

Aurora Feb. 5. 1887

The Executive Committee of the Neb. Y. M. and
of the F. W. Baptist Church. Present. A. D.
Williams, E. Root & E. W. Knapp,
Auditors, and allowed the following claims
for expenses. E. W. Sisson \$ 10.25

E. Root

27.53

Lincoln church H. M. Col.

32.00

C. H. Bickford

23.00

Voted that we offer the Aurora church \$150.00
for material for a parsonage 16 X 24 ft,
and at the rate of \$10.00 per year, rent
Y. M. for Pastor. Provided they build said
parsonage on the present meeting house lot
and secure a pastor mutually satisfactory
to the church and Ex. Com.

Voted to release Rev. E. W. Sisson from
Cass Co. work, and appoint Brethren Root
and Stone to supply it.

Voted to approve the selection of either Sister
Kennon or Bro. Wishty as Pastor of the
Aurora church.

Voted that, in case the Kenean church give
a parsonage the coming summer, the
amt. of their H. M. col. ~~(48.48)~~ ^{48.48} be appropriated
for said parsonage.

The following affidavits of A. D. Williams
and E. Root were received and read and
noted and entered upon the records.
(See also action on this matter taken
June 21, 1884 and Aug. 1884)

A. D. Williams of Kenean, County of Adams
and state of Nebraska, being first duly sworn
deposes and says that sometime in the spring
or early summer of the year 1884 at the
house of W. H. Edges of Central City, county
of Merck, and state of Nebraska, the said A.
D. Williams, and the said W. H. Edges being
present and no other person, in and for
the consideration of one hundred dollars
to be paid to the said W. H. Edges by the said
A. D. Williams, toward the erection of a

house of worship in the aforesaid Central City,
in which the said W. H. Edges was interested,
and in further consideration that a so-called
180 and 8th Mission fund of two hundred
dollars in the hands of the Executive Com-
tee of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will
Baptists, of which the said A. D. Williams
was then and is now Chairman and
executive officer, he turned over to him
for the same purpose, he, the said W. H.
Edges promised and agreed that he would
have said house of worship devoted now
and according to a certain System of
Cooperation that had been adopted by the
afore said Nebraska Yearly Meeting of
Free Will Baptists, the said W. H. Edges also at
the same time declared emphatically and
unequivocally to the said A. D. Williams that
he, the said W. H. Edges was as much in
favor of the before-mentioned System
of Cooperation as the aforesaid A. D. Will-
iams and in consequence of the aforesaid prom-
ise and agreement and this declaration the
said A. D. Williams on the same day sub-
scribed One Hundred Dollars on a certain
(record) subscription drawn up by the said
A. D. Williams for the erection of a house
of worship.

The said A. D. Williams also deposes and
says that at sundry times thereafter
when he and the said W. H. Edges were
together, the said W. H. Edges repeated and
reiterated the above-specified prom-
ise and agreement and declaration.
The said A. D. Williams further depo-
ses and says that at a meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Nebraska
Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists,
held at the house of G. W. Knapp in Aug-
County of Hamilton, and State of Neb-
June 21, 1884 the said W. H. Edges and
himself being present, so was also

Edward Reed, of Weeping Water, county of Cass, in
State of Neb., the said W. H. Edges again, in
and for the aforesaid consideration of One
Hundred Dollars to be paid by said A. D.
Williams toward the erection of the aforesaid
House of Worship in said Central
City, and the turning over to the aforesaid
Executive Committee of the aforesaid "180 and
8 ^{Mission} fund of Two Hundred Dollars, repeated
and reiterated his promise and agreement
to have said ~~House~~ Central City
House of Worship erected under and
according to the aforesaid system of
cooperation of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting
of Friends Baptists, and also repeated
and reiterated the aforesaid declaration
that he, the said W. H. Edges was as
much in favor of the aforesaid system
of cooperation as the said A. D. Williams.
The said A. D. Williams also further deposed
and says that in consequence of the aforesaid
repeated promise, agreement and declaration
of said W. H. Edges the said A. D. Williams
did for himself and for the aforesaid
Executive Committee, of which he was
Chairman and executive officer, pay out
to the said W. H. Edges the above named
subscription of One Hundred Dollars
and also the before-mentioned "180 and
Mission fund of Two Hundred Dollars,
and that other sums were also paid
over to the said W. H. Edges for the same
purpose, by other parties, in consequence
of the aforesaid promise and agreement
of said W. H. Edges, amounting to more
One Hundred Dollars additional, is near
Four Hundred Dollars in all.

The said A. D. Williams also further deposed
and says that though he for himself
and for the aforesaid Executive Committee,
has asked and importuned the said W. H.
Edges to fulfill his aforesaid promise

and agreement to have said house of worship
dedicated under the aforesaid system of Coopers
and though the executive committee of said
has also officially demanded through its
secretary, G. W. Knapp, of said W. H. Edges
to fulfill his promise and agreement as
aforesaid, as his consequence of which
he received the aforesaid monies, namely
One thousand Dollars, and two hundred
Dollars through said A. D. Williams,
and nearly One thousand Dollars
additional through other parties,
the said W. H. Edges has utterly renege
ed and refused to have said house
of worship dedicated under and according
to the aforesaid system of Coopers & Co.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the
fourteenth day of February 1887

O. E. Pierce

Notary Public.

Edward Root, of Weeping Water, county
of Cass, and State of Nebraska, being
first duly sworn, deposes and says that
at a meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Nebraska General Meeting of Free Will
Baptists, of which he then was, and
still is a member, held at the house
of G. W. Knapp in Aurora county, Kansas
Territory, and State of Nebraska, July 21, 1886
W. H. Edges of Central City, County of
Merrick, and State of Nebraska, being
present, to the said W. H. Edges, in the
presence and hearing of the said Edward
Root, A. D. Williams, of Kansas county
of Adams and State of Nebraska being
also present, he being then and now
Chairman of said Executive Committee
and made for the consideration of One
thousand Dollars to be paid by the
said A. D. Williams toward the
erection of a certain house of worship

the W. H. Edges was interested in having in the aforesaid Central City, and the further consideration that a certain so-called "180 and 8" mission fund of two thousand Dollars be also turned over to him for the same purpose, the said W. H. Edges promised or agreed that he would have said thousand of Worship checked under and according to certain system of Cooperation adopted by the aforesaid Jewish Meeting of Free Will Baptists. The said Edward Root also deposes and says that notwithstanding the before-mentioned sums of One thousand Dollars and of two thousand Dollars, as he verily believes have been paid and turned over by the said H. D. Williams to the said W. H. Edges for the before mentioned purpose, and though the said Executive Committee has officially demanded the said W. H. Edges to have the aforesaid thousand of Worship checked according to his promise and agreement, the said W. H. Edges has utterly neglected and refused to have said thousand of Worship checked.

The said Edward Root also further deposes and says that at the time and place before mentioned the said W. H. Edges repeatedly expressed himself decidedly and unequivocally in favor of the before mentioned system of Cooperation of the Nebraska Jewish Meeting of Free Will Baptists. Edward Root.

State of Neb. J. S.
Cass County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of February 1887 in my presence
H. D. Barr

Notary Public

Voted that the Chairman, as soon as may be inure the Aurora house of worship, to the amount of \$1,000.
E. W. Knapp clerk.

Olney Co. May 14 1887

The Ex. Board of the Neb. Y. M. of Free Will
Baptists met at the home of Rev. J. E. Dargy.

Present - A. D. Williams, Wm. Marks, & G. W. Kroff.

Voted that the Board approve the conditions
on which the ^{Grove church} subscriptions
for the building were made.

Voted to reconsider the action concern-
ing Aurora, made at the last meeting
and lay it on the table, Aurora not
having met the conditions.

Made the following appropriations, viz:
To Mrs. Kemmer, for services at Aurora

\$21

To Bro. Sisson

3

To Bro. Brock for services at Aurora
and Jefferson Q. M.

\$25

To G. W. Kroff, expense to Aurora

3

Insurance of the Aurora house

\$21

Voted that the next Y. M. be held
at Kemmer. Adjourned.

G. W. Kroff, Sec.

Keresaw. Aug. 18, 1887

The Ex. Board of the Neb. B. M. met at Keresaw, in the Free Baptist Church, Aug. 18
Present A. D. Williams, Wm Marks, E. Root
and G. W. Knapp.

Voted that the \$3.00 appropriated to Bro. Sisson be rescinded.

Voted to appropriate \$8.00 additional to E. Tibbitts

Voted to appropriate \$24.80 to pay for the windows in the Aurora church.

Voted to appropriate \$2.00 for the expenses of A. D. Williams

Voted to retain \$10.00 from Bro. Brockway for the Aurora Pastorate.

G. W. Knapp Sec.

Aug. 19, 1887

The Ex. Board of the Neb. B. M. met in the Times office in Keresaw.

Present A. D. Williams, E. Root, Wm Marks
and G. W. Knapp

Voted to recognize the employments of E. R. Hays and J. Dille, and C. B. Harvey at Dry Branch.

Voted to appropriate \$12.50 for a Sec. box

Voted to appropriate \$4.50 to Rev. E. Root for his expenses.

Voted to appropriate \$5.38 to Rev. Bure

G. W. Knapp Sec.

The new Executive Committee of the Nebraska
yearly meeting met in the Kenesaw Mill Baptist
meeting house, Kenesaw, Neb., Saturday, Aug. 20. 1887.
Present - R. N. Bouck, Chairman, G. W. Knapp, E. Root,
William Marks and A. D. Williams.

Completed the organization by choosing A. D.
Williams, Secretary and G. W. Knapp, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Treasurer give a new bond in the
sum of one thousand dollars.

Discussed the question of ministerial assign-
ments for the coming year, and then adjourned to
Monday morning, Aug. 22nd, at eight o'clock A. M.

Chairman

A. D. Williams, Secretary.

Monday morning, the Executive Committee met
at 8 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to above adjournment.

Present, R. N. Bouck, G. W. Knapp, Edward Root, William
Marks and A. D. Williams.

After prayer for Divine Guidance, the following as-
signment of Fields of Labor was made up, and sub-
sequently reported to the Yearly Meeting Conference, by which
it was adopted - viz -

Fields of Labor.

AURORA Q M—

Aurora, to be supplied.

BATIN Q. M.—

Batin and Oak Creek, to be sup-
plied.

HASTINGS Q M—

Clay and Fillmore counties, J. C.
Dazey,

Kenesaw, G. W. Knapp,
Gosper Co. mission, Jos Parkyn
and Wm. M. Huntley,

Franklin Mission, Jos. Bates,
West Cedar Mission, D. Johnson.

NEMAHA RIVER Q M—

Centerville, Temporarily by R.
N. Bouck,

Grand View and Long Branch,
E. Root,

Lincoln, to be supplied.

JEFFERSON CO Q M—

Dry Branch, E E Harvey,
Reynolds and Fairbury, to be
supplied,

Diller, E. R. Slai,
Jefferson Co. mission, William
Marks.

General Evangelist, to be supplied.

General manager of WESTERN FREE
BAPTIST, A. D. Williams, D. D.

Chairman,

A. D. Williams, Secretary.

Executive Committee met at the study of A. D. Williams, in Kenosha, November 14, 1887. Present, R. N. Bouck, G. W. Knapp and A. D. Williams.

Appropriated Twenty-five Dollars to Bro. J. C. Bazy for securing missionary work in Clay and Fillmore counties.

Appropriated Twenty-five Dollars to Bro. R. N. Bouck, for evangelistic services at Kenosha,

Voted, To guarantee Bro. R. N. Bouck Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, in case he goes to Aurora and keeps services there.

Heard and approved a Draft of a letter in answer to a communication (received and read) from the Parent Home Mission Board.

Ordered that both the letter and our answer spread on our records, as follows, viz. -

"Providence, R. I., Oct. 21-87.

"Dear Bro. Bouck. - Yours came today. I have just returned from our first Board meeting for making appropriations. We have done the best we could, though we have not been able to give what has been asked. We have to deny calls to the amount of over \$2000. We have not given your G. M. quite all you asked. We voted for you \$500 - one half to be raised within your G. M. That is the way we do with all. Of the \$500, we voted that \$200 go to the Lincoln church. We gave them nothing last year on salary, and Bro. McKenney has been very much embarrassed. We feel that Lincoln is a central post, whose prosperity will benefit all the churches in the state. We adopted a new rule. Any G. M. or association asking funds for churches must manage so that our board will get report from the church receiving it. Let me specify. 1) Your Executive Board will first determine what churches you propose to aid, and how much each. 2) Report the same to our treasurer.

The Treasurer will send to Ex. Com. the amounts called for, ^{or send to the treasurers of the churches as you prefer.} 4) Your Ex. Committee will send to the treasurer a receipt of the church, or a duplicate, giving the amount aid to the church. 5) But the church will first send a circular, which we will send them, answering the several questions relative to it. The Board think that this will

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4) Your Ex. Committee will send to the Treasurer of the church the receipt, or a duplicate, giving the amount paid to it

5) But, the church will first send a circular which we will send them, answering the general questions relative to it. The Board think that this will keep the Board posted as to the work of the churches, each, and identify the church with the Board.

of the Board posted as to the work and interest of the churches, each, and identify the church with the Board. If you have no circulars, such as we send to churches, asking questions to be answered, I will send to you some. I will any way—in a few days.

You will now understand the case. Determine now you will divide the remaining three hundred dollars, and write the Treasurer—Rev. A. Given, Auburn, R. I.

Yours for our Cause,

O. E. Baker (Cor. Sec.)

Answer.

Rev. O. E. Baker, Corresponding Secretary of the Free Home Mission Society:—

Dear Brother:—

Your communication of Oct. 21st, 1887, to our Chairman, has been received and considered by the Executive Committee of Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, and is directed to return your Board the following answer:—

1. For your virtual appropriation of Fifty Dollars this Yearly Meeting, we are truly thankful, and will raise and report to you an equal amount, to be expended for Home Missions in this state, under our direction, as you suggest.

2. We call your attention to the fact that this appropriation, in place of from \$250 to \$400 heretofore given for same work, is utterly inadequate to our necessities; and, if you give us no more, not only will it prevent all aggressive movement in our bounds, but must result in the crippling, if not the destruction, of interests now in hand. We pray you, therefore, to reconsider our action in this respect?

3. For appropriations over which we have no control, we leave respectfully to decline all responsibility—because, it is contrary to the proprieties in the case—contrary to precedent—contrary to the action of the last General Conference, in item 6 of Home Mission report, and contrary to principles in yourselves announce in your letter—reminding you