

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Wisconsin Conference

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT
JACKSONVILLE CHURCH, NEAR TOMAH,
WIS., SEPT. 30-OCT. 2, 1908.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The forty-first annual session of the Wisconsin conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America convened at Jacksonville church near Tomah Sept. 30, 1908, at 2 P. M.

Conference called to order by the President, O. S. Warner, who also conducted devotional exercises.

A. Davidson appointed Committee on Credentials.

Credentials of Wm. Ingham of Baraboo charge received.

Bar of conference made to include the first two seats in front of pulpit.

Conference time to be governed by president's watch.

Committee on Religious Services, E. Woodard, Wm. Ingham, O. S. Ballinger.

Committee on Statistics: O. S. Ballinger.

Committee on Pastors' Reports, J. Gillem, ministerial, Charles Woods, layman.

On motion, 3 P. M. Friday was set apart for the election of conference officers.

On motion Professor Bond was given Saturday afternoon after religious services to present Connectional interests.

On motion the time was set for the morning session to begin at 9 o'clock, and close at 11:30; the afternoon to begin at two and close at 4:30.

On motion Mrs. Lizzie Ayers was given Saturday evening to present the work of the W. H. and F. M. S.

By vote the first hour of Friday afternoon was set apart for memorial services.

Motion prevailed that there be preaching every afternoon except Friday.

O. S. Warner was appointed a committee to draft resolution of thanks for entertainment.

Adjourned by motion.

ucational Board requesting them to elect Professor S. W. Bond
President of the Western School.

Adjourned for committee work to call of chair.

Friday Morning Session.

Conference called to order. by President. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother Charles Markee.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Prof. S. W. Bond, our Educational Secretary, was introduced and made remarks.

By motion, visiting members were given honorary seats in the conference.

Moved that the President and Secretary be instructed to sign a petition from the Sabbath Rest Association addressed to the President, Senate and House of Representatives, and forward the same.

Rev. J. Gillem was elected delegate to the Portage meeting of the Sabbath Rest Association.

The following characters passed: F. Decker, B. F. Baldwin, May Lewis Markee. A. C. Delap was found to have withdrawn by letter.

Adjourned for committee work to call of chair.

Afternoon Session.

Memorial services held for Rev. J. W. Delap, Rev. Chas. Lyon and Rev. Mrs. J. A. Rose.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Order of the day, election of officers.

President appointed O. S. Ballinger and Wm. Ingham tellers.

Rev. O. S. Warner elected President.

Rev. J. Gillem Vice-President.

Mrs. Lizzie Ayers Secretary.

Report of Treasurer read and accepted.

Thursday, Morning Session.

Called to order by the President. Devotional exercises conducted by A. Shores.

Minutes read and approved.

Credentials were received, seating the following delegates: O. S. Ballinger, Ironton charge; Charles Woods, Pleasant Ridge; Belle Kurtz, Waupaca; E. Woodard, Jacksonville.

On motion, O. S. Warner chosen to conduct memorial service.

The Committee on pastoral relations was formed by the election of O. S. Ballinger, Rev. A. Davidson, E. Woodard, Wm. Ingham, Rev. J. Gillem.

Rev. A. Davidson was elected member of Committee on Itineracy and Orders. President appointed Belle Kurtz and O. S. Ballinger on said committee.

O. S. Warner and J. Gillem elected Committee on Reforms. Adjourned to call of chair for committee work.

Conference called to order by President.

Characters of the following members were passed: O. S. Warner, A. Davidson, A. Shores.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Afternoon Session.

Preaching by Rev. J. Gillem.

Conference called to order by President.

Minutes read and approved. Roll called.

Moved to petition the Executive Board of Book Committee regarding voting privileges of conference licentiates.

O. S. Warner elected committee to forward said petition.

Conference officers authorized to sign a petition to the Ed-

George Wickersham elected Treasurer.

Committee on Presidency, J. Gillem, A. Davidson and F. Decker, ministerial; O. S. Ballinger and Wm. Ingham, laymen.

Time extended fifteen minutes.

Report of Committee on Camp-meeting received.

O. S. Ballinger, O. S. Warner and Geo. Wickersham elected Camp-meeting Committee.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Saturday Morning Session.

Devotional services by J. M. Decker.

Conference called to order by President.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Ordered that none of our elders be placed upon the unstationed list except by vote of conference.

Unfinished business resumed.

Wm. Loomis re-elected trustee.

Rev. J. Gillem and Wm. Ingham Advisory Board.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders accepted.

The characters of J. Gillem and E. R. Harris were passed.

Adjourned for Committee work to call of chair.

Afternoon Session.

Preaching by Rev. J. Gillem.

Conference called to order by President.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Tomah introduced to conference.

Professor S. W. Bond presented the Connectional interests.

Next conference appointed at Pleasant Ridge.

Ordered that a collection be taken Sabbath morning for Sister Bunker.

Rev. A. Shore added to Camp-meeting Committee.

Time extended thirty minutes.

Motion prevailed that O. S. Ballinger and O. S. Warner be Committee on Publication of minutes.

Time of next conference left with Executive Board.

Report of Committee on Pastoral relations received.

Report of Committee on Statistics approved.

Adjourned to call of chair.

REPORTS.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Recommended that A. Shore, May Markee and John Shore be continued in their present relationship to the conference.

Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Recommended, the following appointments: J. Gillem, Baraboo and Jacksonville and supply to Waupaca; O. S. Warner, Pleasant Ridge; A. Shore, Ironton; F. Decker, to choose his own field of labor; A. Davidson, missionary at large; J. Shore and B. F. Baldwin in hands of President; Spring Branch, Beaver Dam and Tripville, in hands of President; \$25 placed at disposal of President for Tripville.

O. S. Ballinger, Secretary.

Committee on Statistics.

Pastor's labors, time employed, 5 years; Appointments, 11; Number of churches, 10; Received, 3; Discontinued, 3; Died, 7; Granted letters, 1; Present numbers, 214; Baptized, 4; Licentiates,

4. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodists taken, 47; Sunday-school Banners taken, 86; Lesson Helps taken, 226. Sabbath-schools: Number of, 11; Superintendents, 11; Teachers, 43; Scholars, 380. Church property: Number of meeting houses, 10; Value of, \$8,200; Number of parsonages, 3; Valuation of, \$2,100. Amount contributed: Pastor's salary, \$880.50; Evangelist's receipts, \$180.97; Superannuated ministers, \$2.66; Home Missions, \$68.41; Foreign missions, \$144.39; Conference Missions, \$41.52; Educational enterprises, \$41.35; Sabbath-schools, \$144.75; Building and repairs, \$244.50; Incidental expenses, \$97.42; Other benevolent objects, \$135.04; Total amount contributed \$1,981.53.

O. S. Ballinger, Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Church Extension Fund: Oct. 2, 1907, to balance on hand, \$432.18; Sept. 29, 1908, by balance on hand, \$432.18.

Home and Foreign Mission Fund: Oct. 2, 1907, balance on hand, \$111.43; Received of Baraboo charge, \$6.03; Received of Tripville charge, \$1.75; Received of Ironton charge, \$21.86; Received of Jacksonville charge, \$12; Received of Pleasant Ridge charge, \$26.86; Total, \$179.93. By cash paid Brother Bond, \$37.75; Cash on hand to balance, \$142.18.

Superannuated Minister's Fund: Oct. 2, 1907, cash on hand, .55; Received of Ironton charge, \$1; Baraboo charge, \$5.74; Total, \$7.29. Paid Sister Bunker, \$7.29.

Camp-meeting Fund: Oct. 2, 1907, to balance on hand, \$88.16; To receipts of meeting, June 28, 1908, \$124.05; Total, \$212.21. To expenses of meeting, \$110.76; By cash to balance, \$101.45.

General Conference Delegates' Fund: Oct. 13, 1908, received of Ironton charge, \$12.09; Received of Waupaca charge, \$5; Received of Baraboo charge, \$1.50; Received of Pleasant Ridge charge, \$10; Total receipts, \$28.59. Paid delegates' expenses, \$31.40; To deficit, \$2.81.

Summary to balance: In Church Extension Fund, \$432.18; H. and F. Missionary Fund, \$142.18; Camp-Meeting Fund, \$101.45; General fund, \$18.15; Total, \$693.96; Less deficit in General conference delegates' fund, \$2.81, \$691.15.

George Wickersham, Treasurer.

Conference Roll.

Elders: O. S. Warner, J. Gillem, A. Davidson, F. Decker, B. F. Baldwin, E. R. Harris.

Licentiates: Albert Shore, John Shore, May Markee.

Delegates: Wm. Ingham, O. S. Ballinger, Chas. Woods, E. Woodard, Belle Kurtz.

Lizzie Ayers, Conference Secretary.