

COUNCIL OF 1886.

Held at the home of Bro. John Wilfong, Waterloo county, Canada, May 19th, 20th and 21st.

After being regularly organized by appointing Moderators and Secretaries, the following questions were considered and acted upon:

ART. 1.—A petition from Cumberland county, Pa., relating to losses sustained by outside parties, through Martin Bowers, asking to raise money to pay a certain debt of \$1,300.

Decided, That the money be made up by voluntary contribution by the different districts and sent to Bro. Abraham Nissley, Carlisle P. O., Cumberland county, Pa., within ninety days.

ART. 2.—A request to reconsider Art. 4th of Council of 1885.

Decided, Reconsidered and repealed.

ART. 3.—Concerning the payment of a note between Bro. Eli Boyer of Ohio and Bro. Jacob Stoner of Illinois.

Decided, That Bro. Jacob Wingert of Ohio and Bro. Jacob S. Good of Illinois are appointed a committee with the privilege of appointing a third Bro. to settle the difficulty. The expenses to be borne by the respective districts, unless settlement be made among themselves.

ART. 4.—Shall the Missions of Mosa and Brook in Canada, be provided with regular gospel preaching?

Decided, That those places be supplied with preaching at the option of the Mission Board of Canada.

ART. 5.—May ministers be members of the Mission Board?

Decided, They may.

ART. 6.—The case of Bro. David Book of Kansas consulted.

Decided, That the Brethren of Kansas shall install Bro. David Book into the ministry.

ART. 7.—By request Bro. Abram Stoner, of Ohio, reported the condition of the Missionary Treasury in the United States.

Decided, That the report is accepted and approved.

ART. 8.—By request Bro. Jacob Eyer of Canada reported the condition of the Missionary Treasury in Canada.

Decided, That the report is accepted and approved.

ART. 9.—What part of the expense of the general visit shall Canada pay?

Decided, That Bro. Samuel Baker and his substitutes shall be paid by the Canada Church.

ART. 10.—Do the Brethren carry into effect the commission of Mathew xxviii ; 19 and 20 verse?

Decided, They have not. *Resolved*, That the Brethren exert themselves, to furnish men and means, to carry out the commission.

ART. 11.—The question of voting by delegates only, was acted upon, and the districts voted as follows: Ten Districts for, and Eight Districts against, voting by dele-

gates only. The Council not being prepared to confirm, agreed to postpone the question another year.

ART. 12.—*Resolved*, That a committee of five Brethren be appointed to set forth the sentiment of the church on sanctification:

Committee: Abram. Wenger, Springvale, Ont.; Samuel Zook, Abilene, Kansas; W. O. Baker, Louisville Ohio; Jesse Engle, Belle Spring, Kansas and David Engle, sr., Mount Joy, Pa. The committee asked an extension of time for one year, which was granted by Council.

ART. 13.—Council appointed a committee of five, to frame uniform rules for all church work.

Committee: Levi Lukenbach, West Milton, Ohio; Aaron Wingert, Ringold, Md.; Samuel Baker, Gormley, Ont.; Benjamin Shupe, New Dundee, Ont.; Henry Davidson, White Pigeon, Mich.

Decided, That after hearing the report, the committee was discharged; also, the committee be re-elected and have the time extended one year.

ART. 14.—Bros. Samuel Zook, of Kansas and W. O. Baker, of Ohio are appointed a committee to adjust difficulties in Wayne county, Ohio and Whiteside county, Ill.

ART. 15.—Bros. Martin Oberholser, of Franklin county, Pa. and David Engle, sr., of Lancaster county, Pa., are appointed a committee to adjust difficulties and disorder existing in Virginia and North Carolina.

ART. 16.—*Resolved*, That Bro. Abraham Stoner, of Ohio, Treasurer, of the Mission Fund, shall have the use of the funds in his hands, without interest.

ART. 17.—Bro. Jacob M. Engle of Lancaster county, Pa. was re-elected a member of the standing committee for five years.

ART. 18.—Brethren who shall correspond with railroad companies, for reduced rates, &c.: Ambrose Miller, Dayton, Ohio; Henry Davidson, White Pigeon, Mich.; Israel Solenberger, Scotland, Pa.; A. M. Engle, Detroit, Kansas and C. Heise, Victoria Square, Ont.

ART. 19.—Committee on revision of minutes of Councils reported, and their report was accepted by Council and ordered printed, and Bro. Samuel Zook and Jesse Engle were appointed a committee to have them published.

ART. 20.—The appointment of Brethren subject to call discontinued this year.

ART. 21.—That the Council of 1887 be held in Dickinson county, Kansas, on the third Wednesday in May. Nearest railroad station, Abilene.