

# COUNCIL OF 1895

HELD IN NOTTAWASAGA, SIMCOE COUNTY, ONTARIO, MAY 15TH  
TO 17TH.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.**

After devotional service Conference was opened by the retiring Moderator, Elder Jac M. Engle, of Hancock, Lanc Co., Pa. The organization resulted as follows:

Moderator Elder Jesse Engle of Abilene, Kansas; First Asst. Moderator, Sam'l Zook of Abilene, Kansas; Second Asst. Moderator, Geo. S. Wingert, South Franklin; Reading Clerk, Daniel Heisey, Clarence Center, N. Y.; Secretaries, Asa Bearss, Ridgeway, Ont.; C. B. Miller, Lanc Co., Pa.

The several districts of the Church were represented as follows:

Markham, Ont., Peter Steckley, Abram Winger, Peter Baker, F. F. Baker, Anthony Doner.

Black Creek, Ont., Asa Bearss, Jno. Sider, Dan Hiese.

Waterloo, Ont., Jno. Reichard.

Kansas, Sam'l Zook, Jesse Engle.

Iowa, Benton and Dallas C., Z. B. Knupp.

Polo and Shannon, Abraham L. Myers.

Dayton, Ohio, J. B. Wingert.

Garrett, Ind., Jacob Brechbill.

Bucks and Montgomery, Henry F. Anglemayer.

Cumberland Dist., Pa., Jonathan Wert.

Manor Dist., Lanc Co., Pa., Jonas Hoffman, C. B. Miller.

Rapho " " " " Henry Hoffer, Dan'l Wolgemuth.

Donegal " " " " Jac. M. Engle, Aaron Martin.

North Franklin " " " " Benj. B. Musser, Jacob S. Lehman.

" " " " Geo. S. Wingert, Sam'l S. Wingert.

The first in order was the unfinished matter of 1894 of electing church officers. On motion it was decided to appoint a committee of five to act upon and report to next General Conference as follows: Elder Sam'l Baker, Gormly, Ont.; Elder J. M. Elder, Hancock, Pa.; Elder Sam'l Zook, Abilene, Kan.; Elder Joe B. Winger, Northampton, Ohio; Elder Isaac Trump, Polo, Ill.

A request from the Markham District concerning articles sent to Conference. Ans.—That all articles be sent to General Conference through the district council.

Would it be advisable for the brethren to have cards or tracts printed setting forth the doctrine of the Church? On motion this Council has sanctioned the printing of cards or tracts as above referred to. Resolved that a committee of five brethren, consisting of Bro. David Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.; Elder Martin Oberholzer, Cuthbertson, Pa.; Elder Sam'l Zook, Abilene, Kansas; Elder Jesse Engle, Abilene, Kansas; Peter Keagy, Woodbury, Pa., be appointed to draw up or prepare subject matter expressing the sentiments of the church on doctrinal points.

The report of the Canada Mission was handed in and approved.

Should not the 3rd chapter of 1st Timothy be read as a text when an election is to be held for an official in the church? **ANS.—Yes.**

As the question of single and double mode of feet washing was discussed at length and the question dismissed by referring to minutes of Council of 1892, the question dropped.

Council adjourned with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

The devotional services were opened at 8 o'clock and were very interesting and encouraging. Council was opened promptly at 9 o'clock and proceeded to business, deferred work taken up.

Is it consistent for the brethren to take part or mix with the Salvation Army in their street meetings? On motion it was decided that the brethren are advised not to take part in street parades and other excitable gatherings.

The Carland Mission was next taken into consideration. On motion it was decided that a minister and his wife be sent to the Carland Mission. Resolved that the Mission Board of Canada and the United States constitute a committee to comply with the above request and report at this Council. And the lot fell on Bro. Jonas Hoffman and wife of Columbia, Box 371, Lancaster Co., Pa., for the space of one year or more.

The Arizona Mission sent a petition to Joint Council in Kansas praying that an Elder, or a least a minister, be sent to reside among them. The request was sent to General Conference. On motion their request was submitted to the church in Kansas.

The Oaklahoma Mission was next taken up and discussed at length, the request being for a permanent worker or workers to be located there. Decided that the matter be placed in the hands of the working Mission Board of the United States.

Council adjourned with prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened by the Moderator with appropriate remarks and prayer.

The next in order the propriety of publishing a new Church directory was considered. Decided that a directory be published in connection with an almanac annually and that only the names of the official members be inserted and their addresses. On motion Brethren H. N. Engle, Donegal, Kansas; and Z. G. Cassel, Abilene, Kansas, to constitute the committee of compilers.

Reports of foreign mission funds handed in and approved. Funds received up to May 4th, 1895—\$95.89.

A paper on foreign mission work by Rhoda E. Lee was read setting forth the necessity of, and urging the brethren to, a more active work in that direction.

#### RECESS.

On motion a mission board was appointed for foreign mission work, consisting of Bros. Peter Steckley, Bethesda, Ont.; B. F. Hoover, Mansfield, Ohio; J. E. Stauffer, Newton, Kansas, and presented to General Council and duly appointed for the term of five years, subject, however, to the advice and control of General Conference.

A request to reconsider Article II of Council of 1880—That it is inconsistent for brethren to have in use musical instruments. **ANSWER—**Referred back to Council of 1880.

Conference adjourned.

## FRIDAY MORNING MAY 17TH

The session was opened at 8.30 with a short devotional service and prayer and then work of 1894 was taken up.

We a committee appointed by last conference held in North Dickinson Co., Kansas, in the year of our Lord, 1894, the purpose of devising a plan or rule for electing church officers having met at the brethrens meeting house near Stayner, Ont., on May 15th, 1895; Zac. M. Engle of Lane Co., Pa., Z. B. Wingert of North Hampton, Ohio, Samuel Baker of Gormley, Ont, and Samuel Zook of Abilene, Kansas, being present; Bro. Isaac Trump of Polo, Ill., absent. Moved decisions as follows:—

1st—We recommend to General Conference that all church officers should be elected by a majority vote.

2nd—That an informal ballot should be taken and in case no one has a majority of all the votes cast, the two highest shall be taken and the church shall vote between those two; and the one having the majority shall be decided elected. In case that more than one is to be elected, always a double number shall be voted for.

3rd—That no brother shall be considered a candidate for the informal ballot that has moved into the district and is a stranger without having lived one year in the district where the vote is taken.

4th—This method shall not be construed to put away the necessity of the regular examination before ordination.

5th—We recommend the above for consideration for one year to be acted upon by the conference of 1896 to be adopted, amended or rejected. Jacob M. Engle, Samuel Baker, Samuel Zook, Z. B. Wingert, Committee.

The report of the Board of publication of the Visitor was taken into consideration (and a letter from the editor was read) and submitted their report which was favorably received, and on motion was accepted that Bro. Davidson continue his editorial position for another year with a request that a new Board of Publication be elected at the termination of this conference year.

### RECESS.

The divorce case of Garrett Indiana was taken into consideration. On motion it was decided that this is a special case. Referred back to the district from whence it came with assistance of other districts to dispose of the case as they see proper in receiving into the church the parties in question, and that two elders from Ohio and one from Ill., with the home district, shall decide.

Conference adjourned with prayer.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened with the usual devotional services and prayer.

The Chicago mission work was called in question, and Bro. A. L. Myers gave a statement of the nature of the work and its results. This council gratefully accepts Bro. Myers work in Chicago. On motion it was decided to donate \$100 to Bro. Myers to be paid out of the General Mission fund for the sacrifice and for his time and special expenses. On motion, by request, it was decided to exonerate Bro. Myers from his work in Chicago, and that Bro. Z. W. Hoover of South Cayuga, Ont., be the immediate successor.

A request from Lancaster Co., Pa., the propriety of holding General Conference every alternate year. Answer tabled.

A petition from South Franklin, Pa., for General Council for the year of our Lord, 1896. Granted. Railroad station, Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa.

A request from Stark Co., Ohio, for General Council in 1897 referred to the Council of 1896.

The report of the Treasurer of the General Mission fund of the United States handed in and accepted.

Bro. C. Hisey, Victoria Square, Ont., member of the Standing committee, tendered his resignation and Bro. Peter H. Doner of Stayner, Ont., was appointed in his stead. Standing committee, Bro. Jacob M. Engle, Bro. B. F. Hoover, Bro. Henry Davidson, Bro. Christian Bitner, Peter H. Doner.

On motion Bro. Ezra Mohler of Sippo, Stark Co., Ohio, was elected member of the Mission Board of the United States to fill the vacancy, caused by the death of A. Stoner.

On motion it was decided to retain the brethren now on the list as missionaries subject to call for another Conference year, viz.: Bro. Jacob N. Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa.; Bro. A. M. Engle, Little York, Ohio; Bro. H.L. Trump, Polo, Ill.; J. H. Eshleman, Sedgewick, Kansas.

On motion it was agreed that General Conference be requested to take immediate action in locating permanently, a worker or workers in Oklahoma. Referred to the church in Kansas

After the business of the Conference was disposed of, by request of many of the brethren, a very solemn and impressive season of prayer service followed in behalf of those brethren and sisters chosen by the Conference to supply the calls of the Carland and Chicago missions.

Thus ended a very profitable and interesting Conference that may long live in the memory of those present, and may the Lord have all the praise.

C. B. MILLER, SECRETARY

JESSE ENGLE, MODERATOR.

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