

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Religious Telescope.
Minutes of the Muskingum Annual Conference.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment in the United Brethren Church, in Rochester, Stark county, Ohio, March 21, 1844; and was called to order by Bishop John Coons. Br. Jas. M'Gaw, Sr. read the 12th chap. of Rom., singing and prayer with suitable comments by the Bishop; after which James M'Gaw, Sr. was elected Chairman, and John E. M'Gaw, Sec.

Conference being organized, proceeded to business.

On motion, of A. Biddle, Br. L. Yarnell of the Scioto A. Conference was received as an advisory member of this Conference.—Also, Rev. Geo. Schlosser, of the Ger. R. Church, was admitted as an advisory member.

Quest. Who are Members of this Conference?

Ans. JOHN COONS, Bishop.

James M'Gaw, Sr., Chairman.	Charles Carter,
Alex. Biddle,	Joseph Paxson,
Adam Hetsler,	John B. Bash,
Wm. W. Simpkins,	John E. M'Gaw,
S. C. Stewart,	Robert Pollock,
P. W. Wells,	Albert S. Wade,
Jacob Berger,	John Todd,
John B. Bash, Sr.	Thomas N. M'Gaw,
David Weimer,	James W. Shreeves,
Richard Cheyney,	James F. M'Gaw,
Daniel Sherman,	Wm. S. Titus,
John Neisz,	Wm. M. Stiles,
Jacob Brill.	Francis Hildt,
Michael Oswald,	Jacob Frank,
Geo. S. Clingan,	Thomas Cheyney,
John Biddle,	John Weimer,
Timothy Titus,	Jon. W. M'Cormick,
Wm. J. Wilson,	Samuel Shaffer,
John Blough,	Eli Sluts,
S. C. Briggs,	Washington Beaty,
John Strouble,	A. W. Simpkins,
L. B. Perkins,	Joseph Matheny,
Samuel Stedman,	John Stambaugh,
Sylvester Needum,	Jacob Bowman,
Jacob Stambaugh,	John Naville,
Daniel Mathias,	Henry Stambaugh,
Moses Gallagher,	Jonathan M. West.
Christian Senff,	

The Conference examined the moral deportment of the Preachers, during the past year, and all approved.

Quest. Who are Candidates for Preaching license?

Ans. Zephaniah Colstock, Charles Altman, Andrew Klingle, John Gooden, Edmund Smith, Edward H. Wood, Solomon Weaver, Joshua Biddle, Abraham B. Knittle.

Adam Hetsler, J. E. M'Gaw, and S. C. Stewart, were appointed a committee of examination, to whom the applicants were referred for examination on doctrines, &c.

The following Brethren were set apart to Elders orders, by the laying on of hands of the Bishop and Elders, viz:

John B. Bash, Albert S. Wade, Nathaniel Smith, Samuel Stedman, John Biddle.

The Committee of examination appeared and reported favorable to all the applicants for licence, when on vote of Conference they were received.

After considerable discussion the Conference was divided into three Districts, and several of the Circuits divided, and the names of some Circuits changed.

Br. Jacob Bowman on vote of Conference was silenced from Preaching, and that the P. in C. of Lebanon Cir. be instructed to demand his licence.

Br. John Weimer, Peter Grim, and Martin Bash, were elected to count the votes for delegates to Gen. Conf.

Conference voted a resolution in favor of having the Fall of the year for its Annual Sessions, after the next G. Conf.

The sense of Conference was taken on a "Book Concern," and resulted in a resolution disapproving of that enterprise at this time.

A resolution was passed calling upon Br. Wm. Hanby, to give an explanation why he did not send Books to Samuel J. Brill, one of our agents, when Brill had ordered them.

Br. Geo. S. Clingan, received a transfer to Iowa, or any Western Con. he may think proper to attach himself, Also, the transfer of Br. John Strouble, received from this Con. at its session in 1843, was renewed.

Brs. John Weimar and Sam. J. Brill, were re-elected Book-Agents for this Conference year.

A resolution was passed, making it obligatory on the members of this Conf. to employ all honorable means in abolishing the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage.

Candidates to Gen. Conf., (three of whom are to be elected,) as follows:

James M'Gaw, Sr.	Adam Hetsler,
Alex. Biddle,	Wm. W. Simpkins,
S. C. Stewart,	Francis Hildt,
Thomas Cheyney,	John Neisz,
Jacob Stambaugh,	Henry Stambaugh,
S. C. Briggs,	Daniel Sherman.

Br. N. Altman, on leave of Conference made a statement of the affairs of the Telescope, and the following resolution passed.

Resolved, That the Travelling and Local Preachers, use their utmost endeavors to get subscribers, and collect monies due the office.

Resolved, That Br. Hanby, Editor of the Telescope, be requested to publish our proceedings as they are furnished by the Secretary. Errors in composition excepted.

The thanks of Conf. was voted to the inhabitants of Rochester and vicinity, for their hospitality to us during our session among them.

Has settlement been made with the Preachers?

Ans. Yes.

Has any of our Preachers died this year?

Ans. None, for which we feel thankful to God.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Ans.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

ALEXANDER BIDDLE, P. Elder.
Rochester Circuit.—John Todd, P. C.
Robert Pollock.

Lisbon Circuit.—Eli Sluts, P. C. Solomon Weaver.

Berlin Circuit.—Joseph Paxson, P. C. L. B. Perkins.

Nimishillen Circuit.—Jno. E. M'Gaw.
Lebanon Circuit.—Jno. B. Bash, P. C. John Gooden.

Sandyville Circuit.—Wm. M. Stiles, Wm. S. Titus.

German Mission.—A. B. Knittle.

CONNOTTAN DISTRICT.

W. W. SIMPKINS, P. Elder.
Rumly Sta.—Charles Carter.

Connottan Cir.—Michael Oswald.

Jefferson Cir.—A. W. Simpkins.

Doersville Cir.—Jacob Brill.
Middletown do.—Daniel Sherman.
Wills Creek do.—Philip W. Wells.
Olive Green do.—James W. Shreeves.
Brownsville do.—Samuel Stedman.
Jacobsburg Miss.—Edmund Smith.

WOOSTER DISTRICT.

S. C. STEWART, P. Elder.

Orange Cir.—Jacob Berger, P. C., Zephaniah Colstock.

Clinton Cir.—Edward H. Wood.
Nashville do.—Thomas Cheyney.

Crooked Run Cir.—James M'Gaw, Sr.
Coschocton do.—A. S. Wade.

John Neisz, Conf. Missionary.

Where shall our next Conf. be held?
Ans. At Leatherwood Temple, Guernsey Co. Ohio, (near Middletown) at such time as Bishop Coons may appoint.

JOHN E. M'GAW, Secretary.

For the Religious Telescope.
Minutes of the Wabash Annual Conference.

The Wabash Conference convened at New Salem, Montgomery County, In, on the 21st of March, 1844. The session was opened by the Bishop, reading the 6th chap. of 1. Tim., and by singing and prayer. On motion, J. DAVIS was elected prime Secretary, and J. Stoncker, of Ind. Conference, assistant Sec'y. F. Kenoyer was made Chairman. The members present, were

H. KUMLER, Jux. Bishop.

F. Kenoyer, Chm.	Josiah Davis,
Wm. Brown,	John Hoobler,
James Davis,	George Brown,
J. Fetherhoff,	J. G. Eckles,
J. M. Hershey,	John Denham,
Charles Beam,	J. P. Shuey,
David Brown,	Simon Brown,
Wm. Eckles,	Joseph Ashby,
E. T. Cook,	James Griffith,
David Fawcett,	John Peters,
Wm. Ammerman,	John Villears,
Joshua Orne,	Wm. Davis,
Geo. Newman,	Asa Coho,
J. McNamer,	Emsly H. Lamb,

Licentiates.

Geo. Davis,	J. P. Eckles,
J. B. McVey,	David Breeding,
Josiah Terrel,	Philip Newman,
Daniel Fisk,	Charles Mills,
J. P. Ephlin,	J. W. Pickard,
Isaac Pierce,	Wm. Hoobler,
J. T. Timmons,	Andrew Wimsatt,
George Kite,	Joseph Terrel,
Thomas Babcock,	Bassel Clevenger,
Jesse B. Slight,	S. A. Potts,
Wm. J. Birch,	J. Serran.

Absentees.

Robert Baker,	Ephraim Shuey,
Wm. Ludlow,	Dillon Bridgos,
Milton Garrison,	A. W. Hedge.

Licentiates.

Isaac Messer,	Isaac Johnson,
B. E. Shields,	Jacob Whitzel,
Isaac Reeve,	Solomon Cook,
John Burns,	Samuel Simons,
James Scarlet.	

After an ample and lucid exposition of Conference duties, by the Bishop, Conference entered on the examination of the department and labors of the members; which occupied two days, and during which Conference concluded to sustain the decision of the committee that examined the case of George Brown, and suspended him for one year; and restored J. McNamer, who had been silenced by a committee until Conference.

Have any of the Conference members died within this year?

Ans. J. Steward.

Who were received as Licentiate Preachers?

George Zurfasz, J. A. Mast, J. Kennedy, Eli Hoover, Acker Ruland, J. A. Kenoyer, Abraham Eckles, Wm. Jones, A. Sage, S. C. Zuck.

Who were ordained to be Elders!

Phillip Newman, J. P. Ephlin, Wm. Hoobler, John P. Eckles, David Breeding, Bazzel Clevenger, J. T. Timmons.

Moved and carried, that Wm. Atkinson, if he gets a transfer from the Sandusky Conference, and Wm. Freeman, if he gets a transfer from the Scioto Conference, shall be members of the Wabash Conference. Wm. Davis was transferred to the Miami Conference. C. Jinks was received upon certificate from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Elders eligible to the next General Conference, three of whom are to be elected delegates, to the next General Conference.

F. Kenoyer, Josiah Davis, Wm. Brown, John Hoobler, Jas. Davis, John Featherhoff, J. G. Eckles, J. M. Hershey, J. Denham, C. Beam, J. P. Shuey, David Brown, Simon Brown, Wm. Eckles, Joseph Ashby, F. T. Cook, Jas. Griffith, John Peters, George Newman, J. McNamer, Ephraim Shuey, Wm. Ludlow, Milton Garrison, A. W. Hedge.

Allotment of Labor.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

JOSIAH DAVIS, P. Elder.
Concord Circuit.—E. T. Cook.
Weta do.—J. P. Shuey.
Cole do.—Wm. Ammerman.
Rockville do.—Wm. J. Birch.
Eel River do.—Wm. M. Jones.
Blackcreek do.—Charles Mills.
Lebanon Mission.—Asa Coho.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

J. G. ECKLES, P. Elder.
Hebern Circuit.—D. Fawsett.
Westfield do.—J. G. Eckles.
Clinton do.—Wm. Eckles.
Vermillion do.—Jas. Griffith.
Pine do.—S. A. Potts.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

JOHN HOOBLER, P. Elder.
Mackinaw Circuit.—J. P. Eckles and S. C. Zuck.

Spoon River Circuit.—A. Wincett.
Vermont do.—J. B. McVey.
Chambersburg Mission.—C. D. Breeding.

Iroquois Circuit.—J. T. Timmons.
St. Joseph's do.—Jos. M. Hershey, T. J. Babcock.

Elkhart Cir.—J. B. Slight.
Warsaw do.—Geo. Kite.
Huntingdon Cir.—J. Surran.
Tippecanoe do.—Josiah Terrel.
Yellow River Mis'n.—B. Clevenger.
Niles Mission.—(to be supplied.)
Wabash Mission.—J. Terrel.
Logansport Mission.—A. Sage.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

JAMES DAVIS, P. Elder.
Rock River Mission.—(To be supplied.)
Monroe Circuit.—J. A. Mast.

Resolved, That this Conference is utterly opposed to having any thing published on any subject, in the R. Telescope against any person or persons, without having the proper name of the author signed to it.

Resolved, That the encouragement expected to be given to the contemplated Book Concern, be withheld for one year.

Resolved, That we recommend the 2d Saturday of October 1844, as most suitable