

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR

1876.

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

\$1,273 81,

which amount was distributed to claimants.

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

ALTON DISTRICT.

JOSEPH EARP, P.E.

(P. O., Alton.)

Alton City, *F. L. Thompson.*
Upper Alton, *W. S. Sty.*
Elsah, *A. L. Greenlaw.*
Edwardsville, *E. A. Hoyt.*
Edwardsville Circuit, *T. A. Eaton.*

Staunton, *S. P. Groves.*
Gillespie, *L. C. English.*
Bunker Hill, *G. W. Waggoner.*
Grafton, *H. Delicate.*

Brighton, *J. B. Reynolds.*
Brighton Circuit, *A. L. Howren.*
Litchfield, *A. P. Morrison.*
Litchfield Circuit, *John Wooden.*
Donaldson, *J. A. Hampton.*
Fidelity and Piasa, *N. E. Harmon.*

Shipman, *C. P. Wilson.*
Jerseyville, *D. W. Phillips.*
Kane, *R. Z. Fahr.*
Greencastle, to be supplied.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

A. B. MORRISON, P.E.

(P. O., Lebanon.)

Lebanon, *J. W. Phillips.*
Belleville, *G. W. Hughey.*
Shiloh, *S. Walker.*
Freeburgh, to be supplied.
Waterloo, *J. Laird.*
East Saint Louis, *R. H. Massey.*
Caseyville, *C. S. Royce.*
Venice, to be supplied.
Trenton, *W. Van Cleave.*
Carlyle, *A. Bliss.*
Clement, *J. A. Thrapp.*
Greenville, *J. Gibson.*
Greenville Circuit, *W. B. Bruner.*
Pocahontas and Wisetown, *G. W. Grabe.*

Highland, *L. F. Cullom.*
Troy, *W. H. Scott.*
Collinsville, *F. M. Van Trees.*
Nashville, *G. W. Farmer.*
Beaucoup, *J. P. Youngling.*

J. W. Locke, President; *O. V. Jones*, Professor; *H. Sears*, Agent of M'Kendree College—members of Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

F. O. Blair, Agent of American Bible Society—member of Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT.

B. B. PIERCE, P.E.

(P. O., Carbondale.)

Mount Vernon, *C. E. Cina.*
Mount Vernon Circuit, *S. Brooks.*
Spring Garden, *W. M' Morrow.*
Woodlawn, *S. T. Mazy.*
Ashley, *W. H. Tyner.*
Richview, *D. Caughlin.*
Cairo, *J. D. Gilham.*

Mound City, *E. Treadgold.*
Ullin, *G. W. Wilson.*
Thebes, to be supplied.
Jonesborough and Anna, *J. W. Van Cleave.*

Carbondale, *J. A. Robinson.*
Carbondale Circuit, *J. W. Lowe.*
Murphysborough, *G. W. Butler.*
De Soto, *A. Campbell.*
Du Quoin, *E. Lathrop.*

Tamaroa, *A. L. Downey.*
Pinckneyville, *C. B. Holding.*
Sparta, *M. E. Wilkin.*
Chester, *M. House.*
Benton, *J. W. Flint.*

Corinth, *R. W. Laughlin.*
Marion, *T. J. Davis.*
Cobden, to be supplied.

R. C. Allyn, President of Southern Illinois Normal College—member of Carbondale Quarterly Conference.

VANDALIA DISTRICT.

W. F. DAVIS, P.E.

(P. O., Altamont.)

Vandalia, *T. H. Herdman.*
Hagerstown, *J. E. Rippetoe.*
Ramsey, *H. Manifold.*
Avena, *A. Snell.*
St. Elmo, *J. W. Nell.*
Altamont, *A. Ransom.*
Pleasant Grove, *J. P. Rutherford.*

Effingham, *William Wallis.*
Watson, *G. M. Whitsel.*
Mason, *D. B. Vanwinkle.*
Farina, *D. Elam.*
Kimmundy, *W. F. Whitaker.*
Salem, *I. A. Smith.*
Salem Circuit, *W. F. Brown.*
Johnsonville, *L. A. Harper.*
Xenia, *S. J. Harrington.*
Odin and Sandoval, *D. Moore.*
Centralia, *O. H. Clark.*
Walnut Hill, *C. N. Bottorff.*

Irvington, *Eugene May.*
Patoka, *L. Casey.*
Shabonier, *J. M. Romine.*

OLNEY DISTRICT.

JOHN I. KEEPER, P.E.

(P. O., Olney.)

Olney, *J. W. Lane.*
Olney Circuit, *C. D. Lingenfelter.*
one to be supplied.
Sumner, *C. W. Sabine.*
N. Stoffer.

Bridgeport, *J. H. Hill.*
Clay City and Noble, *N. B. Cooksie.*

Flora, *W. D. Mabry.*
Louisville, *E. M. Carter.*
Bible Grove, *A. C. Flescher.*

Newton, to be supplied.
Belle Air, *T. J. Massey.*
Oblong, *M. L. King.*

Robinson, *V. D. Lingenfelter.*
Hetron, *J. J. Boyer.*
Mount Carmel Circuit, *W. C. Dickson.*

Fairview, *Allen Bartley.*
Albion, *W. Tiro.*
Fairfield, *C. Nash.*

Jeffersonville, *C. J. T. Tolle.*
Mount Erie, *J. B. Ravenscroft.*

MOUNT CARMEL DISTRICT.

JOSEPH HARRIS, P.E.

Mt. Carmel Station, *J. L. Waller.*
Grayville, *E. Joy.*
Carmi, *A. B. Nisbet.*

New Haven, to be supplied.
Shawneetown, *J. B. Thompson.*
Elizabethtown, *J. C. Green.*

Goleonda, *Naaman Bascom.*
Harrisburgh, *J. H. Garrett.*
Hoodville, *W. A. Browder.*

Liberty, *E. Root.*
Enfield, *Geo. Scoothon.*
Burnside, *J. R. Reef.*

Big Prairie, *R. H. Manierre.*
Bell City, *J. Hobbs.*
New Liberty and Pellonia, *J. L. Cunningham.*

C. C. Young.
Belknap, to be supplied.
Vienna, *J. W. Field.*

Equality, *P. L. Hooker.*
M'Leansborough, *J. A. Baird.*
Opdyke, *T. N. Johnson.*

Metropolis, *C. J. Houts.*
Middleton, to be supplied.

QUEST. 23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

At Mount Vernon, Ill. Time not given.

CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE,

Held in Evansville, Indiana, September 13-17, 1876.

BISHOP MERRILL, *Presiding.*

HENRY LIEBHART, *Secretary.*

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

By transfer: *L. Allinger*, from Louisiana.

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

John Kuster, *Lars Christian*, *Frederick Pfeiffer*, *John C. Mar-ting*, *August Aust*—5.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

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

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

John J. Roser, John H. Schimmelpfennig—2.

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

John J. Roser, John H. Schimmelpfennig—2.

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

John C. Gommel, Chas. Klocksiem, David Matthael—3.

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

John Lambrecht, Joseph Kern, Adam Weber, Otto Wilke, Gustav Weiler—5.

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

H. Rehm, G. Berg, H. Herzer—3.

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

J. Strauch, W. Gnyer, J. H. Bahrenburg, C. Muth, William Ahrens, Wm. Dressler, C. Vogel, P. Broadbeck, J. Guyer, J. V. Jahrus, G. A. Breunig, Ph. B. Baker, P. B. Weber, H. Maentz, C. F. Heltmeyer, Jacob Haas, Nicklaus Nuhfer—17.

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

It was.

QUEST. 11. *Have any Located?*
Louis Dunker.

QUEST. 12. *Have any Withdrawn?*
None.

QUEST. 13. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?*
Jacob Brown, to Louisiana.

QUEST. 14. *Have any been Expelled?*
None.

QUEST. 15. *Have any Died?*
John Kislung.

JOHN KISLING was born September 18, 1794, in Wythe County, Va. He experienced converting grace when he reached his twenty-second year, and immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. For about nine years he served as a class leader and steward. In 1827 he moved to the State of Indiana. In 1831 he was licensed to preach, and in 1838 he was received into the South-east Indiana Conference, to labor in the German work. He was one of the most successful pioneers in that work, preaching with great fervency and power throughout Indiana, and especially in the southern part of it, which is thickly settled by Roman Catholics, many of whom were brought to a saving knowledge of the truth through this

instrumentality. In 1847 he was made Presiding Elder. In 1857 he was sent to Indianapolis to lay the foundation of our German mission there. But the following year he asked for a superannuated relation and moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he continued to preach from time to time in German and English. In the year 1873 his wife, with whom he had lived fifty-seven years, died. In February, 1876, he visited his daughter in Pottawattawie, Iowa, and feeling ill he said, "I am near my eternal home." Often he gave utterance to such words as these: "O how precious is it to have Jesus when we near the river of death! Glorious hope to see Jesus! Glory! glory!" On the 3d of March, 1876, he fell gently asleep in Jesus. He was a good man. He truly rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

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

(For Statistical Tables, see p. 201.)

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?*

\$1,534 42,

which was distributed among the claimants.

QUEST. 22. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

J. ROTHWEILER, P. E.

(P. O. Newport, Ky.)

Cincinnati: Race-st., L. Allinger.
Everett-street, J. G. Schaal.
Buckeye-street, G. Gulth.
Blanchard Chapel, J. J. Roser.
Newport, C. G. Fritscha.
Covington, G. Weiler.
Hamilton and Mt. Pleasant, J. Phelzing.

Dayton, J. Schweinsfurth.
Lawrenceburgh, H. Grentzenberg.
Batesville, J. Huneke.
Aurora and Milan, G. Heeb.
Ripley and Higginsport, J. H. Schimmelpfennig.
Chillicothe, O. Wilke.
Waverley and Greenfield, H. Woerner.

Portsmouth, G. Nachtrieb.
Ironton, C. Helwig.
Pomeroy, I. Mueller.
Marietta and Bonn, Wm. Rachenmeyer.

Malaga and Matamoras, J. Kuster.
Baresville, J. W. Fischbach.
Clarrington, C. Lurker.

William Nast, Editor of the "Christian Apologist"—member of Blanchard Chapel Quarterly Conference.

H. Liebhart, Editor of Haus und Herd—member of Covington Quarterly Conference.

J. Krehbtl, Assistant Editor of Christian Apologist—member of Buckeye-st. Quarterly Conf.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

E. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, P. E.

Cleveland: Erie-street, H. Krill.
Loraine-st., Wm. Boercherding.
Berea, P. F. Schneider.
Vermillion, J. H. Horst.
Sandusky and Peninsula, J. Ficken.
Canal Dover, C. Klocksiem.
Alleghany, G. Schwinn.
Pittsburgh: Ross-st. and South Side, J. C. Egley.
Fortieth-street, J. Bier.
Wheeling, E. Wunderlich.
Newark, to be supplied.
Columbus, A. Gerlach.
Greenville, A. Weber.
New Knoxville, A. F. Mueller.
Bucyrus, P. J. Graessle.
Galion and Mansfield, J. Haas.
Marion, J. S. Schneider.
Delaware, D. Graessle.

P. F. Schneider, Vice-President and Agent of German Wallace College—member of Berea Quarterly Conference.

C. Riemenschneider, Professor in German Wallace College—member of Berea Quarterly Conf.

C. F. Paulus, Professor in German Wallace College—member of Berea Quarterly Conference.

C. Nachtrieb, Agent of German Methodist Orphan Asylum—member of Berea Quarterly Conference.

Julius Berr, Professor in German Wallace College—member of Erie-st. Quarterly Conference.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

F. SCHIMMELPFENNIG, P. E.

Louisville: Clay-st., A. Graessle.
Madison-street, H. Jend.
Breckenridge-st., G. Bertram.
New Albany, J. H. Barth.
Jeffersonville, J. Bockstahler.
Madison, F. W. Reinhart.
Charlestown, J. Gabler.
Bradford, F. Pfeiffer.
Seymour, M. George.
White Creek and Bedford, to be supplied.

Terre Haute, G. Wulzen.
Lafayette, H. G. Lich.
Indianapolis, C. Bosenhart.
Home Mission, J. C. Marting.
Cannelton, J. Leppert.
Santa Claus, J. H. Lukemeier.
Huntingburgh, J. F. Severinghaus.
Boonville, F. A. Hoff.
Evansville, J. C. Weidmann.
Henderson, G. A. Reiber.
Marrs, Phil. Doerr.
Mt. Vernon, F. Ruff.
Golconda and Metropolis, J. C. Speckman.
Nashville, J. C. Wurster.
Franklin Ohltinger, Missionary, Foochow, China.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

G. TREFF, P. E.

Detroit: Beaubien-st., G. C. Herzer.
Sixteenth-st., G. A. Reuter.

Roseville, *H. Duddenbaum*.
Marine City, *C. Koch*.
East Saginaw, *C. A. Mültzer*.
Bay City, *C. Wehnes*.
Caseville, *Lara Christian*.
Lansing, *Wm. Andres*.
Delhi, *G. H. Fiedler*.
Allegan, *A. Mayer*.
Grand Rapids and White Hall, *H. Pullman*, *A. Aust*.

Irwing, *J. Kern*.
Francisco and Ann Arbor, *J. Schneider*.
Ann Arbor, *C. Golden*.
Toledo: Ontario-street, *A. Loebenstein*.
Segar Avenue, *J. R. Bodmer*.
Perrysburgh, *D. Matthaei*.
Woodville, *D. Voltz*.
Edgerton, *J. C. Gommel*.

Defiance and West Unity, *S. W. Freyhofer*, *J. Lambrecht*.
Kendallville, *Wm. Mueller*, *Chas. Trensohel*.
Goshen, *F. L. Nagler*.

QUEST. 23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
At Louisville, Kentucky. Time not given.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE,

Held in Madison, Wisconsin, September 13-18, 1876.

BISHOP BOWMAN, *Presiding*. J. B. BACHMAN, *Secretary*.

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

By transfer: *Joseph H. Whitney*, from Tennessee. By credentials: *Michael Benson*, from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada; *Francis Howarth*, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—8.

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

George W. Smith, *Justin S. Thompson*, *Thomas M. Evans*, *Preston K. Jones*, *Wallace K. Cook*, *William P. Hathaway*, *Jesse F. Ziegler*—7.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

Henry E. Carter, *Wm. Galloway*, *William H. Chynoweth*, *Jeffry G. Haigh*, *Robert Burnip*, *Henry M. Hackney*, *Adelbert S. Collins*, *Ansel L. Tull*—8.

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

Lysander J. Harrington, *Edwin Tench*, *Jackson E. Webster*, *Orrin A. Britton*, *Warren T. Dudley*, *Edgar C. Booth*—6.

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

Lysander J. Harrington, *Edwin Tench*, *Jackson E. Webster*, *Orrin A. Britton*, *Warren T. Dudley*, *Edgar C. Booth*—6.

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

Joseph J. Clifton, *David S. Howes*, *Abram F. Thompson*, *James Jefferson*, *Matthias Mathieson*, *James P. Greer*—6.

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

George W. L. Brown, *Alfred Charles*, *Erastus T. Briggs*, *Samuel E. M'Lean*, *Wm. M'Millan*—5.

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

W. Owens, *W. Massee*, *S. E. M'Lean*, *S. Q. Brown*, *Thomas Crouch*, *J. J. Walker*, *D. S. Howes*—7.

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

T. Manuel, *A. Brunson*, *J. Bean*, *James J. Hightshoe*, *R. Gould*, *W. H. Thomson*, *J. L. Williams*, *C. Liscomb*, *W. C. Ross*, *E. Doughty*, *J. T. Pryor*, *I. A. Sweetland*, *M. Woodley*—18.

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

Yes; the name of each one being called in open Conference.

QUEST. 11. *Have any Located?*

B. L. Jackson, *Jacob Miller*.

QUEST. 12. *Have any Withdrawn?*

None.

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

Charles E. Hankins, to Northern New York; *J. W. Duncan*, to South Eastern Indiana; *G. Bushby*, to Rock River—8.

QUEST. 14. *Have any been Expelled?*

None.

QUEST. 15. *Have any Died?*

None.

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

(For Statistical Tables, see p. 288.)

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

\$18,213 06.

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

\$459,
which amount was given to claimants.

QUEST. 22. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT:
W. S. Wright, P.E.

Arcadia, *J. G. Haigh*.
Augusta, *A. J. Davis*.
Alma and Merrillan, *J. M'Lean*.
Black River Falls, *M. B. Balch*.
Blue Mills and Wheaton, *J. M'Wells*.

Chippewa Falls, *B. E. Wheeler*.
Colby, *W. Galloway*.

Durand, *W. W. Wheaton*.
Eau Claire: First Church, *H. W. Bushnell*.

Lake-street, *W. Hamilton*.
Edson, *Geo. W. Smith*.

Greenwood, to be supplied.
Galesville, *E. B. Russell*, *O. Burnett*.

Hixton, *J. W. Charlton*.
Humbird and Fairchild, *G. Benham*.

Melrose, *J. E. Webster*.
Mondovi, *C. C. Swartz*.

Modena, *R. W. Nicholas*.
Neillsville, *W. H. Chynoweth*.

Rock Falls, to be supplied.
White Hall, *I. B. Richardson*.

H. Gilliland, President, *D. S. Howes*, Professor, in *Galesville University*—members of *Galesville Quarterly Conference*.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT.

J. D. Searles, P.E.

(P. O. Sparta.)

Baraboo, *J. E. Irish*.
Big Spring, *W. E. Conway*.

Delton and Kilbourn, *W. B. Hazeltine*.

De Soto, *H. D. Jenks*.
Friendship, *E. C. Booth*.

Ironton, *W. T. Dudley*.
La Crosse: First Church, *E. E. Clough*.

Fifth Ward, *J. D. Tull*.
Liberty Pole, *W. M'Millan*.

Mauston, *W. R. Irish*.
Mauston Circuit, *W. A. M'Laughlin*.

Mount Sterling, *R. Smith*.
Necedah, *C. P. Hackney*.

New Lisbon, *Joseph H. Whitney*.
North Freedom, *T. M. Evans*.

Onalaska, *A. L. Tull*.
Reedsburgh, *J. W. Bell*.

Salem and Mindora, *D. O'Ngman*.
Sparta, *Charles Irish*.

Sparta Circuit, *E. Yocum*.
Springville, *J. T. Bryan*.

Tomah and Ridgeville, *W. S. Taylor*, *J. S. Thompson*.

Tunnel City, *O. A. Britton*.
Viola, *A. F. Thompson*.
Viroqua, *E. L. Seamans*.
West Branch, *J. Medd*.