

Record of Proceedings

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NINEteenth session of the Nebr Y. M. of Free Baptists.

The Ministers & Laymen's Institutes of the
Nebr. Y. M. convened with the Lincoln
church Aug 14-16 1901.

Business session called to order Thurs. Morn.
Aug. 15 9: A. M. by the clerk.

lection of mod.

Bro. Wolfe was nominated and elected as
mod. of Institute.

The minutes of last meeting were read and
approved.

port of Com.
Bylaws & Cons.

The Com. on Bylaws & Constitution appointed
the preceding year to draw up a new
bylaws & Cons. presented the following.

Preamble

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Realizing the need of a greater growth and
development of mind and heart together with
readiness of speech, and a larger investigation
and free discussions of religious, Educational
and social topics connected with church
work, we hereby adopt the following

Constitutions

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Article I The name of this organization shall
be "The Ministers and Laymen's Institute
of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting"; and its
object shall be the free discussions of any
subject coming before the Institute for the
purpose of diffusing knowledge and mak-
ing us better workers in the Christian
life.

Article II The officers shall consist of
a moderator chosen at the opening of each
annual meeting, and the regular clerk of
the Nebr. Y. M.

Article III It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of the Institute

The duty of the clerk shall be to keep the records of all proceedings of this body. Business gist of sermons, speeches and papers - This shall be kept with the proceedings of the whole. Thurs. Y. M.

Art. IV There shall be elected one person as program com. to work in conjunction with other committees of the Yearly Meeting.

In consultation with the other committees he shall make out program for the following year notifying three months previous to the annual meeting, all persons who are to come on program with this subjects.

Art. V Any Minister or Layman who shall be in attendance shall be considered a member of this Institute and as such shall have free voice in all its proceedings

Art. VI This Institute shall meet annually in conjunction with the Thurs. Y. M. of which it is a vital part, the Institute to commence Wed. Eve. before the third Sun. in Aug. with an Institute Sermon, closing Friday following at 9:30 A.M. subject to the Y. M. proper.

Art. VII. This constitution may be changed at any annual gathering by a two thirds vote, providing such proposed change has been read before the Institute one year previous with names of persons proposing it. ^{Noted to send Mrs. Dodge's paper on "Evangelization the duty of the church" to the morning star and Free Baptist.}
 Rev. Harry C. Noblett elected as program com. Friday morn. Ins. called to order. No business coming before the meeting, Institute adj.

See opposite page for gist of papers & speeches

By laws adopted as read.

Program com.

List of papers and speeches at Min. & Lay. Ins. of the Neb. Y.M.

Sermon by
Rev. H.E. Moleatt.

Sermon. Steel Evening Rev. H.E. Moleatt.

Theme. The Conflict of the Word

- 1st The Word's conflict is the greatest conflict.
- 2nd The Word is placed in safety by Archaeology, profane history and by the conflict in the lives of men.
- 3rd The battle is the Word fighting for the lives of men.
- 4th The Word has power to win the conflict if it had its rightful place in the affections of men.
- 5th This then is its real conflict to gain its rightful place in the affections of men.

Thurs. afternoon. Devotional meeting led by Bro. Fatur.

Sermon by
Bro. Fatur.

Thurs. Evening Sermon Bro. Fatur.

Text Prepare to meet thy God Amos. 4: 12.

- 1st There may be some who are professors who are not possessors who need preparation.
- 2nd If the Word chastens us tonight let us take it as "Whom the Lord loveth ~~he~~ chasteneth.
- 3rd We are not prepared to meet God when we are not prepared to him.
- 4th Those who are Christian workers feel their weakness more than the sinner.

Paper by
Mrs. Murphy.

Thursday afternoon Paper Sister J.J. Murphy.

Theme Church Finances

- 1st You believe you can't do a thing and you can't.
- 2nd We ought to give a tenth.
- 3rd An agent ought to meet people pleasantly.
- 4th A good agent will never carry a subscription paper but will have cards written or printed for each individual.

Discussions

Bro. Branch says "We ought to teach new members to give

Bro. Sumner. - "We give the most when we have the spirit of God."

We must have systems to be most successful

It is the hardest thing to tax a Free Baptist

Bro. Dinwiddie. - We ought to teach men to pray and not to give

Thursday afternoon, paper, Bro. Sumner.

Thurs. - How increases the efficiency of our
2. M.

I believe in the 2. M.

It is of the Free Baptist Church.

Unless we attend we oppose our covenant and God's plan.

2. M. s. ought to be prayed for and talked of weeks before.

Members of home church ought to be there.

Thurs. Afternoon, Paper. Bro. Branch.

Thurs. The Morning Star & Free Baptist

We are under obligations sacred and binding to support the instruments which help in church work.

The Morning Star has been a bright and shining light on my pathway

Our papers ably and best among denominational literature.

The papers are simply precious above estimation, should be used for the influence they have in the home, for the truths they present because they keep us informed of our work.

What would our denominations be worth if it did not have its own publications

A failure to support our papers means failure to our cause.

Thurs. Afternoon, Paper Rev. M. M. Dodge.

Thurs. "Evangelization the duty of the church"

Church membership implies more than mere membership. It implies all that goes to make up a Christian's life.

Paper by
Bro. Sumner.

Paper by
Bro. Branch.

Paper by
Bro. M. M. Dodge.

The object is plainly defined in "Go ye into all the world and its main thought is to save souls. Christ turned this work over to his disciples. Every follower must bring himself into line and strive to save souls.

Some churches will not have some pastors because they do preach the truth.

A man called of God will find a place to preach the Gospel of the Lamb of God.

Paper by
Bro. Wolfe

Thursday Afternoon. Paper. Bro. Wolfe.

Theme. Unity of Denominational Work

All denominations coming nearer to us

We still have a commission. Our churches I.M., Y.M., and Gen. Conf. have never had this commission withdrawn.

Discussions

In unity of action there is aggression.

Bro. Reeves. I need the church. The church needs the I.M.; The I.M. needs the Y.M. The Y.M. needs the Gen. Conf. and the opposite.

Bro. Dodge. We want to see what our denomination has done. We ought to stand some place and one who does not stand some place is not worth much to the Kingdom of God or the church.

Minutes of Yearly Meeting. (continued)
Y.M. proper. Called to order Friday morning
by Bro. Wolfe.

Election of
Moderator
& Clerk.

Bro. Wolfe was elected as ~~moderator~~ moderator
Rev. H. E. Moleatt elected as clerk.

Appointment
of Coms.

The following committees were appointed by
the Moderator.

Publications.

Bro. E. S. Branch, Sister Littlejohn.

Missions

Bro. Dodge, Sister Murphy and Wolfe.

State of Denominations

Bros. Reeves and Ferguson.

Temperance.

Bro. Turner, Sister Leister.

Business

Bro. A. A. Taylor and J. S. Dinsmore.

Auditors

Bro. E. S. Branch

Credential

Bro. Wm. Fuller, Bro. Brangle, Sister Mollie Bugher.
Coms. to nominate members of Ex. Com.

Bro. J. Stone, Sister J. J. Murphy and Mollie Bugher.

Neurology.

Bros. J. S. ^{Dinsmore} Branch and E. S. Branch.

Ministerial Standing

Bro. Skinner, Sister Leister, Bro. Sherman

Com. on
Credentials.

Com. on Credentials report as follows.

As your committee would recommend that all
here present belonging to the different churches
of this Y.M. be considered as delegates.

Bro. Wm. Fuller

Bro. Brangle

Sister Bugher.

Moved to amend that if there are more
delegates here from any Y.M. than ^{that} any Y.M.
Quota, they be restricted to their Quota.

Amendment carried. Motion carried.

Request for the
ordination of
Bro. F. L. Ferguson.

The following resolution was presented by Ex. Com.
I was much as the request comes to the Board for the
ordination of Bro. F. L. Ferguson.

Be it resolved that we recommend that the G. M.
grant the request by a council.

Resolution adopted

Council.

Bro. J. H. Wolfe, Bro. E. H. Turner, Bro. M. W. Dodge,
Bro. Wm. Brangh, & Bro. J. Ston elected as
members of council.

members of
Ex. Com.

Com. on nomination of members of Ex. Com.
nominated the following persons.

J. H. Wolfe and Rev. M. W. Dodge as members for
three years and Bro. Wm. Brangh to fill the vacancy
caused by the death of Bro. B. F. Isaman.

Moved to suspend the rules and instruct the
clerk to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conf.
for the names nominated.

Motion carried.

Your clerk in behalf of the Mbrs. G. M. casts the
unanimous ballot of this conference for Bro. J. H. Wolfe
and Rev. M. W. Dodge as members of Ex. Com. for
three years and for Bro. Wm. Brangh to fill the
vacancy caused by the death of Bro. B. F. Isaman.

Examinations
Bro. Ferguson.

On Friday afternoon Aug. 16. 1901 Bro. F. L. Ferguson
was examined publicly by the council elected by
the conference.

Sat. 8:30.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treas. reported and report referred to the
auditor.

Chairman of
Ex. Com.
report.

The chairman of the Ex. Com. gave us a hopeful
report of the last years work. Said the church
and state work ^{had} ^{been} growing so that the
combined work had become too large for one
and asked to be relieved of the state work.
Reported the Central City Church sold their
building no prospect of their ever being revived.

By the power vested in the chairman of board
the lectures J.M. had been received into
the Y.M. as a part of the same

Summary of Report.

1 No	of churches visited	11
2 ..	miles travelled	1266
3 ..	sermons and addresses	80
4 ..	Days spent in the work	36
5 ..	letters written	255
6.	Expenses + Receipts	
1 st	Stamps + stationery	\$4.00
2 nd	Travelling Expenses	<u>26.70</u>
	Total	32.70
3	Received by collections and from Treas.	
	By collections	12.65
	From Treasurer	<u>15.45</u>
	Total	28.45

Paid by myself 4.25

J. H. Wolfe, Chairman Board.

Report adopted as read.

Recommendations. The following Recommendations were made by
of the Ex. Com. the Ex. Com. and considered item by item
for the state work.

1st That we raise for state work 25¢
per member.

Adopted.

2nd That all monies go through our Treas.
hands that may be collected for benevolence

Adopted

3rd That the board prepare pamphlets on
the following subjects to be used in the state
and paid out of state money. "The needs in
Mich." "The open doors in the West."

"Obligations existing between churches and
state board and the Y.M. and Gen. Secy."
and a short statistical report of Mich.
showing - names of churches, pastors,
value of church property, Nos. added during
past year etc., Provided there be money
sufficient and Harrows cooperate with us

4th That we sanction and urge an itinerancy for our pastorless churches.

5th That we renew our pledge to sustain Bro. & sister H. R. Murphy in India both by our prayers and money.

6th That each church having a pastor for the full time donate four weeks to him for Evangelist work in the state under the supervision of the Ex. board.

7th That we appropriate to the Lincoln Church the sum of \$200.00 to be paid Quarterly. This to be raised by the 25¢ per resident member fee, special collections, personal pledges etc. That pastors see that this matter be laid before their churches at once and pledges taken.

8th That our ministerial year be the first of April to harmonize with the Pastoral year of the Denomination, thus making it much easier to secure pastors for our fields.

Each recommendation was adopted as read except the 7th which was made on condition that Lincoln secure a pastor.

Pledges for
state work.

Bro. Wolfe then asks for personal pledges and secures \$100.00 in pledges and cash for state work.

Resolutions
from the
Ex. board.

The following resolutions were then presented for the consideration of the conference.

Resolved 1st That all monies for general benevolence except that for Bro. Murphy be turned for this year into the state work.

Resolved 2nd That it is the wisdom of the State Board that Geneva and Bentonsville unite upon Bro. Ferguson as pastor over these two points.

Resolved 3rd That for the preservation of the work we request that Bro. Nolcott be kept at Smithfield and that Kearsaw and Elm Island call Bro. Truesse to that pastorate.

Resolutions adopted.

Report of
Council to
examine
Bro. Ferguson.

The Council elected to examine Bro. Ferguson report as follows.
your committee as council to examine Bro. F. L. Ferguson, for ordination to the gospel ministry would respectfully submit the following

1st That the Examination was entirely satisfactory

2nd. Voted that we ordain him Sunday Ev.
3 and that Bro. M. H. Dodge preach the sermon.
Bro. E. H. Turner offer the consecrating prayer
Bro. J. Stone give the charge and John H. Wolff
give the hand of fellowship.

John H. Wolff Chairman.

Common
State of
Denominations

Common State of Denominations report.

"marked progress made throughout the denominations

In our view of M. we have reason to feel encouraged.

A number of churches report large additions

Let us be faithful and expect nothing but victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

F. L. Ferguson } Com.

A. S. Reeves }

Common
Temperance

Common Temperance report.

Knowing as we do the effects of intoxicating liquors and tobacco upon the system, and that intoxicating liquor is the greatest foe of man, and the use of tobacco a filthy practice and hurtful as well.

Be it resolved - as a body that we use every means possible to discourage the use of tobacco especially among the boys and young men, and that we put forth unusual effort to crush out the dram shop, and be very careful that our vote as we pray.

E. H. Turner } Com.
J. A. Kuster }

Pastors
Reports.

The following pastors reported for their churches as follows.

Rev. A. S. Reeves.

Thompson.

A. S. Reeves.

The church week. services Sun. Eve. every two weeks. average attendance of 50.

one conversion, one added to the church.

salary \$13.00

(Bro. Turner reports 8 conversions and two received into the church at Thompson)

Rev. E. H. Turner.

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Long Branch.

118 sermons.

3 weeks special meetings

20 conversions

13 Baptized

15 added to the church. Salary \$400.00 and

parsonage. Nearly all paid.

State of religious good.

J. H. Wolfe.

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Brandon

120 sermons. One funeral

State of religious good. Salary \$200.00

29 added to the church. 23 baptized.

H. E. Moleatt.

H. E. Moleatt

Smithfield + Fairview

Sermons 99.

salary \$94.45

Baptized 5

added to church 3

Program Com.

Rev. J. H. Wolfe was elected as member of program com.

The report of the Sumner River 2 M. road giving state of religion, growth of churches, and names of pastors.

Committee on
Necrology.

com. on Necrology reported as follows.

At home, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from ~~our~~ earth life to his

Heavenly home, our well beloved friend and Bro., Deacon Benj. F. Isaman;

And whereas, Bro. Isaman in his life among us was an upright, honest and truly pious man, a faithful and consecrated Christian, a loyal and earnest Free Baptist; a patriotic and eminently useful citizen; and an affectionate husband and exemplary father;

and whereas, our brother was a deacon in the Free Baptist Church in Aurora from its organization in 1870 until it ceased to exist in recent years, and also a wise, active and efficient member of this J. M. ~~conference~~ now Ex. Board for many years, and was serving as such at the time of his demise

Therefore be it Resolved by the Nebr. J. M. conference now in session at the Lincoln Free Baptist Church,

That in the death of our beloved brother, Deacon Benj. F. Isaman, the Yearly Meeting, and the denomination of which he was a worthy member, have sustained the loss of one who was pure in his life, wise in counsel, and earnestly devoted to the best interests of the church

Resolved, that the community in which he lived for so many years, has lost an honored, upright, generous and conscientious citizen, and his family a most devoted, amiable and loving husband and father

Resolved that this preamble and resolutions be entered upon the records of this Association, and a copy be sent both to the family of our deceased brother and to the Free Baptist and the Aurora papers with a request that ~~it~~ they publish the same.

J. S. Dinsmore } Committee
E. S. Branch }

Lincoln Nebr. Aug 17-1901

Resolutions adopted.

Bro. John Taylor called to chair to preside in absence of Bro. Wolfe.

Common
Min. Standing. The following named persons as entitled to certificates

Rev. John. Monow	Rev. F. J. Parker.
.. F. P. Stryker	.. E. Hayes.
.. E. H. Finner.	.. J. G. Dinsmore.
.. J. Stone	.. J. H. Wolfe.
.. F. L. Ferguson.	.. E. Root.
.. O. S. Hasty.	.. Dehu S. Wolfe.
.. Harry E. McKett.	.. M. N. Dodge.
.. E. S. Branch.	S. M. Henry.

The characters of

Refus Hagden and Peter Saussey were passed but no certificates granted.

The request from H. S. Lee for certificate was referred back to Ex. Comm.

Bro. A. M. Skinner.
Sister J. I. Lusk.
Bro. Shuman.

Moved & carried that Bro. F. A. Turner be granted a certificate if he takes up work in the Y. M.

Organization
of Board.

The clerk of last years Ex. Board reported the following organizations of new board.

Rev. J. H. Wolfe, chairman
.. M. N. Dodge, clerk.
Wm. F. Crangle, Treasurer
Holmesville Del.

Motion to adjourn at the call of the chair prevailed

Auditor's
report.

Conference called to order Sat. Evening and Auditor reported as follows:-

To the Treas. Y. M. Conf. of F. B.

Having carefully examined the report covering the receipts and expenditures of your Treas. Bro. A. A. Taylor, for the past year, I beg leave to report as follows.

The amount on hand at the beginning of said year.	Aug. 19 th 1900	\$ 18.47.
Am't rec'd to date		100.07, \$118.54
" Paid out		110.62. 110.62
Bal on hand.		7.92

Of the amount paid out I find the sum of 18.54 for which no vouchers are filed.

Bro. Taylor in explanation of this says, that he was absent from the state several months during which the business was attended to by others, and the vouchers were lost. The above statement does not include the amount of cash on hand from the sale of the ^{church bldg.} ~~the~~ at Central City which is said to be \$300.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.
E. S. Branch Auditor.

Report of Treas.

To the Ex. Com. Bro. + Sisters of the Neb. Y.M. of F. B.
Your Treas. of the Ex. Board begs leave to submit the following report of the Treasury from Aug. 19-1900 to Aug. 14-1901

		Dr.
Aug. 19-1900	To cash on hand	18.47
Sept. 4-	Cash of Lincoln ch. state work	2.51
Nov. 27-	E. C. Maxins F. M.	2.00
Dec. 16	Long Branch ch. F. M.	3.20
" "	Grand View ch. "	4.50
Jan. 26-1901	Long Branch ch. dues for state work	20.75
Mar. 3	2 M. collections Long Branch	7.54
Mar. 13	Lincoln dues for state work	6.75
" "	Grandview ch. "	6.75
Apr.	J. H. Nolf "	8.15
" 20	to collections at Geneva (Hastings 2 M.	5.00
" "	" " Centerville	1.75
June 12	" " Grand View ch.	1.65
" "	2 M. col. Grand View	2.75
" "	" " Clearwater	5.20
" "	" " Grand View Wm. Mission Society	3.30
" "	" " Nemaha River 2 M.	2.50
" "	" " Long Branch church for state work	4.27
" 24	" " J. B. Jenkins H. M.	5.00
July 10.	" " Grand View, S. S., Kindergarten work inches	2.10
" 11	" " Lincoln church	.90
Aug 8.	" " Grandview ch. S. S., F. M.	<u>2.50</u>
	Bal. due the Treasury	118.54

There is now in my hands from sale of Central City ch. 300.00.

		lev.
Sept 20 th 1910	By paid up cooper lev. work	15.14
Oct. 10 th	travelling expenses. E.H. Turner (Thompson)	.80
Dec. 3 rd	7. cooper lev. work	5.00
" 16 th	Long Branch ch. 7 M. (A. Kivers)	3.20
" ..	Grand View ch. ..	4.50
" ..	H.R. Murphy	2.00
Jan. 26. 1911	cooper lev. work	15.00
Mar. 3.	J. H. Wolfe travelling expenses	7.54
" 13	" ..	8.00
" ..	" stamps in state work	3.00
" ..	" trip to Kentwell ch	2.00
" ..	" .. central city	4.80
Apr. 9.	To A. Kivers for Home missions (Grand View)	6.00
" 17	J. H. Wolfe Expenses to Kivers	3.00
" 18	A. Kivers (Home missions)	7.63
June 12.	J. H. Wolfe, Expenses to Kivers water 2 M	5.20
" 21	A. Kivers. Grand View 2 M.	3.30
" ..	Long Branch S.S. for Murphy	4.02
July 8	to J. H. Wolfe (By Lincoln ch. expenses)	.90
" 20	" A. Kivers, (Grand View ch.)	2.10
" ..	" .. (J. B. Jenkins) H. M.	5.00
Aug. 13	" ..	<u>2.50</u>
		110.62.

Report of Ault. and Treas. adopted as read.

Bro. Dodge gave a verbal report for the Mission Com.

Delegates to
Gen. Conf.

Moved that we send a delegate (Bro. Wolfe) to Gen. Conference at Harpers Ferry. named Bro. S. M. Sessions elected as com. to see that funds are raised for Bro. Wolfe's expenses
adj. to call of the chair.

Sunday evening. Conf. adj. sine die.

Rev. H. C. Robbott
J. M. Kibb.