

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FALL CONFERENCES, 1897

NEW YORK: EATON & MAINS
CINCINNATI: CURTS & JENNINGS.

Meadville: First Church, A. M. Courtenay.
 State Street, J. H. Bates.
 Meadville Circuit, to be supplied.
 Mill Village, W. W. Cushman.
 New Richmond (P. O., Tepleville), J. K. Mendenhall.
 Saegerstown, H. H. Clare.
 Spartansburg, A. J. Lindsey.
 Springboro, J. M. Foster.
 Steamburg (P. O., Beaver Center), to be supplied.
 Sunville, J. C. Ridout.
 Townville, E. M. Fradenburgh.
 Union City, C. W. Miner.
 Woodcock and Venango (P. O., Woodcock), C. H. Quick.
 W. H. Crawford, President of Allegheny College—member of First Church, Meadville, Quarterly Conference.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.
 J. C. SCOFIELD, P. E.
 (P. O., New Castle, Pa.)
 Balm and Cottage, to be supplied.
 Clark's Mills, D. W. Thompson.
 Clarksville, W. S. Shepard.
 Edinburg, M. B. Riley.
 Fairview, to be supplied.
 Fredonia, H. A. Teats.
 Grove City, J. A. Parsons.
 Harlansburg, J. R. Burrows.
 Hillsville, G. B. Carr.
 Mahoningtown, C. W. Foulke.
 Mercer, R. S. Borland.
 New Castle: Croton, L. W. Elkins.
 Epworth, H. G. Dodds.
 First Church, R. F. Randolph.
 New Lebanon, J. C. Womer.
 New Wilmington, D. R. Palmer.
 Pardoe and Jackson Center, to be supplied.

Petersburg (O.), W. J. Small.
 Salem (P. O., Kennard), C. E. McKinley.
 Sandy Lake, J. M. Farrell.
 Sharon, A. B. Phillips.
 Sharpsville, J. G. Ginader.
 Sheakleyville, O. L. Mead.
 Shenango and Pulaski, S. L. Mills.
 Slippery Rock, J. A. McCamey.
 Volant, W. F. Flick.
 Wampum, H. H. Bair.
 West Middlesex, S. S. Burton.
 J. E. Iams, J. W. Campbell, D. G. Latshaw, and Horace McKinney, left without appointments to attend some one of our schools.
 QUEST. 30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
 In Franklin, Pa.

CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE,

Held in Columbus, O., Sept. 8-13, 1897.

BISHOP HURST, *Presiding.*

J. H. HORST, *Secretary.*

Post office of Secretary, 56 Scribner Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

QUEST. 1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

None.

QUEST. 2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

QUEST. 3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

QUEST. 4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.
 Harvey A. Severinghaus, Albert Cramer, Hermann Giesen—3.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.
 None.

QUEST. 5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.
 None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.
 Timothy A. Speckman, Gustav Maag, Louis H. Gruessele, Henry Bank, Henry Schaedel—4.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.
 None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
 None.

QUEST. 6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

QUEST. 7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
 Daniel Harrer, John A. Beck, Charles E. Buerkle—3.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
 None.

QUEST. 8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
 Daniel Harrer, John A. Beck, Charles E. Buerkle—3.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
 None.

QUEST. 9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Henry Bornemann, Ernst Mueller, Emil G. Boch, Hermann Beyer—4.

QUEST. 10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
 Henry B. Roller, Frederick W. Mueller, Edward W. Strecker, William F. Hayn—4.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
 None.

QUEST. 11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) As Local Preachers.
 Henry Schaedel.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.
 None.

QUEST. 12. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons.
 None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.
 None.

QUEST. 13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly attended to, as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

QUEST. 14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Franklin Ohlinger, to Hingua Mission.

QUEST. 15. *Who have Died?*

John Hueneke, Frederick Cramer, George Schwinn, George A. Breunig—4.

(See obituaries, p. 456.)

QUEST. 16. *Who have been Located at their own request?*

None.

QUEST. 17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

QUEST. 18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

QUEST. 19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

QUEST. 20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

QUEST. 21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

QUEST. 22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

George Berg, Henry Metzger—2.

QUEST. 23. *Who are the Supernunuated Preachers?*

J. G. Reiber, William Geyer,

William Ahrnes, C. Vogel, P. B. Becker, E. Riemenschneider, C. F. Heitmeyer, F. A. Hoff, Jacob Gabler, F. Ruff, J. V. Jahraus, C. G. Fritsche, Sr., Gustav Bertram, John Schneider, William Borcharding, H. Krill, J. H. Luke-meyer, G. F. Fiedler, Conrad Wehnes, John H. Barth, Carl A. Miltzer, John Haas, Andrew Mayer, J. C. Egley, Carl Bozenhard, J. C. Wurster, William Riechenmeyer—27.

QUEST. 24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Jacob Braun, Joseph Kern, P. J. Graessle, J. F. Severinghaus, H. E. Wulzen, Carl Koch, Jacob Bockstahler—7.

QUEST. 25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*
(See tabulated statement, p. 504.)

QUEST. 26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$29,323.

QUEST. 27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
Not answered.

QUEST. 28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$4,094.43.

which has been applied under order of the Conference.

QUEST. 29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

[These appointments are all in the State of Ohio, except as otherwise indicated.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JOHN S. SCHNEIDER, P. E.
(P. O., Newport, Ky.)

Batesville (Ind.), *Hermann Beyer*.
Batesville Circuit, *Daniel Har-
rer*.

Chillicothe and Waverly, W. E. Nocka.

Cincinnati: Everett Street, John Oetjen.

Mount Auburn, B. F. Beal.
Race Street, David Graessle.
Spring Grove Avenue, W. F. Hayn.

Third Church, Charles Treuschel.

Walnut Hills, Christian Baumann.

Covington (Ky.), J. H. Schimmelpfennig.

Dayton, Elias Roser.

Greenville and Piqua, F. J. Kapsch.

Hamilton, John Claus.

Indianapolis (Ind.): First Church,
F. A. Hamp.

Nippert Memorial, *Henry Born-
emann*.

Second Church and New Pales-
tine, A. F. Zarwell.

Third Church, Matthias Georg.

Ironton and Zion, John Mueller,
T. A. Speckman.

Lafayette (Ind.) Andrew Graessle.
Lawrenceburg (Ind.), William
Rogatzky.

Mount Healthy, *Albert Cramer*.
Newport (Ky.), J. J. Baehtold.

Pomerooy, William Andree.

Portsmouth, C. B. Koch.

Terra Haute (Ind.), W. F. Grieve.

William Nast, Honorary Editor of
Der Christliche Apologete—

member of Race Street, Cincin-
nati, Quarterly Conference.

A. J. Nast, Editor of *Der Christ-
liche Apologete*—member of Ev-
erett Street, Cincinnati, Quar-
terly Conference.

Christian Golder, Assistant Edi-
tor of *Der Christliche Apologete*
—member of Walnut Hills, Cincin-
nati, Quarterly Conference.

Hermann Grentzenberg, Editor of
Der Wegweiser zur Heiligung—

member of Mount Auburn, Cincin-
nati, Quarterly Conference.

Edward W. Strecker, left without
appointment to attend some one
of our schools.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

JACOB ROTHWEILER, P. E.
(P. O., New Albany, Ind.)

Bedford (Ind.), A. J. Weigle.

Booneville (Ind.), C. W. Helwig.

Bradford (Ind.), C. H. Müller.

Cannelton and Tell City (Ind.),
W. J. G. Bockstahler, *H. A. Severinghaus*.

Evansville (Ind.): First Church,
J. F. Severinghaus.

Mission Church, H. E. Wulzen.

Huntingburg (Ind.), George Kal-
etsch.

Jeffersonville (Ind.), C. G. Her-
zer.

Louisville (Ky.): Breeckenridge
Street, H. G. Lich.

Eighteenth Street and Otisco,
Friedrich Johannes.

Jefferson Street, J. E. Braun.

Market Street, G. E. Hiller.

Madison (Ind.), C. G. Fritsche,
Jr.

Mars (P. O., Saint Philip, Ind.),
Jacob Allinger.

Mount Vernon (Ind.), Louis
Miller.

Nashville (Tenn.), C. E. Sever-
inghaus.

New Albany (Ind.), W. A.
Schruff.

Salem (Ind.), J. C. Guenther.

Santa Claus (Ind.), Adam Schan-
zenbaecher.

Seymour (Ind.), John W. Huber.

White Creek (Ind.), L. S. Katter-
henry.

H. B. Roller, Conference Evan-
gelist—member of Hunting-
burg Quarterly Conference.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

JOSEPH KERN, P. E.
(P. O., Detroit, Mich.)

Allegan (Mich.), J. J. Link.

Ann Arbor (Mich.), William
Jauch.

Auburn and Garrett (Ind.), to be
supplied.

Bay City (Mich.), George Mit-
ter.

Rerne (Mich.), *Henry Bank*.

Defiance, Edward Kress.

Detroit (Mich.): First Church,
Oscar Rogatzky.

Second and Third Churches,
Ernst Werner, *Hermann Gie-
sen*.

De Witt (Mich.), B. E. E. Fisch-
bach.

Eden, D. E. Dangel.

Elmore, John Kuster.

Francisco (Mich.), Paul Wuer-
fel.

Freeport (Mich.), *Gustav Mann*.

Goshen (Ind.), Conrad Boecklin.

Grand Rapids (Mich.), John H.
Horst.

Holt (Mich.), F. A. Schumann.

Kendallville (Ind.), S. J. Speck-
mann.

Lansing (Mich.), Karl Koch.

Marine City (Mich.), D. Dob-
brick.

Montague (Mich.), J. A. Mar-
quardt.

Muskegon (Mich.), *Emil G. Boch*.

Roseville (Mich.), F. A. Kuhnle.

Saginaw and Kochville (Mich.), J.
R. Bodmer, *C. E. Buerkle*.

Stryker, to be supplied.

Toledo: East Side and Perrys-
burg, Jacob Braun.

Galena Street, to be supplied.

Segur Avenue, Gustav Weiler.

Walnut Street, J. J. Bock-
stahler.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

JOHN G. SCHAAL, P. E.
(P. O., Berea, O.)

Akron, A. C. Baur.

Allegheny (Pa.), Daniel Mat-
thaei.

Batesville (P. O., Hannibal), Her-
man Rogatzky.

Berea, John Mayer.

Bucyrus, J. C. Gerlach.

Canal Dover and Chili, F. J. Bau-
mann

Clarrington, E. W. Bockstahler.

Cleveland: Bethany, F. W. Muel-
ler.

Immanuel, *Henry Schaedel*.

First Church, Henry Pullman.

Saint Paul's, George Wahl.

Columbus: First Church, Her-
mann Herzer.

Second Church, *L. H. Graessle*.

Delaware, Fredrick Mersfelder.

Galion, C. O. Klocksien.

Marietta and Bonn, Henry Jend.

Marion, C. E. Ploch.

Marion Circuit, P. J. Graessle.

Monroefield, *J. A. Beck*.

New Knoxville, Max Dieterle.

Pittsburg (Pa.): East Liberty and
McKeesport, J. H. Holtkamp,
one to be supplied.

First Church, Christian Spaeth.

Second Church, Richard Plued-
demann.

Sandusky and La Carne, *Ernst
Mueller*, one to be supplied.

Spencerville, J. C. Gommel.

Vermillion, Jacob Bockstahler.

Wheeling (W. Va.), Louis Allinger.
Karl Riemenschneider, President;
J. O. Berr and F. W. Schneider;
Professors; J. C. Marting,
Treasurer and Financial Agent of

German Wallace College—members of the Berea Quarterly Conf.
J. C. Weidmann, Superintendent of the Berea Orphan Asylum—member of Berea Quarterly Conference.

C. F. Kupfer, Missionary in China.

QUEST. 30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
In Evansville, Ind.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE,

Held in York, Neb., Sept. 15-20, 1897.

BISHOP NINDE, *Presiding.*

A. A. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

Post office of Secretary, Aurora, Neb.

QUEST. 1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Lorenzo Jean, from Des Moines; William Van Buren, from Black Hills; *Edwin D. Gideon* (in studies of third year), from North Nebraska; *Frank H. Winter* (in studies of first year), from Saint Louis; D. B. Lake, from Missouri—5.

QUEST. 2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

QUEST. 3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

U. S. BROWN, from Church of United Brethren in Christ.

QUEST. 4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.
William H. Stanley, Samuel T. Walker—2.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.
None.

QUEST. 5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.
Philip H. Smith, Frank H. Winter—2.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Arthur J. Hollingworth, John Calvert, Roscoe A. Barnes, George C. Cobb, Truman M. Ransom, Mortimer R. Crisp—6.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.
Frank R. Hollenback.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.

QUEST. 6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
Bert E. Jacobs.

QUEST. 7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Alexander B. Grossman, William N. Simpson, Mason A. Wimberly, Henry F. Smith, George C. Ebersole—5.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Frank H. Essert, William H.

Turrell, Robert L. Wolfe, Alson E. Chadwick—4.

QUEST. 8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

Alexander B. Grossman, William N. Simpson, Mason A. Wimberly, Henry F. Smith, George C. Ebersole, Frank H. Essert, William H. Turrell—7.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

Edward S. Burr, Abram J. Young, William H. Mills, Green W. Selby, Edwin D. Gideon—5.

QUEST. 9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Andrew W. Shamel, Clement L. Myers, W. John Calfee, Harry W. Cope, George L. Hosford, Jehu W. Embree, Finley E. Smith, Albert V. Wilson—8.

QUEST. 10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

Howard G. Wilcox, Arthur W. Patch, Frank W. Bean, Frank Mills, Clyde P. Metcalf, Robert T. Chipperfield, Alson E. Chadwick—7.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.

QUEST. 11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) As Local Preachers.
Robert H. Thompson.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

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QUEST. 13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

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QUEST. 14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

J. W. Lewis, to Maine; H. C. Harmon and *R. L. Wolfe* (in studies of third year), to Black Hills; *Jos. E. Houlgate* (in studies of third year), to Northern Minnesota—4.

QUEST. 15. *Who have Died?*

Z. B. Truman, Alfred Brigham—2.

(See obituaries, p. 445.)

QUEST. 16. *Who have been Located at their own request?*

None.

QUEST. 17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

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None.

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None.

QUEST. 20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

QUEST. 21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

QUEST. 22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

N. L. Hoopingarner, A. P. Jones, D. C. Brannon, A. J. Young, E. L. Wells, Alvin Madole, James Williams, Moses Anderson, R. G. Adams, E. W. McMillen, J. S. Orr—11.

QUEST. 23. *Who are the Supernumerated Preachers?*

C. W. Wells, O. P. Sheldon, J. H. Beery, Hiram Burch, G. B. Crippen, W. R. Jones, C. G. Lathrop, Jephtha Marsh, Harrison Presson, Charles Reilly, L. W. Smith, J. W. Taylor, Edward Wilkinson, J. L. Fort, G. A. Smith, J. W. Warfield, Duke Slavens, G. A. Hobson—18.

QUEST. 24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. S. Dudley, W. T. Cline, W. M. Worley, John Gallagher, J. F. Kemper, M. C. Smith, G. W. Abbott—7.

QUEST. 25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

(See tabulated statement, p. 546.)