

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Central Illinois Yearly Meeting
OF
FREE BAPTIST

HELD WITH
TAMAROA CHURCH
TAMAROA, ILLINOIS

September 8-13, 1908

Officers of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist:

Rev. C. F. Stalker, Moderator	Tamaroa, Ill.
Rev. Fred Comber, Assistant Moderator	Murphysboro, Ill.
Rev. G. A. Gordon, Clerk	Campbell Hill, Ill.
Rev. D. H. Wells, Assistant Clerk	Carterville, Ill.

Board of Examiners

Rev. J. L. Tatum	Term expires September, 1909
Rev. H. F. Carter	Term expires September, 1910
Rev. J. W. McKinney	Term expires September, 1911

Local Home Mission Board

Rev. Wm. Barringer	Term expires September, 1909
Rev. A. J. Rendleman	Term expires September, 1910
Rev. D. H. Wells	Term expires September, 1911
Rev. G. A. Gordon	Term expires September, 1912
Rev. Fred Comber	Term expires September, 1913

Fixed Days

Children's Day	Second Sunday in June
Foreign Mission Days	June and December
Education Days	September and April
Home Mission Days	March and October
Local Home Mission Days	January, February, May, July, August, November
Each pastor should take above monthly collections.	
Denominational Anniversary Day	Last Sunday in January
Prayer for Public Schools	First Sunday in September

Minutes of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist.

The Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist met with Tamaroa Free Baptist church Friday at 8:00 o'clock a. m., September 11, 1908, and was called to order by Rev. G. A. Gordon, standing clerk. After prayer, Rev. Chas. F. Stalker was elected moderator and Rev. Fred Comber assistant moderator, and Rev. D. H. Wells assistant clerk.

Letters called for, and Looney Springs, Wayne County, Franklin County, Williamson County and Lebanon Quarterly Meetings presented letters, which were read and delegates seated. Minutes of last meeting read and on motion chair appointed a committee to select the committees—Kirk, Comber, Bagwill,— and the constitution and by-laws read. The committee reported the following:

Home Missions—G. A. Gordon, Thos. Grizzell and J. F. Hanna.

Temperance—C. F. Stalker, A. J. Barrow and R. F. Williamson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. M. C. Miner, James A. Wise and W. A. Pitman.

Doctrine—Rev. J. L. Meads, J. F. Kirk and G. V. Frey.

Sunday Schools—J. L. Franklin, Grover Kinney and W. W. Jacobs.

Publications—Rev. D. H. Wells, C. A. Pitman and J. H. Shafer.

State of the Country—J. H. Bagwill, J. W. Ethridge and Wm. Barringer.

Obituaries—S. A. Bradley, Hattie Weisgerber and Elsie Gallion.

Committee on Requests—Rev. J. L. Tatum, H. F. Carter and M. Fox.

Committee on Denomination—Rev. G. A. Gordon, J. L. Meads, T. J. Haney, J. H. Bagwill and George Snider.

Closing Resolutions—Rev. Fred Comber, Carr E. Carter and W. R. Spurlock.

G. A. Gordon, Yearly Meeting clerk, in account with the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting:

To printing minutes, postage, stationery and fee.....	\$39.95	
By cash from all sources		\$28.70
Balance due clerk		11.25
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which by vote was received and an order drawn on the treasurer for amount to balance.

Report of Home Mission Board: Met at Johnston City and ordered the evangelist to begin work in the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting, and Gordon was sent to East St. Louis to look after that work. Met again at Denmark, Gordon, Rendleman, McMillan and Comber present. An appropriation of \$100.00 was made to the East St. Louis church.

(Signed)

FRED COMBER, Secretary.

Rev. M. C. Miner, of New York, who came as a visiting delegate, made a talk and brought Christian greeting from the Central Association. Rev. J. H.

Bagwill, who had attended the Iowa yearly meeting, made a report of his visit. Rev. G. V. Frey, who came from Ohio to take work with us, reported something of his past year's work in Ohio and Tennessee.

Fred Comber was elected on the Home Mission Board to succeed himself, and D. H. Wells was elected on the board to fill vacancy.

J. W. McKinney was elected on the Board of Examiners to succeed himself.

Voted that the hours of meeting shall be 8:00 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30. Devotional exercises by Harry Burns, minutes of morning session read and approved, roll was called and 54 answered to their names.

Fred Comber was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Committee on the denomination submitted the following report: In view of the suggested plan of basis for union with the northern Baptist, whereby greater good may be accomplished by co-operation in gospel work, we would recommend that this Yearly Meeting vote as a body in favor of the proposed union with the northern Baptist. Signed by the Committee.

Which, after much discussion, was carried by a majority, 51 voting for and 25 voting against the proposition, and declared carried.

Committee to Supply the Pulpit—Carter, Grizzell and Blythe.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported (see report), in which a card system for gathering our contributions was planned, and the working out of said plan was to be given into the hands of the Home Mission Board.

Adjourned to 8:00 a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8:00 a. m. Devotional services by Rev. Wm. Barringer. Roll called and 72 present. Minutes read. Home Mission committee reported (see report). Committee on State of the Country reported (see report). Committee on Doctrine reported (see report). Committee on Sunday Schools reported (see report).

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Brother Mayo.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30. Devotional services by R. E. Cofer. Roll called and the minutes of last session read. Committee on Publications reported (see report). Committee on Obituaries reported (see report).

Resolved, That a page be given in our record book to the obituary notice of our beloved brothers in the ministry, Rev. Chas. R. Taylor and Rev. J. B. Davis, and that the same be spread upon our records.

(Adopted)

G. A. GORDON.

Brother Bagwill presented the Morning Star and eight subscriptions were taken for the paper.

Committee on Temperance reported (see report).

J. F. Hanna, Treasurer, made his report, showing \$259.22 received and \$184.65 paid out, leaving a balance on hand of \$74.57.

(Signed)

J. F. HANNA.

A vote of thanks was extended to Brother Hanna, and upon motion and second he was re-elected treasurer for one year.

Voted that the clerk print and distribute 1000 copies of the minutes of this meeting.

Voted that the Home Mission Board, together with the moderator and clerk of this Yearly Meeting, be constituted an executive committee to transact any business of this Yearly Meeting that may come up in the interim between the sessions of the Yearly Meeting. Carried.

Voted that we place an evangelist in the field and that he be required to collect his salary on the field.

Voted that the examining board hold written examinations and that they provide the necessary stationery for same. Carried.

The board of examiners made the following report: A primary license may be issued to Will Coleman, F. A. Slagel, Chas. Cowvey, Wilson Scarber, J. O. Travelstead, W. E. Pike, S. A. Bradley, Mattie Bradley, and Elizabeth Whitacre's primary license was renewed. Junior license, T. J. Mayer, Peter Pilson, W. C. Lockard, Robert Page, Milo Moore, Albert Johnson, James A. Wise, James H. Blythe, Grover Kinney, Moody Clarida, C. H. Andre, C. A. Pitman and Chas. A. Brown.

Senior license, W. W. Johnson, W. R. Spurlock, Harry M. Burns, J. A. Crowder, Judd Adams, and on motion adopted.

Voted that we elect W. A. Pittman Yearly Meeting evangelist.

Suspended and a meeting of the Yearly Meeting trustees was called and J. W. McKinney, J. H. Bagwill, Fred Comber and D. H. Wells were elected as trustees of the Yearly Meeting incorporated body.

A complimentary vote was extended Stalker and Meads.

Evangelist Pittman to work under the direction of the Home Mission board, who are to give him a letter of recommendation.

Cash collections for home missions was \$15.00.

Roll of Ministers Present.

J. F. Kirk, Fred Comber, C. F. Stalker, D. H. Wells, G. A. Gordon, W. A. Pitman, C. A. Pitman, J. A. Wise, J. H. Bagwill, James Blythe, Charles A. Brown, W. W. Johnson, J. L. Meads, G. V. Frey, T. E. L. Curry, T. J. Haney, M. Fox, T. J. Dempsey, J. L. Franklin, R. E. Cofer, J. N. Allen, Milo Moore, Grover Kinney, Albert Johnson, Peter Pilson, W. C. Lockhard, W. W. Jacobs, Robert Page, Wm. Barringer, Elizabeth Whitson, J. L. Tatum, H. M. Burns, H. F. Carter, W. R. Spurlock.

Roll of Lay Delegates Present.

G. L. Akin, Barney Merkle, W. S. Bradford, Austin Curry, R. L. Owens, D. E. Bain, Lew Knowles, R. H. Keef, Thos. Gower, Archie Milner, Mrs. Taylor, Annie L. Scott, J. W. Etheridge, T. T. Mayer, J. H. Schaefer, Levi Cowvey, Florence Barringer, Frank Slagel, Cornelia Cowvey, Gertrude

Richey, Sister Solomon, M. Harriss, Jake Knapp, Steve Johnson, David Hayslip, Jas. Wilson, J. W. Hoffman, Marshall Jones, Orran Cofer, R. T. McAdoo, C. E. Carter, J. S. Weedon, Sol Crawshaw, Don Cofer, S. P. Pate, R. E. Will:amson, C. A. Smith, Thomas Wise, Thomas Grizzell, A. J. Barrow, George Snyder, T. A. Lickiss, C. H. Andrea, Miss Elsie Galyan, Abe Hagler, Ollie Bagwill, J. F. Hanna.

Home Mission Committee: We, your committee, would make the following report: As there are no requests for financial aid before us, and the Yearly Meeting is in debt, we would recommend that we increase our efforts to raise Home Mission funds and during this year extinguish our indebtedness, and in order to achieve the greatest success in this way we recommend that all our churches at once adopt the 1 cent per day plan of the General Conference.

G. A. GORDON,
J. F. HANNA.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would beg to submit the following report: We wish to call attention to the fact that Sabbath desecration is still going on and that it is our duty as a Yearly Meeting to take a firm stand against Sunday base ball games and any other worldly amusements that would call the youth of our land from Sunday school or church. We would also recommend that our pastors see to it that every church has an evergreen Sunday school and that we all take an interest in union Sunday school work and that we should organize such helps to the work as teachers' training class, cradle roll, home department, etc. We also recommend the use of our denominational literature.

J. L. FRANKLIN,
G. C. KINNEY,
W. W. JACOBS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report: We re-affirm our belief that God has laid upon the church the duty to evangelize the whole world, and we recognize the obligation resting upon us to join hands with the brethren and sisters of the whole church to maintain our missions in India and Africa by doing our proportionate part. To this end we recommend a thorough systematizing of the work throughout the bounds of the Yearly Meeting in all our churches: First, by making it a duty upon all pastors to present the four causes—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, state work and education in each of his churches annually, as near the time appointed therefor by General Conference as possible. On these special days the pastor will be expected to give his congregations information on the four causes and to push the plans which this meeting may adopt for the enlarging of our contributions. We commend the forward movement for missions, and agree that it is our duty to make the one cent a day per member plan effective among us. That we believe one cent a day on an average is not too much to expect from each member of the church for the spread of the gospel. We recommend a card setting forth our benevolences be provided and it be made the duty of the pastor to present the card to each member of his churches or to see to it that a mission committee be appointed who shall do the work under his direction. We recommend that either the card provided by General Conference

be adopted, or if this is not adapted to our needs, a card adapted to local conditions be prepared and provided the churches free of charge, with envelopes to gather the contributions. In case a new card be prepared it shall set forth the one cent a day as the minimum of our duty, as General Conference has done, and that the funds gathered shall be divided as follows: 4-10 for Foreign Missions, 4-10 for Yearly Meeting work, 1-10 for Home Missions, and 1-10 for education.

M. C. MINER,
JAMES A. WISE,
W. A. PITMAN,

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following report: That as ministers we should urge our people to patronize our denominational publishing house when purchasing supplies of any kind it may be able to furnish, and also to insist on the use of the Morning Star Sunday school literature in all our Sunday schools. We recommend the Morning Star as a religious paper worthy of a place in all our homes.

D. H. WELLS,
C. A. PITMAN,
J. H. SCHEAFER.

We, the undersigned, as a committee on obituaries, find that God in His infinite wisdom, has called from our Yearly Meeting since last session the following brothers and sisters to their reward: Rev. Charles R. Taylor, Rev. J. B. Davis, Mr. O. E. Wilkerson, W. E. Lowe, Mr. John M. Cruse, Mr. Warren S. Crain, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, Miss Fannie Wells, Mrs. Mollie Hatfield, Hattie Rice, and others whose names we were not able to secure.

S. A. BRADLEY,
HATTIE WEISGERBER,
ELSIE GALLION.

We, your Committee on the State of the Country, submit the following:

Whereas, This country is being flooded with foreigners who bring with them the pernicious habits of cigarette smoking and drinking and other un-Godly habits, be it

Resolved, That we put forth every effort to evangelize and Christianize this people and all people.

Whereas, We have been successful in freeing 3,000,000 of our people from the accursed saloon, be it

Resolved, That we vote for every candidate, irrespective of party affiliations, so far as it is possible, to make every foot of Illinois and our whole country dry territory; and,

Whereas, The divorce evil has corrupted many of our American homes, be it

Resolved, That we labor earnestly for uniform divorce laws in this Christian land, and pray, labor and vote that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven.

J. H. BAGWILL,
WM. BARRINGER,
J. W. ETHERIDGE.

Your Committee on Doctrine beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, The sacred office of the gospel minister is the holiest, most

sacred among men, and the gospel is the product of the infinite mind, and preaching is an uninspired interpretation of an inspired word, that there is no office that requires greater knowledge, riper scholarship or richer experience of grace, be it

Resolved, That we urge our ministers to preach the things written in the word of God and not go beyond it; that the Yearly Meeting exercise supervision over the "faith once delivered to the saints," that has been the "key note" of success and has given to the Free Baptist church its glory and power; that our attitude toward other religious names and orders be one of charity and, if may be, unity.

J. F. KIRK,
J. L. MEADS,
G. V. FREY.

Committee on Temperance: We, as a Yearly Meeting, rejoice in the victories won by local option, and, like ancient Israel driving back the Philistines, claim all the territory where we have planted our feet.

Resolved, That we, as Free Baptist, use our influence in every way possible—preach, pray, sing, and give of our means to support the temperance cause until ultimate and complete victory is won.

Resolved, That while local option has driven out a number of saloons, it is wrong in principle and misleading in character; we believe in the annihilation of the iniquitous liquor traffic by national prohibition, and we would recommend that our people give their heartiest support to the political party organized for that purpose.

C. F. STALKER,
A. J. BARROW,
R. E. WILLIAMSON,

We, your Committee on Closing Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we extend to the Moderator, Rev. C. F. Stalker, our thanks for his impartial rulings and his keen judgment in deciding controverted points.

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the pastor of the Tamaroa church, W. A. Pittman, for his untiring efforts in looking after the visiting delegation and others.

Resolved, That we extend thanks to Rev. M. C. Miner for his presence, enthusiasm, encouraging words, and for the instructions and information received concerning our India mission field.

Resolved, That we extend to the brethren, sisters and friends of Tamaroa our heartiest thanks for their kindness in opening their homes and inviting the delegation to share of their hospitality, and praying that the blessings of God may be abundantly showered upon them.

Resolved, That the Tamaroa Times be furnished a copy of these resolutions for publication.

FRED COMBER,
C. E. CARTER,
W. R. SPURLOCK.

From the letters we find the following: That Wayne County Quarterly Meeting has not had any preaching for the past year in only two of her

churches. Evangelist Burns held revivals with Blue Point and Oak Valley churches. Makanda Quarterly Meeting by vote changed their name from Makanda to Williamson County Quarterly Meeting, and asked for the licensing of ten persons to the ministry and that 164 had been added by baptism and 127 otherwise. Franklin County has added two new churches, and one from Wayne County Quarterly Meeting. Revivals have been quite common with us; asked that six be examined for the ministry, added by baptism 85, otherwise 26. Looney Springs Quarterly Meeting: Most of the churches have pastors, sent in five names for examination for license; we have received one new pastor from Ohio, added 159 by baptism, 118 otherwise, received one church from Lebanon Q. M. Lebanon Quarterly Meeting: All the churches have pastors but one, and all have enjoyed revivals with a considerable degree of success.

On motion adjourned.

REV. G. A. GORDON, Clerk.

REV. CHAS. F. STALKER, Moderator. ..

REV. D. H. WELLS, Ass't Clerk.

REV. FRED COMBER, Ass't Clerk.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAMES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS:	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Resident Members	Whole Number of Members	Number of Sunday School Scholars	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Number of Churches	Value of Church Property
Franklin County	86	26	16	23	8	580	713	379	11	9	14	\$ 6,800
Freedom	20	12	5	2	4	380	400	375	7		7	5,500
Looney Springs	159	118	50	48	15	1557	2146	1343	9	10	20	27,250
Lebanon					3		389	265	3	2	7	6,900
Williamson County	163	127	41	23	16	1144	1471	562	8	10	14	24,200
Wayne County	8	4			2	150	169	110			6	2,500
Totals	436	287	112	96	48	3811	5288	3034	38	31	68	\$73,150

Central Illinois Yearly Meeting Ministers' Institute.

Tamaroa, Ill., September 8, 1908.

Institute called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the clerk. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Fred Comber. Rev. J. H. Bagwill elected moderator. After a few well chosen remarks, proceeded with the regular order of business as laid down in the program.

Rev. T. J. Haney elected assistant moderator, Rev. D. H. Wells elected assistant clerk; reading of the constitution and by-laws; reading of minutes of last session.

Motion that the matter of filling vacancies made on program by absentees be left to program committee. Paper by T. J. Haney, "Spiritual Growth," discussed by Comber, Stalker, Jacobs, Kirk, Gordon, Bagwill and Wells.

Sermon outline on John 3:16, by C. A. Pittman.

In the absence of Rev. Rendleman, Brother Brown opened the discussion on the "office of the Holy Spirit," followed by Blythe, Kirk, Haney, Pittman, Stalker, Gordon, Wells, Jacobs and Bagwill.

Motion that Rev. Brown preach at 7:30 p. m. in the absence of Rev. Meads.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Wells. Rev. Brown preached at 7:30, text Timothy 3:16.

WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Institute convened, devotional exercises conducted by Milo Moore, reading James 1, praise service conducted by Rev. Bagwill. Sermon outline by J. A. Wise, Heb. 2:3, discussed by Kirk, Stalker, Bagwill, Gordon and Pittman.

Sermon outline by S. A. Bradley, Luke 12:31, discussed by Gordon, Bagwill, Wells, Tatum, Haney and Pittman. Motion that we discuss "Regeneration," in the absence of A. D. Clinton. Started by Comber, followed by Wells, Tatum and C. A. Pittman.

Motion that we suspend until 2 p. m., prayer by J. L. Tatum.

Rev. Bagwill preached at 11 a. m., text Psalms 92.

Institute convened at 2 p. m., devotional services conducted by J. L. Tatum, prayer by Wells. Motion that Rev. Kirk be excused from reading a paper on "the pastor's duty to missions" and give a talk on the same subject. Discussed by Haney, Comber, Wells, Jacobs, Tatum and Pittman.

Outline of sermon by W. R. Spurlock, 2 Cor., 10:4.

Paper by D. H. Wells, "What shall be the minister's attitude toward politics?" Motion that D. H. Wells's paper be forwarded to the Morning Star for publication.

J. H. Bagwill gave a blackboard talk on "the Gospel in a nut shell," discussed by Kirk, Tatum and Comber.

Paper by J. W. McKinney, "The relation of the minister to the sociological conditions of the present time." In the absence of Rev. McKinney, Rev. Wells read the paper. Discussed by Kirk, Tatum and Haney. Motion that J. W. McKinney's paper be sent to the Morning Star for publication.

Motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning. Prayer by Wells. Preaching at 7:30 by Comber. Subject, "A Real Christian."

SEPTEMBER 10, 8:30 A. M.

Institute convened, devotional services conducted by W. W. Barringer. Rev. M. C. Miner gave an address, subject, "What is Missions?" discussed by Kirk, Tatum and Frey. Paper by G. V. Frey, subject, "The Divinity and Deity of Jesus Christ," discussed by Tatum, Bagwill, Kirk, Wells and Blythe. Motion that Frey's paper be sent to the Morning Star for publication.

Motion that Brother Stalker be allowed to make talk on subject assigned him in lieu of paper. Motion lost.

Paper by W. W. Jacobs, subject, "The pastor on the field, in the home and as a student," discussed by Kirk, Frey, Wells, Haney, Blythe and Comber.

Moved that we suspend regular order of business immediately after dinner and hear reports of ministers and pass on character of ministers.

Motion that W. A. Pitman be excused from giving his sermon outline.

Paper by W. W. Barringer, subject, "Local option, is it a good thing?" discussed by Tatum, Kirk, Stalker, Gordon and Frey.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by W. A. Pitman. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Charles F. Stalker, text II Timothy 2:15.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Institute convened, devotional exercises by Rev. Kirk.

Reports of ministers read. Motion that a committee be appointed to secure a blank for ministers' reports. Motion that clerk of Institute be allowed \$5.00 per year. The following bills were presented and allowed: Fred Comber, 85 cents for postage, etc. G. A. Gordon \$3:00 for programs, postage, etc.

The following were appointed program committee: G. A. Gordon, D. H. Wells and G. V. Frey.

Committee on revising report blanks, Fred Comber, W. A. Pittman and W. W. Jacobs. Motion that Institute grant Rev. Frey certificate.

Character of ministers passed upon. The matter of charges against J. W. McMillan was stated by G. A. Gordon. Motion that J. W. McMillan be excluded from membership in the Ministers' Institute. Carried unanimously. Motion that a committee of three be appointed to visit J. W. McMillan. Committee: Gordon, Kirk and Frey.

Outline by W. R. Spurlock, Luke 11:9. Outline by Milo Moore, I John 2:2. Paper by Comber, "A look backward." Talk by Gordon, "A look forward." Motion to adjourn. Carried. Prayer by Gordon.

Reports of Ministers.

J. L. Tatum: Conversions 15, helped in 5 revivals, funerals 6, marriages 4, baptized 11, sermons 25, money received for funerals and marriages \$15.00, received into the church 10.

J. A. Crowder: Sermons 33, miles traveled 213, one revival, funerals 1, no regular work, money received \$24.

M. Fox: Conversions 15, helped in 2 revivals, funerals 4, marriage 4,

J. F. Kirk: Sermons 115, money received \$100.00, baptized 37, funerals 4, conversions 35.

L. B. and K. A. Haines: Held 200 services, both in the prison and churches, witnessed a number of conversions, sent out for distribution in the prisons 15,000 scripture calendars, besides other literature.

G. A. Gordon: After the Y. M. at Johnston City I visited East St. Louis church, conducted an Old People's meeting at Percy, went west for the winter, returning April 1, attended three meetings, preached at Ava, funerals 6, married four couples, have had the pastoral care of the home church since last April, expenses \$6.94, received \$3.99; this does not include my salary as pastor, as yet have received nothing on that, but expect to.

J. H. Bagwill: Served East St. Louis church as pastor, traveled 4,470 miles, expenses \$97.00, pastoral calls 558, funerals 12, marriages 10, local option lectures 10, baptized 38, consecrated three children, dedicated East Carondelet church, attended General Conference at Cleveland, also Iowa State Association, sermons 200, conversions 181, received into East St. Louis church 103, money received—General Conference \$60.00, Yearly Meeting \$100.00, weddings \$18.00, funerals \$23.00, lectures \$25.00, evangelistic \$79.45, salary \$417.69, total \$723.64, unanimously elected for another year.

Elizabeth Comber: Had pastoral care of Lauder church for four months, Dry Hill three months, sermons 29, money received \$83.06, expenses \$9.03, miles traveled 525, assisted my husband at Murphysboro, also supplied Percy two appointments.

D. H. Wells: Have been pastor of Percy and Walnut Grove, preached 93 times, funerals 2, marriages 2, baptized 77, traveled 1,500 miles, money received \$183.90, additions 6, assisted in several revivals, collections for Foreign Missions \$23.75, Home Missions \$8.00, have been elected pastor for the Carterville church for the coming year.

Edna Wells: Have been pastor of Carterville church for the full time, during the year held and helped in seven revivals and camp meetings, souls justified and sanctified 344, calls and visits 195, received in the church 59, funerals 3, money raised for missions and other purposes \$559.18, sermons 150, other services 59, miles traveled 2165, expenses \$56.67, donations \$8.00, money received \$656.96.

Fred Comber: Preach every Sunday at Murphysboro, salary \$600.00 and parsonage, sermons 92, funerals 21, marriages 13, received into the church 21, fraternal addresses 2, school addresses 3, memorial sermons for Odd Fellows 3, temperance lectures 8, addressed Jackson County Old Settlers' Association, raised for Foreign and Home Missions \$23.00, incidental expense of the church \$183.43, Christian Endeavor \$46.00, Junior Endeavor \$10.00, Ladies' Aid \$96.10, pledges for Anti-Saloon League \$148.80, Local Option campaign \$43.00, Sunday school offerings \$105.69, total amount for all purposes, not including salary, \$657.12, received an unanimous call to remain another year.

A. J. Rendleman: Pastor of Willisville, Pate's Chapel and Bosky Dell churches and assisted J. M. McKinney in special revival service at Johnston City, preached 175 sermons, baptized 20, married five couples, conducted five funerals, delivered several special addresses and lectures, received \$600.00, will preach for Percy and Denmark the coming year.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

Fred Comber, Elizabeth, Comber, J. F. Kirk, D. H. Wells, T. J. Haney, H. F. Carter, J. H. Bagwill, J. A. Wise, C. A. Pittman, W. C. Lockhard, C. F. Stalker, G. A. Gordon, W. A. Pittman, Milo Moore, Chas. A. Brown, W. W. Jacobs, J. H. Blythe, A. L. Johnson, Peter Pilson, M. Fox, S. A. Bradley, Mattie Bradley, J. L. Tatum, J. T. Dempsey, W. W. Johnson, W. R. Spurlock, Wm. Barringer, J. L. Franklin, R. E. Cofer, John N. Allen, G. V. Frey, Melville C. Miner, Jud Adams, Edna Wells, Julia Humphrey, M. Kennedy.

FRED COMBER, CLERK.

J. H. BAGWILL, Moderator.

Official Course of Study for Candidates for the Ministry, as
Ordered by General Conference, Oct. 5, 1895.

All license shall be of three grades—primary, junior and senior,—and may be issued upon the following conditions:

FOR PRIMARY LICENSE.

The candidates shall give evidence of piety, call to the ministry, also possess a fair knowledge of English grammar and an efficient use of the English language.

FOR JUNIOR LICENSE.

The candidates shall pass satisfactory examination upon the following branches: Evidences of Christianity, Manual of Christian Evidences (Fisher), History of the United States (Swinton), Scripture History (Smith, small edition), Usages of Free Baptists ("Treatise"). The candidates will also have read one volume of Robertson's sermons, an "Introduction to the Life of Christ" by Anthony, and the "Life of Christ" by Stalker or Geikie as preferred.

FOR SENIOR LICENSE.

Sytematic Theology (Dunn-Butler, 1st half); Ancient History (Swinton); History of the Christian Church (Fisher, 1st half) digest of General Conference Law ("Treatise of 1896"); reading sermons by Phillips Brooks (1 vol.); "Life of Paul" by Stalker or Farrar as preferred, and "Natural Law, in the Spiritual World" by Drummond.

FOR ORDINATION.

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