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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Central Illinois Yearly Meeting

OF

FREE BAPTIST

HELD WITH

MURPHYSBORO CHURCH,

MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS.

September 28 to October 3, 1909.

Officers of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist.

Rev. A. J. Rendleman, Murphysboro, Illinois	Moderator
Rev. J. F. Kirk, Carterville, Illinois	Assistant Moderator
Rev. G. A. Gordon, Campbell Hill, Illinois	Clerk
Rev. S. A. Bradley, Willisville, Illinois	Assistant Clerk

Board of Examiners.

Rev. H. F. Carter	Term Expires September, 1910
Rev. J. W. McKinney	Term Expires September, 1911
Rev. D. H. Wells	Term Expires September, 1912

Local Home Mission Board.

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
Rev. Wm. Barringer	Term Expires September, 1914

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 the first Free Baptist Church of Murphysboro, Ills., Friday, at 8:00 o'clock A. M., Oct. 1st, 1909, and was called to order by Rev. G. A. Gordon, standing clerk. After devotional exercises Rev. J. J. Tatum was elected moderator, Rev. J. F. Kirk assistant moderator and Rev. S. A. Bradley assistant clerk.

Letters called for, and Looney Springs, Lebanon, Wayne County, Franklin County, Freedom and Williamson County Quarterly Meetings presented letters, which were read, and the delegates seated. Also read the constitution and by-laws and minutes.

The Chair appointed Frey, Kirk and Bundy a committee to select committees.

The committee on committees made report as follows:

Committee on Business—Revs. Wm. Barringer, Fred Comber and W. E. Franklin.

On the Pulpit—Rev. J. H. Bagwill, M. Harris and W. D. Russell.

On Home Missions—Rev. Wm. Barringer, Thos. Grizzell and S. W. Webb.

Temperance—Revs. J. H. Bagwill, G. C. Kinney and S. H. Bundy.

Foreign Missions—Revs. J. M. Glasson, G. A. Gordon and J. F. Kirk.

Doctrine—Revs. Comber, Frey and Kirk.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Ethridge, Robt. Hinchcliff and Elizabeth Whitacre.

Publications—C. A. Brown, T. J. Mayer and M. Kennedy.

Requests—A. J. Rendleman, J. L. Franklin and G. A. Gordon.

Resolutions—C. A. Brown, S. A. Bradley and Robt. Hinchcliff.

Voted that opening and closing hours shall be 8 to 10:45 a. m. and 2 to 4:30 p. m.

Home Mission Board made the following report: Met at Tamaroa immediately after adjournment of Yearly Meeting September 19th, 1908; organized by electing G. A. Gordon, chairman, and Fred Comber, secretary. Consultation with the Board resulted in Rev. Barringer going to West Frankfort and organizing a church. Rev. McKinney is pastor. The Board is in great need of funds and urges the churches to observe the days for Home Mission offerings.

FRED COMBER, Secretary.

Secretary and Treasurer G. A. Gordon reported as follows:

To printing 1,000 copies of minutes	\$17.00
“ postage and post cards	5.70
“ envelopes and paper	1.80
“ salary	10.00
By money collected from the churches.....	\$27.95
“ amount to balance	6.55
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Balance of \$6.55 allowed and order drawn on Treasurer Hanna for same.

2. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF FREE BAPTIST

Rev. Fred Comber preached at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met and opened by singing and prayer by Brother T. J. Mayer. Minutes read.

Committee on Temperance made report. Discussed, amended and adopted (see report). The matter referred by the Institute to this body, "The Heresy of Tongues," was brought up and referred to Committee on Doctrine.

Committee on Home Missions made report and adopted (see report).

Committee on Publications made report and adopted (see report).

Committee on Doctrine made report and adopted (see report).

Committee on Credentials made report. Adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools made report and adopted (see report).

Rev. G. A. Gordon made report as member of the General Conference Board. Talked of Home and Foreign Missions, emphasizing the importance of contributing to the Home and Foreign Mission fund, portraying the needs. Rev. J. J. Tatum reported the work moving on nicely in Iowa, and brought us Christian greeting. Rev. L. C. Chase of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, who has moved into our bounds, spoke cheerily of their work. Rev. J. M. Glas-son of Ohio was with us throughout and preached two very acceptable sermons. All adding very much to the pleasurable-ness of the occasion. Ad-journed.

Rev. J. J. Tatum preached at 7:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

Met and opened by singing and prayer by Rev. L. C. Chase. Minutes read. Roll called and 86 responded.

Notice was given by G. A. Gordon that a change would be asked at next session of Article 6 of the Constitution, changing time of holding Yearly Meeting from Oct. 1st to Sept. 1st Sunday. Voted that the rules be sus-pended, and that the next session be held on 1st Sunday in Sept. Ministers' Institute to begin on Tuesday before.

Request of J. N. Allen was referred to Committee on Requests.

Committee on Requests reported and report adopted (see report).

R. E. Williamson was elected Treasurer to succeed J. F. Hanna.

Rev. D. H. Wells was elected on the Board of Examiners.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the 1 cent tax of \$137.07, now past due, as soon as possible; \$50.00 of which he paid.

Rev. Wm. Barringer was elected on the Home Mission Board to succeed himself.

Voted that the Examining Board be requested to furnish the Yearly Meeting Sessions a synoptical statement, giving a brief review of the exam-ination of each candidate for license or ordination, showing candidate's educational and doctrinal qualifications; said statement to be submitted before the Yearly Meeting votes on granting or rejecting applications for license or ordination.

Rev. G. A. Gordon was elected State Agent.

Committee on Requests made report as follows: That Rev. J. N. Allen be granted a letter of recommendation, and that the request of Freedom Quarterly Meeting to withdraw from the Yearly Meeting be not granted. Report adopted.

The following committee was appointed to enquire into the dissatisfied condition of the Freedom Quarterly Meeting and report next year: Revs. J. W. McKinney, Fred Comber and A. J. Rendleman.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Rev. H. F. Carter preached at 11 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met and opened by singing and prayer by Rev. W. A. Pitman. Minutes read and roll called.

Voted that Julia Humphrey is hereby silenced from preaching, and the Clerk instructed to call in her credentials. Also Peter Pilson's license is hereby called in by vote of this Yearly Meeting and they both are hereby silenced as Free Baptist preachers for preaching the "Heresy of Tongues."

Voted that Rev. A. J. Rendleman be elected moderator to fill vacancy for one year.

The following were elected delegates to the General Conference at Ocean Park, Maine, July 10, 1910: Revs. Wm. Barringer, G. V. Frey, W. A. Pitman, Fred Comber, J. H. Bagwill and J. W. McKinney.

Committee on Foreign Missions made report and adopted (see report).

Took pledges to the amount of \$75.00 for Foreign Missions.

Moved by Rendleman, that if there be no record transferring the power of the Yearly Meeting to the Ministers' Institute of passing upon the characters of ministers that henceforth it be the province of the Yearly Meeting to pass upon the character of its ministry. Carried.

J. F. Hanna, Treasurer, made report as follows:

Total receipts from all sources.....	\$168.91
Total disbursements for the year.....	167.32

Balance on hand and turned over to G. A. Gordon	\$ 1.59
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J. F. HANNA.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted (see report).

1,000 copies of the minutes of this meeting ordered printed.

The following were elected Trustees of the Yearly Meeting for two years: G. A. Gordon, J. F. Kirk and H. F. Carter.

Moved that those who hold a grade of license, and do not pass, be permitted to retain their license for a year.

Voted that we adjourn to meet after preaching to-night at 7:30.

Rev. J. W. McKinney preached.

EVENING SESSION—9 O'CLOCK P. M.

Called to order, and the Examining Board made their report as follows: There were 25 candidates before the Board and examined, submitting herewith brief report of standing of each, educationally and doctrinally. Report

received, and upon motion to adopt, Rev. J. H. Bagwill moved, That all those who passed examination and who will conform to the rules of the Yearly Meeting and not preach sanctification as a definite, second work of Grace removing the Adamic nature, and all those who believe it and will try in the next year to get in line and promise not to preach it during the year, shall pass. After some discussion, Rev. J. W. McKinney moved, To leave out all who will not conform to the rules passed by the Yearly Meeting which motion as amended carried. For ordination: Revs. W. R. Spurlock, Grover C. Kinney, James A. Blythe, W. C. Lockard and Thos. J. Mayer,

Senior License to Robt. Page, W. W. Johnson, J. A. Crowder, Chas. A. Brown, Jas. A. Wise, C. H. Andre, J. R. Adams.

Junior License to S. A. Bradley and Elizabeth Whitacre.

Primary License to W. E. Pike, Chas. P. Short, C. W. Holmes, Earl Groves, R. C. Smith and Frank Grizzell.

The following Council on Ordination was appointed to ordain candidates Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M.: Revs. A. J. Rendleman, Leader; J. M. Glasson, Invocation; G. A. Gordon, Charge to Candidates; G. V. Frey, Charge to Churches; J. H. Bagwill, Ordaining Prayer; J. W. McKinney, Hand of Fellowship; and J. L. Tatum, Presentation of Bible.

Rev. Geo. J. Bowdman's Credentials from the Christian Church ordered endorsed by the Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Geo. Benjamin, S. H. Bundy, J. W. Ethridge, W. O. Ashby, Jno. Hoffman, Thos. Wise, W. E. Franklin, Sam Kirkpatrick, Jno. Jeffrey, W. D. Russell, Julia Lewis, J. C. Clark, Amos Spurlock, Geo. Ketterman, Jno. Sanders, Edgar Bain, R. H. Keef, S. T. Vaughn, C. W. Eldrige, Frank Thurman, J. M. Harris, Lulu Topping, Otto Boles, J. C. Shaw, Berly Barnfield, J. A. Baugh, Jno. Owens, Barney Merkel, Arthur Bell, Hattie Weisgerber, Thos. Grizzell, J. F. Hanna, Emma Hanna, Ella Minter, Maggie Rendleman, Archy Robinson, Sallie Robinson, Sister Duncan, Emanuel Lipe, Lou Hudgins, R. Jones, Mollie Ashby, Elizabeth Ragland, F. O'Donnell, Hester Jones, Bert Fletcher, Robt. Hinchcliff, Olie Richey, Gertie Richey, Geo. Dunn, Marshall Jones, W. E. Mann, M. Quinn, H. McLaughlin and Jake Knapp.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

Revs. G. A. Gordon, J. F. Kirk, Fred Comber, J. H. Bagwill, Grover C. Kinney, Robt. Smith, L. C. Chase, J. W. McKinney, Chas. P. Short, W. C. Lockard, M. Fox, Earl Groves, C. W. Holmes, John N. Allen, J. R. Adams, W. W. Johnson, W. R. Spurlock, A. D. Clinton, Jno. Lawson, J. L. Franklin, J. A. Crowder, W. A. Pitman, J. A. Blythe, J. W. McMillan, J. A. Wise, A. J. Rendleman, M. Kennedy, J. L. Tatum, J. J. Tatum, S. A. Bradley, C. A. Brown and Elizabeth Whitacre.

A collection of \$10.20 was taken for Home Missions, and a collection of \$5.00 for Foreign Missions during the meeting.

There was but one request for the next Yearly Meeting which was from Williamson County Quarterly Meeting.

The letters showed an increase in members, a fair interest generally, and Franklin County Quarterly Meeting reported three new churches organized, one house built and two dedicated, and I think one new church organized in Williamson County Quarterly Meeting with 623 additions during the year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Obituaries:—We, your committee, would report forty deaths in the year, including two ministers, Rev. J. S. Gullige and Rev. W. D. Glass.

W. O. ASHBY,
W. E. PIKE,
C. W. HOLMES.

Requests:—We recommend that the request of Freedom Quarterly Meeting to be dismissed from the Yearly Meeting be not granted, and that a letter of recommendation be given Bro. J. N. Allen who will visit New Mexico shortly.

A. J. RENDLEMAN,
G. A. GORDON.

Sunday Schools:—We, your committee, would emphasize the resolutions of last year with these additions. That all pastors urge from their pulpits upon parents to attend Sunday School, thereby encouraging the young, and further, that every Sunday School Teacher should be saved and use strenuous efforts for the salvation of their classes. That Superintendents and Teachers urge upon the young men and boys to abstain from the use of tobacco and drink.

J. W. ETHERIDGE,
LIZZIE WHITACRE,
ROBT. M. HINCHCLIFF.

Credentials:—Wayne County Quarterly Meeting entitled to three delegates; Franklin County Quarterly Meeting entitled to eight; Freedom Quarterly Meeting, three; Lebanon Quarterly Meeting, three; Williamson County Quarterly Meeting, sixteen; Looney Springs Quarterly Meeting, twenty-two; making fifty-four in all; and all delegations full.

WM. BARRINGER, Chairman.

Publications:—Your committee would urge our people to patronize our denominational publishing house when purchasing supplies of any kind and insist on the use of the Morning Star and Sunday School literature in our schools. And further that we urge our people to secure and read our Treatise on Free Baptist faith, that as a people we may better understand our doctrine. We recommend the Morning Star as a religious weekly worthy to be placed in all our homes.

CHAS. A. BROWN,
T. J. MAYER,
M. KENNEDY.

Temperance:—We regard the saloon as being the greatest enemy to men and nations on God's footstool. It hides itself behind stained glass doors and opaque glass windows. It strikes at the very heart and life of the individuals of the home and the nation. It breaks hearts, blights lives and damns souls. It fills the poorhouse, the jail and the penitentiaries. It fights under cover of darkness and assassinates the character that it cannot down.

It attacks defenseless women and children. It takes away your friends. It brings insanity and suicide. It will take the shirt off your back. It will steal the coffin from the dead child. It will tear the last crust of bread from the hungry babe. It will take the last bucket of coal out of the cellar and the last cent out of your pocket and send you home blear eyed and staggering to the wife and children. It will take the virtue of your daughter. It sends the husband home with a lie on his lips to his wife, and the boy home with a lie to his mother. It is God's worst enemy and the Devil's best friend. It spares neither youth nor old age, it even lies in wait for the unborn. It cocks the highwayman's pistol. It puts the rope in the hand of the mob. It is the anarchist of the world. It sent the bullet through the hearts of Lincoln and McKinley. Therefore be it Resolved: That we as Free Baptist use our influence in every way possible to stamp this terrible curse from our land.

J. H. BAGWILL,
S. H. BUNDY,
G. C. KINNEY.

Foreign Missions:—That the one cent per day plan be emphasized in all our churches and plans be made for the taking up of same so far as possible. Our needs are great at this time. We are about sending six missionaries to India which will entail additional expense, and our opportunity is great there, and the field is fast ripening for the harvest. Be it remembered that it has taken years of work and thousands of dollars to bring the work to its present standing. Therefore, your committee would urge your immediate help at this time, being the 75th anniversary of our India work. Let us help swell the wave that will float \$15,000.00 into our Foreign Mission treasury, and thus help sustain the good work already in hand.

J. M. GLASSON,
G. A. GORDON,
J. F. KIRK.

Doctrine:—Would submit the following: That, we the ministers of the Central Illinois Yearly Meeting reaffirm our Faith in the Bible as the Word of God. That we accept and receive the System of Doctrine as given in the Free Baptist Treatise—Pages 7 to 37. That we deplore the state of affairs that has resulted from the preaching in many of our churches of such heresies as "The Gifts of Tongues" and kindred doctrines. We recommend that this Yearly Meeting withdraw the hand of fellowship from all such persons and refuse to recognize them as Ministers of the Free Baptist Faith. That we request and urge the ministers of the Yearly Meeting who have been preaching the Doctrine of Sanctification as a "Distinct second work of Grace that removes the Adamic Nature," that they cease to do so and preach the Doctrine as stated in the Treatise.

G. V. FREY,
J. F. KIRK,
FRED COMBER.

Home Missions:—Inasmuch as our Home Mission Treasury is empty and that the need for funds is urgent; we therefore recommend that Pastors be instructed and urged to observe mission days, and that mission collections be

taken regularly; and that Pastors be instructed to report same quarterly; said report to be made to the Home Mission Treasurer, and that the Home Mission Treasurer be instructed to keep a record of same and read such reports at the ensuing Yearly Meeting. Wm. BARRINGER, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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.....	158	120	11	15	6	821	890	455	9	3	14	\$ 5,100
Freedom	40	10					500	202	6		8	5,500
Looney Springs.....	117	27	10	2	8	1647	2256	1365	8	4	18	27,250
Lebanon	9	8	1		1	305	353	194	5	1	7	2,500
Williamson County	65	53	21	5	8	1589	1600	515	12	8	17	24,000
Wayne County.....	10	6				150	169	110	0	0	6	6,000
Totals.....	399	224	44	22	23	3912	5768	3841	40	16	70	\$65,350

Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. G. A. Gordon preached; at 3 p. m. ordination of five brethren named in report, and Revs. L. C. Chase and J. L. Tatum administered the Lord's Supper; and at night Rev. J. M. Glasson preached.

Sunday night the committee on Closing Resolutions reported, expressing thanks to the Rev. J. J. Tatum, the presiding officer, Rev J. H. Bagwill, pastor of the Murphysboro church, and the friends for kindly hospitality.

On motion adjourned.

REV. G. A. GORDON, Clerk.

REV. A. J. RENDLEMAN, Moderator.

REV. S. A. BRADLEY, Asst. Clerk.

REV. J. F. KIRK, Asst. Moderator.

Minutes of the Ministers' Institute, Held at Murphysboro, September 28-30.

Institute called to order by the standing clerk Rev. Fred Comber at 2 p. m. Rev. G. V. Frey was elected Moderator, Rev. W. W. Barringer elected Assistant Moderator and Rev. J. H. Bagwill elected assistant clerk.

On motion the program was adopted, and the committee instructed to substitute or make any change necessary.

On motion the hour for opening the Institute be 8:30 a. m. and closing at 4 p. m.

On motion by Bagwill the order of business was suspended long enough to give Rev. Glasson the hand of welcome and Christian fellowship.

On motion by Bagwill, Brothers Warren Holmes and Robert Smith be invited to sign the constitution.

Rev. H. M. Loar, pastor of the First Methodist church of Murphysboro, was invited to give a report of the work done at the annual conference held at Centralia, Illinois. He briefly stated some of the work done during the year.

Rev. Frey read a paper on "The Divorce Evil," discussed by Bagwill, Gordon, Loar and Barringer.

On motion by Barringer, Rev. Frey's paper on "The Divorce Evil" be sent to the Morning Star for publication.

• Motion to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 by Rev. Frey; subject: "Ye are God's Building."

WEDNESDAY—8:30 A. M.

Devotion services led by Rev. Shaw. A short time was given for testimonies, all present participating. Minutes read and approved.

On motion by Bagwill, the clerk was instructed to send a telegram of condolence to Rev. Wells expressing the sympathy of the Institute to him in his illness.

On motion by Gordon, Rev. Wells' paper "Should Every Member Contribute to Missions" was read by Rev. Brown. The paper was discussed by Gordon and Blythe.

Rev. Comber read a paper on "Pastoral Theology," discussed by Pitman, Franklin, Blythe, Bagwill, Frey, Barringer, Gordon and Jeffry. On motion by Bagwill the paper was ordered sent to The Star for publication.

Rev. Reynolds, pastor of the M. E. South of Murphysboro, was introduced and invited to a seat in counsel.

Sermon outline by S. A. Bradley, John 1:17, discussed by Gordon, Comber and Shaw. Adjourned by prayer by W. A. Pitman. Preaching 11 a. m. by W. W. Barringer, subject: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ;" text, Mark 16:14.

WEDNESDAY—2 P. M.

Institute convened at 2 p. m. by devotional services conducted by S. A. Bradley. Several testified to the time, place and age of their conversion. Minutes read and approved.

On motion by Barringer, all who were candidates for examination were invited to sign the constitution.

J. A. Wise read an outline on John 3:3, discussed by Franklin, Blythe, Gordon, Frey, Shaw, Kirk, Andre, Carter and Pitman.

Gordon gave a talk on "Higher Criticism" instead of a paper on the same subject by J. L. Meads, discussed by Frey and Jeffry.

Kirk gave a talk on Isaiah 62:4.

Gordon read a paper on "Denominational Loyalty."

Bagwill read a paper on "Homiletical Theology," discussed by Pitman and Blythe.

Adjourned by prayer by Kirk. Preaching at 7:30 by C. A. Brown; Text, Acts 16:6-10; Subject, "Divine Guidance."

THURSDAY—8:30 A. M.

Institute called to order by devotional services by C. H. Andre. Minutes read and approved. Reports read by ministers of work done.

Bills from Gordon and Comber for clerk and printing expenses to the amount of \$8.70 allowed and the amount was immediately raised by the members present.

Barringer read a paper on "Systematic Theology," discussed by Kirk, Frey and Gordon.

Talk by Pitman, "Should We Preach on the Doctrines of Our Church More?" discussed by Comber and Gordon.

Adjourned by prayer by Carter. Preaching at 11 by Kirk, text, John 14:1-6; subject, "The Only Way."

THURSDAY—1:30 P. M.

Institute convened. Devotional exercises led by Pitman, minutes read and approved.

Committee to visit McMillan reported their visit and committee discharged.

Committee on obtaining report blanks for preachers reported. Report received and committee discharged.

On motion by Gordon the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that Brother J. W. McMillan be restored to membership in this Institute and that his papers surrendered a year ago be restored to him when he unites with the church.

J. W. McKinney's paper, "Is the Socialistic Theory of Government a Danger to the Church?" was read by the secretary in the absence of the writer, discussed by Kirk and Frey.

Sermon outline by Charles H. Andre, I Corinthians 15:20.

Franklin read a paper, "Relation of the Christian Endeavor and Sunday School to the Church." On invitation John Jeffry, president of the Jackson County Sunday School Association, gave some very encouraging remarks upon the importance of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work.

Sermon outline, I John 3:1, by J. H. Blythe. Character of ministers passed upon.

On motion by Barringer, amended by Bagwill, that the hand of fellow-

ship be withdrawn from Sister Humphrey and all others who are teaching the doctrine of Tongues, and the matter be referred to the Yearly Meeting for further consideration.

Committee on Program appointed to arrange program for next session, Wm. Barringer, J. H. Bagwill and G. A. Gordon.

Resolved that we have the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting have the papers that were read before this body printed in the minutes of the Yearly Meeting session.

On motion by Bagwill the papers ordered sent to the Morning Star be withheld.

Adjourned by singing the Doxology, and prayer by J. J. Tatum.

Ministers Enrolled: G. A. Gordon, G. V. Frey, Fred Comber, Wm. Barringer, J. H. Bagwill, Warren Holmes, J. H. Blythe, Robert Smith. C. H. Andre, S. A. Bradley, A. J. Rendleman, J. C. Shaw, W. A. Pitman, J. L. Franklin, Chas. A. Brown, J. F. Kirk, H. F. Carter, J. A. Wise, W. A. Mann, J. A. Baugh, Berlie Barnfield, John Owens, W. W. Johnson, A. D. Clinton, M. Kennedy, J. A. Crowell, W. R. Spurlock, A. Bell, Elizabeth Whiteacre, Mattie Bradley, J. J. Tatum, Oelwein, Iowa, J. N. Glasson, Morrell, Ohio.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

W. R. Spurlock—Sermons preached 72, churches pastored 2, revivals 3, results 15, funerals 2.

J. H. Bagwill—Sermons preached 272, pastored East St. Louis 6 months, salary \$60.00 per month and parsonage, pastored Murphysboro church one month and half at \$50.00 per month and parsonage, done Evangelistic work four months and half, 322 persons were taken into churches where I conducted meetings, some united with churches of other denominations. Revivals held 8, results witnessed in same 369 conversions, received by baptism 20, amount of salary \$1085.56, collected on same \$1053.38, funerals 25, marriages 14.

A. D. Clinton—Sermons 165, churches pastored 4, revivals held 4, results 137, baptisms 40, received otherwise 18, salary \$204, collected on same \$122.27, funerals 7, marriages 1.

John Lawson—Sermons 35, churches pastored 1, revivals 1, saved 38, baptisms 20, funerals 2, marriages 1, money received \$51.50.

J. R. Adams—Sermons 110, churches pastored 2, helped in 8 revivals, 44 souls saved, 25 believers sanctified, members received 3, salary \$79.15, funerals 1.

W. W. Johnson—Sermons 19, prayed in 32 homes, money received \$5.25, expenses \$3.35, travelled 248 miles.

M. Kennedy—Sermons 200, funerals 2, pastored 1 church, held several revivals, money received \$124.00.

W. C. Lockard—Sermons 72, churches pastored 1, revivals 1, conversions 2, members received 5, salary \$85.00.

Charles Holmes—Supplied East St. Louis three months.

C. H. Andre—Sermons 3, worked every Sunday teaching Bible class.

J. F. Kirk—Sermons 110, churches pastored 2, baptisms 5, salary \$120.00, funerals 4, marriages 2, collected for all purposes not including salary \$40.00.

R. C. Smith—Sermons 29, revivals 1, saved 10, baptisms 2, salary \$60.00, funerals 2, collected for foreign missions 90 cents.

G. A. Gordon—Done but little this year as compared with former years, my health would not admit of me doing more. I have attended but four Quarterly Meeting sessions this year, all in the Looney Springs Quarterly Meeting. Went to East St. Louis to try to fix matters there, dedicated a new church near Benton, made two trips there; preached 10 funerals, among them were Deacon Lickiss and Aunt Kate Ripley; married five couples, preached maybe 25 times, attended the General Conference Board meeting at Ocean Park, Maine. Received for funerals and weddings \$47.95.

Elizabeth Comber—Sermons 14, filled unexpired time at Pates Chapel, money received \$24.00, helped my husband with his work with the Murphysboro church.

Fred Comber—Sermons 105, churches pastored 1, revivals 2, baptized 11, received otherwise 11, salary \$500.00, funerals 41, marriages 19, foreign missions \$10.00, home missions \$3.90, education \$2.70, collected for other purposes \$92.91, incidental expenses \$294.84, for all purposes not including salary \$403.45, school addresses 6, attended Cairo Institute, assisted at the corner stone laying of the new Odd Fellows temple in Murphysboro and gave a talk at the opening of the same, gave two addresses to Odd Fellows, preached Memorial sermons, delivered a Decoration Day oration for the G. A. R. at Hiller, commenced work at Johnston City with the first Sunday in September, itemized report of collections Ladies' Aid \$174.85, Sunday morning collections for incidentals \$44.99, collected myself for same from citizens \$75.00, Fred Covert's meeting \$36.33, Abbott's meeting \$56.68.

Lizzie Whiteacre—Revivals held 7, pastored 1 church, received into the church 43, saved 75, money received \$100.00, sermons preached 140.

A. J. Rendleman—Sermons 90, churches pastored 2, revivals 2, baptisms 10, received otherwise 5, salary \$300.00 all paid, funerals 9, marriages 3, all collections for benevolences taken, total for all purposes not including salary \$78.00.

Charles A. Brown—Sermons 115, churches pastored 1, revivals 1, justifications and sanctifications 40, baptisms 23, salary \$300.00, funerals 11, visits 362, foreign missions \$11.20, home missions \$1.40, education \$1.40, incidentals \$32.00, total for all purposes not including salary \$46.00, held two revivals resulting in more than 100 souls being saved.

S. A. Bradley—Sermons 25, churches 1, salary \$7.00, funerals 2.

Edna Wells—Sermons 152, revivals 10, justified and sanctified 105, offerings \$279.59. I only reported half the meetings in which I had help.

W. W. Jacobs—Sermons 25, baptized 19, funerals 2, marriages 1, money received \$15.65, attended to the ordinances for pastors who were not ordained.

D. H. Wells—Sermons 134, churches 1, revivals 5, results 120, baptisms 7, received otherwise 26, salary \$423.49, funerals 6, marriages 2, foreign missions \$25.05, collected for preachers and others \$71.00, paid on church indebtedness \$500.00, collected for all purposes not including salary \$702.42.

J. A. Baugh—Sermons 18, revivals 3, results 65, baptisms 14, received

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otherwise 18, funerals 1, collections \$2.51, for incidentals \$12.00, for all purposes \$2.68.

J. H. Blythe—Sermons 126, churches pastored 3, revivals 3, conversions 24, baptisms 10, received otherwise 14, funerals 2, salary \$233.61, foreign missions \$7.14, home missions \$2.05, collected for other purposes \$35.00, incidentals \$20.00, total for all not including salary \$91.69, lectured at two Sunday Schools, paid for ministerial help \$27.50.

T. O. Franklin—Sermons 50, received otherwise 14, funerals 2, helped organize one church, worked in prayer meeting and Sunday School.

Wm. Barringer—Sermons 176, churches 3, revivals 2, results 9, baptisms 28, received otherwise 20, salary \$320.00, collected on same \$285.00, funerals 16, marriages 15, foreign missions \$4.00, home missions, \$5.00, collected for other purposes \$175.00, incidental expenses of the church \$105.00, for all purposes not including salary \$289.00, helped organize one church at West Frankfort.

James A. Wise—Sermons 118, churches 2, revivals 4, conversions 21, salary \$188.00, funerals 4, foreign missions \$5.04, home missions \$1.77, education 62 cents, for all purposes \$7.13, donations from Campbell Hill church \$21.00.

J. L. Franklin—Sermons 130, churches 2, revivals 6, conversions 38, baptisms 35, received otherwise 10, salary \$75.00, funerals 4, marriages 2, other services conducted 20, helped organize one church, organized one Sunday School, helped ordain six deacons, visited 57 homes, miles travelled 1888, expense of travel \$23.26.

R. E. Copher—Sermons 118, churches 3, revivals 4, baptisms 16, received otherwise 24, salary \$170.00, travelling expenses \$25.00, funerals 2, marriages 1.

T. E. L. Curry—Sermons 6, revivals 1, funerals 1, organized one church, received into the church 32, baptized 14, helped ordain one deacon.

Matthew Fox—Sermons 40, churches 2, baptisms 10, conversions 30, received otherwise 5, salary \$150.00, funerals 3, marriages 2, collected for incidental expenses \$20.00.

J. A. Crowder—Sermons 2, money given \$1.15.

G. V. Frey—Sermons 268, churches pastored 2, revivals 2, converts 4, baptisms 1, received otherwise 4, salary \$550.00, collected on same \$510.00, funerals 18, marriages 3, home missions by Women's Missionary Society \$200.00, education \$4.00, total for all purposes not including salary \$553.50, Lincoln Memorial Address, G. A. R. Memorial and Fourth of July Address at Ava.

G. C. Kinney—Sermons 125, revivals 6, members received otherwise 15, collected \$77.00.

J. N. Allen—Sermons 25, revivals 4, baptisms 3, marriages 1, collections for all purposes \$20.00.

J. L. Tatum—Revivals 3, funerals 10, sermons 35, money received \$25.00.

J. W. McKinney—Sermons 45, revivals 1, saved 8, baptisms 3, received otherwise 6, funerals 7, marriages 2, Odd Fellows' Memorial and Soldiers' Memorial Address, lecture at Brookport, Superintendent of City Schools Golconda.

W. A. Pitman—Sermons preached 232, churches pastored 1, revivals held 8, results witnessed about 150, members received 25, salary \$425.00, collected on same \$419.75, funerals 4, marriages 1, collected for incidentals \$5.00, organized one church, dedicated Akin Free Baptist church, preached one Memorial sermon, gave a few temperance lectures

REV. FRED COMBER, Clerk.

REV. G. V. FREY, Moderator.

REV. J. H. BAGWILL, Asst. Clerk. REV. WM. BARRINGER, Asst. Moderator.