

Record of Proceedings

Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Nebr. Y. M.

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the
Nebraska Yearly Meeting
 of Free Baptists convened with the Grand View
 Church, in Nemaha Township Gage county, on
 Wednesday evening August 14th. 1895 at 8 o'clk.
 After devotional services, the clerk called the
 Conference to order; and upon motion Rev. J. H.
 Reeves was elected Chairman.

Called to order
 and
 Organization

Rev M. W. Dodge who had been appointed
 to deliver the opening sermon, not having yet
 arrived, on motion, a praise service was held
 instead, which was earnest and spiritual,
 the same being led by Rev. Sister M. J. Reeves.
 On motion the conference adjourned to 8 o'clk
 Thursday morning.

Praise Service
 led by
 Rev M J Reeves

Conference convened as per adjournment, when
 a brief praise service was held, led by Rev.
 W. H. Saylor, of Kansas.

Praise Service
 led by Rev Saylor

M & L. Inst.
 rganization
 Completed

At 9 o'clk. the Ministers and Laymens Institute
 of the Nebr. Y. M. convened.
 On motion, Rev. J. S. Dinsmore ^{of Tecumseh} was Elected Asst
 Chairman and Rev. H. B. Murphy of Lincoln
 Asst Clerk.

Auditor

On motion Bro. B. F. Isaman of Aurora was elected
 Auditor.

Reading paper
 by Rev Dinsmore

The paper of Rev. Lucy E. Dodge, being called for,
 in her absence, Rev J. S. Dinsmore read a paper
 of genuine merit upon the "demands of the Y. M.
upon the churches and pastors", after which brief
 discussion followed.

om. on Program

On motion, the Chairman appointed Rev. H. B. Murphy
 to act in conjunction with the Chairman and Secretary
 of the Executive Board, as a "Committee on Program".
 for the next Annual Conference.

Talk by Sister
M. J. Reeves

At 10 o'clock, Rev. M. J. Reeves, who had been appointed to present a paper, on the subject of, "The Necessity of loyalty in Leaders," asked to be excused from reading a paper, but rather for the privilege of presenting her ideas, in a talk upon the subject, which, upon motion was granted, and Sister Reeves proceeded to the presentation of her ideas upon the subject, in her usual lucid and entertaining manner. - Discussed - At 11 o'clock, Rev. A. S. Reeves, read a very valuable paper upon the "Necessity of Family Prayer": after which, it was discussed by the Institute.

Reading paper
Rev A. S. Reeves

Special
Comm on Course
of Study

At this point in the exercises Rev. J. S. Dinmore offered a Resolution, asking for the appointment of a Committee of Three, with the Rev. W. P. Van Wormer (the Cor. Mess. from Kansas) as Chairman of said Committee, to consider the necessity of requiring a regular course of study for a term of years, by those who are contemplating the ministry in the Free Baptist denomination in this Y. M. - On motion the said resolution was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. P. Van Wormer, Rev. Sister M. J. Reeves, and Rev. H. R. Murphy - with instructions to report during this session of the Y. M. -

Praise Service

Lesson on the
Conditions of Salvation

On motion adjourned until 1:30. p. m. Pursuant to adjournment, the Institute convened at 1:30 p. m. and opened with a praise service led by Rev. W. H. Huntley of Gosper county Q. M. At 2 o'clock, the Institute took up the study of the "Conditions of Salvation"; embracing "Regeneration", as per, our Text Book, "Systematic Theology" by Butler and Dunn. Sec. 4 of Lecture 7 - the class being led by Rev. E. S. Branch.

Talk by H. R. Murphy

At 3:20. o'clock, Rev. H. R. Murphy gave a talk, instead of a paper - upon "Our Duty to our Church Committee: Executive Committee and Conference Board". Discussion followed.

Talk by
Rev VanWormer

At 4 o'clock, (in the absence of Rev. Lucy E. Dodge, who was to present a paper at this hour) the Rev W. D. VanWormer spoke, by request, upon "What constitutes a membership in the Free Baptist church", in an able and truly instructive manner.

Paper by
Rev Dinsmore

At 4:30. Rev. J. S. Dinsmore read a paper on "Giving or Paying: Which?" This was one of the most valuable and instructive papers presented - and upon motion, Bro. Dinsmore was given a vote of thanks for the same, with a request that he send it for publication to our denominational papers.

Com. on.
Ministerial Standing

On motion the following Committee on Ministerial Standing was appointed by the Chair - viz: Brethren Dinsmore - Saylor - Huntley -

On motion, the Institute adjourned (at 5 p.m.) for supper.

Praise Service

The Institute convened at the call of the Chair at 7:30 p.m. and opened with a praise service led by Rev. J. H. Reeves.

Lecture by
Rev. E. S. Branch

At 8 o'clock; the evening was given to the lecture of Rev E. S. Branch - subject: "God a Controlling Force among Men".

At 9 o'clock, the Institute adjourned to 8 o'clock ~~on~~ Friday Morning.

Praise Service

Friday morning at 8 o'clock, the Institute was called to order by the Chair, and a Praise Service held, led by Bro. William Axling of Benesaw. A very marvellous spiritual meeting was enjoyed by all present.

Paper by
Rev J. B. Curtis

At 9 o'clock prayer was offered by Rev M. W. Dodge - after which the Rev. J. B. Curtis, read a paper entitled "Relation of Baptism to Regeneration" which was discussed in a very earnest manner, by several members of the Institute.

Paper from
Rev. J. E. Chase

The paper as assigned in the program to Rev J. E. Chase on the subject of "Our Denominational Literature", and the importance of, and what to read, was presented in a paper, headed "An Apology" by E. S. Branch - as Bro. Chase had removed from

the state, and had forwarded said paper to the Institute with a request to have it read.

The committee on the subject of "a course of study" for those contemplating the ministry, through its chairman, Rev. W. P. Vauwormer, made the following report:

Report of Com.
on Course of Study

Whereas—The Free Baptist Church in Nebraska, having passed through the pioneer struggles, incident to every new country, and is now entering upon a more advanced stage of its progress, in which the demands for a higher grade of education and efficiency for its ministers have become essential to its further growth and prosperity, as well as for the best interests of "our Zion" in the West—
And Whereas: Our membership is composed of men and women, who are the peers of any body of Christians in the state for enlightened and progressive ideas on Educational lines, as well as for their spirituality and earnestness in the cause of Christ—

And, Whereas, we demand for our pastors, men and women, who are qualified by their intellectual attainments, to so teach the great truths of God's Inspired Word, as to be instructive and entertaining; also to keep in step with our rapidly advancing civilization, and the broad comprehensive Christianity of this day—
Therefore, be it Resolved:—

That this conference appoint a committee of three, to prepare a course of study, and report the same to this Y. M. Conference, and recommend its adoption. And that we do further recommend, that when such a course of study is adopted by this Y. M. Conference, that all candidates for the ministry shall be required to complete such course of study, before receiving Ordination—

Also, be it further provided, that if the circumstances demand, ordination may take place ^{after} the completion of the three years course, provided:

that the candidate pledge himself in writing to complete the full course;— such writing to be filed with the clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

— Also. we further recommend. That our ministers who are already ordained and engaged in the work, do, as far as expedient, (the minister being his own judge of the expediency— &c.) enter the "General Conference School of Correspondence", and pursue the full course of study. "

Respectfully submitted:

Signed - W.P. Van Wormer

H.B. Murphy

M.J. Reeves

Talk by Cor-Mess
fr. Salem Q. M. Kas

Rev. W.P. Van Wormer, the State Agent for Kansas, who is in attendance as a Corresponding Messenger from the Salem Q. Mt. (having been previously introduced, and received by a rising vote) now proceeded to make an interesting and inspiring address before the Institute, upon the "Work of the General Conference Board". The Rev. H. M. Ford, General Field Secretary, was expected to make this address, but owing to his failure to attend this session of the Y.M., Bro. Van Wormer kindly consented to do so.

The Committee on Ministerial Standing now made a report as follows:

Report of Com. on
Ministerial Standing

"To the Delegates in Y.M. assembled with the Grand View church, August 15th. 1895.....
Your Committee on "Ministerial Character" beg leave to recommend that Certificates of Character and standing be granted to the following named ministers—

✓ J. H. Reeves.	✓ William Huntley.	✓ Edward Root.
✓ H. B. Murphy.	✓ A. S. REEVES.	✓ E. S. Branch
✓ Lucy E. Dodge.	✓ M. J. REEVES.	✓ Joseph Parkyn
✓ M. W. Dodge.	✓ Amy Masters	✓ J. Stone.
✓ W. H. Saylor.	✓ T. B. Curtis.	✓ J. S. Dinsmore.
✓ Levi Wheeler.	= 16 =	

Those not having assignments and making no report to this Y. M., we recommend as follows:

(over)

Character passed. O. S. Hasty - John Patterson
Peter Lansing. = 3 =

We do further recommend that Wm Marks
and N. B. Barnes be dropped from the list of our
ministers. We also find that Rev J. E. Chase
has never been a member of our "Ministers
and Laymen's Institute", and yet as he has
been doing pastoral work within the bounds of
our Yearly Meeting, and having now left it
to take up work in another state, we think he
is entitled to a letter from us, and request the
Clerk to make out, and forward the same to him.

Respectfully Submitted

J. S. Dinsmore = for Comt. =

On motion said report was received and adopted
and committee discharged

On motion the Ministers and Laymen's Institute
adjourned, and the Y. M. Conference was now
called to order. J. H. Reeves in the Chair.

On motion the Chairman was instructed to name
the following committees - viz =

- ✓ Committee on Credentials: Bro's Isaman. M. J. Reeves. A. A. Taylor
- ✓ Committee on Public Service: A. S. Reeves. Bros. Hoing and Peck
- Committee on Resolutions: H. P. Murphy. E. S. Branch. M. W. Dodge
- Committee on Publications: W. H. Saylor. M. J. Reeves. E. Gray
- Committee on State of Denomination: H. P. Murphy. J. B. Curtis. J. Stone.
- Committee on Course of Study: E. S. Branch. M. W. Dodge. J. S. Dinsmore
- ✓ Committee on Finance: Bro's. Dinsmore. M. W. Dodge and Bortner
- ✓ Committee on Nominations. A. A. Taylor. Wm Huntley. Bro. Peck.

Standing
Committees

Preaching
Opening Sermon

At 11:30 a.m. Friday. Rev J. H. Reeves preached
the Opening Y. M. Sermon, after which the
Conference adjourned for dinner.

At 1:30 p.m. Conference convened. prayer by Bro.
Barnine.

Report of Com
on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials now reported as
follows: "We your Committee on Credentials have
Examined the same and find the following named
persons entitled to seats in this session of the Yearly meeting =

From Hastings Q. Mt.

Bro's Saml. Pect - H. E. Wolcott - Rev. M. W. Dodge
J. Bortner - B. F. Isaman - Wm Axling.
Sisters - M. W. Dodge - J. Bortner - Kate Williams and
Vern Wiley. = 10 =

From Gosper Co Q. Mt.

Rev. William Huntley - Rev. Sister M. J. Reeves - Rev. Jos.
Parkyn - Bro's B. M. Mathews - A. Decker - Ed. Eaton -
sister Nellie Brand. = 7 =

From Nemaha River Q. Mt.

Bro's A. A. Taylor - Joseph Saylor - G. W. Carmine
William Fuller - W. L. King^{Sis} - Sara Martin - Mrs
J. J. Murphy - B. J. E. Confer - J. P. Keibert - Paul Marshall
Sister Paul Marshall - Rev. E. Root - Rev. J. S.
Dinsmore - M. Beckley - Sister Beckley - Martin
Watts - H. B. Murphy - Sister H. R. Murphy - Sister
E. Gray - Sister T. O. Root - Sister Edith Young - Rev
E. A. Branch (22)

From Jefferson Co. Q. Mt.

Rev. J. B. Curtis, to represent this Q. M. with 4 votes

Respectfully submitted

(signed -) B. F. Isaman
M. J. Reeves. Committee.
A. A. Taylor.

On motion said report was received and adopted.

On motion an informal ballot was taken for
two members of the Executive Board. The Committee
on nominations submitting the following names
as candidates - Wm. Huntley - B. F. Isaman - G. W.
Blosson and J. Bortner. A ballot was then had
resulting as follows:

B. F. Isaman 20 votes - J. Bortner, 7 - G. W.
Blosson 6 - Rev. Wm Huntley 13 -

On motion the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot
of the conference for the two highest nominees - viz:
Rev Wm Huntley and Bro B. F. Isaman, which
was done, and the said brethren were declared
by the chair, duly elected members of the Executive
Board for the term of three years. (The Executive

Informal ballot
for 2 members of
Executive Board

Election of
mem for the
Ex. Board

Board now standing as follows:

4. Board as now
standing

J. S. Dinsmore.	elected 1893.	Term 3 yrs.	Expires 1896
A. A. Taylor.	" 1893	" 3 "	" 1896
J. W. Reeves	" 1894	" 3 "	" 1897
B. F. Isaman	" 1895	" 3 "	" 1898
Wm. Huntley	" 1895	" 3 "	" 1898.)

Report of Cor. Mess
to No. Kas Y. M.
1894

Rev. J. S. Dinsmore made a verbal report of his visit as corresponding messenger to the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting in 1894.

Rev. Van Wormer
Received

On motion Rev W. P. Van Wormer was formally received by a rising vote - as the Cor. Mess. from Salem Q. M. Kansas Y. M. after which the brother made an appropriate address on the state of the denomination in Kansas, and requested this Y. M. to send a Cor. Mess. to attend the next session of the Northern Kansas Y. M.

Report of Com.
on
Course of Study
taken up

The Report of the committee on a course of study for those contemplating entering the ministry was now taken up and re-read (as entered on pages #38 and #39.) and after general discussion was adopted - and upon motion a committee of three was appointed to make up a four years course of study, and send a copy of the same to all the ministers of this Y. M. Said Comtee to consist of Rev's E. S. Branch, M. W. Dodge and J. S. Dinsmore.

Com. to formulate a
Course of Study

Y. M. Treasurer
Report

The Report of the Y. M. Treasurer, Bro. A. A. Taylor was presented, and on motion was referred to the Auditor for examination and report thereon.

Report on State
of Denomination

Rev. J. S. Dinsmore as Secy of Executive Board now made a report on the state of the denomination from the Pastors Reports -

Informal ballot
for
delegate to Gen Con

On motion, the Executive Board ~~was~~ ^{was} empowered to elect ~~their~~ ^{its} own chairman.

A motion that the conference now proceed to elect a delegate to General Conference was entertained and carried - also, that the sense of the conference be taken by an informal ballot - which was done, the result being as follows =

Result of
Inf. Ballot

Rev. E.S. Branch received fifteen votes.
Rev. J.S. Dinsmore received four votes.
Rev. J.H. Reeves received four votes.
Rev. Wm Axling received One vote = (24)

Adjournment

On motion the clerk was ordered to call the roll of the Delegates, for a formal ballot for Delegate to General Conference.
After a spirited discussion of the question, the Conference adjourned to 8:30 a.m. Saturday - ^{formal} no ballot being taken.

W.M.S.
Entertain

The evening - Friday - was a delightful evening, and the people came out in great numbers to witness an Entertainment given in the church by the Women's Missionary Society. - The exercises consisted in music, recitations, papers and addresses, and were highly appreciated; some of the papers bearing proofs of great ability - and careful preparation -

Praise Service

Dinsmore Withdraws

Roll call for
Vote on Delegate
to Genl Conf.

~~~~~ Saturday's Proceedings ~~~~~  
Conference convened as per adjournment at 8:30 a.m. and opened with short praise service led by (blank). Minutes of previous proceedings read and approved. Rev J.S. Dinsmore withdrew his name as a candidate <sup>for delegate to Gen. Conf.</sup>  
The motion of last evening's session, to call the roll of Delegates for a formal ballot for a Delegate to General Conference being now in order. after considerable discussion, and an agreement to allow each Q.M. delegation to substitute all vacancies, or cast the entire vote to which they were entitled, the ballot was taken. which resulted as follows =

Result of  
Vote for Delegate

Rev. E.S. Branch received twenty six votes (26)  
Rev. J.H. Reeves " sixteen votes (16)  
Rev. M.J. Reeves " One vote (1) = 43  
Whereupon Rev. E.S. Branch having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

lection of an  
alternate

On motion the Conference proceeded to the election of a ~~Substitute~~<sup>alternate</sup> delegate to the Genl. Conference whereupon the Rev. J. S. Dinsmore was placed in nomination. There being no other candidate, upon motion the clerk was directed to cast the entire vote of the Conference for Bro Dinsmore, which was accordingly done, and he was declared Elected.

lection of a  
r. Mess to No  
oas. Y. M.

On motion, Bro. J. S. Dinsmore was also elected as a Corresponding Messenger to the Northern Kansas Y. M. by a unanimous vote.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Report of Com  
on Finance

To the Chairman & Delegates of the Febr. Y. M.  
Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, ~~that~~ that we recommend the same course adopted last year, as follows: That pledges in addition to the collection be taken at this session; and that our State Agent, or General Missionary, be authorized to take pledges and collections for State work, at all the Quarterly Meetings he may attend;  
2<sup>d</sup>. That as Churches we will raise for the same purpose, a sum equal to two (2) cents per week for each member  
3<sup>d</sup>. That we earnestly recommend the use of the "card system" in raising money for both Home and Foreign Missions.  
4<sup>th</sup> That all monies raised, from whatever source, for <sup>State</sup> Church work and Missions, shall pass through the hands of our Y. M. Treasurer (A. A. Taylor)

Respectfully Submitted

J. S. Dinsmore  
M. W. Dodge  
J. C. Portner } Committee.

Grand View Febr  
Augt. 16. 1895.

Report of Com  
on Publications

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Publications offered the following:  
Whereas, we as a Y. M. feel the need of a Western Denominational paper, Therefore be it  
Resolved - That we do recognize our True Baptist

published at Minneapolis Minn., as an imperative necessity to our prosperity & growth as a denomination in the West;

And be it further Resolved: -

That we will place it with the Morning Star, the Missionary Helper, and our own Sunday School literature in every family possible.

(Signed)

W. H. Saylor

M. J. Reeves

E. A. Gray

} Com

On motion the foregoing resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following =

Resolutions on  
Temperance

Whereas - we have heretofore placed ourselves as a Yearly Meeting Conference on record upon the Temperance Question; therefore be it Resolved: -

That we re-affirm our former action in favor of Total Abstinence, and the Prohibition of the liquor traffic as the only consistent ground for Christians to occupy.

(Signed)

H. B. Murphy

E. S. Branch

M. W. Dodge

} Com

On motion the same was received and adopted.

Rev. W. P. VanWormer, Cor. Mess. from Kansas, presented the following preamble and resolutions on the Union of the Northern Kansas and Nebraska Yearly Meetings -

Union of the  
No. Kansas and  
Nebraska Y.M.s  
presented &  
referred to Com

"In view of the great work before the two Yearly Meetings: Also, that a higher degree of efficiency in work can be reached by a wider unification in both method and effort; Therefore, Resolved: - That the corresponding Messenger to the Northern Kansas Y.M. be given power to arrange for a joint meeting between the two Executive Boards, or some portion of the same who may be chosen for the purpose of arranging and laying plans, if found desirable or expedient by said Com, looking

forward to an ultimate consolidation of these two bodies, into what shall be known as the Nebraska and Kansas Association of Free Baptists.

On motion the said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions

On motion Conference adjourned at 10:15 a.m. for thirty minutes

Conference re-convened, pursuant to adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

Report of Com  
on  
Union of Y. Ms

The Committee on Resolutions to whom was referred the matter of the Union of the North Kansas and Nebraska Yearly Meetings, reported in favor of recommending the adoption of the resolution as presented by Rev W. Van Hornier

Signed. H. B. Murphy  
E. A. Branch  
M. W. Dodge } Com

On motion the resolution was re-read and adopted, by a unanimous vote of the Conference

Resolutions on  
Divorce &c.

The Committee on Resolutions, presented the following, on the subject of Divorce and re-marriage and recommend its adoption.

Whereas; The alarming increase of Divorces and Re-marriages demands that all Christian churches should through their own action, and that of their ministers prove themselves faithful to the teachings of the Scriptures on Divorce. viz - "Whosoever shall put away his wife except it be for fornication (adultery) shall marry another, committeth adultery - And whoso marrieth her which is put away, doth commit adultery." Matt. 19-9. Therefore, be it Resolved: "That we will not indorse any man, or woman, as a worthy minister of the gospel who shall seek to put away his wife - or if a woman who shall seek to put away her husband, or who shall marry another who has been divorced, except on Bible grounds -"

On motion the same was referred back to the Comtee, for amendment; when the following resolution was added. Resolved: - "That we request our ministers

not to officiate at the marriage of either a man or a woman, who has been divorced, except on Bible grounds."

(Signed) H. B. Murphy,  
E. St. Branch }  
Mel Dodge } Com.

On motion said resolutions were adopted by a <sup>rising</sup> unanimous vote of the conference -

Resolutions on  
Death of Rev.  
A. D. Williams

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following on the death of Rev. A. D. Williams D.D. a former member of this conference -

Whereas: - The Infinite and All Wise God, who ruleth in the heavens and ~~among~~ among the children of men, in His inscrutable providence, has removed from earth life, to that "Rest prepared for His faithful servants, in the home of the redeemed, our well-beloved brother, the late Rev. A. D. Williams D.D. And, Whereas: - The Free Baptist denomination at large, owe to his memory, their united gratitude and respect, for his long and useful service in the ministry of the church, and for his earnest efforts in assisting to advance all of our various denominational enterprizes, and especially those along our Educational lines, and through the press -

And, Whereas: - The church in Nebraska is so greatly indebted to his painstaking labors for so much of its early prosperity - in fact, for its establishment in the state: -

Therefore. Resolved: -

That, in the death of Brother Williams, the denomination has lost a valued and loyal servant - the state an ornament - and his family a worthy husband and father -

Resolved:

That we will cherish his memory - strive to emulate his integrity and Christian example and recommend his pure life to the young, as a model of usefulness and intense earnestness in the Master's service:

Rev. Alvin Dighton Williams D.D.  
Born Oct. 13th A.D. 1825, at Smithfield Centre Pa.  
Died Dec. 31. " 1894 " 16 years in Nebraska

Resolved :-

That we hereby, in Annual Conference assembled, tender to his bereaved family and intimate friends, our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, in the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in his death.

Resolved: ~~and~~ <sup>that</sup> that the foregoing preamble and resolutions, be spread upon the minutes of this conference, and a copy of the same be presented to the family of the deceased; Also, that the Daily State Journal of Lincoln and the Henesaw Citizen be requested to publish the same -

Respectfully submitted

(signed) H. B. Murphy }  
E. J. Branch }  
W. W. Soder } C

On motion the foregoing preamble and Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote -

The report of the Auditor was called for and presented by Auditor Isaman. He reports that he finds all the accounts of the Treasurer correct, and properly vouched for <sup>(Bal on hand \$ 23.83)</sup> [Report adopted. <sup>Statement filed with Clerks.</sup>]

On motion it was made a rule of this conference that hereafter the Treasurers and Secretaries accounts be closed up 30 days preceeding each session of the Y. M. Conference - carried -

On motion it was made a rule of this conference that all the future sessions of the Yearly Meeting be programmed. . . carried -

The following request from Lincoln Church was read:

The Lincoln <sup>F.B.</sup> church respectfully request that the Standing Committee on Ordination and License, examine Bro. William Axling, a member of this church, and if found worthy and qualified, that he be granted a License to preach the gospel

Grand View Aug 17. 1895 - (signed) H. B. Murphy - pastor

G. W. Closson - clerk.  
The Standing Committee as above requested, appointed

Report of the Auditor

reas. and Sec'y accounts &c

M. to be programmed

Request from Lincoln Church

Monday a.m Aug 19<sup>th</sup> for the examination of Bro Axling.

The pulpit was filled during the session as follows:

Opening sermon Friday, 11, a.m Rev. J. H. Reeves  
Friday Evening W.M.S. entertainment, with songs.  
Opening prayer by Rev. Sister M. J. Reeves. and  
valuable and interesting papers by Sisters A.S.  
Reeves; A E Gray. E. W. Harns and others, also  
recitations and select readings.

Saturday a.m sermon by Rev. W. H. Saylor  
Saturday p.m. ~~for a~~ <sup>Covenant meeting</sup> and Lords Supper  
administered by Rev. Fathers Stone and Root.

Saturday evening the Christian Endeavor Soc.  
occupied the evening - with addresses and  
reports. Rev W. P. Van Wormer spoke on "Good  
Citizenship". Rev M. W. Dodge, on Missions  
and Rev W. H. Saylor on "Interdenominational  
Fellowship".

Sunday morning after Sunday school, Rev  
W. P. Van Wormer preached to a crowded church,  
and Rev. E. S. Branch to an overflow meeting  
in the school house.

At 3, p.m. Rev H. R. Murphy preached.

Sunday evening Rev. Wm. Axling, preached  
to a crowded church and Rev Levi Wheeler  
to an overflow meeting at the school-house.

At the close of the Sunday evening service, the  
Committee on Resolutions, offered the following  
Closing Resolutions.

Whereas: - The Ministers and Delegates in attendance  
on the Thirteenth Session of the Nebraska Yearly  
Meeting of Free Baptists, held with the Grand View Church  
having been the recipients of the very generous hos-  
pitality of the members of Grand View and Prairie  
View churches, as well as the general public liv-  
ing in the vicinity of these churches. Therefore,  
Resolved: That we hereby tender our earnest and  
heartly thanks for the same; and that we do take

How Pulpit  
was filled

Closing  
Resolutions

this opportunity of expressing our hearty appreciation of the efforts which have been made by these good brethren, sisters, and friends, to entertain all in attendance, and render our prolonged stay among them so truly pleasant and enjoyable thereby contributing so greatly to our comfort and happiness.

Resolved: - That as we return to our homes we will carry with us the memory of the pleasant time we have enjoyed, both temporally and spiritually and also - the agreeable friendships formed, and the new acquaintances made; and that the good-will and affection which has been manifested towards us, throughout this entire session, will cheer us on in our work, as we take up the willing service for the dear Christ during the coming conference year, in our respective fields.

(signed)

H. R. Murphy

E. S. Branch

M. W. Dodge

Com

On motion the said resolutions were unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

On motion conference adjourned to Monday a. m. - Augt. 19<sup>th</sup>.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning the conference convened at the call of the chair. and opened with singing and prayer.

On motion, Rev. J. S. Dinsmore was called to act as the Chairman of Council, and E. S. Branch as clerk.

On motion, all ministers present - viz = Rev's Dinsmore, J. H. Reeves, M. J. Reeves, A. S. Reeves, Van Wormer Murphy - Root, M. W. Dodge, Saylor, Huntley, E. S. Branch - were requested to sit as a Council to examine Bro. Wm. Axling for license to preach.

The examination was proceeded with in the usual manner, and all the questions being answered in a satisfactory way, on motion it was resolved to grant Bro. William Axling

Examination of  
Bro. Wm Axling  
for license

## Nebraska Y. M.

Programme of the Nebraska Y. M.,  
to convene with the Grand View  
Church, Aug. 14th, 1895:

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Opening ser-  
mon, Rev. M. B. Dodge.

Thursday, 8:30 a. m. Praise service,  
led by Rev. Edward Root.

9 a. m. Paper: The demands of  
Y. M. upon churches and pastors, Rev.  
Lucy E. Dodge.

10 a. m. The necessity of loyalty in  
leaders, Rev. M. J. Reeves.

11 a. m. The necessity of Family  
Prayer, Rev. A. S. Reeves.

1:30 p. m. Prayer service, led by  
Rev. William Huntley.

2 p. m. Lesson in Butler & Dunn's  
Theology, Lecture No. 7, Sections from  
to 8 inclusive, Rev. E. S. Branch,  
teacher.

3 p. m. Paper: Our duty to General  
Conference, Rev. H. R. Murphy.

5:30 p. m. Paper: What constitutes  
membership in a Free Baptist  
Church, Rev. O. S. Hasty.

6:15 p. m. Paper: Why am I a Free  
Baptist, Miss Nellie Williams.

7 p. m. Giving or Paying, which?  
Rev. J. S. Dinsmore.

8 p. m. Paper: God a controlling  
force among Men, Rev. E. S. Branch.

Friday, 8 a. m. Prayer and praise  
service, led by Rev. Joseph Parkyn.

8:30 p. m. Paper: The relation of  
Baptism to Regeneration, Rev. T. B.  
Curtis.

9 a. m. Address, Rev. H. M. Ford,  
General Secretary.

9:30 a. m. Our duty as to Religious  
and denominational reading, Rev. J. E.  
Chase.

Report of General Critic. Rev. E. S.  
Branch.

Each paper to be followed by criti-  
cism and discussion. Conference ser-  
mon by Rev. J. H. Reeves.

Afternoon general business work of  
Y. M., Conference. *Ladies in*

Per order of the executive committee.

J. S. DINSMORE, Clerk.

a license to preach the gospel for one year, as per the rules and regulations of our denomination - the vote being unanimous in favor of the same - The clerk was instructed to make out and forward said license to Bro. Axling. The Chairman of Council gave the candidate friendly greeting and advice.

The following assignments were made <sup>and announced</sup> at the Sunday Evening meeting - viz -

Smithfield and Bethel -

Rev. Sister M. J. Reeves

Christian Union, Fairview and Pleasant Hill.

Rev. William Huntley

Homerville

Rev. Joseph Farbyn

Aurora and Central City

To be supplied

Geneva

Rev. M. W. Dodge

Plain View

Rev. Levi Wheeler

Kenesaw and Elm Island

Rev. W. H. Saylor

Reynolds and Thompson

Rev. J. B. Curtis

Centerville (Rev. M. W. Dodge called later)

To be supplied

Grand View and Prairie View

Rev. A. S. Reeves

Lincoln, (already supplied by)

Rev. H. C. Murphy

Long Branch

Rev. Lucy E. Dodge

There being no further business Conference  
Adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Sine Die

E. S. Branch  
Clerk

### Appendix.

The following Quarterly Meetings reported by letter - Gosper County - Hastings and Nemaha River -

Jefferson County - reported verbally through Rev. J. B. Curtis. All of the reports were encouraging - showing a growth, and a fairly prosperous condition in most of the churches - The letters were placed on file.

E. S. Branch  
Clerk

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During the interim between the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, the Committee, appointed to prepare a "Course of Study" for those who may be contemplating the Ministry in the Free Baptist Denomination within the bounds of this Y. M. agreed upon the following:

First Year.

1. Reading and Orthography. with a view to correctness in both.
2. English Grammar.
3. Geography.
4. Outlines of History. - Swinton.
5. Free Baptist Treatise and Usages.

Second Year.

1. Moral Philosophy. - Wayland.
2. Composition and Rhetoric. - Clark.
3. History of Free Baptist. - Steward.
4. Free Baptist Encyclopedia. - Burgess & Ward.
5. Centennial Record. A Review. - Star Publication.

Third Year.

1. English Bible. Old Testament.
2. Systematic Theology. - Dunn. Butler.
3. Homiletics. - Kiedler.
4. History of Oratory. - Lorenzo Sears.
5. Practical Elements of Rhetoric. - Genung. (Im. F.) U of N.

Fourth Year.

1. English Bible. New Testament.
2. Evidences of Christianity.
3. Church History.
4. Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge. - Sanford.

Signed. E. S. Branch  
J. S. Dinsmore Committee.  
M. W. Dodge

The above is a true copy of the Course of Study agreed upon by said Committee.

E. S. Branch  
Clerk