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FOR

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CHAPTER I.

Opening and Organization.

THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, commenced its sixth session in the city of Lacon, on Wednesday, August 28th, 1861, at 8 o'clock A. M.

BISHOP EDWARD R. AMES, in the chair.

The opening religious services consisting of reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer were conducted by the President of the Conference.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and ninety-one members

answered to their names.

The Conference then elected John P. Brooks, Secretary, Joseph S. Cum-MING, G. M. IRWIN, Assistant Secretaries, and B. C. SWARTZ, Statistical Secretary.

The usual standing committees were ordered, and constituted by vote of

Conference, as follows, namely:

STEWARDS.—A. Keller, C. M. Wright, Geo. W. Miller.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.—J. W. Flowers, S. B. Smith.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. B. Quinby, J. B. Craig, W. Underwood, J. T. Whitson, J. Mathews, J. B. Mills, A. C. Price, T. S. Cotton, G. B. Snedaker, N. Peterson.

Emil 1 1 1. Window V.C. ON EDUCATION.—S. G. J. Worthington, M. L. Haney, A. Morey, W. H. Hunter, G. C. Woodruff, W. P. Graves, J. G. Evans, J. B. Grundy, C. C. Knowlton, N. O. Westergreen, O. S. Munsell, H. B. Taylor, P. T. Rhodes.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.—N. J. Giddings, G. G. Worthington, J. H. Scott.

On Tracts.—N. C. Lewis, H. Ritchie, C. Springer.

To Publish Minutes.—Henry B. Taylor, Joseph S. Cumming, N. Lewis.

FINANCIAL AGENT OF MINUTE PUBLISHING FUND.—P. T. Rhodes.

AUDITING COMMITTEE .- John Borland.

Post Offices .- Wm. Underwood.

NECESSITOUS CASES.—The Stewards.

TEMPERANCE.—L. B. Kent, A. H. Hepperly, L. P. Crouch.

TO COLLECT ACCOUNTS DUE BOOK ROOM AT NEW YORK .- G. G. Worthington.

ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.—S. G. J. Worthington, W. S. Peterson, P. T. Rhodes, W. H. Hunter, A. D. McCool, G. W. Brown, J. G. Evans, M. Spurlock, H. Ritchie, A. J. Anderson.

CHAPTER II.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1 .- Who are admitted on trial?

ANS .- None.

QUESTION 2.— Who remain on trial?

Ans.—Stephen Brink, Joseph Westley, J. H. Sanders, A. K. Tullis, H. Apple, Jr., G. W. Gray, E. Carlson, S. L. Hamilton, J. Furguson, P. Warner. Geo. Lokey, H. Popejoy, Jos. Millington, Elias Bruner, Horace Tiffany, H. M. Cornell, H. H. Crosier, D. Ackerman.

QUESTION 3.— Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—B. B. Kennedy, A. C. Frick, D. L. Main, R. A. Cowan, L. Lindquist, G. W. Gue, P. I. Williams, E. H. Penfield, V. M. Dewey, Myron Dewey, R. Pierce, J. M. Cosler, J. D. Smith.

QUESTION 4 .- Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—B. B. Kennedy, A. C. Frick, D. L. Main, R. A. Cowan, G. W. Gue, P. I. Williams, L. Lindquist, E. H. Penfield, V. M. Dewey, M. Dewey, R. Pierce, J. M. Cosler, J. D. Smith, S. A. Elliott, J. E. Rutledge, M. D. Heckard, A. C. Higgins, A. Merrill, J. J. Fleharty, P. A. Crist, J. W. Stewart, G. W. Havermale, J. C. Knowlton, Z. R. Jones, J. B. Dille, J. L. Harris, O. W. Pollard, G. M. Morey, M. Spurlock, J. B. Smith, A. B. Day, J. Westley, J. Shelden, N. Peterson, G. W. Shaffer, W. J. Stubbles, A. Irvine.

QUESTION 5 .- Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Ans.—N. O. Westergreen, A. J. Anderson, W. B. Carithers, B. Presson, J. A. Windsor, J. A. Bartles, E. Wasmuth, Thomas Cotton, G. B. Snedaker C. C. Knowlton, G. R. Palmer, R. Kinne, John Cavett, Wm. S. Peterson.

QUESTION 6 .- Who have located this year?

Ans.—P. Newburg, A. G. Pierce, R. C. Rowley, W. D. F. Lummis, H. J. Humphrey, D. A. Falkenburg, E. Summers.

QUESTION 7 .- Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

ANS.—G. G. Worthington, J. L. Kirkpatrick, J. O. Gilbert, R. H. Moffett, B. P. Wheat.

QUESTION 8 .- Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

Ans .- None.

QUESTION 9 .- Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

ANS .- None.

QUESTION 10 .- Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

ANS .- The character of each was examined and passed in open Conference.

QUESTION 11 .- Who have died this year?

Ans .- None.

QUESTION 12.— What is the number of church members?		
AnsMembers,	1	7,416
Probationers,		1,792
Local Preachers,	_	258
Total,	1	9,466
Total last year,	1	9,520
Decrease,		54
QUESTION 13.—What amount is necessary to meet the claims of	the si	uperan-
nuates, widows and orphans?		
Ans.—\$1,478.		
QUESTION 14 What has been collected on the above, and how ap	plied	! ?
Ans.—Conference collections,	\$275	00
Chartered fund,	25	00
	\$300	.00
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G. G. Worthington,	\$41	0.0
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John Morey,		00
Mrs. Haney,		00
Mrs. Soule and children,		00
Mrs. Fiddler's children,	8	00
Mrs. Bester's children,		00
Mrs. Gregg,		00
Mrs. Wilson and children,		00
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Victor Vitting,	\$4	00
N. Peterson,		00
Mrs. Wilson,	2	63
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Special collection at Conference for necessitous cases, \$46.16.		
Distributed as follows:		
Mrs. Wilson,	\$23	08
Mrs. Wooliscroft,	23	08
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QUESTION 15.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?	Ψ.0	
Ans.—Peoria District, S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.		
Peoria 1st charge, J. S. Cumming.		
Peoria 2d charge, J. W. Stewart.		
Peoria Circuit, John Luccock.		
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French Creek, - G. W. Shaffer. Chillirothe and Rome, - V.		
Brimfield, A. J. Jones. Mt. Hedding, - H. H. Ke		
Kickapoo, J. B. Quinby. Apple, Jr.	, or a	
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CANTON DISTRICT, H. SUMMERS, P. E.

Canton, - L. P. Croueh. Liverpool, J. B. Craig.W. A. Presson. Otto, - - To be supplied.

Ipavia, - - J. Cavett.

Lewistown, - - W. S. Peterson. Cuba, C. Springer, B. Kelley, supplied. Aron, - - Wm. Haney. Knorville, - - O. M. Pollard. Abington, Ct., - G. W. Havermale. Fairview, - F. R. Bogges. Farmington, B. C. Swartz, G.W. Gue. Gilson, - - J. B. Mills. Fulton Seminary, H. B. Taylor, Principal, member of Lewistown Quarterly Conference.

MACOMB DISTRICT, A. MAGEE, P. E.

Macomb, - - A. D. McCool.
Tennesse, - - S. Brink.
Carthage, - Geo. W. Miller.
Hamilton, - G. W. Gray.
Dallas City, - M. D. Heckard.
La Harpe, - D. Oliver.
Prairie City, - W. Underwood.
Ellison, - A. Morey. Blundinville, B. B. Kennedy, V. M. Dewey.

Bushnell, - M. L. Haney.
Mound Church, - A. C. Higgins.
Pennington's Foint, F. M. Challe, Chaplains in the U.S. Army, and mer lers of Bu had Quarterly Conference, R. L.aney, and Geo. R. Paluer.

MONMOUTH DISTRICT,

J. MOREY, P. E.

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Galesburg, - W. II. Hunter.
Utah, - - A. K. Tullis.
Sunbeam, - S. A. Elliott.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT,

E. RANSOM, JR., P. E.

Rock Island, - - J. P. Brooks Moline, - - E. Wasmuth Port Byron, J. T. Whitson, J. J. Fleharty.

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Rock River, - J. Westley.
Conseo, - N. C. Lewis.
Cambridge, - G. C. Woodruff.
D. anington, - J. Sheldon.
Canden Mills, - To be supplied.
Willianis City, - B. E. Kautfman.
New Boston, - J. H. Scott.
Millersbury, - J. D. Taylor.
Berlin, - J. N. Bartels.

KEWANEE DISTRICT,

J. CHANDLER, P. E.

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MIDDLEPORT DISTRICT, z. hall, p. e.

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Avoca,
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Spring Creek,
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E. H. Penfield.
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J. Millington.
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J. Grundy.
H. Popejoy.
Spring Creek,
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WASHINGTON DISTRICT, F. SMITH, P. E.

Washington, - B. Applebee, Jr., Groveland, J. Borland, J. B. Smith. Pekin, - B. Presson. Dillon, - H. H. Crosier.

Mackinaw, - - A. C. Friek.
Bloomington, - - L. B. Kent.
Hudson, - - - A Bower.
Lexington, - - J. G. Evans.
Chenoa, - - - F. M. Smith.
Peasant Hills, - G. B. Snedaker.
Kappa, - - P. Warner.
Metamora, - J. Windsor, R. Pierce.
El Paso, - P. A. Crist.
Illinois Wesleyan University, O. S.
Munsel, President.

SWEDE MISSION DISTRICT, P. CHALLMAN, P. E.

Indiana, - N. O. Westergreen.
Chicago, A. J. Anderson, E. Carlson.
La Salle, - To be supplied.
Victoria, - To be supplied.
Galesburg, - L. Lindquist.
Fairfield, - N. Peterson.
Webster, - To be supplied.
Andover, - - A. Errickson.
Rockford, - V. Vitting.
Moline, - To be supplied.
J. W. Flowers, transferred to Rock
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QUESTION 16.— Where shall the next session of Conference be held? Ans.—At Galesburg. Time not given.

CHAPTER III .-- Statistical Table.

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CHAPTER IV.

REPORTS.

NO. 1.-EDUCATION.

No fact in the history of the past is more apparent, than that, as a Conference, we have attempted too much—that in the effort to build up the numerous Institutions whose names have, from time to time, appeared on our records, we have divided and thus wasted an amount of resources and patronage which would have sufficed for the establishment of two or three strong Institutions. Does it not therefore behoove us in the present crisis to heed this lesson of the past, and seek earnestly to strengthen the things that remain, lest they too perish. The Illinois Wesleyan University, and the Hedding and Fulton Seminaries, which now enjoy our patronage, present in their annual returns a state of facts so encouraging as to justify earnest and hopeful efforts in their behalf. It is true that to some extent they are still encumbered with debt, but it is fortunately also true that these debts are moderate in amount, manageable in their character, and that much the larger proportion of the means necessary to liquidate them, has already been subscribed; while the University has, in addition, secured in notes and real estate, on enclosement, fund amounting to \$25,000.00, unencumbered by scholarships. Is it not then at once our interest and our duty to concentrate all our energies, resources and patronage upon these Institutions, and thus place them upon the commanding positions they were designed to occupy, ere we engage in any new enterprises whatever, no matter how promising they may seem to be. Therefore:

Resolved, 1. That we deem it inexpedient to commence or encourage others to commence other literary enterprises, within our bounds, until the Institutions now enjoying the patronage of the Conference shall be established upon a permanent basis.

Resolved, 2. That in all our intercourse with our people, we will strive to awaken a general and hearty interest in this great work, and that in order, more effectually to accomplish this desirable end, we will, during the month of October, in all our congregations, preach especially upon the necessity of a universal diffusion of sanctified learning among the people.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The operations of the past year have exhibited the same prudent care and energy upon the part of the Trustees, Agent and Faculty of this Institution, which, in the past, have won for it so much of the confidence of the Conference. During the past year not only has the debt been materially reduced and the School made self-sustaining, but valuable improvements have been made upon the Grounds and Buildings, as well as important additions to its furniture, Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus and Museum of Natural History. So that now, we have not only strong guaranties of its permanence and final success, but also additional reasons for heartily commending it as eminently worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people. Therefore:

- Resolved, 1. That we will heartily co-operate with the Board of Trustees and the Financial Agent of the University, in carrying out their plans for the present support, and permanent endowment of the Institution;—and that we will as far as may be practicable pay our annual instalments of interest at the sessions of our Conference, and thus diminish the cost and labor of collection.
- Resolved, 2. That duty as well as interest demands that we should cherish our own Institutions, and that we will therefore use all consistent means to induce our young men who seek thorough Collegiate training, to patronize our own University, in preference to other public or denominational Schools, or even to Colleges under the control of our own Church in other Conferences.
 - Resolved, 3. That the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to re-appoint Rev. Oliver S. Munsell, D. D., to the presidency of the University.
 - Resolved, 4. That Revs. L. B. Kent, J. G. Evans and C. C. Knowlton of this body and W. H. Smith, Esq., of Lewistown, be appointed Trustees, in lieu of the class whose terms of office have expired at the present session of Conference.
 - Resolved, 5. That the Presiding Elder of the Washington District, and the preachers stationed at Bloomington, Lexington, Peoria 1st Charge, Metamora and La Salle be appointed a visiting Committee to the University for the current year.
 - Resolved, 6. That we cordially recognize Rev. C. W. C. Munsell as our Agent for the University and tender to him our hearty sympathy in his work.

HEDDING SEMINARY AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS FEMALE COLLEGE.

Notwithstanding the unwonted stringency of the times, under the efficient labors of Rev. P. T. Rhodes, Financial Agent, encouraging progress has been made in liquidating the debts and increasing the funds of this Institution. His report makes known to us the pleasing fact, that less than \$1,600, in addition to its present assets will be required to free it from debt. It also

announces that valuable improvements have been made upon the Seminary Building, adding much to its beauty, convenience and durability. Meantime the School under the efficient management of Prof. John T. Dickinson, A. M., has been steadily advancing in all the elements of real strength and usefulness, and justly merits the confidence and support of an enlightened community. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we heartily recommend Hedding Seminary to the notice and patronage of our people, and that we will co-operate with its Trustees and Faculty in their praiseworthy efforts to establish it upon a permanent basis.

Resolved, 2. That Revs. J. Morey, P. T. Rhodes and Benj. Applebee, Jr., be appointed Trustees to fill the vacancies occuring this year.

Resolved, 3. That the Preachers stationed at Galesburg, Knoxville, Avon, Berwick, Abingdon Station and Circuit, Monmouth and Prairie City be appointed a visiting committee to the Seminary for the current year.

Resolved, 4. That the presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint the Presiding Elder of the District in which the Seminary is located, its agent for the year.

FULTON SEMINARY.

The monetary and political difficulties of the country, during the past year, have operated disastrously upon the financial interests of this Institution and have almost wholly defeated the plans of its Trustees for its enlargement, by rendering the real estate upon which they relied for means, for the present, wholly unsalcable. But they nevertheless indulge the hope that by energetic action they may yet be able to redeem it from its embarassments. The School under the able management of its Principal, Rev. H. B. Taylor, A. M., has enjoyed a more than usual degree of prosperity and has worthily met the expectations of its friends. Therefore:

Resolved, 1. That we extend our hearty sympathy and co-operation to the Trustees of Fulton Seminary in their efforts to relieve it from debt, and establish it permanently.

Resolved, 2. That we cordially commend the Seminary to the patronage and confidence of our people.

Resolved, 3. That the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to re-appoint Rev. H. B. Taylor, A. M., to the Principalship of Fulton Seminary.

Resolved, 4. That the Presiding Elder of the Canton District and the Preachers stationed at Lewiston, Cuba, Ipavia and Canton be appointed a visiting committee to Fulton Seminary.

No. 2.—BIBLE CAUSE.

The American Bible Society still justly claims and enjoys the hearty cooperation of this Conference and has a strong hold upon the affections of our people. Feeling desirous of enlarging and extending the contribution among us for this honored Society, we urge each member of Conference to ascertain and report all sums collected from our people, distinguishing those paid over to agents, from those paid our preachers. In view of the demand made upon the Bible Society for means to give a copy of God's word to each member of the United States Army, we urge all to enlarged liberality toward this cause.

No. 3.-TRACT CAUSE.

The committee to whom the Tract Cause was referred, beg leave to report that they are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject intrusted to their care, and they as deeply regret, that, according to the reports received only twenty-four of the members of the Conference have, during the past year, given any attention to this instrumentality of the Church, and the receipts in cash have been but \$59 67.

We realize that the ealls for liberal action in this department, from the missionary fields and from every part of our own country—from our army and navy, are earnest and unceasing. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That every Preacher shall be instructed to give early attention to this subject and make collections wherever practicable.

Resolved, 2. That we will circulate the Good News to the extent of our ability in all our charges.

Resolved, 3. That we will in some mode, endeavor to circulate the tracts of our general catalogue, either from house to house, in the Sunday Schools, or in the congregations to which we minister.

Resolved, 4. That we will urge upon our members and friends the importance of liberally supplying our soldiers with religious reading—the tracts and volumes published by our Tract Society.

NO. 4.—TEMPERANCE.

We doem it unnecessary to enter into a discussion of the subject of temperance, at length. We presume the question sufficiently understood both by the ministry and the people.

We are compelled to believe that the present position of the temperance cause is far below the position it should occupy.

The liquor traffic legalized in our own State, appears to be increasing.—Intemperance prevails to such extent as to be cause of alarm, especially beer and wine drinking. We have had very little agitation generally for a number of years, and when attempts have been made to awaken public interest, it has been found impossible to secure that degree of interest which should be felt upon a question of such vast importance. It is indeed a matter of painful surprise that with the numerous and startling facts upon this subject constantly before us, so little interest should be felt upon this question. Another fact which we deem of very grave significance, is the disbanding to a very great

extent of temperance societies—societies in connection with whom very generally the temperance reform has been carried forward. The foregoing considerations, together with the state of affairs in our country, necessitating a large army composed largely of our young men, are sufficient to awaken great concern as to the triumph of the temperance cause in our land.

- Resolved, 1. That as ministers and as christian citizens, we regard ourselves under obligations to use our utmost ability in advancing the cause of temperance.
- Resolved, 2. That we have reason to think the making of domestic wines is tending to the encouraging of social and fashionable drinking.
- Resolved, 3. That we deem the selling of grain to distilleries and the renting of buildings to be used in the liquor traffic inconsistent with the christian character.
- Resolved, 4. That we think it not impossible that we have erred in the past, in failing to make the temperance reform distinctly a christian enterprise, giving it a more permanent basis than it has had in connection with irresponsible organizations.
- Resolved, 5. That the question of a great christian temperance organization upon a liberal basis, like that of the American Bible Society, is worthy of careful and thorough attention.
- Resolved, 6. That we as a Conference, re-affirm our conviction that the use of tobacco by christian ministers (who thereby give countenance to a practice which we think often lays the foundation for drunkeness,) ought to be entirely and universally dispensed with.

L. B. KENT. L. P. CROUCH.

No. 5.-SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We regard the Sunday Schools as the nursery of the Church, and as such they claim the careful attention and faithful co-operation of our ministers. Much of our present success as well as our future hopes depend upon our efforts in winning and moulding the youthful mind and heart, and as the Sunday School is an auxillary, assisting the pastor in feeding the lambs of the flock. Therefore,

- Resolved, 1. That we urge upon our ministers the importance of observing the disciplinary course of organizing Schools at every point at the earliest date, and that we hereby request them to engage personally to the utmost of their ability in the labor of the Sunday Schools.
- Resolved, 2. That the Sunday School Advocate should, by the pastors or otherwise, be introduced into every family where there are children or young persons within the bounds of our charges, and that parents and teachers in our Church should be urged to take and read the S. S. T. Journal.
- Resolved, 3. That as a Church we have no connection with the American Sunday School Union, and dissuade our people from forming alliances with State Sunday School Associations to the detriment of the Methodist Espiscopal Sunday School Union.
- Resolved, 4. That the Preachers in charge be requested to make up their Sunday School Statistics according to discipline, before leaving their works for Conference, as much discrepency appears in our reports.
- Resolved, 5. That the Presiding Elders co-operate with the committee in holding anniversaries in every district.
- Resolved, 6. That in Dr. Wise we recognize all that is necessary for a Sunday School Editor.

No. 6.-STATE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WHEREAS: A dangerous rebellion, inaugurated without just cause, exists in some of the States of the Union; and WHEREAS, our Government in this hour of peril needs tho hearty sympathy and co-operation of all classes of citizens, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we are in favor of the prosecution of the present war for the preservation of the Union and of constitutional liberty, until the rebellion is completely subdued, and the authority of the Government re-established in all the States, at whatever sacrifice of material or political interest.

Resolved, 2. That it is the duty of those in authority to show their respect for the law of God, and the Christian sentiment of the country, by suppressing intemperance in the Army and Navy, and by avoiding any unnecessary desceration of the Sabbath.

Resolved, 3. That our brethren of this Conference, who have taken positions in the Army, and all others who are engaged in the defence of their country, shall have our earnest and constant prayers for their safety and success.

Resolved, 4. That in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, we will endeavor to secure the observance of Thursday, the 26th day of September, 1861, as a day of fasting and prayer in all our societies.

EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.

NEW YORK, JAN. 1, 1861.

To the Central Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren:—We herewith submit our Annual Statement of the condition of the Book Concern, as it appeared December 31, 1860.

CARLTON & PORTER.

ASSETS:	
1. Real Estate.—House and Lot in Sixth-street,\$ 9,000 00	
House and Lot in Seventh-street,	
streets,	
Two Lots in Binghamton, 752 16	
Land in Michigan, 1,432 00	
Lot in San Francisco, 5,000 00	
Land in Hamilton, N. J., 300 00	
Land in Jefferson, Missouri,	
129,422 89	
Deduct for supposed depreciation on the above 7,817 21	
\$121,61	
2. Cash.—Cash on hand, 20,42) 49
3. Merchandise —Bound Books of every description, Editors' Library, Furniture, etc., 144,204 39	
4. Printing Office.—Presses, Type, Stereotype Plates,	
Paper, Tools and Wood-cuts, 116,177 93	
5. Pacific Christian Advocate.—Press, Type, Paper, etc., 3,500 00	
6. Bindery.—Sheet-stock, Tools, Materials, etc., 103,142 60	
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Total Assets,\$629,82	36
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Book Accounts,	1 48
Net Capital Stock,\$571,62	1 00

Note.—Deduct \$540,721 80, the net capital of last year, from \$571,624 88, the president capital, and the balance, \$30,903 08, together with \$12,588 82, paid on General Conference appropriations, shows the total profits of the Concern for 1860 to be \$43,481 90.

EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,

CINCINNATI, NOV. 30, 1860.

RESOURCES:

In Cincinnati:

Books, bound and in sheets. Stationery, etc.,	32,613 5,318	20 78	200.000	40
Due from Chic go Depository,	\$61,678 12,211	77	\$90,058 37,672 48,847	74
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In Chicago:			\$286,197	53
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Net Capital, November 30, 1860,	222,212		\$238,597	
Less amount paid by order of General Conference, \$4,330 42 Less loss on Central Christian Advocate, 4,559 20	8.889	62	213,323	11
Profits for the year ending November 30 1800,			925 271	17

CHAPTER V.

Miscellaneous Resolutions.

Resolved, That each Preacher in charge within the bounds of this Conference, be expected to report hereafter in conformity to the requirements of the Discipline, Part IV, Sec. 2, sixth paragraph (in reference to reporting Missionary Collections,) and that such report be published in the Conference minutes.

Resolved, That each Preacher in charge shall report to the Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary Society at the next session, the numbers of members and probationers in the bounds of his charge and the number who pay any sum for the cause of Missions, (so far as it can be ascertained.)

Resolved, That all candidates for admission on trial shall hereafter be examined by the Presiding Elder of the District and Preacher in charge of the Circuit or Station from which they are recommended.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested, if practicable, to fix the time of our annual session between the 15th of September and the middle of October, and to commence on Thursday.

WHEREAS, This Conference has received information which induces the belief that Rev. Jacob Bredburg contemplates a cessation of his relation to our ministry and Church, thereby rendering his appointment to any churge embarrassing, therefore,

Resolved, That his case be left in the hands of the Presiding Elder of the District for examination, who shall have power to employ him if convinced of his lightly to the

Church.

Whereas, The last General Conference made provision for submitting the subject of Lay Representation in the General Conference before the male members over twenty-one years of age and in full connection in their several charges, at a meeting duly notified on two successive Sabbaths, said necting to be held at some convenient period between the sessions of the respective Annual Conferences in 1861 and 1862, and the results to be certified to the Annual Conference next succeeding the taking of the vote by the Preacher in charge, specifying the number voting for and the number voting against Lay Representation. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Preachers in charge of the various Circuits and Stations in thi Conference be required to carry out these requirements during the month of May, said

vote to be taken by ballot in all cases.

Resolved, That it is contrary to our doctrines and usages for a minister to re-baptize a person and in the judgment of this Conference it would be sufficient cause to arrest the passage of his character.

Resolved, That the Bishops be respectfully requested not to transfer Preachers from other Conferences to this, unless their transfer is agled by this Conference.

Whereas, We believe that the publication of Birhop Ames sermon on the "Evidences of Christianity" would be productive of great good if published in tract form, therefore, Resolved, That we respectfully replet the Bishop to furnish a copy for publication by the Tract Society of the Methodist Espisco and Church.

WHEREAS, We learn that Brother John W. Flowers is about to be transferred from us, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we recognize in Brother Flower, the faithful friend, the amiable christian gentleman, and the able and useful a judy ter of the resord.

Resolved, 2. That is at any future than boutler Players hould see his way clear to return to us, we will give him a brotherly wilcome.

The following question was submitted to the chair:

Should the Quarterly Conference examine the characters and renew the license of Preachers on trial?

Answer by the Chair.—It should, in order that there may be an official record of their standing, as in the case of Local Preachers.

A resolution was passed, requiring Preachers in charge to bring to Conference a certificate from the Recording Steward of amounts of claims and receipts, and the usual statistics of the Church.

The following was submitted to the chair for decision:

When an Annual Conference assigns to any of its members special duties, such as Agents, Trustees, or Visitors of Literary Institutions, is it proper to arrest the character of such members for non-performance of such duties?

The Bishop decided that the question was one in which the Conference should exercise its decision.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference is hereby tendered to the citizens of Lacon and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference is hereby tendered the pastors of the

Churches of this city, for the use of their Churches on the Sabbath.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference is hereby tendered the stationed Preacher of Lacon and the Presiding Elder of LaSalle District for their diligence in providing for our comfort.

CHAPTER VI.

OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES, COMMITTEES, &C.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESIDING BISHOP,	President Ex-Officio.
WM. H. HUNTER,	Vice-President
J. G. EVANS,	
JOHN BORLAND	Trassurer
JOHN BORLÁND,	Treasurer,

Board of Managers-J. B. Quinby, L. P. Crouch, A. Morey, B. C. Swarts, L. B. Kent, J. Matthews, N. Peterson, T. Cotton, J. T. Whitson.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

N.	C.	LEWIS	Vice-President,
			Secretary,
			Treasurer.

DISTRICT S. S. COMMITTEES.

Peoria District—Rev. J. S. Cumming, Peoria; L. L. Guyer, Esq., Brimfield.

Canton District—Rev. L. P. Crouch, Canton; L. J. Washburn, Esq., Prairie City.

Macomb District—Rev. B. B. Kennedy, Blandinville; Edward Dyer, Esq., Bushell.

Monmouth District—Rev. A. C. Price, Monmouth; Seth Redman, Esq., Keithsburgh.

Rock Island District—Rev. John P. Brooks, Rock Island; D. S. Metzar, Port Byron.

La Salle District-Rev. R. A. Cowan; J. P. Hays, Esq., Hennepin.

Kewanee District—Rev. W. J. Smith, Lafayette; J. D. Shriver, Esq., Kewanee.

Middleport District-Rev. D. M. Hill, Onarga; Henry Ball, Esq., Loda.

Washington District—Rev. B. Applebee, Jr., Washington; C. W. Holden, Bloomington.

Swede Mission District—Rev. L. Linquist, Galesburg; Andrew Cassel, Esq., Glendale.

CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

PRESIDING BISHOP,	President Ex-Officio
W. C. CEMWINGS	
G. G. WORTHINGTON	Speri my,
M. L. HANDY	
W. H. HUNTER	Treasurcr.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE,

To examine Applicants for Alm' vion on Trial—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year-N. C. Lewis, G. W. Brown, J. B. Mills, J. G. Evans.

Second Year-P. T. Rhodes, A. Morey, W. Watson, J. H. Scott.

Third Year-J. Borland, J. Matthews, C. C. Knowlton.

Fourth Year-J. Luccock, G. C. Woodruff, W. P. Graves, O. S. Monsell.

J. G. Evans is appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.

Committee to examine Local Preachers recommended for Deacons Orders—G. N. Irwin, L. P. Crouch.

Committee to examine Local Deacons recommended for Elders Crders—G. G. Worthington, W. J. Smith.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

To Illinois Wesleyan University—L. B. Kent, J. G. Evans, J. S. Cumming, J. Windsor, J. C. Rybolt.

To Fulton Seminary—Henry Summers, L. P. Crouch, C. Springer, W. S. Peterson, J. Cavett.

To Hedding S minury-W. H. Hunter, O. M. Pollard, Wm. Haney, W. B. Carithers, A. Fisher, G. W. Havermale, W. Underwood A. C. Price.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES FOR HEDDING SEMINARY.

John Morey, P. T. Rhodes, Benjamin Applebee, Jr.

ADDRESS OF BISHOPS.

Enter d Minister			Elected Di hop.
1816,	Thomas A. Morris,	Springfield, Olio,	1836
1830,	Edmond S. Janes,	New York,	1844
1826,	Levi Scott,	Wilmington, Del.,	1852
1833,	Matthew Simpson		1852
1839,	Osman C. Baker,	Concord, N. H	1852
1830,	Elward R. Ane ;	Indianapolis, Ind.,	1852

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

THEIR RELATION, ADDRESS, &c.

The letters in the column headed "Conference Joined" represent: R. R., Rock River; W. V., Western Virginia; Pa., Peoria; III., Illinois; O., Ohio; C. III., Central Illinois; N. O., North Ohio; Hol., Holston; E. Gen., East Genesee. Those in the next column stand P., for Probationer; D., for Deacon; E., for Elder; P. E., for Presiding Elder; Ste., Superanuate. The figures in the right hand column indicate year or years of appointment to present field of labor. The Post Office Address of each Preacher is given, as far as they were furnished the Committee, or could be ascertained by them.

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POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Reading. Chicago. Southampton. Washington. Hopper's Mills. Berlin. Chillicothe. Fairview. Groveland. Hudson. Tennessee. Rock Island. Henry. Kankakee City.
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