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Zanesville Yearly Conference

Of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America

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(Title) The Minutes of the Proceedings of the first session of the Zanesville yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of the America; held in Senecaville, Guernsey County, Ohio; commencing September 12th A. D. 1849.

(Opening Services)

According to appointment the Ministers within the bounds of Zanesville yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, and the delegates chosen to represent the various circuits and charges, convened in the above named place, at the above named time, for the purpose of holding their first session as a yearly Conference.

Brother Edward Smith took the chair, called the Conference to order and opened the session by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

(Statement by Chair)

After the devotional exercises the chairman occupied a few moments in explaining his position as President of both divisions, of the old Allegheny Conference until they should both be regularly and permanently organized.

(Appointment of Secretary)

In the absence of the Secretary, Bro. J. Phillips, Robert McCune was called upon by vote to act as secretary *pro. tem.*

The Secretary *pro. tem.* Then proceeded to call the roll of the ministerial members of the Conference as follows:

Roll:

Ministers present – Edward Smith, George Richey, A. N. Hamlin, A W Sanders, Gershom Fairchild, Cornelus Woodruff, William Smith, Warren Bates, Jesse McBride, S. D. Jones, Wm. Servell, Simon Elliott.

Ministers absent – J. Phillips, J. C. Bacon, Adam Crooks, Thomas Athey, J. A. Preston, A. Donaldson, Street Humiston, Seely Bloomer.

The following persons then presented their credentials, and took their seats as lay members of this Conference:

F. H. Roe, of Wayne Circuit.

Ephraim Eastman, of Licking Circuit

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George Hobbs of Knox circuit.

William Wright of Leesville circuit.

John M. Brown of Deersville circuit.

Aquilla Jarvis of Zanesville circuit.

Japheth Hull of Delaware circuit.

Thomas Pote of Plymouth circuit.

James Cunningham of Granger circuit.

M. B. Warner of Strongsville circuit.

William Steel of Woodsfield circuit.

(Election Postponed)

On motion of Bro. A. N. Hamlin the election of permanent officers for the Conference was postponed until tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

(Com. On Rel. Services)

The appointment of a committee on Religious services was ordered. A M. Hamlin, A. W. Sanders and Wm Wright were appointed by the chair.

On motion, 8 o'clock A. M. was fixed upon as the hour for commencing the sessions of Conference, and eleven o'clock as the hour of adjournment.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M. Prayer by Bro. S. D. Jones.

2 o'clock, P.M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises by Bro. Jones. Roll called and the minutes of morning session read and adopted.

The President presented the application of Brother E. E. Kirkland, of Canada West and late of the Rochester Conference, to be received as a member of the Zanesville Conference. And on motion it was, resolved, that Bro. Elias E Kirkland be received as a member of this Conference and that the President be instructed to notify the President of the Rochester Conference of his reception.

The Conference then went into an examination of the character of its ministerial members.

Edward Smith's name being called he gave an account of his labors in superintendent of

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[of] the Canada Mission and collecting apart, after which his character passed by unanimous vote.

The Name of Jeremiah Phillips was then called and his character considered and passed, and on motion it was, Resolved, that the request of Brother Phillips to sustain a superannuated relation to this Conference be granted.

The character of George Richey then came under consideration. Bro. Richey said that he had been notified that objections would be offered to the passage of his character, and as the objector was not present requested that his case might be deferred for the present. At the request of the Conference, Bro. Richey made a statement of the matter complained of, which was duly considered when it was resolved that his character pass.

At this stage of the proceedings the Rev. E. Gary, a Minister of the English Wesleyan Connection, from the West Indies, was introduced to the Conference by the President.

The characters of A.M. Hamlin, W. Smith, G. McBride and A. W. Sanders were considered and passed.

The name of G. Fairchild was called, but on account of his absence, and also of any report from his work, the consideration of his case was deferred for the present.

The character of C. Woodruff was considered and passed.

The name of Warren Bates being called, Brother Sewell stated that as nearest Elder to Bro. Bates he had been called upon to attend to the investigation of certain charges of immorality preferred against him. That a Committee had been called to try the charge and the result of the investigation was that Bro Bates had been found guilty, and suspended from the ministry until the session of this Conference. On account of the absence of Bro. Bates and his counsel, the case is postponed for the present.

T. Athey's name was called, but the consideration of his case was deferred for the present.

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The characters of S. D. Jones, S. Elliott, W Sewell and J. A. Preston were severally considered and passed.

The case of Bro. A. Donaldson was then called upon. On motion, a committee was appointed to investigate the circumstances of his leaving the field of labor assigned him by the last Conference. Bros. Sanders, McBride and Roe were appointed that committee.

The name of Bro. Street Humiston being called, the President announced that Bro. Humiston had been called from labor to reward by the messenger of death, and gave an interesting account of two or three interviews he had with Bro. H. during his last illness. Bros. S. E. Jones and W. Sewell were appointed to prepare a memoir of our deceased brother for insertion in the minutes of this Conference.

The names of A. Crooks and J. C. Bacon were then called and their characters considered and passed.

By vote of the Conference the bar of the house was fixed at the third row of seats from the altar across the house.

Rev. E. Gary was invited by vote to take a seat within the bar as an honorary member.

The members on trial of this Conference were also invited to honorary seats.

It was voted to raise a Committee on Moral Reforms; whereupon E. Smith, G. Richey, A W. Sanders, F. H. Roe, and Wm. Wright were appointed said committee. It was voted to appoint a committee to make arrangements for our missionary meetings, and that it be constituted a Committee on Missions. Bros. Hamlin, Jones and Brown were name as said committee.

A recommendation of Bro. Evans Thompson as a suitable person to be received as a member on trial of this conference, by the quarterly Conference of Woodsfield circuit was then presented. By unanimous vote, Bro. Thompson was received as a member of this Conference on trial.

Bro. Sanders presented the application of

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Zelotes P. Disbrow, and certified the fact of his recommendation by the quarterly conference of Huntington Circuit as a suitable person to be received as a member on trial of this Conference, and on motion he was received.

Bro. Jones laid before the Conference the credentials of James McGaw, certifying his standing as an elder I the church of the United Brethren in Christ. By vote he was received as a member of this Conference in full connection.

Bro. Jones also laid before the Conference the credentials of James W. Shreeves, certifying his standing as an Elder in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. On motion he was received as a member of this Conference in full connection.

After prayer by Bro. Sewell, the Conference adjourned.

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A.M. Sept. 12th 1849.

Conference met. President in the chair. Religious services by Bro Sanders. Roll called and minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion the order of the day, viz: the election of permanent officers was postponed in order to take up the question of Discipline, "Who are received into full Connection?"

After an examination Robert McCune was received into full connection and elected to Elder's orders.

The Conference the proceeded to elect by ballot a President and Secretary, to act the ensuing Conference year. Bros. Hamlin and Eastman acting as tellers. On the first ballot the vote for President stood as follows: for Geo. Richey 15 votes. For S. D. Joes 3 votes; Edward Smith, 2; C. Woodruff 1; A N Hamlin 1. Showing that Geo Richey received a majority of all the votes given, whereupon he was declared to be duly elected President of this Conference.

On the ballot for Secretary the result was: for Robert McCune 22 votes, scattering [2s?] whereupon

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Robert McCune was declared duly elected Secretary.

On motion the Conference proceeded to the election of a Stationing Committee, Bros. Sewell and Roe acting as tellers. E. Smith, A. W. Sanders and G. McBride were elected the ministerial, and E. Eastman, M. B. Warner and Thomas Porter the lay members of that Committee.

On motion Evans Thompson was requested to serve the Conference as assistant Secretary.

The Conference then resumed the examination of character. W. Bate's name was called and while pending the consideration of his case, the Conference adjourned. Prayer by Bro. McBride.

Friday morning, 8 o'clock Sept. 14th 1849.

Conference met. The President, Bro. Richey, in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Wm Smith. Roll called, and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The case of W. Bates was called up, but by vote the consideration of it was postponed to allow Bro. Bates an opportunity to be present.

The case of Bro Athey was called up. Bro Elliott made a statement of his case, where on motion it was referred to the nearest Elder for trial.

Voted, to raise a Committee on Boundaries and that Stationing Committee be said committee.

Voted, to go into examination of the character of the unstationed ministers. The names of Daniel Pettay being called, Bro Richey preferred the following objection to the passage of his character:

"Charge 1st – unministerial and unbrotherly conduct."

"Specification 1st – Publicly attacking a discourse preached by myself during the past winter at Noble's School House, and in that attack laboring to arouse the prejudices of the people against the doctrine advanced in that discourse, the doctrine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the

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Doctrine of the Bible.

"Charge 2nd – Giving sanction to a slaveholding church and religion and censuring those who would not do the same thing.

"Specification 1st – Communing at the Sacrament of the Supper with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Specification 2nd – Thanking God that you had religion enough to commune in the Methodist Episcopal Church, insinuating thereby that those of your brethren who would not do the same had not religion, or at least did not have as much as yourself.

"Specification 3rd – Arguing at the house of Hugh McWilliams that a man could be slaveholder, live and die in its spirit and practice, and finally get to heaven; and that Rev. W. A. Smith of Virginia, with all the light and intelligence that he possessed, could innocently be a slaveholder.

"Specification 4th – Saying at the house of Hugh McWilliams that you could prove by the Bible of God that the Apostles took Roman slaveholders into the Christian Church, without any objection to them on the ground of their being slaveholders.

"Charge 3rd – For violating the pledge given to the Conference at the time of your reception therein, viz: that you would cease to plead laws

"Rev. Daniel Pettay. (signed)

George Richey."

After the reading of the above charges, and some remarks from Bro. Richey, Bro. Pettay, and others, it was voted that when we do adjourn we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Conference then proceeded to investigate the charges against Brother Pettay. Bro. Richey Prosecutor and Bro Pettay defendant. Testimony was heard in the various charges and specifications until the reading of the third charge, when Bro. Pettay objected to answer into it on the ground that in the copy of charges served on him by the prosecutor, it was nearer a "specification" instead of "charge." The

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Chair overruled the objection, and the Conference proceeded in the investigation. After the testimony had been heard, by Consent, the pleadings were deferred until the afternoon session.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rev. L.C. Mattack, Book Agent for the Connection, was introduced to the Conference by the Chairman.

Bro. Mattack then made a short statement relative to the state of the Book Concern, and requested the appointment of a committee to procure certain information for the use of the Book Committee at New York. E. Smith, Jones, Hamlin, Porter and Eastman were appointed said Committee.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Fairchild.

3 o'clock P.M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment –called to order by the President, Bro. Richey. After singing and prayer by Bro Elliott, E. Smith was called to the chair. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The presenter in the case of Bro. Pettay, proceeded to make his opening plea, after which Bro. Pettay made his defence [sic], when on motion the Conference adjourned. Benediction from the President.

Saturday, 8 o'clock A.M. Sept. 15th, 1849

Conference met, and was called to order by E. Smith, acting as President by request of Bro. Richey. Singing and prayer by the chairman. Roll called and minutes of previous session read and approved.

Reports being called for Committee on Boundaries made report that they had not found it necessary or expedient to make any changes in the boundaries of any of the circuits and this report was accepted by Conference.

On motion the order of the day, viz: the trial of Bro. Pettay, was postponed for the present.

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Bro. Hamlin laide before the Conference the recommendation of Br. A.L. Morrison by the quarterly conference of Woodsfield circuit as a suitable person to be received into full connection and elected to Elder's orders. By Vote the Conference received Bro. orison into full Connection and elected him to Elder's orders as an exception to the rule of Conference requiring its preachers to become acquainted with its course of study.

Bro. E. Smith moved to suspend the course of study adopted by this Conference, which motion was laid on the table with a view to take up the order of the day. Bro. Richey proceeded with his plea in case of Bro. Pettay. [inserted: "Bro. Sanders in the chair.]

When the plea of the prosecutor was concluded, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P.M. Benediction from the chair.

2 o'clock P.M.

Conference met – E. Smith in the chair – reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by Bro. J.P. Bether of the Allegheny Conference. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The Conference then took up the case of Bro. Pettay. The chairman then proceeded to sum up the evidence and take the vote of Conference, which resulted as follows:

First specification under the first charge sustained by unanimous vote.

It was then unanimously voted that the said specification sustains the charge of unministerial and unbrotherly conduct.

Voted unanimously that the first specification under the second charge is sustained.

Voted, unanimously, that the third specification under the second charge is sustained.

Voted unanimously that the fourth specification under the second charge is sustained.

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It was determined by unanimous vote that the above specifications sustain the charge of giving sanction to a slaveholding church and religion and censuring those who would not do the same thing.

It was voted that the third charge preferred was not sustained by a vote of 3 for sustaining to 14 against. The following preamble and resolution were then unanimously adopted:

Whereas the charges of which Daniel Pettay has been convicted by this Conference are violating of our elementary principles and one of our general rules, therefore,

Resolved, that he be and hereby is expelled from our Connection.

Bro. Pettay being called in, was informed by the chair of the disposition made of his case. He then made a few remarks and took his leave of the Conference.

The motion of Bro. E. Smith to suspend the course of study of this Conference, laid on the table during the morning session, was then taken up. After considerable discussion the motion was lost.

E. Smith asked to be excused from serving on the examining committee, and on motion, his request was granted.

It was then Resolved to reconsider the vote adopting the minutes of previous session, with a view to amend the record in the case of Bro. A.L. Morrison. It was moved, seconded and carried that the record in case of A. L. Morrison be amended by

adding the words "As an exception to the rule requiring our preachers to become acquainted with its course of study."

Conference then examined the character of the unstationed ministers.

The name of Isaac Moore being called. G. Smith read a part of a letter from A. Crooks of North Carolina concerning

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Bro Moore whose character then passed.

The name of John A. Fox called. Conference voted to record his name as withdrawn from the connexion [sic]. Voted also to record the name of J. B. Hart as withdrawn from the connexion [sic].

The characters of Jn Norris, Garret Albertson, John McCloud, Benjamin Street and Thomas Boston, were severally considered and passed. [In the margin: Examination of Character] The name of N.W. Delano being called Bro Fairchild reported that the last conference had referred his case for trial and that (as the nearest elder) he had been called upon to investigate this matter, that he had called a committee, which convicted said Delano of imprudent conduct but subsequent disclosures charged said Delano with immoralities, and that he had left the country:

On motion Bros. Fairchild, Sanders and Hill, were appointed a Committee of investigation. A report at this session of Conference.

The names of Geo Machison and Wm McCullough were called, characters considered and passed. The name of S. Boomer being called; conference voted to record his name as removed into the bounds of the Michigan Conference.

The name of J. B. Ferris being called Conference voted to record his name on the journals as withdrawn from the Connection. Bro. V McConnell's character called passed and his name transferred from the unstationed to the stationed list.

Bro D Willcox name called character considered and passed.

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The President then appointed Bro. Wm Smith to serve on the examining Committee in the place of G. Smith, excused. [In the margin: Case of Delano]

The committee on the case of Delano reported as follows –

"Your Committee on the case of N. W. Delano on deliberation find him guilty of immoral conduct consisting of illicit intercourse with one Jane Regan and therefore recommend his expulsion all of which is respectfully submitted"

G. Fairchilds}

A.W. Sanders}

Hill}

Committee

On Motion report was adopted by the conference.

On motion adjournment – prayer by Jesse McBride

Morning session Sept. 17th 1849

Conference met Bro Richey in the chair – singing and prayer by Bro Sewell – approved – reports of committees being called for the committee appointed to confer with the Book agent reported. Report laid on the table for future action.

[in the margin: Bates Case]

Conference then took up the Case of W Bates – A.N. Hamlin appointed prosecutor E. Smith acting as counsel for defendant.

The following are the charges and specifications alleged against the defendant –

Charge – Immoral Conduct

1st Specification -- taking improper liberties with the person of Emma J (?)

Trelason While passing with her by the barn of her uncle Stevens last winter –

2nd Specification – taking improper

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Liberties with said girl while in the barn

3rd Specification -- Also while in said Stevens house on the evening of the day alluded to.

4th specification – Also in above named house in May June or July last.

The testimony taken before the committee who tried and suspended the defendant was read to the Conference by G. Smith at the request of counsel on prosecution –

[in the margin: Bates Case]

The counsel for prosecution stated that they had no other testimony to offer.

The counsel for defence [sic] called upon M. B. Warner and E. Walker who were examined before Conference.

The opening plea was then made by the counsel for prosecution.

The counsel for defence then proceeded with the defence.

After which the case was submitted without a closing plea.

The chairman stated the evidence in the case and took the vote of Conference

[insert: resulted] as follows

1st Specification not sustained

2nd [ditto marks]

3rd [ditto marks]

4th [ditto marks]

Specifications not being sustained the charge was declared unsustained.

The following resolution was then adopted –

Resolved that ~~whereas~~ although the Conference has not found Bro Bates guilty in the matter as charged, nevertheless, we find him guilty of imprudence, and

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Vote that he be reprov'd by the President in the presence of the Conference.

Bro Bates being called in was accordingly reprov'd by the chair.

Bro Sewell asked leave to enter his protest against the action of Conf in the above case part of which was ordered to be inserted as follows:

[in the margin: Protest of W Sewell]

"I do hereby enter my protest against the action of Conf in the case of W. Bates. My reason is this: for receiving the hearsay testimony of W. B. Warner to destroy a testimony of the Witness Wm Sewell."

The case of N. W. Delano was taken up the report of the investigating committee being as follows—

[in the margin: Case of Delano]

"Your Committee on the case of Delano do find him guilty of immoral conduct consisting in illicit intercourse with one Jane Regan and recommend his expulsion."

E. Smith was called upon to act as counsel for the prosecution and S D. Jones for defence.

The indictment by request of E. Smith was then amended by striking out the word "illicit" and subsequent substituting the word "improper."

The prosecution then offered in evidence a letter from Delano to Wm Wooden of Huron Co Ohio.

No evidence was offered in defence. A plea was then made by the prosecutor and the case submitted by the defence Conference then adopted the report of Com: when on motion it was resolved that N. W. Delano be and is hereby expelled. Adjourned.

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3 P.M.

Conference called to order by the chair. Singing and prayer by Bro Woodruff. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The committee on the case of A. Donaldson, who had left the work assigned him by the last Conference.

Report as follows—

"The committee to whom was referred the case of Bro Donaldson obtained all the light they could and find the result as follows —

[Margin: Donaldson Case] "Bro D. got in his circuit soon after Conference and labored acceptably for about 6 weeks. At which time his 1st L (?) M came off. At this quarterly meeting he preached at 11 o'clock and announced preaching that evening but to the astonishment of all he left his circuit that same afternoon and never returned nor offered any apology for his conduct.

In view of these facts your committee recommend that he be suspended from the ministry for one year.

A. W. Sanders}

J. McBride}

F. H. Roe} Committee

After consideration and amendment the as above was adopted and A Donaldson declared suspended for one year.

[Margin: Examination of Preachers on trial]

The name of D. L. Travis being called his character passed. Also Elijah West his character considered and passed.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with the Book Agent was received

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And adopted as follows.

Your committee of Conference with Bro. Mattack had an interview with him and report that

He presented three things our consideration —

[Margin: Report of Committee on Book Concern]

“1st The probable increase of business that could be secured by a western branch concern located at a suitable point and conducted by an efficient agent.

“2d The proper place of its location

“3d The most suitable western man to conduct it. The committee are unanimous in the opinion that such a branch would increase western business greatly that *three times* as much could be done as is now done or *can* be done on the present plan. They are united in the opinion that Mansfield Ohio is the most suitable place and that Bro. G. Smith is the best man for its agent.”

“They learned from the agent that funds would be wanted to increase the business of the concern so as to supply the Branch in a way to make it efficient and that all funds raised by donation or therewise should be held for the benefit of the Branch subject to be drawn from the parent concern for the benefit of the Branch when the Western Conference as a majority of them should judge proper so to do.

“We would recommend to the Conf to raise as much as possible and as soon as possible by donations and defer the matter of stock until the western agent be appointed and for this purpose

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We would submit the following resolution:

“Resolved that the Conference pledge itself to raise the sum of three hundred dollars by donations and that the roll be called and each member pledge himself to raise or pay such an amount as he thinks he can raise or pay and we pledge ourselves to pay these pledges as soon as may be but at farthest by next Conf: And each member is authorized to solicit donations for this purpose.

“All of which is respectfully submitted

G. Smith, Chairman”

Moved and carried to hold a session of Conf this evening after the close of public services.

Conference adjourned by Benediction from the President.

9 ½ O’Clock P.M.

At the close of the religious services for the evening the President called the Conf to order Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Agreeably to the report of the committee on Book Concern the roll was called to see what would be pledged as donations for the establishment of a western Branch of the Book Concern – the following is a list of the pledges given for that purpose

[Margin: Pledges for Western Branch; the following was written in two columns]

Edward Smith	25.00
Geo Richey	10.00
A.N. Hamlin	20.00
A. W. Sanders	20.00
G. Fairchild	10.00
C Woodruff	5.00

Wm Smith	10.00
J. McBride	5.00
S D Jones	<u>10.00</u>
	115.00

Wm. Sewell	5.00
S. Elliott	25.00
G. A. Preston	5.00
R. McCune	10.00
E Walker	5.00
G. McGan (?)	10.00
G W Shreevs	5.00
F. Roe	5.00
E Eastman	<u>5.00</u>
	75.00

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[Margin: Pledges for Western Branch]

W. Wright	5.00
A Jarvis	5.00
Thos Porter	10.00
J. Cunningham	10.00
MB Warner	<u>5.00</u>
	35.00

J. Thompson	5.00
D L Travis	5.00
A L Morrison	2.00
Wm Houseman	<u>5.00</u>
	17.00
	35.00
	15.00
	<u>115.00</u>
	242.00

[Margin: Committee on Presidency]

The following persons were then appointed as committee on the Presidency: A N Hamlin, S D Jones, E Smith, Wm Steet and Thos Porter.

Conference [insertion: then] fixed upon Washington Richland Co Ohio as the place for holding the next annual session of this Conference by unanimous vote.

[Margin: Transfer of A M Brown]

E. Smith presented a transfer of A. M. Brown signed by J. B. Milller Pres of Allegheny Conf; to the Zanesville Conference and on motion it was resolved that Bro A.M. Brown be received by this body as a member on trial

Adjourned to meet at 8 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Tuesday morning Sept 18th 1849
Conference met pursuant to adjournment President in the chair singing and prayer by
Bro McGaw. Minutes of previous session read and approved.
The Committee on memoirs then reported the following:

*Memoir
Of our deceased Brother
Street Humiston*

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[Margin: Memoir of Bro Street Humiston]

“The Rev. Street Humiston: The subject of this memoir when but a youth of fifteen years of age felt the force of Gospel Truth and that God’s claim upon him was an important one: He applied his heart unto wisdom, sought and found an interest in Christ; and immediately identified his interest with the Presbyterian Church in Loran Co. Ohio where his parent now resides. But not being satisfied with the wages of said church he removed his membership to the Methodist E Church of the same place; where he remained for some years and highly esteemed and much beloved. The Church on account of his zeal, talent and integrity thought proper to authorize him to preach the Gospel; in which he labored acceptably about 2 years, during this time he availed himself of the opportunity of as liberal an education as his circumstances would admit, by going to the institution of Oberlin. During which time he studied faithfully to qualify himself for the Christian ministry. His mind during his stay here became aroused more particularly on the subject of slavery. But meeting with fierce opposition to the relieving and pleading for God’s poor, he was compelled to leave the M. E Church and seek a more congenial home. Subsequently he connected himself with the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in which he was shortly after appointed to the Blairsville circuit by the Allegheny circuit [insert: Conference] in connexion with Rev. G A Selby where he labored with great acceptability for one year and was returned to a part of the same field a second year called Bakerstown circuit and went to the Granger circuit where he labored with much success and received a rich harvest of souls for his hire.”

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“Here his name lives and will live for many years to come. At the ensuing Conference he was elect to Edlers orders and was ordained and appointed to Sandusky and Norwalk circuit. Here he ended his labors. We may observe that immediately after his appointment he was married to Emeline daughter of Rev. J. Melond of Granger Medina Co Ohio in which union he was no doubt happy. He was a man of deep piety, a warm advocate of virtue, a powerful antagonist of oppression, a friend to the poor and in labors abundant. In short he was a young minister of great promise. His talents were more than ordinary and his indefatigable labors were perhaps the cause of his early passage to the tomb. But perhaps the Allwise God who sees not as man seeth, did not intend that he should longer contend with the troubles peculiar to this sinfull [sic] world. Be this as it may his work is done and his spirit rests with the saints above.

"He held several protracted meetings during the last winter in connexion with Bro. Sewell at one of which some 25 persons professed to find peace in the Lord. Believers were renewed in the Holy Ghost and backsliders were reclaimed.

"His disease was inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure. It was only about 5 weeks until he was no more. But patience, love, and sweetness marked the hours of his affliction and peace and triumph his death. His remains now sleep near the residence of his Father in law, but his spirit rests in heaven till the last trump shall sound to wake his dust when he and the Conference to which he belonged shall together meet and give and [sic] account of their stewardship. Oh! May those of us who remain improve each shining hour

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"That we with him may stand, with whiterobed saints at God's right hand.

"His age was 28 years.

"All of which is respectfully submitted

S D Jones}

Wm Sewell} Committee

The above report and the following e...(?) moved by Bro Jones were unanimously adopted.

Resolved that this conference deeply sympathise [sic] with the widow of our late and much loved Bro. Humiston.

[Margin: Report of Stationing Committee]

The Stationing Committee then reported as follows

Southern District

Evangelist: William McConnell
Leesville: S. L. Travis, J. W. Shreevs
Deersville: S S Jones, J McGar
Woodsfield: Geo Richey, J Markee
Zanesville: To be supplied
Licking: Evans Thompson
Delaware: A N Hamlin, A M Brown

Northern District

Evangelist: William Sewell
Knox: Juninas A Preston
Mansfield: Robert McCune
Huntington: Elijah Walker
Granger: Simon Elliott
Sandusky & Norwak: Z P Disbrow
Greenfield: John Murrel
Wayne: To be supplied

Forreign [sic] work Northern District

E Smith Superintendent of the Canada Mission under the care of the Parent Society
E. E. Kirkland, Missionary to Canada

Southern District
Guilford at N C, Jesse McBride
Granger Va, J. C Bacon
North Carolina Mission A Crooks
Conference Missionary Wm Smith

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Reserve List

Wm Anderson Warren Bates and G Fairchild.

The above report was unanimously adopted by the Conference.

Thos Poster asked leave and was excused from serving on the Committee on the Presidency.

[Margin: Resolution offered by E Smith in relation to changes in the discipline made by last General Conference]

E Smith moved and S D Jones seconded the following preamble and resolution:

“Whereas the late General Conference authorized the yearly Conference & lay aside the three year limitation rule; and permit preachers to remain in the same charges any length of time, they and the charges they serve, may choose; And, Whereas they changed the provision of the discipline in relation to the powers of the yearly Conference on the atter of arrangements entered into between preachers and people; so as to put it out of the power of the Conference to interfere with the arrangements – except for fault of one or both of the contracting parties; and, Whereas, these changes not only authorize the yearly Conferences to give up the itinerancy, but make it impossible for them to maintain it. Therefore

“Resolved that the Gen. Conf. not only transcended their constitutional power in these instances, but did what the restrictive rules expressly forbid and in the judgement of this Conf, these acts are not binding but null and void.”

After some time had been spent in discussion the above preamble and resolution they were laid on the table for the present to allow attention to other business, so Conference heard a report of numbers in Conversion in the Conf. Also amounts contributed for missionary and Sabbath School purposes

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[Handwritten in the top margin: H. R Smith, Aug. 22, 1910]

[Margin: Report of numbers in Connection]

Names of Circuits	Numbers in Connection	Amount for Missionary Purposes	Amount for S. S. Purposes
Leesville	117		\$25.00
Deersville	247	\$15.74	
Woodsfield	259	7.25	
Plymouth	140	1.00	10.00
Zanesville	25		
Licking	77		

Deleware [sic]	129	6.01	9.50
Knox	50		
Mansfield	32		
Huntington	32		12.00
Granger	130	15.25	
Strongsville	150	7.00	12.00
Sandusky	40		
Greenfield	38	2.00	4.41
Wayne	30	3.45	6.00
Guilford, NC	266		
Grason [sic], VA	100		
Zanesville Mission	3		
TOTAL	1885		

On motion, it was resolved that each preacher in charge of a circuit be required to furnish his successor with the names of all the officers and members on the circuit as they stand connected with the Quarterly Conference and Churches.

It was then ordered by unanimous vote, that the Secretary give E. Smith an order on the Treasurer of the Missionary fund for the sum of thirty one dollars and twenty cents. Old debt of the Allegheny Conference.

L.D. Jones resigned the office of Treasurer of the Missionary fund to which he had been elected by the missionary meeting and A N Hamlin was chose in his stead.

It was then resolved that the first Wednesday in Sept. 1850 be the time of the next Annual Session of this Conference.

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Bro Wm Sewell asked leave of absence for the remainder of this session of Conference – granted.

Adjourned to meet at 1 ½ P.M. prayer by A. L. Morrison.

1 ½ O’Clock P.M.

[Margin: Action on the resolution offered by E Smith]

Conf met and after singing and prayer the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

E Smith stated that Bro Bacon of Grayson, Va had forwarded to him a twenty dollar bill supposed to be counterfeit which had been paid him by the Conference and it was ordered that the Missionary Treasurer forward to him that amount out of any monies in the Treasury if said should prove to be counterfeit.

On motion it was resolved that all not otherwise appropriated be paid over to the Superintendent of the Canada Mission to be devoted to the missions under his care.

On motion the resolution offered by E Smith and S D Jones laid on the table during the morning session was taken up and discussed by Bros Bether Roe Woodruff and Smith. At the close of the discussion, it was ordered that on this preamble and resolution the Ministers and Laymen vote separately according to the provision of Discipline page 35. The ... were ordered to be recorded and stands as follows

[Margin: Final Vote]

Ministers

Yeas: E Smith, A W Sanders, C Woodruff, S D Jones, S Elliot, H Smith, R McCune 7

Nays: A N Hamlin, G Fairchild, G Richey 3

Laymen

Yeas: T Porter, MB Warner 2

Nays: L.H Roe, E Eastman, ...Wright, ...Steel 4

The Laymen and Ministers not Concerning the resolution were declared to be lost

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[Margin: Resolution]

The following resolution was passed by unanimous vote: resolved that the thanks of the Conf are hereby tendered to our Brethren and friends of Zanesville and vicinity for their kind attention and hospitality toward us during our session.

[Margin: Examining Committee]

Conference then supplied the vacancies in the examining committee which stand as follows: S. Elliot, R. McCune, J. McBride, S. V. Jones, and A W Sanders.

The character of Bro G Murrell was considered and passed and continued on trial.

By vote the President was authorized to employ Bro J Markee in the travelling connection.

The Minutes of this session were read and approved

After prayer by Bros Jones and Mattack, Conference adjourned.

George Richey, President

Robert McCune, Secretary

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Proceedings of the Conference Missionary Meeting Held Sept 15th, 1849

Saturday evening Sept. 15 1849

At the call of the committee on Missions of the Zanesville Conf in Session a large assemblage convened in the Wesleyan Chapel in Senecaville for the purpose of advancing the missionary cause in connexion with said conference.

A W Sanders was called to the chair. Congregation engaged in singing the ...Hymn and Bro Jones led in prayer.

R McCune was chosen secretary, S D Jones was elected treasurer of the Missionary funds. Re. J. S. Bether was called upon to sing an appropriate hymn who complied with the request.

The Rev. L C Mattack was introduced and addressed the meeting in an earnest and eloquent speech upon the importance of the Missionary enterprise of our infant Connection.

The Rev. E Gary of the English Wesleyan Connection gave an interesting speech in which he gave an account of Missionary operations in the West Indies showing the rapid progress of Christianity since the abolition of slavery there.

Rev. E Smith made the concluding address showing the unparalleled success of the Missions connected with this Conference.

The Subscriptions and donations to the Fund were called for and seventy six dollars in money and pledges were collected.

When the meeting adjourned

A W Sanders, Chairman

R McCune, Secretary