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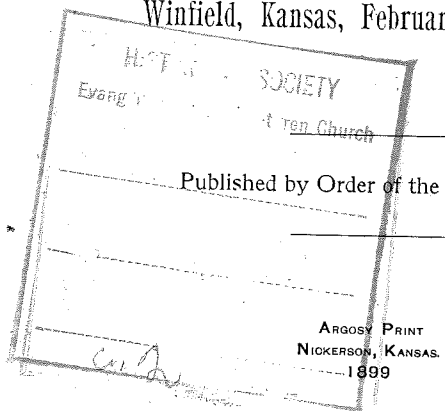
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ASSEMBLED AT

Winfield, Kansas, February 22-26, 1899





## CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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### Chairman.

BISHOP J. S. MILLS, D. D., Ph. D.  
Denver, Colorado.

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Recording and Statistical Secretary.  
H. H. ZEIGLER, Nickerson, Kansas.

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F. P. SMITH AND C. E. FARNEY.

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Missionary Treasurer—Chas F. Heisel.  
Missionary Secretary—H. H. Zeigler.  
Church Erection Treasurer—E. A. Powell,  
Church Erection Secretary—C. E. Farney.  
Preachers' Aid Treasurer—J. R. Harner.  
Sabbath School Secretary and Treasurer—E. J. Williams  
Corresponding Member of Historical Society—S. Garrigus.

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### TRUSTEES OF LANE UNIVERSITY.

F. P. Smith, term expires 1900.

G. W. Morgan, term expires 1901.

J. R. Harner, term expires 1902.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—Chas. A. Hendershot.  
Church Erection—Chas. E. Heisel.  
Publishing Interests—J. R. Harner.  
Education—J. N. Edwards.  
Sabbath Schools—S. B. Mordy.  
Y. P. C. U.—John Morrison.  
Resolutions—E. A. Powell.

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### READING COMMITTEES.

First Year—E. R. Myers, J. N. Edwards and A. S. Bacon.  
Second Year—W. L. Hinshaw, J. Morrison and G. W. Morgan.  
Third Year—J. Barricklow, C. E. Farney and J. R. Harner.



CONFERENCE ROLL.

ITINERANTS, ORDAINED.

Bacon, A. S.	Sylvia, Kansas
Barricklow, Joseph	Winfield, Kansas
Beltz, G. M.	Enterprise, Kansas
Blinn, P. H.	Attica, Kansas
Burket, J. W.	Turon, Kansas
Edwards, J. N.	Kingman, Kansas
Farney, Chas. E.	Attica, Kansas
Foulk, S. W.	Garden City, Kansas
Garrigus, Samuel	Wichita, Kansas
Harner, J. R.	Mulvane, Kansas
Heisel, Chas. E.	Haven, Kansas
Hinshaw, W. L.	Sterling, Kansas
Maxey, J. J.	Wichita, Kansas
Milligan, P.	Winfield, Kansas
Morgan, G. W.	Hutchinson, Kansas
Morrison, John	Cimarron, Kansas
Myers, E. R.	Hudson, Kansas
Powell, E. A.	Maize, Kansas
Reigel, H. S.	Stafford, Kansas
Rogers, J. G.	Wichita, Kansas
Sanders, J. A.	Hackney, Kansas
Smith, F. P.	Mulvane, Kansas
Snyder, W. T.	Lecompton, Kansas
Williams, E. J.	McPherson, Kansas

ITINERANTS, LICENTIATE.

Burrill, A., 3rd year.	Burns, Kansas
Cunningham, T. S., 2nd year.	Greensburg, Kansas
Garman, L. G., 3rd year.	Coldwater, Kansas
Harrison, James F., 2nd year.	Garden City, Kansas
Hendershot, Chas. A., 3rd year.	Winfield, Kansas
Horner, Mrs. L. M., 2nd year.	Maize, Kansas
812 - Murphy, C. E., 3rd year.	Kingman, Kansas
Porter, W. H., 2nd year.	Leon, Kansas
Tuttle, Geo. W., 1st year.	Wichita, Kansas
Tuttle, Mrs. M. E., 1st year.	124 S. Valutia Ave
Williams, D. A., 2nd year.	Danville, Kansas
Wilson, J. E., 2nd year.	Eatonville, Kansas
Zeigler, H. H., 3rd year.	Corbin, Kansas

SUPERNUMERARY.

Corley, John	Sterling, Kansas
Hill, E.	Nickerson, Kansas



## ARKANSAS VALLEY CONFERENCE

## SUPERANUATED.

Gay, George.....	Greenwich, Kansas
Henninger, D. S.....	Sedgwick, Kansas
Koons, I. A. ....	Wichita, Kansas
Parks, R. W.....	Toronto, Kansas
Shull, Jacob .....	Mulvane, Kansas

## LOCAL.

Blake, John A., 2nd year.....	St. John, Kansas
Leitner, G. W.....	St John, Kansas
Livingstone, W. R., 1st year.....	Maize, Kansas
Mordy, S. B., 1st year.....	Mulvane, Kansas
Myers, O. P., 2nd year.....	Kingman, Kansas
Rose, W. L., ordained.....	Wichita, Kansas
Shull, U. H., ordained.....	Mulvane, Kansas

## LAY DELEGATES—WINFELD DISTRICT.

Bunch, O. B.....	Beaumont Charge
Berry, G. H.....	Danville Charge
Burrow, Henry.....	Hackney Charge
Bookless, William .....	Turon Charge
Baker, H. ....	Coldwater Charge
Cass, W. M.....	Attica Charge
Hanna, R. B. ....	Eatonville Charge
Iddings, A. V.....	Corbin Charge
Johnson, M. E.....	Winfield Charge
Jordan, J. M.....	Wellington Charge
Ketterman, J. C.....	Greensburg Charge
Light, J. H. ....	Kingman Charge
Price, Mrs. Mary J.....	Mulvane Charge

## LAY DELEGATES—HUTCHINSON DISTRICT.

Clark, Mac.....	Burns Charge
Horner, W. F. ....	Maize Charge
Gill, Mrs. J. H.....	Hudson Charge
Johnson, Mrs. J. H.....	Sego Charge
Myer, John.....	Willow Grove Charge
Leonard, N. G.....	Wichita Charge
Zeuring, Eli.....	Little River Charge



## DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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The Arkansas Valley Conference convened in its Nineteenth annual session in the U. B. church of Winfield, Kansas, at 8 a. m. February 22nd, 1899, Bishop J. S. Mills presiding.

Opening devotional services consisted of singing, and the offering of three voluntary prayers by Revs. Morgan and Burrill, and the Bishop.

The Bishop then favored the conference with a most instructive and highly appreciated address, of one hour, on the Spiritual life. These morning addresses from the Bishop were continued throughout the session, and were much appreciated by all present.

Promptly at 10 a. m. the business of the conference was taken up.

H. H. Zeigler was chosen secretary pro tem. The roll of ministers and lay delegates was called.

On motion, the first five rows of seats from the pulpit were made to constitute the bar of the conference.

On first ballot H. H. Zeigler was elected secretary.

On a motion by John Morrison it was ordered that the older orders on the missionary treasury should be paid first.

On motion Rev. W. R. Funk, D. D., agent of our Publishing House at Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. Wm. M. Weekley, General Church Election Secretary, were invited to advisory seats in the conference.

Rev. Funk then favored the conference with an interesting, spirited and practical address on our publishing interests. He stated that the indebtedness against our Publishing House was being gradually reduced, and that an earnest and special



effort is being made to pay off the entire debt by the next General Conference.

By invitation of the Bishop, Rev. Weekley also favored the Conference with a helpful address on the Church Erection interests of our denomination. He requested that the missionary and church erection money be all paid in during the day, that he might receive and receipt for the same, before returning to Dayton, Ohio.

The Bishop announced the following committees:—

*On Devotion*, F. P. Smith, C. A. Hendershot, and M. E. Johnson.

*On Candidates for the Ministry*, J. R. Harner, S. Garrigus and E. A. Powell.

*On Elders Orders*, Geo. Gay, W. L. Hinshaw, and Chas. E. Farney.

*On Boundaries and Finance*, H. S. Reigel, F. P. Smith, C. E. Heisel, G. W. Morgan, A. V. Iddings and J. R. Harner.

Special treasurers were announced by the Bishop as follows:—

*Conference Collection*, Mrs. Mary J. Price.

*Educational Beneficiary*, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

*Biblical Seminary*, T. S. Cunningham.

*General S. S. Funds*, E. J. Williams.

*College Funds*, J. A. Sanders.

The hour for opening the sessions was fixed at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and adjourn on motion.

On motion the name of Simon B. Mordy was referred to the Committee on Applicants.

Adjourned on motion. Benediction, S. Garrigus.

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### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened promptly at 2 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by C. E. Farney.

On motion it was ordered that pastors entitled to missionary appropriation during the year just past, should have the privilege of turning over to the Branch Missionary Treasurer



an order to the amount of the missionary assessment of their respective charges, instead of paying the money.

F. P. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Winfield District, read an extended and hopeful report of the year's work on his district. Elder Smith's report and character were favorably passed upon.

H. S. Reigel, Presiding Elder of the Hutchinson District, submitted a hopeful report of the year's work on his district. Report and character were favorably passed upon.

The report on Publishing interests was read and submitted by John Morrison. This was followed by earnest and inspiring, practical and instructive, descriptive and hopeful remarks from the Publishing Agent, Rev. W. R. Funk D. D., on our publishing house and publishing interests.

On motion Conference adjourned at 4:25 o'clock. Benediction, H. S. Reigel.

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#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference was opened at 9 o'clock. After the singing of a hymn, three voluntary prayers were offered by C. E. Farney, T. S. Cunningham, and E. A. Powell.

The Bishop then gave us another highly appreciated morning lecture and Bible reading on the spiritual life.

The roll of ministers and lay delegates was called, after which the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The report on Publishing Interests was taken up and resumed from yesterday's session. Dr. Funk reported subscriptions taken for 42 sets of the New Century Theological Library series. Rev. Weekley spoke of the Quarterly Review, and took subscriptions for the same. On motion the report on Publishing Interests was adopted.



Pastoral reports were submitted and characters passed as follows: D. A. Williams, Greensburg Mission; C. E. Heisel, Corbin Circuit; John Morrison, Cimarron Mission; E. J. Williams, McPherson Mission; J. W. Burket, Turon Circuit; J. Barricklow, Burns Circuit; C. E. Murphy, Sego Circuit; E. R. Myers, Willow Grove Circuit; and T. S. Cunningham, Danville Circuit.

The Conference then united in heartily singing "Nearing the City," led by Rev. Wm. M. Weekley.

Adjourned on motion at 11:30 o'clock to meet again at 2:30 p. m.

Benediction, F. P. Smith.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. M. E. Tuttle.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that we recognize in Rev. J. H. Manning an efficient evangelist and revivalist, and commend him to the confidence of the people everywhere," signed by S. Garrigus, and J. G. Rogers.

On motion it was ordered that requests for ministerial transfers should be referred to the committee on applicants.

The examination of pastoral reports was resumed, and the following pastors submitted reports and their characters were passed: W. L. Hinshaw, Union Chapel Circuit; Miss Hattie Battson, Sterling Mission; Jas. F. McMullen, Geuda Springs Circuit; A. Burrill, Wellington Mission; P. H. Blinn, Little River Circuit; W. H. Porter, Green Ridge Circuit; J. R. Harner, Mulvane Circuit; G. W. Morgan, Hutchinson Mission; J. J. Maxey, Maize Circuit; S. W. Foulk, Garden City Mission.

On motion it was ordered that the missionary appropriations



for the coming year be limited to within the amount of the regular missionary assessment; and that an additional assessment be made sufficient to cover the present missionary indebtedness.

On motion it was voted that the assessment made for the missionary debt be collected and remitted to the Branch Missionary Treasurer during the first six months of the coming Conference year.

S. W. Foulk being absent, on motion J. R. Harner was requested by the Conference to present the interests of Church Erection in a written report. Rev. W. M. Weekley then favored the Conference with an interesting and instructive address on Church Erection interests. He also spoke of the Search Light and the Weaver Memorial Fund, and took a number of subscriptions for each.

On motion a committee on the publication of minutes was appointed consisting of the secretary, F. P. Smith, and E. A. Powell.

On motion it was voted that the one-half of church erection fund to be retained by the Conference be applied on the debt due from the Kingman church to the parent church erection society.

Adjournment on motion at 4:35 o'clock.

Benediction, Rev. W. M. Weekley.

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## FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock.

After the singing of a hymn, three voluntary prayers were offered. Another hymn was sung and there followed the usual morning lecture from Bishop Mills.

The roll of ministers and lay delegates was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.



G. W. Morgan introduced a written resolution, to which were appended the names of S. Garrigus, E. A. Powell, J. E. Wilson, C. E. Murphy and G. W. Morgan, providing for the organization of a Conference Camp Meeting Association, to consist of five or more members. Said Board of Directors to rent or buy a Tabernacle and arrange for camp meetings. After some discussion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion it was voted to require the licentiates to meet their committee on Course of Reading, and take their examinations, the day before Conference convenes in annual session.

Pastoral reports were resumed, and the following reports and characters were passed: G. W. and M. E. Tuttle, Sedgwick circuit; H. H. Zeigler, Liberty Chapel station; J. N. Edwards, Kingman mission; J. G. Rogers, Wichita station; J. A. Sanders, Beaumont circuit; C. E. Farney, Attica circuit; and E. A. Powell, Hackney circuit.

Rev. Ira Holbrook, of the Congregational church, was introduced to the Conference.

The committee on Applicants submitted a report on ministerial transfers, which report was adopted item by item. This same committee on applicants was appointed by the Bishop a committee of investigation in the case of R. B. Smith.

The list of local ministers was called and corrected. On motion, the name of Ira L. Trimble was, by his request, ordered stricken from the list. J. F. Harrison, J. E. Wilson, L. G. Garman, W. H. Porter, D. A. Williams, and E. J. Williams were each voted into the itinerancy.

On Motion C. H. Smith, by his request, was referred back to Quarterly Conference relation.

Adjourned on motion at 11:30. Benediction, Rev. Ira Holbrook.

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#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service conducted by G. W. Morgan.



On motion it was ordered that the different pastors secure all the "ads" for the minutes they can on their respective charges, and report same to the secretary at the earliest possible date.

The committee on boundary submitted a report, and the same was approved by vote.

The list of itinerants was called and corrected.

F. P. Smith was re-elected one of the presiding elders on first ballot, and C. E. Farney was elected to the same office on third ballot.

E. A. Powell, G. W. Morgan, J. R. Harner, and W. L. Hinshaw were chosen to assist in stationing the presiding elders.

The committee on Second Year of the Course of Reading submitted report, and the same was adopted.

C. E. Heisel, committee on Missions, read his report, and after some discussion the report was approved.

P. Milligan, C. A. Hendershot, S. Garrigus, G. W. and M. E. Tuttle reported as conference evangelists.

Bishop Mills favored the Conference with a short, but highly instructive and hopeful address, on the foreign missionary work of the church.

The committee on First year of the Course of Reading submitted report, and the same was adopted item by item.

J. R. Harner, committee on Church Erection, by permission of the Conference, read the report on church erection adopted last year, and the same was approved.

It was voted that the next annual session be held in Wichita.

On motion it was ordered that the pastor of Wichita charge be instructed to arrange for good meals convenient to the church house, and at reduced prices if possible, where the ministers, delegates and visitors, who so desire, may take and pay for their noon-day meals during the next annual session.

Adjourned on motion at 4:35. Benediction, J. R. Harner.



## SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional services were opened with singing, followed by three voluntary prayers, offered by C. E. Murphy, S. Garrigus and Bishop Mills.

Another hymn was sung, followed by the usual morning lecture and Bible reading given by the Bishop on the spiritual life.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

President C. M. Brooke, of Lane University, was invited to an advisory seat in the Conference.

C. A. Hendershot moved that "Inasmuch as we are not caring for our superannuated ministers as we should, a board of directors be elected with instructions to incorporate and take such steps as are necessary to securing and maintaining a home for the retired ministers of the Arkansas Valley Conference." After some discussion, the motion was approved, and a Board of Directors was elected consisting of J. R. Harner, C. E. Farney, F. P. Smith, S. Garrigus and J. Morrison.

C. E. Farney, F. P. Smith, J. R. Harner, S. Garrigus and J. Morrison were constituted a Board of Directors for the proposed Conference Camp Meeting Association.

The following collections were reported:

J. R. Harner, on Bishop's salary .....	\$112 50
Mrs. J. H. Johnson, on Beneficiary Education .....	18 25
T. S. Cunningham, for U. B. Seminary .....	18 75
E. J. Williams, for S. S. General Fund .....	19 50
J. A. Sanders, for College Funds .....	41 75
E. A. Powell, for Church Erection .....	65 00
J. R. Harner, for Preachers' Aid .....	89 28
Mrs. F. Garrigus, for the W. M. A. ....	26 85

F. P. Smith, C. E. Farney and E. A. Powell were constituted the Conference Church Erection Board.

F. P. Smith, C. E. Farney and J. R. Harner were elected the Board of Preachers' Aid.



The committee on Finance submitted its report, which report, after receiving one amendment, was adopted.

The committee on Third Year of Course of Reading read its report, and same was adopted item by item.

On motion J. W. Burket, P. H. Blinn, J. A. Sanders and C. E. Heisel were referred to the committee on Elder's orders.

Adjourned on motion at 11:50. Benediction, Pres. C. M. Brooke.

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Pres. C. M. Brooke.

Rev. Jeffrey of the M. E. church, was introduced to the conference.

On motion it was voted to have the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Association printed in the Conference minutes.

On motion it was ordered that the Bishop's salary be raised in full during the afternoon session, and that the Sunday's collection be devoted toward paying off the older missionary orders.

On motion it was voted to increase the missionary appropriation to Hutchinson charge, out of the Sunday's collection not to exceed fifty dollars.

E. J. Williams, committee on Sabbath Schools, read his report, and same was adopted.

E. J. Williams was elected Sabbath School Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion it was voted that Conference observe the Sabbath School Anniversary with a suitable service on Sunday afternoon, conducted by E. J. Williams.

C. A. Hendershot, committee on Education, submitted report. Pres. C. M. Brooke and Bishop Mills each offered re-



marks on this subject, after which the report was adopted as read.

C. E. Farney, committee on Y. P. C. U., submitted his report, and the same was approved.

The committee on Elder's orders read its report, which was adopted item by item.

C. E. Heisel, Missionary Treasurer, read an itemized report and same was approved.

J. R. Harner reported the Bishop's assessment collected in full.

The Preachers' Aid Board made report of the distribution of funds, and report was adopted.

The committee on Resolutions submitted its report, and the same was adopted item by item.

A collection was taken for the secretary, amounting to \$10.

On motion the roll of minutes and lay delegates was called to learn the number of Conference minutes wanted.

On motion it was voted to publish one thousand copies of the conference minutes, provided sufficient means can be secured to cover the necessary expense.

On motion the missionary treasury was instructed to pay S. W. Foulk's order made on the treasurer to cover the chart assessments for Garden City.

After offering a few appropriate remarks, the Bishop read the stationing committee's report.

The Devotional committee made announcements for Sunday. Adjourned on motion. Benediction, Bishop Mills.

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#### EVENING SERVICES.

*Tuesday night.* Song and devotional service conducted by C. A. Hendershot. Preaching by Rev. W. M. Weekley. Text, Gen. 5:24. Subject, Walking with God.



*Wednesday night.* Opening service conducted by S. Garri-gus. Sermon by Rev. W. R. Funk, D. D. Text, John 17:3. After the sermon, Rev. Weekley spoke of the Weaver Memorial Fund, and took a collection amounting to \$24.40 cash and \$15 subscription.

*Thursday night.* Song and devotion conducted by Mrs. M. E. Tuttle. Sermon by T. R. Sprague. Text, Luke 14:22, last clause.

*Friday night.* Song and prayer service conducted by W. L. Hinshaw. Sermon by Miss Hattie Battson. Text, 2nd Cor. 8:9.

*Saturday night.* Preliminary services conducted by C. A. Hendershot. Sermon C. E. Farney. Text, John 13:16.

### SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

*U. B. Church..* At 10:30 a. m. Bishop Mills preached from 1st John 5:4, a highly appreciated discourse to a crowded house. After the sermon P. H. Blinn, J. W. Burket, J. A. Sanders and C. E. Heisel were ordained. Before dismissal, a missionary collection was taken, amounting to \$50 cash, and \$53 subscription. At 2:30 p. m. there was a Sabbath School Anniversary service conducted by E. J. Williams. The Young Men's Christian Association of Winfield held services in the church, commencing at 3:30 o'clock. Beginning at 6:30 there was a Y. P. C. U. service conducted by H. H. Zeigler. At 7:45 J. W. Burket preached an appreciated discourse from Rev. 3:20.

The pulpits of other churches in the city were supplied as follows: Baptist:—H. H. Zeigler, morning; P. H. Blinn, evening. Methodist:—J. R. Harner, morning; Pres. C. M. Brooke, evening. Presbyterian:—A. Burrill, morning; W. L. Hinshaw, evening. Disciples:—E. J. Williams, morning;



J. A. Sanders, evening. College Chapel:—Pres. C. M. Brooke, morning; S. Garrigus, evening.

During this session communications were read from the following brethren: G. W. Leitner, W. T. Snyder, R. B. Smith, C. H. Smith and B. F. Foard.

Also, during this annual session, Revs. Switzer and Mason, of the M. E. church, and Rev. Stophlat, of the Presbyterian church, were each introduced to the Conference.

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The old parsonage property, located at Mound Ridge, was sold during last year, and the new parsonage at McPherson was purchased with this money. Amount, \$200.



## CONFERENCE REPORTS.

### Presiding Elders' Reports.

#### WINFIELD DISTRICT.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Arkansas Valley Conference, Greeting:*

In submitting this report I do so with gratefulness to Almighty God for his kindly remembrance and tender mercies throughout another year, in life, health, and sustaining grace. For while the year has been fraught with care and anxiety, it has been filled with precious blessings.

Winfield District embraces fifteen fields of labor, of which I make mention separately.

*Winfield Station.* This charge was assigned to J. R. Harner. After spending one Sabbath with his people, Bro. Harner resigned, and C. A. Hendershot was appointed to fill the vacancy. Bro. Hendershot has been very successful in the work here. The most wide spread revival on the District has been here in Winfield. The result has been a wonderful quickening of the church, fifty-nine conversions, and a large increase in membership. The Y. P. C. U. societies, the Sunday School, and in fact, every department of church work is in the front rank. Pastor and people are of one accord.

*Hackney Circuit.* E. A. Powell pastor. All of our church property is in splendid repair. Ervin Chapel has been repainted, and Seeley church repapered this year. An earnest year's labor by both pastor and people. All church interests carefully looked after. Interesting revivals held, with good results. This field has suffered from removals, several of our best workers having gone to other localities.

*Eatonville Circuit.* J. E. Wilson in charge. Bro. Wilson has been very energetic, was hindered some in revival work by sickness, but his report will show earnest effort in every particular. Several additions to the church. The church house has been nicely repainted. Peace and good will exist between Pastor and people.

*Beaumont Circuit.* This charge was assigned to J. A. Sanders, who resigned soon after conference. April the 22nd, J. A. Sanders of Oklahoma City, was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the former Bro. Sanders, and completed the year to the delight and satisfaction of all concerned. This is a large and rather difficult field to travel. Bro. Sanders has been very faithful. Several good revivals have been held, resulting in additions to the church. The parsonage, now located at Beaumont, should be removed at once to a more central location.

*Turon Circuit,* J. W. Burket pastor. A good work has been done



on this field, and careful attention has been given to all church enterprises. A systematic method of doing business and caring for church responsibilities, has been put into practice this year. Church houses have been repaired, debts paid, and a new \$55.00 bell purchased for the Turon church by the Junior Y. P. C. U. Arrangements have been perfected providing for the early payment of the Turon church debt. Young People's societies and Sabbath schools are wide awake. A protracted meeting of considerable interest was held in Turon. Other meetings were somewhat hindered by sickness.

*Geuda Springs Circuit.* Assigned to W. T. Snyder. Bro. Snyder wished to enter Lane University, and resigned the charge October 1st. J. P. McMullen was appointed to fill the vacancy. Both church houses have been put in excellent repair. Yeager chapel has been recarpeted and repainted, and Johnson chapel has been repapered, repainted, and provided with a good bell. Bro. McMullen has done a good work, conducting two series of meetings with good results.

*Kingman Mission.* J. N. Edwards pastor. Bro. Edwards has been very faithful, untiring in his zeal, accomplishing a good work. A protracted meeting of unusual interest was held in Kingman. Revival work in the country has been hindered some by sickness. The debt on the Kingman church has been considerably reduced. Without question the greatest pall of gloom and discouragement hanging over this field is the Kingman church debt, which, as a matter of fact, our people are not able to remove.

*Greenridge Circuit.* W. H. Porter pastor. This has been a difficult field to travel, the extreme points being some fifty miles apart. The pastor has done the best he could, under the discouraging circumstances. He has served on a very meager salary, but without a word of censure or complaint, displaying in a marked degree the spirit of the Saviour. Some revival interest, with a few additions to the church. His report will show the largest list of Telescopes, in proportion to membership, of any charge in the district.

*Mulvane Circuit.* This charge was assigned to B. F. Foard, who resigned October 19th, and on November 5th, J. R. Harner was appointed to the work and completed the year in a very satisfactory manner. The outlook for the future is hopeful. The greatest hinderance on this field is the Mulvane church debt; but during the year this debt has been considerably reduced, and plans are now maturing for its early liquidation. The parsonage, one of the best in the conference, has been put in excellent repair. At Shiloh we have a local W. M. A., organized thirteen years ago, and which still enjoys a healthy existence under the efficient leadership of Sister Dora B. Shull.

*Greensburg Mission.* D. A. Williams pastor. The past has been a good year for general awakening on this field. Assisted by Rev. D. M. Gray, of the Kansas Conference, Bro. Williams has been very successful in revival work. One meeting held in Mullinville, resulted in forty conversions. The meeting in Greensburg resulted in several being awakened and brought to God, and the church greatly quickened. I apprehend that this pastor's report will show the greatest number of accessions of any charge in the district.



*Danville Circuit.* T. S. Cunningham pastor. Some good revivals have been held, resulting in a number of conversions and accessions to the church. The pastor has untiringly brought to the front every interest of our Zion, and is to be commended for the success attained. Denominational competition is extremely sharp, on at least a part of this field, presenting some peculiar difficulties, but Bro. Cunningham has demonstrated his fitness for the emergency. The parsonage has been neatly repapered and repainted.

*Coldwater Mission.* O. P. Myers in charge. This is a large and difficult field to care for, embracing a territory of rough country, with appointments far apart. But some of the most generous hearted people to be found anywhere live in the bounds of this charge. Bro. Myers has done what he could, taking up one new appointment, and receiving a few persons into the church. The outlook for the future is encouraging.

*Corbin Circuit* C. E. Heisel pastor. Bro. Heisel has just completed his third year on this charge. A faithful year's labor has been accomplished. Mills Chapel, located in Corbin and a beautiful temple in which to worship God, was dedicated by Bishop J. A. Mills, June 5th, 1898. Much credit is due Bro. Heisel, and his faithful membership as well, for pushing this enterprise to completion. The zealous pastor has overlooked nothing pertaining to better church equipment, and good results have obtained.

*Attica Circuit.* C. E. Farney pastor. Bro. Farney has done a most excellent year's work. He has been very faithful and zealous, commanding the respect and love of all. It would, indeed, be very difficult to find existing anywhere a more tender spirit of oneness and sympathy between pastor and people, than exists on Attica Charge. Church interests have been carefully considered. A precious revival was held, resulting in the awakening of the church, conversion of sinners, and an increase in membership. The most stubborn hindrance on this charge is the Attica church debt. If this debt could be removed surprising developments would soon follow.

*Wellington Mission.* A Burrill pastor. This is a new field, blocked out one year ago, with one small society as a nucleus to start with. Bro. Burrill has worked hard in the face of discouraging features, and done remarkably well in developing the field. We now have in Wellington an organization consisting of fourteen members. There are on this charge two interesting Y. P. C. U. societies, both senior and junior, and a good Sunday School with an enrollment of forty. In this city of vast opportunities our great need is a house in which to worship.

Valuable and greatly appreciated assistance has been rendered in various ways by the ministerial brethren. Sickness and extreme cold weather has hindered revival effort on nearly every field. Much credit is due the Ladies Aid Societies for their zeal and generosity in providing funds for general church purposes. Brethren sustaining supernumerary and superannuated relation have been able to do much in the Master's name helping others. C. H. McGrath requests that his name be erased from the conference roll, and he be granted the privilege of sustaining a quarterly conference relation.



One promising young man has been licensed to preach and another has been recommended to this body for membership. The circulation of our literature, especially the *Telescope* and *Watchword*, is considerably increased.

The laity of our church are, as a rule, a generous hearted class, and as willing as any to divide their last loaf with their pastor. But our greatest need on this line of benevolence is system. On many fields we are practically without system. Are we surprised to hear the Master say, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light?" No, indeed. There is no corporation in the world but what would reap bankruptcy within twelve months, if they transacted business with as little regard for the law of system as we often display in church work. On charges where Biblical methods are practiced, pastors' salaries and chart assessments are paid in full. God hasten the day when the system of tithing shall obtain throughout the church of the United Brethren in Christ. I wish to thank all for the kind treatment and encouragement given to me during the year. Quarterlies held, 60. Sermons preached, 211. Baptisms performed, 21. Salary—assessed, \$502; received \$487.45. Paid for board help, incidental and traveling expenses, \$135.67. I beg leave to submit the following recommendations: First. That when at all practicable the pastor be returned. I regard it as very disastrous for both ministry and laity, as also for the general interests of the church, to keep constantly changing pastors. Second. That our missionary appropriations be not allowed to over reach our income, as per chart assessment. Third. The levying of an assessment for mission debt purposes sufficient to cancel all outstanding orders. Fourth. That a liberal church erection assessment be levied for home church erection purposes, centralizing our forces in this direction, looking forward to a speedy cancelation of all church erection loans.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. SMITH, P. E.

#### HUTCHINSON DISTRICT.

*Dear Brethren of the Conference.*

Through the blessing of God I am permitted to make this my annual report. The district consisted of sixteen charges. But it was found that Crescent mission existed only in the minds of some of our good brethren and hence, after investigation, it was dropped from the list.

*Resignations.* For reasons apparent to all, Bro. Maxey resigned Crescent mission, March 25th, 1898. On account of Sister Sprague's declining health, Bro. Sprague resigned McPherson mission, to take effect August 20th. Bro. E. J. Williams resigned Sedgwick circuit to take charge of McPherson mission, and was so appointed. Bro. and Sister Tuttle kindly accepted the appointment to Sedgwick circuit August 24th. Bro. R. B. Smith resigned Sterling mission September 14th. Bro. G. R. Jackman resigned Hutchinson mission September 22nd. Bro. G. W. Morgan resigned Maize circuit October 22nd, and was at once appointed to Hutchinson mission. Bro. J. J. Maxey kindly accepted the appointment to Maize circuit, November 10th.



Our people at Sterling were sadly discouraged, but through the kind and earnest effort of Sister Hattie Battson their courage has been renewed, and they are endeavoring to hold on to God and the church.

*Church Property.* At the first quarterly held on Hudson circuit, the board of trustees for Prairie Chapel were instructed to dispose of that church house, as it was not being used. After mature deliberation they sold the house to the Methodist people. The proceeds were applied, in part, to repairing Bethel Church, and the remainder toward building a new house for the Mt. Pleasant class. During the year several church houses have been improved by painting, papering, carpeting, etc. Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Grove, Wichita, Sterling, Liberty Chapel, and Bethel have each shared in these improvements. There are nineteen church houses and seven parsonages on this district, all in good repair generally.

*General Interests.* I apprehend that the pastor's reports will show progress made in the general interests of the church. Chart collections are not all full, but the pastors, in the main; I believe have pressed these claims in advance over last year. I think there is an increase in the number of Telescopes taken, though the number is yet too low. Our motto should be, One Telescope to every family. Pastor's reports will show the number of accessions, and also the amount of salary received. Some of the pastoral salaries are insufficient to cover the necessary expenses of pastor and family. If all our people would adopt the tithing system, and pay out the Lord's money systematically, much better conditions would obtain. The Sabbath Schools of the district are doing a grand work, and are well supplied with our own literature. The Y. P. C. U. societies are doing good work for God and the church. Several of our young people are now in Laue University, seeking preparation for greater usefulness in life. Ministerial brethren sustaining evangelistic, supernumerary and superannuated relation have done well in rendering aid to pastors. Quart-erlies held, 55. Sermons preached, 173. Salary received, \$393.29. Traveling and incidental expenses, \$79.16. Miles traveled, 5,818. I wish to thank both the ministry and laity for the kindness shown to me during the year. Your color bearer and brother,

H. S. REIGEL, P. E.

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### Reports on Course of Reading.

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#### COMMITTEE ON FIRST YEAR.

We, your committee, would report as follows: The following members of the class appeared before us, and were examined as per Discipline, making the following grades: Mrs. L. M. Horner—Kephart's Manual, 90; New Acts of the Apostles, 83; Sell's Bible Study, 75; Fleming's Art of Reading and Speaking, 90. She having passed on the balance of the books heretofore, we recommend that she pass to the 2nd year. D. A. Williams—Christian Doctrine, 84; Preacher and his



Sermon, 80; Bible Study, 76; Church History, 72; Art of Reading, 79. We recommend that Bro. Williams be passed to the 2nd year. T. S. Cunningham—Kephart's Manual, 96; Art of Reading, 82; Church History, 70; Acts of the Apostles, 79; Bible Study, 75. He having passed on the other two books heretofore, we recommend that he be passed to the 2nd year. J. E. Wilson—Etter, 80; Art of Reading, 79; Acts, 88; Kephart, 95; U. B. Church History, 82; Bible Study, 48. We recommend that Bro. Wilson pass to second year, with the understanding that he take examination on Bible Study and Christian Doctrine one year hence. R. B. Smith failed to appear. And in harmony with the recommendation of the committee one year ago, we recommend that he be referred back to his quarterly conference. G. W. and M. E. Tuttle appeared before us, but on account of sickness were unprepared for examination. We recommend that Conference allow them but one more year in which to complete the first year of the Reading Course.

J. N. EDWARDS,  
A. S. BACON.

#### COMMITTEE ON SECOND YEAR.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report: There appeared before us Bros. L. G. Garman, C. E. Murphy, Jas. F. Harrison, T. S. Cunningham, and Wm. Porter. Bro. Murphy was examined on all the books, making an average of 93, none lower than 85. Bro. Cunningham was examined on Church History and Bible Study making a grade of 86. Bro. Garman was examined on all the books, making an average grade of 78, none lower than 70. Bro. Harrison was examined on Bible History, Church History, Etter and Theology, making an average grade of 78. A letter was received from O. P. Myers, saying he had read Preacher and his Sermon, U. B. Church History, Study of Bible by Books, New Era, Gallatians and John. A written sermon accompanied his letter, which sermon is very good in thought and arrangement. Bro. Murphy also presented a written sermon which was satisfactory to the committee. We recommend that Bro. Murphy and Garman pass to the third year; that Bro. Cunningham pass on the two books read; that Bro. Harrison pass on the four books read; and that Bro. Myers be retained in the second year and have credit for his sermon. Bros. P. H. Blinn and J. W. Burket, who were retained in second year on Mental Philosophy, were each examined on Psychology (an equivalent) making the grades of 88 and 70 respectively. We recommend that they pass from the second year.

W. L. HINSHAW,  
G. W. MORGAN,  
JOHN MORRISON.

#### COMMITTEE ON THIRD YEAR.

We, your committee, report as follows; Bros. J. W. Burket, P. H. Blinn, J. A. Sanders, C. E. Heisel, A. Burrill, and C. E. Murphy appeared before us. Bros. Burket, Blinn and Sanders were examined on



all the books and made the following grades: Burket—Ethics, 80; Psychology, 70; Butler, 70; Shedd, 76. Miley, 90; Hebrews, 95; Exodus, 80; Research, 95. Blinn—Ethics, 78; Psychology, 88; Butler, 70; Shedd, 71; Miley, 78, Hebrews, 95; Exodus, 88; Research, 91. Sanders—Ethics, 78; Psychology, 83; Butler, 70; Shedd, 73; Miley, 90; Hebrews, 80; Exodus, 90; Research, 88; Church History, 70. Bro. Burrill was also examined on all the books and made an average grade of 50½. Bro. Heisel and Murphy were each examined on a part of the course, and made the following grades; Heisel—Ethics, 82; Psychology, 82; Butler, 85; Shedd, 85; Hebrews, 100; Exodus, 92; Research, 100. Murphy—Shedd, 74. Bros. Burket and Blinn had already passed on Church History. We recommend that Bros. Blinn, Burket and Sanders pass from the course. We recommend that Bro. Heisel be passed, with the understanding that he take examination on the other two books next year. Bro. Burrill failed to make the required grades, and we recommend that he be retained in the course. We recommend that Bro. Murphy be passed on Pastoral Theology. Bros. H. H. Zeigler and C. A. Hendershot ask to be retained in the course, and to be excused from taking examination now. We recommend that their request be granted.

J. BARRICKLOW.

J. R. HARNER,

C. E. FARNEY.

### Reports on Ministerial Relations.

#### COMMITTEE ON APPLICANTS.

Your committee would report as follows: Bro. Simon B. Mordy was before us and examined as per Discipline. He expressed a clear idea of the different doctrines examined on, was not as ready with Bible quotations as might be, but did fairly well. We recommend that he receive license to preach. We would report on transfers as follows: W. R. Livingston wishes to return his transfer received one year ago. We recommend that he be received on said transfer. B. F. Hoard wishes an open transfer, he having taken work in a sister church. We recommend he be granted a transfer, but that secretary retain transfer until all claims of the church against this brother be satisfied. R. B. Smith having moved in the bounds of Oklahoma Conference wishes a transfer, but for lack of information and having some doubts in his case, we recommend that his case be referred to a committee on investigation.

J. R. HARNER,

E. A. POWELL,

S. GARRIGUS

#### COMMITTEE ON ELDER'S ORDERS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report. Bros. J. W. Burket, P. H. Blinn, C. E. Heisel and J. A. Sanders came before us



and were examined as per Discipline. We found them clear in doctrine and ready with Scripture proof. We recommend their ordination.

GEO. GAY,  
W. L. HINSHAW,  
C. E. FARNEY.

#### COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

Your committee to whom the case of R. B. Smith was referred would report as follows: That by inquiry we find he has been too loose in his business relations, at Sterling and other places, and we recommend that his quarterly conference inquire into these matters.

J. R. HARNER,  
S. GARRIGUS,  
E. A. POWELL.

### Business Reports.

#### COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY.

The committee was organized with Elder H. S. Reigel as chairman, and C. E. Heisel as secretary. Prayer was engaged in, led by C. E. Heisel. We report as follows: Detach Glendale and Fairview from Turon circuit. Detach Union Chapel from Union Chapel circuit. Glendale, Fairview, Union Chapel and Abbyville to constitute Abbyville circuit.

Detach Turon from Turon circuit, Turon to constitute Turon station.

Detach Salem from Union Chapel circuit. Liberty Chapel and Salem to constitute Salem circuit.

Detach Gates from Greenridge circuit and attach to Hudson circuit. Greenridge, Blue Mound and Eureka to constitute Fellsburg circuit.

Detach Pleasant Grove from Little River circuit. Pleasant Grove, Lawson and Willow Grove to constitute Pleasant Grove circuit.

Detach Pleasant Valley from Little River circuit, and attach to Maize circuit.

Beaumont circuit to be called Leon circuit. Coldwater Mission to be called New Eden circuit. Greensburg Mission to be called Greensburg circuit. Cimarron Mission to be called Cimarron circuit.

Sterling, Wichita, Burns, Sedgwick, McPherson, Hutchinson, Sego, Garden City, Winfield, Mulvane, Eatonville, Hackney, Geuda Springs, Kingman, Attica, Danville, Corbin and Wellington, unchanged.

Division of Conference into two districts. Winfield District—Winfield, Eatonville, Hackney, Mulvane, Geuda Springs, Corbin, Wellington Mission, Danville, Attica, Kingman Mission, Sego, New Eden, Fellsburg, and Greensburg.

Hutchinson District—Hutchinson Mission, Hudson, Garden City, Salem, Sterling Mission, Abbyville, Wichita, Maize, Turon, Pleasant Grove, Sedgwick, Burns, Leon, McPherson Mission and Cimarron.

F. P. Smith, H. S. Reigel, G. W. Morgan, A. V. Iddings, W. F. Horner, and C. E. Heisel, Committee.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FIELD OF LABOR.	Presiding Elder.	Missions.	Mission Debt.	S. S. General,	U. B. Seminary.	Preacher's Aid.	Bishop's Salary.	Beneficiary Education.	Lane University.	Church Erection.	Appropriation.
HUTCHINSON DISTRICT.....											
Hutchinson .....	\$24	\$15	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$3	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$75
Hudson .....	40	15	20	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	
Garden City .....	30	10	10	1	1	1	3	50c	1	1	
Salem .....	40	20	20	1	1	5	6	\$1	3	3	
Abbyville .....	40	25	25	1	1	5	6	1	3	3	
Sterling .....	24	10	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	50
Wichita .....	50	25	25	1	1	5	6	1	2	2	
Maize .....	40	20	25	1	1	5	6	1	3	4	
Turon .....	32	15	15	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	
Pleasant Grove .....	40	25	25	1	1	5	6	1	3	3	
Sedgwick .....	36	15	15	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	
Burns .....	36	20	20	1	1	2	4	1	2	2	
Leon .....	40	15	20	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	
McPherson .....	36	15	10	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	50
Cimarron .....	20	10	10	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	
WINFIELD DISTRICT.....											
Winfield .....	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$6	\$1	\$3	\$3	
Eatonville .....	40	20	20	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	
Hackney .....	40	20	25	1	1	5	5	1	3	2	
Mulvane .....	40	20	25	1	1	5	5	1	3	3	
Geuda Springs .....	30	20	20	1	1	2	4	1	2	2	
Corbin .....	30	20	20	1	1	3	4	1	3	2	
Wellington .....	24	10	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	50
Danville .....	40	15	15	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	
Attica .....	40	25	25	1	1	3	6	1	3	3	
Kingman .....	30	15	15	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	50
Sego .....	40	20	20	1	1	3	5	1	2	3	
New Eden .....	36	10	10	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	
Fellsburg .....	30	10	10	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	
Greensburg .....	40	15	15	1	1	2	4	1	2	2	
Sheridan .....	20	5	5	1	1	1	1	50c	1	1	

## CHURCH ERECTION TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received on assessment, \$65.00. Paid to Parent Board, \$32.50. Paid to W. M. Weekley, in behalf of the Kingman church \$32.50.

E. A. POWELL, Treasurer.



## MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Carried over from last year.....	\$ 1 92
Received on general missions.....	390 92
Received on mission debt.....	127 14
Total receipts.....	\$519 98
Paid on old orders.....	\$161 05
Paid on new orders.....	163 78
Paid to Parent Board, ½ chart collection.....	181 66
Total paid out.....	\$506 49
Balance in Treasury, \$13.49. Amount of unpaid orders, \$484.59.	
Total indebtedness, \$471.10.	C. E. HEISEL, Treas.

## BOARD OF PREACHER'S AID.

The board would submit the following report: That Bros. Geo. Gay, D. S. Henninger and I. A. Koons, and Sister Hahu, each receive \$22.50.

J. R. HARNER,  
F. P. SMITH,  
H. S. REIGEL.

## Standing Committees' Reports.

## EDUCATION.

Education is the ground work of civilization, the corner stone of good government, the bulwark of liberty, the polish of christianity.

Without education we would have discord, heathenism, paganism and tyranny. Education means more than brain culture; it includes soul culture—the development of the spiritual man—the culture of soul and body. For this purpose there is no institution equal to a denominational school. We recognize in the Summer School of Theology at Lane University an educational opportunity seldom afforded the ministers of today; one seldom equalled—never excelled. We recognize in Lane University the proper place for the education of United Brethren young people; a school that ought to have the hearty support of every member of the church in Kansas. Therefore, Be it resolved: 1st, That we urge the lay members of every charge to demand of their pastor his attendance at the Summer School of Theology this year, and that they furnish him with the necessary funds for such purpose, above and apart from his salary. 2nd, That each pastor be required to give his hearty support to Lane University, and to urge the parents on his charge to send their children there. 3rd, That each minister be urged to finish his education at Union Biblical Seminary, and that we favor the raising of a fund for the purpose of sending to that institution each year a student who, unless he go to a foreign field, will pledge himself to return to and remain in this conference to labor for a certain specified time. Respectfully,

C. A. HENDERSHOT.



## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sabbath School work is apparent to all who have served in the Lord's vineyard. The necessity of a knowledge of the divine law has been emphasized from the time of Abraham down through the ages to the latest writers of the New Testament. "Search the Scriptures" said Jesus, and the instruction of the prophets was to teach the law dilligently to the children. They were to do this in the morning, in the evening, at the noontide, when they went out, when they came in, when they sat down and when they rose up.

The marvelous success of the modern Sabbath School but reveals the grand possibilities for the future, and gives us abundant warrant to use every endeavor to push the work most earnestly and vigorously. We wish to express our appreciation of the valuable helps now published, and placed within the reach of all, none of which is better suited in real merit and adaptation to the needs of our schools than those published by our own church.

Therefore, be it Resolved: 1st, That we earnestly endeavor to use every means God has placed in our hands for better and more thorough work in this line of christian activity. 2nd, That we consider the new and in many instances very successful department of Sabbath School work, known as the Home Department, and see if there is not here opened a fruitful field for us to occupy. "Behold I have set before you an open door." 3rd, That we earnestly recommend to our schools that as far as possible they take and use our own literature. 4th, That we again recommend the organization of Normal classes, when at all practicable, that we may have more efficient teachers in our schools.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. WILLIAMS.

Y. P. C. U.

"Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages." The need of the unsaved in the bounds of the Arkansas Valley Conference is not so much the knowledge of the way of salvation, *as a decision of character*, which shall bring their experience up to their knowledge. If the young people of the church will help the Lord reap this harvest, they must be in touch with God; consecrated to his service; trained in intellectual power; broadened in spirit; and must be in love with the lost. Therefore be it resolved that we recommend to our young people 1st, A holy life. 2nd, A consecration to the service of soul winning. 3rd, A thorough education as necessary for service. 4th, A wholesome use of our literature as found in the Religious Telescope, Watchword and Reading Course, and the S. S. Normal course. 5th, The practice of systematic giving, and 6th, Attendance at the Annual Convention in Turon, Kansas, May 11-14, 1899. Respectfully,

C. E. FARNEY.

## MISSIONS.

The church of Jesus Christ is a missionary institution, founded by



Him whose great heart throbbed with increasing yearning for a race lost in the meshes of sin. The cause of missions needs no further argument than that the "only begotten" Son of God saw the opportunity and felt the necessity of it. For an example of the true missionary you and I can look no higher than to Him who said, "I came down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." Perishing souls have the same intrinsic value in every age. As the little handful of disciples gathered around our Lord to catch the words of the great commission, so would we do well as a church and conference with equal tenderness and devotion tarry at His feet for inspiration and zeal in this all absorbing interest. At no time in the history of the church might the Christian look out with more hopeful anticipations than at the present hour. At home and abroad, in the jungles of Africa and the meshes of India, among the sea islands, avenues are opening and opportunities offering such as the world has never before known. During the past year, in the providence of God, new fields were opened white for the harvest, affording abundant opportunities for missionary effort. As a church, we have every reason to be hopeful. God has placed his approval on our efforts and sealed the ministry of our faithful missionaries, at home and abroad, by the salvation of many souls. We pause and bow in holy reverence as we review in thought what, from our point of vision, seemed to be a great calamity to our beloved missionaries and missionary work in Africa. Faithfully our laborers wrought. Courageously they faced the fury of those whom they came to befriend, and sealed their faith with their blood, exchanging toil for martyr's crowns. Amidst the loss of life and destruction of property, we may look outward and upward with hope. God works mysteriously, but to the advantage of those who love him. May it not be that this is the portal opening into a richer harvest of souls in our beloved African mission? We admire the consecrated devotion of Bro. King and his faithful wife, who have taken their places in the field, like Nehemiah of old, to rebuild the walls and restore the waste places, and we pray God speed to their efforts. We look with gratitude to the rapidly developing work in Japan and other points. We also recognize and commend the zealous efforts of the Woman's Missionary Board. The outlook at home is not so favorable, Missionary appropriations in excess of the chart collections have rendered a very undesirable condition of affairs. Many of our brethren have toiled and sacrificed making calculations on missionary dues that have been one, two, and sometimes three years materializing. In pursuance of the above we recommend the following: 1st, That we will encourage and assist in the establishing of missions in the new lands now open for the gospel. 2nd, That we unite our prayers and efforts in behalf of missionaries in Africa in the re-establishing of our work there. 3rd, That we endeavor to stimulate missionary interest both home and foreign. 4th, That we reduce the number of mission charges in the conference, making as many as possible self supporting; and to those in urgent need, make the appropriation sufficient to materially benefit the pastor. 5th, That the chart assessment be made sufficient to cover both the mission debt and appropriations made.

Respectfully submitted, C. E. HEISEL.



## PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your committee would submit the following report: As this is the most wonderful age in the world's history, wonderful because the common people are reading as never before, and because the printing press runs night and day, sending out a literature that is eagerly caught up and read as never before. Efforts are made to supplant the better and purer forms of literature with others that are trashy and cheap at any price. All preachers of our church are agents of the Publishing House. It is to our interest to increase the volume of our church literature, because after a sufficient capital to carry on the business is retained, the balance applies to the benefit of the traveling and retired itinerant preachers, their widows and orphans.

Be it resolved, 1st, That the present management of the Publishing House meets with our appreciation and approval. We commend our Publishing Agent for bringing the business of the House to the more business like principle of a cash basis. During the last thirty years the House has lost over \$40,000 in bad accounts. Such an amount of money would be a good thing to have now to help the needy. 2nd, That we are pleased, but not satisfied, with the present circulation of our literature, although the Telescope has nearly reached the twenty thousand line. The circulation of the Watchword has reached nine thousand and four hundred, and should be more. The S. S. literature is the best in the history of our church. Let us endeavor to increase the circulation of all our publications, the Search Light, the Quarterly Review, the Woman's Evangel, and all. Are we not all in favor of expansion? It was American literature that gave freedom to Cuba. Spain, with a fighting record of one thousand years, went down before the power of the school and the church. 3rd, That it is the duty of every pastor of this conference, to see to it that the circulation of the Telescope on his or her field of labor be increased, to at least one subscription to every seven members. 4th, That we earnestly commend to our preachers and people the proposed New Century Theological Library series, to be edited by our own authors; and also the new book on Africa, by Bishop J. S. Mills. 5th, That it is the duty of our preachers and members, as far as possible, to take and recommend our Quarterly Review.

Respectfully,

JOHN MORRISON.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. WHEREAS, In the providence of God, we are permitted to assemble in another annual session, be it Resolved that we now look up to our Heavenly Father, with devout thanksgiving for His kind preservation of the lives of all our ministers. And
2. WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Bishop Mills is permitted to preside over this annual session, and his presence and counsel are much appreciated by all; therefore we desire to express our hearty appreciation of, and sincere thanks for, the good he has brought to us, and
3. WHEREAS, The members of this conference session have been so royally entertained and provided for by the pastor and citizens of Winfield; therefore, be it Resolved, that by a rising vote we express our sincere appreciation of their hospitality. And



4. WHEREAS, There has been so many resignations during the past year, and some have irregularly withdrawn and gone to sister churches; therefore be it Resolved that, in order to sustain a good standing in the conference, and in order to secure a transfer, should one be desired, no pastor having accepted of a charge shall leave his field of labor without notifying his presiding elder at least four weeks previous to taking his leave.

5. RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this conference that the membership of each charge should grant their pastor a sufficient vacation this year to attend the Summer School of Theology at Lane University.

6. Believing that Mormonism is an enemy to the purity of the free institutions of a republican form of government, therefore be it Resolved that this Arkansas Valley Conference now assembled, pray the Congress of the United States to sustain our ideal of purity and liberty, by refusing to seat in that body the Mormon congressman-elect from Utah.

7. We commend our Governor for the stand he has taken with regard to enforcing our State Prohibitory law, and be it Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to him. Be it

8. RESOLVED, That we hereby express our disapproval of the Army Canteen system, and we urge our congressmen to do all in their power toward abolishing the system. Respectfully, J. G. ROGERS.

#### RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR A CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION.

Be it resolved that a Conference Camp Meeting Association be organized by the election of a Board of Directors, consisting of five or more members. Said board to buy or lease a suitable place for holding camp meetings, also buy or rent a suitable tabernacle, and provide for all the expenses thus incurred. Said board to have able ministers take charge of all the services as they may deem best.

Be it further resolved that each minister of this conference is constituted an agent to solicit the attendance of his people at the camp meeting; and to report, at least six weeks in advance, the number from his charge who expect to attend.

Said board to have charge of tabernacle to rent same to any minister in the conference, as may be arranged for.

E. A. POWELL,  
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C. E. MURPHY,  
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## Stationing Committee's Report.

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Eatonville.....	J. E. Wilson
Hackney.....	J. A. Sanders
Mulvane.....	J. R. Harner
Geuda Springs.....	T. R. Sprague
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Wellington.....	S. B. Mordy
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Attica.....	P. H. Blinn
Kingman.....	J. N. Edwards
Sego.....	C. E. Murphy
New Eden.....	L. G. Garman
Fellsburg.....	J. Barricklow
Greensburg.....	T. S. Cunningham
Sheridan.....	P. Milligan

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Hudson.....	E. R. Myers
Garden City.....	J. F. Harrison
Salem.....	W. L. Hinshaw
Abbyville.....	H. S. Reigel
Sterling.....	Miss Hattie Battson
Wichita.....	J. G. Rogers
Maize.....	E. A. Powell
Turon.....	J. W. Burket
Pleasant Grove.....	C. E. Heisel
Sedgwick.....	G. W. and M. E. Tuttle
Burns.....	A. Burrill
Leon.....	W. H. Porter
McPherson.....	E. J. Williams
Cimarron.....	J. Morrison

### EVANGELISTS.

J. H. Manning,

S. Garrigus,

J. Morrison,



### Minutes of the W. M. A.

The annual meeting of the W. M. A. of the Arkansas Valley Conference Branch was held at the U. B. parsonage Winfield, Kansas, February 25, 1899.

The president, Mrs. F. Garrigus, conducted devotional exercises.

An inspiring letter was read from corresponding secretary Mrs. B. F. Witt.

Amount collected from dues.....	\$12 25
From Corbin Class by special offering.....	4 25
From Mulvane local society.....	10 35

Total.....	\$26 85
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Number of Woman's Evangelists reported, fifteen.

Branch reorganized with twenty regular and three honorary members.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. L. M. Harner, Mulvane, Kansas.

Vice President, Mrs. F. Garrigus, Wichita, Kansas.

Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hendershot, Winfield, Kansas.

Treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Blinn, Attica, Kansas.

Solicitors for Woman's Evangel—Mrs. D. S. Edwards, Kingman, Kansas, and Mrs. Leona Cunningham, Greensburg, Kansas.

Mrs. C. A. HENDERSHOT,

Secretary.



## STATISTICAL CHART.

FIELD OF LABOR.	NAME OF PREACHER.	CHS.		MEMBERS.							Y. P. C. U.				SABBATH SCHOOLS.				
		Appointments.	Organized Churches.	At Beginning of Year.	Received.	Deaths.	All Other Losses.	Members at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. Young People.	No. of Members.	No. of Junior Societies.	No. of Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. Scholars Enrolled.	No. of Teachers and Officers.	No. of Libraries.	No. of Volumes.
Attica.....	C. E. Farney.....	3	3	100	14	2	25	89	11		2	50			2½	140	24	1	100
Beaumont.....	A. Sanders.....	5	4	157	3	3	150		1		2				4	200	16		
Burns.....	J. A. Barricklow.....	2	4	77	8	1	76		1		1	35			2	105	20		95
Corbin.....	O. P. Heisel.....	3	3	77	8	3	80		3		1				3	125	24	1	
Coldwater.....	O. P. Myers.....	4	3	68	2	17	53		15						3	100	18		
Cimarron.....	J. Morrison.....	2	3	45	2	9	45				1	12			3	225	24		
Danville.....	T. S. Cunningham.....	5	5	87	12	9	89		2		1	12			3	209	38		
Batonville.....	J. E. Wilson.....	4	4	130	2	16	129		1		1	23			4	209	38		
Greensburg.....	W. H. Porter.....	4	4	32	57	1	72	40			1	28			4	37	27		
Greensburg.....	D. A. Williams.....	3	3	58	4	10	44	57			1	20			3	130	21	1	50
Garden Springs.....	J. F. McMullen.....	1	1	40	14	2	16	44	14		1	15			1	25	5		
Garden City.....	S. W. Foulk.....	3	3	117	3	27	113		10		1	169			1	18	18		
Hackney.....	E. A. Powell.....	3	2	156	4	1	132	3	24		2	100			3	175	35		
Hudson.....	L. G. Garman.....	3	4	123	3	1	113	15	15		1	20			3	130	27		
Kingman.....	J. N. Edwards.....	3	3	50	12	31	96	7	21		1	32			3	120	30		
Liberty Chapel.....	H. H. Zeiger.....	1	1	208	23	2	5	57	10		2	105			1	181	13		
Little River.....	P. H. Blinn.....	2	2	81	11	23	67		14		2	58			2	175	20		
Maize.....	J. J. Maxey.....	3	3	91	21	7	104	13			2	50			2	80	10	1	30
McPherson.....	E. J. Williams.....	3	3	91	21	7	101				2	50			2	80	18		
Mulvane.....	J. R. Harner.....	3	3	91	21	7	101				2	50			3	150	25		
Sedgwick.....	G. W. & M. E. Tuttle.....	2	2	154	1	28	126		9		2	30			3	150	22		
Sego.....	C. E. Murphy.....	4	4	48	1	9	39		9		2	50			2	95	22		
Sterling.....	Hattie Batson.....	1	1	120	61	12	168	48	28		3	142			4	120	20	1	
Turon.....	J. W. Burkett.....	3	3	37	56	1	91	64	9		1	19			1	30	7		
Union Chapel.....	W. L. Hinshaw.....	3	3	18	11	2	24	6	54		3	20			3	215	38		
Wellington.....	A. Burrill.....	4	4	123	47	1	140	17	17		1	20			3	100	20		
Winfield.....	C. A. Hendershot.....	1	1	104	38	29	66		38		1	55			1	98	15		
Willow Grove.....	E. R. Myers.....	4	4	125	48	29	144	19			1	20			3	105	20		
Wichita.....	J. G. Rogers.....	2	2												2	115	21	1	15
Total.....		85	78	2792	496	24	424	2840	269	221	35	1023	7	286	72½	3354	611	6	315



## STATISTICAL CHART.—Continued.

FIELD OF LABOR.	LITERATURE.										FINANCE.					
	Religious Telescopes.	Quarterly Reviews.	Watchwords.	Our Bible Teachers.	Lesson Quarterlies.	Children's Friends.	Children's Visitors.	Lessons for Little Ones.	Woman's Evangelists.	Search Lights.	Pastor's Salary.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	For Church, Par- sonage, and Local Current Expenses.	New Churches.	New Parsonages.	Collected for Lo- cal S. S. Pur- poses.
Atchafalpa .....	4		2	4	75	35	35	30		3	\$450 00	\$86 00	90 00			\$50 00
Beaumont .....	4		1	4	50	10	13	13			237 00	40 00	35 00			20 00
Burns .....	2			1	115	20	20	35			281 32	29 16	9 50	\$883 15		25 00
Corbin .....	9	1	7		125	10	10	35	1		312 45	36 00				
Coldwater .....	6										185 00	32 00				
Cimarron .....	8										145 00	15 00				
Clarendon .....	14				170			25	1		270 00	33 45				40 00
Danville .....	18				96	30	30	20			383 63	32 00	90 27			31 03
Eastonville .....	14		3	1	40					1	142 26	24 00				36 00
Greensburg .....	6		1	6							347 41	32 00	18 00			17 95
Greensburg .....	6					12	12	12			156 74	24 00	2 50			10 00
Groves .....	1		20	6	15	20	27	35		1	103 00	10 00	50 00			
Garden City .....	1				50	20	30	30			184 68	6 00				
Hatchinson .....	21			11	125	30	20	35		1	438 00	40 00	181 49	130 00		47 00
Hickory .....	7			9	195	30	30	30			244 30	32 50	7 00			66 15
Hudson .....	4	1	1	4	115	20	20	60			369 03	30 00	20 00			32 00
Kingman .....	11	1	1	6	75	20	20	20		1	160 55	24 00	81 73			15 76
Liberty Chapel .....	4			2	150	10	10	15			455 00	40 00	368 49			32 00
Little River .....	26			6	150	50	50	45			200 00	25 00	35 00			8 00
Maize .....	5	1	1	1	50	10	10	15			328 00	33 45	45 00			24 00
McPherson .....	3	1	5		150	50	50	50		1	361 17	34 60	100 00			17 00
Mulvane .....	7	1			50	50	50	15			272 55	20 05	56 55			37 50
Sedgewick .....	3				125			40			271 53	33 50	12 50			7 11
Sevier .....	8		2						1		136 49	12 00				72 00
Stirling .....	8	1	2	4	220	60	60	65			404 37	40 00	274 01			25 00
Turkey .....	8		1		120	10	10	20			207 07	40 00	20 00		10 00	
Union Chapel .....	8	1	1	10	90	10	10	40			239 00	20 00	61 00			61 04
Wellington .....	1			5	100	50	50	20			337 12	40 00	130 76			40 00
Winfield .....	17		25		65	15	15	30			246 25	32 00				36 40
Willow Grove .....	7				115	30	30	50		2	523 59	40 00	123 50			
Wichita .....				77	2501	422	392	750	13	8	\$8382 35	\$871 71	\$1902 30	\$1013 50	\$220 00	\$760 94
Total .....	224	5	73	77	2501	422	392	750	13	8	\$8382 35	\$871 71	\$1902 30	\$1013 50	\$220 00	\$760 94



## STATISTICAL CHART.—Continued.

FIELD OF LABOR.	FINANCE.													
	Gen'l Collection for Missions.	Thank - Offering for Missions.	Special for Mis- sions.	Woman's Mis- sionary Asso- ciation.	Sabbath Schools for Missions.	Y. P. C. U. for Missions.	Total for Missions.	Church Breth'n, Assessment.	Church Breth'n, Special.	Sabbath School General Fund.	Children's Day Collection.	Bishop's Salary.	Preacher's Aid.	Beneficiary Edu- cation.
Attica .....	\$20 00						\$26 67	\$1 50		\$1 00		\$4 50	\$5 00	\$1 00
Beaumont.....	24 00						32 00	4 00		1 00		4 50	5 02	1 00
Burns .....	10 50						15 25	25		25	\$1 00	2 00	2 25	1 00
Corbin .....	8 00			\$4 25			17 25	3 75		50	2 10	3 00	4 00	1 00
Coldwater .....	10 00						13 35	2 00		1 00		4 00	1 00	1 00
Cimarron .....	10 00						11 00	2 00				3 00	2 00	1 00
Danville .....	12 00						16 00	2 00		75		4 50	4 00	1 75
Eatonville .....	20 00		\$15 71				42 38	3 00		1 00	2 52	3 00	2 00	1 00
Greensburg .....	20 00						26 67	2 00		1 00		3 50		1 00
Geuda Springs .....	10 00						11 75	1 00		1 00	60	2 00	1 00	
Garden City .....	8 33						8 33	3 00	41 00			3 40	4 00	
Hackney .....	10 00						18 75	1 00		1 00		5 00	2 00	50
Hudson .....	1 32						5 32	4 00		1 00		3 50	2 00	3 00
Kingman .....	20 00	\$2 00	13 85				40 52	2 00		1 00	2 00	3 50	2 00	1 00
Liberty Chapel.....	10 00						17 64	5 00		1 00		5 00	8 00	
Little River .....	23 00						32 00	5 00	5 00	1 00		3 00	4 00	1 00
Maize .....	11 48						13 48	1 00		1 00		3 50	3 00	1 00
McPherson .....	20 00						26 66	4 00		1 00		3 50	3 00	1 00
Munvane .....	4 00	1 00	1 00	10 35			14 35	4 00						
Seagwick .....	2 00		6 50				4 00					2 00	50	
Sego .....	8 50						21 50	2 00			1 05	4 00	2 00	50
Sterling .....							6 70	2 00				4 50	2 00	
Turon .....	20 00		2 00				20 00	2 00		2 00	4 72	5 00	8 00	1 00
Union Chapel .....	10 00	5 00					15 50	4 00		1 00	2 00	4 00	6 00	1 00
Wellington .....	20 00	6 00	12 00				5 00	2 00	10 00		1 55	2 00		
Winfield .....	26 00	3 30	10 00	1 00			72 00	6 50		2 00		5 00	10 00	1 00
Willow Grove .....	26 00			3 00			27 00	2 00		1 00		3 50	3 00	1 00
Wichita .....	30 00						46 30	5 00		2 00		5 00	10 00	1 00
Total .....	\$369 13	\$17 30	\$61 06	\$18 60	\$4 75	\$26 30	\$610 37	\$67 00	\$71 00	\$21 50	\$17 54	\$103 90	\$93 77	\$20 25



## STATISTICAL CHART.—Concluded.

FIELD OF LABOR.	FINANCE.					PROPERTY.					MIS.			
	Contributed to (Colleges, Acad- emies, Sem- inaries.	U. B. Seminary Assessment.	Lane College Assessment.	Mission Debt.	Evangelistic Aid.	Total for all Purposes.	No. of Church Houses.	New Chs. Built.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds.	Debt on Churches.		No. Parsonages.	Value of Par- sonages.	Debt on Parson- ages.
Attea .....		\$1 00	\$3 00	\$6 67		\$663 67	2		\$1750		1	\$500		12
Beaumont .....		1 00	5 00	8 00		330 52	2		2200		1	275		8½
Burns .....		25	25	5 00		395 98	2		2000		1	400	\$78	12
Corbin .....		50	3 00	3 35		1301 70	2	1	2000	\$225 47	1	300		12
Coldwater .....		1 00	1 00	1 00	\$11 55	252 90	2							12
Cimarron .....		5 00	1 00	1 00		200 00	2							12
Danville .....		1 00	3 00	4 00		450 45	1		450		1	225		12
Eatonville .....		1 00	3 00	6 67		599 83	1				1	45		12
Greensburg .....		1 00	1 00	3 00		180 26	1		500					12
Greensburg .....			2 00	6 67	72 21	536 79	1		1535					4
Genda Springs .....		1 00		1 75		205 79	1		2000	187 50	1	500		12
Garden City .....			4 00	8 75	5 00	191 75	1		850	175 00	1	700		3½
Hutchinson .....	\$5 00	1 00	50	4 00		202 41	1		3000					12
Hackney .....		1 00	4 00	6 67		792 24	1		500					12
Hudson .....		1 00	1 00	3 34		493 27	1		900					11
Kingman .....		1 00	1 00	3 34		508 65	1		900					12
Liberty Chapel .....		1 00	8 00	9 00		313 18	1		2100		1	500		12
Little River .....		1 00	2 00	2 00		955 49	1		1000		1	500		3½
Maize .....		1 00	4 00	6 66		298 48	1		800		1	350		12
McPherson .....			1 00			474 61	1		3500		1	600		4
Mulvane .....			1 00			510 12	1		1700		1	350		12
Mulvane .....		1 00	1 00	6 50	6 12	583 65	2		1150					12
Sedgwick .....		1 00	2 00	6 70	38 70	394 20	1		1650	211 00				6
Sego .....		1 00	1 00	3 50		199 50	2		3000	150 00				12
Sterling .....		1 00	6 00	10 00		836 10	3		2000					12
Turon .....		1 00	3 00			327 50	2		4000		1	800		7½
Union Chapel .....		2 00	6 00			341 55	1							12
Wellington .....	25 00	1 00				708 42	2							12
Winfield .....	6 00	1 00				359 75	2							12
Willow Grove .....		1 00				739 70	2							12
Wichita .....														12
Total .....	\$56 00	\$25 75	\$61 75	\$113 53	\$133 56	\$14,416 86	37	1	\$40,485	\$948 97	14	\$6450	\$78	322½



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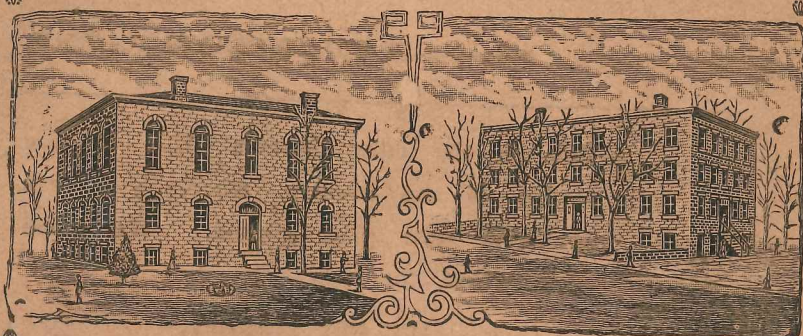
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