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ANNUAL CONFERENCES

OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR

1853.

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NORTH INDIANA GERMAN MISSION  
DISTRICT.

*John Kisling, P. E.*  
 Defiance and Bryan, *Philip Doer, H. C.*  
*J. G. Lich.*  
 Fort Wayne, *Franz Schreck.*  
 Peru, *Conrad Muth*, one to be supplied.  
 Lafayette, *Peter B. Baker.*  
 Terre Haute, *Philip Barth.*  
 Indianapolis, *John H. Bukenburg.*  
 Poland and White River, *Henry Wilkie,*  
*Frederick Allert.*  
 Auburn, *Levi Heiss.*  
 William Aught, German Tutor in the  
 Indiana Asbury University, and member  
 of the Terre Haute German Quarterly  
 Conference.

SOUTH INDIANA GERMAN MISSION  
DISTRICT.

*George A. Brunig, P. E.*  
 Lawrenceburgh, *Charles Dierking.*  
 Aurora, *John Frcken.*  
 Madison, *Christopher Keller.*  
 Rockford, *Henry Lukemeier.*  
 Louisville, *John Bier.*

Louisville Mission, *John Reimer.*  
 New-Albany and Jeffersonville, *Charles  
 Edler.*  
 Huntingburgh, *Frederick Miller.*  
 Booneville, to be supplied.  
 Evansville, *Charles Schelper.*  
 Mount Vernon, *Henry Koch*, one to be  
 supplied.  
 Charleston, *Henry Domm.*  
 Cannelton, *Frederick Becker.*  
*William M. Daily*, transferred to the  
 Indiana Conference,—member of the  
 Blooming Quarterly Conference, and  
 President of the Indiana State Univer-  
 sity.  
*Daniel N. Holmes*, transferred to the Iowa  
 Conference.

*William Morrow*, transferred to the Cali-  
 fornia Conference.

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

At Greensburgh, Decatur County, Indiana,  
 October 4, 1854.

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

Rev. SETH SMITH was born in Bristol County, Maine, February 1, 1805, and was converted in Onondaga County, New-York, in June, 1829. He removed to Indiana in 1834, and settled in Ripley County. He was licensed to preach in 1837, and joined the travelling connexion in 1838.

As a preacher, brother Smith was sound in faith, and clear in the presentation of the truths of God's word—often excelling in his pulpit efforts.

During the fifteen years of his itinerant life he doubtless had many seals to his ministry. His last appointment was to Milton Circuit, where he laboured faithfully until about the 1st of September, when he was arrested by disease, and suffered much until the 1st of October, when he calmly fell asleep in Jesus. During his last sickness he was visited by his presiding elder and other ministerial brethren, who found him resigned to the will of God, and strong in faith—resting his soul on the merits of Jesus. Glorifying alone in the cross of Christ, he was unspeakably happy, and doubtless has gone to his reward in heaven. A wife and four children mourn their loss. They claim an interest in the sympathy and prayers of the Church, that they may be sustained.

## CINCINNATI CONFERENCE,

*Held at Hillsborough, Ohio, September 28–October 4, 1853.*

BISHOP JANES, *Presiding.*

JOHN S. MITCHELL, *Secretary.*

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

Valentine Jahraus, George Adam Attin-  
 ger, Christian Nachtrieb, George Weid-  
 man, Wm. G. W. Lewis, Wm. Newton  
 Williams, George B. Owens, George H.  
 Kennedy, John Buswell, Dennis Callahan,

Stephen Griffiths, George W. Kelly, Albert  
 P. Dunlap, Daniel Griffiths, John F.  
 Spence, John M. Sullivan, Michael Bit-  
 ler—17.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Emil Baur, Frederick Kappahm, John

P. Schweinfurt, Wm. Augst, Alfred Wuensch, Henry Stokes, Thomas Andas, A. W. Musgrove, Henry E. Perkhiser, John Ellis, George Parrot, W. J. Thurber—12.

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

William Kaetter, Wm. Engel, Jacob Krehbiel, Wesley Dennet, Jesse M. Robinson, Wm. Q. Shannon, James Kendall, Gustaff Reiche—8.

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

Wm. Kaetter,\* Wm. Engel,\* Jacob Krehbiel,\* Wesley Dennet,\* Jesse M. Robinson,\* Wm. Q. Shannon,\* James Kendall,\* Gustaff Reiche,\* George Reiter, Gottlieb Nachtrich, Hugo Rehm, Thomas Collet, John F. Marlay, Joseph C. Reed, John W. Cassett, John C. Maddy, John J. Thompson, George W. Harris, Samuel T. Creighton, Silas Bennett, Alfred Beall, James M. Caven, George H. Reed, William Dressler, Frederick Heitmeyer, Wm. Geyer—26.

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

Wm. M. Smith, Isaac I. Bealls, Benjamin Glasscock, Milton P. Zink, Wm. Fitzgerald, Wm. L. Hypes, John F. Loyd, Isaac Neff, James S. Peregrine, Christian Vogel, Bernard Browmiller, Peter Schneider, Wm. Floerke, Conrad Bier, John M. Leavitt—15.

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

J. C. Reed, Jacob Frey—2.

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

Ebenezer Owen, James Smith, Samuel Brown—3.

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

Peter Schmucker, David Whitcomb, John Barton, J. W. Stone, Adam Miller, J. W. Keeley, John Geyer, Sebastian Barth, A. W. Elliott, Edward D. Roe, Paul Broadbeck, Thomas Gorsuch, W. H. Lawder, Alexander Dinkins, Maxwell P. Gaddis, Philip Nation, M. G. Baker—17.

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?*

Joseph S. Tomlinson. (See Memoir.)

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

*East Cincinnati District.*

|                     | Whites. | Col. | Pro. | Local p. |
|---------------------|---------|------|------|----------|
| Cincinnati—         |         |      |      |          |
| Wesley Chapel       | 325     | ..   | 25   | 3        |
| Ninth-street        | 231     | ..   | 7    | 2        |
| Asbury Chapel       | 187     | ..   | 5    | 3        |
| Raper Chapel        | 72      | ..   | 9    | ..       |
| Bethel Chapel       | 152     | ..   | ..   | ..       |
| New-street and East |         |      |      |          |
| Cincinnati Mission  | 37      | 137  | 9    | 1        |
| Welsh Mission       | 13      | ..   | 4    | ..       |
| Mount Auburn        | 46      | ..   | 7    | ..       |
| Collins Chapel      | 19      | 1    | ..   | ..       |
| Fulton              | 249     | ..   | 18   | 2        |
| Amelia              | 609     | 1    | 117  | 6        |
| Madisonville        | 418     | 1    | 42   | 1        |
| Millford            | 667     | ..   | 10   | 8        |
| New-Richmond        | 662     | 1    | 89   | 5        |
| Goshen              | 459     | ..   | 64   | 5        |
|                     | 4146    | 141  | 406  | 36       |

*West Cincinnati District.*

|                        |      |    |     |    |
|------------------------|------|----|-----|----|
| Cincinnati—            |      |    |     |    |
| Morris Chapel          | 461  | .. | 32  | 5  |
| Christie Chapel        | 383  | .. | 27  | 1  |
| Park-street            | 231  | .. | 8   | .. |
| Union Chapel           | 117  | .. | 3   | 4  |
| York-street            | 150  | .. | 50  | 1  |
| Clinton-street         | 158  | .. | 9   | 2  |
| Hamilton and Rossville | 200  | .. | 8   | 1  |
| Oxford                 | 225  | .. | 6   | 3  |
| North Bend             | 368  | .. | 31  | 5  |
| Lockland               | 343  | .. | 27  | 4  |
| Venice                 | 405  | .. | 56  | 2  |
| Miami                  | 399  | .. | 13  | 6  |
| Monroe                 | 384  | 1  | 13  | 5  |
|                        | 3824 | 1  | 283 | 39 |

*Dayton District.*

|                      |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Dayton—              |     |    |    |    |
| Wesley Chapel        | 334 | .. | 24 | .. |
| Raper Chapel         | 267 | .. | 25 | 3  |
| Lebanon              | 159 | .. | 20 | 1  |
| Franklin and Miamis- |     |    |    |    |
| burgh                | 374 | .. | 22 | 1  |
| Middletown and Red   |     |    |    |    |
| Lion                 | 328 | .. | 17 | 1  |
| Troy                 | 215 | .. | 5  | 2  |
| Concord              | 227 | .. | 10 | 4  |
| Addison              | 359 | .. | 33 | 3  |
| Eaton                | 376 | .. | 46 | 4  |
| Camden               | 303 | 2  | 10 | 4  |

|            | Whites.     | Col. | Pro. | Local p. |                     | Whites. | Col. | Pro. | Local p. |
|------------|-------------|------|------|----------|---------------------|---------|------|------|----------|
| Lewisburgh | 364         | ..   | 20   | 3        | Wheeling            | 120     | ..   | 9    | ..       |
| Germantown | 418         | 2    | 7    | 2        | Captina             | 139     | ..   | 18   | 1        |
|            | <u>3724</u> | 4    | 239  | 28       | Malaga and Buckhill | 100     | ..   | 33   | 1        |

*Urbana District.*

|                  |             |    |     |    |                        |            |    |     |    |
|------------------|-------------|----|-----|----|------------------------|------------|----|-----|----|
| Urbana           | 396         | .. | 22  | 4  | Marietta               | 75         | .. | 10  | .. |
| Springfield—     |             |    |     |    | Washington Co. Mission | 68         | .. | 10  | .. |
| High-street      | 162         | .. | 6   | 2  | Pomeroy                | 115        | .. | 7   | 2  |
| Columbia-street  | 397         | .. | ..  | 5  | Portsmouth             | 53         | .. | 1   | .. |
| Piqua            | 496         | .. | 75  | 4  | Waverly and Furnace    | 108        | .. | 26  | 3  |
| Fletcher         | 333         | .. | 30  | .. |                        | <u>928</u> | .. | 157 | 7  |
| Mechanicsburgh   | 188         | .. | 2   | 3  |                        |            |    |     |    |
| King's Creek     | 301         | .. | 28  | 1  |                        |            |    |     |    |
| Vienna           | 386         | .. | 26  | 2  |                        |            |    |     |    |
| North Lewisburgh | 597         | .. | 30  | 2  |                        |            |    |     |    |
| Tremont          | 304         | .. | 30  | 1  |                        |            |    |     |    |
| Lockport         | 119         | .. | 25  | 1  |                        |            |    |     |    |
|                  | <u>3679</u> | .. | 274 | 25 |                        |            |    |     |    |

*Xenia District.*

|                  |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|-------------|----|-----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Xenia            | 374         | .. | 3   | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Charleston | 234         | .. | 4   | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow Springs   | 129         | .. | 1   | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New-Carlisle     | 341         | .. | 40  | 4  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fairfield        | 342         | .. | 29  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Union            | 581         | 3  | 53  | 7  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jamestown        | 461         | .. | 3   | 8  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New-Burlington   | 327         | .. | 67  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wilmington       | 215         | .. | 20  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New-Lexington    | 553         | .. | 37  | 5  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greenfield       | 240         | 3  | 5   | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | <u>3797</u> | 6  | 262 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |

*Hillsboro' District.*

|                 |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-------------|----|-----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hillsboro'      | 375         | .. | 35  | 6  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Highland        | 973         | .. | 88  | 6  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clarksville     | 614         | .. | 25  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Winchester      | 772         | 1  | 65  | 5  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aberdeen        | 865         | .. | 62  | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Union      | 514         | .. | 32  | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ripley          | 224         | .. | 5   | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| East White Oak  | 681         | .. | 75  | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West White Oak  | 881         | .. | 12  | 7  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Batavia         | 554         | .. | 44  | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Williamsburgh   | 547         | .. | 17  | 4  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sinking Springs | 720         | 3  | 107 | 5  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | <u>7720</u> | 4  | 567 | 54 |  |  |  |  |  |

*Cincinnati German Mission District.*

|                       |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|----|-----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Cincinnati—           |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Race-street           | 181         | .. | 32  | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Everett-street        | 121         | .. | 14  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buckeye-street        | 106         | .. | 27  | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Congress-street       | 20          | .. | 2   | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newport and Covington |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mission               | 83          | .. | 22  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dayton                | 113         | .. | 24  | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Union            | 108         | .. | 28  | 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New-Richmond and      |             |    |     |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mt. Pleasant Mission  | 49          | .. | 13  | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sidney                | 56          | .. | 17  | 1  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greenville            | 29          | .. | 14  | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chillicothe           | 92          | .. | 2   | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Columbus and Newark   | 92          | .. | ..  | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
|                       | <u>1050</u> | .. | 195 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |

*Pittsburgh German Mission District.*

|                      |     |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pittsburgh and Alle- |     |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| ghany                | 114 | .. | 38 | .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Birmingham           | 36  | .. | 5  | .. |  |  |  |  |  |

|                         |            |    |     |    |
|-------------------------|------------|----|-----|----|
| Delaware and Marion     | 129        | .. | 46  | .. |
| Galion and Bucyrus      | 141        | .. | 30  | 2  |
| Sandusky City           | 39         | .. | 9   | .. |
| Cleveland and Ohio City | 90         | .. | 41  | 2  |
| Erie                    | 2          | .. | 1   | .. |
| Tiffin and Woodville    | 82         | .. | 7   | 1  |
| Toledo                  | 41         | .. | 31  | .. |
| Detroit and Ann Arbor   | 97         | .. | 51  | .. |
| St. Clair and Mount     |            |    |     |    |
| Clemens                 | 76         | .. | 5   | 1  |
| Canal Fulton Mission    |            |    |     |    |
|                         | <u>697</u> | .. | 221 | 6  |

*North Ohio Mission District.*

|                         |            |    |     |    |
|-------------------------|------------|----|-----|----|
| Delaware and Marion     | 129        | .. | 46  | .. |
| Galion and Bucyrus      | 141        | .. | 30  | 2  |
| Sandusky City           | 39         | .. | 9   | .. |
| Cleveland and Ohio City | 90         | .. | 41  | 2  |
| Erie                    | 2          | .. | 1   | .. |
| Tiffin and Woodville    | 82         | .. | 7   | 1  |
| Toledo                  | 41         | .. | 31  | .. |
| Detroit and Ann Arbor   | 97         | .. | 51  | .. |
| St. Clair and Mount     |            |    |     |    |
| Clemens                 | 76         | .. | 5   | 1  |
| Canal Fulton Mission    |            |    |     |    |
|                         | <u>697</u> | .. | 221 | 6  |

RECAPITULATION.

|                 | Whites.       | Coloured.  |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Members         | 29,565        | 156        |
| Probationers    | 2,604         | ..         |
| Local preachers | 238           | ..         |
| Total this year | <u>32,407</u> | <u>156</u> |

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, \$7,216 18.

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

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Chartered Fund        | \$76 00           |
| Circuits and Stations | 1,756 07          |
| Surplus last year     | 7 80              |
|                       | <u>\$1,839 87</u> |

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

| Claimants.      | Div.     | Claimants.   | Div.    |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| D. Whitecomb    | \$110 88 | Widow Quinn  | \$42 00 |
| A. W. Elliott   | 84 00    | Finley       | 42 00   |
| J. W. Stone     | 110 88   | Crume        | 29 00   |
| Adam Miller     | 117 20   | Raper        | 37 38   |
| J. W. Keeley    | 113 24   | Roberts      | 2 63    |
| John Geyer      | 103 10   | Cooper and   |         |
| Sebastian Barth | 103 10   | children     | 62 16   |
| John Barton     | 110 88   | Stroud and   |         |
| James Smith     | 84 00    | children     | 68 88   |
| M. G. Bennett   | 120 90   | Anderson and |         |
| Widow Sale      | 42 00    | child        | 52 08   |
| Barrett         | 42 00    | Warrington   |         |
| Butler          | 42 00    | and child'n  | 75 60   |
| Jones           | 42 00    | Parish and   |         |
| Collins         | 42 00    | child        | 52 08   |

|   |         |                                   |        |   |
|---|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| Widow Mutchner<br>and children                                    | \$55 44 | Trunk and book<br>for Stewards    | \$8 50 | Cincinnati—   |
| W. B. Christie  | 10 08   | Stationery                        | 1 30   | York-street, <i>Wm. S. Morrow.</i>                                      |
| Sarah E. Wolff  | 10 08   | Surplus to neces-<br>sitous cases | 12 48  | Clinton-street Mission, <i>J. B. Finley,</i><br><i>M. P. Zink.</i>      |
| Sister Stroud (for<br>counterfeit<br>money paid her<br>last year) | 10 00   | Excess in counting                | 26     | Hamilton and Rossville, to be supplied.<br>Oxford, <i>J. F. Marlay.</i> |

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               | \$12,484 01 |
| For Sunday-School Union    | 341 62      |
| For American Bible Society | 1,513 58    |

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

## EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

*John F. Wright, P. E.*

Cincinnati—

Wesley Chapel, *G. C. Crum.*  
Welsh Mission, to be supplied.  
Deer Creek Mission, to be supplied.  
Ninth-street, *J. W. Fowble.*  
Ellen-street, *Wm. Young.*  
Walnut Hills, *George W. Walker.*  
Asbury Chapel, *Wesley Rowe.*  
Raper Chapel, *James M. Caven.*  
Mount Auburn, *J. M. Leavitt.*  
Collins Chapel, *Wm. G. W. Lewis.*  
New-street, *W. B. Jackson.*  
Fulton, *Truman S. Cowden.*  
Amelia, *James S. Peregrine, J. C. Maddy.*  
Laurel, *P. F. Holtsinger*, one to be supplied.  
New-Richmond, *John W. Cassatt.*  
West White Oak, *Levi P. Miller, Michael Bitler.*  
Batavia, *James B. Austin, A. M. Beall.*  
Milford, *Wm. Routledge, W. J. Thurber.*  
Goshen, *M. G. Perkizer, Isaac Neff.*

*Leroy Swormstedt*, Book Agent; *P. B. Wilbur*, President of Wesleyan Female College; *A. M. Lorraine*, Chaplain to Floating Bethel; *A. Meharry*, Agent of Ohio Wesleyan University,—members of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference, Cincinnati.

## WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

*Augustus Eddy, P. E.*

Cincinnati—

Morris Chapel, *T. D. Crowe.*  
[Christie Chapel, *J. F. Conrey.*  
Carr-street Mission, to be supplied.  
Park-street, *Wm. H. Fyffe.*  
Union Chapel, *W. P. Strickland.*

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

*William Herr, P. E.*

Dayton—

[Wesley Chapel, *Wm. H. Sutherland.*  
City Mission, to be supplied.  
Raper Chapel, *Granville Moody.*  
Troy, *Moses Smith.*  
Lewisburgh, *William Fitzgerald*, one to be supplied.  
Eaton, *C. W. Swain*, one to be supplied.  
Camden, *D. H. Sargent*, one to be supplied.  
Winchester, *John Fitch*, one to be supplied.  
Germantown, *H. S. Sellman.*  
[Franklin, *Gilbert C. Townley.*  
Miamisburgh and Springboro, *T. A. G. Phillips*, *George Parrot.*  
[Middletown, *L. D. Harlan.*  
[Red Lion, *David Reed.*  
Monroe, *Jesse Botkin*, *George W. Kelly.*  
Concord, *D. D. Davison*, *H. E. Perkhiser.*  
*William Langart*, Bethel Chaplain, and member of Raper Chapel Quarterly Conference, Dayton.

## URBANA DISTRICT.

*Michael Marlay, P. E.*

Urbana, *J. T. Mitchell*, one to be supplied.

Springfield—

Columbia-street, *James F. Chalfant.*  
High-street, *Mighil Dustin.*

Piqua—

Green-street, *R. O. Spencer, James Smith*, sup.

Wayne-street, *L. F. Vanclève.*

Fletcher, *Joseph Newson*, *Thomas Audas.*

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

King's Creek, *David Warnock, Henry Stokes.*

Vienna, *David Sharp, James T. Bail.*

North Lewisburgh, *George W. Harris,*

*James Kendall.*

- Tremont, W. N. Williams, one to be supplied.  
 Addison, S. T. Creighton, one to be supplied.  
 Lockport, G. H. Kennedy.  
*John W. Weakly*, President of Springfield Female College and High School,—member of High-street Quarterly Conference.  
*L. D. M' Cabe*, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of Columbia-street Quarterly Conference, Springfield.  
*Charles Ferguson*, Agent of Springfield Female College, and member of Columbia-street Quarterly Conference.

## XENIA DISTRICT.

- Wm. I. Ellsworth*, P. E.  
 Xenia, *Cyrus Brooks*.  
 South Charleston, *E. G. West*.  
 Yellow Springs, *I. I. Bealls*.  
 Jamestown, *Thomas Collet*, one to be supplied.  
 New-Burlington, *Stephen H. Holland*, one to be supplied.  
 Wilmington, *C. H. Lawton*.  
 Lexington, *Thomas M. Gossard*, A. W. Musgrove.  
 Union, *Levi White*, *Wesley Webster*.  
 Lebanon, *Charles G. Meredith*.  
 New-Carlisle, *J. B. Ellsworth*, *Wesley Dennett*.  
 Fairfield, *W. L. Hypes*, one to be supplied.  
 Merritstown Mission, *John Buswell*.  
*Asbury Lowry*, Principal of Xenia Female Academy, and member of Xenia Quarterly Conference.  
*Charles Elliott*, Editor of Western Christian Advocate, and member of Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

## HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

- William Simmons*, P. E.  
 Hillsborough, *Wm. I. Fee*.  
 Highland, *David Whitmer*, Wm. Q. Shannon.  
 Sinking Springs, *John F. Loyd*, *Dennis Callahan*.  
 Greenfield, *J. C. Bontecou*.  
 Buena Vista, *Joseph W. Smith*.  
 Clarksville, *Silas Bennett*, A. P. Dunlap, *Samuel Brown*, sup.  
 Williamsburgh, *Andrew Murphy*, one to be supplied.  
 Winchester, *E. H. Field*, *Jesse M. Robinson*.  
 Ripley, *C. R. Lovell*.  
 Aberdeen, *James Armstrong*, *George H. Reed*.

- West Union, *William J. Quarry*, *John F. Spence*.  
 East White Oak, *B. P. Wheat*, *John Sullivan*.  
*J. M'D. Matthews*, Principal of Oakland Female Seminary, and member of Hillsborough Quarterly Conference.  
 John Ellis, transferred to Ohio Conference, and stationed at Ironton Welsh Mission.  
 Thomas Thrall, transferred to Indiana Conference.  
*N. Westerman*, transferred to Ohio Conference, and stationed at Lancaster, Ohio.  
*W. R. Davis*, transferred to Missouri Conference.

## CINCINNATI GERMAN MISSION DISTRICT.

- William Ahrens*, P. E.  
 Cincinnati—  
 Race-street, *Frederick Schimmelfening*.  
 Everett-street, *Henry Henke*.  
 Buckeye-street, *William Engel*.  
 Congress-street, *Gustaff Reiche*.  
 Newport and Covington, *Charles Helwig*, one to be supplied.  
 Dayton, *Benneville Browmiller*.  
 West Union, *Wm. Kaetter*, *George Weidman*.  
 New-Richmond and Mount Pleasant, *Frederick Kapphahm*.  
 Sidney, to be supplied.  
 Greenville, *Wm. Floerke*.  
 Chillicothe, *John A. Klein*.  
*William Nast*, Editor of Christian Apologist, and member of Buckeye-street Quarterly Conference.

## PITTSBURGH GERMAN MISSION DISTRICT.

- Peter Wilkins*, P. E.  
 Pittsburgh and Alleghany, *Christian Wydienbach*, *Emil Baur*.  
 Birmingham, *Frederick Heitmeyer*.  
 Wheeling, *John Hoppen*.  
 Captina, *William Geyer*.  
 Malaga and Buckhill, *Alfred Wuensch*.  
 Marietta, *George Danker*.  
 Washington, *John V. Jahraus*.  
 Pomeroy, *John Phetzing*.  
 Portsmouth, *Christian Vogel*.  
 Waverly and Furnace, *Wm. Dressler*, *George A. Attinger*.

## NORTH OHIO GERMAN MISSION DISTRICT.

- Nicholas Nuhfer*, P. E.  
 Delaware and Marion, *Gottlieb Nachtrieb*, one to be supplied.

Galion, *Conrad Gahn*, one to be supplied. Ann Arbor, *Jacob Krehbiel*.  
 Sandusky City, *J. H. Westerfied*, Christian Nachtrieb. Columbus, *Hugo Rehm*.  
 Cleveland, *Peter Schneider*. Newark, *Conrad Bier*.  
 Tiffin and Woodville, *George A. Reiter*. William Augst, transferred to South-  
 Toledo, *John M. Mulfinger*. Eastern Indiana Conference.  
 Detroit, *Jacob Rothweiler*.  
 St. Clair and Mount Clemens, *John Schweinfurth*, one to be supplied. Quest. 18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*  
 Ohio City, *John V. Baldaff*. At Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27, 1854.

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

Rev. JOSEPH S. TOMLINSON was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, March 15, 1802. His parents were respectable, but in limited circumstances. His parents dying while he was a child, he was apprenticed to the saddlery business, in which he soon became a proficient. He entered Transylvania University an orphan boy, dependent principally upon his trade, to which he laboriously devoted his spare hours, for his support. Anxious to complete his course as soon as possible, he applied himself with indefatigable diligence; and in due time graduated with honour. In early youth he was converted to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; and some time before he graduated, was licensed to preach. From his first efforts as a public speaker he was hailed as a youth of extraordinary promise to the Church.

At the time of his graduation at Lexington the friends of our infant college at Augusta, at that time the only institution of its grade under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and then struggling for existence, were in want of a competent professor; and Tomlinson, young as he was, was selected for the place, and accepted the important trust. He immediately hastened to the field of his future labours, where, for nearly thirty years, with the exception of a few brief intervals, on account of declining health, he faithfully toiled at his post. Here he severely tasked all the energies of his powerful intellect and feeble body in advancing the cause of learning and the interests of religion. That his labours were abundant here will appear from the fact that, in consequence of the frequent vacancies in the faculty, it became necessary that at different periods he should occupy different chairs. At one period he was professor of Languages; at another, of Mathematics; then of Natural Science; then of Moral Philosophy and Belles Lettres. In every department of instruction he determined to be a master; and so he was. But to accomplish this required intense study and indefatigable application, which seriously impaired his health. Indeed, he was long a confirmed dyspeptic; and the morbid sensitiveness of the dyspeptic invalid is matter of general notoriety.

In 1825 he was admitted into the travelling connexion, and regularly graduated to the offices of deacon and elder. At a comparatively early period of his career, and when literary institutions bestowed their honours with less profusion than at present, he was deemed worthy to receive, and had conferred upon him the degree of D. D., which honour he wore with dignified modesty. For a number of years Dr. Tomlinson was president of Augusta College, in which position he remained until it was broken down by the withdrawal of the patronage of the Kentucky Conference, and the repeal of its charter by the legislature of that state. Subsequently the doctor was elected to a professorship in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, but did not accept, though he acted for two years as agent for that institution. He was next elected to a professorship in the Ohio University at Athens. This appointment, with much persuasion, he accepted, and served one year, at the expiration of which he was elected president of that institution. This appointment he declined because of ill health and almost entire mental prostration, produced by what he deemed the greatest calamity of his life—the sudden and melancholy death of a favourite son by cholera. The doctor inherited a strong predisposition to mental derangement, as is proven by well-known facts in the history of his family; and from the sudden death of his son, which fell upon him like a paralysis, combining with other causes, his mind began to waver. The bold and fearless man became the irresolute and timid child. His energies were prostrated, and soon his friends saw with alarm that he was rapidly becoming the victim of a most melancholy form of mental derangement. He was, how-

ever, subsequently twice elected to responsible positions—to the Springfield High School and the State University of Indiana—both of which he declined for the reasons above stated. Although for a number of the last months of his life he had momentary lucid intervals of apparent sunshine, yet the darkening clouds gradually condensed around and above him, until, as he repeatedly declared to the writer, his agony became insupportable, and he incapable of resistance or self-control; and yet when drawn out, the charms of his conversation, the perspicuity and power of his sermons, and the unction of his prayers, partially concealed the deep and hidden tendency to mental alienation. He, however, repeatedly stated that domestic difficulties had no agency in the matter—that he had one of the most agreeable families in the world. This state of things continued until Saturday, June 4, 1853, when the tragical event of his death occurred. We would gladly draw the veil of oblivion over the scene, but the fact has gone abroad—he fell by his own hand!

Dr. Tomlinson possessed a mild and amiable disposition, cultivated the social principle, and enjoyed society in a high degree: he was an accomplished gentleman. As a husband, he was kind and affectionate; as a parent, tenderly indulgent. He was endowed by nature with a rich and vigorous intellect, which was thoroughly cultivated: he was a ripe scholar. As a teacher and governor, he was skilful, prudent, and faithful; as a preacher, he was considered a model—argumentative, persuasive, pathetic. He was pronounced by a competent judge, though no personal friend, “the ablest debater in America.” As a Christian, he was exemplary and uniform in the discharge of religious duty; and while he was almost constantly reproaching himself, he never spoke unkindly of a fellow-being. That the life of such a man should have such a termination, is matter of painful reflection, but to which it is a duty to submit, as to other inscrutable permissions of Him “whose ways are perfect.”

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE,

*Held in the Village of Beardstown, Illinois, October 12–20, 1853.*

BISHOP SCOTT, *Presiding.*

W. D. R. TROTTER, *Secretary.*

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

John H. Burgess, Wilder B. M. Colt, Emmor Elliott, Curtis Powell, James H. Barger, Ira Emerson, Newton Cloud, William R. Howard, Peter Wallace, John Slater, Thomas Heyer, Alvis Loebenstein, Samuel H. Clark, David Bardrick, William Sim, George Schaz, Wm. Rotert, Daniel P. Lyon, Giles W. Woods, Allen Buckner, Wm. Zupann, James D. Herd, John W. Aneals, James H. Lucas, John Lane, Tomas J. Starr and Arthur Bradshaw (readmitted)—27.

### Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Alexander Semple, Preston Wood, John J. Littler, Oliver P. Light, John Cavett, Stephen Huckstep, Philip Hehner, Wm. Kleinschmidt, Charles H. Schmidt, John S. Kirkpatrick, Eli Montgomery, Charles F. Langer—12.

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

Levi Shelly, John L. Walther, Christoff Bonn, John A. Holderman, David

Huene, Herman Koch, John Raus, James I. Davidson, Frederick Stoffregen, John Hausam, Adam Klippel, Wm. M'K. M'Elfresh, Wm. T. Bennett—13.

### Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

Levi Shelly,\* John L. Walther,\* Christoff Bonn,\* John A. Holderman, David Huene,\* Herman Koch,\* John Raus,\* James I. Davidson,\* Frederick Stoffregen,\* John Hausam,\* Adam Klippel,\* Wm. M'K. M'Elfresh,\* Wm. T. Bennett, Samuel T. Sterritt, Edward Rutledge, William Stevenson, Reuben Andrus, Benjamin F. Northcott, Henry Lahrman, Christopher Hoeck, Henry Ellerbeck, John G. Kost, Rudolph Havighorst, Peter Hennes, Joseph Zimmerman, Calet P. Baldwin, Oliver S. Munsell—27.

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

William Niedermeyer, Jacob Feisal, John Schmidt, Wm. M. Pallett, Isaac