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## WEDNESDAY.

- 9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.  
10:00 “ Conference opened with prayer.  
12:00 m. Conference adjourned for noon meal.  
1:00 p. m. Devotional exercises led, by Eld. Aaron Martin.  
1:30 “ Conference reconvened.  
5:00 “ Conference adjourned to meet Thursday, a. m.  
7:30 “ Open service, led by Eld. Isaac Trump.

## THURSDAY.

- 7:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, led by Eld. Jonathan Wert.  
8:00 “ Conference reconvened.  
12:00 m. Conference adjourned for noon meal.  
1:00 p. m. Testimony meeting, led by Eld. H. B. Hoffer.  
1:30 “ Conference reconvened.  
5:00 “ Conference adjourned for one hour for refreshments  
6:00 “ Conference reconvened.  
8:00 “ Preaching, led by S. H. Good, of California.

## FRIDAY.

- 7:30 a. m. Testimony meeting, led by Eld. H. Davidson.  
8:00 “ Conference reconvened.  
12:00 “ Conference adjourned for noon meal.  
1:00 p. m. Conference reconvened.  
5:00 “ Conference adjourned for one hour for refreshments  
6:00 “ Conference reconvened.  
8:00 “ Conference adjourned to meet on third Wednesday of May, 1903, in Eastern Pennsylvania, followed with preaching; theme, what constitutes a missionary.



# Minutes of General Conference

OF

## Brethren in Christ.

1902.

General Conference of the Brethren in Christ convened at Belle Springs meeting house, Donegal, Kans., May 21, 22, and 23, 1902. The opening prayer at 10 A. M. May 21st, which was preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises, was a united fervent appeal to God that He should lead in the counselings of Conference. The retiring Moderator of Conference of 1901, Eld. M. H. Oberholtzer, then outlined the method for proceeding with the election of Moderators, and appointed a committee of three brethren to proceed with the election, which resulted as follows: Moderator, Eld. M. H. Oberholtzer; 1st Assistant, Eld. H. Davidson; 2nd Assistant, Eld. Aaron Martin. The Moderators elect, then appointed F. Elliott, Reading clerk, S. R. Smith, Secretary, Geo. Detwiler, Assistant Secretary, and followed with the reading of first

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chapter, Second Peter, as a basis for the consideration of Conference, and with soul stirring admonitions by the assistant Moderators.

The delegates then answered to the roll call of the various districts and were registered as follows:

Silver Dale Dist., Penna.—No delegate.

Manor Dist., Penna.—Eld. H. L. Heisey, Eli M. Engle.

Rapho Dist., Penna.—Eld. H. B. Hoffer, Amos Sheets, Frank Heastand, H. O. Musser.

Donegal Dist., Penna.—Elder Aaron Martin, Abraham Z. Hess.

Dauphin and Lebanon Dist., Penna.—S. E. Brehm, H. K. Kreider.

Cumberland Dist., Penna.—Elder Jonathan Wert.

North Franklin Dist., Penna.—Eld. M. H. Oberholtzer, John Asper, Moses Brechbill.

South Franklin Dist., Penna.—Christian Leshner, Samuel Winger.

Lykens Valley Dist., Penna.—J. D. Keefer.

Morrison's Cove Dist., Penna.—No delegate.

Pennsylvania State Council.—S. R. Smith delegate-at-large.

Dayton Dist., Ohio.—Eld. J. B. Wingert, J. N. Hoover.

Stark County Dist., Ohio.—No delegate.

Wayne County Dist., Ohio.—No delegate.

Ashland and Richland Dist., Ohio.—Eld. B. F. Hoover.

Elkhart Dist., Ind.—Elder J. A. Stump, M. M. Shirk.

Polo Dist., Ill.—Elder Isaac Trump, Whiteside Dist., Ill.—No delegate.

Shannon Dist., Ill.—H. L. Shirk, Robt. M. Shirk.

Dallas Dist., Ia.—No delegate but represented by letter.

Des Moines Dist., Ia.—J. R. Zook.

North Dickinson Dist., Kan., including Brown Co.—Elder Samuel Zook, John Sheets, Geo. Detwiler, Thomas Franklin.

South Dickinson Dist., Kan.—Eld. J. N. Engle, Henry Landis, Henry Bowers.

Arizona Mission, Ariz.—Sam. Haugh. Black Creek, Dist., Ontario.—Asa Bearss.

Markham Dist., Ont.—F. Elliott, Peter Baker.

Nottawa Dist., Ont.—Isaac Baker.

Carland Mission, Mich.—No delegate.

The petitions and letters to General Conference were read and filed, after which the considerations began as follows:

Art. 1. On account of the numerous petitions and letters for consideration, it was on motion decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes of General Conference of 1901.

Art. 2. Conference appointed Eld. B. F. Hoover, Eld. J. B. Wingert, Eli M. Engle, D. Climenhaga, D. B. Martin, Thos. Doner substitutes to fill the vacancies of absent members of the General Foreign Mission Board.

Art. 3. The committee on reissuing of Church Hymn Books as appointed by General Conference of 1901, reported, which was accepted, on condition that the present committee be retained to

finish up the work during the next Conference year, and report to General Conference of 1903.

Art. 4. In the absence of Elders Samuel Zook and Charles Baker, members of the examining committee, Conference appointed Eld. H. Davidson and Eld. B. F. Hoover to fill the vacancy for this Conference.

#### MISSION WORK.

Art. 5. Philadelphia, Penna., Mission. In the absence of a written report from the Philadelphia Mission, a verbal report was given by several brethren, stating that the work abounded with good spiritual results, and considering the success accompanying it, it is evident that the Mission is under Divine sanction.

Art. 6. A petition from Penna. State Council, praying General Conference to grant permission to enlarge the dwelling part of the Philadelphia Mission property, was granted, on condition, that it shall only be enlarged as means will warrant, without incurring indebtedness.

Art. 7. A. B. Musser, Treasurer of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, and the Messiah Home Orphanage, of Harrisburg, Penna., submitted the following report.

Bal. in Treasury of Messiah Home, May 1,	
1901 .....	\$516 04
Contributions and other receipts during	
Conference year .....	1376 14
Received from admissions .....	450 00
Received from sale of land .....	80 00
Total - - - - -	\$2422 18
Disbursements during conference year.	
House expenses and other incidentals,	
.....\$1085 77	
Repairs and improvements..	560 04
	1645 81
Balance in Treasury May 1, 1902.....	776 37
Balance indebtedness of Messiah	
Home Orphanage May 1, 1901....	\$451 24
For the house and incidentals .....	346 50
Total - - - - -	797 74
Contributions in money during	
Conference year .....	327 81
Total indebtedness May 1, 1902.....	469 93

Note—The Orphanage indebtedness is not due to current expenses as will be seen by the report; but is the result of installing steam heat and other fittings which have been supplied after the appropriation of Barbara M. Kern was exhausted.

A report was also given by the secretary of the Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home and Messiah Home Orphanage, wherein an outline was given of the number of inmates and the general character and condition of both, the Home and Orphanage.

Both reports were accepted with an appeal to the church at large that more aggressive efforts should be made to provide such things that are needed for the Orphanage and Home.

Art. 8. A petition from the Board of Managers of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, of Harrisburg, Penna., asking General Conference to authorize the sale of a plot of ground, situated in the City of Harrisburg, as described in the following resolution, was granted as follows: Resolved, That W. L. Kreider, Aaron Martin, John S. Engle, John Leininger and Eli M. Eshelman, and their successors, Trustees for the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, at Harrisburg, Penna., be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell to Luther W. Walzer,

for the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800) Dollars, the following described lot or piece of land, part of the land connected with said Home, to-wit: A lot or piece of land, situated in the Ninth Ward, City of Harrisburg, Penna., bounded and described as follows, viz. Beginning at a point on line dividing land of Adolphus Busch and the church of the Brethren in Christ, forty-three and thirty-seven (43.37) hundredths feet North from Northern line of Market Street; thence North fourteen degrees and thirty-eight minutes West forty-six and sixty-three hundredths (46.63) feet to a point; thence North seventy-five degrees and twenty-two minutes East, sixteen feet (16) to a point; thence North twenty degrees East one hundred and seventy-five and four-tenths (175.4) feet to a point; thence North fifty-five degrees and twenty-two minutes West sixty (60) feet, more or less to a point in the Old Jonestown Road; thence in a Southerly direction along the centre of the Old Jonestown Road, one hundred and eighty-five (185) feet; more or less,

to land now or lately owned by G. W. Bright; thence along the line of land now or lately owned by G. W. Bright, South fourteen degrees and thirty-eight minutes East, one hundred and ten (110) feet more or less to land of Adolphus Busch; thence along the line of land of Adolphus Busch, North seventy-five degrees and twenty-two minutes East Sixty-one and eighty-five hundredths (61.85) feet more or less to a point, the place of beginning.

And they are further authorized upon the payment, or securing the payment to them of the purchase money, to execute and deliver to the said Luther W. Walzer a deed with covenants of general warranty, conveying to him the said land in fee simple.

Art. 9 Conference authorized W. L. Kreider, Aaron Martin, Jno. S. Engle, John B. Leininger and Eli M. Eshelman, Trustees of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home at Harrisburg, Penna., or their successors, to grant and convey by deed of general warranty to any party or parties, when and for whatever amount the Board of Managers shall

see fit to sell a certain plot of ground, situated in the Ninth Ward, City of Harrisburg, Penna., adjoining the North side of Market Street, on the East by property of Robert Baskin estate, on the West by property of Adolphus Busch: it being about ninety feet deep and nineteen and three-fourth feet wide, and a part of the now unoccupied ground of the said Home.

Art. 10. Conference confirmed the sale of a plot of ground, situated in the Ninth Ward, City of Harrisburg, Penna., on the West side of Twelfth Street, adjoining properties now of A. B. Musser and E. L. Engle, to A. B. Musser, on Mar. 30, 1900.

Art. 11. Conference confirmed the sale of two lots, situated in the Ninth Ward, City of Harrisburg, Penna., on the West side of North Twelfth Street, lying immediately North of late Amelia Waltman's estate, now property of H. L. Heisey Jr., which have been sold to A. B. Musser and E. L. Engle respectively, on October 1, 1900.

Art. 12. Conference accepted the resignation of S. E. Brehm as member of the Board of Managers of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, at Harrisburg, Penna.



Art. 13. Conference appointed Eld. Aaron Martin as a member of the Board of Managers of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, at Harrisburg, Penna., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. E. Brehm.

Art. 14. Conference accepted the resignation of W. L. Kreider as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home at Harrisburg, Penna.

Art. 15. Conference appointed Henry K. Kreider as Trustee of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home, at Harrisburg, Penna., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. L. Kreider.

Art. 16. Conference appointed Eli M. Engle, as Trustee of the Messiah, Rescue and Benevolent Home at Harrisburg, Penna., to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Eld. Aaron Martin to the Board of Managers.

Art. 17. A verbal report was given by D. V. Heise, stating that the Buffalo Mission, at Buffalo, N. Y., was in a good spiritual condition, and that Bro. and Sister Hoover, who had been in charge

of the Mission, had removed to other fields of labor; and that Bro. and Sister J. H. Myers, of Mechanicsburg, Penna., have been engaged to take charge of the Mission. The report with the appointment was confirmed.

Art. 18. A verbal report was given by B. L. Brubaker of the Chicago Mission, the tenor of which was very encouraging; which was followed by a financial report given by Sisters Anna and Sarah Bert as follows:

Balance report of Conference 1901,.....	\$	5	17
Received during Conference year .....		522	11
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Total - - - - -		527	28
Rent for Mission property during Con. year.....	\$	360	00
Coal, house expense, etc.....	\$	133	59
Balance, May 15, 1902.....			33 69

The report was accepted, and Bro. G. C. Cress was retained as Minister at the Chicago Mission, with a request that Art. 6 of Conference Minutes of 1899 should be observed.

Art. 19. A financial report of the Des Moines, Iowa, Mission was presented as follows:

Balance due Mission from 1901.....	\$ 59 20
House expense, fuel, water, light rent and repairs.....	379 43
<b>Total</b>	<b>438 63</b>
Donations received during Con. year...	111 55
Balance due Mission .....	327 08

Art. 20. Since there were not sufficient funds in the General Mission Treasury to meet the amount due the Des Moines Mission, Conference gave an opportunity for an immediate free will offering, which amounted to \$243 including money paid and subscribed. Bro. Isaac Shockey was appointed to receive the money when collected and pay it over to the Des Moines Mission managers to be used towards liquidating the balance due the Mission.

Art. 21. A request from the Trustees of the Des Moines, Iowa, property, to have a committee of seven appointed to investigate the report of the Trustees, and report to this Conference for adoption, rejection or amendment, was granted. The report of the committee which was adopted and confirmed, was as follows:

Whereas, we the undersigned, committee appointed by General Conference of 1902 to investigate the conditions, as presented by the Board of Trustees of the Des Moines, Iowa, Mission property, which is yet in litigation, have had a full report from the Trustees of said property and of their proceedings—Resolved, therefore, that we as a committee approve of the report and proceedings of the said Trustees, and recommend to this Conference to grant full power and authority to the Board of Trustees, to dispose of the matter as they in their judgment think proper.

B. F. HOOVER  
 S. E. BREHM.  
 ABRAHAM Z. HESS.  
 Com. ISAAC C. BAKER  
 A. BEARSS  
 C. S. LESHIER  
 E. S. ENGLE.

Art. 22. Conference recommended that Carland Mission should be encouraged by the church at large, by efforts to raise funds to be sent to Bro. Saxton Bowers, to be used for defraying

the traveling expenses of ministers from Yale, Mich., who are to fill monthly appointments at Carland Mission.

Art. 23. A verbal report was given by Bro. S. Haugh, Minister in charge of Arizona Mission, stating that in his estimation, the Mission was abounding in good results for the Master's cause.

Art. 24. California Mission in charge of Bro. C. C. Burkholder was not represented; hence no report.

Art. 25. A request from Eld. Samuel Zook that partook of the nature of a touching plea, to be relieved, on account of his bodily afflictions from any further official connections with the Treasurership of the African Mission Fund, as well as of the Foreign Operative Board, the standing examining committee and the Board of Publication of the Evangelical Visitor, was granted, with the following:

Whereas, the church keenly feels the absence of Eld. Samuel Zook in the councils of this Conference, and while his bodily afflictions are depriving him of his faithful services which he has rend-

ered the church for many years: Resolved, therefore, that this Conference tenders a vote of thanks to Eld. Samuel Zook for his faithful services, and that this Conference relieve him from any further duties in connection with the Treasurership of the African Mission Fund and the committees with which he was connected.

Art. 26. Conference appointed Bro. Geo. Detwiler member and Treasurer of the Operative Mission Board to fill the vacancy caused by Eld. Samuel Zook's resignation.

Art. 27. Conference appointed Geo. Detwiler and D. V. Heise as substitutes for this Conference in the absence of Eld. Samuel Zook and Eld. W. O. Baker in the Operative Mission Board.

Art. 28. Bro. Geo. Detwiler, Treasurer appointed by Conference to fill the vacancy of Eld. Samuel Zook, presented a report of the Treasury of the Foreign Mission Fund, as follows:

Balance in treasury Conference 1901....	\$ 246 97
Received during Conference year .....	728 39
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Total .....	975 36
Paid for support of Matoppa Mission ..	700 07
Balance in Treasury.....	274 66

## Report of Matoppa Special Fund.

Balance on hand, Conference 1901..\$ 400 09  
 Received during Conference year,.. 1341 33 1741 42

Paid to Matoppa Mission for building... 1601 45  
 Balance on hand, May 22, 1902, ..... 139 97

The above report was adopted.

The Board also presented a statement from Sister H. Frances Davidson of Matoppa Mission, South Africa as follows.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous year,.....	\$ 240 95
Received from Eld. Samuel Zook .....	500 00
Received from marketing .....	212 00
Received from private donations .....	63 05
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1016 00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Household expenses .....	\$225 36
Native labor, ... ..	109 67
Native trade, .....	99 81
Freight and Hardware.....	75 70
Surveying and land grant stamps,....	241 00
Other incidental expenses.....	152 46 904 00

Bal. in Treasury Jan. 1, 1902..... 112 00

## SPECIAL OR BUILDING FUND.

Recieved from Eld. S. Zook.....	700 00
Paid for brickmaking etc .....	37 20
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1902 .....	662 80

## POOR FUND.

Balance from previous year,.....	64 12
Paid for poor.....	16 05
Balance, Jan. 1902.....	47 07

It will be noticed that this report dates to Jan. 1, 1902; since then we understand considerable progress has been made in erecting a dwelling house at Matoppa Mission, and since it is essential that the building should be completed as soon as possible, Conference urges that immediate steps be taken to supply the balance needed, and forward to Bro. Geo. Detwiler, Treasurer.

Art. 29. Conference approved the Treasury reports of the Operative Mission Board and South African Matoppa Mission.

Art. 30. Sister H. Frances Davidson, who was Secretary and Treasurer of the Matoppa Mission, South Africa, was, by request, released from the Treasurership, on condition that she be retained as Secretary.

Art. 31. Bro. H. P. Steigerwald was appointed Treasurer of Matoppa Mission instead of Sister H. Frances Davidson, who was released by request.

Art. 32. Conference recommends to the workers of Matoppa Mission, to organize, and in their organization

recognize Bro. H. P. Steigerwald as the head of the organization. The Operative Mission Board is to see that the request is carried out.

Art. 33. The General Foreign Mission Board in session adopted the following, which was approved by Conference: Whereas the General Foreign Mission Board, after hearing the different reports of Mission work, and while some are effective, yet it remains to be seen that influences are exerted throughout the Brotherhood that have a tendency to divert the attention to other Missions that are not under the auspices of the church, thereby more or less neglecting the Missions that are justly looking for support from the church: Resolved therefore, that the Brotherhood in general adhere to the support of our own Foreign Mission Fund, instead of supporting other Missionary Funds, thereby neglecting our own; and be it further Resolved, that this Conference encourage and urge the Brotherhood to make greater efforts to supply the needs of the Home Missions.

Art. 34. Bro. Saxton Bowers, Treasurer of the General Mission Fund, submitted the following report, which was approved by Conference:

Balance on hand Conference 1901 .....	\$ 17 87
Received during Conference year .....	150 31
Total - - - - -	\$168 18
Expended during Conference year .....	\$ 68 10
Balance in Treasury, May 23, 1902 .....	100 08

Report of General Poor Fund by Bro. Saxton Bowers:

Balance, Conference 1901 .....	\$ 51 60
Received during Conference year .....	211 90
Total - - - - -	\$266 50
Paid during the Conference year .....	\$ 10 34
Balance in Treasury .....	256 16

Conference authorized Bro. Saxton Bowers to remain in charge of the Poor Fund, and to distribute the said fund among the poor, and to the Mission workers in cities when needed to further the Master's cause among the poor, as he in his judgment sees proper.

Art. 36. Letters of resignation from Eld. W. O. Baker and S. R. Smith, auxiliary members of the Board of Trustees of Des Moines, Iowa, Mission property were presented but not accepted; Conference advised that they

should remain with the Board until final settlement of present litigation.

Art. 37. Bro. J. R. Zook tendered his resignation as overseer of the Des Moines, Iowa, Mission: Conference refused to accept his resignation and advised him to remain until the present litigations can be adjusted.

Art. 38. Conference authorized the regular Trustees of the Des Moines, Iowa, Mission property to make arrangements for the proper housing of Bro. J. R. Zook and family, either by renting a suitable house, or erecting a plain, common, substantial building on the lot which the late Elder Chas. Good donated to the church on condition that the building shall only progress as means will warrant, without incurring any indebtedness.

Art. 39. The Board of publication presented the financial report of the Evangelical Visitor as follows:

Balance on hand May 1, 1901.....	\$ 348 63
Receipts from subscriptions to May 1, 1902	1270 74
Benevolent Fund receipts.....	48 82
Received for paper etc.....	16 40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1684 59</b>

Paid for printing and rent.....	\$ 655 50
Editor's salary.....	420 00
Paper, printing and wrapping .....	233 84
Freight etc.....	28 07
Postage for Visitor, stamps etc.....	50 43
Coal and sundries.....	41 93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1429 77</b>
Balance on hand May 1, 1902.....	254 82

The above report was approved by Conference.

Art. 40. The Board of Publication recommended that Bro. George Detwiler shall be retained as Editor of the Evangelical Visitor, which was accepted and confirmed by Conference.

Art. 41. The Board of Publication also recommended that the Evangelical Visitor should remain at the present location for a term of five years, which was considered at great length, after which a vote was taken and decided that the Evangelical Visitor shall be published at Harrisburg, Penna., for a term of five years, beginning Jan. 1, 1903 or sooner if arrangements can be made, according to the terms and conditions as implied in an offer from the Central Printing & Publishing Co., of Harrisburg, Penna.

Art. 42. Bro. S. R. Smith, of Harrisburg, Penna., was appointed to aid in making the arrangements for the removal of the Evangelical Visitor from Abilene, Kas., to Harrisburg, Penna.

Art. 43. Conference confirmed the appointment by the Board of Publication, of Eld. M. H. Oberholzer as associate Editor of the Evangelical Visitor to fill the vacancy caused by Eld. Samuel Zook's retirement.

Art. 44. A petition from Pennsylvania State Council was presented, praying General Conference to reaffirm its former decisions, and to impress upon the minds of Elders, Officials and Lay members the necessity of obeying the decisions of General Conference. After some consideration, the following was adopted: Resolved, that for the peace and safety of the church, this Conference urges all officials and members of the church to give strict adherence to the Church Government.

Art. 45. A petition was presented to reconsider the "provision clause" of Art. 10 of Conference Minutes of 1896.

After some consideration it was decided that the Article should remain as originally adopted.

Art. 46. A petition to have General Conference of 1902 convene in the eastern part of Pennsylvania was granted; with a request that the place shall be announced through the Visitor before Jan. 1, 1902.

Art. 47. A question from Pennsylvania State Council was presented inquiring into the advisability of church members allying themselves, with their presence and moral support, with organizations whose teachings in part, have a tendency to retard the usefulness of such members, and the means of such members absenting themselves from their church duties.

After considering the question at length, a committee of seven was appointed to more thoroughly consider the facts as presented, who submitted the following: We the committee most respectfully advise that the brethren and sisters do not absent themselves from their home church duties to at-

tend meetings of other societies, or affiliate themselves with other church societies; believing it to be detrimental to their fidelity to, and usefulness in the church and also discouraging to their pastors and to others.

Art. 48. Conference confirmed an action of the church of Dayton, O. District, which is as follows: Dayton, O. District Council, Jan. 25, 1902. By request of Eld. J. B. Wingert, the church of Dayton District granted him an honorable release from the oversight of the church.

H. E. CASSEL

B. F. HOOVER.

Secy.

Moderator.

Art. 49. Since Eld. J. B. Wingert, of Dayton, O. District was released from the oversight of the church, Conference decided that Eld. B. F. Hoover, Eld. Jno. A. Stump and Bro. Saxton Bowers shall be a committee to investigate the conditions of Dayton District.

Art. 50. Conference appointed Elder B. F. Hoover and Elder Jno. A. Stump to have the oversight of Dayton O. District jointly for the coming Conference year.

Art. 51. A request from Shannon, Ill., District to have Conference grant the privilege of ordaining a minister as an Elder, who would move out of the reach of an Elder, who has charge of a District, was considered, but referred to the District from whence it came.

Art. 52. Conference appointed J. M. Good, of Dallas Centre, Iowa, as Trustee of the Church property at Dallas Centre, Ia. instead of John Reiste.

Art. 53. Conference granted permission to the different districts to appoint Deaconesses if needful.

Art. 54. A petition from Kansas, Joint Council to have Art. 1 of General Conference Minutes of 1891 re-considered, was presented, and after some lengthy considerations was decided to re-affirm the Article in question.

Art. 55. A petition from Kansas Joint Council to amend Art. 8, of Conference Minutes of 1873 to read as follows, was presented:

"The choice shall be made from among the delegates; delegates only being qualified electors; a majority of all



votés cast shall be necessary to elect; the Moderator so chosen shall be authorized to name an assistant Moderator in the event one should be needed." After careful consideration, it was decided that the amendment as petitioned could not be granted.

Art. 56. An appeal for aid to build a meeting house at Elmer, Mich., as recognized by Conference of 1901, was accepted, with the provision that the Treasurer, of the Elmer, Mich., Church Fund shall publish in the Ev. Visitor the amount in the Treasury and how much is needed to finish the house.

Art. 57. Conference appointed S. E. Brehm, Eli. M. Engle and H. K. Kreider a committee to revise the church directory. Elders are instructed to see that the Deacons of their respective districts forward the names and address of the members in their district not later than Aug. 1 1902, to H. K. Krieder Campbellstown. Pa.

Art. 58. Conference authorized the Trustees of the Des Moines, Ia. property to sell or dispose of the Altona

Church at Altona Ia., as they in their judgment see proper, and according to the terms as implied in the title.

Art. 59. Conference ordered that the minutes of General Conference shall hereafter be recorded in their proper consecutive order without outlining the different sessions in connection with the articles; but that a separate memorandum shall accompany the minutes outlining the opening and closing of the different sessions.

Art. 60. Conference tendered a vote of thanks to the Brethren and Sisters of Kansas, for their hospitality in so kindly providing for, and entertaining the members of Conference and all who became associated with them.

In conclusion would say it is due to God that not only the members of Conference should join in a praise to God for His divine guidance in the counselings of this Conference, but that the church at large should join in a special praise to God for His leadings that the ties that bind were drawn tighter, and that love and unity were riveted deeper,

and that a zeal to stand for the Truth  
was manifested in a spirit which proved  
that God was to have the honor and  
glory. Amen.

MARTIN H. OBERHOLTZER,

Moderator.

S. R. SMITH,

Secretary.