

Proceedings of the Council Held on the 15<sup>th</sup>

of May 1878 at the house of Daniel Harley in Montgomery County Pennsylvania Where the following ~~was~~ was considered and decided

Art 1<sup>th</sup> Concerning the mode of holding Lovefeasts whether it is allowed for the Bretheran in Montgomery and Bucks Counties to have the supper and Communion together on the same Table, decided to be held as formerly, and at present in other districts

Art 2<sup>th</sup> Missionary report given and approved

Art 3<sup>th</sup> Concerning the fire relief refered to an evening session and decided that the last collection for Montgomery County Pennsylvania in the case of Lewis Bean to be void, and a free will collection to be taken in that case.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Concerning Brother Rothrock whether the brethern will allow him to leave Chambers Valley, decided to give him the liberty to leave, and brethern to pay his dept of \$2.98 to be divided among the different districts namely Donegall \$45 dollars, Manon \$26 dollars, Rapho 26 dollars, Lebanon and Dauphin \$31, Franklin North \$35 Franklin South \$25 Montgomery and Bucks \$27 Cumberland and York \$20 Morrison Cove \$15 Lykens Valley \$4 Lost Creek \$4 Clinton \$5 Stark County Ohio \$8 wayen county Ohio \$8 Richland and Ashland \$5 Montgomery Ohio \$14

Art 5<sup>th</sup> is it right according to scripture that converted and unconverted be joined in marriage, decided to hold to the decision of 1843 and 1874 with the amendments that the Bishop of the district shall ask council of the Brethern in his district and carefully examin such cases

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Cannot the general council devise <sup>some</sup> a plan or means <sup>to</sup> satisfy those that say they were not impartialy Judged at a former district council

Decided a standing committee of three Bretheran be appointed to which such members can make application whose duty it shall be to attend to such matters, with power to apoint a committee near the point to investigate and settle the matter

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Will it be tollerated that sisters will neglect wearing the covering of the head decided not tollerated and if sisters will persist in not wareing the covering they ought to be dealt with according to Malhew 18<sup>th</sup> Chap

Art 8<sup>th</sup> is it consistant for members to have bride servants decided not consistant

Art 9<sup>th</sup> can it be tollerated for bretheran to wear a Moustache without a full beard decided positivly not allowed

Art 10<sup>th</sup> The Cauncil wish the committee appointed to view a place of warship at Harrisburg to report at cauncil the committee report and the same appraued, and again a committee of 5 bretheran appointed to take up a collection to collect furs to purchase a place of warship at harrisburg the committee John bininger Tobias Martin, Samuel Page, M. B. Meuser, and william Creider

Art 11<sup>th</sup> wether the bretheran would not deem it expedient and advisable that the church of the different districts should adapt and use the bretherans hymn books more Exclusively instead of other new hymn Books decided that it is expedient and advisable

Art 12<sup>th</sup> the annointing according to James the 5 Chapter 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> verses reconsidered and decided if any sick Brother or sister desire to be anointed the elders shall attend to it

Art 13<sup>th</sup> wether it would not be better for the good of the church and for the promulgation of saound doctrin that brethern Elected to office in the church, would be Examined as to their sentiments of the doctrin as held forth by the brethern before being ordained decided it is necessary, and is



and is advised if brethren are elected to office the Elder of the district together with another elder and several other brethren shall examine the elected brethren as to the soundness of their faith and if found blameless they may be ordained

Art 14<sup>th</sup> Concerning a closer union with the Canada brethren, in the general Council, decided the brethren send three brethren to Canada to make an effort and try to bring about a closer union in Council with the Canada brethren) ~~Concerning writing letters to refractory~~

Art 15<sup>th</sup> Concerning writing letters to refractory members and encouraging them, decided referred to article the 6<sup>th</sup>

Art 16<sup>th</sup> Can a district Council pass resolutions which conflict with decisions of the general Council and ignore the same, decided positively not allowed

Art 17<sup>th</sup> Can small Councils composed of a few brethren overrule and ignore decisions of district Councils of other neighbourhoods decided they cannot

Art 18 Can it be allowed for brethren and sisters to take their likenesses, decided as in former Council not allowed

Art 19<sup>th</sup> Can a brother that holds an office and moves in to another district hold and fill his office decided, he can provided he leaves his district and charge in peace

Art 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the church in Kansas, decided Missionary brethren to be sent to Kansas this summer

Art 21<sup>st</sup> a colony of brethren from Lancaster County Pennsylvania to locate in Kansas ask leave from the Council to choose an elder to accompany them, decided their petition granted, and brother Jesse Engel of Cumberland County Pennsylvania chosen and the Council has confirmed the same and pray the Church in brother Engels charge to relieve him

Art 22<sup>th</sup> is it permitted for sisters to speak in the church decided a sister shall not ~~speck~~<sup>teach</sup> or preach in a public meeting but has full privelege to prophesy or speak of the wonderous works of god whenever the oppertunity is given

Art 23 concerning the Missionary board decided the Council understands that brother Levi Grabill wishes to be relieved of being treasurer and if so the council appoints Abraham Stener to be treasurer for this year

Art 24<sup>th</sup> Mission the following brethern are nominated subject to call Isaac Pettwiler bucks county  
Jacob Greider Lebanon county Christian Brubecker  
Neffs John Wolgamuth Elizabeth town John Breneman  
Martin Rowers, newken Samuel Cook  
Orstown Henry Lesper Upton Peter Hage woodbry  
Avery Lang, Howardcenter, Joseph Hershey, Lewisvill  
Henry Davis, Benjamin Hesser, Samuel Her,  
Samuel Stump.

Art 25<sup>th</sup> that the next general council to be at the house of Moses Danner West Milton Montgomery county Ohio  
May the 17<sup>th</sup> 1879