

Minutes of the General Conference.

The General Conference of the Brethren in Christ met in the Brethren's meeting house near Green Village, Franklin Co., Pa., May 21st, 1884. After organizing by appointing Moderators and Secretaries, the following questions were considered and acted upon :

ARTICLE 1. Concerning a fixed price to retail third edition of the Brethren's Hymn Book.

Decided. A committee of seven Brethren be appointed to dispose of the matter as the committee deem proper.

NAMES OF COMMITTEE :

JOHN ZOOK, S. E. GRAYBILL, A. M. ENGLE,
DAVID ENGLE, SAM'L BAKER, Ont., A. WENGER, Ont.,
CHRISTIAN WISIMER.

Committee's report approved and brother David Engle was appointed to settle up all business and report to next General Conference ?

ARTICLE 2. Shall a committee be appointed to revise the minutes of the several Conferences from 1871 to 1884 inclusive.

Decided. In favor of a committee to revise minutes. Brothers Levi Lukenbach, Samuel Zook and John Cassel to constitute said committee and report to next General Conference.

ARTICLE 3. A report of the Brethren of Dickinson county, Kansas, with regard to an Orphans' Home;—presented and approved.

ARTICLE 4. A request by the Brethren of Canada, to form a separate Mission Board and Treasury, in consequence of a certain amount of money bequeathed to the Church of Canada for that purpose.

Decided. Request granted upon the system of the Mission Board of the United States Brethren.

ARTICLE 5. A Committee appointed to adjust difficulties in Morrison's Cove. Bros. Jacob M. Engle, Aaron Wingert and Martin H. Oberholtzer, constitute said Committee.

ARTICLE 6. Can Brethren called as Ministers choose their own time to fulfill their call ?

Decided. They cannot.

ARTICLE 7. With regard to the work of the sub-committee in Illinois, appointed by the standing committee.

Decided. General Conference approved their action, and make up the required amount, \$300, with interest from day of decision, Nov. 3rd, 1882. Said amount to be sent from the several districts to David Stoner, Shannon, Carroll Co., Ills.

ARTICLE 8. Bro. Abr. Stoner's Missionaries report handed in and approved.

ARTICLE 9. Bro. Saxton Bowers, of Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, is appointed to fill the vacancy in the Missionary Board, caused by the death of bro. Jos. Davidson.

ARTICLE 10. Can persons who are not members attend District Conference ?

Decided. They can by the consent of the Brethren in the district.

ARTICLE 11. Bro. Samuel Zook of Abilene, Kansas, be

appointed a member of the Standing Committee, in place of Bro. Levi Lukenbach, whose term expires at this time.

ARTICLE 12. General Conference agrees to raise three thousand dollars for the purpose of assisting certain poor families of Russia to emigrate to America. Said money to be raised by voluntary contribution throughout the church. And in case said contribution should fail to reach the above amount, the balance to be loaned by a committee appointed for that purpose, provided the money should be needed in this conference year. Said committee to consist of A. M. Engle, Detroit, treasurer; Benj. B. Engle, Belle Springs; Noah Hershey, Belle Springs.

ARTICLE 13. Several letters read from brother Owen Rothrock setting forth the needy condition of the brethren in Chambers Valley, Va.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to see to their wants. The brethren in all the different districts are urged to collect money for said poor and send it to John Zook, Chambersburg, Pa.

COMMITTEE :

M. H. OBERHOLTZER, DAVID ENGLE, JOHN ZOOK.

ARTICLE 14. Resolved that the annual Conference of 1885, be held in the Brethren's meeting house, near Shannon, Carroll Co., Ills., on the 3rd Wednesday in May. Stations—Shannon or Lanark, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, R. R.

ARTICLE 15. Brethren subject to call :

John Cassel, Lower Providence, Pa.
Jacob Brubaker, Colebrook, Pa.
John Wolgemuth, Eliabethtown, Pa.
Simon Graybill, Martinsville, Pa.
David Nissley, Carlisle, Pa.
Samuel Hoover, Middle Spring, Pa.
Aaron C. Wingert, Ringold, Md.
T. A. Long, Howard, Pa.
Wm. O. Baker, Louisville, O.
Benjamin Hoover, Mansfield, O.
Jeremiah Hoke, West Milton, O.
Michael Shirk, Goshen, Ind.
Isaac Trump, Polc, Ill.
Joseph Shirk, Florence, Ill.
Jacob Garwick, Morrison, Ill.
Jacob F. Eisenhower, Belle Spring, Kansas.
Noah Zook, Abilene, Kansas.
Henry Davidson, White Pigeon, Mich.
Abr. Wingert, Springvale, Ont.
Frederick Elvit, Richmond Hill, Ont.
John Reichert, Fort Witch, Ont.
Wm. Klippert, Nottawa, Ont.