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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE,

Held in Fort Atkinson, Oct. 2-8, 1878.

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

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

By transfer: James O. Hazleton, from Upper Iowa; Oliver L. Hansen, from Minnesota; O. P. Peterson, from New York East. By credentials: Samuel Jolliffe, from the Bible Christian Church—4.

QUEST. 2. Who are Admitted on Trial?

A. J. Benjamin, Hiram G. Sedgwick, James Richardson, Charles L. Logan, John Varty, E. B. L. Elder, Walter F. Dale, John O. Sanaker, J. de L. Thomsen—9.

QUEST. 3. Who Remain on Trial?

Francis F. Teeter, Axel Gustafsen, Wesley C. Waldron—3.

QUEST. 4. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?

Wilson J. Fisher, Hiram Curtis, Henry Faville, John Faville, Eugene G. Updyke, John T. Chynoweth—6.

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

William B. Robinson, Benjamin T. White, Wilson J. Fisher, Eugene G. Updyke—4.

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

William W. Wilson, Oluf Wiersen, Peter B. Smith, Thomas Clithero—4.

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

Benjamin F. Sanford, Oscar B. Clark, George W. Pratt, Lafayette Cole—4.

QUEST. 8. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

J. P. Roe, J. Van Voris, A. Hollington, W. G. Bancroft, J. W. Fridd, G. A. Smith, T. Peep, J. T. Suffron, J. W. Whitney, C. D. Cook, A. A. Haskins, I. L. Hauser, W. F. Randolph, R. E. M'Bride—14.

QUEST. 9. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

W. Lattin, S. L. Leonard, S. V. R. Shepherd, H. R. Colman, J. G. Pingree, C. Smith, C. J. Fairbanks, W. Willard, William Morse, D. Lewis, A. Hamilton, E. S. Grumley, L. L. Knox, J. G. Whitford, E. Robinson, O. Hel- lend, H. Hersey, H. Orcutt, C.

P. Agrellius, J. Halsted, E. B. Cummings, J. Whitney, R. P. Lawton, William M. Anderson, W. H. Window, J. B. Cooper, H. C. Tilton, H. W. Frink, W. T. Colburn, W. Macfarlane—30.

QUEST. 10. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined? It was.

QUEST. 11. Have any Located?

A. C. Higgins, R. Henry—2.

QUEST. 12. Have any Withdrawn? None.

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

J. H. Coll, to Kansas; W. R. Jones, to Nebraska; B. Johansen, to New York East—3.

QUEST. 14. Have any been Expelled? None.

QUEST. 15. Have any Died?

I. Wiltse, E. P. Beecher, W. Shroff—3.

1. ISAAC WILTSE was born in Manlius, N. Y., January 7, 1837, and died in Ripon, Wis., March 30, 1878. Reared by pious parents, habitually instructed in the Sabbath-school, and converted at the age of fifteen, it is not strange that he developed a firm, manly Christian character. Early in his religious life he felt called to the work of the ministry, and industriously labored to prepare himself for this high and holy calling. In 1859 he was admitted on trial in the Wisconsin Conference, having been in the local ranks about one year. He was ordained deacon in 1860, and elder in 1862. In the fourth year of his ministry he was united in marriage to Miss Theresa O. Peters, who proved a worthy companion for a worthy itinerant, and who now mourns her irreparable loss. His appointments were: Wautoma, Amherst, Kingston, Door Creek, Lowell, Liberty, Prairie, Dartford, Berlin, Beaver Dam, and Ripon. From the first he evinced an absorbing devotion to his chosen life-work, and always left his charges in a healthful, growing condition. Many are the seals to his ministry where he has labored. In his last field of labor he met the peculiar and trying circumstances of the place with a Christian kindness and manly firmness that challenged universal respect. He fell at his post in the

midst of his labors, dying in the triumph of faith.

Brother Wiltse was a true friend, a noble Christian, a successful minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. ELIJAH PARKES BEECHER was born in Rensselaerville, Albany Co., N. Y., Dec. 7, 1810, and died in Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wis., Nov. 3, 1877. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church at about twenty-five years of age, and in 1840 was admitted on trial in Oneida Conference, and appointed to Flemingville Charge. His subsequent fields of labor in that Conference were Macon- ough, Union, Carolina Center, Bainbridge, North Pitcher, Plymouth, East Hamilton, Cincinnati, South Onondaga, and Onondaga Valley. In 1855 he was transferred to Wisconsin Conference, and appointed to Evansville Circuit, subsequently to Waterloo and to Fort Atkinson. In the spring of 1859 his health partially failed, and he was placed on the superannuated list, holding that relation for eighteen months, when he was made effective, and appointed successively to Lowell, Randolph, and Burnett. In 1865 he was appointed agent of the American Bible Society, which position he filled with much efficiency for four years. In the fall of 1869 he again retired to the superannuated ranks, and for eight years he occupied his time as far as his strength would allow, to supply the temporal necessities of his family, but was ever ready to do any work that health and opportunity permitted as a minister of the Lord Jesus.

As a preacher Brother Beecher was very earnest and enthusiastic, never allowing the winter season to pass without extra services at the various points on his charge, and as a result, in his pastorate of twenty-three years he invariably had accessions to the membership. Although his health had been broken for some time his death was sudden, but he was fully prepared, his experience having been increasingly joyous and hopeful. He loved ardently the Church, and her ordinances were his delight.

Brother Beecher was married to Miss Rachel J. Osborne, Feb. 16, 1841. Three of his children passed on before him to the spirit land, and five mourn with our dear Sister Beecher their loss. "But they sorrow not as those without hope."

3. **WILLIAM SHROFF** was born in 1812. Converted in his youth, he early joined the Ohio Conference. After laboring several years in Ohio, he was transferred to Wisconsin Conference, of which he continued a member until his death. Superannuating in 1860 on account of the health of his wife, he resided for a time in Iowa, but subsequently removed to Maryland, where he died May 5, 1877.

Brother Shroff was the subject of long and severe affliction, both in his family and person. His wife died in 1874, after two years, confinement to her bed. For a long time his own health was very poor. These afflictions, with business reverses, hastened his demise. During his last sickness he suffered intensely for nine months, but he endured as seeing Him who is invisible, without murmur or complaint. He was a devoted man of God, ready to labor or to suffer as the Master should order. His death was peaceful and triumphant.

QUEST. 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(For Statistical Tables, see p. 179.)

QUEST. 17. *What are the Claims upon the Conference Fund?*
\$4 250.

QUEST. 18. *What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$970 95,

which was applied under order of the Conference.

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

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT.

W. G. MILLER, P.E.

Milwaukee: Spring-street, *H. Colman.*

Summerfield, *O. J. Cowles.*

Asbury, *G. C. Haddock.*

Bayview, *S. Lugg.*

Racine, *F. S. Stine.*

Kenosha, *S. Halsey.*

Pleasant Prairie, to be supplied.

Bristol, *P. W. Peterson.*

Willnot, *A. J. Benjamin.*

Sylvania, *G. Parsons.*

Union Grove, *T. T. Howard.*

Lyons and Spring Prairie, *R. C. Parsons.*

North Prairie and Muckwalogo, *Samuel Jolliffe.*

East Troy, to be supplied.

Waterford and Caldwell's Prairie, *A. Porter.*

Hebron and Rome, *M. V. B. Bristol.*

Palmyra and Eagle, *W. B. Robinson.*

Waukesha, *J. L. Hewitt.*

Franks and Caledonia, *Hiram Curtis.*

Union Church and New Berlin, to be supplied.

Wauwatosa, *S. Reynolds.*

Pewaukee and Merton, *G. W. Burch.*

Oconomowoc, *O. E. Carpenter.*

Granville, *G. W. Pratt.*

Menomonee Falls, *A. M. Bullock.*

Hartford, *A. C. Huntley.*

Neosho, *W. J. Olmsted.*

West Bend, *W. J. Fisher.*

Port Washington, *J. H. Brooks.*

H. Rammiser, Professor in Garrett Biblical Institute—member of Spring-street Quarterly Conference.

H. Himebaugh, Assistant Superintendent of the Western Seaman's Friend Society—member of Summerfield Quarterly Conference.

J. O. Hazelton, Chaplain of the Western Seaman's Friend Society—member of Ashbury, Milwaukee, Quarterly Conference.

JANESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. P. STOWE, P.E.

Janesville: First Church, *H. Seidel.*

Court-street, *Henry Faville.*

Beloit, *E. L. Eaton.*

Evansville, *C. E. Goldthorp.*

Lake Mills, *H. S. Richardson.*

White Water, *G. W. Wells.*

Hart Prairie and Sugar Creek, *A. J. Brill.*

Delevan, *E. G. Updyke.*

Allen's Grove and Darien, *W. D. Ames.*

Richmond and Utter's Corners, *Thomas Atter.*

Milton and Lima, *J. S. Eldridge.*

Sun Prairie, *J. D. Cole.*

Shopleer, *W. J. Wilson.*

Edgerton, *B. T. White.*

Sharon, *A. A. Reed.*

Clinton, *S. Smith.*

Oxfordville, *D. O. Sanborn.*

Footville and Magnolia, *Thomas C. Wilson.*

Jefferson and Oakland, *J. Richardson.*

Fort Atkinson, *P. B. Pease.*

Watertown, *S. P. Murch.*

Stoughton, *J. S. Lowell.*

M'Farland, *H. G. Sedgwick.*

Emerald Grove, to be supplied.

Marshall and Waterloo, *J. C. Robbins.*

Elkhorn, *S. C. Thomas.*

Geneva, *Thomas Clithero.*

FON DU LAC DISTRICT.

L. M. WHEELER, P.E.

Fon Du Lac: Division-street, *S. N. Griffith.*

Cotton-street, *C. D. Pillsbury.*

Empire and New Castle, *W. Teal.*

Greenbush, *D. T. Olcott.*

Hingham, *R. Blackburn.*

Sheboygan Falls, to be supplied.

Sheboygan, *G. T. Reynolds.*

Rosendale, *J. T. Boynton.*

Brandon, *Jesse Cole.*

Alto, *W. Robotham.*

Markesan, *J. E. Grant.*

Kingston, to be supplied.

Montello, *H. L. Chamberlain.*

Waupun, *A. P. Mead.*

Burnett and Juneau, *William M. Trever.*

Beaver Dam, *E. D. Farnham.*

Fox Lake, *John Faville.*

Randolph, *J. T. Woodhead.*

Randolph Center and Scott, *C. L. Logan.*

Wyocena, *J. Varty.*

Fall River, *C. A. Stockwell.*

Columbus, *M. Evans.*

Lowell, *W. Cook.*

Horicon and Iron Ridge, to be supplied.

Byron, *J. V. Trevery.*

Lamartine, *J. B. Cole.*

Gravesville, *I. P. Roberts.*

Brothertown and Stockbridge, *C. Baldock.*

APPLETON DISTRICT.

J. W. CARHART, P.E.

Appleton, *G. S. Hubbs.*

Menashe, *G. H. Moulton.*

Neerah, *N. J. Aplin.*

Oshkosh: First Church, to be supplied.

Second Church, *J. W. Olmsted.*

Algona-street, *A. J. Mead.*

Utica, *E. A. Wanless.*

Zion, *D. O. Jones.*

Clemensville, *Thomas Walker.*

Nekimi, *J. Jones.*

Waukau, *J. H. Jenne.*

Ripon, *George Fellows.*

Dartford and Green Lake, *F. F. Teter.*

Omro, *C. R. Pultes.*

Seymour and Black Creek, *O. B. Clark.*

Oneida Indian Mission, *S. W. Ford.*

Depere, *W. H. Sampson.*

Green Bay, *L. F. Cole.*

Fort Howard, *T. H. Walker.*

Suamico, to be supplied.

Oconto, *W. C. Waldron.*

Oconto Circuit, to be supplied.

Marquette, *T. F. Allen.*

Sturgeon Bay, *E. B. L. Elder.*

Kewancee, to be supplied.

Manitowoc, *C. N. Stowers.*

Oshkosh City Mission, *R. J. Judd.*

G. M. Steele, President of Lawrence University—member of Appleton Quarterly Conference.

WAUPACA DISTRICT.

JOSEPH M. WALKER, P.E.

Waupaca, *W. H. Thompson.*

Amherst and Iola, *J. S. Bolton.*

Weyauwega and Lind, *J. F. Decker.*

Ogdensburg, *W. F. Dale.*

Northport, *W. W. Wilson.*

New London, *S. B. Bullock.*

Clintonville, *D. Brown.*

Shawano, *B. F. Sanford.*

Hortonville and Medina, *S. A. Olin.*

Auroraville, to be supplied.

Rural and Crystal Lake, *D. Hale.*

Almond, *W. Bennett.*

Clover and Bucna Vista, *D. L. Harrow.*

Grand Rapids, *P. S. Bennett.*

Stevens' Point, *Joseph Anderson.*

Warsaw, *J. T. Chynoweth.*

Ashland and Phillips, *D. S. House.*

Medford, to be supplied.

Unity, *W. Woodruff.*

Spencer, to be supplied.

Jenny, to be supplied.
Wautoma, R. Cady.
Berlin, C. W. Brewer.
Eureka, R. S. Hayward.
Princeton, T. M. Ross.
Winneconne, A. Moore.
Dupont and Bellplain, to be supplied.

CHICAGO NORWEGIAN DIST.
J. H. JOHNSON, P.E.
Chicago: First Church, J. H. Johnson.
Second Church, J. de L. Thomson.
Maplewood Avenue Mission, to be supplied.

Evanston, to be supplied.
Leland and Norway, J. O. Sanker, one to be supplied.
Chr. O. Treider, Editor of Den Christelige Talsmand—member of Evanston Quarterly Conference.

MILWAUKEE NORWEGIAN DISTRICT.
O. P. PETERSON, P.E.
Racine and North Cape, A. Haagen.
Milwaukee, O. P. Peterson.
Cambridge and Ashlpun, P. Jensen.

Whitewater and Hart Prairie, to be supplied.
Sheboygan and Manitowoc, O. L. Hansen.
Depere and Green Bay, O. Wiersen.
Neenah and Oshkosh, P. B. Smith.
Sturgeon Bay, to be supplied.
Manistee, A. Gustafson.
Carl Schou, Jens J. Christensen, Christian Larsen, and Carl F. Eltzholtz, Missionaries to Denmark.

QUEST. 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
At Spring-street, Milwaukee.
Time not given.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE,
Held in Streator, Ill, October 9-13, 1878.

BISHOP PECK, *Presiding.*

A. R. MORGAN, *Secretary.*

QUEST. 1. *Have any Entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?*
By transfer: George W. Peck, from Central New York; John E. Keene, from North-west Indiana. By re-admission: Selah W. Brown, W. H. Smith—4.

QUEST. 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*
William R. Warner, George W. Waughop, William H. Witter, William R. Wiley, Richard Crew, Osmer M. Dunlevy, Thomas H. Pryor—7.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*
Harry A. Peters, Martin W. Smith, Thomas Doney, William T. Kerr, Jacob W. Frazzell, John L. Torpin, Eli M'Clish, Frank Doran, Joseph A. Flowers, Wm. J. Minium, William W. Carr, George W. Peck—12.

QUEST. 4. *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*
Thomas S. Fowler, Charles W. Green, M'Kendree Stahl, John Rugh, Stephen T. James, Joseph S. M'Cord, John W. M'Cord, Henry Metcalf, Wm. R. Phillip, Samuel Van Pelt, Frank H. Cumming, Jacob A. Souders, Gabriel W. Abbott, John E. Keene—14.

QUEST. 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*
Thomas J. Fowler, Charles W. Green, M'Kendree Stahl, John Rugh, Stephen P. James, Joseph S. M'Cord, John W. M'Cord, Henry Metcalf, Wm. R. Phillip, Samuel Van Pelt, Frank H. Cumming, Jacob A. Souders, Gabriel W. Abbott, John E. Keene—14.

QUEST. 6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*
William T. Lewis, Hiram S. Humes, George F. Meredith, Newton G. Clark, Jacob M. Murphy—5.

QUEST. 7. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*
Elias B. England, Benjamin W. Baker, Charles H. St. John, Moses P. Porter, Marlon V. Crumbaker, David G. Stouffer, William Merriam—7.

QUEST. 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
O. W. Pollard, J. Tubbs, H. Ritchie, J. N. Deach, J. E. Rutledge, (made effective,) R. A. Cowen, C. W. Swartz, L. Janes, J. S. Budd, J. B. Smith, John P. Brooks—11.

QUEST. 9. *Who are the Supernunated Preachers?*
J. H. Scott, A. H. Hepperley, J. H. Kirkpatrick, J. B. Mills, H. Summers, J. Morey, W. C. Cumming, Z. Hall, T. Head, G. C. Woodruff, M. J. Smith, W. Haney, J. W. Odell, U. J. Giddings, A. A. Reger, E. Ransom, A. Magee, J. Luccock, S. R. Deach, H. Tiffany, A. Keller, N. C. Lewis, R. N. Morse, A. Morey, William M. Clark, S. S. Gruber—26.

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?*
C. Atherton, P. A. Crist, E. G. Woodward, J. L. Ferris, O. W.

Aldrich, M. H. Shepard, J. F. Burkholder, M. Spurlock, J. Grundy—9.

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

QUEST. 13. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?*
B. V. Denning, to Kansas; S. Wood, to Nebraska; J. G. Evans, to Illinois—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. 176.)

QUEST. 17. *What are the Claims upon the Conference Fund?*
\$5,400.

QUEST. 18. *What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$1,506 56,
which was applied under order of the Conference.

QUEST. 19. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
PEORIA DISTRICT.
C. SPRINGER, P.E.
(P. O., Farmington, Ill.)
Peoria: First Church, S. W. Brown.
Second Church, E. B. England.
Hale Chapel, R. G. Pearce.
Smithville, G. W. Burns.
Kickapoo, C. W. Green.
Princeville, S. Briuk.
Brimfield, T. J. Wood.
Elmwood, J. Ferguson.
Yates City, D. H. Gray.