

Lee M. Haines

1893

## ROLL OF MEMBERS

OF THE INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 1892-93.

### ELDERS,

C. A. Bilheimer,	W. M. Lacy,
A. L. Blake,	W. L. Fall,
J. W. Brown,	W. G. Moon,
L. H. Carter,	W. L. Northam,
R. Carter,	G. Reber,
R. L. Carter,	G. B. Rodgers,
B. L. Couch,	W. J. Seekins,
J. J. Coleman,	L. Shatford,
S. Gettig,	C. S. Smith,
D. F. Gordon,	J. B. Shadle,
E. Guthrie,	Wm. Talbert,
J. Hester,	E. Teter,
B. H. Hines,	L. Tice,
R. Jeffries,	A. Worth,
W. H. Kennedy,	G. W. Zike,
	T. P. Baker.

### UNSTATIONED ELDERS,

W. Bartholomew,	M. Moore,
H. Beber,	J. Matheny.

### SUPERANNUATE,

C. F. Wiggins.

### LICENTIATES,

O. J. Baker,	G. H. Babcock,
	J. Zeller,



## DELEGATES,

B. Armstrong,  
J. P. Baker,  
W. B. Ballenger,  
Tilda Beyler,  
Moses Beyler,  
J. Biliter,  
D. S. Clinger,  
S. Clear,  
Jno. W. Cox,  
O. Davis,  
G. W. Felton,  
M. Horn,  
C. W. Hurt,  
S. A. Mow,  
L. W. McClure,  
J. Overmire,

A. Oswald,  
P. H. Piatt,  
F. Roberts,  
J. K. Rodeman,  
J. Roberts,  
C. Remington,  
E. Rallaham,  
E. Ross,  
M. Shambaugh,  
D. Simon,  
J. Smothers,  
N. Sylvester,  
C. Smith,  
I. Unger,  
A. F. Worth,  
J. W. Zike.



# JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, AUG. 29.

## MORNING SESSION.

At the call of the President, Rev. E. Teter, the Indiana Annual Conference convened for its forty-fifth session, at Lewis Creek, Shelby Co., Indiana, Aug. 29, at 8 A. M., 1893.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by A. Worth, W. M. Lacy and B. S. Laughlin.

The roll was called and supplementary minutes were read and approved.

A scripture lesson, touching upon the necessity of unity of action in the work of God, and in the business of the Conference, was read by the President.

Conference elected a Committee on Credentials, consisting of the following persons: J. W. Brown, A. Worth and B. H. Hines.

Conference decided the first three rows of seats around the church to be the bar of Conference.

G. Reber, J. J. Coleman and J. L. Sullivan were elected a Committee on Religious Services.

A motion was made setting the hour of 9 o'clock tomorrow morning as the time to elect Conference officers; an amendment was offered to elect Conference Evange-



lists and Missionary Evangelist at the same time if expedient. Amendment adopted.

Motion as amended adopted.

Rev. L. J. Harrington, of Wasioja Seminary, was introduced to Conference; also Rev. J. C. Crooks, of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Both were voted seats within the bar.

The Committee on Religious Services reported as follows: The time for opening Conference 8 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.; closing, 10:20 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.; preaching the Word at 10:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.

The Committee to Fill Vacancies was elected as follows: W. M. Lacy, L. H. Carter, L. Shatford, J. K. Rodeman and W. D. Shore.

It was decided to hear the report of Conference Trustees, who are also the Missionary Board, Thursday, at 2:30 P. M.

Rev. B. S. Laughlin, of the Lockport Conference, and Agent of Houghton Seminary, was introduced to the Conference and voted a seat within the bar.

The hour of 1:30 P. M. on Wednesday was given to Rev. B. S. Laughlin, to present the interests of Houghton Seminary; the hour following the election of officers, to Rev. L. J. Harrington to present the interests of Wasioja Seminary. Rev. W. H. Kennedy, General Missionary Superintendent, was given the hour of 3 P. M. Friday. Immediately following religious services Friday was given to Rev. A. W. Hall, Connectional Agent, to give his report.

Committee on Credentials made their report. (See Conference Roll.)

A petition from the Pleasant Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, of Paulding Co., O., was presented for ad-



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mission to the Conference. Referred to Stationing Committee.

A Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected as follows: W. M. Lacy, C. S. Smith, J. J. Coleman, J. K. Rodeman, I. Unger and J. L. Sullivan.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by J. J. Coleman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions led by G. W. Zike.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

A resolution was passed making the trustees honorary members of the Conference, and that said resolution remain in force until repealed.

On motion Conference took up the examination of character.

The names of the following brethren were called and their characters passed: C. A. Bilheimer, J. W. Brown, L. H. Carter, R. Carter, J. J. Coleman, D. F. Gordon, E. Guthrie, B. H. Hines, W. H. Kennedy, W. M. Lacy, W. J. Seekins, L. Shatford, E. Teter, L. Tice and A. Worth.

The names of S. Gettig, J. R. Shadle and Wm. Talbert were called and characters passed and their names ordered passed to the unstationed list.

The Conference decided that Licentiates, traveling under the direction of the Conference, shall be given a certificate showing such relations to the Conference.

The names of T. P. Baker and O. J. Baker, of the Licentiates traveling under the direction of the Conference, were called and continued in traveling relations to the Conference.



The names of W. Bartholomew, H. Beber, M. Moore, J. Matheny, of the unstationed list, were called and their characters passed.

Conference decided that the character of no minister shall pass except by vote of Conference, where they fail to comply with the disciplinary provisions of taking collections for superannuated ministers, and this law shall be in force until revoked.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by W. H. Kennedy.

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## SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30, 1893.

### MORNING SESSION.

Religious services led by B. L. Couch.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Elders' Orders made a partial report, recommending Brother T. P. Baker as a suitable person to be ordained an Elder in the church of God.

Report adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Certificates recommending the following persons as suitable to travel under the direction of Conference, were received and referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders: F. Roberts, T. J. Pearce, D. S. Clinger, I. N. Ulery, I. O. Lemon, Estella McClure and Belle Staton.

Robert Jeffreis, Jr., was recommended by Fairmount circuit as a suitable person for ordination. Referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders.

Rev. R. L. Carter, having come to us as an Elder from the Friends' Church, was presented to this body to be received as such, and to be ordained in our form within the period of three years, beginning Sept. 1, 1892.



By motion he was thus received.

Order of the day was called for and taken up, the election of Conference officers.

Conference ordered the Secretary to cast a ballot for the Conference for Elder E. Teter for President.

President appointed T. B. Baker and A. F. Worth as tellers.

E. Teter was declared elected.

The President was ordered to cast a ballot for W. J. Seekins, for the Conference, for Secretary.

W. J. Seekins was declared elected.

Conference next proceeded to elect two Conference Trustees in the place of Aaron Worth and William H. Kennedy.

Result of first ballot, no election.

Second ballot resulted in no election.

Result of third ballot :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	51
Necessary to choice,	-	-	26
Aaron Worth received,	-	-	27
J. W. Brown       “	-	-	24

Aaron Worth was declared elected.

Result of first ballot for other Trustee :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	51
Necessary to choice,	-	-	26
William J. Seekins received,	-	-	27
John W. Brown,       “	-	-	24

William J. Seekins was declared elected.

Inasmuch as the time of Brother Harrington had been largely consumed by the election of officers, Conference, with the consent of Brother Laughlin, gave him the hour of 2:30 P. M., formerly given to Brother Laughlin, and



the hour immediately following the report of the Women's Missionary Board was given Brother Laughlin.

Conference by vote decided to elect two Conference Evangelists.

Motioned and carried to extend time of adjournment until the Evangelists were elected.

Result of ballots for Conference Evangelists :

#### FIRST BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	51
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	26
A. Worth received,	-	-	29
J. Hester        "	-	-	3
E. Teter         "	-	-	13
G. W. Zike       "	-	-	1
Geo. Reber       "	-	-	3
J. W. Brown      "	-	-	1
W. J. Seekins    "	-	-	1

A. Worth was declared elected.

#### SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	50
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	26
E. Teter received,	-	-	42
G. W. Zike received,	-	-	3
G. Reber         "	-	-	4
J. W. Brown      "	-	-	1

E. Teter was declared elected.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by T. P. Baker.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by F. Roberts.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.



J. W. Brown presented his report as Conference Agent. Report referred to the Conference Trustees.

Rev. A. Worth resigned as Conference Evangelist. Resignation accepted by the Conference.

Conference ordered the vacancy thus caused to be filled.

Conference decided to combine the office of Missionary Agent and Evangelist.

Election of Conference Missionary Agent and Evangelist was deferred for the order of the day.

The order of the day arriving to hear Rev. A. L. Harrington, he addressed the Conference in the interests of Wasioja Seminary. Subscription and cash amounting to \$29.29 was raised.

Conference again deferred the election of Missionary Agent and Evangelist.

Conference decided to have the Minutes of the Conference printed, and T. P. Baker was appointed a Committee to raise funds for the same.

Conference resumed the examination of character. The names of R. L. Carter, B. L. Couch, G. W. Zike, C. S. Smith, of the stationed list, were called and characters passed.

G. H. Babcock and J. Zeller, of the Licentiates, presented their reports and continued in traveling relations to the Conference.

Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Benediction by A. Worth.

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### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, AUG. 31, 1893.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Owing to previous religious services, the regular opening devotions were omitted.



Roll called and minutes read and approved.

Conference ordered the election of Missionary Agent and Evangelist.

Elders C. G. Buck and wife of the New York Conference were introduced to the Conference and, by motion, were made honorary members of this body and voted a seat within the bar.

The following is the result of election for Missionary Agent and Conference Evangelist :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	52
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	27
J. W. Brown, received,	-	-	37
G. W. Zike,	"	-	12
G. Reber,	"	-	3

J. W. Brown was declared elected.

By motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by G. W. Zike.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions conducted by Sister M. Worth.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The hour of 9 A. M. to-morrow was given to the Women's Missionary Board to make their report.

Conference decided to elect a Missionary Evangelist, and the Secretary was empowered to cast the vote of the Conference for Rev. J. Hester.

J. Hester was declared elected.

The Missionary Evangelist was ordered to not only hold meeting, but to stay until the work begun is established for God and Wesleyanism, and that he select fields in which to labor, contiguous to our already established churches.



The Conference Missionary Evangelist is to be paid for services rendered not to exceed \$400 a year.

The Secretary was ordered to furnish the Missionary Evangelist a certificate of his election and where he was to labor.

The hour immediately following devotional exercises to-morrow morning was given to the Board of Trustees to make their report.

Conference decided to fix place and time of holding next Conference.

Victor church, of the Strawtown charge, was chosen as the place, and the first Tuesday after the fourth Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1894, 8 A. M., as the time.

Geo. Reber was chosen to preach the opening sermon the previous evening.

The hour to hear Brother Laughlin arriving, he addressed the Conference in the interests of Houghton Seminary. Subscription and cash amounting to \$62.90 was raised.

Conference resumed the examination of character.

The names of R. Jeffries, J. Hester, W. L. Fall, were called and characters passed.

Conference adjourned by motion.

Benediction by G. H. Babcock.

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#### FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 1893.

##### MORNING SESSION.

Religious services were led by I. O. Baker.

Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up—the report of the Conference Board of Trustees. The report was made by



the Secretary of the Board, E. Teter, and adopted item by item. (See Report No. I.)

The Conference authorized the Board of Trustees to make an appropriation of \$15 to J. Zeller, \$25 to R. A. Carter and \$50 to the Parent Board for foreign work.

A motion was offered authorizing the Board of Trustees to make appropriations where, in their judgment, it was needed. Adopted.

Conference ordered a reconsideration of the action thus empowering the trustees.

The original motion was amended, authorizing the Board of Trustees to aid the Crums Point, Pleasant Grove of Ohio, and Marion circuits, if in their judgment it was necessary, in a sum not exceeding \$40.

The original motion as amended was adopted.

Conference further granted the Board of Trustees the power to make appropriations to all other circuits in the Conference, where in their judgment it was needed, not to exceed the sum of \$40.

The Board of Trustees was ordered to pay the sum of \$250 toward building a new church at Bryant, if needed, according to disciplinary provisions and requirements.

A collection amounting to \$5.44 was raised to defray expenses of the Secretary in his work.

By motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by A. Worth.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions conducted by W. L. Northam.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Women's Missionary Board, auxiliary to the Con-



ference Board, made its report through the Secretary, Sister Mattie Worth.

Report adopted. (See Report of Conference Trustees.)

Conference resumed the examination of character. The name of Rev. A. L. Blake was called and character was passed.

The President made a ruling that no minister can abandon any point on his circuit and turn the same over to some one else.

The Committee on Elders' Orders made its report. Report adopted. (See Report No. II.)

In the case of G. H. Babcock he was requested to present to this body a copy of the official documents showing his relation as an Elder in the Christian Church, and his papers of recommendation from the President of the Dakota Conference.

The order of the day was taken up. Rev. A. W. Hall, our Connectional Agent, addressed the Conference in the interests of his work; also presented a plan for the support of superannuated ministers.

A Committee was appointed to confer with Brother Hall upon the feasibility of his plan to raise finances; also the plan for a superannuated ministers' fund. The following were elected as such Committee: E. Teter, W. J. Seekins, W. M. Lacy.

The General Missionary Superintendent, Rev. W. H. Kennedy, addressed the Conference in the interests of Missionary work.

An extension of time was granted until the completion of his work.

Subscription and cash amounting to \$491 was raised.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by B. H. Hines.



## FIFTH DAY, SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, 1893.

## MORNING SESSION.

Devotions led by Estella McClure.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The vacancy in the Committee on Elders' Orders was filled by electing W. J. Seekins.

The Committee on Statistics made its report. Report adopted. (See Report No. III.)

Conference instructed the class leaders of our several churches to include in their quarterly report the membership of their respective classes, and that the Evangelists remind all our pastors at their last quarterly meeting of the necessity of having complete statistics ready for Conference.

The Committee appointed to confer with Brother Hall as to the feasibility of his financial and superannuated fund plans, reported favorably.

Conference decided to act in harmony with the plans if feasible, when presented in detail.

The names of R. Jeffries, J. B. Shadle, G. B. Rodgers, were passed to the unstationed list.

Conference ordered all our pastors to impress upon all our churches the importance of the application of systematic business principles in the finances of the church.

The Committee on Reports made their report through its secretary, T. P. Baker. Adopted. (See Report No. IV.)

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Geo. Reber.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious services conducted by I. N. Ulery.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.



Mr. H. S. Bonsib, of Vincennes, the State Organizer of the Prohibition party, was introduced to the Conference.

The report on the state of the country and prohibition was given to the *Indiana Phalanx* for publication.

A resolution on Prohibition was presented and adopted. (See Resolution No. I.)

The Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the resolution to the WESLEYAN METHODIST, the *Indiana Phalanx* and the *New York Voice*.

It was decided to hold a camp-meeting within the bounds of the Conference during the year. The Evangelists and T. P. Baker were appointed a Camp-meeting Committee.

The Board of Trustees were instructed to purchase church property where in their discretion it is needed.

J. W. Brown was added to the Committee to raise funds for the printing of the Minutes.

Conference decided to purchase a seal for its use.

The pastors were ordered to raise a collection upon their respective charges to defray the expenses of printing the Minutes the coming year.

W. M. Lacy was appointed a Committee to draft a resolution expressive of our appreciation to the people of Lewis Creek and vicinity, for their kindness and generous hospitality in entertaining the Conference. (See Resolution No. II.)

Conference extended time of adjournment until business was completed.

The pastor of Fairview charge was ordered to take care of Shiloh church, Grant Co.



Report on Pastoral Relations read and adopted. (See Report No. VI.)

The regular disciplinary questions were asked and answered. (See Report No. V.)

On motion Conference adjourned to meet, D. V., at Victor church, Strawtown charge, 8 A. M., Aug. 28, 1894.

Benediction by E. Teter.



# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## NO. I.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE INDIANA YEARLY CONFERENCE.

Received from old board,	-	-	-	\$356 45
Received from Women's Home and Foreign Mis-				
sionary Society,	-	-	-	5 00
Received from E. Teter,	-	-	-	1 00
" " Westfield circuit,	-	-	-	6 50
" " Strawtown "	-	-	-	31 65
" " Pleasant Grove circuit,	-	-	-	19 80
" " Greensboro church,	-	-	-	6 25
" " Hamlet Mission,	-	-	-	11 00
" " Plymouth circuit,	-	-	-	26 48
" " Albion "	-	-	-	57 05
" " Larwill "	-	-	-	7 00
" " Liberty "	-	-	-	21 02
" " Newcastle and B. R. circuit,	-	-	-	51 50
" " Bryant circuit,	-	-	-	9 50
" " Boxley "	-	-	-	89 80
" " Fairmount circuit,	-	-	-	53 75
" " Fairview "	-	-	-	15 50
" " Lewis Creek "	-	-	-	42 25
" " Mt. Etna "	-	-	-	26 25
" " Salimony "	-	-	-	17 60
" " Sheridan "	-	-	-	15 00
" " Thorntown "	-	-	-	7 90
" " Delong church,	-	-	-	4 00
" " Fountain City church,	-	-	-	14 25
" " J. W. Brown, Miss. Agent,	-	-	-	148 35



Received by public collections taken by J. W.

Brown,	-	-	-	-	\$74 47
Received by collection taken by W. G. Moon,					31 78
Collection for small tent but given to the mission- ary cause,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	<u>\$1,161 10</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. W. Brown,	-	-	-	-	\$320 00
" W. G. Moon,	-	-	-	-	343 38
" L. L. Folger,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Total disbursements,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$688 38</u>
Balance in treasury,	-	-	-	-	472 72

E. TETER, Sec'y of Board.

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SUPERANNUATED FUND.

Received from W. M. Lacy,	-	-	-	\$1 25
" " Larwill circuit,	-	-	-	2 00
Collection by J. W. Brown,	-	-	-	4 75
Given by J. W. Brown,	-	-	-	1 00
" " B. L. Couch,	-	-	-	50
Total receipts,	-	-	-	<u>\$9 50</u>

## CHURCH FUND BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Balance due from Ligonier property,	-	\$500 00
From sale of Economy church,	-	250 00
Personal note given by J. M. Fenstermaker,		303 65
Total,	-	<u>\$1,053 65</u>



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## CHURCH FUND CASH.

Received from M. Miller,	-	-	-	\$65 00
" " G. Reber,	-	-	-	2 00
" " J. W. Brown, Agent,	-	-	-	140 00
" " J. M. Cummins,	-	-	-	1 00
" " J. W. Brown,	-	-	-	1 00
" " Thos. Baker,	-	-	-	3 00
" " J. J. Coleman,	-	-	-	50
" " J. C. Sears,	-	-	-	1 00
Total receipts,	-	-	-	\$213 50

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. W. Brown, as Agent,	-	-	-	\$40 00
Balance on hand,	-	-	-	173 50

E. TETER, Sec'y of Board.

## REPORT OF WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD, AUXILIARY TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD.

Number of members at close of year,	-	\$246
Number of honorary members at close of year,	-	69
Amount received on membership dues during the year,	- - - -	\$190 36
No. of children's bands,	- - - -	8
Number of members in children's bands,	-	70
Amount received from children's bands,	-	37 85
Value of work done for needy during the year,	-	38 09
Amount earned by society during the year for benevolent or charitable purposes,	- -	172 00
Amount paid out for this purpose,	- -	170 25



Amount of Homemoney sent to Conference Auxiliary Board,	-	-	-	-	\$ 99 66
Amount of Foreign money sent,	-	-	-	-	170 24
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Total receipts during the year,	-	-	-	-	\$269 90
Balance of Home money from last year in treasury,	-	-	-	-	49 02
Total funds on hand from all sources,	-	-	-	-	318 92

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Out of Home money,	-	-	-	-	\$ 26 75
Paid to Gen'l Miss. Supt. to be held in trust for the Women's Board,	-	-	-	-	165 03
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Total disbursements,	-	-	-	-	\$191 78
Amount of Home money on hand,	-	-	-	-	121 93
" " Foreign " " " " " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	5 21
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Total on hand,	-	-	-	-	\$127 14
Amount held in trust for the Society by the Parent Board prior to this year,	-	-	-	-	216 00
Amount paid over to the Parent Board to be held in trust for the Society this year,	-	-	-	-	165 03
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Total in Parent Board,	-	-	-	-	\$381 03

MATTIE WORTH, Sec'y.

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NO. II.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' ORDERS.

We recommend T. P. Baker as a suitable person to be ordained an Elder in the church of God. In the case of G. H. Babcock, whom we supposed to be a licentiate from



the Dakota Conference, we find he has been an Elder in the Christian church. We therefore refer him as such to this Conference for your disposition. Brethren O. J. Baker, E. H. Kennedy, J. Zeller, H. L. Hawkins, M. Higgins, R. Jeffries, Jr., I. O. Lemmon, I. N. Ulery, D. S. Klinger, T. J. Pierce, F. Roberts, J. R. Gettis, and Sisters Mattie Worth, Estella McClure and Belle McClure have passed creditable examinations and are recommended as competent persons to travel under Conference directions and to continue in the course of study, following the books from which they have been passed.

We also recommend that two Institutes be held during the year.

J. J. COLEMAN, Sec'y.



# NO. III.—STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS.	Pastors' Labors.		Membership.								Periodicals.					Sabbath Schools.			Church Property.									
	Time.	Appointments.	Churches.	Received.	Expelled.	Discontinued.	Died.	Removed.	Letters.	Withdrawn.	Present Nos.	Baptized.	Unst <sup>d</sup> and Eld's.	Licentiates.	Wesleyans.	Banners.	Good Words.	Early Seekers.	Temperance.	Sab'th Schools.	Superintend'ts.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Meeting Houses.	Value of.	Parsonages.	Value of.	
Albion.....	12	3	3	3	..	..	1	..	6	..	117	3	..	..	29	50	50	50	15	2	2	12	90	3	4000	1	1000	
Amboy.....	6	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..	
Bryant.....	12	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	40	..	..	..	14	40	40	40	40	2	2	13	104	1	200	1	800	
Boxley.....	12	4	4	16	..	..	4	..	..	..	222	2	..	8	40	40	40	..	..	..	4	4	16	142	3	2300	1	800
Crums.....	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	15	150	1	1200	..	..	
Fairmount.....	12	3	3	5	3	2	4	..	1	..	199	1	1	6	49	30	30	90	90	3	3	17	114	3	2500	1	1000	
Fairview.....	12	3	3	4	..	4	2	..	6	..	94	..	..	2	26	15	15	..	..	2	2	14	50	3	2000	1	300	
Fountain City.....	12	2	2	9	..	..	2	..	..	..	45	2	1	2	13	10	10	10	10	2	2	6	36	1	500	1	890	
Hamlet.....	12	4	3	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	40	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	30	..	..	..	..	
Kirklin.....	6	2	2	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	10	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	50	1	600	..	..	
Larwill.....	12	1	1	9	..	1	3	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	10	30	30	..	..	1	1	8	50	1	1000	1	75	
Liberty.....	12	4	4	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	187	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	33	215	4	3500	..	..	
Lewis Creek.....	12	3	3	10	..	1	2	..	..	..	98	..	..	4	..	25	25	..	..	3	3	13	65	2	2300	..	..	
Marion.....	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	66	..	..	..	5	25	25	25	25	..	..	..	..	3	1100	1	350	
Mt. Etna.....	12	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	67	2	1	1	20	25	25	..	..	1	1	6	42	3	2000	1	200	
N. C. and B. R.....	9	4	4	6	..	..	1	2	..	..	207	5	..	1	25	40	40	..	..	3	3	10	90	4	1500	1	800	
Peru.....	12	2	2	65	..	4	..	..	..	..	94	..	..	4	10	15	15	15	15	2	2	15	135	1	800	1	100	
Plymouth.....	12	5	5	3	..	8	..	..	2	..	122	28	1	2	12	..	..	..	..	3	3	15	200	2	1800	1	100	
Pleasant Grove.....	12	2	2	68	..	..	..	..	..	..	145	40	..	..	24	70	70	..	..	2	2	9	60	2	1600	..	..	
Paulding Co. O. Mis'n	12	2	2	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	13	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Salimony.....	12	4	4	23	..	19	1	..	..	..	154	3	..	9	25	20	20	20	20	2	2	13	75	4	3000	..	..	
Sheridan.....	12	1	1	..	..	3	3	..	2	..	50	..	..	..	12	35	35	35	35	1	1	6	50	1	2000	..	..	
Strawtown.....	12	3	3	66	..	2	1	..	..	..	95	18	..	3	26	..	..	..	..	2	2	8	100	1	800	..	..	
Thornstown.....	12	1	1	4	..	7	1	..	2	..	15	..	..	..	3	20	20	..	..	1	1	3	28	..	..	..	..	
Westfield.....	12	2	2	12	..	2	..	..	3	..	70	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	10	95	3	1500	..	..	
Total.....	261	70	68	395	3	57	28	2	26	2	2388	141	549	374	490	490	285	250	48	48	253	1972	48	\$36.600	12	\$5875		



CIRCUITS.	Amount Contributed.									PASTORS.
	Pastors' Salary.	Evangelists' Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Building and Repairs.	Sabb. Schools.	Missions.	Superannuated.	Other Benev't Objects.	Education.	
Albion.....	360 00	62 00	87 00	.....	65 00	73 30	2 00	.....	26 00	W. J. Seekins.
Amboy.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bryant.....	183 72	25 00	37 70	600 00	60 00	31 20	.....	.....	2 40	L. H. Carter.
Boxley.....	332 50	68 00	33 00	723 00	45 69	113 15	.....	.....	.....	C. S. Smith.
Crums.....	150 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. T. Soper.
Fairmount.....	300 00	58 86	85 89	53 75	56 42	51 75	.....	.....	.....	W. L. Northam.
Fairview.....	237 50	36 00	20 00	30 00	24 00	25 10	.....	.....	1 00	L. Tice.
Fountain City...	114 30	44 32	14 00	56 00	10 00	27 60	.....	3 00	2 00	W. L. Fall.
Hamlet.....	104 37	26 66	.....	.....	16 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	J. Zeller.
Kirklin.....	40 00	10 00	10 00	.....	8 00	2 79	.....	.....	.....	Belle and Estella McClure.
Larwill.....	172 82	18 00	30 00	.....	23 00	7 00	2 75	70 00	10 00	C. A. Bilheimer.
Liberty.....	277 90	50 00	67 00	25 00	76 77	35 21	.....	25 00	.....	G. W. Zike.
Lewis Creek....	300 00	64 00	65 00	.....	26 43	50 00	.....	11 89	.....	George Reber.
Marion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Etna.....	166 00	42 35	70 00	17 00	11 00	36 75	2 00	23 00	3 00	B. L. Couch.
N. C. and B. R.	180 00	65 00	50 00	15 00	60 00	53 50	.....	.....	.....	A. Worth.
Peru.....	260 00	18 67	43 00	.....	47 57	.....	.....	4 00	5 00	G. H. Babcock.
Plymouth.....	290 35	36 00	20 00	.....	45 00	26 48	.....	3 00	.....	D. F. Gordon.
Pleasant Grove..	113 17	50 00	.....	5 00	20 00	76 00	1 00	.....	.....	W. M. Lacy.
Pau. Co. O. Mis.	68 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	R. A. Carter.
Salimony.....	350 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	26 55	.....	.....	.....	R. L. Carter.
Sheridan.....	202 50	37 00	23 45	6 50	32 00	20 01	2 00	35 00	7 00	J. J. Coleman.
Strawtown.....	120 00	24 49	25 00	.....	23 29	31 15	.....	25 00	21 00	T. P. Baker.
Thorntown.....	40 50	24 30	35 00	.....	10 00	7 50	.....	10 00	.....	B. H. Hines.
Westfield.....	60 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	J. O. Baker.
Total.....	\$4380 32	\$835 65	\$714 94	\$1531 25	\$696 17	\$716 34	\$9 75	\$208 89	\$255 40	J. J. COLEMAN, Cha'n.

NOTE.—The item giving amount raised for missions is incomplete. To this amount should be added \$486.03 raised by General Missionary Superintendent in the bounds of our Conference during the year, aside from what is reported above; also \$369.90 raised by the Women's Board; making a total of \$1472.37. W. J. SEEKINS, Sec'y.



## NO. IV.

## MISSIONS.

We would note the general forward movement of our people, as a Connection, in Missionary effort, which bespeaks for us already a material and spiritual prosperity hitherto not known among us.

Respecting our own Conference we find a growing interest in effort and contribution which are being rewarded this year by the addition of nine new organizations.

Our pastors are to be commended for the Missionary spirit manifest, in reaching out from their circuits and taking in new points.

We have the utmost confidence in the integrity of our dear Brother and Sister Johnston, and believe our African Mission is ably conserved by them.

We would urge the hearty co-operation of all our people with our General Missionary Superintendent in Missionary effort.

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## BOOK CONCERN.

One of the means in the developing of the mental and moral natures of man for God and usefulness, is pure literature. We are thankful to God that our Publishing House is prepared to put such literature within the homes and Sabbath-schools of all our people, at a reasonable price.

This places upon us the responsibility of patronizing our own Publishing Association.

We, as a Conference, pledge our support, and urge upon all our people to take the **WESLEYAN METHODIST** and to furnish our Sabbath-schools with our own helps. We appreciate the efforts of Editor and Agent to put the **WESLEYAN METHODIST** in every home, and pray God to bless them.



## MORAL REFORM.

The subject of moral reform is one of much more importance than is perhaps comprehended by the people. There is much need of a reformation on the subject of Sabbath desecration, of which we have a public example at the World's Fair. We need a reformation on the suppression of the slave trade in Africa; also in the exportation of all intoxicating liquors into foreign countries. The multiplication of secret societies, combined trusts, labor unions and the efforts to keep the Bible out of the public schools, are all immoral and lead to infidelity.

Church festivals and parties are leading the young to immorality and the church to spiritual death.

On all these and many others, such as horse-racing, dancing and base ball playing on the Sabbath day, we need a reformation; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as a God-fearing people, pray God for a divine reformation.

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TOBACCO.

We believe the use of tobacco to be a great evil, and should not only be condemned but more severe measures taken to abolish its use among our people.

As grounds for our position, we assign the following reasons: It is injurious to the health. Tobacco contains an active principle called nicotine, which is so virulent a poison that a very small amount, if thrown directly into the circulation, would produce instant death. Tobacco is always detrimental to youth, and its effects upon this class are apparent, especially those of a nervous, sensitive organism. Its tendency is to retard the development of the body and diminish mental force. Its nar-



cotic influence destroys energy at the very time when every faculty should be awake. And it also shortens life.

We are authoritatively informed that upon an average tobacco shortens the lives five years of those who indulge in its use.

It is a waste of the Lord's money in the gratification of an unnatural appetite. Nothing that the body demands for its subsistence and growth will satisfy this appetite. It is not of the Father's planting. "Wherefore," says the Word, "do ye spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not." And the individual who spends his money for the gratification of this desire is robbing God of that which belongs to him, which should be used for the spread of the gospel and the feeding of the poor.

It is a defilement of the body, a thing the Bible positively condemns. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Knowing therefore that we are the temple of God, and that he commands us to be clean, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Therefore because of the evil resulting from the filthy practice, we believe it unbecoming a Christian, whether old or young, male or female, minister or lay member, to engage in its use.

We further believe that those who engage in its use bring a reproach upon the cause of Christ and dishonor God, by not cleansing themselves of this filthy practice, and letting the Lord manifest his power to them in slaying in them this gnawing appetite.



## EDUCATION.

Education is the development of the physical, intellectual and moral natures of man. Opportunities, surroundings and influences have much to do with our education. Parents and teachers are largely responsible for the moulding of our characters. We insist upon the plain teaching of the Bible at home and in our schools and seminaries in order to educate man to a high standard of Bible morality.

This will impress the mind with the goodness of God, which will create a disposition in the heart to live an upright and honest life. No education is complete unless morality is associated with it.

We praise God for the opportunities afforded the youth of our land to gain an education by our free school system, and we view with suspicion anything that tends to the overthrow of so noble an institution. Our colleges and academies that dot our land for the culture of the mind to give knowledge, are God-given and should have our praise and support; be it therefore,

*Resolved:* That we are in favor of a broad and reformatory education, and most heartily recommend our seminaries at Houghton and Wasioja as institutions where such can be obtained.

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## STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The present sad condition of the land grows out of our national apostacy from the principles of Christian righteousness.

Our Sabbath is desecrated and the crown rights of Jesus Christ as the King of nations are utterly ignored. Our rulers and those in authority are not men who are a terror to evil doers but are leagued with them in schemes



of fraud, in combines and trusts, whose end must be a bankruptcy of all civil and political life. Our nation now fosters the liquor traffic and gives it a perpetual lease of life by entrenching it behind the laws of the land. It has lent itself to the most pernicious schemes of class legislation, whereby a few thousand persons own half the wealth of over sixty millions of people and, seconded by their greed and avarice, have precipitated widespread commercial disaster, involving ruin to thousands of homes all over the land.

It has allowed an indiscriminate emigration from the old world, whereby the vicious and lawless elements of foreign lands have been thrown upon our shores, and becoming incorporated in American society have given us a harvest of anarchy and communism that threatens to undermine the social structure. Large cities are slumbering volcanoes, liable to break out in acts of riot and bloodshed that would strike terror to all. In addition to this the horde of Romanists reaching for both political and religious supremacy in all our States, and whose success would mean the paralysis of the intellectual and moral life of our nation.

We implore the church of Christ to come to the rescue and establish justice and righteousness by recognizing God as the rightful source of national authority and to whose law all legislation must conform.

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### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

As a help in the great work of evangelizing and reforming the world, the Sabbath-school occupies an important place. It is the only place where many receive any instruction in the way of life and salvation. Through its influence many homes are reached that could not other-



wise be reached. The officers and teachers should be men and women of God and who will stand fearlessly for truth and right. They should not rest satisfied unless they see their pupils brought to Christ.

They should secure the best aids for their work, and do everything which is right and approved of God to make their work a success. We believe that good singing is a great factor in this work and is the means of bringing many of the young into the school. We believe we ought to be as much interested in training our young people to sing the songs of Zion as the world is to teach them to sing the songs of Satan.

We recommend to all our people our own Sunday-school supplies as helps in teaching the truths and doctrines of God's word.

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### PROHIBITION.

Prohibition is the act of forbidding or interdicting, a declaration to hinder some action, interdict.—Webster.

God requires the human family to "cease to do evil and learn to do well."

To cease from evil would naturally call for the forbidding or prohibition of all evil, would call for an interdiction of it. No matter what that evil is we can in no wise engage in it and be guiltless before God. An entire separation from all evil is required at our hands.

For as Christ "was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, so he requires his children to be holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, not to join with them in any of their sinful works in any form. This would strike at the root of the great evil of intemperance, the inordinate love of money, the love of fine dress, the associations of pastimes which are worldly in their nature—evil and only evil.



The saloon, the great bulwark of Satan, should be prohibited, interdicted, driven out of the land; also the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic drinks, for it is a snare to man.

Therefore we urge a separation—a prohibition—an interdiction of it and all other evil.

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### NO. V.

#### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF THE DISCIPLINE.

1. T. B. Baker, C. A. Bilheimer, A. L. Blake, J. W. Brown, L. H. Carter, R. A. Carter, R. L. Carter, B. L. Couch, J. J. Coleman, D. F. Gordon, J. Hester, B. H. Hines, W. H. Kennedy, W. M. Lacy, W. L. Fall, W. G. Moon, W. L. Northam, G. Reber, W. J. Seekins, L. Shatford, C. S. Smith, E. Teter, L. Tice, A. Worth and G. W. Zike.

2. S. Gettig, Wm. Talbert, E. Guthrie, J. B. Shadle, G. B. Rogers and R. Jeffries.

3. J. Zeller, O. J. Baker, G. H. Babcock, Mattie Worth, I. N. Ulery, R. Jeffries, Jr., Estella McClure and Belle McClure.

4. C. F. Wiggins.

5. None.

6. E. White and D. H. Yonts.

7. T. B. Baker by ordination.

8. H. B. McCain.

9. \$4,380.32, \$1,472.27.

10. 2,388.

11. 48, 48, 253, 1,972.

12. Victor church, Strawtown circuit, August 28, at 8 A. M., 1894.

13. (See Report of Stationing Committee.)

E. TETER, President.



## NO. VI.

## PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The petition of the Pleasant Grove church, of Paulding Co., O., we recommend that said petition be granted and that it be known as the Pleasant Grove Mission of Paulding Co., O.

We also recommend that there be a circuit formed to be known as the Kirklin circuit.

Albion, J. J. Coleman.

Amboy, in the hands of the President.

Bryant, L. H. Carter.

Boxley, C. S. Smith.

Crums, in the hands of the President.

Delong, B. L. Couch.

Fairmount, C. A. Bilheimer.

Fountain City, in the hands of the President.

Hamlet, J. Zeller.

Hodson, W. M. Lacy.

Kirklin, Belle and Estella McClure.

Liberty, L. Shatford.

Larwill, R. Jeffries, Jr.

Lewis Creek, W. J. Seekins.

Ligonier, in the hands of the President.

Mt. Etna, I. N. Ulery.

Marion, in the hands of the President.

N. C. and B. R., A. Worth.

Peru, G. H. Babcock.

Plymouth, G. W. Zike.

Pleasant Grove, W. M. Lacy.

Pleasant Grove Mission, B. L. Couch.

Salimony, D. F. Gordon.

Sheridan, Mattie Worth.

Strawtown, T. Baker.

Thorntown, G. Reber.

Westfield, O. J. Baker.

E. TETER, Chairman.



## SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES.

Received the Parchments, together with a request that his name be dropped from the roll, of D. H. Yonts. Request granted. Gave Elder E. White a letter of standing for the purpose of withdrawing from the Conference. Appointed J. W. Brown, Agent to look after the church extension fund, also the superannuated fund in connection with his missionary work. Appointed the following persons as Committee as named: Prohibition, W. M. Lacy; Moral Reform, L. Tice; Education, B. L. Couch; Book Concern, D. F. Gordon; Missions, J. W. Brown; Statistics, J. J. Coleman; Sabbath-schools, C. S. Smith; State of Country, A. Worth; Tobacco, T. P. Baker.

Had the papers of incorporation recorded so that we now are an incorporated body acting under the laws of the State.

E. TETER, President.

## RESOLUTIONS.

## I.

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is a breeder of vice, crime and poverty, and blights the prospects of the drinker, both for this life and that which is to come, and is the great bulwark of Satan and corrupt politics; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves not to vote for a man or party which sustains license.

## II.

We, the members of the Indiana Conference, feeling grateful to the brethren and friends of Lewis Creek for their generous hospitality and kindness in entertaining the Conference, do hereby tender our thanks and join in the prayer to God, that he would abundantly bless and save the community.

W. M. LACY.