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Proceedings of the Minnesota Conference,
37th Annual Session, Held May 31 - June 5, 1898.

THE Conference was called by the President at 9 A. M. May 31, and opened by singing, reading the scriptures by Eld. Mead, and prayer by Eld. Phelps.

In response to the roll call, 70 delegates took their seats, representing 30 churches. The President then gave a brief statement of the work for the past year, and of the present outlook, showing that the indebtedness, of more than \$3000.00 due the laborers at the close of last session, had been paid, and, besides, a good share of the old Conf. debt; and that there was sufficient money on hand to pay the accounts for the year, and have some left to commence the work of the coming year. This was the result of increased effort at faithfulness in bringing in "all the tithes into the storehouse". Each of the Conf. laborers were then introduced by the President, and responded by a brief statement of their experiences during the year, and their present outlook.

Visiting brethren present, or who may be present, were invited to participate in the deliberations of the body.

Requests from newly organized churches for membership in the Conf. were then read, and granted, as follows: Rushford church, organized by Eld. F. Johnson, composed of 12 members; Albert Lea church, organized by Eld. W. A. Sweany, with 21 members; Lake Benton church, organized by Eld. C. H. Parker, consisting of 10 members; Fulda church,

organized by Eld. J. H. Behrens, with 14 members; Lone Tree church, organized by Eld. C. H. Parker, and composed of 14 members; Batavia church, consisting of 18 members, organized by Eld. C. L. Emmerson, and the south Reynolds church, of 19 members, organized by Elds. Hill and Emmerson, making an aggregate of 108 members.

The names of the several regular committees were announced by the President as follows, viz.: *Auditing Committee.* John Emmerson, Fred Norton, H. E. Crane, Rudolph Nelson, O. A. Peterson, H. L. Halverson. *On Resolutions.* J. H. Behrens, C. L. Emmerson, P. S. Olsen. *On Nominations.* H. F. Phelps, John Emmerson, Fred Norton. *On Credentials and Licenses.* Andrew Mead, C. M. Everest, Fred Johnson. *On Baptism.* D. Nettleton, W. A. Sweany, A. J. Stone. *Pastoral Committee.* D. Nettleton, J. W. Ingison, C. L. Emmerson. *Chorister.* English services, D. E. Scoles. Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SECOND MEETING.

June 1, at 4 P. M. the Conf. again assembled, and, after singing hymn No. 1210, Bro. Behrens led in prayer. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, and, on the call of the roll, 102 delegates responded, representing 51 churches. The secretary presented a brief report of the work of his office for the year. The treasurer read an itemized report of receipts and expenditures for the financial year, ending March 31, (This report has appeared in the WORKER.) and, together with the report of the auditor, it was approved.

The committee on resolutions presented a partial report, as follows: *Whereas:*— The blessing of the Lord has rested upon us in adding to his church, in the consecration of his people in giving to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings, in his mercy in revealing to us his will in the signs of the times, in the spiritual advancement and growth of his

people;— Therefore. 1st Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for his tokens of mercy and love.

Whereas, In view of the dangers, perils and difficulties which thicken as we near the end, we feel the need of the special blessing of God in every line of our work for the coming year. Therefore, be it hereby (2nd) Resolved That we invoke his blessing upon this Conference, and its deliberations, his ministry, and people. *Whereas*, the Spirit of God has spoken decidedly that "There should be schools established wherever there is a church or company of believers." Therefore (3rd) Resolved, That we recommend that wherever it is possible, our churches establish such schools, and that the Conference Committee be consulted in each case, in regard to teachers, text-books, and all other matters wherein the church might need advice.

Whereas, The Lord has spoken to us that our work now is especially to the highways and hedges. Therefore be it (4th) Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, that each church begin this work at home, helping the poor and fallen, in their own community, first; And *Whereas* a certain class of people can be reached by city missions, that cannot be reached otherwise, Therefore, be it Resolved (5th) That whenever in our large cities Providence seems to indicate that such missions should be established, and means and suitable help can be obtained to conduct the same, we establish such missions. All such enterprises to be under the direction of the Conference Committee, and should churches desire to establish such enterprise at their own expense, we recommend that consultation be had with the Conference Committee.

The report was considered, on a motion to adopt, by items. The first and second preambles and resolutions were adopted as presented. The third was discussed at some length, and the words "wherever it is possible," were stricken out, and it was laid on the table for further consideration, and the Conference adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The third meeting was called at 4 P. M. June 2. After singing, and prayer by the secretary, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The 4th resolution was read, and amend-

ed by placing the word "continue in the place of the word "begin".

Resolution 5 was discussed at some length and then the report was adopted as a whole. The following was then presented and adopted as a substitute for the resolution which was laid upon the table.

Whereas The Spirit of God has indicated that church-schools should be established, Therefore, Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, that the Conference Committee act in the capacity of a school board, taking the supervision of the establishment of schools wherever and whenever feasible.

Resolutions were presented and adopted expressing the thanks of the Conference to the R. R. companies for reduced rates of fare; to the Press of the Twin Cities for courtesies in publishing reports of our meetings; and to the owners of the grounds on which our Camp has been so pleasantly accommodated. The Committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year, presented their report, as follows: For president, C. W. Flaiz; vice-president, C. M. Everest; secretary, D. P. Curtis; treasurer, C. M. Everest; Executive Committee; C. W. Flaiz, C. M. Everest, Fred Johnson, Andrew Mead, J. H. Behrens. Trustees of the Minnesota Conference Association, L. B. Losey, R. W. Freer, M. H. Ellis. The nomination for Conference officers was confirmed by acclamation, and that of trustees by ballot, as required by the statutes of the States.

The Committee on credentials and licenses reported, recommending that credentials be renewed to the following named brethren: Elds. C. W. Flaiz, D. P. Curtis, H. F. Phelps, Andrew Mead, Fred Johnson, A. J. Stone, J. H. Behrens, A. J. Voth, Daniel Nettleton, D. E. Scoles, W. A. Sweany, C. L. Emmerson; and that Bro. O. O. Bernstein be ordained and receive credentials. That ministerial licenses be given to Brn. J. F. Pogue, A. W. Kuehl, P. S. Olsen, J. W. Ingison, A. E. Christian, Luther Burgess, John Christiansen, L. H. Christian, H. G. Burgeson. That missionary credentials be given to Brn. C. M. Everest, L. B. Losey, M. H. Ellis, and Sisters A. E. Ellis, Rose F. Mead, Ella E. Merickel, Hannah Carlson, Alma Johnson, Frances V. Boughton, Lena Nichols. All others are referred to the Conference Committee. On a motion to adopt

the report by items, the names were read and passed until the name of J. W. Ingison was reached, when he raised a question as to the propriety of sending a man out to preach the gospel, and yet withhold from him the right to finish his work by administering baptism to believers. After some remarks by the President, a motion prevailed to withhold action upon the name of Bro. Ingison, until the Conference Committee can confer with him. The remainder of the report was adopted, and the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The fourth meeting was called at 9:30 A. M. June 5, on the adjournment of the Tract Society, and prayer was offered by the President, minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The name of Bro. Ingison was presented for ministerial license. the president stating that the question raised by him at the previous meeting had been satisfactorily settled. A motion was carried unanimously to grant it. By request of the Pleasant Grove church, its name was changed to Stewartville. A resolution was offered, to hereafter elect the Conference Committee by ballot. Moved to amend by making all conference officers elected by ballot. After some discussion it was laid on the table. The following preamble and resolution was moved: *Whereas*, the Spirit of God has said that "The Camp-meetings should be moved from place to place, and not located at same city or town more than two or three times",— Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting, that our annual Camp-meetings be held at points outside of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the future. After some discussion, an amendment prevailed to leave the matter in the hands of the Conference Committee. A resolution was presented, that we request the Review and Herald Publishing Company, to translate and print, a volume of the Testimonies, in the Danish, Swedish, and German languages, for the use of our churches; and, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the publishers. After some discussion on a motion to adopt, the motion prevailed. The following was then moved, discussed, and adopted. Resolved, That the action of the Conference (at the session of 1890) making the expense of all meals, hotel bills, and postage relating to Conference work of our laborers, payable by themselves, ought to be and hereby is rescinded. Resolved, That the above named items of expense be left wholly with the Auditing Committee. No more business being presented, the minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned "sine die".
C. W. FLAIZ, President,
D. P. CURTIS, Secretary.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

Central.

I SPENT Sabbath and Sunday following the close of the Camp-meeting, at Albert Lea, in quarterly meeting with the church there. The attendance was not large, but the Lord came near to us, and we had a good meeting. Monday, I started north to join Eld. Mead in tent work at Central, a country district nine miles from Verndale. On the way I visited relatives at Eden Valley, St. Cloud and Ft. Ripley, whom I had not seen for two years. I preached once at each of these places. I reached Verndale Monday and began looking for a place to locate my family, but found none, so went to Wadena where I found a house, and once more have a place I can call home.

Wednesday I came out here, and found Eld. Mead hard at work, and preparations for meetings well along. We hope to begin next Sunday. The people are friendly, but the mosquitoes are savage and seem bent on our destruction. Old settlers say they were never so thick before and we believe it.
ANDREW MEAD,
W. A. SWEANY.

Luverne.

ON account of a revival being in progress at the M. E. Church our meetings did not begin until Monday night, June 20. We have held four meetings. The attendance has been just fair. Those who came gave excellent attention.

We today wrote 120 personal invitations and each member of the company shared the work of calling upon the people and presenting the cards to them. This is the second time we have billed the town.

Remember the work here.

C. L. EMMERSON,
M. B. VAN KIRK.

Maple Plain.

THE interest in the series of meetings now in progress here in Maple Plain seems to be in no degree abating as our tent was well filled last evening (Sunday) with a closely attentive audience. Collection \$2.15

This field gives some evidence of fruit. The Lord is opening the way into the homes of the people. Our hearts are made glad at the present outlook. We will reach the Sabbath question this week, and ask to be remembered in the prayers of the faithful.

O. O. BERNSTEIN,
LUTHER J. BURGESS.

Farmington.

THE past week we have made visits from house to house. The people seem very indifferent. Nevertheless, the interest with those, that attend seems to be growing from day to day; thank the Lord for that. We are of good courage in the Lord.

J. H. BEHRENS,
A. W. KUEHL.

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Any person SIGNING a check, draft or instrument of like nature, which does not bear a 2 cent stamp, shall be subject to a FINE of not more than \$100, and such document or instrument shall be competent evidence in court.

Section 9 provides that revenue stamps shall BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON USING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH THE DATE OF USE. Failure to do so shall render the person subject to a FINE of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or IMPRISONMENT for not more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 10 imposes a fine not exceeding \$200, at the discretion of the court, upon persons using any instrument covered by the Act which does not bear the required stamp.

A revenue stamp of 2 cents is required upon all bank checks, drafts or certificates of deposit not drawing interest, or orders for payment of any sums of money, drawn upon or issued by any Bank, Trust Company or any person or persons, companies or corporations, at sight or on demand.

Bills of exchange, drafts, certificates of deposit drawing interest, or order for the payment of any sum of money otherwise than at sight or on demand, or any promissory note and each renewal of the same, for a sum not exceeding \$100, require a revenue stamp of 2 CENTS; and for EACH ADDITIONAL \$100 or FRACTIONAL PART thereof, in excess of \$100, 2 cents.

—ITEMS—

Mr. M. H. Ellis stopped over night in Minneapolis on his way home from the Pelican Rapids Camp-meeting, after ten weeks of labor in Camp-meeting work. He reports a good and successful meeting at Pelican Rapids, which will be reported in next weeks WORKER.

Those who have occasion to send money either to the Tract Society or Conference, please remember that the new revenue law mentioned in another column takes effect July 1st. We would suggest that

money be sent by express or money order, as we are not aware that a stamp would be required on them. The revenue thus derived from sale of these stamps is for the purpose of paying war expenses.

Bro. Gust Freeman of Lake City, one of our old time canvassers, renews his subscription to the WORKER for five years in advance and accompanies his order with cash. We do not ask any of our subscribers to treat us so generously as this, but would be pleased to receive your renewals for one year. Many subscriptions expire this month and as notifications have been sent you, please do not forget to renew.

We shall be pleased to have reports of those who are farming for the Lord this year as to how the crop is progressing. We are pleased to report that we had the pleasure this week of seeing the few acres which were planted near Minneapolis by Brethren Teachout and Wedge and dedicated to the mission work. The crop is in a thriving condition and everything seems to indicate an abundant harvest for the Lord. May the Lord of the harvest bless the sowers and the reapers.

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WANTED, a competent and reliable man to work on farm with his wife to do house work,—good house-keeper required. Address J. C. Kraushaar, Mansfield, Minn.

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