

Supplementary Minutes for the Year 1887 & 8.

- 1st Rev. R. L. Fisher appointed Pastor of the Westfield Circuit.
- 2nd Rev. R. M. S. Hutchins appointed pastor of the Liberty Circuit
- 3rd To accept the resignation of Rev. R. L. Fisher as pastor of the Westfield Circuit, and grant each Class the privilege to Select thier own Pastor; which they did as follows, Wesley Chapel--Wm Moon. No 7, and Poplar Ridge--Z. Barker Westfield Class. Rev. R. L. Fisher.
- 4th To accept the resignation of Rev. R. M. S. Hutchins as chairman of the Committe on Itineracy & Orders.
- 5th The appointment of Rev. J. Hester to fill the vacancy in chair of Committe on Itineracy and (Elder's) Orders, till Conference could elect.

Rev. E. Teter (President)

Journal of the Fortieth Session
Of the Indiana Annual Conference:
Wesleyan Methodist Connection.
U-S.A.

Rev. E. Teter . . .	President.
" W. H. Kennedy.	Secretary.
" A. Worth.	Conf. Evangelist.

Held at Mt Etna. Huntington-Co. Ind.
August 28th 1888.

Chairmen of Committees.

Temperance.	Rev. Geo. Reber.
Statistics.	" R. M. S. Hutchins.
Book-Concern.	" W. J. Seekins.
Moral-Reform.	" R. L. Fisher.
Missions.	" Wm Talbert.
Education.	" E. T. Spohn.
Sabbath-Schools	" L. L. Folger.

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Roll of Members. 1888.

Ministerial

W. Bartholemew.	H. Beber.	L. H. Carter.
N. T. Davis.	R. L. Fisher.	L. L. Folger.
A. F. Godwin.	E. Guthrie.	J. Hester. F Hester
B. F. Hester.	B. H. Hines.	R. M. S. Hutchins.
W. H. Kennedy.	A. J. Kirwood.	W. M. Lacey.
D. C. Linville.	J. Matheny.	J. M. Perry.
Geo. Reber.	G. P. Riley.	W. J. Seekins.
L. Shatford.	C. S. Smith.	E. T. Spohn.
Wm Talbert.	E. Teter.	G. M. Veach.
I. M. Ward.	A. Worth.	G. W. Zike.

Unstationed Elders.

S. Gettig.	Wm. Paxton. (Died)	M. Moore.
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Superannuates.

J. W. Johnson.
W. M. Welsh.

H. B. McCain.

C. F. Wiggins

Licentiates.

Z. Barker.

A. L. Blake.

T. C. Barnum.

B. L. Couch.

R. Carter.

W. L. Fall.

J. M. Lowrey.

W. L. Northam.

J. B. Shadle.

Delegates.

L. Barnard.

E. Bundy.

L. Craig.

O. Davis.

G. W. Felton.

J. R. Gettig.

W. T. Huffman.

E. E. Hawkins.

L. Harvey.

D. K. Harris.

R. Jeffrey.

P. Lamb.

M. A. McClelan.

E. Modlin.

E. Moore.

T. McMurtry.

G. Orebaugh.

A. Oswald.

E. V. Potter.

E. Rinebault.

S. F. Robinson.

D. Simons.

J. Swath.

J. Smathers.

A. Teter.

A. J. Trout.

I. Unger.

L. Unger.

U. White.

The Indiana Annual Conference of the W. M. C.
Convened for its Fortieth Session in the W. M. Church
at Mt Etna Huntington Co. August 28th 1888. 8 A. M.

The President upon calling the Conf. together
made a short address.

The Opening religious Services were conducted by
Rev. R. M. S. Hutchins. The Conf. was then declared
open for business.

The Credentials of Delegates were called for,
and the names of the following were placed on the
Conf. Roll.

E. V. Potter. D. K. Harris. A. Oswald. I. Unger.
E. Rinebault. E. E. Hawkins. U. White. J. Smathers.
G. Orebaugh. L. Unger. W. T. Huffman. S. F. Robinson.
A. Teter. T. McMurtry. G. W. Felton. E. Moore. E. Bundy.
O. Davis. P. Lamb. D. Simons. R. Jeffries.

On Motion the President appointed Revs A. F.

Godwin and J. Hester to fix the Conf. Bar.

On Motion Revs. C. S. Smith and J. Hester, also Sister M. Hadley were elected a committee on Religious Services.

The Com. on Conf. Bar reported the four centre Seats, also the Side seats as far back as the Stove.

On Motion the time for the Election of Conference Officers for the ensuing year was fixed at 9. A. M. Wednesday.

Rev. H. Ackers President of the Miami Conf. was presented to the Conf. and voted a Seat within the Bar as an Honorary Member.

Com. on- On Motion the Com. on Pastoral Relations was
Pastoral appointed as follows. Revs. E. Teter Wm Talbert,
Relations R. M. S. Hutchins N. T. Davis. & D. K. Harris.
G. Felton. A. Teter.

On motion the appointment by the President during interim of Conf. of Rev J. Hester.

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to Chairman of Com. on Itineracy and Elders Orders was confirmed. also to continue for three years. also Rev. W. M. Lacey to fill vacancy caused by absence of Rev. L. Shatford

The President appointed P. Lamb. and W. T. Huffman as lay Members of the Same Committee.

On Motion the Conf. proceeded to the Examination of Character. The Names of W Bartholemew. N. T. Davis. L. L. Folger. A. F. Godwin J. Hester. R. M. S. Hutchins. W. H. Kennedy. W. M. Lacey. G. Reber. W. J. Seekins. C. S. Smith and E Teter were called and character passed.

Opening and Closing The Com. on Religious Services reported the time of opening Conf. at 8.30 A. M. and. 1.30 P. M. Closing at 10.50 A. M. and. 5.30 P. M. On Motion the report was adopted.

On Motion the Conf. adjourned. Benediction by G. W. Zike.

1st Day.
Afternoon.

Conf. called to order by the President at 1.30 P. M.

Devotions led by Rev. W. M. Lacey. Roll called.
Supplementary Minutes read and approved. Forenoon
Minutes read and approved.

The names of C A Billheimer. W. B. Moon. O. Dot-
son. Re Jefries J. A. Zeller J. Mygrant. were presented
with recommendations to travel: also the names of
J. W. Brown A. L. Blake. R. Carter. J. B. Shadle.
Candidates. with recommendations for Elder's Orders. The
former referred to com. on Pastoral Relations.
The latter to Com. on Itinerary and Elders Orders.

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A request from S. Ratliff (Licentiate) for a
letter of Standing was laid on the table

On Motion the Hour of 3. P. M. Wednesday was
given to Rev L. N. Stratton to present the intrests
of Wheaton Seminary.

A petition from Bethel Class of Fountain
Petition of City Circuit asking to be restored to the
Bethel Class. Indiana Conf. was granted by the Seting aside
of the action of the Conf. concerning them
one year ago.

On the examination of candidates for Elder's
Orders there was a considerable expression of Senti-
ment concerning the degree of proficiency required.

On motion it was ordered that no candidate be
recommended to travel or for Elders Orders unless
unless the requirments of the Discipline be complied
with.

On Motion Conf. adjourned. Benediction by
B. H. Hines.

2nd Day,
Morning Session.

Conference was called to order by the President

at 8.30 A. M.

Devotions led by Wm Talbert.

Roll called, and minutes read by the Secretary.

The name of S. Ratliff was--on Motion--
S. Ratliff. dropped from the roll, she having refused
the renewal of her license from the Quarterly Conference.

The name of Wm Paxton deceased was referred to
the com. on Religious Services for a Memorial Service

A petition from a class organized at--

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Thorntown Mission praying to be recognized as within
the bounds and jurisdiction of the Conference, was presented by Elder Geo. Reber On
Motion the Petition was granted, and the
class to be known as the Thorntown Mission.

The order of the day was taken up and Conf.
proceeded to the election of its officers for the
ensuing year. The President appointed the tell-
ers. On Motion the Secretary was authorized to
cast the ballot of the Conference for Rev E.
Teter as President. and so cast. On Motion the
President was authorized to cast the ballot of
the Conference for W. H. Kennedy as Secretary,
and so cast.

Revs. D. S. Kinney. G. Story. & A. W. Hall and
B. F. Hester were presented to the Conf. and voted a
Seat within the bar as Honorary Members.

The credentials of Martha McClelland as a dele-
gate were deferred, not coming properly before the Conf.

On Motion the President was requested to fill
out the Committees for 1888, See Report No. 1. Page 219.

Rev. A. Worth presented a Petition asking
Committee that the possession of Certain funds in the hands
in case of of Mrs. T. Connor be determined by the Confer-
ence. On Motion the matter was referred to
hands of Mrs a Committee of investigation Rev A. Worth
T. Connor to name the Committee, The committee were

A. Worth. Wm Talbert. & P. Lamb.

The Examination of Character was resumed. The name of G. M. Veach was called and referred to the Com. on Elders orders. The name of G. W. Zike was called and Character passed. The name of J. Dunfee. Dunfee was dropped from the Roll

The Pres. reported the Committees for

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Conf. Adjourned until 2. P. M.

Benediction by Rev. A. Worth.

2nd Day.
Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order by the President. Religious Services by P. Lamb.

Roll called, and minutes read by the Secretary.

The President reported Chairmen for committees for 1889. See report No. 2. Page 219.

Com. to fill vacancy in Conf. Officers. On Motion the Conf. elected Wm Talbert, W. J. Seekins. & C. S. Smith a committee to fill vacancy in Conf. officers.

By consent, a resolution was presented to the Conference endorsing the action of the General Conference of 1887. concerning the rewording of the articles on Regeneration and Sanctification also a previous action against all Secret Societies. Rev W. M. Lacey Spoke against the resolution. also followed by G. P. Riley.

The order of the day being called for, L. N. Stratton presented the interests and needs of Wheaton Seminary a Collection of \$19.39 was Subscribed and partly paid.

On Motion the hour of 10 A. M. Thursday was given to Rev. G. Story to presents the interests of Houghton Seminary and the hour of 3. P. M. to Rev

D. S. Kimzey as Connectional agent. also the hour of 10 A. M. Friday to Rev A. W. Hall, to present the intrests of Missions, Home & Foreign.

By consent Rev R. L. Fisher's character was examined and passed.

The Conference resumed the discussion on Resolutions concerning the endors-

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ment of the actions of the General Conference G. P. Riley having the floor. On Motion the Speakers were limited to five minutes, no one to Speak twice until all had spoken The discussion continued until conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Wm Talbert.

3rd Day.
Morning Session.

Conference was called to order by the President. Religious Services by. Sister O. Davis. Roll called and minutes read by the Secretary.

The recommendation of R. Carter to Elder's orders was read and refered to Com. on Elders orders.

The committe to investigate the right of ownership of funds in the hands of Mrs T. Conner reported as follows.--Your committe to whom was refered the matter of certain church funds. in the hands of Mrs. Trustum Connor beg leave to report as follows.

Report of
committe
on funds
in the hands

That in our Judgment a reciever should be appointed by this body, as in our judgment the Said funds legitimally belong to this conference, and thier disposal should be by its direction. (Signed A. Worth Chm)

of Mrs. T. Conner.

The report was adopted, and Rev. A. Worth appointed as reciever of said funds

On Motion the hour of 2 P. M. was Set as the time to elect Conference Evangelist.

Rev. C. C. Buck of the W. Y. Conf. was introduced.

He gave the Conf a Close talk concerning our attitude toward those differing. Conf took up the order of the day and listened to Rev. G. Story present

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the intrrests of Houghton Seminary. a collection of \$179.25 cash & Subscription was raised for the Seminary.

Conference adjourned

Benediction by B. F. Hester.

3rd Day.
Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order by the President.
Devotions led by Wm Northam.

Roll called, and minutes read by the Secratory.

On Motion it was ordered that the Conf. Evangelist be voted for by ballot.

On Motion it was ordered that His work work be divided between the Evangelist-elect, and the President of the Conference.

The President appointed Wm Talbert and G. W. Zike as tellers.

Rev. A. Worth was declared unanimously elected Conf. Evargelist.

The discussion of the Resolution endorsing the Actions of the General Conference concerning the rewording of the discipline on Secrecy and the articles on Regeneration and Sanctification was taken up. A Paper from Rev E. Bruce of the Syracuse conference was read. said paper affirmed the Syracuse Church as such to be in harmony with the discipline as it now is. The previous question was now moved with the Proviso that Rev. W. M. Lacy have ten minutes to speak against and the presentor of the Resolution the Same to reply. The yeas and nays were called for on the passage of the resolution. The Secratory called the Roll and

The vote
on the
Endorse-
ment of

Genl. Conf.
in its
action on
Secrecy
Regeneration
& Sanctifi-
cation.

W. M. Lacey. J. M. Perry. G. P. Riley. S
Gettg of the Elders also E. E. Hawkins a
delegate responded as opposed to the Reso-
lution. L. H. Carter. L. L. Folger. E.
Guthrie. J. Hester. B. H. Hines W. H. Ken-
nedy A. J. Kirwood. G. Reber. W. J. Seek-
ins. C. S. Smith. E. T. Spohn. W. Talbert.
E. Teter. A. Worth. G. W Zike of the Elders
and E. Bundy. O. Davis. G. W. Felton. R.
Jeffrey J. R. Gettig. L. Harvey. E. E. Haw-
kins W. T. Huffman. L. Barnard. E. Moore.
E. Modlin, T. McMurtry. G. Orebaugh. A. Os-
wald. E. V. Potter. D. Simons. J. Smethers.
A. Teter. I Unger. L. Unger. U White. of the
delegates responded in favor of the Resolu-
tion there being 5 nays, and 36 years, 24 being absent.
See Resolution No 1. Page 229. (A canvass of all the
members shewed 9 Nays, & 56 years.)

The order of the Day being called Rev. D. S.
Kinney Con. Agt. presented his report Shewing the
financial condition of the Connection to be prosperous.
He also exposed the evil workings of Some who are op-
posed to our present Discipline, and Holiness work
and workers. A collection was taken to send the Wes-
leyan to the worthy Poor ammounting to \$8.64 cash.

On Motion the Conf. adjourned to meet at 8.30
A. M. Benediction by J. M. Lowrey.

4th Day. Morning Session.

The Conference was called to order by the Presi-
dent Services by J. R. Gettys were of God. Roll
called, and Minutes read by the Secratary.

Revs. Joel Martin & J. A Richards of the Michi-
gan & South Kansas Conf's. & Revs. W. W. Brown. &
J I McCoy of the M-E Church were introduced to the
conf & voted a Seat within the Bar.

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On motion the Examination of Character was resumed.
The name of D. C. Linville Conf Missionary was called.
The Brother responded with his report. The question
of Conformity to the 22nd Section of our present dis-
cipline was brought up and discussed, it having some-

thing to do with the acceptance of the report.

The order of the day was called for, and Rev. A. W. Hall presented the subject of Missions Home and Foreign. A collection for the Same was raised amounting to

Conference adjourned; Benediction by A. J. Kirwood

14th Day.
Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order by the President Devotions led by T. C. Barnum. Roll called and Minutes read by the Secretary.

On Motion the Name of Rev B. F. Hester--who comes properly approved from the Central Ohio Conference--was placed on the Conf. Roll.

On Motion the hour of 9. A. M. Saturday was set as the time to hear the report of the Conf. Missionary Society. Elect the officers for the ensuing year, also a Conf. Miss. Evangelist.

The Conf. Missionary Evangelist's report conf. Miss. was reread and upon the retraction of certain Evangelist statements made by the delegate from his work Report. adopted. The report embraced the reception of two churches to be Known as the Crums point Mission

Rev A. C. Girard M. E. Church was introduced, and voted a seat within the Bar.

On Motion Rev. E. Teter was--

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Opening-Sermon.

Appointed to preach the opening Sermon for 1889.

Time and place of holding next Annual Conference. On Motion the Conference proceeded to fix the time and place of holding the next anual Conference. There were invitations extended from Sheridan. Hamilton-Co. and Fairmount. Grant-Co. At the calling of the Roll 19 votes were cast for Sheridan and 22 for Fairmount. the latter was declared to be the Place. The time was

intrest to the Wesleyan for publication, and a collection raised to defray the expense of the Same.

The com. on Book Concern reported report adopted
See report No. Page,

Election of The order of the day was called up; and the
Conference Conference by Motion Unanimously reelected the
Missionary former board of Officers to serve the ensuing
Society year in Conf. Missionary Work. On Motion the
Officers. office of Conf. Missionary Evangelist was for
the present abolished; and the Board authorized
to engage the Services of one or More as best they
may to work in the home Mission field.

On Motion Sister O. Davis was authorized to
Womans perfect the organization of a Womans Missionary
Missionary Society. On Motion She was allowed two assis-
Society. tants Sisters Lucy Simons of La-Otto and Mosline
Crilley of Fairmount wer elected to fill the
paces.

The com. on Missions reported. report adopted.
See report No. Page,

On Motion the hour of 2 P. M. was set to hear
the report on Temperance

On Motion Conf. adjourned Benediction by L. H.
Carter.

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5th Day.
Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order by the President in
the Chair. Devotions by A. Teter. Roll called, and
minutes read by the Secratary.

The committe on Statistics reported. report
adopted; see report No Page.

The Names of Rev A. Worth and L. Shatford were
called and Characters passed.

The committe on Temperance reported. The re-
port was being discussed. When the order of the day
was called for. and Rev A. J. Richards addressed the
Conference in the intrresta of Wasiorna Seminary.

set on Tuesday 8. A. M. August 27th 1889.

On Motion the hour of 3 P. M. Saturday was given to J. A. Richards to present the intrests of Wasioga Seminary.

The report of the Committe in the Case of G. M. Veach was heard and his character passed. The names of S. Gettig. J. M. Lowrey. and M. Moore were called and Character passed. The name of E. Brookshire E. Brookshire was called. Rev. E. T. Spohn stated that he had requests to be a written request from him to have his name dropped dropped. from the Roll, and Minutes of the Conference.

His request was refered to a committe consisting of Wm Talbert. G. Reber. A. Worth. D. Simons. G. Orebaugh. & G. W. Felton. The names of J. W. Johnson. H. B. McCain. H. Bober. L. H. Carter. E Guthrie. B. H. Hines. A. J. Kirwood. J. Matheny. G. P. Riley. E. T. Spohn. Wm Talbert. B. L. Couch. R. Carter. L. L. Folger were called and characters passed.

Conf. adjourned to meet at 8.30 A. M. Benediction by E. Guthrie.

5th Day,
Morning Session.

Conference Convened at the Call of the President. Devotions led by J. B. Shadle. Roll called, and Minutes read by the Secratary.

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The committe on Itineracy and Elder's orders reported. Report adopted. See Report No. Page,

The com. on Education reported. report adopted. see report no. Page,

Com. on E. The Committe on the request of E. Brookshire reported that it was thier judgment his request Brookshire be granted. The report was adopted and his name report. stricken out.

The com. on Pastoral Relations reported. report adopted. See report no. Page,

On Motion the Secratary was requested to forward the Stationing committe's report, and other items of

A Collection was taken in Cash and subscriptions amounting to \$23.90.

On Motion the Conf. adjourned to meet at 6.30 P. M.

Benediction by E. T. Spohn.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment at 6.30 Religious Services by Wm Fall.

The report on Temperance being before the house the discussion was resumed for some time. The previous question being moved, and yeas and nays Called for, the vote was taken resulting in 31 yeas, and 7 Nays. See report No. 3. Page 220.

The com. on Elder's-Orders reported. Report adopted: see Report No. 4. Page. 221.

The com. on Book-Concern reported, Report adopted: See Report no. 5. Page 222.

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A resolution of thanks was unanimously tendered the citizens of Mt Etna and vicinity for thier hospitable entertainment.

The committe on Moral Reform reported. Report adopted. see report no. 6. Page 222.

By consent time was given Rev. A. W. Hall to speak on organization of Women's Missionary Societies.

The President of the Conference asked the Conference to give to Resolution No. 2 of last year (referring to the preaching of Holiness) the same construction and import as that laid down in his published article in Wesleyan of July 25th, also that said resolution should not be so construed as to arrest the Character of any Preacher; By consent the request of the President was adopted.

The Questions relating to the supply and condition of the work in the Conference were asked, and answered Satisfactorily.

On Motion Conf. adjourned to meet as before ordered on Tuesday at 8. A. M. August 27th 1889. on Fairmount circuit. Grant Co. Ind. D. V.

Reports of Committies.

No. 1. Committies for 1888.

Temperance		
Geo. Reber.	A. F. Godwin.	Ambrose Teter.
Statistics.		
R. M. S. Hutchins.	E. Guthrie	Thos. <u>Mc</u> Murtry.
Book-Concern.		
W. J. Seekins.	W. H. Kennedy.	L. Harvey.
Moral-Reform.		
R. L. Fisher.	A. Worth.	J. R. Gettig.
Missions.		
<u>Wm</u> Talbert.	G. W. Zike.	E. E. Hawkins.
Education.		
E. T. Spohn.	W. M. Lacey.	P. Lamb.
Sabbath-Schools.		
L. L. Folger.	L. H. Carter.	S. F. Robinson.
Pastoral Relations.		
E. Teter.	W. Talbert.	R. M. S. Hutchins.
D. K. Harris.	G. Felton.	A. Teter.

No. 2. Chairmen of Committies for 1889.

Temperance--	A. Worth.
Statistics--	B. H. Hines.
Book Concern--	Wm Talbert.
Sabbath Schools--	R. M. S. Hutchins.
Education.--	R. L. Fisher.
Missions--	C. E. Smith.
Moral Reform--	W. M. Lacey.

No. 3. Temperance.

Your committe on Temperance beg leave to report

as follows.

Whereas:--The Liquor traffic is regarded ~~re-regarded~~ by the world at large as the greatest evil of the nineteenth century having as its fruit Anarchy, Socialism, Riots, Strikes, larger Penitentiaries, More Asylums, heart broken wives, Wretched children, and thousands of Souls lost anually and,

Whereas:--All efforts to restrain or control it have proven failures, as it increases anually in power, expense, and devastation; and,

Whereas:--The ballot is the method by which Americans may settle all wrongs; and,

Whereas:--The two great political parties have refused us the privelidge of destroying the accursed thing, and have declared themselves in favor of its continuance and legal protection by license or tax, and so constructed thier platforms and pledged thier candidates as to disfranchise on this subject every lover of "God, Home, and native land" and compelling every man who votes for either of the old parties to violate the word of God which says, "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablsheth a city by iniquity! Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth the bottle to him and makest him drunken also!" and,

Whereas:--A political reform can become a fact in government only through a political party that administers the government; and,

Whereas:--The Supreme Court having decided the right to "manufacture or Sell intoxicants is not a natural right, and that if it exists it must do so by law; and,

Whereas:--To countenance an evil which can be prevented is to be a partaker of its iniquity, therefore,

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Resolved:--That the Wesleyan Methodist church of the Indiana Anual Conference in Session at Mt Etna, Indiana, this September 2nd 1888 pledges itself to pray and vote for the Prohibition party both State and

National.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geo. Reber. }
A. Teter. } Com.

No. 4.

Elder's-Orders.

Your Committee on Elder's Orders make the following report.

We recommend that A. Billheimer, J. A. Zeller, W. G. Moon, K. Jeffrys, and A. Dotson. be recognised a suitable persons to travel under the direction of Conference. also that J. Mygrant, W. Fall. J. Manning & R. Gift be continued in the same relation.

We also recommend that T. C. Barnum, B. L. Couch, R. A. Carter. A. L. Blake. J. W. Brown. J. B. Shadle. W. L. Northam. J. J. Coleman, and J. M. Lowry (who were recommended for Elders Orders) faithfully continue thier Studies under the aid of the Holy Ghost; and as we expect to hold (D. V.) two theological institutes during the coming year we earnestly entreat all these dear brethren to be present at these Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. Hester. }
W. J. Seekins. } Com.
W. M. Lacey }
P Lamb. }

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No. 5.

Book-Concern.

Your Committee on Book Concern report as follows.

This being an age of rapid progress in which Books and periodicals are forces in our posession, and are as seed soown which will either build up or retard the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom, we recognize that it is very necessary that our people read that which will give food to the Soul as well as the Mind.

We place first and most prominent the Bible, and

urge a more careful perusal of the Sacred page: next the Biographies and writings of Hester Ann Rodgers, Adam Crooks, and John & Charles Wesley.

We also urge our people to take our own denominational Papers the Wesleyan Methodist and Bible Standard, and for Sunday School purposes the Children's Banner & Good Words; Other papers may be cheaper but not so good.

Further we recommend all our people to pray for and hold up the hands of our beloved Editor and Agent in thier Noble efforts to place within our reach pure and wholesome literature

W. J. Seekins.	} Com.
W. H. Kennedy	
L. M. Harvey.	

No. 6.

Moral-Reform.

The committe on Moral Reform make the following report,

We reaffirm the distinctive principles which live at the bottom of our

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Denominational existence, and would ever keep them prominently before the public Mind

1st We affirm that the God is the Source of all rightfu^l government and that all true national prosperity must come by honoring the Principles of the Bible, and incorporating them in the Civil laws of the Land

2nd We regard the Sanctity of the Sabbath of the highest importance and that a nation with out the Sabbath is like a Nation without the God. and we earnestly petition our Ministers and churches to lift up thier voice against the wholesale desecration going on by the giant Corporations of the country as well as individual persons all over the Land

3rd We look upon the legalized dram shops of America as the Prolific Source of apalling evil, and

the greatest single foe to the Church of Christ in the World, and conceiving that the true Mission of Politics is to apply the Moral principles of the Gospel to human government we recommend the application of the Most radical measures for the legal destruction of the Liquor traffic, and its constitutional prohibition in every State and territory in the Land.

4th We regard the Gospel as the true Solution of the Labor question and that Strikes and Boycotts are in thier nature ruinous, that nothing but the Moral forces of the Gospel will end the covetousness and Selfishness of the human heart and thus prevent the oppression of the laboring masses by those who control the commercial intrests of the World.

5th We further are firm in our convictions that Secrecy is alike the foe of the

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State. Home. and Church. that through its baneful influence Corruption Stalks abroad at noonday defying the Justice of Law. the Privacy of Home. or the Sanctity of Holy things We call on all classes for a united effort and a Solid front against this wily foe.

With a firm reliance in Jesus who died to bring a Sin cursed world back to God, we commit ourselves and this work to Him, Praying that we as a people may have true courage to face every foe to righteousness and truth.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. Worth.

J. R. Gettig.

Com.

No. 7.

Missions.

While we rejoice at the increased intrest by our Conference in the cause of Missions yet we believe there is room for marked improvement in this direction. The command is "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature," and there are some things necessary to effect this great design

1st We need a more thoroughly consecrated

Ministry, persons whose whole being is all aflame with zeal for God's glory and the Salvation of Souls.

2nd A Laity whose conscience is thoroughly awakened, and whose means are consecrated to God that the gospel may be carried to the regions beyond lighting up the dark corners of the Earth.

We therefore pledge ourselves as members of the Ind. Conf. to increased activity in this sphere of Labor.

Respectfully Submitted. { Wm Talbert.
G. W. Zike.
E. E. Hawkins. } com.

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No. 8.
Education.

We your committe on Education submit the following as our report.

We deeply feel the need of more thoroughly developed minds, and believe that God would have us Study that we may show ourselves able ministers of the New Testament. We would not substitute Education for grace, for the word says when He the Spirit of truth is come He will guide you into all truth We also believe the work of grace is not hindered by Education but rather helped we recommend our Schools to the patronage of our people. and hope that Houghton. Wasioga, Purdy & Wheaton will be liberally supported.

Submitted by:--E. T. Spohn
W. M. Lacey
P. Lamb } Com.

No. 9.
Sabbath-Schools.

The committe on Sabbath Schools report as follows.

We see a great deficiency on the part of those who have the forming of Character in not using the diligence necessary to the perfecting of the Moral training of the young. this is shown in a neglect to read and teach the Word. We submit that we as a people should insist on such a course in public and private as will train the child in the way he should go.

We also suggest the earnest cooperation of Ministry and laity in the organization

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of Sabbath Schools and to be so conducted as to be free from formality but filled with the Spirit.

We are looking to the time when our publishing house will be able to issue such Sabbath School literature as will bring out and place before the children our distinctive principles.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. L. Folger. } Com.
L. H. Carter. }

No. 10.

Pastoral Relations

The committee on Pastoral relations report as follows. We recommend--

- 1st. That Hartford City be made a station.
- 2nd. That Sheridan be made a Station.
- 3rd. That Marion & Amboy circuit be divided.
- 4th. That a Mission be established in South Marion.

The work is supplied

Albion, B. F. Hester.	Amboy, G. M. Veach.
Boxley, W. J. Seekins.	N-C. & B-R, W. H. Kennedy.
Bryant, A. F. Godwin.	Pleasant-Grove, W. M. Lacey.
Fountain-City, " "	Plymouth, Wm Talbert.
Fairmount, J. Hester.	Salimony, E. L. Couch.
Fairview, A. L. Blake.	Sheridan, Unsupplied.
Grover, Unsupplied.	S.-Marion, T. Dotson.
Hodson Mission " "	Hartford-City, E. T. Spohn.
Larwill, G. W. Zike.	Traversville, R. L. Carter.
Liberty, Unsupplied.	Thorntown, G. Reber.
Ligonier, E. Guthrie.	Westfield, W. G. Moon.
Marion, N. T. Davis.	Crums-Point, D. C. Linvill
Mt Etna, C. S. Smith.	Conf. Evangelist, A. Worth.

Ques. 1st. Elders on the Stationed list are those who took work, also L. H. Carter, G. P. Riley. R. L. Fisher J Matheny. W Bartholemew, H. Beber. R. M. S. Hutchins. L. Shatford. J. M. Ward.

Ques. 2nd. Retired. None.

Ques. 3rd. Licentiates on Stationed list. A. L. Blake.
B. L. Couch. R. L. Carter. T. Dotson. W. G. Moon.
Z. Barker. T. C. Barnum. W. L. Fall. W. L. Northam.
J. M. Lowery. J. B. Shadle.

Ques. 4th. Superannuated Elders. H. B. McCain.
J. W. Johnson. W. M. Welsh. C. F. Wiggins.

Ques. 5th Deposed. None.

Ques. 6th. Withdrawn. E. Brookshire. D. L. Loving

Ques. 7th. Joined. B. F. Hester, by transfer from
C. O. Conf.

Ques. 8th. Died. Rev. Wm Paxton.

Ques. 9th. Contributed. Preaching \$4195.44
Missions \$ 194.64

Ques. 10th. Members. 2212.

Ques. 11th. In Sabbath Schools. 2074.

Ques. 12th. Fairmount. Aug. 27th 1889.

Ques. 13th. See report. (Page 226.)

Resolution. No. 1.

Whereas:--Our last General Conference made certain changes in the Wording of the Articles of faith on Regeneration and Sanctification; and in the past years have so worded our article on Secret Societies as to forbid our members holding fellowship with any of them; and.

Whereas:--A remonstrance has been gotten up by some professed Wesleyans against said changes, in which they affirm Said to be unconstitutional on the ground that they contravene our articles of faith, and change the condition of membership without first submitting it to the churches; Wherefore:

Resolved:--That the Indiana Conference hereby affirm that Said Changes are not unconstitutional, and that they do not contravene our articles of faith as before declared; and further:

That said changes are not only constitutional, but that they express the true Scriptural Doctrine on Regeneration and Sanctification and Secret Societies; and we hereby give the Same our full endorsment as a Conference

(The vote was 36 yea, 5 nay. Page 213.)

W. H. Kennedy. (Sec)

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Devotional Services.

Each day at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Services were held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, also at the M. E. Church at 2 P. M. and 8 P. M.

The preaching of the Word was attended with blessed results, Souls were either converted or wholly Sanctified at the Meetings. The number of visiting brethren in the Ministry was such that the greater part of the Preaching was committed to them.

The Sabbath was a day long to be remembered by many. The Love feast was blessed, the Preaching encouraging and edifying. At a late hour Sabbath evening the large concourse of Workers both Ministry and Laity Separated some of them to assemble no More

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until the day of final awards and punishments dawns.
To God be all the glory.

W. H. Kennedy. (Sec. Ind A. Conf.)

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'89. See p. 245))

Released Rev. W. Talbert from Plymouth circuit,
and appointed Rev J. W. Brown Pastor.

Released T. Dotson from Marion Mission on account
of inefficiency.

Appointed John Griffirin pastor of Sheridan Charge.

Appointed D. C. Linville and S. Gettig pastors of
Liberty Circuit.

Recieved Rev G. W. Haines letter of Standing from
the Miami Conf.

Granted letters of Standing to I. M. Ward. E. T.
Spohn. J. W. Johnson.

J. W. Johnson's letter unused and his name retained
on Conf. Roll.

Rev. R. M. S. Hutchins recieved a letter of per-
mission to preach within the bounds of the Illinois
Conf. Said letter subsequently returned.

W. A. Hyle, and A. J. Kirwood surrendered thier
parchments.

E. Teter. (Pres)

W. H. Kennedy. (Sec)

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Minute of Religious Services.

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From the very begining it was evident that deeper
Spirituality prevaded the hearts and minds of the Mem-
bers of Conference; Souls came forward each day Seeking
for either Pardon or Purity; and we have reason to be-
lieve a number found; To God be all the glory. The
Preaching and testimony was on definite and incisive
lines, Jesus was held up as able not only to forgive,
but to cleanse from all unrighteousness. The distinc-
tive grace of Entire Sanctification was made prominent,
and the key note of victory.

The attendance was unusually large so much that the Services were held in a large tabernacle close at hand pitched for the express purpose

Sabbath day was one of glory and victory to many hearts. The Love feast was characterized by definite testimony to conscious deliverance from Sin. Many could not find time to Speak at all, but rose up in a body to give thier testimony to the power of Jesus to Save.

In the afternoon Brothers A. L. Blake. B. L. Couch. J. J. Coleman. J. W. Brown and J. B. Shadle were ordained to the office of an Elder with the usual impressive ceremonies.

The Communion Service was a time of Solemnity and grace. Nearly one hundred and fifty partook of the emblems of our Lord's death and Sufferings; great grace resting aparently on all. For all of which we praise and adore the Lord-Jehovah.

E. Teter (Pres.)
W. H. Kennedy (Sec.)

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Minutes of the--
Forty-first Annual Session of the
Indiana Annual Conference
Held at Back-Creek Church, Grant-Co.
Aug. 27-31, 1889.

1st, Day.
Morning Session.

The President being absent on account of his Sister's sickness, The committe on filling the vacancy appointed Elder Wm Talbert as President pro-tem.

The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Brown.

The conference was declared open for the business to come before it.

The credentials of Delegates were called for, and the following names placed on the Roll--

T. H. McMurtry, D. M. Jeffries, J. C. Bailey, A. Carter, I. Unger, U. White, E. Moore, D. Ellis, E. J. Slater, J. M. Cummins, E. Pearson, G. Felton, J. H. Gilbert, J. W. Zike, A. Trout, B. F. Starbuck, J. Smothers, C. Bennet A. McClain.

The supplementary minutes were read and approved.

The committee on Conference bar was appointed:--
J. W. Seekins, W. M. Lacey.

The Committee on Religious Services was appointed:--
J. Hester, G. W. Felton, J. Wilson.

On motion the time for the Election of Conference officers was fixed at 3. P. M. Wednesday.

The committee on Conference bar reported three seats across the centre, and three on the south side-- of the house: Report adopted.

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The President reported the committee on Pastoral relations as follows. W. J. Seekins, G. W. Zike, G. M. Veach, T. H. McMurtry, C. Bennet, and I. Unger.

On motion B. H. Hines, C. S. Smith, and N. T. Davis were elected a committee to fill a vacancy in Conference officers.

Elders H. Ackers (President of the Miami Conference) and J. N. Bedford (President of Wheaton Seminary); were presented to the Conference and voted a seat within the bar as honorary members.

On motion the examination of Character was taken up; the names of Wm Bartholemew, H. Beber, N. T. Davis, L. L. Folger B. F. Hester, B. H. Hines, R. M. S. Hutchins, W. H. Kennedy, and W. M. Lacey were called and characters passed.

The committee on Services reported the Sessions to open at 8.30 A. M. and 2. P. M. to close at 10.30 A. M. and 5. P. M.

On motion, the request of Elder W. H. Kennedy-- for a letter of Standing--was granted.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 2. P. M.

Benediction by Elder H. Ackers.

Afternoon Session.

Religious Services were conducted by Elder B. F. Hester.

Roll called and minutes read and adopted

The credentials of the following delegates were recieved and names placed on the roll: W. T. Huffman, W. R. Harris, J. R. Gettys N. O. Bryant, L. Harvey, J. R. Hart, G W Peterson, D. Simons

The Conference by vote filled out the various Committies as follows.

Education.

B. F. Hester. L. Harvey.

Sabbath Schools.

E. Guthrie, J. R. Gettys.

Moral-Reform.

W. M. Lacey, W. R. Harris.

Temperance.

A. Worth. E. Moore.

Missions.

C. S. Smith. D. Simons.

Statistics.

B. H. Hines, G. H. Gilbert.

Book-Committee.

W. Talbert. G. W. Zike.

Rev. T. E. Kimmerman of the U. B. Church and W. H. Lewis of the W. M. Church were presented to the Conference and voted a seat within the bar as honorary members.

The committe on Itineracy and Elder's orders made a partial report as follows:--J. W. Brown, A. L. Blake, J. J. Coleman, and J. B. Shadle, have passed a creditable examination, and are hereby recommended to be ordained as Elders:

On motion the report was recieved, and the brethren accorded seats in the Conference with the prive-

lidges of Elders.

On Motion the Examination of Character was resumed; The names of W. J. Seekins W. Talbert. G. M. Veach, A. Worth, E. Teter, L. H. Carter were called and characters passed.

On Motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 8.30 A. M. Wednesday.

Benediction by Elder A. Worth.

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2nd Day.
Morning Session.

The opening devotions were conducted by Elder A. F. Godwin.

On motion, Conference elected a judiciary committee as follows. W. Talbert B. H. Hines. A. L. Blake. L. H. Carter. T. H. McMurtry. J. H. Gilbert, W. T. Huffman.

A petition from Caley Class praying that it be set off as a mission, was read and refered to the committee on Pastoral relations.

The credentials of S. C. Heston, W. J. Hogue. E. V. Potter. D. Gordon, and E. H. Liddall as suitable persons to travel, and C. A. Billheimer W. G. Moon, and R. Jeffries as suitable to be examined for ordination were read and referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's orders.

On Motion the hour of 2. P. M. Thursday was given to Rev. J. N. Bedford to represent the intrests of Wheaton Seminary of 2. P. M. Friday to Rev. G. W. Story to represent that of Houghton Seminary, and of 4. P. M. to Rev. D. S. Kinney to report the Financial Status of the Connection, also of 2. P. M. Saturday to Rev. A. W. Hall, to present the intrests of Missions.

Rev. J. Shuttars of the Mission Church was presented to the Conference and voted a seat within the bar as an honorary Member.

On Motion Rev. G. Reber was elected a Member of the Committee on Itineracy and Elder's orders to fill the

place of Rev. L. Shatford whose term expires by limitation.

On Motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Kennedy.

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Afternoon Session.

Devotions by G. W. Lewis.

Roll called, and minutes read by the Secretary.
no corrections.

On motion it was voted to acced to the request made by members of the connection to elect a suitable person whose duty it shall be, in connection with others, to ascertain the condition of Wasioaga Seminary. Rev. E. Teter was elected to act in said capacity

On motion J. Hester and W Talbert were made a committee to raise means to defray the expenses of Bro. Teter while so engaged.

A petition from "Strawtown" Class, asking for admission to the conference as a Mission was read, and refered to the Committee on Pastoral relations.

Also one from "Hartford" and "Six Mile" classes asking to be joined to the Salimony circuit was read and refered to the committee on Pastoral relations.

Also one from Briant and Traversvill, asking to be united with Pleasant Grove, Union Chapel, and Mole Hill classes, to be Known as Briant Mission, was read and refered to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The order of the day being called for the President appointed W. Talbert and D. Simons Tellers.

On first ballot fifty votes were cast for President, of which Elder E. Teter recieved forty Seven, Rev N. T. Davis one. Rev. W. Talbert one Rev. W. H. Kennedy one.

On Motion the vote was declared Unanimous for Elder E. Teter as President.

On first Ballot fifty votes were cast for

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Secretary, of which Elder W. H. Kennedy recieved forty Six, Rev. B. F. Hester two. Rev. J. Hester one. Rev. W Talbert one. Rev. W. H Kennedy was declared elected--

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Secretary for the ensuing conference year.

The Committee on Moral Reform reported: An animated discussion of its various features followed. Report adopted. (See Report No 1. Page 246.

On Motion conference adjourned.
Benediction by Elder B. F. Hester.

3rd Day.
Morning Session.

Religious Services by J. W. Peterson.

Roll called, and minutes read and approved.

The committee on Itineracy and Elders' orders reported. on motion the report was adopted. (See Report no. 2. Page 247.

Revs. G. L. Shugarts, J. M. Wilburn, and H. Ratliff, of the Friends Church, were introduced to the Conference and voted a seat within the bar as honorary members.

A motion was made to the effect that a conference Missionary Evangelist be elected by the Conference who shall be paid for the ensuing year \$400.00; Said money to be raised by the Evangelists, and all moneys raised are to be credited on said \$400.00 except moneys used in actual travel. The motion prevailed, and Elder J. Hester was elected to fill the place of Conference Missionary Evangelist.

A resolution embodying the purity, peace and unity of the work throughout the Conference was read and adopted: (See Res. No 1. Page 259.

On motion Conference adjourned, to meet at 2. P. M. in the "Tabernacle."

Benediction by Rev. C. S. Smith.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional Services by W. G. Moon.

Roll called, and minutes read by the Secretary, no corrections.

Pursuant to order of the day Rev. J. N. Bedford addressed the conference and friends in the intrests of Wheaton Seminary. resulting in a cash and subscription, to \$59.29

A communication was read from Rev. J. F. Pressnall of Kansas.

An application from W. H. Lewis for admission to the Conference as an Elder on parchments recieved from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was referred to the committe on Itineracy and Elders' orders.

On Motion the hour of 8.30 A. M. Friday was given to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; also the hour of 10. A. M. for the election of Conference Evangelist

The examination of Character was resumed: The names of J. Matheny, J. M. Perry and G. Reber were called and characters passed.

The name of G. P. Riley was refered to the Judiciary committee.

The Names of D. C. Linville. C. S. Smith G. W. Zike. were called and characters passed.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by W. J. Seekins.

4th Day,
Morning Session.

Devotions by T. H. McMurtry.

Roll called, Minutes read and approved.

The names of A. F. Godwin. S. Gettig, M. Moore. J. W. Johnson. H. B. McCain. C. F. Wiggins. and W. M.

Welsh were called and characters passed.

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Rev. W. C McKeg of the M. E. Church was presented to the Conference, and voted a Seat within the bar as an honorary member.

The request of Elder R. L. Fisher to have his name dropped from the roll by a call vote was granted there being twenty-nine yeas to eighteen nays. The parchments of the brother are to be delivered to the President.

In the order of the day the Conference Evangelist was voted for. Rev. A. Worth was elected to the place.

The President read his rulings for the past year to the Conference, They were unanimously sustained by a rising vote of the Conference.

On Motion the work of Conference Evangelist in connection with Rev. A. Worth was continued to the President of the--Conference.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. G. W Story.

Afternoon Session.

Religious Services by E. F. Hollowell.

Roll called and minutes read by the Secretary.

The names of T. C. Barnum and J. W. Brown were called and Characters passed.

The committee to whom the name of G. P. Riley was referred report that they find that he became a member of the First Congregational Church in Marion Ind. April 8th 1888. Upon hearing this the President of the Conference ruled that there could be no trial of the Charges preferred against said G. P. Riley, for want of jurisdiction.

On motion it was ordered that the record show the facts in the Case, also that

The Conference was led to begin action by the deception practiced in the premises. The motion was carried unanimous by a rising vote.

The order of the day being Called Rev. G. W. Story addressed the conference and friends in the intrests of Houghton Seminary. The collection ammounted in cash and pledges to \$62.66

The conference then heard the report of the Connectional Agent Rev D. S. Kinney, The report was minute and thorough seting forth the fact that the Connection is in a prosperous condition financialy.

A collection to send the Wesleyan to needy poor was taken amounting to \$12.68

Conference adjourned by limitation

Benedicti on by Rev. W. M. Lacey.

5th Day.
Morning Session.

Devotional services by R. Gift.

Roll called, Minutes read and approved.

Rev. H. H. Gaines of the Michigan Conf. was introduced to the Conference, and voted a seat within the bar as an honorary Member.

The committe on Education reported. The report was discussed, and on motion amended, and adopted. (see Report No 3, Page 247.)

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society reported through their Superintendents, Sister O. J. Davis, and her assistants were continued in their relation to the Conference and work.

A collection was taken to assist in defraying the expense of travel in the work.

The appointment of the Chairmen of committies for 1890 was read as follows.

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Education:--	J. W. Brown.
Sabbath-Schools:--	C. S. Smith.
Moral-Reform:--	J. B. Shadle.
Missions:--	J. Hester.
Temperance:--	W. J. Seekins.
Statistics:--	B. F. Hester.
Book-Concern:--	A. L. Blake.

A resolution of support and commendation extended to our Connectional Editor and Agent was read, and adopted, also ordered to be sent to the Wesleyan for Publication. (See Res. No. 2. Page 259.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Speeches were made in favor of Prohibition by Revs. G. W. Story, A. W. Hall and others. The report was adopted without a dissenting voice. (See report No 5 Page 250.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. A. Worth.

Afternoon Session.

Religious Services by T. C. Barnum.

Roll called, and Minutes read; no corrections.

On motion the order of the day was deferred to finish the examination of Character.

The names of J. Hester. R. Carter W. L. Fall. W. G. Moon. A. L. Blake. B. L. Couch were called and characters passed

On Motion the Conference Minutes were ordered to be printed.

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The order of the day was called and Rev. A. W. Hall gave a Stirring account of the condition and needs of Africa and the foreign work. A collection, and subscription was taken to aid in the work. Ammount not reported.

The committee on Book-Concern reported. Report adopted. (See report No. 6. Page 254.

A resolution of thanks for entertainment was voted to the citizens, and requested to be read in public Service.

The place of holding the next Annual Conference was, by rising vote, determined to be at Warren, Huntington Co. the time to be the first tuesday after the fourth Wednesday in August 1890. (or September 2nd.)

The Committee on Missions Reported. Report adopted. (See report no. 7. Page 255.

On motion the Missionary Evangelist was empowered to place suitable persons in care of the work he organizes, subject to the approval of the President.

The committee on Pastoral Relations reported. The report was amended and adopted. (See report No 8 Page 256.

On Motion a copy of the report of the Committee on Temperance was ordered to be sent to the "Wesleyan". "The Voice" of New York; and "The Phalanx" of Indianapolis.

The President answered by report the usual disciplinary questions (see report no. 9. Page 257.

The committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted. (see report No 10. Page 258.

Conference adjourned to meet as before determined.

A doxology of praise was sung, and the benediction pronounced, with a universal feeling that there had just closed one of the best annual Sessions ever held by the Indiana Annual Conference.

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for the Conf. year Sept 1st
1888, to Sept. 1st 1889.

Appointments.

Rev. J.W. Brown Pastor of Plymouth Circuit,
Rev. Wm. Talbert having resigned.

Gave letters of Standing to,
Revs. I. M. Ward. J. W. Johnson, E. T. Sphon.

Accepted return of J. W. Johnson's letter of Standing: also the resignation of E. T. Sphon as pastor of Hartford City work.

E. Teter. (Pres Ind. Conf.)
W. H. K.

Addenda.

Meetings for the preaching of the Word and the Salvation of Souls were held each day at 10:30 A. M. & 7:30 P. M. A large tabernacle was pitched near the church to accommodate the crowd.

The Love Feast on Sabbath morning was a time of grace & blessed victory. The time was by half insufficient to tell of the power of Jesus to Save. Many testified to the grace of Entire Sanctification. The preaching through out was food to the Soul. The Sacramental Services were united in by nearly one hundred and fifty persons, and was a precious Season of grace, At 3. P. M. the ordination of Revs. A L Blake, J. W. Brown. J. J. Coleman, B. L. Couch & J. B. Shadle to the office of an Elder was performed. The Service was very impressive. We have abundant reason for believing the past Session was the time of birth to Souls, and also the time when others entered the rest of Perfect Love.

{ Rev. E. Teter. Pres.
" W. H. Kennedy. Sec.

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Reports of Committees.

No. 1.

Moral Reform.

Your Committee on Moral Reform present the following for your consideration.

The present condition of our United States in its relation to Morality needs reform in nearly all its relations. Politically Ecclesiastically. Literary and Socially. The greed for office has greatly corrupted the ballot box, which has endangered our freedom politically Civilly & religiously. The influx of foreign emigration of a restless immoral class of people, who oppose all restraint on thier corrupt Social relations. thier

opposition to all religious restraints, to the Sacred Sabbath laws of God calls loudly for congressional action; thier forming themselves into secret orders and combines are demoralizing in thier Character, and should be driven out.

Fairs & Church Socials to raise Money for religious purposes we believe to be injurious to the Spiritual health of the Church

The literature of our day is so filled up with novels and reading of corrupting influence that we as a Church set our seal against it.

The Social relations of Society are such that many of our Youth are carried away into sin by coming into contact with them, and thus led into intemperance, licentiousness, and other evils.

We advise our ministers to preach a pure & whole Gospel on all these subjects and let thier lives be practical on the same, urging the members to be practical in the Same. Respectfully Submitted.

W. M. Lacey. {
W. R. Harris. } Com.

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No. 2.

Itineracy and Elder's Orders.

Your committe make the following report.

We recommend brethren A. L. Blake. J. W. Brown, J. J. Coleman. B. L. Couch. and B. Shadle. as suitable persons to be ordained as Elders.

In the case of T. C. Barnum. R. Carter, C. A. Belheimer. J. H. Mening. R. Jeffries. W. G. Moon. We recommend that they continue in thier traveling relation to the Conf. diligently pursuing thier studies as laid down in the Discipline.

In regard to brethren J. W. Brooke W. L. Fall. R. Gift. D. A. Gordon, W. J. Hogue. S. C. Heston. W. L. Northam. E. V. Potter, E. H. Sidell. & J. A. Zeller. who were refered to us as suitable persons to travel. we recommend them as such, under the direction of Conf.

Further we recommend the Committee on Itineracy & Elder's orders to hold one Theological institute during the year; and that this Conf. endorse and encourage the efforts to aid our brethren who are studying for the Ministry, that they may gain the requisite knowledge to insure success in their anticipated life work.

Signed by order, in behalf of Said Com.

W. J. Seekins. (Sec.)

No. 3.

Education.

The Committee on Education submit the following report.

Education means to bring up, to instruct; The development and cultivation of the various physical, intel-

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lectual and moral faculties. In a general sense it comprehends all the means which contribute to this result in an individual from infancy through manhood; The agencies by which the faculties of the mind are drawn out; its powers disciplined, and Knowledge acquired of physical and mental development, "Education," says Paley "in the most extensive sense of the word, may comprehend every preparation that is made in our youth for the sequel of our lives."

There is a call for educated men every where, and we have the Divine command, "Study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

For a man to be a teacher or a preacher he must be in advance in thought and culture of those under his instruction, or he will soon be left alone and fail in his high Calling. There is great need for more book learning, especially a better knowledge of the Holy Bible.

We need more men in our connection who are well prepared, intellectually, Morally, Spiritually, to fill the many places calling for such men, therefore we deem it a necessity that our connection take more advanced measures in Science and literary attainments. We need more culture in our ministry that they may be better prepared

for the great work of Saving Souls. The greater the intellectual attainments, all consecrated To God the more good can be done, it is important also that the Laity be well informed and educated that they may be able

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to grasp the truths as presented.

When we look around and see the depravity of the mind as well as the soul we are led to believe that if our Ministry and laity had a greater fund of Knowledge we would be more efficient in Wining souls to Christ. While it is true we ask God for wisdom, it is also a fact we study to get knowledge.

B. F. Hester. }
Levi Hary. } Com.

No. 4.
Sabbath-Schools.

We your committe on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report.

Sabbath Schools are one of the Means in the hands of God of impressing the Minds of the rising generation with the truths of God's word, and bringing them into the fold of the Church. God has Said "Train up a child in the way he Should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Paul said to Timothy "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a Child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make the wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Therefore, we would recommend the teaching of the word of God and pressing the claims of the gospe on all hearts under our care, and the securing of the best supplies possible regardless of price.

We recommend all Sabbath Schools

legislation and buys the politician bribes the Judge, corrupts the ballot box, and with unblushing effrontery it seeks to put the whole machinery of the Government both legislative and judicial behind this crime of the age. It joins hands with the gigantic monopolies, and soulless corporations of the country in demanding the abrogation of the Sabbath, and while legitimate lines of business are closed by Statute law, beer gardens Saloons and Sunday resorts swing thier doors wide open and the sale of intoxicants goes on as a regular order of things. From the purleius of vice in the old world its vicious and disreputable elements are swarming to our shores, bringing with them all the vices and drinking habits of the old world without thier virtues, and these are engrafted upon American society, and woven into the social and political structure of our country resulting in the breeding of Anarchist and Communistic Societies whose motto is, "We want no God, no

Government." To this dark picture of our national life must be added another indictment of the drink traffic in the fact that it is steadily undemining the intellectual and moral forces of this country, originating appetites that by the law of heredity will make us a nation of drunkards in the end as inevitable as effect follows cause, and to this must be added the alarming fact that the liquor intrest ever on the alert watchful for its own intrest and dreading above all things an aroused national Conscience that would imperil thier property and intrests by prohibitory enactments; is seeking today by vast English syndicates to place the breweries and distileries of this country under foreign control, so that the Millions of Capital invested in these breweries may through state diplomacy be backed by the British throne; we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions as an expression of our faith and principles in the temperance reform.

Resolved:--1st That we believe civil government is ordained of God to be a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well; and as the ballot is the chief agency through which the functions of Civil government are performed we recognize the ballot as a moral right instead of a civil privelidge, and as such must belong equally to women as well as men and we

be opened by prayer; also all teachers should be earnest Christian workers.

Whereas:--There is a rising tendency in Sabbath Schools to excel in numbers and Show, passing over the real aim of this work and uniting to the world, therefore

Resolved:--That we as Wesleyan Methodists, will lift our voice against all theatrical performances Festivals, Christmas trees & Santa Claus, depending alone on the Word and the power of the Holy Ghost.

All of which is Submitted.

E. Guthrie. }
J. R. Gettys. } Com.

No. 5
Temperance.

We your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, report as follows.

We regard the subject of the drink traffic as of overshadowing interest to us in every relation of life, and, while in an economic sense it seems dreadful to think of the Nine hundred Millions of dollars wasted annually in the drink traffic in this country it falls into insignificance in comparison with the Moral desolation that follows in its unhappy train. Against this giant wrong the Conscience of the nation has put in a feeble and ineffectual protest for a century past. Beginning with the Washingtonian Movement and going through various forms of secret as well as open operation, the temperance cause was dragged along, while at the same time the liquor power, ever alert to its own interest, insolvent, defiant and aggressive

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has steadily increased in power, until from a pyramidal throne of two hundred thousand Saloons, to-day it swings the lash of authority over the dominant political parties, and puts between the upper & neither mill-stones all who will not bow the knee to this Modern Baal of Crime. It enters the Sanctuary and asks the minister of the gospel to seal his lips, and close his eyes to the cry of outraged innocence and helpless womanhood, and demands the sanction of the Sacred Scriptures to its work of death and crime. It enters the halls of

and an able advocate of the National Prohibition Party.
We ask our people to give it a wide circulation.

Resolved:--7th We recommend our people to maintain a defiant attitude to every element of the Liquor power whether in Church or State; To move forward on aggressive lines of action with an unfaltering determination to wipe out this National disgrace and bring back to our Country its lost honor and integrity thereby securing the mercy and favor of God

A. Worth. } Com.
E Moore. }

No. 6.
Book Concern.

Your Committee on Book Concern submit the following report.

Much of the literature of this age in its natural tendencies, is corrupting and debauching to public Morals. We see its baneful influence in the political, Social, and religious relations of life. To counteract these influences we need a literature elevating in its nature, and purifying in its Character. We believe the Wesleyan Methodist, Bible-Standard. Children's

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Barner and Good Words, with the books furnished by our publishing intrests Meet this demand. Therefore.

Resolved:--That we, the members of the Indiana Conference. pledge ourselves to more earnest effort in circulating the Same among our people.

Respectfully Submitted.

Wm Talbert } Com.
J. W. Zike }

No. 7.
Missions.

Inasmuch as Christ commanded the preaching of the Gospel to all nations we behold with gratitude the successful results of our little Mission already planted in Africa. by our beloved brother Cole and others and

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further believe that the temperance Cause may be materially helped by the wise use of the ballot in carrying forward this reform.

Resolved:--2nd Recognizing the great truth taught by Jesus Christ that

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you can not put new wine in old bottles we believe that neither of the dominant political parties of the day will bring this question to the front, because one contains the Millionaire Manufactures of rum & whiskey, and the other is filled up with the vendors of the same in the disreputable dives and saloons of the land; we therefore believe the National Prohibition party to be a necessity, and even this will be powerless to awaken National Conscience unless backed by the gospel of Christ.

Resolved:--3rd We believe that all forms of license high or low are wrong in principle, and pernicious in practice That nothing which is wrong in principle can be made right by legislative enactment: That the blood money of this accursed traffic cries out against us: That taxation of Crime to sustain the functions of civil government is a National disgrace.

Resolved:--4th We Furthermore believe that there exists just grounds of alarm for the temperance cause in the different standard of morals that obtains in this country between men and women. When men are held to the same standard of Morals on the drink question that Society requires of Women, there will be a forward movement along the entire lines of Social reform

Resolved:--5th We wish to put ourselves on record as opposed to secret temperance orders, believing that no principle of national reform needs to be veiled behind closed

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Doors, and that our true advancement lies in an open presentation of the truth. Courting the most rigid scrutiny of our methods of work.

Resolved:--6th Recognizing the fact that the press is a powerful agency in Molding public sentiment in favor of correct principles we endorse the "Voice" on New York: as a thoroughly aggressive newspaper,

pray that God will still enlarge our borders. But as we look arround us in our own land and in our own state and see the vast fields that are ripe for the harvest we are Made to feel the responsibility that is resting upon us as a Church. And while we behold with pleasure the effort that is being made by our Conference in placing good and able men and women into the field of labor, Also that other means are being employed, Yet we cannot help but see that this work, in some places is sadly neglected, and would urge upon our people the necessity of more earnest work to raise the necessary means to Keep and sustain those already in the field and, by the help of God that others may be added.

Respectfully Submitted

C. S. Smith, & D. Simons. (Com)

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No. 8.

Pastoral Relations.

We, your committee on Pastoral Relations report as follows.

Amboy.	C. A. Belheimer.
Albion.	B. F. Hester.
Bryan.	C. S. Smith.
Boxley.	G. W. Zike.
Crums.	D. C. Linville.
Caley.	E. H. Liddell.
Fairmount.	To be supplied.
Fairview.	A. L. Blake.
Hamlet.	L. H. Carter.
Hodson.	To be supplied.
Larwill.	D. A. Gordon.
Liberty	W. H. Lewis.
Ligonier.	To be supplied.
Mt Etna.	E. V. Potter.
Marion.	A. F. Godwin.
New-Castle & Blue River	W. J. Seekins.
Newport.	To be supplied.
Plymoth.	J. W. Brown.
Pleasant Grove	W. M. Lacey.
Salamonia.	B. L. Couch.
Sheridan.	W. L. Northam.
Strawtown.	To be supplied.
Thorntown.	G. W. Reber.
Westfield	W. L. Fall.

On petition, a mission was organized to be Known as the "Caley" Mission.

On petition, Traversville Mission was disbanded by attaching the classes Known as Mole Hill and the Chapel, to Brian Mission. Also the Classes at Six Mile & Hartford City to Salimonia Circuit.

A Mission is also organized to be Known as the Strawtown Mission.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. J. Seekins. (Sec.)

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No. 9.

Report of the President to Disciplinary questions.

Ques. 1st:--A L Blake. W. H. Kennedy. J. W. Brown. W. M. Lacey. L. H. Carter. D. C. Linville. B. L. Couch. G. Reber. J. J. Coleman. W. J. Seekins. N. T. Davis. C. S. Smith. L. L. Folger. J. B. Shadle. A. T. Godwin. W. Talbert. E. Guthrie. E. Teter. J. Hester. G. M. Veach. B. F. Hester. A. Worth. B. H. Hines. G. W. Zike. R. M. S. Hutchins

Ques. 2nd:--W. Bartholemew. L. Shatford. H. Beeber. S. Gettig. J. Matheny. M. Moore. J. M. Perry.

Ques. 3rd:--W. L. Fall. W. L. Northam. D. A. Gordon. E. V. Potter. W. G. Moon.

Ques. 4th:--J. W. Johnson. C. F. Wiggins. H. B. McCain. W. M. Welsh.

Ques. 5th:--None.

Ques. 6th:--R. L. Fisher by request; E. T. Spohn and I. M. Ward by letter, G. P. Riley by joining another denomination April 8th 1888.

Ques. 7th:--G. Haines by letter of standing A. L. Blake, J. W. Brown, J. J. Coleman. B. L. Couch. J. B. Shadle, by ordination.

Ques. 8th:--None.

Ques. 9th:--To preachers. \$3749.08 To Missions \$617.51

Ques. 10th:--\$20.36

Ques. 11th:--Sabbath Schools 39. Superintendents
39. Teachers 222. Scholars 1808.

Ques. 12th: Place--Warren, Huntington Co. Time--
First tuesday after fourth Wedensday in August, 1890.

E. Teter. (Pres.)

Licentiates.

W. L. Fall.

W. L. Northam.

D. A. Gordon.

E. V. Potter. 5

W. G. Moon.

Superannuates.

J. W. Johnson.x

W. M. Welsh.

H. B. McCain.

C. F. Wiggins. 4

Delegates. (Lay).

J. C. Bailey.

J. R. Hart.

E. J. Slater.

C. Benner.

W. T. Huffman.

J. Smothers.

N. O. Bryant.

L. Harvey.

D. Simons.

C. Caley.

D. M. Jeffrey.

B. F. Starbuck.

A. Carter.

A. McClain.

E. Teter.

J. M. Cummins.

E. Moore.

A. Trout.

G. Felton.

T. McMurtry.

I. Unger.

J. H. Gilbert.

A. Oswald.

U. White.

J. R. Gettys.

J. W. Peterson.

J. W. Zike. 29

W. R. Harris.

E. Rinebolt.

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Resolutions.

1st.

Whereas:--These are days and times when men depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of Devils, Therefore Resolved:--That we, the members of the Indiana Annual Conference, hold that any person who shall project, aid, or abet any departure from the Discipline, or established doctrines or the unity or harmony of either Church or circuit according to the principles thereof, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor.

W. H. Kennedy.

2nd.

Resolved:--That in view of the arduous and efficient labors of our Agent Rev. D. S. Kinney, and our Editor Rev N. Wardner, we hereby as members of the Indiana Annual Conf. tender to them our appreciation, Cooperation, and Prayers.

C. F. Wiggins.

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Complete roll of the Members of the
Indiana Annual Conference for
1889--1890.

(Ministerial.)Stationed Elders.

A. L. Blake.	W. H. Kennedy.
J. W. Brown.	W. M. Lacey.
L. H. Carter.	D. C. Linville.
B. L. Couch.	G. Reber.
J. J. Coleman.	W. J. Seekins.
N. T. Davis.x	C. S. Smith.
A. F. Godwin.	J. B. Shadle.
E. Guthrie.	W. Talbert.
J. Hester.	E. Teter.
B. F. Hester.	A. Worth.
B. H. Hines	G. W. Zike. 23
R. M. S. Hutchins.	

Unstationed Elders.

W. Bartholomew.	M. Moore.
H. Beber.	J. M. Perry.x
S. Gettig.	L. Shatford. 7
J. Matheny.	

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Pastor's-
Labors.

Membership.

Periodicals.

S.-Schools.

Circuits.

Circuits.	No.	Time.	App't's.	Churches.	Recieved.	Expelled.	Discont'd.	Died.	Removed.	Letters-to.	W-Drawn.	Numbers.	Baptized.	Un. Elders.	Licentiates.	Wesleyan.	Standard.	Banner.	G. Words.	No of S. S.s.	Supt.s.	Teachers	Scholars.
Albion.	12		3	3	4			2	1		2	97	3	1	3	22	1	40	40	2	2	11	70
Briant.	11		2	2								71			1	15		60	60	2	2	8	69
Boxley.	12		5	5	27	2	13	2		8	9	196	9			70	2	85	85	5	5	18	200
Crum's.	9		2	2	90							90	100			20				2	2	9	100
Pal'mount.	12		3	3	18	1		3		3		136	13		1	22		50		3	3	17	110
Pal'mview.	12		4	3	5			1		4		114			5	8		15	15	2	2	12	114
Grover.	12		4	3	1			1	3		2	43	1		1	5				2	4	8	120
Hodson.	12		1	1				1				31			2	6				1	1	5	30
Letwill.	12		2	2	15		2			2		44	1		1	7				1	1	8	52
Liberty.	10		6	6	23		6	8		4	10	205		1	4	25				5	9	33	344
Ligonier.			1	1	8																		
Mc Trea.	12		4	4	20					2		159	1	1	4	5		25	25	2	2	7	75
Marion & A.	12		6	6	111	6		4		6	7	397	20	1	5	22				1	1	5	50
N.-C. & B.-R.	12		3	3	30		8			4	2	128	14	1	2	21	2	20	20	3	3	17	164
New Port.	11		1	1				1				40		1		6	4	45	45	1	1	5	37
Plymoth.	12		3	3	2			1		1		74		2	2	16	4			2	2	16	100
P.- Grove.	12		2	2	2			4	6		3	107	3		1	20	2			2	2	12	80
Salmony.	12		4	4	18		12	1		8		125	9		4	20		20	20	1	1	9	60
Traversville	12		5	4	25	1		2		1		49		1		2							
Westfield	12		4	3	7		8	4		4		102	5	1	3	12				1	1	5	40
Total.	221	65	61	106	10	152	35	10	47	35	2212	187	10	39	321	11	360	310	39	44	205	1825	

No. 11. Statistics.

Property.

Amount Contributed.

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Amount Contributed.

M-Houses.										Pastors.	
Value of.	Parsonages.	Value of.	Pastor's Salary.	Evangelists' Salary.	Inc'd. Ex.	Build & R.	S. Schools.	Missions.	Sup't. Min.		O. B. Objects.
3 4000	1 1000	410	68	60	265	35	20	283	B. F. Hester.		
2 1600	1 200	150	24		800	16	3	5	G. M. Veach.		
1 200		112							A. F. Godwin.		
2 3100	1 500	370	45	75	100	40	36	80	W. J. Seekins.		
2 1200		100	13	10		25		10	D. C. Linville.		
3 2500	1 800	340	50	25	116	46	25	38	J. Hester.		
2 2000		220	38	20	50	106	4		A. L. Blake.		
		113	32	15		10	1		L. E. Carter.		
1 1500	1 500	114	29			14		5	G. W. Zike.		
1 1000	1 600	200	50	10				25	D. C. Linville.		
3 2800	1 200	66	24	10					E. Guthrie.		
3 500	1 400	271	20		15		7	30	C. S. Smith.		
		96	30	10	3				K. T. Davis.		
									A. F. Godwin.		
1 2300	1 300	350	48	87	83	44	93	10	W. H. Kennedy.		
1 800	1 250	157	26	43		72	26		J. W. Brown.		
2 1500		89	50	15					W. M. Lacey.		
1 600		176	31	44		5	13		B. L. Couch.		
		40		7			5		G. Hovey.		
		57	15				1		R. A. Carter.		
3 3000		131	24						W. G. Moon.		
10 \$28600.	10 \$1650.	\$3749.	\$617.	\$431.	\$2117.	\$435.	\$234.	\$900.	\$491.	\$79.	