefit and send the same by the hand of Bro. McEldowney. A Collection was taken amounting to \$25.

Examination of character resumed. Aproved [sic] – L. R. Royce G. W. Bainum B. Tressenrider D. L. Travis J. H. Webster

The name of James McPeak was called and while his case was under consideration the hour expired and Conference adjourned to two O'clock P.M.

W. H. Brewster Sec.

Thursday Aug 27th 2 P.M.

Conference met. Religious services conducted by Bro. D. L. Travis.

The order of the day was postponed and case of Bro. McPeak taken up. And referred [sic] to Committee Consisting of A. Crooks, A. W. Saunders D. L. Travis.

G. W. Bainum called up the ordre of the day – and offered as ch. Of the Committee on Education a series of resolutions.

Their adoption being moved speeches were mad [sic] by several Brotrhen & much interest elicited and subscriptions to a considerable [insert: amount] taken by Prof. McEldowney.

Adjourned to 8 A.M. Friday

W. H. Brewster, Sec

Report on Education

[insert: Report Lost]

Friday 8 A.M. Conference met and was opened with religious services conducted by the President of Conference and Bro. Colburn.

Bro. W. H. Brewster reported on the "State of the Nation" and S. Schools – both reports adopted.

Bro. G. W. Bainum was appointed assistant Sec. with reference to preparing certificates for the members and copying [sic] the report on "The State of the Nation" in order to its publication in the Cincinnati Gazette, Cleveland Leader & N. Y. Tribune.

[Note: The following address was pasted into this page]

Report of the State of the Nation, adopted by the Zanesville Conference of Wesleyan Methodist Connection, Held at East Orange, Delaware County, Ohio, August 26th 1863.

When our Conference met one year ago, a heavy cloud of gloom hung over the nation. Our army, under McClellan, had been obliged to retire from before Richmond. Pope had been repulsed, and both army and nation were dispirited.

The policy of the Administration in regard to the slavery question and the employment of colored troops, if settled, was not known.

Today we meet under brighter and brightening skies. The cloud is lifted! – Lee has been repulsed and his prestige broken.

Vicksburg and Port Hudson have surrendered, and the Mississippi is open to the Gulf. Charleston is soon to have the flag of the Union waving over it. Union has triumphed in Kentucky, and emancipation in Missouri and Tennessee.

The Proclamation of the President has emancipated hundreds of thousands for ever. Colored soldiers are being employed, equipped and protected the same as white men.

This altered state of public sentiment, and these sacrifices of our arms, call upon us gratefully to acknowledge the good of God.

Resolved, That as a Conference we do now offer up our united thanks to Almighty God for the successes that have crowned the army of the Union, and for the triumph of just and righteous principles, over those long dominant in the nation and the Government.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise [sic] with the bereaved of our State, and we tender to the members of this Conference who have been called to lay their sons upon the altar of their country, of freedom and humanity – our sympathies and our prayers.

Resolved, That at this moment, when foul treason lifts its bold front, led by such men as Wood and Seymour of New York, Vallandigham and his satellites in Ohio, and puts forth its most pestilent doctrines through such organs as the World. No sacrifice in the past, or suffering in the future, shall deter us from standing by the Administration and upholding the Government.

Resolved, That evidence is accumulating to show that the enemies of the Union in the North, are the friends of Slavery – the enemies of Democratic institutions, of popular education, of the christian [sic] religion – and if the Government triumphs all these are preserved, if it fall all these suffer -- most of them perish, and despotism, barbarism and slavery are spread over this beautiful land.

Resolved, In the name of God, the Universal Father, of Christ, the Redeemer of all men – of liberty and humanity, we solemnly vow to stand by these institutions, and if they perish – we perish in their defense.

Resolved, That when one of the political parties of the State has the audacity to nominate for the office of Governor, a “tried and convicted traitor,” and ask the people of Ohio to ratify that nomination; while, on the other hand we have a thoroughly loyal man, of fine business capacities, presented – neither as patriots or christians [sic] can we doubt or hesitate for which to cast our votes.

W. H. BREWSTER}

D. L. TRAVIS}

M. D. HARDY} {Committee

REPORT ON S. SCHOOLS

Your committee has deemed it proper to deviate from the usual routine of reports upon this subject, and discuss somewhat, the object of S. Schools and the means by which it may be realized.

It cannot be needful for us, at this day, to argue the importance of S. Schools, nor attempt to show that a school will not sustain itself, nor thrive if the proper ones to foster it neglect it, if the church leave it to the irreligious, to the young people of the congregation, or if the minister be indifferent to its claims.

A school may thrive where is no minister, provided there are a few earnest, intelligent christians [sic], but no school can survive the cold indifferences of the pastor.

OBJECT OF THE S. SCHOOL – A Sunday-school should be to the children and youth connected with it, a means of grace, it should bring gospel truth and provisions to their comprehensions and personal attention. And a more hopeful field of labor is no where to be found than the one that invites the toil of the S. S. Teacher.

So far, therefore, as possible, all who teach should possess the following qualifications. 1. They should be intelligent bible students. 2. They should love the bible as the word of God and able to save the souls of those who receive it. -- 3. They should have an experience of 'od's grace, and love, and long for the salvation of their scholars.

4. And finally, they should be “apt to teach” and regard their work as calling for the best powers and most careful study.

Where such cannot be found in sufficient numbers, let the classes be larger till the proper persons to take care of classes can be found.

Much labor in these schools is lost, by aiming too low, by making it a secondary and subordinate work.

To teach a S. S. class *well*, requires much study and prayer, and in no field are they better rewarded.

It is quite possible to keep up a kind of interest, where there is none in the lessons, an interest wholly irreligious.

Such schools may do some good, they may keep the children from some thing worse, but they do not accomplish what they might and ought, they fail of the real object of such schools.

HOW THE OBJECT IS TO BE REACHED. – In addition to what has been said as to the choice of the teachers to be employed we add further.

1. Byall means, all kind and christian [sic] means, bring the school into order, tolerate nothing disorderly. Nothing good can be learned till this is attained. A disorderly school of any kind is a curse.

When the moment comes for opening the school, (which should be at a precise time,) see that all are in their place, and if any are tardy, make it the subject of a private suggestion, or public remark, or both.

Let the school be opened with some degree of formality. Of course singing should form one feature of the opening exercises, and we have found it well to read the lesson to be recited, the Superintendent reading one verse, and the school in concert, reading the next and so on to the end.

Before prayer, which follows the reading of the lesson, take time to have all the books closed and put aside, and some posture proper for devotion, either kneeling, or bowing the head upon the hand, assumed by the whole school, let the prayer be brief and simple, and always close by repeating in concert, teachers and scholars joining, the Lord's prayer.

Aim to secure perfect lessons, and whether question books are used or not, let the lessons be brief, from 6 to 10 verses, and these should be memorized, the object being to bring the mind into direct contact with the word of God.

Bear in mind, that, while it is desirable to secure as large attendance as possible, both because more children are thus reached, and because numbers will give interest, the *value* does not depend upon the numbers that attend. A small school well conducted, where profitable instruction is afforded the children, is much more desirable than a large ill-conducted school, where the interest is anything but religious interest, where no deep abiding impressions are made upon youthful minds.

May a holy ambition seize us all.—May our young members strive earnestly to excel in this noble work, where all who “reap receive wages, and gather fruit unto life eternal.” And may the breath of the spirit be upon all our schools throughout the conference.

W. H. Brewster

Thomas Evans.

S. W. Launder.

The Committee on the case of Bro McPeak reported through Bro. Crooks which report was adopted as follows.

Report on the Case of J. McPeak.

Your Committee to whom was refered [sic] the case of James McPeak having had the same under advisement, agree to ~~report~~ recomend [sic] that a letter be addressed to this Bro – signed by the President & Sec. of the Conference, informing him that, as heretofore – so now – the Conference is deeply grieved with his entire faliar [sic] to take steps, towards satisfying the claims against him, held by Bros. Warner and Hill – the former for a horse, the latter for a buggy – that there has been a like negligence manifest in relation to a claim held against him by our Book ~~Cone~~ Agent – and that, in view of these, and kindred facts alike inconsistent with a reputable Christian

and Ministerial character standing, he is requested to discontinue his connection with this Conference.

A. Crooks}

A. W. Sanders} {Com

D. L. Travis}

Resumed the examination of Character and passed the following. N. H. Brewster
G. C. Hicks, J. G. Bartlett Wm. McConnell G. B. Smith John Bell A. R. Brooks

The name of D. W. Sumner being called, he having died during the year an obituary notice of him was read by Bro Crooks which was adopted.

The Conference then united in religious services led by Bro. Bainum.

The Committee on Pastoral relations was instructed to consider the claims of Middleport Ct.—and if the proper man can be found – to appoint one in addition to Bro. Tressenrider and made an appropriation from the Miss. Treasury.

The Conference passed the character of Bros. Thomas F. Hicks S. Nickerson & A. C. Tuttle who was voted a transfer to the Indiana Conference.

The Case of Bro. E. D. Fink was referred [sic] to a Committee composed of Bros. J Christian E. Trumbull E. Thompson – Bros. S. N. Disbrow & S. E. Colburn being recommended for orders were referred [sic] to the Committee on Orders.

The name of each Bro. on Trial and the unstationed list was called & character passed.

The Committee on Pastoral relations was constituted a Committee on boundaries.

Adjourned to two oclock. P.M.

Friday 2 P.M. Conference met and was led in religious services by Rev. Wm Hanby of the United Brethren.

Voted to hold the next session of Conference at Mount Vernon the last Wednesday of Aug. 18th at 10 A.M.

Brother Horton submitted [sic] a report on the Book Concern which was adopted.

The Committee on the Case of Bro Fink reported that his character ought to pass. Adopted.

Brother Crooks reported on Missions – adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS – Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Missions, having had the same under consideration, asks leave to submit the following as its report.

The Zanesville Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, would embrace, as opportune, this occasion of its annual assemblage, to provoke itself to love and good works in the cause of Missions.

Whether considering the object of her mission, the expenditure and efforts needful for its accomplishment, or the principles by which she is actuated, the calling and destiny of the Christian Church are unrivalled in dignity and moral grandeur. She is

made the almoner of heaven's munificence to the nations. To her has been committed the high office and sacred trust of conveying the bread and water of life to earth's famishing missions; her unqualified commission being in these words, "Go into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature." Mark xvi. 15. She is the authorized human agency for the prosecution and completion of human salvation. Her work is not simply to edify herself in love; but also, by a self-extending system of intense and reverberated action, to embody into one invincible phalanx, "the sacramental host of God's elect." Thus, she is both evangelical and evangelistic; and evangelical only so long as she is evangelistic, and apostolic only in so far as she is cultivated apostolicity.

It is scarcely to be esteemed as matter of marvel, that for the inauguration of a work so morally grand, even he that was rich should consent to become poor, or that the great Apostle to the Gentiles, should count not his life dear unto him, if he might but perform with fidelity that part of the blessed work, to him assigned. But it is just cause for deep humiliation and sorrow, that so many professing to take Christ and his Apostles as their models, will yet roll in splendor, living in wanton ostentation. – Extend plans of business commensurate with the increase of capital, so as to be always straitened in the midst of gains, lay up for themselves treasures on earth, and amass wealth for heirs, only to paralyze their enterprise, corrupt their morals, and insure their ruin the meanwhile, giving to the world's salvation only the crumbs which fall from their tables! Think of the thousands in lives, and millions in money, now being expended for the suppression of the "slave holders rebellion," and maintenance of rightful human authority, and then of the meager contributions in money and effort for the suppression of the great rebellion against divine authority and rule! Are not the children of this world, in their generation, still wiser than the children of light?

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Is it not to be feared, that as ministers of the gospel, we are greatly at fault, in that we have failed to encourage in our people a spirit of enlarged christian [sic] liberality? Should we not teach more and more, that Christ is "worthy to receive riches," Rev, v. 12, that we are to serve God with our substance, and make to ourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness by contributing "according as God has prospered," to the universal spread of the gospel, that duty and opportunity are always correspondent, so that the Providence which, during the few years last past, has opened such an effectual door for the preaching of the word in Indian and China, and Africa, and Turkey, and Italy and France, and Austria, and the "Islands of the Sea," (in which we greatly rejoice); and the ample resources and facilities possessed by the church for giving the free, unadulterated and unabridged gospel to the nations, are the distinct speakings [sic] of the Master to his people, "*that they go forward*," and teach further, that bountiful contributions to this treasury, are dictated alike by the highest order of economics and an enlightened Christian Charity, for the reasons, --1. That non-evangelistic churches suffer not only in spirituality, but in their very organism, will assuredly so far lapse into superannuation as that even grass-hopper burdens will be intolerable; and 2. Because the nations are so isolated in common interest, that "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it," so that in this respect, "whatsoever a man soweth, that

also shall he reap *even in kind*, thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting."

In the midst of the peril and suffering now experienced by our beloved country, we rejoice in the confident hope that the Supreme Disposer of events will so cause "the wrath of man to praise him" as that the states now in rebellion, together with all the hitherto slave states, shall shortly become accessible to the missionaries of that gospel which "proclaims liberty to the captive and the opening of prisons to those who are bound," and should this hope ripen to realization, we will hold ourselves in readiness for the opportunity.

But we need not in any spirit of procrastination, say, "There are yet four months and the cometh the harvest," nor need we bestow all our contributions upon foreign mission fields, seeing we have *home* fields in the form of feeble churches.

And now, that we have a connectional Missionary Society, and that christianity [sic] is eminently practical and diffusive, as impelled by every motive of obligation and enlightened christian [sic] sympathy, as christians [sic] and christian [sic] ministers, we pledge ourselves to engage in the holy cause of missions in the spirit and baptism of a new consecration, that we will endeavor to form church, sabbath school, and neighborhood missionary societies, these to be auxiliary to the conference society, and this in turn, to be auxiliary to the connectional society, and by all the means at our command, labor for the world's evangelization.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Crooks

Jas. Christian

D. L. Travis

Zanesville Conference REPORT OF MISSIONARY TREASURY

In treasury at the rise of the Conference in 1862: -- \$35.09.

Contributed during the year --	
Cleveland Station	13.47
W. H. Brewster	5.00
Washington Circuit,	36.70
Bennington Charge	21.00
G. W. Bainum,	5.00
Delaware Circuit,	22.75
Licking	25.92
Senecaville	32.00
Plymouth	10.00
Blendon Charge	3.25
Hocking Mission	6.00
G. B. Smith	5.00
Mrs. Julian	1.00
Bro. & Sister Wm. McCollough	2.00
S. Colburn	1.00
S. N. Disbrow,	1.00

Daniel Smith,	1.00
Wm Harris,	1.00
Aggregating	\$227.18
Paid out to James Spear,	\$17.00
Mount Vernon Station	75.00
A. R. Brooks	25.00
E. D. Fink	30.00
Aggregating	147.00

\$227.18-\$147.00 = \$80.18

Conference voted to donate to the Connectional Missionary Society, \$20.00

Now in the hands of the treasurer: \$60.00

A. Crooks, *Treas.*

REPORT UPON THE BOOK CONCERN

Your committee would respectfully report, that, they are highly impressed with the great interests connected with the W. M. Book Concern, inasmuch as we are peculiarly situated as a denomination; appointed of God, (as we believe,) to perform a particular work, in trying times. Therefore we would tender our congratulations to our editor and agent, and return thanks to God for the successes which have attended the whole enterprise from the beginning to the ending, in the purchase of the house and the Lot – the press and engine; with all the fixtures necessary to produce and reproduce the Wesleyan; and such works as the life of Scott – Lee's Theology and Brewsters compilation of hymns – books suited to our wants as a denomination and adapted to the nature of our work, no where else to be found. The first, to encourage us by example, the second, to direct us by its light, and strengthen us by it [sic] divinity, and the third to give wings to our prayers, and language to our tunes, when the numbers of the christian [sic] poet are thrown upon musical strains. Therefore resolved, that the whole enterprise is entitled to ceaseless sympathy and material aid.

R. Horton.

L. R. Royce.

C. H. Parmenter.



Zanesville Conference Reports MEMOIR OF DANIEL WEBSTER SUMNER

Brother Daniel Webster Sumner was born in Liverpool, Medina county, Ohio, May 30, 1833. In childhood he was blessed with pious parents who were baptists [sic]. When about 17 years of age, he sought an interest in the Savior, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the age of 22 he received a license to preach the gospel, and in this relation served the church for two years. This was in the State of Michigan. The 27th of Oc. 1856, he was united in holy wedlock with Matilda White, who is now left to sorrow in widowhood. In 1858 he terminated his connection with the M. E.

and united with the W. M. Church. Removing to the vicinity of Cleveland, O., the Autumn of 1860, he presented his letter to the church in that city, and was received into its fellowship. In 1861, he united with this Conference on trial, and accepted an appointment to labor on the Delaware Circuit. The year following, (1862,) he took upon him the vows and obligations of an elder in the church of God, and was received to full membership in the Conference. As was meet, this event made a deep and solemn impression upon our brother's mind. He proceeded to his appointed field, Middleport Circuit, in the spirit of fervent prayer and full consecration. The year opened with most encouraging prospects. The members of his charge gathered around him as brethren and sisters loving and faithful. His congregations were large and deeply solemn. The Sabbath school was unwontedly full.—And sixty-five names were added to their list of subscribers to the American Wesleyan. But alas, how illusive are hopes based upon human life. Bro. Sumner was taken ill of Typhoid Fever and Pneumonia. The assault upon the life forces was fierce and continued through four weeks; most of which time he was bereft of reason. But during lucid intervals, his soul was often exultant. He would frequently repeat, and endeavor to sing, and get others to sing, "Jesus, lover of my soul," &c. Indeed it would appear that the Master had been preparing our brother for his approaching change; as the Saturday night immediately previous to his mortal illness was almost wholly spent in prayer for the blessing of perfect love. His greatest earthly concern was for his family, or whom he frequently spoke with manifest solicitude. His only charge to his wife concerning their children, was, "that she would bring them to heaven." The 6th of Feb. 1863, the spirit of our brother took its eager flight from the theater of fierce moral conflict, to mansions of "glory, immortality, and eternal life." His form, once so active, vigorous, and stately, but now cold and lifeless, was interred in a new cemetery on an elevation overlooking the scene of his last labors and suffering. His parishioners have generously contributed to mark with marble the spot where his ashes rest. He leaves a widow and two little children to mourn his loss.

Bro. Sumner was possessed of fine natural, and fair educational abilities, and with life prolonged, and continued faithfulness, promised to be one of the most useful members of the conference.

One year ago, had this conference fixed upon a member, as the one most likely to survive all the others, Bro. Sumner would have been selected. He has been the first to receive the final summons. In his brief stay with us and unexpected demise, we are most impressively admonished to be also ready, "for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when we think not;" and that, "in life, we are in the midst of death." We will be admonished. And while we address ourselves anew to a life-work, and as a conference submit with christian [sic] resignation to our bereavement, we will bestow upon the stricken widow and her fatherless children the continued tokens of our christian [sic] sympathy.

A. Crooks.

E. Turnbull.

W. Sewell.

By vote the appropriations Missionary funds to the Committee on Pastoral relations.

Bro. B. Tressenrider was chosen President of the Conference & Bro. Evans Thompson Secretary.

Bro. A. Cooks was chosen Missionary Treasury [sic]
Adjourned
W. H. Brewster,
Secretary.

Satur. 29th 8 A.M. Conference met and was led in religious services by Bro. A. R. Brooks.

Bro. Bainum submitted [sic] a report on statistics [sic] which was adopted.

The Committee on orders made [sic] their Bros. S. N. Disbro [sic] & S. E. Colburn had both been examined. A motion was made to elect Br S. N. Disbro [sic] Lost

Bro. S. E. Colburn was elected Elder [sic]

The Conference resolved itself into an electoral College – Constituting the Officers of the Conference the officers of that body, and proceeded to elect delegates to the next Gen. Con.

On the first ballot [sic] Bros. Crooks, Bainum & Brewster were elected Ministerial delegates.

On the second balloting Bros. G. S. Harrison G. McFarland & Edward Runnels were elected Lay delegates.

The electoral College adjourned.

W. H. Brewster

Sec.

The Conference was immediately [sic] called to order, when on motion it adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

W. H. Brewster

Sec.

Saturday 2. P.M. Conference met and was led in religious services by Bro. Saunders.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous session the Conference resolved itself an electoral College for the purpose of electing reserve delegates to General Conference.

A. N. Hamlin. Wm. Sewell. & R. Horton were elected ministerial reserves.

J. Christian. M. D. Hardy. & Eleazer Thompson from the Laymen.

The Conference voted to instruct the delegates to propose to change the name of Zanesville to the Central Ohio. Conference.

And they were also instructed to bring the form of a statistic [sic] table before that body.

Adjourned.

W. H. Brewster Secretary.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the electoral College the Conference was called to order.

The Conference voted that each preacher take a collection, the first quarter of the year and send the amount to Bro. Crooks – to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference.

The delegates were instructed to use their influence to have so much of the Gen. Rules as relates to a term of probation in our churches stricken out.

The Committee on Reforms asked to be excused. Request granted.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations reported. Amended and adopted.

Report on Pastoral Relations. – Cleveland, A. Crooks; Strongsville Ct., G. G. Hicks; Norwalk to be supplied; Huntington, G. B. Smith; Washington, Wm. Sewell; Mt. Vernon, D. L. Travis; Bennington, G. W. Bainum; Delaware Ct. James A Nettleton, A. . Hamlin; Licking, L. R. Royce; Deersville, Evans Thompson; Senecaville, R. Horton; Plymouth, J. G. Bartlett; Middleport, B. Tressenrider, S. E. Colburn; Hocking, Miss., A. R. Brooks; Wm. Smith, Meigsville, Miss; S. Nickerson.

Wm. H. Brewster was invited to travel as Conference Evangelist, provided he can arrange to do so.

Reserve List – A. W. Saunders, Jas. Bell, Wm. McConnell, S. D. Joes, J. H. Webster, Thos. F. Hicks, E. D. Fink, David Brooks.

On Trial. – David Brooks, S. N. Disbrow.

Transferred. – James Spear to the Allegany [sic] Conference, and A. C. Tuttle, to the Indiana.

Deceased. – D. W. Sumner.

I did not find the name of Bro. Hamlin in report; supposing an omission I have placed in connection with Bro. Nettleton's, Delaware Ct. though I understood he was to have the special care of Blendon which was attached to that circuit. I may be mistaken but he and Bro. Nettleton understood it.

~~Officers of Conference: B. Tressenrider, Middleport, Ohio; Evans Thompson, Deersville, Ohio.~~

W. H. Brewster,

Sec'y. of Conference.

Upon motion of Bro. Hamlin the Conference voted to appropriate as much money to the Meigs Mission as they will themselves raise for the support of Bro. S. Nickerson, appointed to that field.

Bros. Daniel Brooks & S. N. Disbro were continued on trial.

Bro. Brewster was directed to select and purpose for publication so much of the minutes as he shall deem proper.

[Margin: Com on Presiding]

Bros R. Horton L R. Royce Wm Sewell & G. B. Smith were appointed a Committee on the Presidency

The President was directed to appoint at his leisure the Chairman of all the important committees.

A vote of thanks to the people for our entertainment during the session was passed. The Conference rising.

The minutes were read and the Conference adjourned sine die.

W. H. Brewster Secretary

Statistics for the year 1863

[Note: Per each year, this report spans more than one page. It will be represented in three pages for this transcription.]

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CHARGES	Number of Members	Additions by Profession	Additions by Letter.	Removals by Letter	Removals without Letter.	Deaths	Dismissions and Excisions	Number Baptized.	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Raised as Salary
Cleveland	96	5	5	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	564.00
Huntington	75			2		2					315.00
Washington	195	15	2	4	2	2	0	1	1	1	312.00
Norwalk	50										
Mt. Vernon	48	10	2	0	0	1	0	2	4	1	109.00
Bennington	113	8	8	0	0	1	5	8	1	0	400.00
Licking	106	6	3	3	6	0	12	1	2	1	306.47
Delaware	110	2	2	4	0	0	7	2	1	1	200.00
Deersville	95	3							3	1	
Senecaville	280	40		6	3	7	8	21	4	1	315.12
Plymouth	86	8		1	7	0	1	1	2	2	135.89
Blendon	35	12	2	4	4	1	3				40.00
Hocking Miss.	56	4					1	3		2	125.00
Middleport	56	4	2			5		11	1	6	343.42
Strongsville	93										126.89
Total	1505	78	26	22	22	22	37	50	15	17	3,357.89

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CHARGES	For other purposes for worship	Missionary collections	For Sabbath Schools	For Educational and other purposes	Number of Sabbath Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Number of Juvenile Instructors Taken
Cleveland	150.00	13.47	19.51	20.00	2	3	16	130	70
Huntington			14.50		1	1	10	50	20
Washington	50.00	36.70	18.75	15.00	3	4	26	156	75
Norwalk									
Mt. Vernon	86.00	5.00	4.75	81.13	1	1	5	24	30
Bennington	38.00	21.00	25.00	30.00	1	1	12	120	00
Licking		26.12	10.00	80.00	2	2	9	60	40
Delaware	40.00	20.75	3	80.00	3	3	20	132	80
Deersville		21.75	1.50		150			150	
Senecaville	50.00	31.75			2			110	
Plymouth	10.00		3.00	10.25	2	3	11	84	
Blendon	Xxx	3.20	8.00	16.60	1	1	10	25	25
Hocking Miss.					1	2	6	33	
Middleport	35.00		7.25	37.60	1	4	24	200	200
Strongsville			65.00						
Total	9,329.00	211.75	176.76 1.50 178.26	217.88	21	25	147	1,284	540

[Note: Some of these numbers were overwritten by other numbers, so the data are inconsistent.]

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CHARGES	Volumes in library	Copies of American Wesleyan Taken	Number sermons preached	Prayer meetings held by pastor	Class meetings	Pastoral visits made	Other Labors of the Pastor	Number of Church Edifices and probable value	Parsonages and probable value
Cleveland	175	32						1-5000.00	
Huntington	134	14							
Washington	447		150	100	50			3-1400.00	1
Norwalk									
Mt. Vernon	75	17	120	100	50	233		1-1000.00	
Bennington	300	15	150					2-2500.00	
Licking		26	125					3-1500.00	
Delaware	465	32	114		76	344		3-2650.00	1-700.00
Deersville								3-1000.00	
Senecaville			150		80			5-2250.00	
Plymouth	390	15	104	125	137	59		2-600.00	
Blendon	100		60			65			
Hocking Miss.	99	6						2-300.00	
Middleport	800	55	110	250	125			3-1030.00	
Strongsville									
Total	2,635	217	1075	575	438	901		28-20,300.00	