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## Officers of the Yearly Meeting.



Rev. Chas. T. Rogers, Moderator, ..... Ava, Ill.  
 Rev. T. O. McMinn, Assistant Moderator, ..... Murphysboro, Ill.  
 Rev. G. A. Gordon, Clerk, ..... Campbell Hill, Ill.  
 Rev. C. F. Stalker, Assistant Clerk, ..... DeSoto, Ill.

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Rev. G. A. Gordon ..... Term expires September, 1902.  
 Rev. C. T. Rogers ..... Term expires September, 1903.  
 Rev. H. F. Carter ..... Term expires September, 1904.

### LOCAL HOME MISSION BOARD.

Rev. A. J. Ruddleman ..... Term expires September, 1902.  
 Rev. T. O. McMinn ..... Term expires September, 1903.  
 Rev. G. A. Gordon ..... Term expires September, 1904.  
 C. R. Rice, Tamaroa, Ill., Treasurer of Board.

Rev. G. A. Gordon, Field Secretary, or State Agent.  
 Campbell Hill, Illinois.

John A. L. Scott, Yearly Meeting Librarian,  
 Orchardville, Illinois.

Children's Day ..... Second Sunday in June.  
 Foreign Mission Days ..... June and December.  
 Education Days ..... September and April.  
 Home Mission Days ..... March and October.

Each pastor shall take above monthly collections.

Denominational Anniversary Day ..... Last Sunday in January.

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## MINUTES.

The Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist met with the Pleasant View Church, near Kell, Marion County, Illinois, on Friday, October 4, 1901, at 8 o'clock a. m. Called to order by the standing clerk, G. A. Cordon, and upon motion of Rev. T. O. McMinn, Rev. Chas. T. Rogers was elected moderator of the meeting. Rev. J. L. Meads led in a short devotional service, after which Rev. T. O. McMinn was elected assistant moderator and Rev. C. F. Stalker assistant clerk.

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings were handed in and read as follows: Looney Springs and Lebanon, verbal report from Makanda by Rev. J. L. Meads; Franklin County by Danl. Bain, and Wayne County by C. T. Rogers.

The following committee was appointed on arrangement of committees; J. L. Meads, H. F. Carter, Danl. Bain, L. W. Miller and J. A. Cochran.

While out, the minutes of the last meeting were read, also constitution and by-laws. The committee reported as follows:

Committee on Publication—G. A. Gordon, J. L. Tatum, G. E. W. Woods.

On Sunday School—C. R. Rice, Ralph Mayo and Joe Myz-zell.

On Obituaries—Danl. Bain, M. E. Allen and L. W. Miller.

On Temperance—S. L. Morris, J. H. Bagwill and J. A. Cochran.

On Home Missions—T. O. McMinn, H. F. Carter and A. J. Rendleman.

On Foreign Missions—J. J. Tatum, Thos. Grizzell and Ida Lively.

On State of the Country—J. L. Meads, H. F. Carter and M. Fox.

On Requests—W. W. Jacobs, M. Keller and J. Knapp.

On Supplying the Pulpit—C. T. Rogers, J. A. Cochran and Sarah Bain.

On Sabbath—C. F. Stalker, Minnie Wright and R. C. Allen.

(Adopted.)

J. L. MEADS, Chairman,

## CLERKS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Looney Springs, G. A. Gordon, Campbell Hill. Makanda, Ezra Jones, Spillertown. Wayne County, Mrs. Fannie A. Jones, Jeffersonville. Franklin County, Hosea Bullock, Christopher. Lebanon, C. R. Rice, Lebanon, Illinois.

Delegates from Looney Springs Q. M.—Thos. Grizzell, Clarence Fisk, Joe Myzell, Ida Lively, Ida Culley, Leslie Easterly, E. M. Allen and Stella Meads.

Lebanon Q. M.—Jacob Knapp, M. Keller, Mamie Dudley, Minnie Wright, C. R. Rice, Ida Rice, Bro. Schaffer and wife and James Blythe and wife.

Wayne County Q. M.—Ralph Mayo, C. R. Telford, Jessie May and Nora Cochran.

Franklin County Q. M.—D. Bain, S. A. Bain, G. W. Conner.

Ministers present:—T. O. McMinn, G. A. Gordon, C. F. Stalker, C. T. Rogers, Geo. E. W. Wood, J. H. Bagwill, S. L. Morris, M. Fox, L. W. Miller, J. A. Cochran, W. W. Jacobs, C. R. Allen, J. J. Tatum, J. L. Tatum, H. F. Carter, J. L. Meads.

WHEREAS, The need of the field is so great, Therefore be it RESOLVED, That we request and urge our pastors to offer special encouragement to all God called young men, such as Bro. John Townsend, Ralph Mayo and Leslie Easterly and others to at once enter the service, discussed by several and adopted.

The time of Rev. T. O. McMinn having expired as a member of the Examining Board; proceeded to elect by ballot and resulted in the election of Rev. H. F. Carter. W. W. Jacobs preached at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned until 2 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met and opened by singing and prayer by Bro. S. L. Morris. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report: First, We would recommend that the editor of the I. F. B. be requested to publish the paper fortnightly, and that the Y. M. give its moral and financial support; and we hereby recognize it as the official denominational organ of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist.

Second, We recommend that the book by Bro. J. L. Meads be given a general circulation and that our people read it.

Third, We would recommend "The Life and Labors of Rev. Henry S. Gordon," by Rev. G. A. Gordon, to all our church members.

Fourth, We would recommend to our Sunday Schools to use our denominational Sunday School Literature, and to our churches to patronize our denominational papers.

(Adopted.)

G. A. GORDON, Chairman.

Report of Committee of the State of the Country: Our country's condition need not beget a spirit of morbid pessimism, nor create a blind optimism. The assassination of our president has plunged our nation and the nations of the world into deep poignant grief, and at the same time forced upon our vision the alarming proportions that anarchy has assumed.

We recommend the expeditious and dignified unsensational manner in which the Buffalo courts and officers discharged their respective duties in the trial of the assassin, and we recommend to our state and national legislators that stringent laws be created and strenuous efforts be put forth to put an effectual check to the principles of anarchy and dangerous ravings of such malecontents as Emma Goldman and Herr Most.

We watch, with apprehension, the gigantic syndicate that, if successful, are to revolutionize our commercial system, and we deplore all efforts and causes that divide men into irconcilable classes.

We should pray for the safety and preservation of our present Governor and trust that the efficiency that characterises President Roosevelt in his former positions of trust and honor will follow him into his new office as our Chief Executive.

(Adopted.)

J. L. MEADS, Chairman.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted the following: We would recommend that our ministers collect from each of their churches the sum of 10 cents per member for state work this year.

Second, We recommend the consideration of the East St. Louis work.

Third, We would recommend the pledge system as in the past, and that all our members are requested to renew their pledges for another five years.

Fourth, We would recommend that our pastors and churches be punctual in taking the denominational collections.

Fifth, We would recommend that we put an evangelist in the field for this year as last year.

(Adopted.) T. O. McMINN, Chairman.

The Woman's Missionary Society was given from 10 to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Rev. T. O. McMinn preached at 8 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met and opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Carter.

Minutes of last session read.

Voted that next session of the Yearly Meeting be given to the Lebanon Quarterly Meeting.

Voted that Rev. J. H. Bagwill be appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. J. J. Tatum tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Yearly Meeting Board and was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered Bro. Tatum for his services.

Rev. G. A. Gordon was re-elected as a member of the Home Mission Board.

C. R. Rice was elected treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Yearly Meeting Treasurer, G. A. Gordon in account with Central Illinois Y. M. as treasurer:

Oct. 1, 1900, To cash on hand.....	\$1.39	
Jan. 9, 1901, " " John A. L. Scott, ad.....	2.50	
" 5, 1901, " " Wm. Barringer, Dry Hill,.....	1.00	
Oct. 1, 1901, " " From the churches .....	16.95	
	<u>21.84</u>	
By cash, Incorporation charge .....		\$ 1.00
" " Stamps .....		1.00
Printing Minutes .....		12.00
Postage on minutes .....		3.50
Postage.....		1.00
Clerk's Salary.....		10.00
	<u>21.84</u>	<u>28.50</u>
Balance due treasurer.....	6.66	



Approved, and moved to draw on the treasurer for the amount of \$6.66 to balance account. Adopted.

Rev. Geo. E. W. Wood was elected a fraternal delegate to the Mt. Olivet Association of General Baptist.

After much discussion it was voted that we put \$200 behind the East St. Louis work, and leave the direction of the matter with the Home Mission Board.

Moved that we appropriate \$100. to be used at the direction of the Home Mission Board.

Voted that the clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed at once.

Committee on Obituaries: In the last year there has been removed from the church on earth to that in heaven: Rev. M. A. Shepard, Rev. M. A. Shrewsbury, Rev. D. A. Thomas, Jno. Burlison, Manerva Carter, Effie Morris, M. Bunnell, Linda Campbell, Ellen Jay, Jno. Stamm, Monroe Marten, Nora Morgan, Laura Will, Mrs. W. A. Will, Harriet Williams, A. R. Blithe, Thos. Grizzell, Sister A. Anderson, Mrs. Ed Hughes, Mrs. Cora Coldwell, and others whose names we could not get.

(Adopted).

D. BAIN, Chairman.

Adopted and voted that a page of the records be set apart for Bro. Shepard.

Committee on the Sabbath reported: We deplore the desecration of the Sabbath as is so universally practiced at this time and denounce the Sabbath excursion, Sabbath base ball, Sabbath opening of expositions and open saloons. And ask that the legislature of Illinois pass such laws as will be effective in the proper maintainance of the sanctity of the Sabbath, further we oppose the custom of Sabbath visiting, thus keeping visited and visitor from attending the services of the church. And would recommend that all our churches have prayer and praise service each Sabbath when they have no preaching.

(Adopted).

C. F. STALKER, Chairman.

M. Fox preached at 11 o'clock.

Voted to suspend until 2 p. m.

2 p. m. met and opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Rice.

Voted that we give Bro. H. M. Turney \$25.00 as in part pay for his service as Yearly Meeting Evangelist.

Took pledges for the 5 years plan, some 16 names were enrolled.



On motion G. A. Gordon was re-elected state agent for the year.

The Eclipse Publishing Company for printing 400 blanks for annual reports.....	\$1.50
100 ordination blanks.....	.75
200 license blanks.....	1.00

Total.....	\$3.25
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Allowed and an order drawn for the amount upon the Yearly Meeting treasurer.

The Yearly Meeting Evangelist, Rev. H. M. Turney failed to get in his report in full for the reason that he was busy holding a revival meeting at Madison, Ill.

Committee on Temperance: No indictment or arraignment of the liquor traffic is needed. It stands confessedly an out law and is the mother of every vicious principle known to man or devil. The chief end of man so far as Free Baptist is concerned is to abstain from the use of liquor as a beverage and refuse political bedfellowship with the saloon and political boodler. Therefore the only logical, practical, sensible place for the Christian man is in the only political party that stands opposed to the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of alcoholic liquor as a beverage.

(Adopted).

S. L. MORRIS, Chairman.

The report of the committee on requests was laid on the table indefinitely.

Committee on Sunday Schools: We deem the Sabbath Schools an important factor in bringing souls to Christ, developing Christian workers and a means of keeping up the church.

Therefore each church should maintain a Sabbath School which should be in unity with the Sabbath School Association and the latest systematic methods should be adopted. And much discretion should be used in electing officers and teachers that pure lives may be secured to be put in the lead. We request our pastors to agitate the Sunday School question and as far as possible urge each church to support a Sabbath School.

(Adopted.)

C. R. RICE, Chairman.

Treasurer, J. J. Tatum, reported as follows:

By cash for Evangelist .....	\$300 00
Cr. by cash, Q. M. collection .....	28 40
" " " church collection .....	14 84
" " " pledges .....	22 74
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$365 98</b>
Dr. to cash paid Evangelist .....	\$300 00
" " " General Conference Tax .....	25 00
" " " H. M. Turney .....	10 00
" " " postage .....	3 50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$338 50</b>
Balance on hand October 5, 1901, .....	\$27 48

Foreign Missions: Since God has so abundantly blessed our efforts in the work of the past few years. We therefore recommend that we express our gratitude to Him by a greater effort the next year to send the Gospel to all the world.

1st—That we have two or more missionary conventions during the year.

2nd—That our young people's societies sustain a missionary committee.

3rd—That we encourage the women in their work and endeavor to have an auxiliary in each church.

4th—We urge the pastors to preach regularly on foreign missions, and take the regular offering for that purpose.

5th—That as God seems to have opened the door to us in Africa, through our Bro. Clinton, and General Conference is disposed to enter, that we as a Yearly Meeting give this our hearty support.

6th—That we as a Yearly Meeting take some more definite work in the foreign field. Such as the support of a missionary of our own, urging the different societies of the Yearly Meeting to help what they may see fit.

(Adopted).

J. J. TATUM, Chairman.

A letter was read from Bro. H. S. Meyer to the young people, but they had no meeting.

The Woman's Missionary society held their meeting and elected Mrs. Jennie Rice, President; Mrs. Emma Wells, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. M. E. Allen, agent for the Helper. The collection for their work was \$3.40.

Voted that we have a number of missionary conventions during this year. And that Rev. J. L. Meads, T. O. McMinn and S. L. Morris be a committee to get up these meetings.

Chairman appointed the following committee on resolutions: Meads, Carter and L. W. Miller.

Rev. S. L. Morris preached at 8 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, October 5th; Rev. G. A. Gordon preached Sunday, October 6, at 11 o'clock: Rev. J. L. Meads preached at Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, October 6, and at night at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 o'clock opened and the board of examiners submitted their report. We recommend that primary license be granted to Ralph Mayo and Leslie Easterly.

Board of examiners { G. A. Gordon,  
H. F. Carter,  
Chas. T. Rogers.

At the close of this very practical and most enjoyable session it is fitting that our thanks be extended:

First—To the God of all grace for His abundant mercies that brought us here.

Second—To the hospitable people of this community for their hearty welcome and royal bounty in entertaining our delegates and friends.

Third—To the community that, regardless of personal sacrifice, have in every way rendered things pleasant and convenient to the delegates of this meeting.

Fourth—To the W. C. & W. and the C. & E. I. R. R. for reduced rates.

Fifth—To the moderator for his efficient service, impartial and unfailing courtesies.

Sixth—To the clerk for accurate records.

Seventh—To Rev. McClure of the U. P. church for the interest taken in work, and the fraternal spirit that caused him to tendered us the use of his pulpit, and to the ministers and delegates for their close application to business.

(Adopted). J. L. Meads, H. F. Carter and J. W. Miller.

Sunday after 11 o'clock services the sacrament was administered and \$118 raised for local home mission work.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of Q. M.	Added by Baptism.	Added otherwise.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Resident Members.	Non-res. members.	Whole No. members.	No. S. S. S.	No. mini- ters.	No. churches	State Work.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Value of Church Property.
Franklin County	130	34	4	10	3	518	36	554	360	12	10					\$ 3,500
Makanda.....						618	167	785	285	6	10					5,100
Looney Springs...	137	63	20	59	35	1480	412	2058	1179	18	25	\$41.51	\$25.89	\$62.60	\$10.55	20,100
Lebanon .....	29				12	375	57	432	270	7	7					4,400
Wayne County....	9	5	12	8	5	248	49	297	270	3	8					2,750
	305	102	36	77	55	3239	721	4126	2364	46	91	\$41.51	\$25.89	\$62 60	\$10.55	\$ 35,850

On motion adjourned.  
 REV. G. A. GORDON, Clerk.  
 REV. C. F. STALKER, Ass't Clerk

REV. CHAS. T. ROGERS, Moderator.  
 REV. T. O. McMINN, Ass't Mod.

## Minutes of the Ministers' Conference.

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Ministers' Institute of Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist called to order by Rev. J. H. Bagwilll at 8 p. m.

Rev. H. F. Carter was elected moderator, Rev. C. T. Rogers, assistant moderator and Rev. J. J. Tatum was elected assistant clerk.

Adjourned until 8 a. m.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with devotion, conducted by Rev. Geo. E. W. Wood.

The program as submitted by the committee was now taken up, the first number being a paper by Rev. W. W. Jacobs, subject: "The need of a special revival in Sunday School Work." Discussion of the same by Rev. McMinn, Bagwill, Tatum, Cochran and Carter.

Paper by Rev. M. Fox. "How lead our Sabbath School scholars to Christ," which was discussed at some length by the brethren.

Devotional services by Rev. J. L. Tatum, followed by an excellent sermon by Rev. T. O. McMinn.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by Scripture reading and prayer by moderator, H. F. Carter.

Records of morning session read.

Essay by Rev. J. A. Cochran. "The Bible, how to master it or be mastered by it." Commended and criticised by Elders Rogers, J. L. Tatum, Bagwill and Meads.

Moved by Bro. McMinn that the Institute take up character of ministers in connection with their reports. Rev. W. D Cockrum, T. O. Franklin, J. B. Davis, Wm Barringer, A. Z. Elam, Thos. W. Thornburg were dropped for not reporting to the Institute.

Rev C. T. Rogers, J. H. Bagwill and J. A. Cochran were appointed as committee to investigate the character of Rev. T. P. Griffeth.

Yearly dues were paid by McMinn, Evans, Rogers, Jacobs, Bagwill, Wood, Miller, Tatum, Fox, Carter, Cochran and Tatum.

Business was suspended until 7:30 p. m. at which time a joyous service of song and praise was conducted by Bro. Bagwill, which was followed by a sermon by Rev. J. J. Tatum. Text, Exodus 12-26. "What means this service"

#### MORNING SESSION

Opened by Bro. J. L. Tatum with Scripture and prayer.

Ministers Gordon and Stalker paid yearly dues.

C. F. Stalker presented a paper on "The world as seen from a Gospel wagon." Comments were offered by several of the brethren.

Moved by Bro. Gordon that a letter of endorsement be granted Bro. Stalker for his Gospel wagon work. Carried.

Paper by Bro. H. F. Carter, subject: "The Spirit of Selfism in our work. Its cause and cure." Criticised and commended by Tatum, Miller, Bagwill, Meads, McMinn, Bagwill, Jacobs, Tatum, Allen, Gordon and Carter.

Suspended for 5 minutes.

Preaching service by W. W. Jacobs.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by the moderator who read the 23 Psalm and prayer by Bro. Bain.

The clerk was instructed by motion to write a letter of sympathy to Bro. John A. L. Scott.

G. A. Gordon spoke on "Come-out-ism, its cause and cure." Comments by J. A. Cochran.

On motion the discussion of papers was waved and Charles T. Rogers read an excellent paper on "Ritualism, its use and abuse."

The reports from our different quarterly meetings was now given. J. J. Tatum speaking for Looney Spring, L. W. Miller for Makauda, Daniel Bain from Franklin, C. F. Rogers from Wayne and Rollin Rice, Tamaroa.

The Rev. M. A. Shepard, memorial service was next held in following order "The Man," Rev. Geo. A. Gordon, "The Preach-



er" Rev. T. O. McMinn, the performer Rev. J. J. Tatum. How he helped me most. Lead by Rev. J. H. Bagwill, and participated in by a number of persons.

Rev. G. A. Gordon, T. O. McMinn and C. T. Rogers were appointed a committee on program for next year.

The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

We call our ministers' attention to the fact that the relation between ministers of the Gospel is so close that when death claims one of our brethren, as many as possible should attend the funeral obsequies. Therefore, it shall in all such cases, be the duty of some one connected with the local church to notify the secretary of this Institute, who shall then notify all our ministers convenient.

#### REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

J. H. Bagwill; accession to church 90; baptism 11; conversions 160; calls 680; funerals 10; miles traveled 6,000; marriages 3; R. R. fare \$115.00; days in revivals 175; pastor 4 churches; salary \$500.; donations \$50; sermons 355. One of my churches was dedicated during the year. [Spillertown].

J. J. Tatum; conversions 53; revivals 4; funerals 26; marriages 12; pastor 1 church; baptised 45; sermons 213; miles traveled 3000; expense of travel \$73.00; money received for weddings and funerals \$50.00; Foreign Missions \$28.00; Home Missions \$8.00; state work \$65.00; education \$2.60; local church \$43; received into church 64. Ava church.

M. Kennedy; 2 churches, baptised 25; marriages 2; several protracted meetings.

H. F. Carter; preached 20 times; marriages 2; assisted in conducting 1 memorial service.

J. L. Tatum; 200 sermons; conducted revivals at Bethany and Pleasant Ridge; filled appointments in other places; spent 5 months in revival work in Nebraska; married 2 couple; 10 funerals; traveled 3000 miles; expense \$90.00.

J. A. Cochran; conversions 12; revivals 5; funerals 2; marriage 4; churches 4; baptised 14; sermons 219; traveled 1000 miles — \$10.00; salary \$332.69; received otherwise \$20.71; Foreign Missions \$5.00; Home Missions \$7.31; Ed. \$2.00; local church purposes \$41.00; received into church 21. Middleton, Sheller, Johnsonville, Orchardville.

Chas. R. Taylor; sermons 118; funerals 5; marriages 10; Missions \$21.34; received \$193.25; baptised 22, received 4 by letter; sold 21 Gordon Memorial Books. Camp Creek, Beach Grove, and Oak Ridge churches.

T. H. Evans; preached regularly at Bethany until July 15; conducted two funerals.

T. O. McMinn; conversions 50; revivals 3; funerals 13; marriages 8; one church Murphysboro, baptised 7; sermons 135; salary \$500.00; funerals and marriages \$22.00; Missions Foreign 14.50; local church purposes \$237.00; received into church 20.

W. W. Jacobs; conversions 1; revivals 2; funerals 6; one church; sermons 52; salary \$50.00; Missions Foreign \$1.10; Home Missions \$1.27; accessions 1. Bethany.

M. Fox—4 meetings; conversions 70; baptised 6; accessions 30; funerals 6, married 6; two churches, sermons 150; traveled 1500 miles, expenses \$25.00; received \$150.00; Pleasant Ridge and Elkhorn churches for 1901.

Chas. T. Rogers; conversions 10; revivals 3; funerals 7; marriages 3; churches 4, baptised 7; sermons 190; traveled 1700 miles, expenses \$35.00; money received \$395.00; funerals and marriages \$10.00; Missions Foreign \$1.55; Home Missions \$4.05; Local Missions \$3.33; local church fund \$32.60; received into church 13.; pastor of Ava church for 1901.

R. C. Allen; conversions 17; revivals 1; sermons 42; received \$4.37; expenses \$13.12; accessions 17.

Geo. E. W. Wood; 1 church, Enfield; held 6 protracted meetings; visited and assisted in several camp meetings; visited 18 Sabbath Schools; traveled 1340 miles; expenses for car fare \$48.65; visited sick 8 times; married 8; received \$162.00.

H. M. Turney; Evangelist, conversions 312; wholly sanctified 41; funerals 2; baptised 30; sermons 371; received \$289.00; received 42 into church; organized one church, Madison Ill.

J. L. Meads; conversions 38; accessions 16; baptised 5; marriages 13; organized one church; dedicated one church; preached every Sunday when well enough; lectured on "Philips" "John Brown" and prohibition; delivered 4 memorial addresses; published a little book; arrested a few saloon keepers; received \$600. and parsonage.

S. L. Morris; conversions 60; revivals 6; funerals 6; marriages 3; churches 3; baptised 18; sermons 227; received \$360.; marriages 8; missions foreign \$2.76; home missions \$1.98; accessions 23; Tamaroa, Fairview and White Swan.

A. J. Rendleman; conversions 30; revivals 6; funerals 17; marriages 6; churches 3; baptised 23; sermons 210; miles traveled 3000; money received \$592.; missions foreign 9.69; home missions 6.80; Local Missions 2.03; education \$5.75; all local purpose \$575.82; Willisville Denmark, and Campbell Hill; Denmark is building a new church. I assisted in organizing a church at Madison; attended General Conference.

C. F. Stalker, charge of Percy church, held arbor meeting at Marion, 12 saved, also meetings in Gospel wagon at several points in which a number were saved, will serve during the coming year Sato, De Soto and Union churches.

Rev. G. A. Gordon, state agent, attended seven quarterly meetings, Cairo Institute and general conference at Harper's Ferry W. Va., visited the Manning Bible School three times, St. Louis, East St. Louis and Madison interests. Also Ava, Murphysboro, Creal Springs, Chester, Willisville, Camp Creek, Lone Oak, Etherton and Marion churches. Traveled 4300 miles; preached 53 times; received \$32.70; expenses \$29.50; 12 funerals; married 5 couples and edited the ILLINOIS FREE BAPTIST.

G. A. GORDON, State Agent.

Roll of ministers present: G. A. Gordon, T. O. McMinn, L. W. Miller, J. H. Bagwill, J. A. Cochran, J. L. Tatum, J. J. Tatum, M. Fox, H. F. Carter, Geo. E. W. Wood, W. W. Jacobs, R. C. Allen, C. T. Rogers, C. F. Stalker, J. L. Meads, S. L. Morris.

On motion adjourned.

H. F. CARTER, Moderator.

J. L. MEADS, Clerk.



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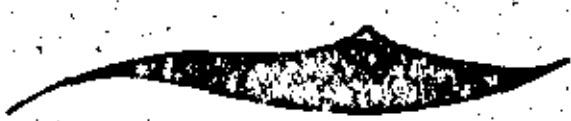
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