

Record of Proceedings of the Neb Yearly Meeting Commenced at Smithfield Augth 12. 1876.

Conference was called to order by
Rev J. H. Reemer.

On motion of conference, J H Reemer
was chosen moderator.

Rev O S Hasty was chosen clerk
pro tem.

After scripture lesson by Rev J H Reemer
prayer by Rev Joseph Parkyn, the opening
sermon was preached by O S Hasty, Text:
Luke 6. 6. And it came to pass on another
Sabbath, that he entered in to the synagogue
and taught; and there was a man there whose
right-hand was withered.

Conference adj. to 1.30 P M.

Session called to order at 1.30 P M.

Prayer and song service led by

Rev Wm Huntley, Scripture lesson Gal 1.

Good spiritual meeting was enjoyed by all.

2. P.M. — Paper; The Pastor and Evangelist
by Rev M J Reemer.

2.30 P M. — Paper. Denominational Loyalty
against sectism, by Rev J S Dismore.

A brief discussion followed in which
members of the conference took part.

This was followed by a talk on the
books of the Bible, by Rev H R Murphy,
in which he gave a brief history of all the
books of the Bible.

4.30 P M. — Sermon by Rev T B Coates,
Text Jer. 13. 23. Can the Ethiopian change
his skin, or the Leopard his spots? Then may
ye all so do good, that are accustomed
to do evil.

Thursday Aug 13th 1896

Conference called to order by the chair 8.30 A.M.

Devotional exercises led by Rev W. H. Saylor of Kenesaw.

Meeting was then opened for business. Moved and recorded that - the com on credentials be elected from the floor. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Rev Wm. Huntley as chairman of com - was lost.

A. A. Taylor was then placed in nomination and elected as chairman of the com. J B Jenkins and J Weather were then elected as the other two members of the com.

Com on program. J S Dinsmore, H. R. Murphy and W. P. Vanwormer. The following resolution was then offered by Rev. Dinsmore, and adopted by the conference.

com. cred.

Program com

ministers not
present at M.
not to receive
certificates

In view of the fact that so many of
our ministers exhibit an apparent want
of ^{personal} interest therefore be it:-

Resolved:

That we will not furnish
certificates to those who do not report
themselves at the ministerial conference.
Except in the case of those who have
become superannuated by age or health.
This rule is to take ~~place~~ effect at our
session of 1897.

H. R. Murphy.
Sanctification

Business meeting adjourned and conference
listened to a talk by H. R. Murphy on
sanctification.

Talk was followed by discussion by several
members of the conference. L

Lucy B. Dodge then talked on the Baptism
of the ~~wholy~~ spirit.

Time not having arrived for preaching a
song and praise service was held
After which the conference listened to the
sermon by Rev. M. W. Dodge.

Conference then adjourned.

Young People's
Meeting

The after-noon was devoted to Young People's
Programme after which business meeting
was called and the Treasurer and
Vice President gave reports for last years
work.

The old officers then were elected for the
ensuing year.

Comm. Min.
Standing.

Moderator then called the conference
to order and the report of the committee
on Ministerial standing was listened
to as follows

We the undersigned committee on
ministerial standing find the following
named ministers entitled to certificates
of good standing

Wm. Huntley
 J. L. Parkyn
 M. J. Reeves
 W. H. Saylor
 E. Root
 A. S. Reeves
 E. S. Branch
 Lucy E. Dodge
 W. P. Van Holmer

Joseph Parkyn
 O. J. Hastly
 M. W. Dodge
 W. B. Curtis
 J. Stone
 H. R. Murphy
 Peter Lansing
 J. S. Dinsmore

A. A. Taylor } Com.
 J. B. Jenkins }
 J. A. Withers }

Report referred to Y. M. conference with the recommendation that it be adopted Friday 9. A. M.

Conference called to order by Moderator
 Devotional meeting led by Rev. J. S. Dinsmore
 motion that we elect committee on credentials from the floor carried
 Bro. H. R. Murphy, A. A. Taylor and Bro Matthews were elected as committee on credentials
 Bro. Matthews resigning Bro Withers was elected in his stead. Bro. Isaman was then elected assistant clerk.

Remarks by Bro. Ford for the good and union of the Nebr. Y. M. in advancing the cause of Christ and the Free Baptist within its borders.

Articles of incorporation of the Nebr. Y. M. read by Bro. Dinsmore.

Committee on credentials then named the following persons as entitled to seats in conference

Hastings L. M.

B. F. Isaman,
 Mrs. G. W. Wolcott,
 Bros. Bortner,
 Myers,
 Porter.

Miss Anna Bart

Memaha L. M.

A. A. Taylor
J. F. Sayler
Wm. Fuller
Roy Henry
J. M. Beckley
Martin Halty
Paul Marshall
Frank Millham
Will Burns
H. Castle
T. O. Root
G. W. Closson
H. Woodcott
Hors. G. A. Gray
Sarah Murphy
H. M. Connel
J. P. Neighbert

Groper L. M.

Brs. B. M. Mathews
A. H. Decker
Andrew Rumsey
J. W. Withers
J. B. Jenkins
John White
W. S. Laurant
J. O. Parkyn
Lis. E. Clark.

Election of two
members Ex. Com.

Report of committee accepted with few exceptions.

Moved that we proceed to the election of two members of the Y. M. Ex. Com. Carried Com. on nominations then named J. S. Dinmore and A. A. Taylor as candidates to office on the Com.

Report of Com. accepted and the two nominees were elected.

Following committee were then elected.
Com. on business

B. F. Isaman, J. S. Dinmore, W. H. Dodge

Com. on Publication.

Lucy E. Dodge, H. R. Murphy, H. E. Wolcott.

Com. on Education.

H. M. Ford, L. S. Reeves, W. P. Van Hornes,

Moved and seconded that the W. M. S. constitute the com. on foreign missions.

B. F. Isaman was then elected auditor.

The report of the Treas. was received and referred to the auditor.

Report of Treasurer.

		to Aug. 1 st		Cr.	
A. A. Taylor Treas. of the W. M. S. 1896					
Aug. 1895	16	Bal on hand last year	\$	23	88
"	17	W. M. Collection		17	40
		Grand View v. ch. tax		2	75
		Prarie View " " "			81
Sept	1 st	Gasper Co. 2. M. State work		1	50
"	15	Wos. M. Society Long Branch		4	35
"	"	v. ch. tax " "		16	75
"	"	2. M. Collection " "		9	14
"	29	Educational purposes " "		3	37
Dec.	16	2. M. Collection at Grand View		6	25
Mar 1896	15	" " " " Lincoln		6	15
June	14	Collection for State Work L. Branch		3	89
Mar	29	" " " " Home M. " "		5	58
June	20	2. M. Collection at Centerville		13	10
"	25	Collection for State work Lincoln		1	00
June 25 & July	27	" " " " G. View		1	52
July	11	Wos. M. Society Long Branch		5	74
Aug 1895		Grand View Ch, Hindu Widows Rescue home.		14	87
		Received B. F. Isaman		10	00
		" Rev. J. Stone & wife		5	00
		By Col. on Pledges			
				2987	
				15502	
				3099	
				15601	

to Aug.

		Dr.	
A. S. Taylor Treas. of the Neb. Y. M., 1893-			
1895	Aug. 24 th	Paid to J. S. Dinsmore for Postage & Stationery	✓ 5 00 x
"	24	" A. Given	✓ 14 87
"	"	" J. H. Reeves	✓ 10 00 x
"	"	" J. S. Dinsmore on Bill for Insurance & C.	✓ 14 00 x
Sept. 7 th	"	" J. H. Reeves	✓ 1 50 x
"	13	" Traveling Exp to Kansas to J. S. Dinsmore	✓ 3 50 x
"	19	" M. J. Reeves	✓ 21 00 x
Oct. 17	"	" " "	✓ 12 50 x
"	"	" J. H. Reeves by Exp to Winnebago	✓ 20 00 x
Dec. 7 th	"	For Recording Deeds. J. S. Dinsmore	✓ 3 00 x
"	6	" M. J. Reeves	✓ 15 95 x
"	20	" A. Given	✓ 3 37
1896	Feb. 3	" " "	✓ 4 32 x
"	5	" M. J. Reeves	✓ 5 00 x
Mar. 14	"	" " "	✓ 8 00 x
Apr. 4	"	" A. Given	✓ 5 50 x
May 14	"	" J. H. Reeves	✓ 7 00 x
June 20	"	" E. S. Branch on delegate to Conf. Camb.	✓ 10 00 x
July 10	"	" J. S. Dinsmore on Old Bill of 1894	✓ 13 50 x
Aug.	"	" M. J. Reeves	✓ 1 00 x
		Total	
		\$ 186 01	

Your Auditor having carefully examined your Treasurers report finds it correctly cast and the expenditures properly vouchered for

B. L. Isaman

Com. on Home Missions

H. M. Ford, J. S. Dinwiddie, W. P. Van Wormer,
Com. on Gen.

O. S. Hasty, H. E. Wolcott, Lucy E. Dodge,
Com. on State of denomination

H. M. Ford

Brs. and Sis. Foster and Bro. Gaskill,
visitors from Ann Hbr. Y. M., were then invited
to advisory seats in conference.

Conference adjourned until 2. P. M.

Conference called to order by the choir
Devotional meeting led by Father Parkyns.
Minutes of last session read, and corrected
as follows, — Bro. Flager in stead of Wm
Marko was dropped from the ministry
Judge Chase of the United Brethren Church
was introduced and made some
interesting remarks. Bro. Foster also
reported the condition of the churches in
Potter Valley.

Gosper Co. Reported by Wm. Buntley, Father
Parkyns and M. J. Reeves.

Following Res were then adopted.

1st Resolved, — That we as a Y. M. appreciate
in the Dis. agency plan of the Gen. Conference
a most efficient measure for the promotion
of the western interests of our denomination.
That it is adopted to the needs of our
Y. M. and we most heartily endorse
the plan and pledge ourselves to its
support.

2^d Resolved, — That we as a Y. M. will
undertake to raise the \$200 asked for by
the Conf. Board as our part in the
support of a Dis agent.

3^d Resolved, — That we find Rev. W. P.
Van Wormer to be an efficient and
successful agent, and we believe the
best interests of our Y. M. demands

his continuance.

Whereas a complaint has been presented to your Business Committee, charging the Gosper L. M. with irregular and illegal conduct we recommend that this conference appoint a council consisting of 3 members not belonging to the said Gosper Co. L. M. Who shall be constituted a court of reference Before whom both parties shall appear and state their case and that the decision of said council shall be submitted to the G. M. Ex. Committee for approval

Bus. Com. { B. F. Isaman
J. S. Dinsmore
M. W. Dodge.

Auditor reported treasurer's report correct
Report adopted.

Conference adjourned.

Sat. 8.30 A. M. Conference called to order by chair, devotion

Devotional services led by W. P. Van Wormer.

Moved and seconded that the com. provided for by last resolution be composed of A. W. Taylor, B. F. Isaman, J. S. Dinsmore.
Motion carried

Report of Dis. agent called for and read
Moved and seconded that the report be accepted, Carried.

The following recommendation was then presented by the Ex. Committee.

Your Ex. Com. recommend that we continue to attempt to raise the 2 cents per week for the purpose of raising means for our benevolences.

J. S. Dinsmore
Ch. of Com.

E. S. Branch's resignation as clerk of Y. M. accepted.

Moved and seconded that J. B. Jenkins be elected clerk.

H. E. Wolcott was then placed in nomination. After some interesting remarks by Bros. Murphy and Sam Horner, H. E. Wolcott was elected.

Moved and seconded that we suspend the regular programme until business is completed. Motion lost.

Committee on home missions proposed the following resolutions.

1. Resolved that the time has fully come when we as a denomination must turn more serious thoughts to the Home Field, that we feel the need of stronger Churches at home.
To this end we believe that the plan to raise One Hundred Thousand Dollars for a Home Mission Fund is the thing now most seriously needed.
2. Resolved that the plan to observe the Four Mission Days be endorsed, and observed by this Y. M. That the Apportionment plan be also endorsed and adopted by the Y. M. by which each Church in the Y. M. is asked and expected to raise a specific sum for Home, Foreign missions and Education.
3. Resolved that ~~combined~~ combined agency and evangelistic work is the most practical thing for this Western Field.
4. Resolved that an efficient ministry is alone adequate for Western precepts.
5. Resolved that though seeing things with different eyes we all heartily unite as God's children in making

the work efficient in Nebr.

Committee { H. M. Ford.
J. S. Dinsmore.
Ch. P. Van Vorner.

Resolution Adopted.

Committee on Education reported as follows;

Resolved that the Yearly Meeting take a position in the front rank favoring the higher Education for the youth of our land and for this reason would endorse our Colleges Hillsdale, Bates and Olinnebago.

Resolved that we believe in a thoroughly equipped ministry. That without casting any reflections on those noble ministers among us who have not had the advantages of Education, we never the less believe that a broadly Educated and Sanctified ministry is needed through out the denomination, and to this end we heartily endorse Hillsdale and Cobb's divinity schools.

Resolved that the poor but ~~really~~ ^{worthy} young man ought to have the encouragement and assistance of the churches while taking his studies preparatory to the ministry.

Committee. { H. M. Ford.
Mrs. M. J. Reeves.
Ch. P. Van Vorner.

Motion to adjourn.

Carried.

Saturday 2 o'clock P. M.
Conference called to order by Moderator.
Invocation by Brother Murphy.

Resolutions proposed by the Committee on Education were considered and adopted.

Committee on state of denomination reported as follows:

1. Resolved that in view of the fact that there have been revivals quite generally throughout our churches and large additions, especially in Ill. and Wis. and
Resolved that in view of the facts that we have an efficient policy for meeting all the requirements of denominational co-operation and growth and have paid in full our indebtedness and are out of debt and have filed steadily through all the disasters of our country that we feel encouraged to take hold with new zeal and fervor.

H. M. Ford. Com.

Resolutions adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Whereas in view the fact that intemperance is the greatest curse in our land, and the greatest influence for degrading manhood and womanhood, and bringing misery and poverty to our homes and

Whereas, We as Christians are interested in the welfare of all men, and especially anxious that this great temptation be taken away from the youth of our land.

Resolved
Therefore, That we endorse the action of our last general conference in regard to Temperance work, and that we urge upon our ministers to

present this great subject more earnestly to the public, and that Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies be urged by them to consider this subject more thoroughly. And further recognizing the tobacco habit as injurious and obnoxious Therefore. Be it resolved that we urge our membership to recognize it more generally as unevl, and as one of the things which the Bible commands us to put away from our lives.

Committee { @. S. Hasty.
L. T. Dodge.
H. O. Wolcott.

Resolutions adopted.

Committee on publication reported as follows;

Whereas, — ~~that~~ there is among our churches a lamentable lack of information in regard to our denominational history, interests and needs.

Resolved, — that we recognize our denominational literature as admirably adapted to supply this lack.

Resolved, — that it is the duty of Free Baptists to support their own publications and the duty of Free Baptists, pastors to do all in their power to increase their circulation in their Churches and Sunday Schools.

L. T. Dodge.
Committee H. O. Wolcott.
H. A. Murphy.
Resolution Adopted.

Moved and Seconded that the Pastors be agents for the Free Baptist.

Motion Carried.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial standing read and adopted.

Gosper County I. M. Letter was called for read and placed on file.

Committee on Necrology reported as follows. Whereas, - Since our last G. M. one of our members, Rev. L. Wheeler has been called up higher.

Therefore be it resolved that while we deplore our loss we reverently submit, and rejoice in the thought that our loss is his gain; and further that this yearly meeting extends to his bereft family its heartiest sympathies.

B. S. Hasty. Com.

Resolutions adopted.

Moved and seconded that we take our expression of the congregation as to whether they will try to raise 30 cts. per member to pay the indebtedness of the G. M.

Motion to adjourn at the call of the Chair Carried.

Saturday evening

Following resolution was offered as a substitute to previous motion.

Resolved, - that it is the sense of this G. M. conference that the claim made by Bro. and Sister Reeves upon this G. M. belongs rightly and justly to the Churches over which Sister Reeves has labored as Pastor.

Resolved, - that as in the past so in the future we will do what we can to assist these churches in freeing themselves from this debt, provided, that it shall not be put forward

so as to interfere or embarrass the G. M. in the carrying forward the work and plans undertaken at this conference.

Resolution adopted

Following resolution was then brought forward;

In view the fact that Rev. J. H. Reeves is in no sense a member of the Nebraska G. M. only by virtue of being a member of the executive committee, and that he has no work under the direction of the executive committee and has not had at any time during the last year.

Therefore, - Be it resolved; that it is the decision of this conference that he is not eligible to a seat on the executive Com. also that we declare his seat vacant and proceed to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Reeves resigned as chairman of G. M. conference and as a member of the executive board. Rev. H. R. Murphy was placed in nomination and elected as chairman of the G. M.

A motion to ~~accept~~ accept Bro. Reeves' resignation as a member of the executive board was carried.

Rev. M. W. Dodge was placed in nomination to fill the vacancy.

Clerk was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the G. M. for Bro. Dodge

Council appointed to (try) Gosper County Quarterly Meeting resigned and their resignations were accepted

After some discussion it was moved
that when we adjourn~~ed~~, we adjourn
to the closes of the morning service.

Motion carried
motion to adjourn.

carried.
Sunday morning the report of the
executive committee was read and
adopted.

Motion to adjourn since ~~is~~ die
carried.