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The Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives does not have a copy of the Minutes of the Brethren in Christ General Conference of 1880, which was held at Markham, Ontario, Canada on May 19-20, 1880.

A summary of the 1880 Conference actions were printed in the General Conference Index 1871-1904 compiled and published in 1904, and appear on pages 29-33 of that volume.

year until the original five are out. Each year a new member shall be elected to succeed the one relieved, and to serve for a term of five years. The following are the committee: Elders Henry Davidson, Levi Lukenbach, Jacob N. Engle, Christian Heise, William Huntsberger.

*Widows and Orphans.*

Art. 9. Conference decided, that the Kansas brethren be permitted to purchase a tract of land for the benefit of the poor widows and orphans, to remain under the supervision of the Church, the finance to be raised by voluntary contributions.

*Mission Board.*

Art. 10. The report of the Board of Missions was submitted and approved.

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CONFERENCE OF 1880, HELD AT THE  
BRETHREN'S MEETING - HOUSE,  
MARKHAM, ONTARIO, MAY 19  
AND 20.

*Railroad Rates.*

Article 1. Conference appointed a committee of three brethren, whose duty it shall be to make arrangements with railroad companies in cases where excursion rates are wanted and transact such other business with the com-

panies as may be necessary. The following brethren are the committee: T. A. Long, Howard, Pa.; A. M. Engle, Detroit, Kansas; Christian Heise, Victoria Square, Ontario.

*Apparel.*

Art. 2. Conference decided to retain the plain apparel throughout the church.

Art. 3. What is meant by proving those elected to the church, and when are they to be proved? *Ans.* Referred to Art. 10, Conference 1878.

*Michigan.—Supervision.*

Art. 4. Conference decided that the brethren of eastern Michigan shall be under the supervision of the Waterloo District, Ont.

Art 6. What shall be done with a brother who belongs to the Grange order, (Patrons of Husbandry) and justifies himself? *Ans.* He shall be dealt with according to Matthew 18th chap.

*Musical Instruments.*

Art. 7. Conference decided, that it is inconsistent for members to use musical instruments.

Art. 8. Is it consistent for brethren to attend political elections? *Ans.* It is not consistent.

*Church Directory.*

Art. 9. Conference decided, that Brother Moses Dohner be appointed to revise the

Brethren's catalogue of Post Office addresses, and that the deacons from the several districts, forward the names and Post Office addresses of the members in their respective Districts, together with the number of copies desired on or before the first of October, 1880.

*Standing Committee.*

Art. 10. Conference re-elected Christian Heise a member of the Standing Committee for five years.

*Mission Board.*

Art. 11. Conference appointed Brother John B. Myers, Canton, O., to fill the vacancy in the Mission Board.

*Mission Fund.*

Art. 12. Conference decided, that the Mission Funds of the United States and Canada be placed in one treasury.

*Mission Board.*

Art. 13. The report of the Board of Missions was submitted and approved.

*Church Paper.*

Art. 14. The subject of a Church Paper being discussed, it was postponed indefinitely, with the intention that the several delegates shall present to their churches for consideration the following resolutions brought forward on the subject.

*Resolutions of 1880, on the Church Paper.*

WHEREAS, We, the brethren in General Conference assembled, have felt the need of a central organ or periodical for the diffusion of religious intelligence among our people, and we think that the church has been laboring under great inconvenience, and many disadvantages for want of such a medium of communication; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That there be published under the control of General Conference, a weekly church paper devoted to religious intelligence, and to the maintenance of the doctrine of the Bible as understood and taught by the church of the Brethren in Christ.

*Resolved*, That for the proper furtherance of the above resolution, there be appointed by General Conference, a committee composed of nine members, to be called the publication board, whose duty it shall be to take the general charge of the financial and editorial department of the periodical, subject at all times to the action of General Conference; and,

*Resolved*, That they shall organize by appointing, or electing a chairman, secretary, and a treasurer, and when so organized shall proceed to elect one of their number as editor, and to make all necessary arrangements, rules and regulations to govern their actions, and to define their duties, and the duties of each department of said publication board, as may

conduce to the promotion of the object in view in accordance with the word of God.

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CONFERENCE OF 1881, HELD AT THE  
BRETHREN'S MEETING HOUSE,  
RINGGOLD, MD., MAY 18, 19, 20.

Article 1. Will the brethren allow members to attend Boarding or High School? *Ans.* By permission of the church in the District.

*Mission Board.*

Art. 2. The report of the Mission Board was submitted and approved.

*Church Paper.*

Art. 3. Conference considered the resolutions of 1880 concerning a church paper, and decided, that it be deferred to some future Conference.

Art. 4. How does the church stand in regard to the publication of a church paper? *Ans.* Fourteen Districts against, nine in favor, with Michigan, Southern Illinois and State of Kansas not having reported.

Art. 5. How does the church view the use of intoxicating or fermented liquors as a beverage? *Ans.* It is the sentiment of this Conference that the use of intoxicating or spirituous liquors is a dangerous evil and the church at large is instructed to abstain in every way consistent with the word of God.