

Transcription: Zanesville Conf., 1852

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Minutes  
Of the  
Fourth Session of the  
Zanesville Yearly Conference  
Held In

Deersville Harrison Co., Ohio  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852

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Minutes of the fourth annual session of the Zanesville Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan-Methodist Connection of America – held in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Deersville, Harrison County Ohio Commencing Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nine O'Clock A.M. -- 1852

[Margin: Opening of Conference]

Conference met at the time and place above named and was called to order by the Secretary. R. McCune, who announced that the President Rev. A. N. Hamlin, was detained at home by sickness in his family; When on motion of Bro Thompson Rev. A. W. Sanders was called to the chair to act as President Pro-tem.

[Margin: Members Present; Delegates]

Bro Sewell at the request of the President Pro-tem read a portion of Scripture, gave out the 226<sup>th</sup> Hymn to be sung by the brethren after which prayer was offered by him. The Roll being called the following Elders appeared and answered to their names.

Edward Smith  
A.W. Sanders  
Jesse McBride  
Wm Smith  
J.C. Bacon  
Adam Crooks J.A. Preston  
Wm Sewell  
R. McCune  
James McGaw  
Evans Thompson  
Richard Horton  
Zelotes P. Disbrow  
Daniel Wilson

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The following persons presented their credentials and took their seats as Lay Delegates in this Conference –

Leesville  
Deersville

Samuel Henderson  
A Hazlett

Woodfield  
Plymouth

J. Thompson  
T/I(?)B. Dudley

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[Margin: Delegates]

Licking and Deleware  
“ “  
Liverpool  
Strongsville  
Granger  
Knox  
Huntington  
Guilford-N.C.

H. E Thomas  
N. W. Hodges  
S Blanchard  
M B. Warner  
Wm Lang  
  
A Zoover  
Dan Thrift

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[Margin: Preliminaries]

E. Thompson, A Hazlett and Wm Sewell were appointed a Committee on Religious Services. The bar of Conference was fixed at the second row of seats near the Pulpit in the body of the house. The time for meeting of Conference was fixed at 8 o'clock A.M. A Committee on Reform was ordered A Crooks, T.B. Dudley, J. C. Bacon, A Hazlett and D. Wilson were appointed that Committee.

A Crooks was chosen to act as Assistant Secretary.

[Margin: Examination of Character]

Conference then proceeded to the examination of Character – The Characters of E Smith, Jeremiah Philips, James McGaw, Geo Richey, A. W. Sanders, C Woodruff, Jesse McBride, Wm Smith and Wm. McConnell – were severally considered and passed.

The Character of G. Fairchild was approved as to the time he passed in the bounds of this Conference – during the year and it was ordered that his name be reported in the minutes as transfered [sic] to the Michigan Conf:.

The name of S. D. Jones was called and on motion his case was postponed for the president.

The hour for adjournment having arrived – Conference adjourned agreeing unanimously to meet at the call of the President Pro-tem who designated 2 O'Clock P.M. as the hour for the Afternoon Session.

Prayer by J. McBride.

2 O'Clock P.M.

Conference met President in the chair – Session opened with Singing and Prayer by Bro Crooks –

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[Margin: Election of Stationing Committee]

The Roll was called and the minutes of the last Session read and approved. Conference then proceeded to elect by ballot a Stationing Committee—E. Thompson and Z. P. Disbrow acting as tellers – Bros J. McBride, A Crooks, and E Thomspson were elected ministerial, and T/I(?) B. Dudley, J Thompson and S Blanchard the Lay members of that Committee.

On Motion it was resolved that the President Pro-tem act as Chairman of the Stationing Committee untill [sic] the arrival of the President.

[Margin: Examination of Character]

Conference then resumed the examination of Ministerial Character. The Characters of J.C. Bacon, A Crooks, Wm Sewell, R. McCune, E Thomson and R. Horton were severally considered and passed.

The name of J. A. Preston was called when Bro M.B. Warner brought certain objections against Bro Preston in relation to his leaving the circuit assigned him by the last Conference. After some conversation the following Resolution was passed adopted.

[Margin: Committee on Preston Case]

Resolved That a Committee consisting of R. Horton, J. Thomson and N. W. Hodges be appointed to investigate the facts in the complain against J. A Preston by M. B. Warner as far as they can be gathered from the statements of the parties, and the Brethren from the vicinity of the scene of difficulty, and report the result of their investigation to the Conference, in writing at a future day.

[Margin: Elliott Case]

The name of S. Elliot was called when some objections were made against him by Br. J. McBride, when on motion it was ordered that Bro S. Elliot's case be referred to the nearest Elder for investigation – and that Bro J McBride be directed to prepare his objections in proper form, and place them in the hands of the nearest Elder in charge.

The Characters of G. Paine and D. L. Travis was passed and their names placed on the unstationed List. Adjourned.

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Friday Morning Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

[Margin: Of Western Press]

Conference met and President protem in the chair Singing and prayer by Bro Edson. Roll was called minutes of the last Session read and approved. On Motion a Committee was raised to consider the claims of the western press – recommended to be established by the Western Conferences two years since. A. W. Sanders J.C Bacon S Henderson, Wm Smith and James Thompson were appointed that Committee. The name of Seely Bloomer was called when it appeared that at last Conference his Character was arrested on several charges. When by vote the following charges were determined to be sustained—

[Margin: of Seely Boomer & On Book Concern]

“First, that after agreeing to serve the Licking Circuit, for the Conference year of 1850 & 1851—violated said contract by leaving said Circuit without explanation of his reason for so doing after serving it eleven weeks only.

“Second That he defrauded\* the Circuit by obtaining nearly or quite two-thirds of his salary for the entire year – and Left in eleven weeks –

“When on motion it was

“Resolved That Seely Bloomer be suspended from the Ministry indefinitely, with the understanding that the Conference may for sufficient [insert: cause] at a future time remove said suspension.”

\*This was afterward amended so as to read "That he broke trust with the circuit &c; see page 74.

The President introduced to the Conf. the Revd L.C. Matlack – Book Agent of the Connection. At the request of Bro Matlack a Committee on the Book Concern was ordered. R. McCune, A Crooks, R. Horton, Lang & Hodges were appointed that Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. Benediction by Bro Matlack.

3 o'clock P.M.

Conference met President pro-tem in the chair – Singing and prayer by Bro McBride Roll called

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And minutes of the last session read and approved. The committee appointed to report on the case of J. A. Preston reported as follows

[Margin: Report on J. A. Preston case]

"Your Committee are of opinion, after weighing all the evidence – that Junious A. Preston was justifiable in leaving Strongsville Circuit, under the circumstances connected with the case.

R. Horton}

Jas Thompson}

N. W. Hodges} Committee"

When on motion his character was passed and agreeably to his request, he was granted a transfer to the Allegheny Conference.

Bro J.H. McGaw announced himself as withdrawn from the ministry of our Connection whereupon his name was stricken from the list of unstationed Elders.

Bro Richey presented the request of Br. Wm McConnell to have his name stricken from the list of Elders – which request was granted.

[Margin: Examination of Character; Exami.Com; Expulsion of T Athey]

The Character of Z P Disbrow was considered and passed Bro Daniel Wilson of North Carolina at the request of Conference made a statement of the work in N.C. when on motion his Character passed.

Bro E Thompson and R. Horton were appointed to fill vacancies on the examining Committee. The case of T. Athey whose Character was arrested at the Conference of 1850 was taken up when on Motion it was

Resolved That Bro Athey be expelled from the Connection and the Secretary be ordered to demand his certificate of ordination in the name of the Conference. This action was Taken in view of the neglect of Bro Athey to appear before Conference to answer certain grave complaints standing against him from year to year.

[Margin: Jones Case]

The case of S. D. Jones was referred to a Committee consisting of Bros Richey, Smith and Lang with-

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Instructions to report at this session of Conference.

[Margin: Bloomer Case]

On motion of J. McBride the action of the Conference [insert: had] in case of Seely Bloomer, was reconsidered, when after discussion the original action [sic] was affirmed.

On Motion the Stationing Committee was constituted a Committee on Boundaries.

On Motion Adjourned – Benediction by E. Smith

Saturday Morning Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Conference met President pro-tem in the chair – roll called minutes of last Session read and approved. Singing and prayer by B McCune.

[Margin: Bloomer Case]

When on motion the 2d item of the finding against Bro. Bloomer was reconsidered and the original finding was so amended as to find him guilty of a breach of trust in leaving circuit without rendering services ~~equal~~ [insert: equivalent] to the compensation given him – instead of fraud and the record amended accordingly.

[Margin: Report on Book Concern]

The Committee on the Western Press reported when on motion the report was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Book Concern reported the following which was unanimously adopted.

Report

“The Book Committee report hereby that they had an interview with the Book Agent, who communicated a statement of the debts due the Concern, for books and periodicals [insert: \* -- but the transcriber does not see what the asterisk refers to] and asked an opportunity to secure from the Conference all the knowledge they possessed. Asked that sundry recommendations be made to the next General Conference – designed to prevent the increase of indebtedness now so seriously embarrassing the Concern. These and other suggestions led your Committee to adopt unanimously the following – 1<sup>st</sup> that the Agent be allowed the opportunity to call over the names of debtors whose residence is to him unknown; that he may obtain all

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“The information we may have respecting them.

“2<sup>nd</sup> We recommend that the General Conference Should instruct the Agent to lower the price of Books, publications as in his judgment may be consistent with a fair profit – to require payments invariably in advance for periodical publications from the beginning of the next volumes respectfully. And the stopping of every paper now sent which remains unpaid – for at the period named. That the General Conference establish a special publishing fund for the publication of any Books from our Religious Catalogue. At a reduced price for gratuitous distribution – this fund to be made up of Special donations and requests – applied according to the wish of the Donors.

“That they form a Tract department for the publication of Religious [sic] and Reformatory Tracts from 4 to 24 pages for gratuitous distribution. The expenses to be met by Yearly Collections at every appointment and special donations and bequests –

the distribution to be made by the directors of circuits or individuals who contribute to the funds in proportion to the contributions.

“And that 25 percent commission be allowed on all new cash subscribers 10 per ct on all collections of dues on periodicals – 25 per ct off on credit sales and 30 off for cash.

“All of which is respectfully submitted

R. McCune}

R. Horton}

A Crooks}

Wm. Lang}

N W. Hodges} Committee”

[Margin: Reception of G. W. Bainum]

The President Pro-Tem presented a recommendation by the Quarterly Conference of Strongsville Circuit of Geo. W. Bainum, as a suitable person to be received into this Conference as a Stationed Preach on trial. On Motion he was received.

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[Margin: Passage of Character]

The Character of W. B. Moody was passed and his name transferred from the unstationed to the stationed list.

The Character of Benjamin Street was passed and it was voted that his name be entered on the minutes as removed into the bounds of the Miami Conference.

The Character of Isaac Moore, J. Norris, G. Albertson, J. McCloud, T Boston, Geo. Meackison, Wm McCullough, A. L. Morrison, John Bell and J. R. Tallentire were severally considered and passed.

The Characters of A. R. Brooks, L. R. Rozee Stationed Preachers on trial were considered and passed. And they continued on trial.

On motion adjourned to meet at 3 OClock P.M. Benediction by A. Crooks.

[Margin: Preliminaries]

3 OClock P.M.

Conference met President in the chair Singing and prayer by Bro Disbrow. Roll called minutes of last session read and approved.

When on Motion Conference adjourned anew to form an Electoral College for the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

[Margin: Of the Electoral College for Election of Delegates to the Gen. Conf.]

Minutes of the Electoral College

The Electoral College for the Election of Delegates from the Zanesville Annual Conference to the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America to meet at Syracuse, N.Y. on the first Wednesday of October 1852, was organized by appointing Bro Geo Richey Chairman and Adam Crooks Secretary.

The College went into the election of 4 Ministerial Delegates as to which it is entitled Bro W Sewell and M. B. Warner appointed tellers – Geo Richey Jesse McBride Adam Crooks and E Thompson were elected. E Smith and A.N. Hamlin, reserve. And Wm Lang

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A. R. Dempster, John Sherwood and David McFarland Lay Delegates. Wm Steel and James Patterson Reserve.

Geo Richey Chairman

A Crooks Secretary

[Margin: On order for Missionary meeting]

20 Minutes past 5 O'Clock P.M.

Conference resumed its session at the adjournment of the Electoral College.

On Motion it was ordered that we hold a Missionary meeting under the direction of a committee E Smith, G. Richey, and R. Horton were appointed said Committee. Adjourned to meet at the Episcopal Chapel at 7 O'Clock P.M. Benediction by the President.

[Margin: Preliminaries]

7 O'Clock P.M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment Pres Pro-Tem in the chair Singing and Prayer by Bro Horton Minutes of previous session read and adopted. The Committee on the case of S. D. Jones reported [insert: as follows] report was adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred the case of S. D. Jones report as follows:

[Margin: S. D. Jones Case report on]

"1<sup>st</sup> A Complaint was entered against him by Bro Betker for the non-payment of a note given by him to bro Betker Sept 1849 which note he promised to pay at the following Conference.

"2<sup>nd</sup> That from the best information your Com: can get he, Bro Jones, on leaving Cleveland, left a considerable amount of indebtedness – to the great injury of the cause of God in that place – Your Committee would recommend that the case of Bro. Jones be laid over untill [sic] the next Annual Conference and that he be notified by the Secretary to attend said Conference, and answer to the above complaints.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo Richey, Chairman."

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[Margin: Reception of S. Blanchard; of W. Edson; Reception of J. Thearkee; of M.P. Patton; of R. Stoneman]

A recommendation of Stephen Blanchard by the Quarterly Conference of Liverpool Circuit as a suitable person to be received as a stationed preacher on trial was presented. On motion he was received.

The character of Willard Edson was considered and passed and on Motion he was received into full Connection and elected to Elders Orders.

A recommendation of Joseph Thearkee by the Quarterly Conference of the Deersville Circuit as a Suitable person to receive Elders Orders was presented to the Conference and on Motion he was received into full connection Elected to Elders Orders and his name placed on the unstationed list.

Bro M. P. Patton recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Woodsfield circuit was received into full connection and elected to Elders Orders and his name place on the Unstationed List.

Rezin Stoneman recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Deersville Circuit was received into full connection and elected to Elders Orders and his name placed on the Unstationed List.

[Margin: Application of W. Bates; Application of S. W. Prentiss; of E. Ensign]

A recommendation by the Quarterly Conference of Strongsville Circuit to restore W. Bates his former standing in this Conference was presented by M B. Warner and on motion leave was granted to withdraw the application.

Bro E Smith Presented the application of S. W. Prentiss, an Elder in the Free-Will-Baptist Connection to be received into this Conference as an Elder on the Stationed List. On Motion the application was laid over for the present. An application to restore Erastus Ensign to the standing of an Elder in our Connection was laid on the table for the present.

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The Stationing Committee reported and the report was accepted which pending, a motion to adopt the report, Conference adjourned.

Prayer by E. Smith.

Monday Morning Sept 6 1852

[Margin: Application of E. Ensign; Application of S.M. Prentiss]

Conference met – President pro-tem in the chair – singing and prayer by Bro. Richey.

On Motion the application of E. Ensign to be received into full connection and restored to his former standing as an Elder was taken up. A Motion to receive and restore was lost.

The case of S. M. Prentiss was taken up – when it was voted that the case of Bro Prentiss be postponed until [sic] it can be ascertained whether certain reports prejudicial to the character of the applicant are true or false; and it was ordered that if the President find that said report is unfounded he shall receive said Brother on the authority of this Conference.

The report of the Stationing Committee was taken up and after some consideration the report was recommitted.

Mount Vernon was fixed upon as the place for the next session of this Conference and the first Thursday in Sept 9 o'clock A.M. 1853 as the time.

[Margin: Election of Officers]

Conference then proceeded to the election of Officers forth ensuing year A. N. Hamlin was duly elected President and R. McCune Secretary.

[Margin: On press]

The report on the Western Press was taken up and a motion to adopt was lost. And the following Resolution in relation to said press.

“Resolved that Bro E Smith be instructed to retain Press for the Stock holders, and that he be requested extend the Subscription of Stock to the—[insert: turn over]



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Amount of fifty or sixty dollars more for the purpose of securing additional type and office fixtures,, [insert: A Motion] to recommend to the General Conference a resolution proposing an amendment to the 21<sup>st</sup> Section of the Discipline was laid on the table for future action.”

On Motion adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

2 OClock P.M.

Conference met President Pro-tem in the chair Singing and Prayer by Bro Zuver. Minutes of previous Session read and adopted The Committee on Reforms reported as follows which was adopted.

[Margin: Report on Reforms]

The Committee on Reforms beg leave to submit the following report –

### On Slavery

“Whereas man is an intelligent and immortal being, owing supreme obedience to God, to whom he is accountable as the Author of his life, redeemer of his nature and sole arbiter of his destiny -- And whereas Mankind constitute one great family or brother-hood, Possessed of a common nature and per-consequence of equal rights, And Whereas American Slavery is a practical denial of those great truths of reason and revelation – and total annihilation of these rights – and is what the founder of Methodism denominated it ‘The sum of all villainies,’ Therefore

“Resolved That the Slaver-holder, has not the shadow of claim to the Christian name, and hence no more right to church privileges and fellowship than the most odious – as the midnight assassin or high-way-man.

“Resolved That the churches which receive Slave holders to their communion, thereby give their most direct testimony ad power of influence for Slavery and against liberty, for error and against truth for wrong and against right, and for the worlds damnation and against Salvation—

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And as there is not neutral ground on moral questions – those Churches and Ministers, which refuse to proclaim and act against this System of complicated Villainy – by their silence on the subject – give all their weight of influence in favor of Slavery – and therefore have no more right to be called Christian than the Slave holder or Manthief himself;

“Resolved That no power on earth but the religious sentiment of the people is able to uphold this superstructure of unmixd abomination, resting as it does upon the bleeding hearts and blasted hopes, of Millions of our brethren – that the popular Ecclesiastical organizations of the country are the manufacturers of this sentiment – and therefore to save themselves from blood-guiltiness, it is the bounden duty of all Christians not only to withdraw from, but to labor for the Christianization or Annihilation of all those Churches – and that the Worlds Salvation depends upon its accomplishment

“Resolved That the Fugitive Slave bill is in direct contravention to the Divine Law and therefore not binding – that those Doctors of Divinity who teach the supremacy of the lower law, are Ministers of Satan – preaching doctrines of Devils; that the conduct of

such Ministers and of the slave power on this subject is a virtual acknowledgement, and undeniable evidence of their conviction of the necessity of dethroning Deity to support Slavery.

“Resolved That as Christians and Cristian [sic] Ministers, we will not obey such an inhuman and iniquitous enactment, and bewray a brother fleeing from the hell of Slavery, but in the face of fine, imprisonment or death itself, we will do all in our power and seek opportunity to aid him to elude the fiendish clutches of his diabolical pursuer, that we will resist and oppose it whenever, wherever, and however sought to be executed. And that it is the Judgment of this Conference, that whoever, by vote or otherwise supports slavery or the ‘Fugitive Slave Bill’ is –

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Guilty of a high immorality and plain violation of the discipline and ought to be expelled the Church.”

#### On Intemperance

“Resolved That Intemperance is an evil of almost unrivaled magnitude, that as a fiery flood it has spread, and continues to roll over the land, producing physical intellectual and moral desolation, furnishing thousands of paupers for our poor-houses convicts for our penitentiaries and inmates for our Lunatic asylums, that it is our duty and shall be our delight to labor unceasingly, till its streams are emptied and fountains dried up. And that the history of the past proves conclusively that this can be accomplished only by making the sale of intoxicating Liquors contraband, and he who engages in such business – a criminal.

“Resolved that we will carry our Temperance principles to the ballot box that in our opinion the ‘Maine Law’ is the only remedy for this evil and we will earnestly advocate and never rest content untill [sic] or a similar one is the Law of the Land.”

#### On Tobacco

“Resolved that the use of Tobacco is a species of intemperance a waste of money and loathsome practice; destructive to health of body vigor of mind and purity of heart, and that as reformers we will both by precept and example discourage its use –”

#### On Moral Purity

“Resolved that Licentiousness is a sin of the lowest and darkest character, a most potent foe to the happiness of our race and the triumph of Christianity, a prolific source of disease, poverty, ignorance, infidelity and every form of crime and misery – and that we as Christian Philanthropists will lay aside all false modesty, and preach

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Plain and pointed terms against a violation of the seventh Commandment.”

#### On the Sabbath

“Resolved That the Sabbath is of Divine appointment, that it is the duty of Christians to keep it holy and to perform no labor thereon except works of mercy or necessity.”

### On Sabbath School

“Resolved That the rising generation is the star of hope for the World, that Sabbath Schools when rightly conducted, are a most efficient auxiliary to the Church, and that it is our most imperative duty as Gospel Ministers to do all in our power for the establishment and support of this excellent institution.”

### On Covetousness

“Resolved That Covetousness is Idolatry, and the love of money the root of all evil and bane of good, that it is the origin of Slavery, War, Intemperance land-monopoly and all the evils that make earth the abode of wretchedness; that it is a groveling sin, which blinds the mind, blunts moral sensibilities, dries up Christian sympathy, palsies benevolent effort, withholds the light of life from six hundred Millions of mankind who sit in the regions and shadow of death, and unfits its subjects for either Earth or heaven.”

### On Land Reform

“Resolved that we adopt as true the 12<sup>th</sup> Article of the Free Democratic Confessions of faith – That the public lands of the United States belong to the people, and should not be sold to individuals nor granted to corporations, but should be held as a sacred trust for the benefit of the people, and should be granted in limited quantities, free of cost, to landless settlers.”

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### On War

“Resolved that war is the crime and scourge of Nations – a fountain of death – a Moral pestilence carried on by human agency – that it is sinful, impolitic, and not a means to secure justice. That national differences should be settled by an Umpire, established for the purpose – And that we will discountenance the practice of war, and all those customs which tend to foster and perpetuate the war spirit—believing them to be opposed to the benevolent design of the Christian religion.

“Resolved That the attempt, being made, by the Whigs and so called Democrats to elevate to stations of honor and profit, men, fresh from the fields of Mexico, red with human blood, spilt there for the extension of the curse of Slavery, is a gross departure from the [insert wisdom which] history and the Bible teach – a departure of which we cannot be guilty; and which both Christianity and love of country forbid us forever from giving our suffrage for the devotion to any office of publick [sic] trust a Military Chieftain.”

### On Our Prospects

“Resolved That ours is the cause of God and humanity – that there is Almighty power in truth – that the present is full of inspiration to the Christian Reformer – the contest which has wrought the Moral heavens into a tempest, is not doubtful – Victory is certain – And that we as a band of true reformers united in heart, and interest and purpose and not in name alone – in presence of God and each other, do renewedly [sic] and unreservedly consecrate our time, talents, influence, property, prayers, reputation and lives, to the great work of redeeming mankind, by means of a pure Christianity. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adam Crooks, Chairman”

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[Margin: Various Resolutions offered by G. Richey and E. Thompson]

A resolution on Slavery was offered by Bro. Geo. Richey and adopted by the Conference as follows

“Whereas we believe all slaveholding to be a sin against God, as well as an outrage upon the dearest rights of man – and whereas we believe that the Slaveholding Churches of this Country are the bulwarks of American Slavery – And whereas we believe secession from such churches to be a Christian duty—Therefore –

“Resolved That, as Ministers of the Zanesville Yearly Conference, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, we will not invite any to the communion of the Lord’s supper who are members of any such Anti-Christian Organizations.

Geo. Richey”

Bro E. Thompson presented a number of resolutions on various subjects which were received and adopted as follows – being a petition to the ensuing General Conference –

“To the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America to convene at Syracuse N. Y. October 1852 –

“Whereas we believe that Christianity is progressive and reformatory in its character, and imperatively demands and requires at ~~our~~ [insert: the] hands of its votaries, in this life a continual addition and increase in Holiness and Truth and believing we should as adherents to bible Christianity embrace and practically obey every principle of moral truth so far and as fast as it is made plain to our minds either by the bible of God, his spirit-experience or observation, in relation to all questions of a moral character, And being fully convinced, such is the only safe ground for us to occupy either as individuals or as a Church, and being satisfied of the fact that there still is room for Christian progress and reform in our book of Discipline, and as such will doubtless be a part [insert: turn over]

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Of the business that will characterize your body therefore we the members of the Zanesville Annual Conference assembled at Deersville Sept. 4, 1852 request your honorable body to grant us the following changes and regulations in our Discipline.

“1<sup>st</sup> That the word ‘Oath bound’ be stricken out of our rule governing Secret Societies, so that it shall thus read – ‘We will on no account tolerate our Ministers and Member, in joining Secret Societies (whether oath or pledge bound) or holding fellowship with them, as in the judgment of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it is inconsistent with our duties to God and Christianity to hold such connection.

“2<sup>nd</sup> That the following item be erased from the General Rules Viz! ‘The giving or taking things on usury I.E. unlawful interest’ as this makes human law the test stone, of moral principle while God’s law [insert: should be] the only correct standard of morals in the Church of Christ. And that the Scriptural rule be inserted in its stead.

“3<sup>rd</sup> That we have a disciplinary rule governing (so far as possible) the Political actions of those of our members who are legally endowed with the elective franchise –

requiring of all such to make use of said power, on all occasions, where exercised, in opposition to Slavery, War, Intemperance, Free-Masonry, and all sin.

“4<sup>th</sup> That we have inserted in the Discipline an imperative rule for the benefit of the poor of our Connection shaped in such manner that it shall be the duty of the Church (so far as possible) to make provision for the temporal necessities of the destitute in her pale, so that there shall not be any suffering poor in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection.”

The Stationing Committee  
Made the following report which was adopted.

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[Margin: The Work how Supplied; reserve list; Com. On Presidency; report and resolution on Missionary Matters; Disbanding of Aid Society]

Work Supplied as follows

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| Deersville & Leesville | A. W. Sanders, Wm Smith, A R Brooks  |
| Woodsfield             | R. Horton, Z P. Disbrow              |
| Zanesville             | S. Blanchard                         |
| Plymouth               | J. C. Bacon                          |
| Licking                | Wm Sewell                            |
| Deleware               | Willard Edson – one to be supplied   |
| Norwalk                | L. R. Royce                          |
| Strongsville           | to be supplied                       |
| Granger & Huntington   | A. Crooks, G. W. Bainum              |
| Knox                   | R. McCune                            |
| Guilford N.C.          | D Wilson                             |
| E Smith                | Agent of Western Book Branch Concern |
| Sandusky City          | E Smith                              |
| Lawrence Mission       | Isaac Moore                          |

Reserve List

Cornelius Woodruff, S. D. Jones

Without appointment at their own request

Geo. Richey, R. J. Thompson, A. N. Hamlin, J. McGaw

Committee to appoint a President in case of vacancy G. Richey, R. Horton, M.P. Patton Js. Thompson Wm Housman

The Missionary Treasurer reported and the report was accepted and it was ordered that all the money now in the Treasury be given to Bro D. Wilson to sustain the work in North Carolina.

On Motion it was resolved that each preacher in charge is hereby required to take up a collection for Missionary purposes and it shall be enquired in the examination of character if each preacher in charge has attended to this matter.

On Motion E Smith was chosen Treasurer of the Missionary Society

On Motion the Preachers Aid Society of this Conference was disbanded and ordered that the funds now in the Treasury be appropriated to the relief of Bro E. Thompson.

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[Margin: Number in Connection]

The Roll being called for that purpose, the numbers in connection in the bounds of this Conference was reported to be as follows

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Deersville and Leesville} | 34  |
| Woodsfield}               |     |
| Zanesville}               |     |
| Plymouth}                 |     |
| Licking and Deleware}     |     |
| Liverpool}                |     |
| Norwalk}                  |     |
| Strongsville}             |     |
| Huntington}               |     |
| Granger}                  | 134 |
| Knox}                     |     |
| Guilford}                 |     |
| Grason}                   |     |
| Sandusky}                 |     |
| Total                     | 166 |

[Margin: Of Sabbath Schools]

Conference proceeded to take the number of Sabbath Schools in our bounds whereupon the following report was made:

| Circuits     | Schools | Super-intendents | Libraries | Teachers | Schools | Money |
|--------------|---------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Deersville   |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Leesville    |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Woodsfield   | 3       |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Zanesville   | 1       | 2                | 2         | 20       | 70      | \$10  |
| Plymouth     | 1       | 1                | 1         |          |         |       |
| Licking      | 1       | 1                | 1         | 8        | 60      |       |
| Deleware     |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Liverpool    |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Norwalk      |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Strongsville | 4       | 4                | 4         | 16       | 110     |       |
| Huntington   | 2       | 2                | 2         |          |         |       |
| Granger      | 2       | 2                | 2         | 12       | 80      |       |
| Knox         |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Guilford     | 1       | 1                | 1         | 5        | 30      |       |
| Grason       |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| Sandusky     |         |                  |           |          |         |       |
| TOTAL        | 15      | 12               | 12        | 51       | 340     | \$10  |

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[Margin: To raise funds for Delegates to Gen. Conf.]

The Missionary Treasurer reported that he held in his hand a receipt of D. Wilson for \$78.36 – all the funds in his hands—agreeably to the order of Conference.

On Motion it was resolved that a committee of three be constituted to consist of N. W. Sanders, Geo. Richey and A. Crooks – to apportion to each circuit its proportion, to defray the expenses of the Delegates to and form the next General Conference. On Motion it was Resolved That one Lay Delegate from each circuit be requested to raise the Amount and apportioned to his circuit and forward the same to Bro Richey –

The report of the Committee above name was made and adopted.

[Margin: Adjournment]

Minutes were then read and approved Conference close.

Prayer by Bro. Horton.

A. W. Sanders, Chairman

R. McCune Secretary