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Minutes of the
Ninth Session of the
Zanesville Conference
Of the Wesleyan M. Connection
Held in
Washington Richland Co. Ohio
Aug 19th to 22d 1857
R. McCune
President
Geo. W. Bainum Secretary

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Minutes of the proceedings of the Ninth Session of the Zanesville yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America held in Washington Richland County Ohio Commencing Aug. 19th 10 Oclock A.M./57

[Margin: Preliminaries]

Brethren assembled at the time and place named above and listened to a very impressive and appropriate sermon by the President founded on Matthew 20 Chap, 20 to 28 verses.

After which Conference was called to order by the chair The Rool [sic] of Conference being called the following members answered to their names and took their seats.

[Margin: Roll Present]

A. N. Hamlin.
S. D. Jones.
A Crooks.
W. Sewell.
R. McCune.
E. Thompson.
R. Horton.
L. R. Royce.
G. W. Bainum.
B. Tressonrider.
D. L. Travis.
A. R. Brooks.
James Spear.

[Margin: Absent]

Absent
A.W. Sanders,
Daniel Willson,
Wm McConnell,
Wm Smith,
Joseph Evans.

C. Woodruff,
W. B. Moody,
J. H. Webster
James McPeek,

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[Margin: Names of Delegates]

The following persons presented the proper credentials and took their seats as Lay Members of this Conference.

J. M. Smith, of Cleveland Station
Charles Dyer of Huntington Ct.
N. W. Hodges and
J. B. Hunt from Delaware Ct.
Wm Corner from Plymouth
J. Oshell and
Hiraim Curtis from Woodsfield
S. S. Wyeth from Licking
J. D. Phifer from Mt. Vernon
Geo. Hagaman from Washington
J. C. Leukens from Deersville

[Margin: Transfer and Reception of Brewster]

Rev. W. H. Brewster of Cleveland was introduced by the President as a member of our Conference by transfer from the New England Conference – who entertained the Conference happily in some brief remarks on taking his seat among us.

On Motion of Bro. Crooks the transfer of Br. Brewster was received by unanimous vote. When Conference adjourned to meet at 2 OClock P.M. Benediction by the President.

Aug 19th 2' OClock P.M.

Conference met – President in the chair. Singing and prayer by Bro. Tressonrider.

Ministers of reformatory churches in attendance were invited to honorary seats with us by unanimous vote.

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[Margin: Bar of Confer.]

The bar of Conference was fixed at the 4th Front seat.

Persons recommended to Elders Orders and Preachers on Trial were invited to honorary seats within the bar.

[Margin: Committee]

The following Committees were then ordered. On Religious services, A. N. Hamlin, L. R. Royce, G. Hagaman. Committee of 3 on Missions, of 3 on Reforms, and 3 on Sabbath Schools to be announced by the President.

[Margin: Stationing Com:]

On motion of Bro Jones Conference proceeded to ballot for Committee on Pastoral Relations; Bros Sewell and Royce acting as tellers, which resulted in the election of the following persons:

Ministers	Laymen
A.N. Hamlin.	J. M. Smith
S. D. Jones.	N. W. Hodges
R. Horton.	G. Hagaman.

On Motion of Bro. Crooks the Committee on Pastoral Relations was constituted a Committee on Boundaries also.

[Margin: Hours of Meeting etc.]

The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 8 and 11 ½ O'clock A. M. respectively.

[Margin: Instructions to Stationing Committee]

Conference ordered that in case the Stationing Committee should appoint an Evangelist that they fix his salary and report an apportionment of the same among the Circuits and Stations.

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[Margin: Character Examine]

The examination of character, on motion of Bro. Tressonrider was commenced.

Bro Sanders name being called, his Delegate reported the affairs of the circuit, in part, and Bro Sanders character passed.

The name of Bro A.N. Hamlin was called who then gave an encouraging account of his labors as Conference Evangelist, during the year: when his character passed.

[Margin: Zanesville Case]

Letters were presented, from parties in the City of Zanesville, in reference to difficulties existing in the Church there; a part of which were read; when ~~of~~ on motion of Bro: Evans Thompson, the Conference voted to refer the whole matter to a Committee of three [insert: who should] ~~for to~~ take charge of the papers, consider the case, and report to Conference at its next yearly session.

[Margin: Character Examine]

The examination of character being resumed, the names of Bros. S. D. Jones, Adam Crooks, Wm Sewell, R. McCune and Evans Thompson; were severally called characters considered, and passed.

Various announcements were then made, when Conference adjourned by benediction from the President.

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Thursday morning 8 O'clock A.M.

President in the chair.

Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes of the previous sessions read and approved.

The President announced the following names on Committees.

[Margin: Committees: Character, Wilson Case, Character]

On Missions – A. Crooks, R. Horton, and N. W. Hodges.

On Reforms – Benj. Tressonrider, S. D. Joes, and J. Oshell.

On Sabbath Schools – W. H. Brewster, Wm. Sewell, and J. B. Hunt

The examination of character was again resumed, and Bro: Richard Hoskins name was called, character considered, and passed. The name of Bro: Daniel Wilson being called letters were presented in relation to difficulties existing in N.C., when on motion of Bro: Tressonrider, the case was referred to a Committee of two; Consisting of Bros McCune and Crooks; Bro: Wilson's character being laid over, awaiting the report of the Committee. Bro: William B. Moody's character passed and name placed on the unstationed list – this being his desire as expressed, by letter, to the Conference.

Names of L. R. Royce, Geo: W. Bainum, and Benj: Tressonrider, were severally called, characters considered, and passed.

The Examination of the character of Bro: Wm. McConnel, was postponed, awaiting the arival [sic] of the Delegates from the Circuit where Bro: McC: resided.

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[Margin: Character examined; character; on trial]

Bro: David L. Travis' character was considered, and passed.

J. H. Webster's name laid over untill [sic] a letter [insert: from him] in the possession of an absent brother could be obtained and read.

Bro William Smith's character, passed and name placed on the Unstationed List.

The names of, A. R. Brooks, James McPeek, and James Spear, were severally called, characters considered, and passed.

The name of, Joseph Evans, was called and his character laid over untill [sic] the Committee appointed to Consider North Carolina [sic] matters, should report.

Bro: William H. Brewster was called upon by the President, when Brother B. proceeded to give an account of the Church in Cleaveland [sic], he having become its Pastor, since May last, by removal from the New England Conference.

The Examination of the character of the Preachers. On traial [sic] was then had.

Bro: George C. Hicks' character was considered and passed.

Bro: William B. Moody Jr – character consider and passed and he continued on trial.

It was voted that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 3 P.M.

Various announcements were made when Conference adjourned.

Prayer by Bro: Sewell.

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Thursday 9 OClock P.M.

Bro: Crooks presiding.

Singing and prayer by Bro: Spear.

Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes read and approved.

A Committee on Book-Concern and Periodicals was ordered.

Vacancies on the Examining [sic] Committee were filled by the election of William H. Brewster and R. Horton.

[Margin: Preachers received on trial]

On recommendation of Huntington Circuit, Bro: Amos Foote was received, by the Conference, as a member on trial.

The Committee to take charge of the Zanesville difficulties, was named as follows Bro's W. H. Brewster, J. M. Smith, J. B. Hunt.

On recommendation of the Woodsfield Circuit, John Bartlett, was received on trial.

The President filled the Committee on Book-Concern, and Periodicals, -- ordered @ previous session, as follows A Crooks, S. D. Jones, H. Curtis.

George B. Smith, was received on trial by recommendation from Deersville Circuit.

The name of Bro: J. H. Webster was again called, when a letter from him was presented to the Conference by Bro. Evans Thompson, and read by the Secretary, representing that unless allowed some field near his present location; his circumstances were such that he could take no work from the Conference. His character was passed and name continued on the Stationed List.

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A letter was read by the secretary, from Geo. H. Reynolds making application to be received on trial – the application was dismissed.

Conference adjourned.

Friday morning 8 O'clock A.M.

Bro: McCune Presiding

Roll called by the Secretary

Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro: Crooks.

The Chairman from the Committee on Sabbath Schools, read a highly interesting report, which was unanimously adopted: for which, See Report, No. 1

[Margin: Zanesville Case]

The Committee on Zanesville matters reported, which was adopted (See No 2.) when on motion of Bro: Evan Thompson a Committee of three was appointed to carry into effect the recommendations, of the Committee on Zanesville Case. Bro: Hamlin, Horton, Jones were that Committee.

Conference directed the Secretary to furnish Bro: Hamlin a copy of the Report of Committee (No. 2.) which was done.

By motion it was resolved that Conference held itself responsible to this Committee for expenses incurred in making their visit to Zanesville to adjudicate the church difficulty there, as directed by the Conference.

Bro: H. B. Knight, Agent of the Book-Concern was present and gave a statement

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Of the financial condition of the Book-Concern.

[Margin: Proposed change of time]

Propositions for changing the usual time of holding our Conference were introduced and entertained by Bro. Hamlin and others. Various propositions looking to a change from fall to spring were discussed at length, when finally on motion of the Secretary, the time for holding our next session was fixed at August 25th 1858.

Mount Vernon was selected as the place for our next, yearly meet.

It was agreed that when we adjourn, we do so to meet at 3 P.M.

The Election of officers was made the order of the day, for this afternoon.

The usual announcements were made, and Conference adjourned.

Friday Afternoon – 3 P.M.

Conference met – President in the chair Singing and prayer by Bro: Evan Thompson.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The Report on Reforms was presented, and read by the Secretary, which lay on the table for future action.

[Margin: Reports]

Bro: Crooks, reported from the Committee on Missions, -- report was received, and read by the Secretary.

Committee on Book-Concern and Periodicals, reported; all of which lay on the table.

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[Margin: Officers Elected]

The order of the day was then taken up viz – the election of Officers for the ensuing Conference year. Bro's Sewell and Spear acting as tellars [sic]

Conference proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the choice of the following persons:

For President – Adam Crooks.

Secretary, Geo: W. Bainum.

The President, and Secretary of Conference were elected to the same offices in the Missionary Association.

W. H. Brewster was elected Treasurer of the Missionary Association.

A. N. Hamlin, E. Thompson, J. M. Smith, S. S. Wyeth and J. B. Hunt, were elected Board of Managers for the Missionary Association.

[Margin: Missionary Matters]

The Roll was called by the Secretary, and subscriptions and members to the Missionary Association received. In all amounting to \$107.20.

A Committee of three, was appointed to confer with Bro: Spear, to ascertain, and report the amount of his claims upon the Missionary Association; Hamlin, Sewell and Hodges were that Committee.

J. M. Smith presented the following resolution which was adopted.

“Resolved, That Bro: McCune be requested to cooperate with Bro: Crooks, our President, to secure some suitable minister for the Guilford N. C. Circuit, and recommend him to the American Missionary Association, as a missionary

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For that field; to be sustained, by said Association.”

[Margin: Missionary Matters]

The Treasurer of the Missionary Fund reported as follows:

Paid in to A Crooks	72.12
Collections	14.08
Paid today	16.00
Total	\$107.20
Disbursements of the above	
To R. McCune	26.00
James Spear	56.00
Total Disbursed	82.00
Balance in Hand	\$ 25.20

[Margin: Rept: of Examining (sic) Com:]

The Examining [sic] Committee, reported the names of Geo: C Hicks, M. B. Adams, and William Corner – as having been before them for examination, for admission to Elders Orders:

Bro: Hicks retired: And Bro: Brewster in behalf of the Committee reported favorably to the reception of Bro: Hicks to full connection, and election to the office of an Elder – which report was adopted – and Bro: Hicks was received accordingly.

Bro: Brewster reported further, in behalf of the Committee that the literary qualifications of Bro: M. B. Adams, were very fair: but [insert: that] in view of his inability to enter at once upon the work, in the travelling connection; and some lack of well digested views of theology; they could not advise his ordination, at present; but recommend that it be deferred untill [sic] another year. Which was adopted.

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The Committee further reported; in reference to Bro: Wm Corner; that his views of the bible were consistent, and clear, but that in view of his advanced age, together with his want of literary qualifications; they could not advise his ordination; While they said this they left it now entirely to the voice of the Conference. Whereupon Bro: Horton, moved the Election of Bro: Corner to Elders Orders; which motion, after some discussion, was lost.

Conference adjourned
By Benediction by the President.

Saturday Morning 8 Oclock
Bro: McCune presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Secretary: Roll called: Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Statistics were called for from the various Circuits and Stations resulting as follows: See Rep: No. 3.

[Margin: W. Corner elected an Elder]

Bro Hamlin moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the report of Examining [sic] Committee, in reference to Bro: Wm Corner: which motion prevailed. When on motion of Bro: E. Thompson, after discussion by Sewell, Hamlin and Horton, Bro: Corner was received to full connection, and Elected to the Office of an Elder, as an exception to the rule. His name was placed on the Unstationed List.

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[Margin: Reception of William McCullouch]

A communication was presented by Bro: Hamlin, from the Middle Port Church, in reference to the standing of Wm. McCullouch to licensed Local Preacher, who, according to the usage of the Primitive Methodists, (to which he formerly belonged) was allowed [sic] to administer the sacraments; but, who, under our Discipline [insert: it was thought] would not be allowed [sic] so to do: It was ordered that Bro. McCullouch be received by us according to his present standing, and that our President be authorized to examine the matter and if satisfied with his ordination, to issue to him a certificate of ordination. But, if, upon examination, his ordination appear not satisfactory, Bro: Crooks, our President will ordain him by the laying on of hands.

[Margin: Elders Unstationed]

The Roll of Unstationed Elders was called: and the following characters were examined and passed.

J. G. Noris
John McCloud
Wm McCullough
M. P. Patton
A. L. Morrison
Joseph Markee
J. R. Tallentire
John Bell
Willaird Edson

[Margin: Street]

The character of Benj. Street was referred to the nearest Elder for investigation. Character of David Peachin passed and his name transferred to the Stationed List.

Character of Isaac Moore was considered and passed.

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[Margin: Character]

The examination of character on the Stationed List was resumed:

The name of Wm. McConnell was called when it appeared that Bro: M had not always cooperated heartily with his brethren in carrying forward religious meetings. His character was passed; and Bro: Horton appointed, to exhort him to cooperation with his brethren.

Ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 2 ½ O'clock P.M.

The Report on Book-Concern and Periodicals was taken from the table by consent; and Bro: Knight spoke to the report for some time; when by his request the Roll of Conference was called with a view to ascertain how many subscribers the members of Conference would try to obtain for the Wesleyan during the coming year 120 were pledged.

Various announcements were made and Conference adjourned. By limitation.

Saturday Afternoon 2 ½ O'clock

Bro: McCune presiding.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Royce: Roll called by the Secretary. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Wilson and North Carolina [sic] case reported: which was received and adopted. See No. 4

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[Margin: Reports]

Committee on Pastoral Relations and Boundaries, reported etc much as related to boundaries [insert: ~~and salary of Evangelist~~] which was adopted. See No. 5

Committee, on Pastoral-relations, reported [insert: in full] which received and read after which it was amended, slightly, and adopted. See No: 6.

Committee further reported in reference the appointment, and salary of an Evangelist, See No: 5.

[Margin: Resolutions]

Bro: Jones offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that Bro: Hamlin, the Conference Evangelist, be appointed general Agent of the Conference Missionary Association; to to [sic] procure subscriptions and donations and in every way to promote the interest of the cause.

The following was offered by Bro: Hamlin and adopted by the Conference:
"Resolved, that the President be authorized to request, of the American Missionary Association, an appropriation for the Gallia and Laurence Mission, as soon as a suitable laborer is found to supply that work."

The report on Book-Concern and Periodicals was taken from the table and adopted. See No. 7.

The report on Reforms, was taken from the table and adopted. See No. 8.
Report on Missions was adopted See No. 9.

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On motion of Bro: Tressonrider, three Committees were ordered: one on Missions, one on Sabbath Schools and one on Reforms: these Committees to report at the next Conference.

[Margin: Resolutions]

The following was adopted.

Resolved, that the President be and is hereby requested to deliver an opening sermon at our next Conference at the hour of ten O'clock, A.M.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the citizens of Washington and vicinity for the ample and [sic] pleasant entertainment received at their hands, during our stay among them.

Bro: Rice, of the Michigan Union College, was present and gave the Conference a somewhat entertaining and interesting account of the present condition of the above named Institution; concluding with an appeal for aid.

Conference [insert: adjourned] until after preaching in the evening.

Saturday Evening 8 ½ O'clock A.M. [sic]

Bro: McCune presiding.

Bro: Jones offered a resolution, verbally, tendering an expression of sympathy, in the affairs of the Michigan Union College; which was adopted.

The President announced the following committees to report at next Conference
On Reforms –

R. McCune, S. D. Jones, R. Horton;

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[Margin: Committees]

On Missions – W. H. Brewster, J. M. Smith, and A.N. Hamlin.

On Sabbath Schools – Geo. W. Bainum, Wm Sewell and D. L. Travis.

[Margin: Sinking Fund]

The Treasurer of the Sinking Fund, G. W. Bainum, reported, that there were yet \$320.97 due from us to the Parent Concern. That this obligation had lain long upon our hands and the Agent was now here, urging payment in view of the embarrassment of the Concern.

It was finally proposed to divide the amount into ten equal shares; and make personal pledges to pay the whole I one year from this date which was agreed to and the whole amount was pledged.

The business of Conference being completed, the Conference kneeled, together with the attending congregation, the President leading in solemn prayer, and thanksgiving, to Almighty God, for the precious season which the Members of Conference had enjoyed together.

After which Conference adjourned: to meet in Mount Vernon Ohio Aug: 25 1858.

Robert McCune
President
Geo. W. Bainum
Secretary

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held in Washington,
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On Sabbath Schools – No. 1

The Committee, to whom was assigned the matter of Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of Sabbath schools in connection with [insert: all] our Churches. Familiarity [sic] with the truths of the Bible is indispensable to a well developed moral character, of an individual, or of a community. And it is equally indispensable that this knowledge be acquired in early life. Books of a doubtful character are being multiplied rapidly – and Bible reading – we fear, laid aside for light and trashy publications.

In a country like ours, where no parochial schools exist – where nothing positively religious can be taught in our publick [sic] schools, through a prejudice against sectarian doctrines; there is a greater demand for Sabbath School instruction than in those countries where parochial schools ~~exist~~ are maintained.

No man, or community, can be said to be educated, that is not religiously educated; nor can that religious education be devolved entirely upon the pulpit; for the reason that pulpit instruction, cannot be sufficiently elementary to meet the wants of children, and at the same time meet the wants of the

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Adult hearers. A faculty to preach the gospel to children profitably, is one of those rare gifts, which, though many covet earnestly, few possess. If, therefore, children are to be instructed at all, it must either – be in the sabbath school or in the family. And while Sabbath School instruction need not, we believe it will not lessen the amount of family teaching but increase it.

Where children attend these schools and have lessons assigned them, such lessons will naturally be studied during the week, and no parent who feels any religious

interests in his children, will but delight to aid them in the study of their lessons, and what sight more pleasing than to see the whole family around the "Old fashioned Bible that lays on the stand" carefully reading and studying the lesson for the coming Sabbath?

Here is a double gain, not only the children but the parents are lead [sic] to study the word of God.

And then we are to bear in mind that, in this community, many parents whole neglect the religious education of their children – not even attending public worship themselves – but at the same time they would not object to their children attending a good Sabbath School. And if there can be no other avenue to the parents' heart he may be reached through his child. Convince him that you are laboring to do good to his child, and you have his confidence – And above all let us remember that no period is so favorable to religious impressions as childhood. Almost all radical changes of character are confined to early life, before the habits become fixed and strong; and the heart hardened by frequent and long resistance [sic] to the

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Influence of the Holy Spirit. Early impressions are the deepest and most lasting – impressing truth upon the plastic [sic] mind of a child, is like writing in the soft smooth bark of a sapling. A half a century afterward, you still read it in the rough bark of the mighty [sic] "Oak of the forest deep rooted and firm."

We would lay it upon the heart of every minister, to heed the charge of Christ – "Feed my lambs" – Gather the dear children and youth on your charges [sic], into these schools – enlist the church in this work, exhort, preach, advise, aid in every way possible to promote this most important work.

And we call upon the brethren and sisters to aid their pastors in establishing and maintaining these schools. We fear here is a great lack. Those who ought to be teachers are unwilling to become so, and thus embarrass their pastors. Others who should be in Bible Classes absent themselves. Such indifference we cannot justify or excuse. We lay these propositions down as axioms: --

All who know too much to be scholars should be teachers; and those who are not prepared to teach, should be scholars; if it be practicable to attend. By your love of public virtue, by your desire to see truth triumph, by your love to Christ we call upon you to espouse this cause at once; and let the reports that shall come up at our next Conference be such as to inspire confidence in our future success. Though this falls legitimately, to another committee, we cannot forbear to urge upon the patronage of our friends our Juvenile paper – now as it has always been a deeply interesting child's [sic] publication.

W. H. Brewster
Chairman

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Report No. 2

Zanesville Case

The Committee, to whom was referred the documents touching the affairs of the Zanesville Church, report –

After carefully considering the whole matter, the Committee feel obliged to say; they are mortified with this church difficulty which they regard as disgraceful to the parties, to the Conference, and to the cause of Christ; and we solemnly call upon the parties to cease contention, bury their difficulties and treat each other as Christian brethren;

And, we recommend the appointment of a Committee to visit and lay this action of the Conference before the whole Church, and in case either party, refuse compliance with this advice, let them be disfellowshipped by the churches in the connection.

W. H. Brewster

J. M. Smith

J. B. Hunt

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Report NO. 3

Statistics

Circuits	Amount paid for preaching	Numbers in Connection	Sabbath Schools	Teachers	Scholars	Vol in Library	Amount paid for Missions
Cleveland		50					
Huntington	\$265.00	55	1-1	4	30	25	
Deleware	480.61	160	3-3	18	100		22.00
Plymouth	182.00	132	2-2	8	84		1.00
Woodsfield	525.00	400	4-4	24	190		
Licking	354.46	140	2-2	19	165	220	14.00
Mt. Vernon	161.00	56	1-1	8	80	150	2.00
Washington	300.00	115	3-3	15	100	240	1.08
Deersville	275.00	200	3-3	9	105	200	2.00
Sandusky		2x					
Zanesville		10x					
Norwalk		50x					
Strongsville	181.95	75	1-1	6	38	50	
Granger	3x						
Hocking Miss.		50	1-1	4	30	17	146.00
Middle Port		50	1-1	12	115	50	
N. Carolinia		285					
	2, 723.02	1833	22-22	127	1037	952	\$188.08xx

X The probable but unreported number.

XX 188.08 Dollars are here reported for Missions but collections and subscriptions at Conference swelled the amount to \$2513.56.

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Report NO. 4

Wilson Case

Report of Committee on the cases of Daniel Wilson and Joseph Evens, and Guilford Circuit matters.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have perused all the papers in their possession, and find –

1st That there are various complaints against Bro: Wilson, mainly growing out of an unhappy strife between certain official members on the circuit, The truth or falsity [sic] of these charges or complaints, it is impossible for us, at our distance from the parties involved, to ascertain. It is evident from the papers before us, that hard speeches and ill tempers have been indulged in by the parties at variance, and that both parties greatly need, more of the spirit of conciliation, and forbearance.

We cannot find evidence to convict Bro: W. of any of the alleged [sic] faults, therefore we cannot recommend any action against him. From all we know personally, we are of opinion, that Bro: Wilson's course has not been as conciliatory as it should have been, nor do we think he carried out the wishes of Conference, in regard to brethren whom he now calls seceders [sic] on that work. But as we cannot arraign him on definite charges, nor with certainty determine with what he is blameworthy; we simply recommend, that the conference levy all the charges and complaints on the table, untill [sic] a minister may be

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Sent to that field: who can ascertain the truth, ad proceed to investigate and prosecute of necessary, in accordance with the Gospel and our discipline.

In regard to the cae of Joseph Evans, we have no information, except that he has been disowned by the party ~~wh~~ with whom he acted; what is meant by this we do not know. We recommend as in the other case, that his character be laid over, untill [sic] a minister of our choice shall take charge of the North Carolina [sic] work, when we can act understandingly and reach the case.

All of which we respectfully submit.

R. McCune

A. Crooks

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Report No. 5

Stationing Committee reported the following: Apportionment for Evangelist's Salary.

Norwalk	\$5 per quarter	20
Strongsville	\$5	20
Deersville	\$10	40
Woodsfield	\$10	40
Huntington	\$8	32
Plymouth	\$5	20
Deleware		
Licking	\$10	40
Mt. Vernon	\$5	20
Washington	\$8	32
Middleport	\$10	40
Hocking	\$5	20
TOTAL		\$324

The Committee also reported the following change in boundaries of Circuits.
That Granger and Liverpool, be added to Strongsville Circuit.

A. N. Hamlin
R. Horton
S. D. Jones
J. M. Smith
N. W. Hodges
Geo: Hagaman
Committee

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Report No. 6

Stationing Committee reported the following
Appointments of the Preachers

Cleveland	W. H. Brewster
Sandusky & Norwalk	Geo: B. Smith
Strongsville	Amos Foote
Deersville	James McPeck
Woodsfield	R. Horton & E. Thompson
Huntington	James Spear
Plmmoth [sic]	A. R. Brooks
Deleware	A. Crooks, Geo: C Hicks
Licking	G. W. Bainum
Mt. Vernon	S. D. Jones
Washington	Wm. Sewell
Guilford	without supply
Columbus Mission	B. Tressonrider
Hocking	John Bartlett

Zanesville	C. Woodruff
Gallia and Laurence	to be supplied
Middleport Station	L. R. Royce
Conference Evangelist	A. N. Hamlin

A. N. Hamlin
R. Horton
S. D. Jones
J. M. Smith
N. W. Hodges
Geo: Hagaman
Committee

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No. 7
Book Concern and Periodicals

Your Committee, to whom was referred the claims of our Book Concern, having had the same under consideration, submit the following as their report:

1 Resolved, that we regard a good religious Paper as essential to the true life and success of our infant connection, and believing our weekly, the Wesleyan, to worthily bear this character, we cordially and earnestly, again recommend it to all our people, within the bounds of our respective charges.

2 That, we learn with regret that during the money pressure of the last season, many of the subscribers to the Wesleyan have allowed its discontinuance. And being persuaded that expenses could better be lessened in any department, rather than that of food for the human soul – we earnestly urge an immediate renewal.

3d That, we, both preachers and delegates will make prompt and persistent efforts to restore the discontinued to the list – add new ones; and in all practicable ways promote the healthful, and more extended circulation, of both the Wesleyan and our never ... forgotten Juvenile Instructor.

4 That we most deeply sympathize with our Agent and Editor, in view of the present indebtedness of the Book Concern, and pledge ourselves to spare no efforts, to relieve that indebtedness by meeting the claims of the “Sinking Fund” – the sale of Books, as well as the circulation of the periodicals. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Crooks
Chair

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No 8
Report on Reforms

The Committee on Reforms ask to present the following:

On Slavery

Resolved, that all our former declarations of hatred and opposition to the system of Slavery, are by us now most emphatically reaffirmed. We still believe slavery to be evil, and only evil; opposed to the well-being of the enslaver as well as the enslaved; opposed to the prosperity of the nation, to the spread of the Christian religion, and to the salvation of men.

Resolved, that there is a one-ness of sentiment, on the subject of slavery among the Wesleyan M. Churches; that we have peace in all our borders, while other denominations are convulsed throughout, in consequence of this accursed system having a place within their pales.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our beloved brother J. G. Gee, of Kentucky, in the recent outrages that have been committed upon his person; and shall most devoutly pray the God of Daniel to keep him from the power of the Enemies of truth and righteousness, while thus persuing [sic] his labors of love, in planting the Standard of the redeemer in that land of bondage.

Resolved, That the "Derd [sic] Scott decision" which declared that the "Negro has no rights that the white man is bound to respect," is a disgrace, and a burning shame to the Nations; at war with the Christian religion, strikes a blow at the rights of man, and should therefore be disregarded & conted [sic] by every lover of the Bible.

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Report on Reforms continued

On Secret Societies

Resolved, That we will firmly maintain our disciplinary rule against the admission on retention in our churches of persons holding connection with Secret-Oath-Bound Societies. Resolved, That we believe the principle of secrecy as developed in the various secret organizations of the day; to be ~~evil~~ fraught with evil; dangerous to political purity, to national virtue, to the rights of man, to the cause of the oppressed millions of our land; and, above all, opposed to the spread of that "Light," which is the life of men.

On Temperance

Resolved, That we are much as ever convinced of the great evil of the sale, and use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage – and that we will oppose it in every reasonable and lawful manner. We will lecture, preach, pray, and vote against it, and will recommend all those over whom we may have an influence to forsake and eradicate this evil from our land.

On Peace

Resolved That as Christ is the prince of Peace – and as he has taught us in his word, the doctrine of a common Brotherhood; that all carnal war is anti-scriptural and anti-

Christian and that we will recommend to all our churches to love their neighbors as themselves.

B. Tressonrider
Chairman

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No. 9
Report on Missions

The cause of Missions is preeminently the cause of God. The Christian religion was intended to be aggressive. Hence the Kingdom of Christ is fitly represented by the Stone of prophecy, taken from the mountain without hands, which is ultimately to fill the whole Earth; and rightly compared to leaven, the very nature of which is, to infuse its own principle throughout the whole lump. The command of Jesus, was to go into all the world; and it is the very nature of the religion of Jesus, to cause every Christian to desire that all should seek.

The great work of the Church is 1st to get men good – and 2nd to feed the flock – Keep them so. It is greatly to be feared that we have been too indifferant [sic] to the great work of missions – the work of “spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.” ‘Tis doubtless true that this is owing in a great dregree [sic] to the fact that we are yet in our infancy.

But it is cause of Joy that, a year ago, we commenced the work anew, and organized a Conference Missionary Society, and our hearts have already been made glad by the intelligence of the Success of our Missionary Bro James Spear, who labored the past year on Hocking Mission, and succeeded in the organization of three new Churches and securing a numerical increase of 70 to our membership. This success should encourage us to redoubled efforts. The times are propitious for the propagation of a reformatory religion.

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Report on Missions Continued

The masses are moving, are becoming disgusted with those popular ecclesiastical organizations which tolerate Slavery, Intemperance, war, Secrecy, and other abominations; and rich fields are ripe and inviting to the harvest. Into these fields we should send our most efficient laborers reapers.

Every minister should take hold of this work in good earnest and arouse his people on the importance of sending out missionaries in all directions, proclaiming the sublime doctrine and pure precepts of our holy religion. Your Committee agree to recommend that it be [insert: made] the duty of every preacher in Charge, to bring the subject of missions before the people on his charge, sometimes during the year, in a sermon on the subject; and to raise collections for the support of our mission work.

And further recommend, that an appropriation of \$56 of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, be made to Bro: Spear for services rendered the past year.

Respectfully submitted

A Crooks
Chairman

Reports for this year are now complete.

Geo. W. Bainum
Secretary