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FOR THE YEAR

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CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE,
Held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 25, 1875.

BISHOP FOSTER, *Presiding.* HENRY LIEBHART, *Secretary.*

QUEST. 1. *Have any Entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?*

None.

QUEST. 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

Gotlob Heeb, John Huneke, Herman Grentzenberg, Charles Trenchel—4.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

John Jacob Roser, John Henry Schimmelpfennig—2.

QUEST. 4. *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*

John C. Gommel, Chas. Klocksiem, Daniel Mathaei—3.

QUEST. 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*

John C. Gommel, Chas. Klocksiem, Daniel Mathaei—3.

QUEST. 6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*

Gustav H. Fiedler, John Lambrecht, Jos. Kern, Adam Weber, Otto Wilke—5.

QUEST. 7. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*

John H. Horst, David Graessle, Franz L. Nagler, Chris. Golder—4.

QUEST. 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

H. Rehm, G. Berg, Herman Herzer—3.

QUEST. 9. *Who are the Supernumerated Preachers?*

J. Strauch, W. Guyer, J. H. Bahrenburg, C. Muth, J. Klasing, William Ahrens, William Dressler, C. Vogel, P. Broadbeck, J. Guyer, J. V. Jabrus, G. A. Breunig, Ph. B. Baker, P. B. Weber, Henry Maentz, C. F. Heltmeyer, Jacob Haas, Nicklaus Nuhfer—18.

QUEST. 10. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

Yes.

QUEST. 11. *Have any Located?*

None.

QUEST. 12. *Have any Withdrawn?*

Anton Warns.

QUEST. 13. *Have any been Transferred and to what Conference?*

None.

QUEST. 14. *Have any been Expelled?*
Jacob Beuter.

QUEST. 15. *Have any Died?*
John A. Klien.

JOHN A. KLIEB came to this country in his seventeenth year, and settled with his parents in Sandusky County, Ohio, and in 1843 he was converted under a sermon preached by Rev. E. Riemenschneider, from 1 John iv, 16. In 1845 he was licensed as a local preacher, and immediately became active in the work of the ministry. Soon after Father Schminker, presiding elder, commissioned him to become the assistant of Rev. Mr. Hoevener, then laboring on the Sandusky Mission. In 1846 he was received on probation in the Ohio Conference. Consequently this, the year of his death, was the thirtieth of his active ministerial life.

The sermons of Brother Klien were thoughtful, systematic, and clear. He had a good voice, and his delivery was impressive. He was a faithful, conscientious pastor. In his views he was positive and pronounced, perhaps somewhat too tenacious, but it was the tenacity of honest conviction; and his determined opponents have, upon mature reflection, been compelled to admit that he was right. The thought of compromising with what he considered wrong never found favor in his eyes. Brother Klien was a Christian and a Methodist from the deepest conviction and experience of his soul. He loved the Methodist Episcopal Church, its discipline and doctrine. In all that goes to the building up of the Church, the "rooting and grounding" of the membership in the truth, and bringing them onward in the divine life, and in gaining sound converts to Christ, he was especially successful. He was a kind and loving husband and father, a firm and reliable friend. Those who knew him best appreciated him most.

In 1854, while stationed in Chillicothe, Brother Klien experienced the blessing of perfect love, which he enjoyed for some time. Owing, however, to the lack of a clear apprehension of the fact that as the experience was gained by faith, so, by faith, it must be retained, he lost the evidence of the blessing, and for some time stood aloof from the holiness movement; but being again the

recipient of the divine blessing, he preached the doctrine heartily, and experienced fully its joys. With special earnestness and power did he preach this truth during his last protracted meeting. In a sermon from the text, Joshua v, 13-15, he laid special stress upon purity of heart as the great and especially necessary preparation for the work of saving souls. That his earnest exhortations were owned of God is shown by the revival which followed, in which a large number were converted, and a more earnest seeking for full salvation induced among the members of the New Albany society. His labors at New Albany, Indiana, during the five months since conference, have been especially blessed. The Lord seems to have been gradually preparing him for his change. His sermons were powerful, and accompanied by the influences of God's holy Spirit. He gained the love of his people as never before, and the most unfeigned sorrow filled their hearts when the news of his death was communicated to them. He had just commenced a protracted effort when stricken down with pneumonia, which terminated his life February 4, 1875. To Rev. H. Herzer, pastor of Clay-street Charge, Louisville, who frequently visited him during his illness, he said, "I am so inexpressibly happy in the knowledge of the fact that I have given my all into the hands of God. I have no care." A few days later, as Brother Herzer entered his room, he greeted him with, "O Brother Herzer, it is glorious—all glorious!" Brother Herzer replied, "Thank the Lord! Jesus is our captain." To which the dying saint responded with a hearty "Amen!" His end was triumphant. Like Wesley, he "ceased at once to work and live."

QUEST. 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

(For Statistical Tables, see p. 258.)

QUEST. 17. *What are the Claims upon the Conference Fund?*

Not answered.

QUEST. 18. *What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?*

\$1,679 31,

which amount was distributed among the claimants.

QUEST. 23. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JACOB ROTHWEILER, P.E.
Cincinnati: Race-street, *Louis Mueller*.
Everett-street, *John G. Schaal*.
Buckeye-street and Mount Auburn, *Jacob Krehbid, H. Grentzenberg*.
Blanchard Chapel, *John J. Roser*.
Newport, *Carl G. Fritsche*.
Covington, *Gustav Weller*.
Hamilton and Mount Pleasant, *Carl Helwig*.
Dayton, *John Schweinfurth*.
Lawrenceburgh, *John Pfitzing*.
Aurora and Milan, *Gotlob Heeb*.
Batesville, *John Huneke*.
Ripley and Higginsport, *J. H. Schimmelpfennig*.
Chillicothe, *Otto Wilke*.
Waverley and Greenfield, *Henry Woerner*.
Portsmouth, *Gotlob Nachtrieb*.
Ironton and Furnaces, *Frederick W. Reinhard*.
Pomeroy, *August Gerlach*.
Marietta and Bonn, *Wm. Buchenmeyer*.
Malaga and Matamoras, to be supplied.
Batesville, *J. W. Fischbach*.
Clarrington, *Charles Lurker*.
William Nast, Editor of "Christian Apologist"—member of Blanchard Chapel Quarterly Conference.
Henry Liebhart, Editor of "Family Magazine," Sunday-School and Tract Publications—member of Covington Quarterly Conference.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.
J. H. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, P.E.
Cleveland: Erie-street, *William Boercherding*.
Lorraine-st., *John S. Schneider*.

Berea, *Fred. Paulus*.
Vermillion, *John H. Horst*.
Sandusky and Peninsula, *John Ficken*.
Canal Dover, *C. Klockstern*.
Alleghany City, *Jacob Brown*.
Pittsburgh: Ross-st. and South Side, *William Mueller*.
Fortieth-street, *John Bier*.
Wheeling, *E. Wunderlich*.
Newark, *Daniel Voltz*.
Columbus, *George Schwinn*.
Greenville Mission, *Adam Weber*.
New Knoxville and Kossuth, *Philip J. Graessle*.
Bucyrus, *N. F. Mueller*.
Marion, *John C. Egle*.
Galion and Mansfield, *John Haas*.
Delaware, *David Graessle*.
Peter F. Schneider, Vice-President and Agent; *Julius O. Berr*, Professor in German Wallace College—members of Berea Quarterly Conference.
Christian Nachtrieb, Agent of the German Methodist Orphan Asylum—member of Erie-street Quarterly Conference.
Carl Riemenschneider, Professor in German Wallace College—member of Lorraine-st. Quarterly Conference.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

GOTTLÖB TREPFZ, P.E.

Detroit: Beaubien-street, *Gustav C. Herzer*.
Sixteenth-street, *Henry Krier*.
Roseville, *H. Buddenbaum*.
Marine City, *Charles Koch*.
East Saginaw, *Carl A. Miltzer*.
Bay City, *George A. Reuter*.
Cassville, *Joseph Kern*.
Lansing, *William Andree*.
Delhi, *Gustav H. Fiedler*.
Allegan, *Andreas Mayer*.
Grand Rapids and Whitehouse, *Henry Pullman*, one to be supplied.
Quincy, *D. Mathaei*.
Francisco, *Conrad Wehner*.

Ann Arbor, to be supplied.
Toledo: Ontario-street, *John C. Weidman*.
Segar Avenue, *John Schneider*.
Ferrysburgh, *Louis Dunker*.
Woodville, *John Lambrecht*.
Edgerton, *John C. Gommel*.
Defiance, *S. W. Freyhafer*, one to be supplied.
Kendallville and Fort Wayne, *Jno. R. Bodmer, Chas. Trenschel*.
Goshen, *Franz L. Nagler*.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

F. SCHIMMELPFENNIG, P.E.

Louisville: Clay-street, *Andreas Graessle*.
Madison-street, *J. C. Wurster*.
Breckinridge-st., *Gustav Bertrams*.
New Albany, *Chris. Golder*.
Jeffersonville, *Henry Jend*.
Madison, *John H. Barth*.
Charleston, *Jacob Gabler*.
Bradford, to be supplied.
Seymour, *M. George*.
White Creek and Bradford, *John Leppert*.
Terre Haute, *George Guth*.
Lafayette, *A. Loebenstein*.
Indianapolis, *Henry G. Lich*.
Home Mission, to be supplied.
Cannelton and Oil Creek, *Jacob Bockstahler*.
Santa Claus, *J. H. Lukemeier*.
Huntingburgh, *John F. Severinghaus*.
Booneville, *F. A. Hoff*.
Evansville, *Carl Bozenhart*.
Henderson and Salem, *P. Doerr*.
Morris, *Frederick Ruff*.
Mount Vernon, *John C. Reiber*.
Golconda and Metropolis, *John C. Speckman*.
Nashville, *H. J. E. Wulzen*.
Franklin Ohlinger, Missionary to China.

QUEST. 23. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*
At Evansville, Indiana. Time not given.

DETROIT CONFERENCE,

Held in Flint, Mich., September 1-8, 1875.

BISHOP HARRIS, *Presiding*.ARTHUR EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

QUEST. 1. *Have any Entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?*

By transfer: *Myron A. Dougherty*, from Michigan; *Peter L. Sparrow*, from Minnesota. By credentials: *James H. Morton* and *Robert L. Cope*, from the Methodist Church—4.

QUEST. 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

James E. Jacklin, *Alyah G. Blood*, *Eugene G. Daniels*—3.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

Edwin Dawe, *De Witt C. Challis*, *Almont F. Hoyt*, *Lester J.*

Hudson, *Henry T. Evans*, *Nelson G. Lyons*, *Frederick Coates*, *Lewis N. Moon*, *David W. Giberson*, *Joseph F. Berry*, *Walter Preston*, *John Sweet*, *Isaac Wilcox*, *John J. Hodge*, *Henry Nonkenle*, *James E. Diverty*, *Alexander J. Holmes*—17.

QUEST. 4. *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*

Edward P. Pierce, *Charles R. Kellerman*, *Henry C. Northrup*, *John W. Campbell*, *William H. Osborn*, *John Storrer*, *Frederick Strong*, *Lewis P. Davis*, *William Dawe*, *Edwin Craven*, *John S. Paul*, *William M. Campbell*—12.

QUEST. 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*

Edwin R. Pierce, *Charles R. Kellerman*, *Henry C. Northrup*, *John W. Campbell*, *William H. Osborn*, *John Storrer*, *Frederick Strong*, *Lewis P. Davis*, *William Dane*, *Edwin Craven*, *John S. Paul*, *William J. Campbell*—12.

QUEST. 6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*

Franklin Bradley, *Frederick Porter*, *John S. Priestley*, *William Allington*, *Nathan N. Clark*, *Roland Woodhams*, *Henry W. Thompson*, *Richard Hudson*, *Jas. E. Whalen*, *Jonathan E. Richards*—10.