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Feb 26-12³⁰ P. M.

The Ex Board of the Mts G M of Free Baptists met in Semiannual Session at the G M. B. A Building in Lincoln. members present Haines - Taylor Robbins^{3d} Fuller absent Norton

meeting opened with prayer by Robbins. Minutes of Sept 5th 1908 - read and approved. Motion^{2d} Voted the next session of the G M be held at the Kenesaw Church.

no other business appearing adjourned with prayer by Taylor - and at 2 P M to meet at the Lincoln Business College with representatives of the German Lutheran Church - with the view to sell them our Lincoln Church property -

2 P M met as an arrangement with representatives of the G. L. church but after some deliberation found they had no power to close a deal with us - only to get our price on property ~~on property~~ under consideration - which at that moment we were not prepared to give - but when they finally retired - we decided the Property was well worth Five thousand dollars: \$5000. - but would consider an offer of less money - and as Bro Robbins is located in Lincoln - we left the matter with him to present to the parties concerned and report at some future time - adjourned.

Wm Fuller

clerk

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Kenesaw Aug 19

The Ex Board of the Neb. G. M. met in annual session at the Kenesaw Church with Bros Flaines, Robbins and Norton present. Absent- Fuller and Taylor opened with Prayer by Bro Norton. Minutes read and approved.

Voted that Bro John H Wolfe, Field Sup., meet with the Board and record its actions for the clerk.

Rev Wolfe read his field Superintendents report which is as follows for 1908-1909.

After my resignation from the state Ex-Board a year ago, and at the annual meeting of the members of that Board, there was a feeling that if by some way I might be retained so that the knowledge of the work, and field, both locally and abroad, and the ten or fifteen years experience along this line might be utilized if possible without taking all of my time or taxing the strength too much.

The Board then placed me in the office of Field Superintendent for another year in conjunction with the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, without salary except expenses.

Not quite as much has been accomplished during the year as had been hoped, yet many little touches have been given to the work that eternity alone will or can reveal their worth.

Considerable correspondence has been done with local workers and churches and have kept in touch with the denomination at large which has been of no small value to our field.

A few short trips have been made and considerable "advise" given.

The unsettled condition of the denomination at large upon the Union question has hindered our work here in the west to no little extent.

The failure or part failure on the other hand on the part of our churches to work harmoniously with plans Voted last year has crippled the work more than anything else.

But notwithstanding all of these hindrances, we are glad to note advancement and feel confident that out of it all must come glory to the Kingdom of God.
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Our Churches at Geneva and Kenesaw have both secured pastors and a strong upward tendency has been the result.

An attempt at Bible Study Classes has been made, And our Yearly Meeting Motto, "O Lord Use Me" is to be seen in a few of our churches.

The Lord is still with us; the field with all its multitude of unsaved is yet here to be saved and trained; a good corps of workers are ours to be used, encouraged and prayed for; our leaders are here honestly striving to lead the army to victory, hold up their hands as Aaron and Hur did the hands of Moses.

And out of the large heart of our Chairman Bro. Haines, I trust may come to us words of encouragement and strong Recommendations for our guidance this coming year.

From my own personal observation and experience, I feel that yet in these coming years the Lord has plenty of work for us here in Nebraska and Kansas.

Perhaps we only need to look well to a few of the essentials leading to greater success in the work of which the following are a few:

- 1st. A little more taking hold of God.
 - 2nd. More thought of others and our relation to them in the work.
 - 3rd. More willingness to trust our leaders.
 - 4th. Less criticism (which kills like the Black Plague).
 - 5th. A stronger unity of action for aggressive work.
 - 6th. More money for State Work.
 - 7th. More money and prayers for our India Work and workers.
 - 8th. Less looking to self and numbers and more looking to God our Helper.
 - 9th. One day at least at our Yearly Meeting given over wholly to Denominational Departmental work such as Sunday School, Young Peoples work, Womans Mission Society, Prayer Meeting, Covenant Meeting, And attendance at the regular services of the church on the Lords Day.
 - 10th. Opportunities pass our way but once like the securing of Rev. S. H. Hull and a corps of singers for evangelistic work with a tent.
- Grasp these God sent opportunities for the sake of these lost ones among us.

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May the God of Peace sanctify us and present us blameless before his Throne is my prayer at the close of this another year's work.

Signed: John H. Wolf,
Treasurer. Field Superintendent.
Aug 14th 1909

Field Sup - Expenses Stamps $\$10.70$ Kansas $\$5.85$
Printing 4.75 Nebraska 9.60 $\$15.45$
Total for both by Mrs $\$15.45$

Bro A. A. Taylor the Auditor not being present to audit the Treasurers books - Bro D. B. Norton was appointed to do that duty -

The Treas Report for 1908 - 1909

Rec	H. M.	J. W.	E. D.	J. M.	
From Grandview church	7.00	67.46	8.00	18.00	$\$92.57$
" Long Branch "	2.20	8.50		17.19	27.89
" Copp Memorial "		4.93		1.57	6.48
" Kenesaw "		2.00		5.00	7.00
" Geneva "		10.00		2.00	12.00
" Soup Valley "		2.00			2.00
" Other sources "		47.00	7.15	15.00	69.15
on hand Aug 17 1908					$\$217.09$
on hand Aug 17 1908					138.15
					$\$355.24$

Paid out:
Foreign missions $\$65.74$
Home " 8.00
Educational 7.15
St work $69.40 = -$

on hand Aug 18 1909 $\$204.69$

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Audited and found correct
signed D. B. Norton

Signed W. A. Robbins
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Noted that we donate to Grandview church the carpets, pulpit chairs, and seats from the Lincoln church.

Noted that we request the Grandview church to leave their old seats for a reasonable length of time at the disposal of the Board.

Bro Robbins reported his action in renting the north wing of the Lincoln ^{church property} for five dollars \$5.00 pr month to a party to make cement shingles leased for five months.

Noted that we rent the property for such purposes as may not injure or destroy the property, and same to be rented subject to sale. Bro Robbins to act as agent.

Adjourned at call of chairman.

Friday 5 P.M. Aug 20 -

At the call of the Chairman, Bro Haines, the Board met in the office of Bro S. S. Norton in Kenesaw. Norton - Haines - Robbins and Wolfe present.

Bro Haines read Chairmans Report.

Noted its adoption which is as follows

On (viewing the field from our present stand point we have no reason for discouragement but much reason for encouragement.

Though we regret that some of our churches are still without pastors some of these could have been supplied with good men but for unfortunate railroad connections. But we are in hopes of seeing some of these pastors again in the near future.

Long Branch has united with the Baptist church at Johnson employing one of their pastors Rev M. R. Holt (who put his membership with the Long Branch church after being questioned by the brethren on doctrine claiming to be in harmony with same (Clerk church).

The Gosh Memorial church has preaching every two weeks by the pastor of the Baptist church at Sterling.

Kenesaw church after varied experience has settled down to good work having sold their former parsonage and erected a new one on the church lot. This was

accomplished under the leadership of Rev. H. M. Burns who shortly after resigned and was followed by Miss Louise Derry the present pastor.

Grand View is trying to wory along with the pastor they had a year ago and is probably crying with the martyred hosts of Revelation
"How long O Lord How long"

The policy of concentration was carried out by the Board and a vote was taken to concentrate on Geneva church. With the result that the Lord sent them Rev. Wilmetta Marks who was wonderfully blest of God and she was enabled to raise the church from a mere nucleus to a flourishing church of fifty or more members.

Truly we have abundant reason to praise God for his wonderful visitation of this field.

The recommendations of your former chairman, Rev. John H. Wolfe have been but partially carried out, but as far as they were have shown the wisdom of adopting them and manifest to us our great loss in not having conscientiously carried them out to the fullest detail.

The Bible study class would have been of lasting benefit if it had been organized in all our churches.

If the one dollar a member had been raised by all our churches for state work our prospects for the coming year would be far brighter.

but we are glad that at least one church did even better than that.

The printing of the business has proved very helpful to me and no doubt to all who are interested in the work of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee elected to confer with a committee from the North Kansas Y. M. met with the same and devised a plan which was adopted by the joint Boards whereby Rev. John H. Wolfe was secured as Field Superintendent for both Y. Meetings.

Some offers were made to the Board on the Lincoln church property but it was decided to repair the roof so as to stop the leaks and list it at the former price as the property is not likely to

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depreciate in value.

Recommendations

- 1st That we solemnly consecrate ourselves to God for one more years service.
- 2nd That at the close of the covenant meeting Saturday P.M. a few minutes be devoted to that service.
- 3^d That our war cry be:- "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon"
- 4th That we renew our pledge of a year ago to endeavor to organize a Bible study class in each church and that the work be studies in the book of Acts.
- 5th That we also renew our pledge of at least one dollar per resident member for State work.
- 6th That each church be urged to secure as many "Cent a day" pledges for Foreign Missions as may be possible.
- 7th That the office of Field Superintendent be continued as during the past year.
- 8th That the policy of concentration be continued and where possible extended to other churches and to new points where openings may occur.
- 9th That our bible study work be placed under the supervision of the Field Superintendent and that he or she be directed to supply at the expense of the state Board text books wherever a class may be organized.

Rev B. Haines

Chairman Ex Board

The Ministerial Supply of Geneva - Kenosha - and Smithfield were carefully considered

Adjourned at call of chairman

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Saturday, Aug 21

Met at Kimesaw church as new Board and organized as follows

Rev B Haines Fifth chairman, time expires 1 year

Prof Wm Robbins Lincoln Treas " " 2 years

Wm Fuller Elk Creek Clerk " " 3 years

Deacon A A Taylor Abeline Kansas " 2 years

D D Norton Kimesaw " 1 year

Voted that chairman be authorized to appoint an Auditor to act as the time may be most favorable

Voted that sister Wilmetta Marks be our Field Superintendent for another year

signed John H Wolfe
Clerk Position

members present at above meeting of organization of new Board were
Haines - Robbins and Norton

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Oct 7th 10 A.M.

The Ex Board met in special session at the residence of Mr Fuller near the Long Branch F. B. Church members present Taylor - Haines - Fuller and Robbins. Absent Norton.

opened with Prayer by Robbins.

minutes dating from Aug 19th read and approved.

In regard to the parties occupying the Lincoln church property to make cement shingles. Authorized Robbins to see that they vacate the property as soon as possible.

Talked about selling the Lincoln church building and keeping the lot - And concluded the lot with the building removed would sell more readily and perhaps for as much money.

Robbins submitted a proposition from parties to purchase said Building for two hundred dollars \$200.00

Voted to accept proposition.

And as a Board we find the ^{lot is} size six ft. and parties going wish to purchase that much Voted authorizing the Chairman to sell same 6 ft on South side for not less than two hundred dollars \$200.00

The question of which church we should decide on to help from the G. M. fund was discussed Voted in favor of the Thompson Church and the amount be left with the chairman.

Voted Expenses of the Delegate to General Conference to be paid out of the yearly meeting Treasurer.

The chairman to look after the Lincoln Church Organ.

Voted Chairmans expenses to date 1908-1909 of \$44⁰⁰ to be paid out of fund on hand in Treas.

No other business appearing adjourned by Vote and Prayer by Rev Haines.

Mr Fuller
Clerk