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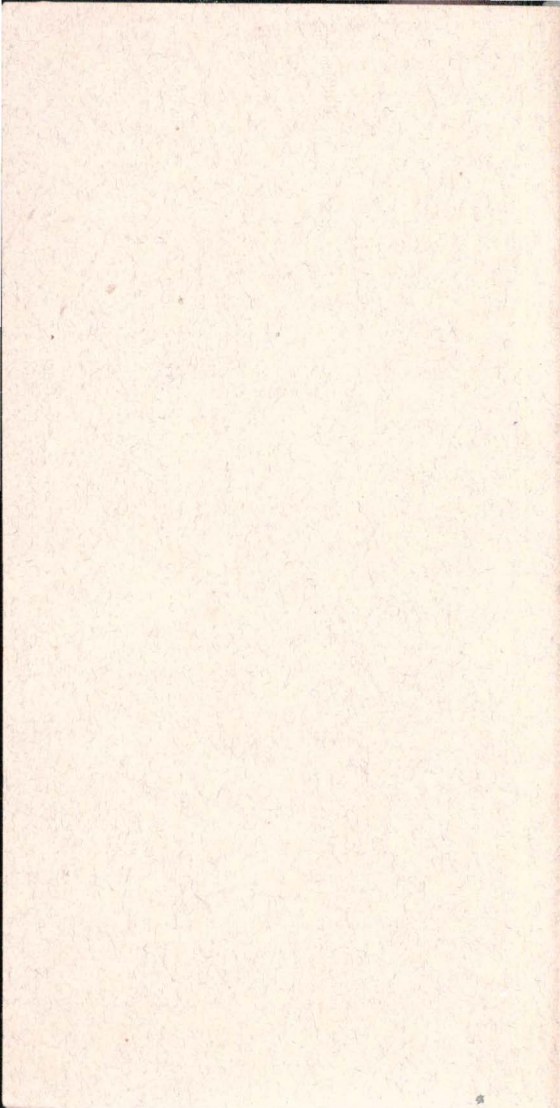
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The eleventh session of the Nebraska Y. M. of Free Baptists is called to order and Rev. J. S. Dinsmore elected chairman; Rev. J. C. Dazey assistant.

The opening sermon is preached by Rev. Dinsmore, following which committee on public service is appointed by the chairman, viz. Rev. G. W. Knapp, A. A. Taylor and J. B. Jenkins. Conference adjourns.

Thursday Morning.

Conference is called to order by the chairman, and devotional exercises is led by Rev. Isaac Cockman:

On motion, the clerk of the Yearly Meeting, is instructed to issue certificates of good character and standing to all ministers whose characters are sustained by the ministers conference of the Y. M.

It is moved and sustained; That a committee on investigation be appointed to investigate charges brought against the character or standing of any minister belonging to this conference, motion prevails and the chair appoints Rev's. Jos. Parkyn, J. H. Reeves, and G. W. Knapp. Upon request, the clerk calls the roll of ministers belonging to the conference, and those, con-

cerning whom, questions are raised, are referred to committee on investigation for consideration.

On motion; The committee on public services is requested to arrange for a memorial service in memory of Rev. Oscar E. Baker, deceased.

A committee on resolutions in memoriam of O. E. Baker being called for the chair appoints Bro's. W. F. Masters, H. R. Murphy, and R. N. Bouck. Conference now adjourns for preaching service, sermon by Rev. T. B. Curtis.

Thursday p. m. Sermon by Rev. Amy Masters, followed by a business meeting of the young people's societies.

Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. Larned.

Friday. Morning.

Conference called to order by the chairman and devotional exercises are conducted by Rev. J. C. Dazey.

The report of the committee on ministerial standing is called for. They report the following named ministers worthy of certificates of good standing: G. W. Knapp, Wm. Rose, Jos. Parkyn, O. S. Hosty, J. L. Parkyn, Wm. Huntley, H. R.

Murphy, J. C. Dazey, Levi Wheeler, Wm. Marks, Jno. Patterson, Amy Masters, R. N. Barns, C. H. Flagal, E. M. Chase, E. Root, I. Stone, T. B. Curtis, Peter Lansing, J. S. Dinsmore, J. H. Reeves, M. J. Reeves and Wm. H. Saylor, The report is adopted by the conference; conference adjourned.

9:30:—Conference is called by the chair and the regular business of the Yearly Meeting is taken up.

Committee on credentials appointed by the chair, viz: Brethren J. B. Jenkins, J. J. Murphy and T. B. Curtis.

On motion and second, the reading of minutes of last session is dispensed with, owing to their having been published throughout the Y. M.

Rev. Isaac Cookman, of the South Kansas yearly meeting, sister Abbey of the North Kansas yearly meeting, Prof. A. D. Williams of Ind., Rev. R. N. Bouck of Michigan and Rev. Larned are invited by the chairman to seats in the conference.

Our messenger to the North Kansas Y. M., Rev. J. S. Dinsmore, gives a verbal report of the meeting.

Com. on credentials, Report the

following named persons entitled to seats in the conference: Brethren, Wm. M. Lakin, Phillip Burt, Jno. Bechtel, B. F. Richards, S. E. Jones, B. F. Isamen, Rooker, Myres, Bobbitt, Wm. Lippincott, Sam'l Peck, Everts Burt, Isley, Brust, Birtwhistle, J. B. Jenkins, I. Stone, G. W. Carmine, Wm. Fuller, J. J. Murphy, Jas. Helvey, T. B. Curtis, W. F. Masters, Wm. Marks, C. H. Flagel, Sisters, Burt, Bungarner, G. W. Wolcott, Katie Williams, J. L. Parkyn Birtwhistle, Jenkins, Klepser, Nillie Williams, A. A. Taylor, Sarah Murphy, G. W. Closson, O. E. Baker. Exofficio members; Rev. G. W. Knapp, Jas. Parkyn, Wm. Huntley, H. R. Murphy, J. C. Dazey, Levi Wheeler, Amy Masters, J. S. Dinsmore, Wm. H. Slayor, J. H. Reeves, M. J. Reeves and E. M. Chase.

Rev. J. S. Dinsmore now moves to amend the system of co-operation, as per notice given at Geneva, August 16th, 1892, as follows: Article 3rd of the rules governing this conference, after the words, "of at least five members," to add, "and after the election of such committee they shall proceed by lot to divide the executive committee into three

classes and numbered viz: 1st., 2nd., 3rd. The term of office of class 1st, shall expire in one year; of class 2nd, in two years; of class 3rd., in three years; so that as nearly as possible, one-third of the executive committee shall be elected annually; amendment is adopted by vote

Committees are called for and appointed by the chair, as follows:

On Missions; Sisters M. J. Reeves, E. G. Murphy, and Katie Williams,

On Publication; Revs. Amy Masters, J. C. Dazey, and Sister Gray.

On Temperance; Bro. Masters, Rev. Saylor and Mrs. M. J. Reeves.

On Nomination of Executive committee; Bro. A. A. Taylor, Revs. J. H. Reeves, Jos. Parkyn, and A. D. Williams.

On Y. M. Business; Bro. Masters, Revs. R. N. Bouck and E. M. Chase.

On Closing Resolutions; Sister Amy Masters, G. W. Wolcott and E. M. Chase.

Auditor, Bro. B. F. Isaman. Conference adjourns business to listen to the conference sermon which is preached by Rev. J. H. Reeves.

Friday Afternoon.

2 o'clock. Conference called to

order and devotional exercises led by Rev. E. M. Chase. The Quarterly meeting letters are called for, and read by the clerk; all the Quarterly meetings being reported by letter except the Jefferson county quarterly meeting.

The request of the Reynolds church for the next session of the Yearly Meeting is referred to the Executive Committee, as is also the request of the Gosper county Quarterly Meeting for the same.

The report of chairman is called for and read viz:

To the delegates and members of the Nebraska Y. M. of the Free Baptists: Through your moderator and officers of this conference the Chairman of the executive committee desires to present his annual report for your future consideration.

When the conference closed its labors one year ago, we all went to our work, feeling full of hope and courage for the future. Every church in the Yearly Meeting was provided with pastoral supply and every minister was given a place, and great hopes were entertained of future success. To say that these hopes have been fully realized, would be stating the case too strongly. Owing, perhaps to peculiar circumstances, rather than any other reason, the pastor sent to Central City was not kindly received, was discouraged instead of encouraged, received a large amount of council not for the good of the church. Members, a few at least, turned their backs on the church and thus tied the hands of their pastor. About this time sickness came to his family, in the midst of this he left, and that, while sisters were canvassing (successfully) the congregation for his support. This all happened while your chairman was away in attendance upon General Conference. Your Chairman is of the opinion that the interest would have been saved by a little sand and good management, such as barring out questions that did not belong to the church directly or indirectly. This church is entitled to careful consideration.

Reynolds, for a while, showed signs of prosperity. After receiving the several accessions, for some cause,

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the interest was lost. Bro. Churchill lost his hold upon the congregation and retired from the pastorate about March 1st, at which time Rev Amy Masters took up the work, and it is at present presenting a more encouraging condition.

Rev. A. S. Reeves felt called to abandon his work about the middle of the year, when Bro. Gregg attempted to carry it on, but without much success. Pleasant Plain has since voted to disband and the members go to Geneva church. The executive committee has succeeded in making a sale of the church property for \$400. It will be necessary, at once, to take some action with reference to the church property at Grove Chapel.

In December, Brother and sister Reeves were employed by the board as evangelists, they proved to be efficient workers, after four months' work, they retired for a month's much needed rest. Upon consultation with the brethren it was thought best to have them return and work until this conference, for further information we refer you to them. But your chairman begs leave to bear testimony to their fidelity, zeal and good judgement, and while the visible results are not as great as we hoped, yet we feel that there are great advantages gained which it is impossible to put on paper or explain to those not familiar with the work that has been done.

There has been \$3,000 worth of property secured to the Yearly Meeting and also \$200 in church lots. A new church building has been conceived at Thompson in Jefferson county, where a new church has been organized through the labors of Sister Amy Masters. A very interesting and flattering opening is now before us at Fairbury and another at Clay Center. I recommend that both of these places be looked after at once. I also recommend that a good man be secured at the earliest practicable date to settle in Gosper county quarterly meeting to assist Bro. Huntley where the field is white and the harvest waits the laborers.

We need and must have more ministers that are sanctified to go into these ripe fields and more men and means that are sanctified to send them.

The interest of Lincoln will demand the most careful attention of the incoming Executive Board and I sincerely hope of wise council.

I recommend that for raising of funds for the future, we adopt some plan, that will make the fund for carrying forward of work, at least partially sustained by a permanent income. To this end I recommend that notes be given without interest and to be paid in five annual payments: this is recommended in addition to collections and personal solicitations, also that the chairman be entirely freed from pastoral care and he

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to give his whole time to his work, and that he be allowed a fixed salary, he paying his own expenses.

FINANCIAL.

Pledges for state work during the year.....	\$462.93
Collections and pledges by evangelists.....	\$260.82
Amount raised and expended by churches for missions.....	\$647.09

Total cash raised above salaries.....	\$1,370.84
Church property sold.....	\$400.00
Lots secured for future use.....	\$500.00
Other property secured to the Y. M.....	\$3000

Total	\$4,970.74
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LIABILITIES

Mortgages on Grove Chappel.....	\$300.00
Due to evangelists.....	\$145.00

Total.....	\$445.00
Leaving a net balance in our favor of.	\$4,525.84

Our ministers are better supported, and church property better protected and cared for. Our system is better understood and more fully endorsed.

Finally there is very little to discourage in the work and very much to encourage. One thing that some of us have been doing needs to be stopped, viz: getting ready to die. Brethren look for and expect success; trust in God, not to do the work, but to bless your labors; gird on the sword of the spirit and with a cry to God for help expect victory and it is yours.

I have not referred to our loss, by death, of our beloved brother and fellow worker, Rev. O. E. Baker, because I expect a committee to be appointed early in the session, who will do justice to his memory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. DINSMORE, Chairman of Ex. Com.

Report is referred to committee on business.

Report of committee on nomination of executive committee is called for and report as follows: for chairman Rev. J. S. Dinsmore; other members, A. A. Taylor, G. W. Knapp J. C. Dazey and H. R. Murphy.

There being no objections, the clerk is instructed to cast the unanimous ballot in behalf of the conference for

the persons named by the nominating committee. The ballot is declared cast, and they are elected.

The following resolution is offered and adopted:

Resolved: That we invite the Kansas Southern, the Kansas Northern and the Nebraska Northern yearly meetings to join with us in a Trans-Missouri association for mutual council and co-operation.

It is moved that the executive committee of this Yearly Meeting shall constitute a standing committee on ordination and license, and that we will not recognize any ordination or license, granted within the limits of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting, unless at least two members of said committee are present and concur in such ordination or license. The motion prevails. Conference adjourns.

Friday evening. A pleasant and profitable program is carried out by the young peoples' society of the Yearly Meeting.

Saturday Morning.

9:00 o'clock. Conference called by the chairman, devotional exercises led by Rev. Curtis. Minutes of this conference is called for, read and approved.

Committee on publications submit their report, viz:

Whereas, the usefulness and strength of our churches and their respective members are greatly enhanced by the use of our own periodicals; Resolved: That it is the duty of Free Baptists to take our own literature in preference to that of any other denomination or private concern; and, Resolved: That we will try to at least double the number of "Free Baptists" and "Morning Stars," taken during the coming year. To this end we call upon every pastor in this Yearly Meeting to lend untiring energy and zeal.

Committee on education offer the following report which is adopted:

Whereas, The great need of the young people in the work of the Free Baptist denomination, or of those about to enter it, is a more thorough and systematic education; and whereas, The colleges of the Free Baptist denomination need the patronage and support of them for whom they exist, Therefore be it Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to see that our children are placed within our Free Baptist institutions of learning to the end that the principles of the denomination may be instilled into their minds, that they may maintain the doctrines more effectually. Resolved, That our western colleges, Parker and Hillsdale, be especially recommended. Resolved, That this Yearly Meeting instruct its ministers and agent to earnestly contend that these colleges be patronized and supported by our people in preference to those of any other denomination.

Brother and Sister Reeves are called for to report their work in the Yearly Meeting. They give a verbal report of their work, showing that they have been busy, and not so for naught. Conference adjourns.

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 oclock. Conference called and opened by the usual exercises. The report of the treasurer, A. A. Taylor is called for and read to the auditor. The report is as follows:

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Money received since August 19, 1892; on hand at last report.....	\$75.94
Received on pledges.....	\$118.00
" " collections.....	\$63.09
" by evangelists.....	236.45
" " J. S. Dinsmore.....	13.00
" " ".....	7.00
By cash on pledges.....	128.85
" " ".....	30.05
Total.....	672.98
Paid out as follows:	
August 22, for use of tent at Geneva.....	\$15.00
" to C. W. Churchill.....	10.00
Sept. 16, paid on printing report.....	8.50
" 24, J. S. Dinsmore incidental expense.....	25.00
Oct. 5, General Conference tax.....	7.48
Nov. 10, E. M. Chase travelling expense.....	1.10
" 10 J. C. Dazey travelling expense.....	1.95
" 11 D. E. Gregg on work at Central City.....	25.00
" 19, A. S. Reeves, on work at Pleasant Plain.....	25.00
" 30, Mrs. M. J. Reeves.....	10.35
Jan. 9, Foreign Missionary Society.....	13.00
" 16, G. W. Churchill.....	5.00
" 16, ".....	15.00
Feb. 13, A. S. Reeves.....	5.00
Mar. 4, Mrs. M. J. Reeves.....	10.00
Mar. 27, J. H. Reeves.....	324.70
July 12, M. J. Reeves.....	12.00
Nov. 12, 1892, Paid J. C. Dazey's expense to Kenesaw.....	2.10
Feb. 15, Paid Wm. Huntley.....	8.50
April 6, Scott and Adams, coal for Central City.....	4.45
" 6, " " in's on Central City church.....	10.00
August 17, Paid J. H. and M. J. Reeves.....	128.85
Total.....	672.98

The auditor reports the above figures correct, and his report is adopted by the conference; adjourned.

3:00 o'clock. The annual covenant meeting is led by Sister M. J. Reeves, at the close of which, conference is called, and on motion a vote of thanks are tendered Brother and Sister Reeves for their services to the Yearly Meeting as evangelists.

Committee on temperance report viz:

Whereas, an insidious monster, whose withering and blighting power is universally felt in all the various channels of our national and governmental institutions; and whereas: The mask it has successfully worn in the past of "Personal Liberty" to cover up its hideous features are being successfully torn assunder by the mighty power of public sentiment, through the influence of the ballott in the hands of the young giant, prohibition, assisted by his own and dearly beloved sister, the W. C. T. U., and whereas; Not only our homes, but our country is threatened by this hideous monster, but he is sapping the very foundations of our civil and religious liberty, and it is the greatest hindering cause to the progress of Christianity today. Therefore: be it resolved, That we, as Free Baptist Christians, rise up in our might and use all honorable means to figot and drive out this mighty curse, in the name of the mighty Captain of our salvation, and Re-rolved; That we believe that the most succeysful way to fight this evil as has been proven the past few years, is by the system of, "In the Name of God and Home and Native Land" "vote it out!" and be it further Resolved; That we, as voting Christians, will no more cast a ballot for any man or party, who will not pledge himself or itself to absolute prohibition, pure and simple. These resolutions are adopted by vote.

On motion, the clerk is instructed to send the minutes of the Yearly Meeting to the Free Baptist for publication, and also, if satisfactory terms can be arranged, he shall have the printing of minutes, in pamphlet form, as also any other printing belonging to the Yearly Meeting, done at the Free Baptist office.

The clerks bill of expense is allowed by vote of the conference. Revs. J. C. Dazey and Amy Masters are elected corresponding messengers to the North Kansas Yearly

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Meeting, and Rev. J. S. Dinsmore delegate to the Western Association.

Committee on missions report viz:

Whereas; we, as a yearly meeting, do believe it our duty to sustain the cause of missions, therefore, Resolved: That we do pledge ourselves to a more thorough effort in this direction, to increased interest and gifts for the work; and that we will plan for the presentation of home and foreign missions quarterly. Report is adopted.

Committee on business report:

We find many considerations in the report of your chairman, which are encouraging, some points referred to in the report demand careful attention, and serious thought; i. e. 1st., That a fund be provided to aid the executive committee in their work; from year to year, and we would earnestly recommend that the plan suggested, therein, be adopted, namely, that subscriptions be taken in the form of notes given for 3 or 5 years to be paid in as many annual payments; 2nd., That the chairman be not encumbered with pastoral care, is necessary to the proper discharge of his duties. This end can only be accomplished by securing more money to carry on the general work.

The matter of our interest at Central City, the county seat of Merrick county, also is an important question and that point should be held if possible.

The resolution asking the Trans-Missouri Yearly Meeting to form an association for mutual council and co-operation, we would report, heartily recommending the formation of such an association, as the advantages to secure therefrom, are both obvious and many. Report is adopted. Conference adjourns.

Saturday evening is occupied by the public program of the Woman's Mission Society.

Sunday Morning.

Sunday school followed by a sermon by Rev. Isaac Cookman.

Sunday Afternoon.

Memorial services are held in memory of Rev. O. E. Baker. Revs. E. Root, A. D. Williams and J. S.

Dinsmore, are in charge of the services.

The following resolutions are read:

Whereas, An alwise and infinite Creator has, in his wisdom, taken from his family, his home and his church our much esteemed and dearly beloved, Bro. Baker; and whereas, his was a life of ministerial devotion and untiring zeal, worthy to be emulated by all; therefore be it Resolved, That we bow in humble submission, though sorrowing for the great loss in the recent death of Rev. Oscar E. Baker, pastor of our church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Resolved, That it is not our loss alone; but the loss of our people at large, among whom, from early life, he has been one of the ablest, most faithful and successful ministers; prominent and honorable throughout his denominational life, and always a man and a christian above reproach.

Resolved, That we tender to his daughter and widow, and the church at Lincoln, our heartiest sympathies and wish to stand at his grave as fellow mourners with them.

8:00 oclock. Sermon by Rev. R. N. Bouck, following which, the conference is called and the executive committee's report on fields of labor is read as follows:

AURORA, Q. M.

Aurora

Prairie Centre

Central City

To be supplied.

GOSPER COUNTY, Q. M.

Homerville, Rev. Jas. Parkyn.

Christian Union, Rev. Wm. Huntley.

Gosper county mission, to be supplied.

HASTINGS, Q. M.

Elm Island

Kenesaw

Rev. H. R. Murphy.

Geneva, Rev. Isaac Cookman.
Clay and Fillmore counties, Rev.
J. L. Parkyn.

JEFFERSON COUNTY Q. M.

Reynolds }
Thompson } Rev. Amy Masters.
Rose Creek, Rev. J. Patterson.

NEMAHA RIVER Q. M.

Centerville, Rev. E. M. Chase.
Grand View, Rev. Wm. H. Saylor.
Lincoln, Rev. G. W. Knapp.
Long Branch, to be supplied.

Report is adopted.

Closing resolutions:

Whereas; The ministers and delegates to this session of the Yearly Meeting; held at Aurora church have been the grateful recipients of the hospitality of the christian public of this city: be it Resolved; That we ministers and delegates to said meeting, do tender our most serious and heartfelt thanks for the same.

Resolved: That we do thoroughly appreciate the efforts the good people here have made to entertain us and to minister in every way, as they have, to our comfort:

Resolved: That as we go to our homes, we carry with us the memory of the pleasant friendships and acquaintances formed here and that the sympathy they have manifest shall cheer us in our work for the coming year. Resolutions are adopted by rising vote.

Conference adjourns, sine die.

H. R. MURPHY, Clerk.



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