

Conf. of 1862

Minutes of the proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Zanesville Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America Convened in Senecaville Guernsey County, Ohio, Aug: 27<sup>th</sup> 10 O'clock A.M. 1862.

Agreeably to arrangements made at the preceeding [sic] session, an opening sermon was preached by the President, W. H. Brewster, and the Sacrament of the Lords [sic] Supper administered. The sermon was well timed and able: the sacramental season a very precious one.

At the conclusion of the above named services the President, by general consent [sic], announced the Conference adjourned untill [sic] 2 O'clock, P.M. Benediction was pronounced and members dispersed.

Wednesday, Aug: 27<sup>th</sup>. 2 O'clock, P.M. Conference met. President in the Chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro: Crooks.

The roll of Elders on the Stationed List being called by the Secretary, the following were found to be present.

A.N. Hamlin,  
S. D. Jones,  
Adam Crooks,  
Wm Sewell,  
Evans Thompson,  
R. Horton,  
A. R. Royce,  
G. W. Bainum,  
B. Tressenrider,  
W. H. Brewster,  
Wm Smith,  
Wm McConnell,  
G. B. Smith,  
A. R. Brooks.

[Margin: Absentees]

The following were absent,

A. W. Sanders, D. L. Travis, J. H. Webster, James McPeak, James Spear, and G. C. Hicks. J. G. Bartlett and J. N. Nettleton. W. B. Moody and John Bell.

[Margin: Delegates present from the circuits]

The following persons were found to be duly elected as Delegates from the various Circuits and Stations.

R. S. Gaston,	from	Bennington.
Earl D. Fink,	"	Blendon.
Richard Greer,	"	Washington
N. W. Hodges and		
David Patterson,	from	Delaware.
G. R. Wyeth,	"	Licking
M. D. Hardy,	"	Senecaville.

S. N. Disbrow,	“	Plymouth.
John McCullough	“	Middleport,
William McCullough,		Deersville.

[Margin: Committees]

On motion a Committee of three on religious services was ordered, and appointed by the chair as follows:

R. Horton, E. Thompson, A.N. Hamlin.

On motion of B. Tressonrider, the bar of Conference was fixed at the 4<sup>th</sup> front seat. Members on trial and persons recommended for Ordination, were invited to honorary seats.

[Margin: Examination of candidates]

After some discussion it was agreed that the examination of Candidates for Ordination should be in open Conference which examination was made the order of the day for Thursday morning, 8 Oclock A.M.

Eight Oclock was fixed upon as the hour for the opening, and 11 1/2, for closing the morning sessions.

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[Margin: Recommendations]

Bro: Tressonrider, presented the recommendation of Earl D. Fink, by the Blendon Charge, as a suitable person to be elected to the office of an Elder.

D. W. Sumner was recommended by the Delaware Circuit, as a suitable person to receive Ordination at the hands of the Conference.

On motion of the Secretary the following was unanimously adopted,  
Resolved; That a Committee [insert: of three] be appointed for the purpose of preparing an Address to the President of the United States, assuring him of our cordial sympathy and support, and urging upon his attention the subject of emancipation.

The following person were made that Committee W. H. Brewster, C. Prindle, and A. Crooks.

The President announced the following Committees.

On Reforms, R. Horton, N. W. Hodges, S. D. Jones.

On Missions, A. Crooks, L. R. Royce, R. S. Gaston.

On Sabbath Schools G. W. Bainum, Be Tressenrider, G. H. Wyeth.

On Statistics, E. Thompson and J. H. Webster.

A Committee on Book Concern was ordered.

The examination of Character of Elders on the Stationed List was commenced. Names of A. W. Sanders, A. N. Hamlin, and S. D. Jones were severally called, characters considered, and passed.

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Bro. Crooks gave an account of his labors during the year – the work under his charge, in Cleveland having been extended during that time. His character passed. Bro: Sewell

gave a statement of the affairs of the Church in Mount Vernon, when his character passed.

Evans Thompson's name being called, it was ascertained that he was absent at tending a funeral in the neighborhood; His name was therefore passed for the present.

R. Horton's name was called, character considered and passed.

Names of L R. Royce, G. W. Bainum, and B. Tressenrider were severally called, each gave a short account of labors during the Conference year, when their characters passed.

Bro: Evans Thompson being returned and called, gave an account of his labors and Christian experience during the year, when his character passed.

The time for adjournment having come, announcements were made, the doxology sung, and benediction pronounced.

Thursday morning, 8 Oclock, A.M. Aug: 28, 1862.

Conference met.

President in the chair.

Singing, reading and prayer by Bro: Hamlin. Roll called by the Secretary.

On motion made by Bro: Sewell Bro: William Smith's name was placed at the head of the list of Stationed Elders, Bro: Hamlin's name was placed next to that of Bro: Smith, according to seniority of membership.

Thomas F. Hicks was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Mount Vernon, and also by that of Norwalk Circuit, as a suitable person to be received to full Connection by Ordination.

The ~~exam~~ Candidates for Ordination were called forward and the examination, by agreement of the Committee, was conducted by the President of the Conference, D. W. Sumner was called upon and gave an account of his religious experience and call to the ministry.

S. N. Disbrow gave an account of his conversion to God and call to the ministry. Thomas L. Hicks also gave an account of the same. Also S. Nickerson, and Earl D. Fink.

The President then proceeded to an examination of their literary qualifications and theological views and attainments. \*

When, on motion by Bro: Webster, the examination was arrested as being sufficient. The Chairman announced the following Committee on Book Concern. Benjamin Tressenrider, W. Sewell, and D. Patterson.

[Margin: \*which was continued untill (sic) near the hour for adjournment,]

It was agreed that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 2 Oclock, P.M.

Some general remarks were made and various announcements given, when Conference adjourned.

Thursday 2 Oclock P.M. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

Conference met.

President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises led by Bro: Fink.

Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Bro: Prindle asked to be excused from serving on the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the President of the United States, which was granted and Bro: Tressenrider, appointed in his stead. Bro: Eleazar Thompson was received as an additional Delegate from Senecaville Ct.; On motion by Bro: Sewell it was agreed that the voting upon the election of candidates to Elder's Orders should be by Ayes and Nays.

Bro: D. W. Sumner's name was called, when on motion of Bro: Hamlin, he was unanimously elected to the Office of an Elder and received to full Connection. Bro: Crooks moved [sic] the election and ordination of Bro: S. N. Disbrow, which failed of adoption – Ayes 7, Nays 17.

Thomas F. Hick's name was called, when on motion he was elected to the office of an elder and received to full connection.

Bro. S. Nickerson, was elected to the Office of an elder and name placed on the Unstationed list.

Bro. Earl D. Fink was by unanimous vote received to full connection and elected to the Office of an Elder.

The following was then offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved; that it is the judgment of this Conference that item number 4, on page 37 of our Book of Discipline, should be so construed as to require recommendations by Quarterly Conferences, for Ordination to be given during the [insert: Conference] year immediately preceeding [sic] the Session of Conference at which such Ordination is expected.

The President of the Conference in a very feeling and appropriate manner addressed the newly elected Elders in reference to the personal habits, and great responsibility of the Christian minister.

It was then agreed, on motion by Bro: Tressenrider, to enter upon the election of Committee on Pastoral Relations. On motion, it was agreed to appoint a nominating Committee of three, which after consultation should make announcements of names for said Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Brethren Hamlin, Crooks, and Hodges, were appointed said nominating Committee.

Bro: C. Prindle, Editor [insert: of the American Wesleyan] and Agent of the Book Concern, then gave an interesting account of the affairs of the Concern and of his operations during the past year.

The nominating [sic] Committee named above, reported the following names, which were then duly elected Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Viz.

B. Tressenrider, H. Horton, W. Sewell, Ministers, and N. W. Hodges, M. D. Hardy, and Richard Greer, Laymen.

East Orange Delaware County Ohio was fixed upon as the place for holding the next Annual Session of the Zanesville Conference, and the last Wednesday of Aug. 10 O'clock A.M. as the time for the opening of that session.

R. S. Gaston, by request was granted leave of absence during the remainder of the present Conference.

G. W. Bainum was also granted leave of absence.

Various announcements were made when Conference adjourned.

Friday morning August 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

Eight O'clock A.M.

Conference came to order at the call of the President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro: John McCullough:

Calling of roll and reading of minutes omitted.

Bro: Tressenrider moved that the action of the Conference in the election of S. Nickerson to the office of an Elder, and also the action of Conference rejecting the application of Br; Disbrow, be reconsidered with a view to a change of action in their cases. Whereupon Bro: Hamlin moved to amend the motion so as to reconsider only the action in the case of Bro: Disbrow only, which was lost. The question then recurring upon the original motion of Bro: Tressonrider.

G. W. Bainum moved that said motion be so amended as that the action in the case of Bro: Nickerson only be reconsidered, which was lost. Whereupon the original motion was sustained by a vote of 12 to 8, it being now agreed that a fuller attendance of the members was desirable when the Conference should finally pass judgment upon this matter, the motion was laid on the table for future action.

Examination of Character was resumed. D. L. Travis name called, character considered and passed.

J. H. Webster's name was called, character considered and passed.

Name of James McPeak was called and consideration of his character was postponed.

James Spear's name was called, when the President presented a letter from Bro: Spear, which was read by the Secretary, giving an account of his removal into the limits of the Allegheny Conference, also of his labors there, when his character passed.

Bro: Brewster's name being next on the list, he rose and stated that his mind and heart were with us although he still continued to serve the Congregation in University heights Cleveland Ohio. He also gave a very interesting account of the church and Sabbath School under his charge. When his character passed.

The name of Bro: G. C. Hicks was called when it was reported that he was attending school at Oberlin, that he was entirely with us in doctrine and discipline and

That he desired to serve a new church, formed by himself during the last year, near the place of his residence. His character passed.

J. G. Bartlett's name being called the President reported that he had corresponded with Bro: Bartlett, during the year as directed by the Conference at its last session, and that the response had been entirely satisfactory – whereupon his character passed.

Bro: Wm Smith's name was called, character considered and passed.

Bro: Wm McConnel's name was called, when it was stated by the President that Bro: McConnell had been present at this Conference Session, but was now absent probably not intending to return, On motion by Bro: Tressenrider it was agreed that his character pass and that the President of the Conference, Bro: Brewster be directed to write to Bro: McConnell urging him to attendance upon the means of grace and greater exercise as a Christian Minister.

Bro: W. B. Moody jr.'s name was called, when a letter from him was read to the Conference, stating his connection with the Army of the Union in Missouri – having served as private, Captain, Chaplin [sic], Lieutenant and action Adjutant. That it was his present hope soon to return to the work of the Christian Minister, that in view of this fact he desired a transfer to either the Iowa or Illinois Conference. Transfer was ordered accordingly. His character passed.

The names of G. B. Smith and John Bell were called, characters considered and passed.

The names of A. R. Brooks, J. H. Nettleton, James McPeak and J. H. Webster were severally called, characters considered and passed.

The examination of Character of Elders on the Stationed list being completed, the roll of Unstationed Elders was called and found to be as follows:

John G. Norris,  
John McCloud,  
William McCullough,  
Mark P. Patton,  
Joseph Markee,  
Alfred Morrison,  
J. R. Tallentire,  
Willaird Edson,  
Joseph Smith,  
Isaac Moore,  
William B. Moody, Sr.,  
William Corner,  
John McCullough,  
M. B. Warner,  
William S. Lewis.

The third question of Discipline page was asked and answered as follows: viz:  
Licentiates on the Stationed List;

Amos B. Foote,  
Sanford E. Colburn,  
Samuel Brown,  
David Brooks,

For answers to other questions see General report of the Secretary at the end of these minutes.

Conference adjourned to meet at 3 O'clock P.M.

Announcements were made and the Benediction [sic] pronounced.

Friday 3 O'clock P.M. Aug: 29<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Conference met.

President in the chair.

After singing a stanza –

“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear” &c

Conference entered at once upon its business.

Calling of roll and reading of minutes were omitted at the request of Conference.

Bro: Crooks moved that the Committee on Pastoral Relations be also a Committee on Boundaries, which was agreed to.

On motion the resolution reconsidering the action of Conference in the case of Bro: S. Nickerson and of S. N. Disbrow, was taken from the table for action. Whereupon it was moved that Bro: S. N. Disbrow be received to full connection and elected to the Office of an Elder; when the secretary rose and stated that having carefully examined the record of the Conference, it appeared that Bro: Disbrow had really never been recommended to this Conference for Ordination. That Bro: Disbrow claimed to have been recommended some

Four years ago, but that no such record existed; the fact as recollected by the Secretary, being that the said Bro: Disbrow, at that time, presented a document recommending him at once both to join the Conference on trial and also [insert: to be] elected to Elders Orders; that [insert: the] Conference decided that part recommending him to Ordination to be illegal the document was therefore received merely as recommending him to membership on trial. He was so received at that time as shown by the record, but that of course no record was ~~to~~ made of the illegal part of the recommendation. Whereupon the case was dismissed in view of the above named facts.

The case of Bro: S. Nickerson was then called, largely discussed upon the motion to elect him to the Office of an Elder, and upon call for the Ayes and Nays the following vote was given Ayes 16, Nays 8, whereupon he was declared duly elected to the office of an Elder.

Bro: James Smith was received from Deersville Circuit as additional Delegate. On motion of Bro: Hamlin it was agreed to change the time for the opening of the morning session to 9 o'clock.

Conference then adjourned.

Announcements were made and Benediction pronounced.

Saturday Morning 9 OClock A.M.  
August 30<sup>th</sup> 1862

Conference met.

President in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by Bro: Hardy.

Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

G. W. Bainum presented a report from the Committee on Sabbath Schools which was read and unanimously adopted, See Reports at the end of these Minutes.

Bro Horton and Jones from the Committee on Reforms presented a report on the Subjects embraced under that head which was read and adopted unanimously. See at the close of these Minutes.

Bro: Crooks from the Committee to draft an address to the President of the United States presented and read ~~such~~ an address which was adopted with the unanimous voice, See end of these Minutes.

It was then agreed to enter upon the election of Officers for the ensuing Conference year. Bro: Sewell and Bro: N. W. Hodges were appointed tellers and the balloting began, resulting in the election of Benjamin Tressonrider, Columbus, Ohio, President, and

Evans Thompson, Senecaville, Ohio, Secretary.

Committee to choose a President should a vacancy occur during the year, Evans Thompson, A. N. Hamin, N. W. Hodges, J. H. Webster and R. D. Hardy,  
[Note: there seems to be some information missing at the end of this page]

Bro: Crooks, Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported the Collections and disbursements during the year which was received and adopted. See at the end of these minutes.

On Motion by G. W. Bainum the Treasurer was directed to settle with Bro: Sewell by the payment of \$100.00 the Conference having agreed to pay him that amount in addition to that received by him from the Church in Mount Vernon.

On Motion it was agreed to have a Missionary ~~Sermon~~ [insert: meeting], instead of sermon as announced by the Committee, this evening.

On motion of Bro: Hamlin it was agreed that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 3 Oclock P.M.

On motion of the Secretary Bro: Prindle was appointed speaker at the Missionary meeting this evening.

On further motion, G. W. Bainum was appointed to speak also.

Various announcements were made when Conference adjourned. Benediction by the President.

Errata: The following should appear just before the above named adjournment.  
Resolved that this Conference appoint a Delegate to meet the Free Presbyterian Synod, which sits in Savannah, Ashland Co., Ohio on the third Thursday in October next, -- unanimously adopted. Whereupon, G. W. Bainum was appointed said delegate.

Saturday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1862



Three Oclock P.M.

Conference met.

President in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by Bro: Hamlin.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Book Concern presented a report on that matter which was read and adopted. See Reports.

Committee presented a report on Statistics which was read and adopted. See Reports.

Bro: Royce offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted: Resolved that we gratefully acknowledge the faithful services of our Bro G. W. Bainum, as Secretary of this Conference for the past eight years, we unite in presenting him as a token of our esteem and gratitude for his labors a copy of the Bible Quarto size, with his name printed upon the side as presented by this body.

Bro: Bainum responded by addressing his heartfelt thanks for this token of respect which it pleased the Conference to bestow.

The Committee on examination consisting of Brewster, Crooks, Horton, Thompson and Royce was re-elected to serve as such Committee the ensuing year.

The chairman of the Committee on Pastoral Relations presented his report which was taken up item by item and adopted as follows: See reports.

The following was then offered and adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Conference, to the families of this Community for their kindness in extending their hospitalities so freely to us during our stay with them. And that this notice be read in the several churches of this place tomorrow at the close of service.

The names of Amos B. Foote and Samnel [sic] Brown were stricken from the list of members on trial.

The President of Conference was made President of the Missionary Society, Bro: Crooks was elected Treasurer of the Missionary Society. Also Secretary of said Society.

Bro: Nickerson's name was ordered to be placed on the reserve list.

On motion of Bro: Hamlin \$75.00 was appropriated as missionary aid to the Church in Mount Vernon for the Ensuing Conference year.

On motion of G. W. Bainum the thanks of Conference was returned to the President for the kind and able manner in which he had presided over the body during its sitting.

On motion the President of Conference, Bro: Tressonrider, was requested to preach an opening sermon at the hour of 10 oclock A.M. on the first day of our next Annual meeting, and also to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at the same time.

The business of Conference being ended, Bro: Brewster made some appropriate remarks, the Benediction was pronounced and the members dispersed.

W. H. Brewster

President  
G. W. Bainum  
Secretary.

See reports on next page.

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

The dead once occupied the place of those now living. As vegetation renews itself upon the ruins of that which lived before; and as ripened fruits and flowers, dropping from the stem, are replaced by the appearance of newer growths; so is human society, ever living, ever dying. Maturity gives place to immaturity.

Gray hairs and furrowed brows and bowed bodies are succeeded by bright locks, comely faces and elastic forms – The scarred warriors of life's stern battle retire from the scene, while vigorous youth press confidently forward to fill their places. A double work belongs to men: To prepare for a triumphant ascent in a chariot of fire, from the toils of the earth to the realms of the just; and yet to throw back upon those to come after, the mantle of love, of wisdom, of power.

As fondly as the peasant toils for his children's bread, as passionately as a king would seek to rear an heir for his throne, should we labor to prepare the young to receive the responsibilities of life when we are gone. To do this is the greatest work of life, and the richest legacy we can leave to men. And those are not really dead who have performed such a glorious mission; they live in the earth though they rest in heaven. Blessed life, blessed rest, blessed immortality! Immortality with God, immortality in the hearts of men.

The Sabbath School is such a field for usefulness and labor. Enter it, you who would seek for 'a name and a crown' and the favor of God. Enter it, with hearts warm for the work, all ye who would 'seek for glory, honor, immortality, and eternal life;' and God, the Angels, together with the unnumbered hosts of the redeemed will call you blessed.

G. W. Bainum

ON REFORMS

Your Committee beg leave to present the following.

ON INTEMPERANCE

*Resolved*, That we are as much as ever opposed to the great evil of intemperance for the following reasons, viz:

1<sup>st</sup>. Because the highest state of happiness cannot be obtained without a healthy body, a pure conscience, and a hope of heaven: and the really intemperate cannot expect health for his body, peace for his conscience, or heaven for his soul. He may expect that the glutton and the drunkard shall come to poverty, and that drowsiness, the consequence of his own intemperance shall soon cover his body with rags.

2d. We are opposed to intemperance because it is a very serious hindrance to the world's salvation. If faith is the shield of God to the righteous to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, alcohol is the shield of Apollyon to the intemperate to repel the arrows of truth: this it does by clouding the reason overshadowing the conscience, and darkening all the approaches to the soul.

3d. We are opposed to the great evil of intemperance, because of the evil it inflicts upon us politically and nationally; by corrupting suffrage, warping legislation, and destroying the efficiency of our armies.

Hence, we believe that it is the duty of all good men to unite in the destruction of this fell upas, whose pendant limbs drop death dews on our national prosperity.

*Resolved*, Therefore that we will invoke the strong arm of law to prevent the distillation, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, that righteousness, peace, and temperance, may dwell in the land.

### ON SLAVERY

Slavery is the sum of all villainy. – Hateful to God, ruinous to society, degrading to human nature, and calculated to reduce the world to a state of the most revolting heathenism.

### ON SECRET OATH-BOUND SOCIETIES.

We believe that Secret Oath-bound Societies, are neither benevolent nor religious in their tendencies; but that they are entirely secular and selfish, from the fact, that they propose to unite only the sane, the healthy, and those who have sufficient means of support; while they exclude precisely that class of persons that might prove a tax upon their charities. We believe them to be fraught with danger, morally, socially, and politically.

As an example of this, we point to the secret institution known as the – ‘Knights of the Golden Circle.’ We are therefore still opposed to them.

S. D. Jones

### ON BOOK CONCERN

The Book Concern of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, though less in the extent of its business transactions than many of the older Institutions of the kind, has been a power of vast efficiency for aiding us in our mission. In its publications, it has in many instances been a pioneer to prepare the way of our ministry; this it has become a co-operator with us; and when we have become established, it has prepared the minds of the people to profit more by the living active ministry, and in not a few cases, supplying the lack of the stated ministry. Entertaining these views we are led to regard this agency for good as the most reliable and economical that is at our command, to aid us in our work as a religious body.

It is with feelings of devout thanksgiving to God that we make a record of the fact, that since our last session, a plan has been inaugurated and prosecuted with such zeal and liberality, that we now have a Printing Office of our own, and nearly the entire amount of its cost, save the building has been secured. – This prompt liberality has been a source of joy and hope to thousands. And we trust that in due time, the entire amount needed to crown this enterprise with entire success may be realized.

In view of the benefits to be secured to the cause we are laboring to promote, we should employ all reasonable diligence to give a wider circulation to our publications.

We should labor to introduce the AMERICAN WESLEYAN into every family within our pastoral influence, and JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR into all our Sabbath Schools, as a means of good, and as co-operators with us in our ministry.

In doing this every minister among us should consider himself a special agent, and every member should feel self-moved, and self-appointed to obtain and forward subscribers.

1. *Resolved*, That we have reason to rejoice and be glad in our hearts, by the account our Agent gives of the Condition of the Book Concern, especially when we remember that most of the industrial interests of the country, have been so seriously affected, since the breaking out of the great rebellion.

2. *Resolved*, That, as in grace and usefulness, so in promoting the efficiency of our publishing interests, we will try to *grow* and increase in labor thereunto during the coming year. We will aim to make an equality of labor between ourselves and the agent, that none be unduly burdened.

3. *Resolved*, That as a body of ministers and messengers of the Churches, we earnestly recommend to every family among us to become permanent, subscribers to the American Wesleyan, where they are not such already. And every Sabbath School to patronize the Juvenile Instructor, liberally.

4. *Resolved*, That we will try to increase the aggregate circulation of the American Wesleyan within the bounds of the Zanesville Conference, between this time and the middle of January next one quarter, keeping the present lists good. And we invite our sister Conferences to join us in this good undertaking.

5. *Resolved*, That as a Conference, sharing largely in the general good resulting from our Book Concern; we extend our grateful acknowledgements and sincere thanks to our much esteemed Agent and Editor, for his untiring zeal and labors in so wisely planning and successfully prosecuting the Press Enterprise.

B. Tressenrider.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

The Pastoral work is supplied this year as follows:

Cleveland, A Crooks.

Strongsville, S D Jones.

Norwalk, Thomas F Hicks.

Huntington, Jas A Nettleton.

Washington, Wm Sewell.

Mount Vernon, Geo. B Smith.

Bennington, G W Bainum.

Licking, L R Royce.

Deleware, A N Hamlin.

Blenden, Benj Tressenrider.

Deersville, Evans Thompson.

Senecaville, R Horton, and David C Brooks.

Plymouth, Earl D Fink.

Middleport, D W Sumner.

Hocking Mission, A R Brooks.  
Stillwater, Wm Smith.  
W H Brewster, serving Congregational Church on University Heights, Cleveland,  
Ohio.  
G C Hicks, attending School at Oberlin, and serving a Wesleyan Church at  
Easter Oberlin.  
J H Webster, without appointment, at his own request.

W. H. Brewster, Chairman  
G. H. Bainum, Sec'y. of Conf.

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Address Adopted by Zanesville Conference.

*To His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States:*

HONORED SIR: -- The Zanesville Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist  
Connection of America – a body composed of ministers and laymen, desires  
respectfully to express to your excellency, that the circumstances in which you are  
placed, more responsible and trying than those of any of your predecessors in office,  
awaken our deep sympathies for you personally.

Permit us to assure you that we will not fail to pray unceasingly, that God will  
endue you with all needful wisdom and grace, that the present rebellion – without a  
parallel in wickedness and magnitude may be speedily and effectually suppressed; and  
the blessing of liberty, personal and political, be secured to ourselves and our posterity.

And to further assure you, that in every right way in our power, we will aid the  
government of which you are the chief executive; in executing the laws, and upholding  
the Constitution and the Union.

Allow us honored sir, to express our firm conviction, that you will be blessed of  
God, and honored and sustained by the loyal people of the nation, not only in enforcing  
the confiscation act of the late Congress, but also in proclaiming liberty to every slave in  
the republic.

We respectfully urge this as wise, because just, and as indispensable to the favor  
and benediction of the Supreme Ruler of the universe.

We urge it as *Christians* and *patriots*.

1. Because this policy is right in itself.
2. As the cheapest both in blood and treasure.
3. As the speediest and surest way to end the rebellion.
4. As the only effectual course and the one which must be ultimately  
adopted.
5. As our only security against the recurrence [sic] of this stupendous evil.
6. And as a policy which will not only be acquiesced in, but hailed with  
enthusiasm by the loyal masses of the land.

Finally, we cannot forbear to express our fearful apprehensions, that if this policy  
is not adopted, we must continue to suffer the fearful judgments of righteous Heaven.

Therefore as we deprecate the divine displeasure as we desire and invoke the divine favor and blessing in behalf of yourself and our beloved country – we urge this upon your most serious consideration.

With great respect,  
Your fellow-citizens,  
Wm. H. Brewster,  
Adam Crooks,  
Benj. Tressenrider.  
Senecaville, Ohio, Aug., 29, 1862.

#### Secretary General Report Zanesville Conference

This body of ministers and lay delegates, has just closed its 14<sup>th</sup> yearly session; held in Senecaville, Guernsey Co., Ohio; commencing Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, and closing Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

The attendance was much better than many had feared it would be in view of the disturbed condition of the country; and the session pleasant and profitable throughout.

The opening sermon by Brother Brewster, on the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit,' was very impressive and appropriate; while the earnest efforts of Brother Prindle were highly appreciated by all who heard them.

Nothing out of the usual order of business transpired, except the adoption of an address from the Conference to the President of the United States, which is in the hands of the Committee by whom it was drawn up, and by whom it will be furnished for publication. The various questions required by Discipline were answered as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>. Who of the Elders are on the Stationed List?

A. Wm Smith, A N Hamlin, S D Jones, A Crooks, Wm Sewell, E Thompson, R Horton, L R Royce, G W Bainum, B Tressenrider, J H Webster, James Spear, W H Brewster, G C Hicks, A R Brooks, J A Nettleton, D W Sumner, Thomas F Hicks, and Earl D Fink.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Who have retired to the unstationed list?

Ans: None

3<sup>rd</sup>. What Licentiates are on the Stationed List?

Ans: David C. Brooks

4<sup>th</sup>. Who are on the Reserve List?

Ans: A W Sander, D L Travis, James McPeak, J G Bartlett, Wm McConnell, John Bell, S N Disbrow, S Nickerson, and S E Colburn.

5<sup>th</sup>. Who are on the Superannuated List?

Ans: None

6<sup>th</sup>. Who have been deposed this year?

Ans: None

7<sup>th</sup>. Who have withdrawn?

Ans: W B Moody jr., by transfer to the Illinois or Iowa Conference.

8<sup>th</sup>. Who have joined the Conference this year?

Ans: D W Sumner, Thomas F Hicks, Earl D Fink, and Sparrow Nickerson, by election and ordination.

9<sup>th</sup>. Who have died this year.

Ans: None

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10<sup>th</sup>. What has been contributed on the Several Circuits and Stations for the support of preaching on the same, and for Missions?

Ans: For preaching: \$2, 453.00; for Missions, \$136.96

11<sup>th</sup>. What numbers are in connection?

Ans: 1, 306. Report not perfect

12<sup>th</sup>. How may Sunday Schools, &c?

Ans: There are as reported, 22 schools 23 Superintendents, 144 teachers, and 940 scholars, connected with our several Circuits and Stations.

When and where shall our next Conference be held?

Ans: In East Orange, Delaware Co., Ohio; commencing on the last Wednesday of August 1863, at 10 o'clock a.m.

14<sup>th</sup>. How is the work supplied this year?

Ans: See Report on Pastoral Relations

Officers of Conference elected for the ensuing year are the following:

President, Benjamin Tressenrider, Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary, Evans Thompson, Senecaville, Ohio.

Treasurer and Secretary of the Missionary Society, A Crooks, Cleveland, Ohio

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REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY TREASURER OF THE ZANESVILLE CONFERENCE.  
BRO. PRINDLE: -- At the rise of our Conference in 1871, the Missionary Treasury was empty, and over thirty dollars in debt. This year, notwithstanding the "war times," we report better things, as follows:--

*Receipts* – from W. H. Brewster, \$5; R. Horton, \$5; Evans Thompson, \$5; Miss A Marsh, \$1; collection at Huntington, \$2.56; collection at Cleveland, \$11.67; Bennington Charge, \$21.50; G. W. Bainum, \$5; Delaware Circuit, \$22.17; L. R. Royce, \$3; Sundry Sources, \$1.50; Deersville Circuit, \$41; S. E. Colbourn, \$0.50; S. M. Disbrow, \$1; Washington Circuit, \$22; Licking Circuit \$7.79; Porters and Nieces, \$3.50; Wm Sewell, \$5; collection at Conference, \$17.40. Aggregating, \$181.59.

The following was the disbursements, viz:--

Paid to Hocking Mission, A. R. Brooks,	\$24.50
Paid to Onondaga Mission	1.00
" Jas. Spear, on dues,	10.00
" L. R. Royce, on dues,	7.00
" Mt. Vernon Charge – W. Sewell	100.00
" S. D. Jones, per vote of Conference	<u>5.00</u>
Aggregating,	147.50
This deducted from	<u>181.59</u>
Leaves a balance in Treasury of	\$35.09

Out of which the Treasurer is ordered to settle with Bro. Jas. Spear. In order to which, will Bro. Spear be so good as to forward to me his address, with a statement of the amount which will satisfy his claim.

Absence from home explains the delay of this report.

A. Crooks, Treasurer.

Cleveland, Oct. 23, 1862.

P.S. – I may have paid Bro. A. R. Brooks, more than charged above. If so, he will please inform. A. C.

Statistics for the year 1862

[note: this report spans three pages in the original script. Thus, it will here.]

Charges	Pastor's Name	Number of Members	Additions by profession	Additions by letter	Removals by letter	Removals without letter	Deaths	Dismissions and Excisions	Number Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiaes
Cleveland	A. Crooks	85	41	4	5	1	1	3	10		3
Huntington	J. A. Nettleton										
Washington	G. B. Smith	190	48	1	1	1	2	6	31	1	1
Norwalk	F. F. Hicks	21	1	1	0	1	0	1			1
Mount Vernon	W. Sewell	38	4	11	5	5	0		2		1
Bennington	G. W. Bainum	100	5	4	3	1	0	9	3	1	
Licking	L. R. Royce	80	12	6	1	0	2		9		1
Delaware	D. W. Sumner	125	5	1	3	0	1			1	1
Deersville	J. H. Webster	100				0				3	
Senecaville	R. Horton	250	12			0				3	2
Plymouth	S. E. Colburn	89	1			0		4	2	2	4
Blendon	B. Tressen-rider	35	35			0			17		1
Hocking Miss.	A. R. Brooks	63	1			0		2	2		2
Middleport	S. D. Jones	100				0				1	
Total Reported		1306	161	21	18	9	12	25	76	12	16

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Charges	Raised as Salary	For other purposes of worship	Missionary Collections	For Sabbath Schools	Educational and other purposes	No. of Sabbath Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars
Cleveland	\$500	\$167.83	\$11.67	\$36.79	\$20.00	2	3	14	70
Huntington						1			
Washington	255	29.50	22.00	13.75	36.50	3	4	24	140
Norwalk	36					1	1	5	
Mount Vernon	75			3.75		1	1	45	30
Bennington	380	36.00	21.50	12.50	25.00	1	1	10	100
Licking	300	24.62	10.79	12.00		2	2	11	100
Delaware	250	25.00	20.00	25.00	100	3	3	11	80
Deersville	200		40.00			1	1	16	35
Seneca-ville	300		10.00			2	2	16	120
Plymouth	67					1	1	X	40
Blendon		7.00		1.00	10.00	1	1	4	30
Hocking Miss.	90								
Middleport						3	3	30	200
Total Reported	\$2453	\$189.01	\$136.96	\$144.57	\$191.50	22	23	144	245

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Charges	No. of Juvenile Instr.	Volumes in library	Copies of Wesleyan	No. of sermons	Prayer meetings held by pastor	Class Meetings	Pastoral Visits	Other labors of the pastor	No of church edifices	Value of	Parsonages	Value of
Cleveland	30	270	12						1	\$400		
Hunting- ton	20											
Washing- ton	70	300	61	160	120	120	125		3	1200	1	\$300
Norwalk				40		14	20					
Mount Vernon	30	75	5						1	15		
Benning- ton	40	400	22	161	40	44	120		2	2500		
Licking	35	200	25	115	50	30	130		2	1000		
Delaware	21	500	25	140	45	68	95		4	2500	1	600
Deers- ville												
Seneca- ville			20						6			
Plymouth									2	2300		
Blendon	8	36	10	70	40	20	10					
Hocking Miss.				98	25							
Middle- port	75	450										
Total Reported	329	2231	178	154	320	296	500		2 6	\$13,000	2	\$900