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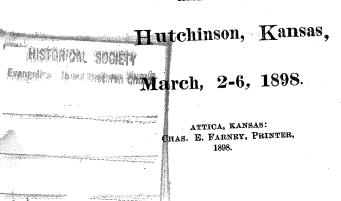
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Presiding Elders. F. P. SMITH, and H. S. REIGLE.

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Education.—C. A. HENDERSHOT.

Sabbath Schools.-E. J. WILLIAMS.

Y. P. C. U.—C. E. FARNEY.

Resolutions -J. G. RGGERS.

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5 Burket, J. W.		Wellington "
6 Burrill, A.	<u> </u>	Danville, "
7 Cunningham, T. S.	_ _	Kingman.
8 Edwards, J. N.	- · -	Attica,
9 Farney, C. E.	- <u>-</u> -	Mulvane,
10 Foard, B. F		Garden City
11 Foulk, S. W.		Wichita
12 Garrigus, S.	- ·	Berthoud, Colo.
13 Harner, J. R.		Corbin, Kansas-
14 Heisel, C. E.	_ ·-	Lecompton.
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LAY DELEGATES.
Barngrover, Mrs. S.
Copion, M. A.
Easterly. I. S.
Gist, W. T.
Jenks, O. S,
Milne, W. H.
Purdy, A.
Ross, James
Stark, J. H.
Yeager, J. W.

Berthaw, W. H.
Carter, M. A.
Flickinger, J.K.
Geyer, W. C.
Light, J. H.
Morrison, Mrs. L.
Putney, O. H.
Skelton, C. W.
Stuver, M.
Yoost, Jacob

Daily Proceedings.

The Arkansas Valley Conference convened in its eighteenth annual session in the U.B. church, Hutchinson, Kansas, March 2nd., 1898, Bishop J.S. Mills, presiding.

The Bishop read Luke II: 1-13, and led in prayer. Singing, "Leaning on the everlasting arms." After a season of prayer and singing "Holy Spirit faithful Guide" the Bishop addressed the conference on, The Godward side of the Ministry, emphasizing the importance of keeping open the heavenly communications. B. F. Foard was chosen secretary. Roll call showed forty-five ministers and fourteen lay delegates present.

The Conference Bar was fixed. B. F. Foard was elected Recording and Statistical Secretary. Bishop appointed following committees:

Devotion-P. Milligan, F. P. Smith and J. Morrison.

Candidates for Ministry-S. W. Foulk, C. E. Farney and A. S. Bacon.

Elders Orders-S. Garrigus, H. S. Reigel and Geo. Gay.

Boundaries—J. Morrison, F. P. Smith, S. W. Foulk, C. E, Heisel, G. M. Beltz, J. G. Rogers, A. N. Reed, and W. C. Guyer.

Missions-G. W. Morgan, A. S. Bacon.

Church Erection—E. R. Myers, C. E. Heisel.

Publishing Interests-P. H. Blinn and H. H. Zeiggler.

Education—C. E. Murphey and J. A. Sanders.

Sunday School-W. T. Snyder and H. S. Reigle.

Y. P. C. U.-J. Morrison and C. A. Hendershot.

Resolutions-E. A. Powell and L. Garman.

Special Treasurers:

Conference Collection-T. S. Cunningham.

Education Beneficiary-J. Blake.

U. B. Seminary-C. W. Skelton.

General Sunday School Fund-W. H. Porter.

College Funds-J. R. Harner,

General Conference Expenses-W. Gist.

Committee on Memoirs-P. H. Blinn and H. H. Zeiggler.

Rev. Vangundy, Pastor of F. Ave., M. E. Church was introduced to the conference. It was ordered that all missionary

Preachers Aid and Church Erection fund be paid to the respecive treasurers of the conference from which the funds were reported.

The time for the beginning of the session was fixed at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. and adjourn on motion. The recommendations of J. F. Harrison, J. E. Wilson, D. A. Williams and John Blake were presented to the conference and the brethren were referred to the committee on candidates for the ministry. Conference adjounded till 2 p. m. Benediction by F. P. Smith.

AFTER NOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock. C. E. Farney led the devotional services. Rev. D. Holmes, of North Ohio Conference, was granted an advisory seat. Rev. Reitzel of the Evangelical Luthern church was introduced to the Conference. It was agreed that the Woman's Missionary Society be given the time from 1:30-2:30 tomorrow afternoon for their annual session. It was agreed that all old claims on the Missionary funds be paid in full; other claims to be paid pro rata.

Rev. F. P. Smith, P. E. of Wichita District, read report of said district. Rev. John Morrison, P. E. of South Western Kansas District, read his report. These reports were adopted and the characters of the brethren passed.

The following brethren reported works and characters passed: C. E. Murphy, Coldwater mission; J. Morrison, Cimaron mission; R. B. Smith, Turon; W. H. Porter, Green Ridge circuit; B. F. Foard, Winfield; G. W. & M. E. Tuttle, Malvane; J. E. Wilson, Eatonville; E. A. Powell, Hackney; A. Burrill, Kingman, T. R. Sprague, Burns; E. J. Williams, Sedgwick; C. E. Heisel, Corbin; J. N. Edwards, Mc-Pherson; J. Barricklow, Willow Grove; J. W. Burket, Maize; G. W. Morgan, Sego; T. S. Cunningham, Danville; D. A. Williams, Kiowa; W. L. Hinshaw, Union Chapel; E. R. Myers, Greensburg; P. H. Blinn, Little River; H. H. Zeigler, Sterling mission.

Adjourned on motion. Benediction by S. Garrigus.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Conference convened at the appointed hour. After singing and prayer, the Bishop read from Matt. VI: 1-18 and continu-

ed his theme, "The Godward side of the Ministry." The Spirit and model of prayer was very forcibly set forth. Minutes of the first days session, read and affirmed. Rev. Venum, of Evangelical church and Dr. Hall, of the 1st M. E. church were introduced to the conference. D. L. Doub, of Oklahoma Conference. E. N. Rumbaugh, of Kansas Conference and W. H. Sherrod, of Columbia River Conference, were granted advisory seats. J. W. Burket was appointed Conference reporter for city papers. O.S. Jenks, and the Hutchinson Sunday School Superintendent were appointed to arrange for a joint service of the Sunday School and Y. P. C. U. work, Sunday atternoon. The examination of traveling preachers was resumed: W. T. Snyder, Genda Springs; J. G. Rogers, Wichita; J. A. Sanders, Beaumont; J. R. Harner, Attice; L. G. Garman Hudson; A. S. Bacon, Fairview; S. W. Foulk, Garden City, reported works and characters passed. P. Milligan being absent his report was presented, and character passed. Evangelists reported and character passed as follows J. A. Blake, S. Garrigus, C. A. Hendershot and C. E. Farney. G. M. Beltz being absent his character was passed. The list of unemployed preachers was now taken up. The secretary was instructed to demand of J. A. Beltz the surrender of his credentials. The following naemployed brethren: Geo. Gay, D. S. Henninger, Mrs. L. M. Horner, J. A. Koons, W. R. Livingston, J. J. Maxey, R. W. Parks, C. H. Smith, Jacob Shull, O. P. Myers, Ira Trinble, H. S. Reigle, Wm. Kase, E. Hill, and G. W. Leitner, passed. A. C. West and J. W. Parker were granted transfers.

Conference agreed to meet at 2:30 p. m. Adjourned on motion.

AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 2:30. Devotional exercises conducted by B. F. Foard. W. R. Livingston was granted an open transfer. Committee on applicants for the ministry, presented report which was adopted. J. F. Harrison, D. A. Williams and J.E. Wilson were admitted to conference.

In-as-much as from a question of law, Rev. J. Blake could not be received into conterence The conference by vote extended its hearty sympathy to the above named brother.

Committee on third year of the course of reading, read report which was adopted.

U. H. Shull, B. F. Ford and J. N. Edwards, were referred to committee on elders orders.

Committee on publishing interests, read a report, which after being discussed by several brethren, was adopted.

Report of Committee, on Church Erection was next presented. The Bishop gave us some earnest words on the subject, after which it was adopted.

Committee on Y. P. C. U. read their report, which was adopted.

L. G. Garman was appointed as member of the Boundary Committee in place of G. M. Beltz who was absent.

Conference next listened to the report of Committee on Sabbath Schools. Several brethren talked upon the subject, after which it was adopted. The Bishop then threw the conference open for general discussion, and gave us some excellent points on pastoral visiting.

Conference adjourned Benediction by J. R. Harner.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Conference convened at the usual hour. The Bishop continued his theme "Godward side of the ministry" it which he emphasized the need of a humane spirit; the brotherhood of man; and the necessity of praying and preaching in spirit and truth.

Roll call, and reading and approving of minutes of Thursday's session. Pres. Brooke of Lane University, and Rev. Testerman of Kansas Conference were admitted to advisory seats.

Boundary Committee made their report, which after being amended, so as to have only two P. E. Districts, was re-committed.

The Itinerant list was called and corrected. J. W. Burket, C. E. Heisel and C. E. Murphy were voted into the I ineracy. Committee on Elder's Orders reported. Report was adopted and U. H. Shull, J. N. Elwards and B. F. Foard, were elected to elder's orders.

Committee on second year of the course of reading, reported, which report was adopted. Committee on first year read report and same was adopted. South West Kansas Conference Committee on first year's reading read report which was adopted. Boundary Committee again brought in their report which was adopted. F. P. Smith and H. S. Reigel were elected presiding elders. South West Kansas Conference Committee on second year of the course of reading Reported. Adopted. Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30.

AFTERNOON.

Conference assembled at 2:30 p.m. Devotion led by Rev. Testerman, of Kansas Conference.

Committee on Finance read it's report, which was adopted. At this juncture Rev. John Morrison in a fraternal spirit, addressed the conference on question of privilege. Committee on Missions read a report. Bro. Geo. Jackman, a returned missionary from Central America was introduced to the conference, and addressed us on the subject of Missions. Father Gay, Bro. Testerman and others made interesting remarks after which the paper was adopted. The Bishop again gave us an open conference. Methods for raising chart assessments were discussed by the Bishop, members of the conference and laymen. Rev. Irvin pastor of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the conference. The question of tithing was also discussed.

Committee on Memoirs read a report touching the decease of Sisters Hinshaw and Curningham. The report was adopted by a rising vote, after which conference sang "I'll live for him who died for me." Bishop announced the names of W. L. Hinshaw, R. W. Parks, E. A. Powell and W. Snyder as

having been elected to assist in stationing presiding elders. By order of the conference the Chair appointed a committee consisting of J. R. Harner, W. L. Hinshaw, S. Garrigus, C. E. Farney and O. S. Jenks, to consider claims from Oklahoma brethren, on the mission fund. Adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Brooke.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

Conference convened at the usual hour. After singing and prayer the Bishop read 1 Cor. 12:4-11 and again all ressed the Conference on the "Godward side of the ministry." Roll call and minutes read and approved. Prairie Chapel was, by vote of conference, attached to the Hudson work. Secretary read a communication from W. C. Hoad, Secretary of Allumi Association, of Lane University asking us to endorse the nomination of J. N. Banks as trustee of said association. The nomination was endorsed.

Rev. Platte, of Evangelical church, was introduced to the conference. It was agreed that on mission fields the deficit in mission assessments be deducted from the mission appropriation. F. P. Smith and J. R. Harner were elected to collect deficit in Bishop's claim.

Secretary of finance committee was instructed to make assessment for Bishop, sufficient to meet the claims next year.

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Education Benefici	ary "	\$14.85
Preachers Aid	" South West Kansas	\$6.00
U. B. Seminary	77	\$32.00
Bishop's Fund		\$98.24
General Sunday Sc	hool "	\$27.25
Church Erection	" South West Kansas	\$23.00
College fund.		\$93.46.
Preachers Aid,		\$45.00
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Missionary Treasurer read a report which was adopted. Miss. Treasurer of South West Kansas Conference reported. The same was adopted. Committee on adjustment of mission

claims read their report which was adopted. Bro. Skelton was elected to receive all funds and put same in a draft to be sent to Dayton, Ohio. It was agreed to pay S. Garrigus \$15. of Church Erection funds. It was agreed that a Missionary debt assessment be made by conference secretary, covering all the indebtedness. Winfield was chosen as the place for holding next session of the conference. It was ordered that the minutes of the Woman's Branch Missionary Association be published in the conference minutes. S. Garrigus, W. L. Hinshaw and G. W. Morgan, were appointed a committee on publication of minutes. Conference adjourned. Benediction by D. L. Doub.

AFTERNOON

G. W. Morgan led the devotions. Rev. Brown, of the African M. E. church, was introduced to the Conference. It was provided that the Preacher's Aid fund be divided equally among the following claimants: R. W. Parkes, Geo. Gay, I. A. Koons, D. S. Henninger and Sister Hahn. A Luthern minister was granted five minute in which to present a literary work he was preparing. Committee on publication of minutes read a report which was adopted. Committee on educatien, read a paper. Pres. Brooke, Rev. Testerman, the Bishop and others spoke on these interests, after which the paper was adopted. S. Garrigus and J. R. Harner, were elected as members of the court of appeals. C. E. Heisel was elected Missionary Treasurer, H. H. Zeigler Secretary. E. A. Powell Church Erecction Treasurer. It was agreed to have a Church Erection Board. H. S. Reigel, F. P. Smith and E. A. Powell were elected to constitute such board. C. Farney was elected J. R. Harner Preacher's Aid Church Erection Secretary. W .T. Snyder Sunday School Secretary and Treas-G. W. Morgan was re-elected Trustee of Lane Univer-It was agreed that one half of the Church Erection money raised in South West Kansas Conference be applied on Garden City Church. The balance in Treasury of the Arkansas Valley Conference after S. Garrigus' claim is paid, be applied on Hutchinson church. S. Garrigus was elected corresponding member of U.B. Historical Society. A collection of \$11.65 was taken for secretary.

Committee on resolutions, read its report which, after be ing amended was adopted. It was agreed that the time for final adjournment be 9 a.m. Monday. Adjourned on motion. Benediction by S. Garrigus.

J. S. MILLS, Chairman.

B. F. FOARD, Secretary.

The U. B. pulpit was occupied by the following brethren: C. E. Heisel, Bishop Mills, J. Morrison, S. Garrigus, Pres. Brooke, D. L. Doub and J. R. Harner. Services Sunday morning were held in the M. E. church. Bishop Mills preached an able sermon. J. N. Edwards, U. H. Shull and B. F. Foard, were ordained.

Conference Reports.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

WICHITA DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Arkansas Valley Conference, Greeting:—In submitting to you the report of Wichita District, I do so, gratefully acknowledging the presence and blessings of Almighty God, in life, in health and sustaining grace during the entire year.

The District consists of twenty one fields of labor and each of these charges have been manned, by a wise, energer't servant of the most high God. Indeed it would be difficult to find a more devoted, self-sacrificing class of toilers than those found in the ranks of the ministry, of the Arkans s Valley Conference. Our ministerial ranks have not been broken, by death, during the year. However, two of our pastors, Bros. Hinshaw and Cunningham have been called to mourn the loss of their companions.

Resignations:—Four resignations have occured during the year. Shortly after the annual conference adjourned, Rev. C. H. Smith resigned the Maize charge and Rev. J. W. Burket, resigned Hutchinson. J. W. Burket was appointed to Maize and P. Milligan was appointed to Hutchinson. April 6th. L. M. Horner resigned the Burns charge and T. R. Sprague was appointed to the field. June 24th. A. S. Bacon resigned Union Chapel and W. L. Hinshaw was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Church Property Interests:—During the year several of our church houses have been improved, by way of replastering, repapering, repainting or recarpeting, among the number being Winfield, Kingman. Otterbein on Sedgwick charge, Shiloh and Gladys on Mulvane charge, Hutchinson, Union Chapel and Attica. Church debts have also been canceled on our Wichita, Burns and Seely Church houses. Debts on other houses of worship and parsonages, have been considerably reduced. We have on the district twenty-seven churches and twenty two of this number "can read their title clear." Our people at Corbin are now building a commodious house of worship, which will be ready to dedicate in the near future. Several of our parsonages have also been improved and made more home like. Our Winfield people have provided themselves with a good five roomed parsonage nicely located, valued at \$800, every cent of which has been paid. We now have on the district twelve parsonages.

General Interests:—I believe we are on the line of progress in almost every particular phase of church work. I apprehend the pastors reports will show an increase in the circulation of our own litera

ture and of course this means a more churchly spirit, on the part of our membership. Our people, while they have done reasonably well, during the past, are doing better in many instances on the line of ministerial support. This obtains largely, where we are practicing the system of titheing and if we as a church, both ministry and laity, would only adopt this system, how easily these claims, which at times seem to be burdensome, could be met. But I am glad to be able to report, that we are learning to look upon our agreements touching church finance as a sacred obligation, which must be provided for. There has been marked progress in the Sabbath School and Young Peopel's Society work. Several new organizations of both during the Revivals have been held on all the charges resulting in great Scores of precious souls, on their way to heaven, cleansed by faith in Jesus blood, will date their conversion during the conference year just closed. About 400 have been added to the church. During the year some of our pastors have more than doubled their membership, and several new organizations have been formed. The interests of Lane University have not been over looked, as the reports will show. Several of our young men and women are now within her halls, fitting themselves for greater usefnlness in life ent organizations, on the various fields of labor, all generally known as The Ladies Aid Society, are to be commended for their zeal and heroic efforts in liquidating church and parsonage debts, and defraying church expenses in general and I am sure I voice the sentiments of this body, when I say, "We appreciate what they have done," and bid them God speed in the good work. Our pastors have made strenuous efforts to bring in full reports touching their Chart assessments, but for various reasons, all will not be able to do so. Some portions of our territory have enjoyed a bountiful harvest, while other portions have suffered terribly by crop failure, caused by drouth and hailstorms.

Those ministerial brethren, not in charge of fields of labor, but occupying an evangelistic, supernumerary or superannuated relation, have been able during the year, to do much good, by assisting others. On account of my absence, while attending the General Conference, and the district being so large, I found it necessary to have several quarterlies held by a supply. The brethren have kindly assited me with the work, whenever called upon to do so, which help has been highly appreciated. I wish to thank all, both the ministry and the Laity for their patience, and brotherly kindness which has been displayed toward me in such a marked degree wherever I have gone. I have endeavered, as best I could, to look after the general interests of our Zion. How successful I have been in the undertaking has been left for others to determine. Four have been licensed to preach. Bro.

Bohner a quarterly conference preacher of Danville charge, at the 4th quarterly conference, voluntarially surrendered his credentials to the conference. Others, having met the requirements, as per discipline, have been recommended to this annual conference for member ship. Quarterlies held 82, sermons preached 279, baptized during year 64, salary received \$646.43, paid for hired help, incidentals and traveling expenses \$144.02, miles traveled 7128

Respectfully submitted

F. P. SMITH.

South West Conference.

To the Arkansas Valley Conference;

Brethren and Friends:—I take pleasure in submitting this report, for your consideration. Four years ago the Gen ral Conference though this human river was large enough and strong evough for two, and a wall was constructed that made two rivers, but the last General Conference lifted that wall, and it flows now as one. Gen. 13:8 Let there be no strife between me and thee for we be brethren. Each member of the conference, both preachers and laymen, has made it their business two fields as many as possible onward along the many upward paths of life. The spirit that characterized the life of Dayman and Pothias and was revealed on the day of penticost, has been among us. Peace and good will, has been the ruling spirit. May it ever be so.

Sterling Mission—H. H. Zeigler in charge. Chart collections all 10'1. The church is hopeful. Bro. Zeigler resigned Sep. 1, 1897. But continued to preach at the country appointment all year. Sterling has been without a pastor since the above date. Robt Smith held a meeting there which resulted in much good and a large petition is here asking that he be appointed to Sterling station.

Fairview Circuit—A. S. Bacon in charge. Chart collections have been looked after and are all full, some old church debts paid and the church in much better condition than it was one year ago.

Hudson Circuit—L. G. Garman in charge This is the first work for this brother as a pastor, he had much to learn of the practical work of a minister. He has been an apt scholar, he has done well and the people want him returned.

Coldwater Mission—C. E. Murphey in Charge. This is the second year on this mission. One new society has been organized, and the work generally revived. Chart collections have been pressed.

Cimarron Mission—J. Morrison in charge. Telescopes 7, making one telescope for ever third member. Chart collections all full. Peace

and good will prevails no trouble of any kind among the members all are loyal to the church.

Garden City Mission:—S. W. Foulk in charge. This is one of the few places in the extreme west that was very dry in the spring and early part of the summer the wheat perished in May, so times have been hard there, yet the benevolent funds have been taken.

Turon Mission:—Supplied by Robt. Smith, of Arkansas Valley Conference, who received a hearty welcome, that has continued thro the entire year. Chart collections all full. Telescopes 8 and a very large supply of U. B. Snuday school literature. It is one of the model Sunday schools of the state and stands in the front ranks. The church house has been moved up in the center of the town, the location good. Material for repainting the Glendal church has been purchased. All is pe ce and good will and the pastor would receive a harty support if returned to this work.

Alva Mission:—W. G. Shaw in charge, by act of the last General Conference, this work became a part of the Oklahoma Miss. conference. Green Ridge Circuit—W. H. Porter in charge. This was the first

work for Porter, he has given entire satisfaction, and is capable and worthy of a better work next year.

Green-burg Mission—E. R. Myers in charge. This is his third year on this work. A large debt has been paid and the church is in better condition than it has been for years Chart collections all full. No trouble of any kind on the work. Bro. Myers can fill any circuit in the conference. Salary of presiding elder \$250, paid for help \$15, traveling expenses \$55, balance due \$180.

Evangelist G. M. Beltz, the earnest and untiring worker in the Master's vineyard, is still pushing onward. J. A. Blake is still at work, strong in faith and full of the Holy Ghost, and is doing good on his home work. J. Corley holds a superunmerary relation to the conference and supports the church with his money. Ira Trimble, local. This brother has been engaged in the dry goods and groccery business until quite recently and in the near future may be at liberty to exercize his talents for God and the church. G. W. Lightener, local. This brother has been so embaraced by environments, as to hold him back from doing what he would do. O. P. Myers, local. This brother is now ready to go in to the active work, and take charge of field of labor. C. H. McGrath, local. H. S. Reigel, itinerant. This brother has held some meetings in the conference, and looked after telescope subscribers and held the last quarterly on the Coldwater work this year.

These are no complaints against any minister in the bounds of S. W. K. Conference, all is harmony. The laity are all kind, charitable and benevolent in thought and money. I have been elected presiding elder

for ten years in succession and that proves them to be not only good but very good. No church on earth has better members than the United Brethren in Christ May the sirit of our Lord prevail and our aims and objects and purposes be one in life, and should trouble sweep over us like sheeted storm, there is a rock cleft to take us in.

John Morrison, P. E.

APPLICANTS.

Your committee on applicants have examined, Bros. J. F. Harrison, D. A. Williams and J. E. Wilson, we found them clear on Bible doctrine and with a fair common school education; we recommend they be admitted into the conference.

Com. S. W. Foulk
A. S. Bacon,
C. E. Farney.

ELDERS' ORDERS.

Before us appeared Brothers B. F. Foard, U. H. Shull and J. N. Edwards, In the examination, as per discipline, we find each of them reasonably clear. We recommend that B. F. Foard, U. H. Shull and J. N. Edwards, be elected to ordination.

Com S. Garrigus
G. Gay,
H. S. Reigle.

BOUNDARIES.

We your committee on Boundaries beg leave to submit the following report:

Detach Liberty Chapel from Sterling circuit, and constitute Sterling a Mission Station. Constitute Liberty Chapel a Station.

Detach from Greensburg circuit, Eureka and Blue Mound and attach to Greenridge circuit. Greensburg, Mullenville and Westland, to constitute Greensburg mission.

Detach Antioch and Union Chapel from Fairview circuit. Detach Salem from Fairview and attach to Union Chapel. Union Chapel, Salem and Antioch to constitute Union Chapel circuit. Attach Fairview to Turon and constitute Turon circuit.

Detach Gladys from Mulvane and attach to Wichita.

Detach Concord from Corbin circuit. Constitute Concord, Wellington and Slate Valley, Wellington mission.

Constitute Pretty Prairie, Crescent and Booth, Crescent mission. All other works unchanged

Presiding Elders' Districts

Winfield—Winfield, Mulvane, Eatonville, Hackney, Kingmau, Geuda Springs, Corbin Danville, Attica, Coldwater, Wellington, Beaumont, Greenridge, Turon and Greensburg.

HUTCHINSON-Wichita. Burns, Sedgwick, McPherson, Willow Grove, Hutchinson, Little River, Maize, Sego, Crescent, Union Chapel, Sterling, Garden City Mission, Cimarron, Hudson and Liberty Chapel.

MISSIONS.

Whereas, Christ the head of the Church did establish his own church through missionary work and went from place to place preaching his everlating Gospel, and sent out his Deciples and told them go teach all nations. Whereas our own denomination was born through missionary work. Whereas the Arkansas Valley Conference was organized through the earnest labors of some of the first settlers of this country, some even traveling on foot to preach Christ and to build up his cause, therefore be it resovled that we as a conference will pray more earnestly and labor to awaken in our people on our several fields of labor a greater interest in giving of their means to such a noble cause Further we recognize the Woman's Missionary Society as one of the leading factors in missionary work, and we will give them our aid and assistance in trying to organize local societies on each of our fields of labor

Committee G. W. Morgan, A. S. Bacon.

CHURCH ERECTION.

An organized effort for the purpose of church extension has become an essential element to growth and development. A society without a house of worship is not unlike a family without a home, or a flock without a fold. There may be some signs of life, but little growth and permanency. To provide shelter for our homeless co gregations is a problem requiring not a little serious reflection. If the question should be asked why so many of our once thrifty societies have disbanded, and become a thing of the past, in a great many instances the answer must inevitably be, "We had no house of warship and were unable to build one." As a result other denominations have reaped where we have sown. One of the wise measures of the General Conference of 1869 was the creation of the organization known as the Church Erection Society of the United Brethren in Christ. Altho her progress through these succeeding years has been retarded by many hinderances, here and

there all over our zion may be seen church spires and happy congregations the monuments of her benevolent work. In the very recent years, or during the efficient labors of the incumbent secretary, the work has taken on new life and effectiveness. By a glance at the church erecttion chart there are seen at different places over our conference territory dots representing churches helped, in time of need by the Parent Board. In recognition of the importance of this arm of church growth we recommend the following, 1st- We recognize the Church Erection Society an indespensable arm of the church. 2nd-We note with gratitude the zeal and efficient labors of Bro. Weekly and tender our co operation in the work. 3rd-That all loans to the society be paid as soon as possible. 4th-We recognize in the "Bishop Weaver Memorial" enterprize, a monument worthy the support of all, and pledge our help for its furtherance. 5th-As representatives of the church in Arkansas Valley Conference we will get Church Erection more upon our hearts; not only that our assessments may be met, but that our people may more fully recognize its value. 6th-A continuation of the ten cent per capita assessment system. 7th-The keeping of our church houses in good repair and the planting of trees and shrubbery to beautify the

Committee

C. E. Heisel, E. R. Myers.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Our Publishing House is practically the headquarters of our Church. Church literature is the circulating medium which supplies life and vitality to the church as a denomination. The pastoral office is the natural channel through which this life-giving medium should, and is intended to flow. If the pastor is inactive and negligent of his duty in this respect, it obstructs the circulation of this life-imparting medium, leaving the church seriously paralyzed with the disease of ignorance and disloyalty. Members of our church should be well informed and intelligent members, wide-awake and in sympathy with the interests and movements of our denomination. This information concerning our denomination, and zeal for her interests, is to be supplied thro the circulation of our own church literature, in which work the pastor must needs be the active agent.

The literature of our church, and especially the Religious Telescope is unexcelled in quality, and truly merits the hearty support of our people. No religious literature can be so helpful and well suited to the needs of our people as that of our own church. Therefore be it Resolved.—

1 That we heartily commend the Religious Telescope to our people and that we make an earnest and systematic effort to increase its circulation. We approve of the recent change to a more pamphlet like form We appreciate the untiring efforts put forth by our editors and publishers, and congratulate them upon their success in maintaining such a high standard of excellence and true worth. The Telescope should have first place with all our people, and if we can take but one religious paper, then by all means let that one be the Telescope.

2. That we do what we can to increase the circulation of our own Sunday School literature No S. S. literature can be so well adapted

to the needs of our people as that of our own church.

- 3. That we recognize the excellence and usefulness of the Search Light, as the representative of our Missionary and Church Erection interests, by making an active and systematic effort to increase the number of homes into which it shall come as a regular monthly visitor.
- 4. That the Watchword, our wide-awake, up to date, Young People's paper, be given the attention which its merit and circulation demands.
- 5. That the Quarterly Review and Woman's Evangel shall each be given the support which their importance and work truly merits.
- 6. That the Gospel Press, edited and published by Rev. Chas. E. Farney, of Attica, Kansas, and a member of this conference, should receive our cordial support. Though not officially made a periodical of the church, it is edited and published in the interests of the U. B. church in Kansas, and therefore should receive our support

7. That we put ourselves on record this coming year as having done more efficient work in behalf of our publishing interests than ever before.

Respectfully submitted.

Com. P. H. Blinn. H. H. Zeigler.

EDUCATION.

Education is the foundation of all good government. It is important then that we keep the sulject prominently before the people that all maybe duly impressed with its importance. As we possess a threefold nature, physical, intellectual and moral, a system of education that recognizes these elements is more helpful to the people than any other system. The acquirement of knowledge and the development of the working powers of the whole man necessitate institutions of learning,

which emphas ze these essential features of education. The demands of the times clearly indicate our duty to acquire all the knowledge and skill we possibly can in order to succeed in the vineyard of the Lord. And furthermore, our success is to be measured largely, by the degree of interest we awaken in the minds and hearts of the people with reference to the high purpose of life. We should contribute all we can to sustain the various interests and institutions of the church, which are indispensable to the accomplishment of these important results. Recognizing that christian education is essential to the success of christian missions, which is the divine appointed way of saving the human race from the reign of sin. Therefore, resolved,—

- 1. That we pledge our hearty co-operation to the support of Union Biblical Seminary, the theological school of our church, and will do all we can to enlarge its field of usefulness,
- 2. That we rejoice in the success attending Lane University, located at Lecompton, Kansas, and are especially pleased to learn of the increased attendance of students and the decrease of its indebtedness.
- 3. That we, as a conference believe in putting forth immediate and vigorous efforts, within the bounds of all the co-operating conferences, to pay off all indebtedness at the earliest possible date.
- 4. That we ask the bishop to arrange for a meeting of the ministers and laymen for the purpose of devising ways and means for paying our proportion of college indebtedness.
- 5. That each pastor of a charge in our conference raise his Lane University assessment and send it to the college during the first quarter of this conference year.
- 6. That the representatives of every charge in Arkansas Valley Conference be asked to send at least one student to Lane University every year.
- 7. That we approve the summer school to be conducted at Lane University by Bishop Mills from May 16 to June 2, and urge our preachers to arrange to attend it.
- 8. That we are in sympathy with our public schools and will guard this bulwark of the Republic from the encroachment of any foe.

Committee C. E. Murphy,

J. A. Sanders.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

No department of church work is of greater importance than the Sabbath school; therefore, the efforts that are being put forth for the advancement and improvement of the rising generation is indeed a very encouraging feature of Christian work, yet we believe there is room

The Sabbath School should be a place of rest to for improvement. man, but service to God. Is it not true that too many of our schools lack freshness and life, not for the want of worldly wisdom, but of the wisdom that comes from above, which is first pure, then peacable, easily entreated and full of good work. If we would succeed in the years to come, we must plant the church of Christ into the hearts of the child-Christ said to Peter, feed my lambs, Therefore be it resolved that we redouble our diligence in bringing the little ones to the truth and use every legitimate means to encourage the youth of our land to attend the Sabbath school; that we, as co-workers will pray for the baptism of special preparation of heart and spirit for the work. Resolved that we recommend our Sa' bath Schools to be well supplied with our literature, which is second to none, and the very best for us and our children. Sensible of the necessity of better teaching in our Sunday Schools we recommend the formation of normal classes wherever practicable and that Sabbath School institutes or conventions be held in each Presiding Elder's district.

Committee

H. S. Reigle, W. T. Snyder.

Y. P. C. U.

The world is moving rapidly. We are living in a transitory period. The brightest age of the world's history. We have made wonderful advancements from the wooden plow, to that of the steam and electric. From the pine knot thrown upon the hearth, to that of the electric arc light. From the camel train, to the lightening express, that travels farther in one hour than the former in one day: Yet we have made as great a progress in the educational lines, especially in the education of the spiritual man, yet we are only standing upon the threshold. The field is still unexplored, it lies in front, the highest period of our nistory is unwritten; the grandest age has only commenced; the most sublime heights are to be climbed; the richest fields are te be explored; and in this work we recognize no greater torce than in the young peoples movement. And in this great spiritual reformation no greater power than the Y.P. C. U. of our own church. The Y.P.C. U. to-day is the strong right arm of our church and no church can be abreast of the times without a live Union, And there ought to be a strong working force at every appointment in a good strong local Union. A great help to each local would be a Y. P. C. U. reading course; also the Watchword, which is a treasure to any home; each local should be urged to have a representative at each annual convention; and each local should be urged to pay its dues to Los Angeles, if they have not. Therefore be it resolved,

- 1. That we as pasters of this conference, try to organize a local Union at each point on our work.
 - 2. That we will try to increase the circulation of the Watchword.
 - 3. That we will try the Y. P. C. U. reading course.
- 4. That we will see that each local elects a delegate to the next annual convention and that we will urge said delegate to attend the convention.

 Com.

 C. A. Hendershot.

FIRST YEAR'S READING ARKANSAS VALLEY.

We your committee on First Year's Reading beg leave to submit the following report;

- J. F. Harrison appeared before us and was examined in all the books of the new course, receiving an average grade of 84. We recommend that he pass to the second year.
- T. S Cunningham was examined on Weaver's Confession of Faith, and Etter's Preacher and his Sermon, making an aveaage of 81. We recommend that he pass on these books, but urge most emphatically that he be prepared one year hence.
- G. W. and M. E. Tuttle asked to be excused for one more year. We recommend that their request be granted, but insist that they come prepared for examination next year.
- L. M. Horner, having taken a part of the work, asks to be excused one more year on account of serious illness. We recommend that her request be granted.
- R. B. Smith asked to be excused on account of defective eyes, and he wishes to take a course in school. We recommend that he be excused one year, but in case he does not take a course in school or $b_{\rm e}$ prepared for examination at the end of that time, the conference should take some action.

Respectfully submitted.

Com.

J. G. Rogers.

J. Barricklow.

W. T. Snyder.

SOUTH WEST KANSAS.

We your committee on First Year's Reading have examined the following:

W. H Porter—Study of the Bible by Books. 75; New Acts of the Apostles, 74; Art of Reading and Speaking, 78; U. B. Church History.

80; Homiletics, 75; Manual of Discipline, 72; Christian Doctrine, 77.

L. G Garman, in corresponding books, 75; 80; 87; 90; 80; 92.

Each furnished a written sermon We recommend that they pass to the second year.

Com. S. W. Foulk.
A. S. Bacon.
G. W. Leitner.

SECOND YEAR'S READING.

ARKANSAS VALLEY.

We your committee on second years course of reading of Arkansas Valley Conference, would report as follows: Brothers J. N. Edwards, C. E. Heisel, P. H. Blinn, J. W. Burket and J. A. Sanders were lefore us, and were examined and made the following grades on the different books.

J. N. Edwards examined on Mental Philosophy made a grade of 73. We therefore recommend that he pass out of second years course, as this was the only book in the course he had not passed on.

C E. Heisel, on Manual of Christian evideaces, made a grade of 96½; on Logic, 79.3; The Preacher and his Sermon Etter, 98; in Exegetical studies Gal. 93.75; in Exegetical studies in John, 85; on United Brethren Church History Berger 95; In Theology Miley 90; Study of the Bible by books Old Testament Sell 88; Written Sermon

J. A Sanders, Theology Miley 80; United Brethren Church History Berger 65; Manual of Christian evidences Fisher 89; The Preacher and his Sermon Elter 93.75; Exegetical studies Gal. 82½; Exegetical studies John 80; Legic 87 study of the Bible Sell 79

P. H. Blinn, Theology Miley 70; Church history Fisher 80; Manual of, Christian Evidences Fisher 88; The Preacher and his Sermon Etter 98; Life of Bishop Edwards 90; Elocution M. Illvane 90; he wishes tobe excused from examination for his year in Mental Phil sophy.

J. W. Burket, Theology 85; Church History Fisher 70: Man al of Christian Evidences Fisher 98; Elocution McIllvane 87½; The Preacher and his Sermon E ter 91½; Life of Bishop Edwards 95; He wishes to be excused on Mental Philosophy for this year. These brethren having made the grade required by the Disci; ine and in most cases having far exceeded the grade required we recommen that they pass out of the second years course except in the cases of brothers Blinn and Burketon Mental Philosophy.

Com.

S. Garrigus, Chairman, G. W. Morgan,

and J. R. Harner.

SOUTH WEST KANSAS.

The committee on second year's course of reading South West Kansas Conference report as follows:

C. E. Murphy and J. A. Blake appeared before us and wished to be retained in this course of reading.

On the account of the change of books and wishing to take up the new course of reading they are not prepared to pass.

C. E. Murphy has read and studied some of the books but wishes to make a more careful preparation. We recommend that they be retained.

Com. E. R. Myers

H. H. Zeigler H. S. Reigle.

THIRD YEAR'S READING.

ARKANSAS VALLEY.

We your committee on the Third Year's Reading beg leave to submit the following report:

The following brethren appeared and were examined as per discipline with grades as follows:

U. H. Shull, Analogy, 73; Past. Theology, 71; Beg of Chrstianity, 96; Logic, 74; Glossbrenner, 82; Ethics, 85; Baptism, 73; Pope, 81.

B. F. Foard, in corresponding books, 96; 97; 93; 86; 88; 92: 90; 89.

J. N. Edwards, Analogy, 69; Beg. of Chr. 69; Logic, 60; Glossbrenner, 91; Pope, 65. We recommend that these brethren pass to the committee on Elders Orders.

There also appeared A, Burrill and C. A. Hendershot who ask to be excused for another year. We so recommend.

Respectfully submitted.

Chas. E. Farney, Com.

MISSION CLAIM ADJUSTMENT.

We your committee to which was referred the matter of paying the Missionary orders of the Oklahoma preachers, beg to submit the folfowing report:

After careful and deliberate consideration of this question, we recommend that the Missionary Treasurer of Arkansas Valley Conference pay 80 per cent of the orders held by the Oklahoma brethren, up to the year 1897.

J. R. Harner.

O. S Jenks,

Committee

S. Garrigus,

W. L. Henshaw,

C. E. Farney.

MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Received on Mission Debt	\$164.06.	
for Woman's Missionary Society		
General for Missions	- 185 40.	
Total Receipts	200 200	\$354.46.
Paid on old orders	\$ 73.13	, 0004.40.
to Woman's Missionary Treasurer	5.00.	
Parent Board one half Gen. Fund	92 70.	
on new orders	28.00.	
Balance on hand to Mission Debt -	90.93.	
Gen. for Missions	64.70.	
Total received	354,46.	
disbursements	198.83.	
Balance on hand	100.06.	\$155 63.
Amount of available unpaid orders	3	150.00,
Balance -		5.63.
-	C. E. Heisel.	
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Received from Parent Board	sas. \$205.00.	
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PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Your committee on publishing minutes, report the following:

- 1 That, we have five hundred copies published.
- 2. That brothers Feard and Harner be appointed to edit and publish the minutes.
 - 3. That the roll be called and subscriptions taken for the minutes.
- 4. That each pastor receiving an appointment be appointed a committee to solicit advertisments for the minutes next year, and that each pastor do what he can to get advertisments to go in to the minutes this

year as well.

Committee

S. Garrigus, W. L. Hinshaw J. Morrison.

MEMORIAL.

Death is that enemy and unwelcome messenger which carries sorrow, disorder and weeping into our homes. He comes without invitation, undermines our hopes, defeats our plans, and takes from our tender embrace the jewel of our home, the flower of our family, or the true and affectionate companion of our bosom. But on occasions of bereavement we are not among those who weep without hope. Our hopes are builded opon the Rock, even Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. As our all-sufficient Redeemer, he has deprived death of its sting, and forever robbed the grave of its victory. And in the language of Paul we exclaim with triumphant joy, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The ranks of our ministry have not been broken by the cruel hand of death during the year just past. But two of our ministerial brethren, W. L. Hiushaw and J. S. Cunningham, have each been called to mourn the loss of a tried, affectionate and true companion. And whereas these sisters were loyal daughters of the King, and active consecrated workers in the Masters vineyard; and whereas their presence and counsel is greatly missed in the church, and in the homes over which they had heretofore presided; Therefore, be it here expressed, that it is the sense of this conference that these brethren have had, and will continue to have our Christian sympathy, and an interest in out petitions at a throne of Divine grace. Be it resolved that a copy of this memoir be embraced in our conference minutes.

Com. P. H. Blinn,

H. H. Zeigler.

WOMAN'S BRANCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The W. B. M. A met in the U B. Church, in Hutchinson, Kansas, at half past one o'clock, March 3rd 1898. The president of the Arkansas Valley Branch, Mrs. F. Garrigus, presided, assisted by Mrs. L. Morrison, president of the South West Conference Branch. Opened by singing. "Work for the Night is Coming." Sister Garrigus read from Acts 13. Prayer by Sister Harner. Singing, "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord." Sister Garrigus gave some helpful instruction on, "What are we doing for the Heathen?" A report was read from

the Shiloh local by Rev. U. H. Shull Amount reported from Shiloh, \$10 68; special gift to the society from Sister Fannie Eby, of the Corbin work, of \$5; and from Sister Jennie Myers, of Greensburg, \$1. The Branch has collected this year, dues \$15, and public collection, \$3.31. The Branch reorganized with nineteen regular and three honorary members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. Garrigus, Wichita. First Vice Pres. Mrs. L. Morrison, Cimarron. Second Vice Pres. Mrs. A. S. Bacon. Secretary, Mrs. Katie Trimble, Sterling, Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Myers.

Total collected during year \$34.99.

Katie Trimble.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas God in his loving providence has again permitted us to meet in annual session, we give Him thanks. We would also thank the people, of Hutchinson, who have so kindly cared for us in their homes. As the times demand a better qualified ministry, we therefore approve the action of the last General Conference, in demanding better qualification for those entering our ranks, and that we as a conference, will write over the door of our conference "Let none but students enter here." and who will "Give themselves to the word of God and prayer." We endorse the plan leading to more thoro and uniform examinations. Also we would most heartily endorse the action of the General Conference, in making a definite demand of those entering our ministry that they abstain from the use of tobacco.

Our conference a year ago took action which meant that no one could receive transfer from the conference, without paying all accounts at the publishing house and church subscriptions. If a man must pay his debts in order to leave us, should he not to stay? Therefore we shall do our best to see that we owe no man any thing.

As we have learned that there is to be issued from our publishing house a library of Theology, written by our own men, we therefore urge the house to make all possible speed as we are hungry for something of the kind.

We rejoice in the presence and counsel of our bishop and especially the morning lectures, as we feel that they have been of great profit to us all. And are glad that we can look forward with the expectation of his presence at three more consecutive conferences, at least.

In view of the fact that Cuba is to-day in dire distress, brought on by the Spanish government, that we pray almighty God to bring to these our suffering neighbors, the liberty due them, in his own good way.

Com. L. G. Garman, E. A. Powell,

FINANCE REPORT.

Field of Labor.	PresidingElder's Salary	For Mission.	Church Erection.	Sabbath School General fund	Union Biblical Seminary.	Preacher's Aid.	Bishop's Salary	Beneficiary Education.	Lane University.	Missionary Approprition.	Missionary Debt.	
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STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

HUTCHINSON DISTRICT, ~ H. S. REIGLE, P. E.

Wichita
Burns
Sedgwick
McPherson
Willowgrove
Hutchinson
Little River
Maize
Sego
Crescent
Union Chapel
Sterling
Garden City
Cimarron
Hudson

Liberty Chapel

J. Barricklow
E. J. Williams
T. R. Sprague
E. R. Myers
G. R. & R. E. Jackman
P. H. Blinn
G. W. Morgan
C. E. Muri hy
J. J. Maxey
W. L. Hinshaw
R. B. Smith
S. W. Foulk
John Morrison
L. G. Garman
H. H. Zigler

J. G. Rogers

WINFIELD DISTRICT, ~ F. P. SMITH, -P. E.

Winfield
Mulvane
Eatenville
Hackney
Geuda Spring
Corbin
Kingman
Danville
Attica
Coldwater
Wellington
Beaumont
Greenridge
Turon
Greensburg

J. R. Harner
B. F. Foard
J. E. Wilson
E. A. Powell
W. T. Snyder
C. E. Heisel
J. N. Edwards
T. S. Cunningham
C. E. Farney
O. P. Myers
A. Burrill
J. A. Sanders
W. H. Porter
J. W. Burket
D. A. Williams

Evangelists—G. W. & M. E. Tuttle, P. Milligan, G. M. Beltz, Wm. Rose, J. H. Manning and C. A. Hendershot, Evangelist at Large—S. Garrigus.

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Field of Labor.	Name of Preacher.	Appointments	Organized Churches	At Beginning of Year	Received	Deaths	All Other Losses	Members at End of Year	Inorease	Decrease
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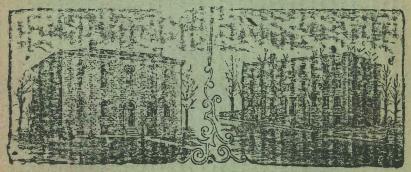
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