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which he was appointed. He was an active methodical man, who seemed to feel that it was necessary for him to do his work well and quickly.

He died September 9, 1852, of dysentery. Soon after he was attacked, he was impressed with the conviction that his work was done, and with perfect composure of mind he arranged his temporalities, gave his dying charge to his afflicted wife and children one by one, also to those of his neighbours and friends who were present on the mournful occasion. Then, his last work performed, he patiently and confidently waited till death came and released his ransomed spirit from the care and toils of earth. Brother Munger lived for the Lord, and died in Jesus.

CINCINNATI AND KENTUCKY CONFERENCE,

Held in Xenia, Ohio, September 22-30, 1852.

BISHOP JANES, *Presiding.*

J. T. MITCHELL, *Secretary.*

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Emil Baur, Frederick Kappahm, John Schweinfurt, Wm. Augst, Alfred Wuensch, Henry Stokes, Thomas Andas, Isaac F. Harrison, John G. Black, A. W. Musgrove, J. C. Rybolt, Henry E. Perkhiser, A. J. Stubbs, R. D. Lashbrook, John Ellis, Geo. W. Parret, Allen T. Shinn, W. J. Thurber—18.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

William Kaetter, William Engel, Jacob Krebbiel, Wesley Dennett, Samuel B. Sheeks, Jesse M. Robinson, William Q. Shannon, Jas. Kendall, Gustaff Reiche—9.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full Connexion?*

Geo. Reiter, Gottlieb Nachtrich, Hugo Rehm, Thomas Thrall, Thomas Collet, John F. Marlay, Joseph C. Reed, John W. Cassett, John C. Maddy, John J. Thompson, Geo. W. Harris, Samuel T. Creighton, Silas Bennett, Alfred Beall, James M. Caven, Geo. H. Reed, William Dressler, Frederick Heitmeyer, Timothy Wones—19.

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

George Reiter,* Gottlieb Nachtrich,* Hugo Rehm,* Thomas Thrall,* Thomas Collet,* John F. Marlay,* Joseph C. Reed,* John W. Cassett,* John C. Maddy,* Jno. J. Thompson,* Geo. W. Harris,* Samuel T. Creighton,* Silas Bennett,* Alfred Beall,* James M. Caven,* George H. Reed,* William Dressler,* Frederick Heidmeir,* Timothy Wones,* William M. Smith, Isaac J. Bealls, Benjamin Glasscock, Milton P. Zink, William Fitzgerald, William L. Hypes, John F. Loyd, Isaac

Neff, James S. Peregrine, Isaac D. Day, Christian Vogel, Bernard Browmiller, William Geyer, Peter Schneider, William Floerke, Conrad Bier, Ajax H. Triplet—36.

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

Benjamin P. Wheat, John W. Ross, Gilbert C. Townley, Enoch G. West, Michael Kauffman, H. M. Curry, Joseph Blackburn, Jacob Frey, Lafayette Van Cleve, Horace S. Sellman, John Phitzing—11.

Quest. 6. *Who have located this year?*

None.

Quest. 7. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

Ebenezer Owen, Moses G. Bennet, James Smith—3.

Quest. 8. *Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

John Brown, Peter Schmucker, David Whitcomb, John Barton, J. W. Stone, Adam Miller, J. W. Keely, John Geyer, Sebastian Barth—9.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 11. *Were all the preachers' characters examined?*

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*

William H. Raper. (See Memoir.)

Quest. 13. What is the number of members, and what of probationers, in Society?

East Cincinnati District.

	Whites.	Col.	Pro.	Local p.
Wesley chapel and Welsh mission	355	..	43	6
Ninth-street chapel	247	1	..	2
Asbury chapel	236	..	27	4
Bethel chapel	155	..	15	..
New-street and East Cincinnati mission	27	125	12	1
Mount Auburn and Collins chapel	49	..	9	1
Fulton	300	..	18	2
Amelia	615	1	76	6
Madisonville	459	2	10	2
Milford	577	..	80	8
Goshen	506	..	36	5
New-Richmond	643	..	34	6
	4169	129	360	43

West Cincinnati District.

	Whites.	Col.	Pro.	Local p.
Morris chapel	485	..	35	4
Christie chapel	425	..	50	..
Park chapel	301	..	15	1
Salem chapel	57	..	..	1
York-street chapel	80	..	..	..
Clinton-street chapel	100	..	15	..
Hamilton and Rossville	200	..	..	1
Oxford	228	..	6	2
North Bend	380	..	15	6
Lockland	304	1	34	3
Venice	369	1	45	2
Miami	434	..	8	6
Monroe	441	1	8	7
Union chapel	55	..	36	3
	3959	3	267	36

Dayton District.

Dayton—				
Wesley chapel	304	..	..	..
Finley chapel	284	..	26	3
Lebanon	200	..	16	..
Franklin	587	3	39	1
Troy	300	..	15	1
Concord	301	..	76	4
Addison	363	..	14	3
Eaton	374	..	84	5
Camden	367	..	15	4
Lewisburgh	344	..	37	2
Germantown	412	..	10	2
	3836	3	332	25

Urbana District.

Urbana	396	..	..	4
Springfield—				
Columbia-street	350	..	..	5
High-street	177	..	..	3
Piqua	387	..	10	3
Fletcher	209	..	5	..
Tremont	376	..	11	..
Kings Creek	330	..	10	1
North Lewisburgh	499	..	8	2
Mechanicsburgh	183	..	..	3
Vienna	410	..	38	3
Lockport	120	..	11	2
	3437	..	93	26

Xenia District.

	Whites.	Col.	Pro.	Local p.
Xenia	387	..	5	1
Union	478	1	48	8
Fairfield	331	..	7	1
New-Carlisle	391	..	19	3
New-Burlington	332	..	62	1
Jamestown	553	..	55	5
Lexington	647	..	168	5
Greenfield	241	2	20	1
Wilmington	169	..	4	1
South Charleston	207	..	6	..
Yellow Springs	119	..	8	1
	3855	3	402	27

Hillsboro' District.

Hillsboro'	302	..	5	5
Highland	955	..	57	6
Clarksville	593	..	42	9
Winchester	735	..	87	5
Aberdeen	828	2	57	2
West Union	490	3	37	2
Ripley	243	..	28	1
East White Oak	715	..	148	2
West White Oak	958	..	128	5
Batavia	509	2	39	3
Williamsburgh	457	..	21	4
Sinking Spring	759	..	63	2
	7542	7	712	46

Kentucky District.

Maysville	112	65	4	1
Orangeburgh	312	7	66	4
Quincy mission	58	1	30	1
Montgomery circuit and mission	118	9	23	2
Harrison	90	..	19	1
Augusta	251	101	29	2
Asbury	214	..	29	4
Covington	117	1	8	3
No Creek circuit	160	4	17	4
Green River mission	172	4	35	..
Butler mission	82	1	24	1
Henderson mission	12	4	11	..
	1668	197	295	23

GERMAN MISSION DISTRICTS.

Cincinnati District.

Cincinnati—				
Race-street	160	..	50	2
Everett-street	117	..	20	3
Buckeye-street	104	..	31	2
Front-street	28	..	6	1
Newport, Covington, and Hamilton County	107	..	46	..
Dayton	109	..	10	2
Sidney	77	..	18	2
West Union	92	..	18	2
Waverly and Furnace	104	..	23	2
	898	..	222	16

Pittsburgh District.

Pittsburgh	121	..	28	1
Birmingham	36	..	4	1
Wheeling	108	..	7	..
Captina	148	..	11	1
Malaga and Buckhill	107	..	28	1
Marietta	119	..	16	1
Pomeroy	116	..	7	2
Portsmouth	62	..	9	..

	Mem.	Col.	Pro.	Local p.
Chillicothe	61	..	6	..
Columbus	115	..	15	..
	993	..	131	7

North Ohio District.

Delaware and Marion	114	..	36	..
Galion	117	..	47	1
Sandusky City	17	..	15	..
Cleveland and Liverpool	85	..	23	1
Erie				
Tiffin	32	..	8	..
Woodville and Toledo	113	..	29	3
Detroit	79	..	13	..
Ann Arbor	12	..	..	..
St. Clair and Mount Clemens	72	..	14	1
	641	..	185	6

RECAPITULATION.

	Whites.	Col.	Pro.
Members	30,898	342	2,999
Local preachers	255	..	..
Total	31,153	342	2,999

Quest. 14. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?*

Answer, \$4,652 03.

Quest. 15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Book Concern	\$338 30
Chartered Fund	120 00
Circuits and Stations	1,250 01
	\$1,708 31

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

Claimants.	Div.	Claimants.	Div.
John Brown	\$33 00	Mrs. Stroud	\$41 50
D. Whitcomb	109 56	Lucy Stroud	9 96
John Barton	109 56	Sarah Stroud	9 96
Adam Miller	116 20	William Stroud	6 64
Wm. H. Raper	20 75	Mrs. Anderson	41 50
J. B. Finley	83 00	C. B. Anderson	9 96
John W. Stone	109 56	Mrs. Warrington	41 50
John W. Keely	122 84	M. Warrington	9 96
A. W. Elliott, sup.	83 00	J. W. Warrington	9 96
J. B. Austin, sup.	83 00	W. O. Warrington	6 64
Mrs. Sale	41 50	C. B. Warrington	6 64
Crume	41 50	Mrs. Mutchner	41 50
Barrett	41 50	Francis Mutchner	6 64
Butler	41 50	Philip Mutchner	6 64
Jones	41 50	Sarah E. Wolf	9 96
Collins	41 50	Special donation	
Quinn	41 50	to do.	2 00
Raper	41 50	Children of Rev.	
Christie	20 75	D. Poe, dec.,	
Wm. B. Christie	9 96	special donation	1 00
Mrs. Parrish	41 50		
Olive D. Parrish	9 96		\$1,699 52
Mrs. Cooper	41 50	Surplus	8 79
Mary E. Cooper	9 96	Excess in counting	61
Margt. S. Cooper	9 96		

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Stewards of \$9 40, which was ordered to be applied to pay for stationery, and to purchase a book and a trunk for the use of the Stewards.

Quest. 16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday-School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

For Missions	\$10,470 35
For Sunday-School Union	227 52
For Am. Bible Society (no report.)	

Quest. 17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

John F. Wright, P. E.

Cincinnati—

Wesley chapel, *George C. Crum.*
 Ninth-street, *John W. Fowble.*
 [Asbury chapel, *Truman S. Cowden.*
 Raper chapel, *Jas. S. Perigrine.*
 Bethel chapel, *Wm. Young.*
 New-street and East Cincinnati mission, *Charles H. Lawton.*
 Welsh mission, *John Ellis.*
 Mount Auburn, *Geo. W. Walker.*
 College chapel, *John F. Marlay.*
 Fulton, *Wm. Routledge.*
 Amelia, *A. W. Tibbetts, Edward D. Roe.*
 Madisonville, *N. Westerman, James M. Cavin.*
 Milford, *James Laws, J. M. Cassett.*
 New-Richmond, *P. F. Holtsinger, Wm. B. Jackson.*
 Goshen, *M. G. Perkhizer, J. C. Maddy.*
 Leroy *Swormstedt*, Book Agent,—member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

P. B. Wilbur, President of Wesleyan Female College,—member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

A. Meharry, Agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University,—member of Asbury Quarterly Conference.

A. M. Lorraine, Chaplain to Floating Bethel, Cincinnati.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Augustus Eddy, P. E.

Cincinnati—

Morris chapel, *Thomas Gorsuch.*
 Christie chapel, *Jonathan F. Conrey.*
 Park-street, *Cyrus Brooks.*
 Union chapel, *Wm. P. Strickland.*
 [York-street, *Wesley Rowe.*
 Clinton-street, *J. B. Finley.*
 Hamilton and Rossville, *Worter R. Davis.*
 Oxford, *J. F. Chalfant.*
 North Bend, *Arza Brown, J. J. Thompson.*

Lockland, *L. P. Miller, Wm. I. Quarry.*
 Venice, *M. Kauffman, Wm. M. Smith.*
 Miami, *Joseph Gasner, Benj. Glasscock.*
 Monroe, *Jesse Botkin, L. Vancleave.*

DAYTON DISTRICT.

William Herr, P. E.

Dayton—

Wesley chapel, *W. H. Southerland.*

Raper chapel, *Wm. H. Lauder.*

Lebanon, *John Fitch.*

Franklin and Miamisburgh, *D. H. Sargent, S. T. Creighton.*

Middletown and Red Lion, *L. D. Harland, I. J. Bealls.*

Troy, *M. Smith.*

Concord, *C. R. Lovell, Wm. L. Hypes.*

Addison, *Alex. Dinkins, Henry E. Perkhizer.*

Eaton, *D. Kemper, Isaac Neff.*

Camden, *Levi White, one to be supplied.*

Lewisburgh, *H. S. Selman, G. W. Parret.*

Germantown, *William Langarl, D. D. Davisson.*

Charles Elliott, Editor of the Western Christian Advocate,—member of Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

URBANA DISTRICT.

Michael Marlay, P. E.

Urbana, *John T. Mitchel.*

Springfield—

Columbia-street, *Granville Moody.*

High-street, *John W. Weakly.*

Piqua, *M. P. Gaddis, W. J. Thurber, James Smith, sup.*

Fletcher, *J. Newson, M. G. Bennett, sup.*

Mechanicsburgh, *David Sharp, E. B. Owen, sup.*

King's Creek, *David Warnock, James Kendall.*

Vienna, *P. Nation, Henry Stokes.*

North Lewisburgh, *T. D. Crow, Wesley Dennett.*

Tremont, *Geo. W. Harris, T. J. Thrall.*

Lockport, *Joseph C. Reed.*

L. D. McCabe, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, and a member of Columbia-street Quarterly Conference, Springfield.

Jos. S. Tomlinson, Principal of Springfield High School and Female College,—member of High-street Quarterly Conference.

XENIA DISTRICT.

William I. Ellsworth, P. E.

Xenia, *Asbury Lowry.*

South Charleston, *Enoch G. West.*

Yellow Springs, *G. C. Townley.*

New-Carlisle, *J. B. Ellsworth, A. W. Musgrove.*

Fairfield, *C. W. Swain, Thomas Andes.*

Union, *David Reed, Wesley Webster.*

Jamestown, *T. A. G. Phillips, one to be supplied.*

New-Burlington, *Thomas Collet, one to be supplied.*

Wilmington, *Wm. S. Morrow.*

New-Lexington, *M. G. Baker, William Fitzgerald.*

Greenfield, *J. C. Bontecou.*

HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

William Simmons, P. E.

Hillsborough, *Wm. I. Fee.*

Highland, *Charles Ferguson, William Q. Shannon.*

Clarksville, *Samuel Brown, J. B. Austin.*

Winchester, *E. H. Field, J. W. Smith.*

Aberdeen, *James Armstrong, George H. Reed.*

West Union, *David Whitmer, A. U. Bell.*

Ripley, *Mighill Dustin.*

East White Oak, *T. M. Gossard, Silas Bennett.*

West White Oak, *A. Murphy, H. Baker.*

Batavia, *C. G. Meredith, M. P. Zink.*

Williamsburgh, *B. P. Wheat, one to be supplied.*

Sinking Spring, *John F. Lloyd, Jesse M. Robinson.*

J. M. D. Matthews, Principal of Oakland Female Seminary,—a member of Hillsborough Quarterly Conference.

John Miley, transferred to New-York East Conference, and stationed at Pacific-street Church, Brooklyn.

John S. Inskip, transferred to New-York East Conference, and stationed at Madison-street Church, New-York.

Solomon Howard, transferred to Ohio Conference, and appointed President of Ohio University,—a member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

James G. Blair, transferred to Ohio Conference, and appointed Professor in Ohio University,—a member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

John W. Ross, transferred to Ohio Conference, and stationed at Marietta.

Isaac D. Day, transferred to Ohio Conference, and appointed to Royalton Circuit.

Timothy Wones, transferred to Ohio Conference, and appointed to Dunbarton Circuit.

GERMAN MISSION DISTRICTS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

William Ahrens, P. E.

Cincinnati—

[Race-street, *Christian Wydtenbach.*

[Everett-street, *George Danker.*

[Buckeye-street, *John A. Klein.*

[Congress-street, *John V. Baldaff.*

Newport and Covington, C. Helwig.
 Dayton, B. Browmiller.
 West Union, Conrad Bier.
 New-Richmond and Mount Pleasant,
 Frederick Kappahm, Gustaff Reiche.
 [Sidney, Wm. Kaetter.
 Greenville, Wm. Floerky.
 Chillicothe, Christian Vogel.
 Columbus and Newark, Jacob Frey, one
 to be supplied.
 Wm. Nast, Editor of Christian Apologist,
 and member of Buckeye-street Quarter-
 ly Conference.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT.

Peter Wilkins, P. E.
 Pittsburgh and Allegany, John Hoppen,
 Wm. S. Engel.
 Birmingham, H. Henke.
 Wheeling, Frederick Schimmelpfenning.
 Captina, Wm. Geyer.
 Malaga and Buckhill, Emil Bauer.
 Marietta, Wm. Augst.
 Washington County mission, William
 Dressler.
 Pomeroy, Paul Broadbeck.
 Portsmouth, Frederick Heitmeyer.
 Waverly and Furnace, John Phetzing.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

Nicholas Nuhfer, P. E.
 Delaware and Marion, Gottlieb Nachtrich,
 Alfred Wuensch.
 Galion and Bucyrus, George A. Reiter,
 one to be supplied.
 Sandusky City, Conrad Gahn.
 Cleveland and Ohio City, Peter Schneider,
 one to be supplied.
 Erie, John H. Westerfield.
 Tiffin and Woodville, Hugo Rehm.

Toledo, John M. Mulfinger.
 Detroit and Ann Arbor, Jacob Rothweiler,
 John Schweinfurth.
 St. Clair and Mount Clemens, Jacob
 Krehbiel.
 Canal Fulton, to be supplied.

Quest. 18. *Where and when shall our
 next Conference be held?*

At Hillsborough, Highland County, Ohio,
 September 28, 1853.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

MAYSVILLE DISTRICT.

S. F. Conrey, P. E.
 Maysville, S. D. Clayton.
 Orangeburgh, Wm. H. Black, one to be
 supplied.
 Quincy, A. T. Shinn.
 Montgomery, H. M. Curry, Joseph Black-
 burn.
 Harrison, to be supplied.
 Augusta, A. H. Triplett, one to be sup-
 plied.
 Asbury, John C. Rybolt.
 Covington, Joseph M. Gatch.
 Kenton, A. J. Stubbs.
 Boone, to be supplied.

GREEN RIVER DISTRICT.

Nathaniel F. Tower, P. E.
 No Creek, John G. Black.
 Green River, Isaac Harrison.
 Henderson, Samuel B. Sheeks.
 Butler, R. D. Lashbrook.

Quest. 18. *Where and when shall our
 next Conference be held?*

At Covington, Ky., October 13, 1853.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*

REV. WILLIAM H. RAPER was born in a block-house, in Western Pennsylvania, September 24, 1793, and died February 11, 1852, in the fifty-ninth year of his age and thirty-fourth of his ministry. Of his early history we know nothing, only that he was brought up morally and religiously, and was trained to habits of industry. He was first brought into notice, while quite young, by the service which he rendered his country as a soldier and officer during our late war with England. As a military man, his bearing was noble and magnanimous, mingled with so much generosity that even his enemies, committed to his care as prisoners of war, became his warm friends. He was a most devoted patriot; and as a Christian minister, no man prayed more for his country than he did through life, especially the latter part of it, both in and out of the pulpit. His early training and habits were such as to secure him against the ruinous habits into which many young men fall, and secured to him a sound and vigorous constitution. Brave as a Spartan, he was ever ready to defend helpless innocence at the risk of his life; and generous as brave, he commanded the respect of all who knew him. After his discharge from the service of his country he married, settled in business, and became more decidedly religious. With the particulars of his conversion we are not familiar. Rev. Russel Bigelow received him into the Church, in Judge Ransom's cabin, near Newbury, Clermont County, Ohio.

Like many others, brother Raper had some deep and painful struggles of mind as to

his duty in regard to the great work of the ministry ; but as soon as he became fully satisfied that it was the will of God that he should enter into the work, he surrendered, gave up his business, consecrated all he had and was on the altar, and prepared for a gospel campaign during life. After travelling one year under the employ of a presiding elder, he was received as a travelling preacher by the Ohio Conference, at Cincinnati, in 1819. He remained in the effective ranks about thirty years before he lost his health, and had to take a change in his relation. When he began, and for years after, the country was new, roads bad, circuits large, work hard, fare rough, and pay poor. Few men now living have swam more creeks and rivers, on horseback, to meet their appointments, or experienced more toil, exposure, or hardship, than he did ; and certainly few, if any, have more successfully executed their gospel mission.

Brother Raper's ministerial qualifications, taken altogether, were far above the medium grade. Blessed with an extraordinary memory, he acquired a very large amount of historical and general information, and possessed the happy art of turning all to good account. Some ministers excel in some things pertaining to their office, and fall behind in others ; but brother Raper succeeded well in almost every particular. He was a profound theologian, mighty in the sacred Scriptures, readily perceived the line separating truth and error, and evinced superior logical skill in advocating the one and opposing the other. Under his ministry thousands of souls have enlisted in the cause of Christ, many of whom went before to hail him welcome into everlasting habitations, while others yet follow him as he followed Christ. While this generation lives on earth, he and his labours will be remembered with delight by many both in and out of the Church. Spiritual gifts were conferred on him in great variety. He sang delightfully and usefully ; and was highly gifted in prayer and exhortation. He was an eloquent preacher, an able expounder of the Word of Life, a very judicious administrator of Church discipline, and a faithful and affectionate pastor.

Whether on a circuit, in a station, or over a district as presiding elder, he appeared to be alike at home, and everywhere useful. His stated ministry was exercised chiefly in Ohio and Indiana ; but his connexion with several sessions of the General Conference, and subsequently with the General Mission Committee, caused him to be well-known about the eastern cities, where he was highly esteemed. Indeed, his amiable social qualities, superior conversational powers, and rich fund of useful incidents, gathered from practical life, not only gained him access, but secured him warm personal friends wherever he went. But few men had more admirers, and none more devoted bosom-friends, either lay or clerical, than had brother Raper. It must not be inferred, however, from anything here stated, that brother Raper never had enemies.

No one could expose sin as he did, plainly and fearlessly, without exciting opposition. On one or two occasions, in the earlier part of his ministry, some attempts were made to do violence to his person, if not to take away his life ; but the Lord preserved him from harm, and the man who made the most daring attempt upon him was on the same day, by his faithful preaching, awakened, sought and found mercy, and became an acceptable member of the Church. Brother Raper was always disposed to put the best constructions upon the conduct of others, and ever ready to forgive an injury ; and now he is where the wicked cease to trouble, and the weary are at rest.

In the early part of February last he accompanied Bishop Morris to Aurora, Indiana, to attend a quarterly meeting and visit his old friends in that place. There he preached his last sermon, with peculiar clearness and effect. On Tuesday, the 10th of February, he started for home, in company with Bishop Morris, on the steamer Forest Queen. He was attacked some time in the night with spasms, and when his condition was discovered by the brother who was in the same room, consciousness was gone. The boat being in port, medical aid was immediately had, and all that human skill could do was done, but to no saving effect. He was carefully and tenderly borne to the bosom of his family, whose feelings we cannot attempt to describe, where he expired about half-past six P. M., surrounded by his affectionate and deeply afflicted family and many sympathizing friends.

That once beautiful and manly form, upon which we were wont to look, now lies in ruins in the charnel-house. But that is not brother Raper—it is only the earthly tabernacle in which he recently sojourned among men. Brother Raper is in heaven, free from all the shackles of mortality. He mingles with the glorified spirits of just men made perfect, enjoying the light and the smiles of the reconciled and pleased countenance of Him who loved him and gave himself for him.

Let us not confine our thoughts of him to the cold and silent tomb, but let us contemplate him in heaven, in a world of peace and joy above, while his flesh rests in the promise of a glorious resurrection. "Peace to his ashes!" May we imitate his virtues, and finally share his triumphs in Christ through eternity!

IOWA CONFERENCE,

Held at Burlington, Iowa, September 29—October 4, 1852.

BISHOP AMES, *Presiding.*

MICHAEL H. HARE, *Secretary.*

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Ephraim H. Winans, John Darrah, David Dickenson, William C. Shippen, Asa Crichfield, Matthew Hixon, William Gough, Ole P. Peterson, Amos B. Kendig, John Parker—10.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Elias L. Briggs, T. E. Corkhill, H. J. Burley, H. Taylor, David Sweem, R. Riker, I. Newton, William Armstrong, A. Bishop, A. J. Kynett, J. M'Donald, W. P. Mann, G. H. Clark, R. H. Hawn, F. W. Evans, E. Skinner, J. Guilee, W. R. Blake—18.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full Connexion?*

Joseph Cameron, Loveland T. Rowley—2.

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*
Joseph Cameron.

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

Strange Brooks, J. C. Smith, Samuel Farlow—3.

Quest. 6. *Who have located this year?*

John Walker, S. H. Greenup, R. H. Harrison—3.

Quest. 7. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

None.

Quest. 8. *Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

Joseph W. Maxon.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 11. *Were all the preachers' characters examined?*

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*

Solomon T. Vail. (See Memoir.)

Quest. 13. *What is the number of members, and what of probationers, in Society?*

Des Moines District.

	Members.	Probationers.	Loca prob.
Keokuk	110	50	1
Montrose	219	42	4
Farmington	96	3	1
Winchester	302	22	3
Birmingham	478	120	5
Keosauqua	143	17	..
Ottumwa	250	50	..
Eddyville	335	30	8
Pittsburgh	286	100	3
Bloomfield	431	109	6
Centreville	255	34	5
	2905	597	36

Burlington District.

Burlington City	251	67	1
Fort Madison	171	86	2
West Point	84	20	..
Salem	159	15	1
New-London	262	44	..
Middletown	203	42	1
Yellow Springs	265	30	3
Crawfordsville	339	45	4
Mount Pleasant	310	11	3
Fairfield	296	26	2
Brighton	312	20	4
Locust Grove	275	..	8
	2827	406	29

Dubuque District.

Dubuque	184	3	1
Catfish	115	17	1
Bellevue			
Andrew	73	12	
Mequoketa	145	49	
Sabula	100	10	
Dewitt	80	26	
Davenport	141	13	