

Church News.

To the Secretaries and Bishops.

We expect the secretaries of annual conferences and the Bishops to furnish us their chart footings, ministerial roll, church statistics and any other matters of interest they may have for our 1901 Year Book. If the book is complete, you will have to help make it so. Don't delay this matter for we want to get the book out early.

PUBLISHER.

Annual Conferences.

ROCK RIVER.

Rock River conference convened in its forty-eighth annual session in the U. B. Church, at Adeline, Ills., Sept. 5, 1900, at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Halleck Floyd in the chair.

Appropriate devotional services were held and the conference was organized by electing J. H. Grimm, chairman, and A. X. Harrison, secretary.

A number of visiting brethren were introduced to the conference.

Dr. D. K. Flickinger was present to cheer the conference and give words of advice and counsel. He gave a missionary address, and lectured on Africa on Thursday night. We were glad to have him with us once more.

The Presiding Elder reported some advance in various lines and the report of the brethren on their fields of labor show that faithful work has been done. The conference still keeps up its record on finance.

The Boundary Committee reported some changes and twelve fields, now compose the conference district. One new church is being built at Appleton, Ill.

Wm. Beers was appointed to solicit subscribers for the CONSERVATOR, and reported twenty-nine names. Sister Grace Smith was appointed to solicit subscribers for the Missionary Monthly.

The names of all the preachers passed favorably. Two of our number died during the year, Fathers E. Y. Smith and J. H. Middlekauf. Memorial services were held on Saturday afternoon in memory of these brethren.

Two were ordained on Sunday morning, S. M. Crom and Grace L. Smith. Quite a spirited discussion was held over making an assessment for the unavoidable poor, and it was finally voted down, but being reconsidered it was ordered that a collection be taken up for the poor on Christmas or near that time.

There was some discussion over a resolution pertaining to the joint address of the Boards of Bishops of the Liberal church and our church. The resolution disapproves of the action of our Board of Bishops, and calls for a petition to the general conference not to ratify said action of Board of Bishops.

A second resolution was read pertain-

ing to the closing of the columns of the CHRISTIAN CONSERVATOR on the subject just referred to. These resolutions prevailed.

Strong resolutions on moral reform were read and adopted.

A resolution condemning the war in the Philippines was also read and adopted.

The conference was royally entertained by the good people of Adeline and vicinity. The large church there could barely hold the crowds in attendance. Bishop Floyd preached a grand discourse on Sabbath morning and again on Sabbath evening.

The conference was a decided success and all felt it was good to be there.

A. X. HARRISON, Sec.

ARKANSAS VALLEY.

The Arkansas Valley conference will meet on the Haven work, Sumner church, Oct. 11, 1900, (see conference calendar.)

Inasmuch as our conference membership is small it is essential that every member should arrange to be present and that at the opening of the conference session.

We are under obligations to God and the church, and by staying away we lose interest in the cause and work of the ministry. Do not think that you can stay away or remain at home without great spiritual loss to you. Let us be interested for the cause sake, and by it cheer up our brethren and especially our beloved Bishop Floyd.

This may be the last conference some of us will ever attend, as there are several of us growing old. Brethren in the ministry be sure to come to the annual conference.

In this conference let me also urge the brothers and sisters of the laity to come and be with us and partake of the spiritual blessings which we all much need.

Brethren, we must renew our covenant with God and consecrate ourselves anew to Him or we may receive cursing instead of blessings, because we came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Those coming by rail will come either to Haven or Mt. Hope on the Missouri Pacific line running from Wichita to Hutchison. Please drop a card to Bro. Geo. R. Manning, Mt. Hope, Sedgwick county, Kansas, and arrangements will be made to meet you.

Visitors from other conferences, you will be made welcome if you come.

C. B. SHERK.

A Reception.

An unusual reception was announced to take place August 22nd, the pastor being returned for the sixth year, his labors being highly appreciated by the church and people, which was evidenced by the number present. This gathering

being a deviation from the rule followed in receptions given the pastor and family an enjoyable time was anticipated and those present were not disappointed.

At twelve o'clock Rev. W. J. Gossett and Mrs. Eliza C. Olsen were united in marriage. After congratulations the table was prepared and a fine dinner served. The couple were recipients of many useful presents. The pastor and wife have the prayers and well wishes of the people on Columbia Circuit.

Quarterlies.

WEST DES MOINES.

The quarterly meeting on Dayton Circuit was real good, we had a splendid meeting, they have two Sabbath Schools, well attended, and the most of the converts that started in the meeting last fall are faithful. Brother John Eslick received quarterly conference license to preach which he has long resisted. He is an honest Christian and a god worker, we look for him to be a power in the hands of God in preaching his word. The services Sabbath morning were real good. Seventy took sacrament. In the afternoon twenty were baptized. The crowd was estimated at 1000 people. Jesus came with baptismal power. Some of his children shouted for joy. We did not hold meeting on the fair ground. At Des Moines we could not get the tent, but have been holding here at Carlisle a week, we have but a few members here and no church house. The most of our members went to the M. E. Church at the division. The outlook is good for a revival. There are a few faithful ones to pray, work, and pay left. Last night the tent was not big enough to hold the people, at least fifty were on the outside. I stayed one week with Rev. Prall at Des Moines, they gave me a splendid home. He is quite feeble in health and expects to go west soon. I am now with Father Wallace. He is a father in Israel but is sorely afflicted with deafness, but his heart is warm with the love of Jesus, and is anxious to see souls saved. This is another of the many kind homes I have here in Iowa.

A. B. LILLY.

Eligible to General Conference.

EAST ILLINOIS.

G. M. Freese, W. W. Knipple, J. L. Nenger, D. D. Fetters, D. W. Hamilton, S. C. Allman, W. H. Elliott, O. E. Clapp, G. Waters.

W. W. KNIPPLE, Sec.

NORTH OHIO.

The following are the Elders of North Ohio conference, who are eligible to election as delegates to the general conference:

J. K. Alwood, D. D., O. G. Alwood, B. Baldwin, D. D., Mrs. E. Baldwin, H. H. Brundage, D. Clark, Wm. Clark, W. H. Clay, D. D., G. W. Crawford, N. E. Dennis, A. H. Dunlap, H. C. Foote,