

COUNCIL OF 1889.

HELD IN THE BRETHRENS' MEETING HOUSE, MARKHAM, YORK COUNTY, ONTARIO, CANADA. MAY 15, 16, & 17.

ARTICLE I. A petition from the Dayton District, Ohio, for the privilege of electing an Elder to assist Bro. L. Luckenbach in his official duties.

DECIDED, That their request be granted.

ART. II. A request from Bro. O. Rothrock, of Mount Airy, N. C., for brethren to be sent to visit them.

DECIDED, That the visit be made under the direction of the Mission Board.

ART. III. Bro. Joel Harley, of Montgomery county, Pa., claiming to have a call to preach, refers the matter to General Council.

DECIDED, That the Bro. conform to the rules of the church and submit himself to the brethren of his district.

ART. IV. A petition presented from the Waterloo District, favoring the organizing of the Eastern Michigan church, into a separate district.

DECIDED, That their request be granted.

ART. V. The Carland, Michigan, Mission, petitions for help to erect a house of worship.

DECIDED, That their petition be sent to the various districts, recommending the brotherhood to contribute liberally. Such monies to be sent to Charles G. Baker, Carland, Michigan.

ART. VI. The Carland Mission petitions Council to send them a stationed minister.

DECIDED, To comply with the petition, provided a suitable brother can be found, and that Brethren Henry Davidson, Samuel Zook and Samuel Baker, be appointed a committee to search for such a brother.

ART. VII. A petition from the Black Creek District, for a more explicit explanation of the work belonging to the different church officers.

DECIDED, See church Government.

ART. VIII. A petition from the Black Creek District, favoring a triennial Council instead of the annual Council.

DECIDED, That the church may be formed into sub-districts, and held annual Councils, subject to General Council.

ART. IX. A petition from the Dauphin and Lebanon Districts, asking for a committee of five to investigate and decide the matter of Samuel Peters and wife.

DECIDED, That J. M. Engle, John Lininger, Aaron Wengert, Benjamin Shelly and John Wolgemuth, constitute that committee.

ART. X. Whereas the Pennsylvania brethren petition Council for an expression of its attitude on the Prohibition question.

Therefore, Be it resolved that inasmuch, as the Brethren in Christ, do not believe it consistent with their faith as a none-resistant people, to take part in political elections, but since the prohibition question is a moral, and not a political one, General Conference submits the question to the conscientious consideration of each brother,

but positively forbids any brother, either in sentiment or vote, to give any encouragement to the liquor traffic.

ART. XI. A request from Dickinson county, Kansas, to reconsider Art. VI. of 1888.

DECIDED, To strike out the following words of decision of said Article, viz: "Unless by special permission of the church in the district in which such person lives."

ART. XII. A request from Dickinson county, Kansas to defer the decision on the delegate question to Council of 1891.

DECIDED, That it remain unchanged.

ART. XIII. Missionary Report by Brother A. Stoner, read and approved.

ART. XIV. A request by Bro. A. Stoner, to be relieved of his office as Treasurer of the Mission Board.

DECIDED, To accept his resignation, with the understanding that he continue to fill the office for the present conference year, the church in the mean time to find a suitable person to take his place.

ART. XV. Missionary Report of Bro. J. Eyer, (Canada), was read and approved.

ART. XVI. A request from Dickinson county, Kansas, to continue the Mission work.

DECIDED, To continue the work, and that the Brethren J. H. Eshleman and Isaac Stern, be appointed for the work.

ART. XVII. Regarding the ordination of the Brethren Zook and Long as missionaries.

DECIDED, That such ordination ended with last conference year.

ART. XVIII. Regarding the articles written by Bro. Jesse Engle, on the Lord's Supper, and published in the *Visitor*, it was decided, to submit the articles to a committee consisting of the Brethren, Jesse Engle, D. Heise, and W. O. Baker, to be revised, and reported to next Annual Council, for further action. DECIDED, Also, The articles on Baptism, written by W. O. Baker, shall also be acted upon by the same committee.

ART. XIX. Bro. Samuel Zook, retiring member of the Standing Committee, was re-elected.

ART. XX. The Indian question was deferred until next Annual Council.

ART. XXI. The Brethren H. Davidson and Samuel Zook, were appointed a Committee, to act in connection with the Mission Board, to find two more Brethren to assist or relieve, if necessary, the Missionaries appointed.

ART. XXII. Resolved, That the Council for 1890 be held at West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, on the Narrow Gauge R. R. For further information address

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