

1892

The Tenth Session of the Nebr., Y. M.

Convened with the Geneva Church Aug. 18th at 8³⁰, A.M. Conference called to order by Assistant Clerk, On motion Rev. R. Hayden was elected ^{moderator} clerk and Rev. A.M. Ryder assist. when business was suspended for the opening ^{conference} sermon by Rev. T.E. Baker, after which the following committees were appointed by the chair,-

Com. 8.

Com. on credentials,-

Revs. ^{H.W.} Murphy, ^{J.S.} Dinsmore & ^{G.W.} Churchill

Com. on supplying the desk,-

Rev. Dagey and Brethren S.W. Myres and A.A. Taylor.

Com. on Y. M. & Resolutions-

Revs. G.W. Churchill & C. Dagey Sisters Emm. Murphy and Della Root and Rev. E.V. Chase

Auditor Rev. E.M. Chase

Executive
Committee
Report

Report of The Executive Committee called for and read as follows,-

To the Moderator, Officers, delegates, brethren and Sisters of the Nebr. Y.M. of F.B.
Dear Brethren,-

In accordance with the usages & duty, Your Chairman of the executive committee hereby presents his annual report.

One year ago when your committee held its first meeting and the Chairmanship fell to your humble servant, it was no easy task for him to decide what was his duty. But, after taking all the time possible for consideration he resolved to accept the trust upon the pledge of hearty cooperation of each member of the board. Your Chairman well knew he was a stranger among the churches, & the ^{evangelical} brethren and in the workings of the cooperative system which we are working under, hence he felt a degree of embarrassment which was not good for himself or the cause. But he has endeavored to act at all times

upon his best judgment and leave the result with God.

The 1st duty devolving upon the Board was to discuss and adopt measures for carrying out the work for the year upon which we had just entered, this was harmoniously settled by the board; and the financial part adopted. To this I desire to call particular attention. The board recommended and the conference ~~adopted~~ pledged itself to back the recommendation as follows, First That we will raise for state work this year \$1,000 and that we begin at this session and that the Chairman be requested to take pledges after the Sabbath morning service and Second That he shall continue through the year to take A.M. collections and pledges as well as private pledges for the same. Third That in addition to the above and to meet our mission obligations, we will adopt the card system in vogue with our denomination & pledge at least 2cts per week per member. The results of the above recommendations and pledges will appear later in this report.

The assignment of pastors was next attended to. In this department some little embarrassment was experienced; some churches positively refused to receive the pastor sent them, some others permitted the minister to enter the field but made no known effort to meet his physical necessities for three or six months, thus discouraging their pastor and destroying his usefulness. Other churches received those assigned, held up their hands & God blessed their united efforts, souls were converted God was honored & the church blessed.

The board sought to arrange for evangelistic work; unfortunately was only partially successful for the reason (among others) that the churches could not be induced to utilize

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The card system which was adopted one year ago by the conference has not been worked up to except by one church, viz, - The Aurora Church. It becomes a question of utility, whether or not it is advisable to lay any plans or take any vote for the future.

(Cooperation)

Our system, in the opinion of your board, is a good one, the only drawback, we do not cooperate. And until we can make up our minds to cooperate our system is a failure. When churches will not receive a pastor sent to them except upon conditions of likes and dislikes, it becomes doubtful if a board is advisable. Some churches must have the very best talent or they are not satisfied, at the same time they cannot see where ^{responsibility} comes in. Too many churches ^{say} ~~feel~~ they must have the very best talent in the Y.M. or it is of no use to send us any one and in fact sometimes they seem to doubt whether or not there is any one in the Y.M. that could fill the place acceptably.

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and if there should be one that might possibly do they sometimes think the board ought to support him.

On the other hand some churches receive the pastor sent to them and immediately set to work holding up his hands, these are the churches that prosper while the others are languishing.

The Churches
Centerville

Under the blessing of God this church although in a low condition, received their pastor (Rev. H. H. Murphy) and although they have not been accustomed to raise a stipulated salary they have done remarkably well the past year for pastors support. They have had several accessions the past year. They are also coming to the front rapidly in mission work. Two outside appointments established by Bro. Murphy furnish grounds for encouragement.

Grand View

This church has enjoyed its usual prosperity under the faithful labors of its worthy pastor Rev. R. Hayden and has done well in the mission department.

Lincoln

Has made progress during the year. It has received several accessions during the year; also enlarged their church house and made repairs to the amount of about \$1500. Great credit is due their pastor Rev. A. E. Baker for his untiring efforts and sacrifices.

L. Branch

Still lives and is waiting and trusting we fear however to much waiting may result disastrously from a spiritual point of view. All benevolent causes are liberally remembered.

Aurora

This church until this year has been receiving mission help, but it is now endeavoring to pay its own bills. This church has endeavored during the past year to adopt the card system, and has partially, at least, succeeded. It is hoped she will continue this

Prairie Centre

systematic work the coming year. This church is small in members & has been laboring under some disadvantages. They have had no regular preaching for the past year, but the brethren are still hopeful. It is hoped that regular preaching can be maintained there the coming year.

Central City

This is a new church numbering 22 members. We have a good house of worship free of debt. We have expended on the house, for repairs, & for missionary work done about \$160.⁰⁰ We met a very persistent opposition from members of other churches but God's blessing has been with us and we have found strong & faithful friends. Bro. Westley was placed in charge and together with Bro. Bonck organized the church. About six weeks ago Bro Westley left and Rev A. M. Ryder was placed in charge until this session of Y. M. C. City is the county seat of Merrick Co with a population of 1300 and is a very desirable place to hold and a careful spiritual man will be required for next year. I consider there are grounds for encouragement for Bro. Knapp who has stood alone as pastor for the Aurora I. M. these years gone by.

Geneva

This church has a history that is but little known or comprehended. The past two years have been full of anxiety & sometimes uncertainty. From its birth it has enjoyed a constant growth under the labors of its present pastor Rev J. C. Dacey until today it stands numerically at the head of the churches of the Y. M. and with a membership the peer of any in the town for zeal & Christian character. This church is carrying a burden of debt on its property which it is hoped may soon be lifted and its financial embarrassment wiped out. It may be advisable for this conference to take some action encouraging them in this their hour of need and want of council.

Pleasant Plain
Plain View

Prairie Dale

Grove

Kenesaw &
Elm Island

These churches are enjoying fair prosperity under the pastoral care of Rev J. S. Reeves. Bro Reeves has been with them only a few months, but long enough to endear himself to the people. A marked improvement is noted in their financial management for the support of their pastors. Rev Levi Wheeler to this and Grove Chapel. Both churches were in a very low state, Grove church was so discouraged that the field was abandoned after a few meetings while Prairie Dale continues to keep up its appointments but still with very little heart untill some time in Dec. or Jan. when they held a few meetings, got revived and went to work to support their pastor & the results were beyond their expectations. This church is small & there seems to be no other church to unite with it in support & the case is one that demands consideration.

Through the efforts of friends of the church and cause a S.S. has been organized and Bro. Reeves has been preaching some for them, & a further report may be expected.

Sister Carrie Nichols was assigned to this work and entered upon her work immediately after Y.M. She was received at Kenesaw quite favorably & for a time hopes were entertained that the church could be revived, but we regret that these hopes were not to be realized. There are elements in this church that are real hinderances, it is weak financially it has apparently never had any business system in its financial management, no subscription has been circulated this year its enemies are numerous and its members have lost confidence in their ability and in their friends. In the mean time the Island positively refused to receive Sister Nichols because, as I am informed, she was a woman. They have had but little preaching during the year.

The first of July Sister Nichols retired from the work and Rev G. W. Churchill was placed in charge of the two churches & fill out the year, & from whom a further report may be expected. The Island church has received two accessions under the labors of Bro. Churchill.

Prosser Co,
L. M.

Your chairman has not been able to visit this L. M., but has sent his representative, R. N. Bouch, twice. Rev. Wm Huntley was assigned to this charge, but having received no report from him, I am unable to make any, but we fear that but little or no progress has been made.

Jefferson Co,
L. M.

Rev. Wm Marks was assigned to this L. M., Your Chairman has visited Reynolds & Bro Marks once & is of the opinion that the result was for the good of all concerned. The Reynolds church has had but little preaching the past year & yet there are strong indications of a better condition of things than one year ago. They have moved their church building down into town & now have a fine location and are making necessary repairs which when completed will result in their having one of the finest church houses in the Y. M. They desire a pastor and I think will give a godly man a fair support, this is the Reynolds church and another about three miles out of town.

Other points

Your Chairman has been called to go to several places to organize Free Baptist Churches some of which he has investigated & others he has been unable to visit but has no doubt that some at least are inviting fields. Among which we name Ashland, Fairmont, Shelton & Crafton. But we had no money nor a man to put in.

Our plan

has been to select a few places, as many as we could handle with our men & means & stick to them until they can be raised & then take others; believing that such a course to be wiser than a scattering of our forces & means.

Laborer of Christ

I have traveled in the interest of the Y.M. Since Oct. 1, 1891, 5025 miles and this without one dollar of expense to the Y.M. treasurer.

I have written in the interest of the Y.M. 310 letters
Attended nine L.M. Secured in pledges & money in round numbers \$450.00
Officiated at two ordinations.

Recommendations of the Board

1st That steps be taken at once to raise a fund for the support of the chairman of this Y.M. to the extent of his whole time.

2nd That we raise \$1,000 for state work the coming year

3rd That we call upon every church to faithfully canvass their congregations, within thirty days after the pastor is on his work, to meet his salary.

4th That hereafter this Y.M. Board is requested not to grant aid to churches out of the funds of the Y.M. except upon the following conditions viz,

1st That the church shall certify by the clerk that a thorough canvass had been made of the congregation by circulating a subscription paper & state the amount raised.

2nd The church by vote shall make its request and have it signed by the Pastor and Clerk

3rd Every church requesting aid shall take a public collection at least once in three months for state work

4th Every church receiving aid shall report to the Chairman quarterly the following facts
1st Average congregation 2nd No. in S.S. 3rd General interest in church work and a failure in any of these points shall be deemed a bar to paying over any part of an appropriation.

Finances

It has been impossible to learn the full amt. raised for benevolent purposes in the Y.M.

because our brethren have failed to report it except in a very few cases. As an encouragement we append the amt. reported exclusive of pledges taken by the chairman.

Prairie Dale Ch. State H.M. work	\$ 20 00
Centerville " Mostly for home or local work	19 50
Grandview " For local work	174 00
" " " " I.M.	6 25
Long Branch " " " "	17 50
" " " " H.M.	18 00
" " " " Local work	98
" " " " H.M.	56 75
Pledges	241 75
Due on pledges	128 00
Pleasant Plain Ch F.M.	1 80
" " " H.M.	110 = 290
Geneva for Missions	171 15
" by acct.	23 15
" W.M. Society	67 21
" I.M.	3 10
Aurora Ch.	Total 1243 36
	18 10

Treasurer's
Report

Executive Com's. report referred to Com. on Y.M. & Resolutions

The treasurer charges himself as follows,

By Collection at Y.M.	12 00
Sept. 19, By I.M. Collection at Grandview	3 51
" " " Womans I.M. Society Nemaha River	10 40
Dec. 16 L. Branch W.M.S.	6 08
Nov. 7 Col. Hastings I.M. at Pleasant Plain	28 50
Dec. 20 " Nemaha River I.M. at Centerville	4 11
Feb. 15 " Hastings I.M. at Kenesaw	473
Mar. 20 " Aurora at Aurora	3 09
" 20 " " Church	30
Apr. 14 " Nemaha River at Lincoln	6 68
May 17 of W.M.S. at L. Branch	739
June 19 Col. I.M. at L. " "	6 81
" 20 W.M.S. at " "	3 15
May 11 Col. I.M. at Geneva	2 12
July " " " Central city	3 00

Received on pledges	241.75
" from parent board	158.00
Aug 11 of W.M.S. of S. Branch	<u>256.420.03</u>
" 18 Prairie Dale Church for state work	20.00
" 18 Col. Hastings L.M. at Prairie Dale	8.01
" " " at Pleasant Plain Ch.	2.40
" " " A.S. Reeve Valuers on Pledges	5.50
" " " Aurora ch.	<u>12.00 = 44.91</u>
	514.94

Aug,	Paid Rev Carrie Nichols	10.00
Sept. 1.	" J.B. Day as evangelist	5.00
Nov 30	" " " "	20.00
Oct. 1	" Rev. Carrie Nichols	5.00
Nov. 30	" an C for Central city	16.55
" "	" H. Cover for Labor & materials	40.85
Oct. 19	" Rev Carrie Nichols	10.00
Jan. 18	" " " "	10.00
Feb. 15	" " " "	4.73
Apr.	" " " "	8.00
May 22	" " " "	10.00
June 8	" on repairs of Lincoln Ch.	108.00
July 4	" E.W. Churchill traveling expenses	12.00
June 15	" A.M. Ryder " "	3.00
July 4	" " " " " "	5.00
Mar. 23	" A.S. Reeve " "	5.00
Mar 25	" " " " " "	2.00
Jan. 22	" J. Westley for work at Central city	20.00
Feb. 4	" " " " " " " "	10.00
" 11	" " " " " " " "	10.00
Mar 1.	" " " " " " " "	30.00
May 11	" " " " " " " "	10.00
June 15	" J.M. Burk for doordock for Grove ch.	2.00
Feb 3	" Chas. Stitzer for Chandelier	6.60
Jan 4	" Chas W. Ross of cleaning church	7.00
Feb. 4	" Scott & Adams for coal	5.00
Aug.	" Rev E.W. Knapp ex to Central city	1.50
" "	" R.N. Bouch ex. at C City	10.00
" 13	" J.S. Dinsmore for Sundries	18.95
" "	" A. Given for H.M.	18.00

Aug 18th Rev. Levi Wheeler for Prairie Lake 48⁰¹
 Cash on hand 75-36
 Total 514.94

Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditor.

Report of
 Credential
 Committee

We find the following named persons intitled to seat in the conference, - Mrs. Edger, Mrs. Palmer, Cora Edger, Brethren Redburn, Becktel, Isaman, Bristol, of the Aurora L.M. Brethren Taylor, Carmine, Mrs. Fuller Mrs. Murphy Alice Skinner Emma Murphy Flora Hayden & Della Root from the Nemaha River L.M. and Brethren Willis, Gray, Myers, Brust Sisters, Dazey, McPherson, Loezy, Sandage Brethren Talkington Chase Hasie Esley Evert E. Chase Lippencott Sisters Northrop and Carr, Brethren Haisty Plamer J. Taylor and Mrs. T. O. Root. Exofficio members R. Hayden A. L. Reeves, G. W. Knapp J. S. Dinsmore Levi Wheeler O. M. Ryder J. C. Dazey H. R. Murphy, G. W. Churchill O. E. Baker O. E. Gregg Wm. Huntley O. M. Chaise

L. M. Letters

called for and read,

The Haistys L.M. report a good spiritual interest with some accession one ordination and two license granted.

The Aurora L.M. reported some progress and "a mind to work special interest being manifest in the Sabbath school

The Gosper Co. L.M. reported some advancement and a good degree of hope.

The other L.M.s. were not heard from by letter.

Clerk elected
 Committee

On nomination

H. R. Murphy was elected clerk Mrs. H. R. Murphy assist. The following were appointed by the chair as a com. to nominate Executive Com. Rev. Levi Wheeler Mr. Myers and Sister J. J. Murphy.

Committee
 from the Institute

A report of a committee appointed by the Y.M. Ministers Institute was adopted as follows, We recommend that the Ministers and Laymen Institute be made a part of the regular Y.M. work

That the Y.M. conference be organized at the opening of the Institute.

5-14-94
 15-3
 15-4-94
 3-6

That the delegates and members of the Y.M. conference be members of the Institute,
That the ordinary Y.M. business begin on Friday morning

That the program committee provide for all the exercises of the Y.M. from first to last as far as practicable

Committee on Ministerial Standing Report

Your Committee on Ministerial Standing submit the following: The names of those ministers whom we recommend as being in good standing and against whom no charges are preferred are Revs. R. Hayden E. Root A.S. Reeves E.W. Knapp J.S. Dinsmore Levi Wheeler W.M. Ryder J.C. Dayey H.R. Murphy E.W. Churchill O.E. Baker O.E. Gregg Wm Huntley E.M. Chase M.S. Hubbard — — Curtis J. Stone A.S. Haisty T.P. Taylor Wm Marks R.N. Bruck — — Lansing

We recommend that the names of W.S. Foot and — Blackman be not reported to the registers. We request that the Y.M. conference demand that Bro. J.D. Parkyn be instructed either to show cause why he does not preach or else take up the work of the ministry

Committee on Y.M. Resolutions

Committee on Y.M. Resolutions submit the report as per Recommendations in Executives committees report which was adopted Art. by Art.

Notice to Change System Corp.

The following Notice was given by Rev. J.S. Dinsmore, I here by give notice that I will cause to be moved an amendment to Art 3 of the rules governing this conference as follows, viz: after the words "of at least five members" to add And at the first meeting after the election of such committee (after this rule shall be adopted) they shall proceed by lot to divide the board into three classes & numbered as 1st 2nd 3rd And that the term of office of class 1 shall expire in one year; & class 2 in two years & class 3 in three years: so that as near as may be one third of the executive committee shall be elected Annually Geneva, N.Y., Aug 19th 92

Auditors Re-
port

Your Committee on Auditing beg leave to make the following report, Having examined the report of the Treasurer find them correct and recommend that the report be adopted

Temperance
Resolutions

E. Chase

Resolved That the liquor problem is the greatest economical & moral problem of the present age and that it is the duty of every good citizen to use his utmost endeavor by ballot & otherwise to entirely prohibit its manufacture & sale as a beverage, That any class of legislators that foster or recognizes or makes possible the continuance of the drink evil is unpolitic & unchristian, That the moral responsibility reverts to the ballot and we pledge ourselves as members of the Free Baptist denomination to use our utmost influence and vote for only those men for public office who will in every way possible promote the morality & sobriety of all citizens
Resolution was adopted

Pastoral
Changes

Rev J. S. Dinsmore here offered a resolution recommending that all pastoral changes be made the 1st of September which was adopted.

Nominating
Com. Report

We your Committee on Nomination of Executive Board submit the following names, J. S. Dinsmore J. E. Baker A. A. Taylor E. W. Knapp Joseph Burt Jr. C. Dayey E. M. Chase J. S. Dinsmore was elected to act as Chairman Levi Wheeler Chairman of Com.

On Motion the clerk cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for the names placed in nomination and they were declared elected

Consolidation

After some discussion on the subject an expression was taken showing 14 delegates to be in favor of and 9 opposed to the consolidation of the different boards denominational

Votes Thanks

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Dinsmore for his services as chairman of the executive committee Conference adj. untill Saturday 8 A.M.

Saturday

8³⁰ A.M. Conference called to order by the Chairman Bro A.E. Baker was elected delegate to the western association.

delegate to
the Conference

A motion that we proceed by ballot the one receiving the largest vote to be delegate the next largest ^{to be this} alternate, carried, followed by a ballot resulting in the election of Rev. J. S. Dinsmore as delegate Rev. G. W. Knapp his alternate. Motion prevailed requesting each church to raise as sum equal to 10 cts per resident member to defray the expenses of our delegate to General conference.

Amendment
System of
Coöperation

Rev. O.E. Baker here moved an amendment to the System of coöperation as per previous notice the same was passed without dissent.

Rev. J. S. Dinsmore was elected corresponding messenger to the Northern Kansas Y.M.

Mr Williams

On mention by Bro Dazez the conference arose to their feet as a recognition of Dr. A.D. William whose faithful labors (this Y.M. enjoyed for four years) in the capacity of chairman of the executive committee.

Adj. to call of the chair

5²⁰ P.M.

Conference called to order by Chairman Motion prevailed authorizing delegate to General Conference to draw on the treasurer for \$12.00 for G. C. fees.

Rev. R. Hayden

A motion tendering to Rev. R. Hayden grateful remembrance also instructing the clerk to furnish him a letter of commendation prevailed. Adj. to call of chair.

Sunday

9³⁰ P.M.

Fields of
Labor

Conference called to order by Chair. The following report of the fields of Labor was adopted by the conference, viz.

Nemaha River L. M.	
Centerville	Rev E.M. Chase
Grand View	" A.M. Ryder
Lincoln	" O.E. Baker
Long Branch	" J.S. Dinsmore
Hastings L. M.	
Prairie Dale	Rev Levi Wheeler

Plain View }
 Grove Chapel } Rev. A. L. Reeves ✓
 Pleasant Plain }

Geneva } Rev. J. C. Dagey ✓
 Elm Island }
 Kenezaw } " H. R. Murphy

Aurora L. In.

Aurora } G. W. Knapp ✓
 Prairie Center }

Central City O. E. Gregg ✓
 Gosper Co. L. In.

Christian Union Rev. Wm. Huntley with help to be supplied ✓
 Hornerville " Joseph Parkyn ✓

Jefferson Co. L. In.

Reynolds Rev. G. W. Churchill ✓
 Conference adj. sine die

Rev. R. Hayden
 Chairman

H. R. Murphy Clerk

adj.