

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR

1877.



NEW YORK:
NELSON & PHILLIPS.
CINCINNATI: HITCHCOCK & WALDEN.

Westminster, *J. A. Van Anda*.
 Santa Anna, *William Nizon*.
 Pomona, to be supplied.
 O. S. Frambes, Principal of Los Angeles Academy—member of Los Angeles Quarterly Conf.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.
 P. Y. COOL, P. E.
 (P. O., Santa Barbara.)
 Santa Barbara, *A. H. Tevis*.
 Goleta, *C. W. Tarr*.

San Buena Ventura, *F. S. Woodcock*.
 Ventura Circuit, *J. M. Campbell*.
 Santa Marie and Lumpoc, to be supplied.
 San Louis Obispo, *John B. Green*.
 Cambria, to be supplied.
 Visalia, *W. A. Knighton*.
 Plano, *E. F. Walker*.
 Hanford, *John M'Kelvy*, one to be supplied.

Bakersfield, *J. H. Peters*.
 Kernville, to be supplied.
 Mojare, to be supplied.

C. G. Belknap, Missionary to the Tule Indians—member of Plano Quarterly Conference.

QUEST. 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
 In San Buena Ventura. Time not given.

CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE,

Held in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 29-Sept. 3, 1877.

BISHOP HAVEN, *Presiding*.

HENRY LIEBHART, *Secretary*.

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

None.

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

John W. Huber.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

John Kuster, Lars Christian, Frederick Pfeiffer, John C. Marting, August Aust—5.

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

Gotlob Heeb, John Huncke, Herman Grentzenberg, Charles Trenschele—4.

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

Gotlob Heeb, John Huncke, Herman Grentzenberg, Charles Trenschele—4.

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

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

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

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

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

H. Rehm, G. Berg, C. F. Heitmeyer—2.

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

J. Stranch, W. Guyer, J. H. Bahrenburg, Wm. Ahrens, William Dressler, C. Vogel, P. Broadbeck, J. Guyer, J. V. Jahrens, G. A. Breunig, Ph. B. Baker, P. B. Weber, H. Maentz, J. Haas, N. Nuhser, J. H. Riemenschneider, C. Muth—17.

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

This was strictly done by calling over each name in open Conference.

QUEST. 11. *Have any Located?*

None.

QUEST. 12. *Have any Withdrawn?*

None.

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

None.

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. 252.)

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?*

\$1,479 53,

which was distributed among the several claimants.

QUEST. 19. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JACOB ROTHWEILER, P. E.
 Cincinnati: Race-st., *L. Allinger*.
 Everett-street, *J. G. Schaul*.
 Buckeye-street, *G. Guth*.
 Blanchard Mission, *J. H. Schimelpfennig*.

Newport, *Charles Lurker*.
 Covington, *G. Nachtrieb*.
 Hamilton and Mount Pleasant, *J. Phelzing*.
 Dayton, *John Schweinfurth*.
 Greenville, *J. Ficken*.
 Lawrenceburgh, *H. Grentzenberg*.

Aurora and Milan, *J. J. Roser*.
 Batesville, *J. Huncke*.
 Indianapolis and Home Mission, *C. Bozenhart*, *J. C. Marting*.
 Seymour, *M. George*.

Madison, *F. W. Reinhart*.
 Ripley and Higginsport, *J. Gabler*.

Chillicothe, *G. Weiler*.
 Waverley and Greenfield, *G. Heeb*.

Portsmouth, *E. Wunderlich*.

Ironton, *C. Helwig*.

Pomeroy, *L. Mueller*.

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.

Jacob Krehbiel, Assistant Editor of the "Christian Apologist"—member of Buckeye-street Quarterly Conference.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

G. SCHWINN, P. E.

Cleveland: Erie-st., *John Haas*.

Loraine-st., *Wm. Boercherding*.

Berea, *H. Herzer*.

Vermillion, *A. Weber*.

Sandusky and Peninsula, *H. Krill*.

Alleghany City, *J. H. Horst*.

Pittsburga: Fortieth-street, *O. Wilke*.

Ross-st. and South Side, *Christian Nachtrieb*.

Wheeling, *C. G. Fritsche*.

Clarrington, *Wm. Richenmeyer*.

Baresville, *John Bier*.

Miltonsburgh and Matamoras, *John Kuster*.

Marietta and Bonn, *J. W. Fischbach*.

Canal Dover, *C. O. Klocksiem*.

Columbus and Newark, *A. Gerlach*.

New Knoxville and Kossuth, *A. F. Mueller*.

Bucyrus, *P. J. Graessle*.

Gallion and Mansfield, *J. C. Eglye*.

Marion, *J. S. Schneider*.

Delaware, *D. Graessle*.

P. F. Schneider, Vice-President

and Agent of Wallace College

—member of Berea Quarterly Conference.

C. Riemenschneider, Professor in

Wallace College—member of

Berea Quarterly Conference.

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

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

H. G. LICH, P.E.
 Louisville: Clay-st., *A. Graessle*.
 Madison-street, *H. Jend*.
 Breckenridge-st., *G. Bertram*.
 New Albany, *John H. Barth*.
 Jeffersonville, *J. Bockstahler*.
 Charlestown, *Henry Woerner*.
 White Creek and Bedford, *J. W. Huber*.
 Bradford, *F. Pfeiffer*.
 Terre Haute, *H. E. Wulzen*.
 Lafayette, *F. Schimmelpfennig*.
 Cannelton, *J. Lepperl*.
 Santa Claus, *J. H. Lukemeier*.
 Huntingburgh, *J. F. Severinghaus*.

Boonville, *F. A. Hoff*.
 Evansville, *J. C. Weidmann*.
 Henderson and Salem, *F. G. Reiber*.
 Marrs, *Ph. Doerr*.
 Mount Vernon, *F. Ruff*.
 Golconda and Metropolis, *J. C. Speckman*.
 Nashville, *J. C. Wurster*.
 Franklin Ohlinger, Missionary,
 Foochow, China.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

G. TREYZ, P.E.
 Detroit: Beaubien-street, *G. C. Herzrr*.
 Sixteenth-street, *G. A. Reuter*.
 Rossville, *J. C. Gonnard*.
 Marine City, *Charles Koch*.
 East Saginaw, *F. L. Nagler*.
 Bay City, *C. Wehnes*.
 Caseville, *L. Christian*.
 Lansing, *Charles Trenchel*.
 Devitt, *C. P. Heidmeyer*.

Delhi, *A. Mayer*.
 Allegan, *C. A. Miltzer*.
 Grand Rapids, *H. Pullmann*.
 Montague, *A. Aust*.
 Irving, *J. Kern*.
 Franciscoville, *J. Schneider*.
 Ann Arbor, *C. Golder*.
 Toledo: Ontario-street, *A. Loebenstein*.
 Segar Avenue, *J. R. Bodner*.
 Perrysburgh, *D. Matthaci*.
 Woodville, *D. Voltz*.
 Edgerton and Auburn, *G. H. Fiedler*.
 Defiance, *William Andree*.
 West Unity, *John Lambrecht*.
 Kendallville and Fort Wayne, *Win. Mueller*.
 Goshen, *H. Buddenbaum*.

QUEST. 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
 At Portsmouth, Ohio. Time not given.

I O W A C O N F E R E N C E ,

Held in Fairfield, Iowa, Sept. 5-10, 1877.

BISHOP AMES, *Presiding*.

G. N. POWER, *Secretary*.

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

By transfer: *J. W. Huggins*, from West Virginia.

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

Frank W. Adams, *James F. Robertson*, *Joseph A. Cook*, *Silas W. Ludwig*, *William I. Graham*, *S. S. Martin*—6.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

None.

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

Willie R. Stryker, *Samuel P. Craver*, *Jacob H. Hard*—3.

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

Willie R. Stryker, *Samuel P. Craver*, *Jacob H. Hard*—3

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

Lafayette C. Carroll, *William N. Groome*, *William S. Hurt*, *Andrew Kershaw*, *Dennis A. Waters*, *George W. F. Willey*, *Augustus C. Keeler*—7.

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

Robert A. Karnine, *Lauren O. Housel*, *James Hunter*, *Americus V. Kendrick*, *Charles H. Montgomery*, *Henry F. Pugh*, *Henry E. Wing*—7.

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

M. Carrier, *J. S. Rankin*, *W. Poston*, *E. H. Waring*, *George Swanston*, *J. P. Rice*—6.

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

J. Hayden, *A. W. Johnson*, *J. H. M'Cutchben*, *J. M'Dowell*, *R. S. Robinson*, *H. Runyon*, *A. W. Stryker*, *L. C. Woodford*, *J. Burgess*, *J. Haynes*, *J. Harris*, *T. M. Kirkpatrick*, *S. Hestwood*—13.

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

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

QUEST. 11. *Have any Located?*

J. R. Noble, *J. Elrod*, *John T. M'Farland*—3.

QUEST. 12. *Have any Withdrawn?*

A. J. Belknap.

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

None.

QUEST. 14. *Have any been Expelled?*

R. Stephenson.

QUEST. 15. *Have any Died?*

E. H. Coddington.

ELI H. CONNINGTON was born in Champaign County, Illinois, July 1, 1837, and died in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, July 30, 1877, aged forty years. In his boyhood his parents removed to Henry County, Iowa, where in his nineteenth year, at a camp-meeting on Salem Circuit, he became the subject of saving grace. Soon after his conversion he entered the Iowa Wesleyan University, where he was at the breaking out of the Rebellion. He was among the first to respond to a call for men,

and in October, 1861, enlisted in the Fourteenth Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Fort Donaldson, February 13, 1862, he lost his left arm, and with it the strength of his early manhood, for never after was he entirely free from pain. He was discharged, and feeling that he had canceled all claims against him in the nation's struggle he again entered college, and pursued its course as a needed preparation for future usefulness. But this quiet was soon given up in response to another call, and he enlisted in the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry and was commissioned captain of Company H. Serving his full term, he again undertook the completion of his college course. Having already heard the voice of the Master calling him to the active work of the ministry, and feeling that intellectual culture was an almost indispensable auxiliary to the culture of grace if he would show himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, he determined to complete a classical course. This he did with credit to himself and the university. The year 1866 was to him memorable on account of three important events: June 17th he graduated, September 29th he was admitted on trial in the Iowa Conference, and December 24th he was married to Mrs. Bella Graham Fannihill, who, with all the devotion of a true wife, shared with him the privations and trials of the itinerancy during his effective years, then lovingly attended him to the margin of the river, and now, with two interesting children, she is proving the divine