

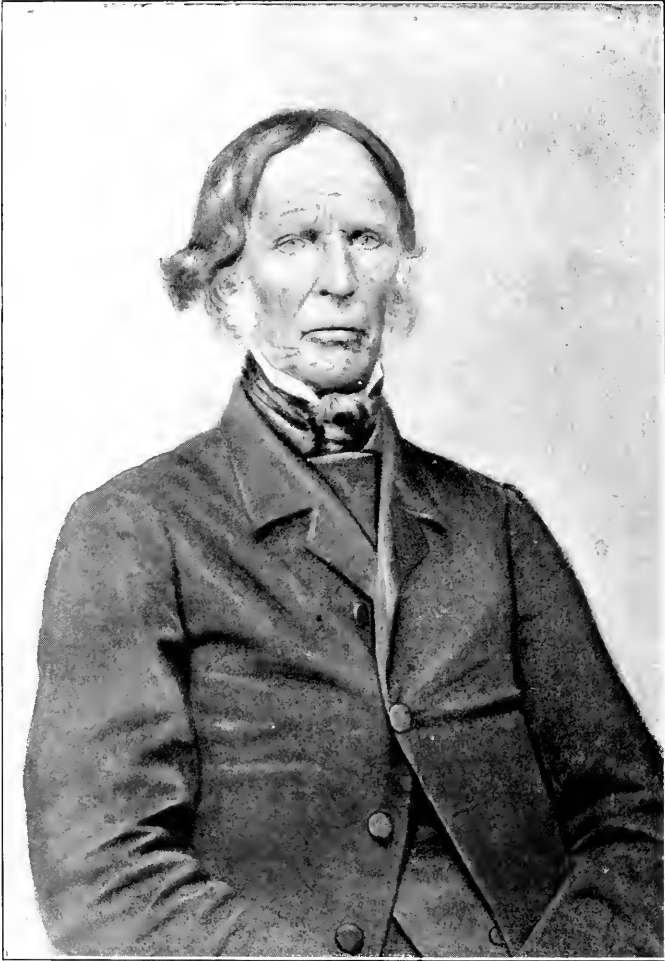
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The deeds and experiences of the early path-finders in that particular field which now comprises the Kansas Conference form a volume in the history of those sturdy pioneers which continues to increase in interest as the years pass by. Theirs was the work which forms the foundation upon which succeeding generations have been enabled to build an abiding structure.

How we wish we knew more about their feelings and what they did when face to face with the arduous task confronting them. Here and there we catch a glimpse of the primitive conditions existing among the early settlers as they occupied their humble cabins, equipped with home-made furniture, as they broke up the virgin soil and planted the seed from which they anticipated a crop, only to be frequently disappointed in the harvest because of drought and grasshoppers. We see the lonely circuit-rider traveling from place to place on his long and oft-times dangerous journeys. He is seeking to find the scattered members of the Evangelical Association who have emigrated to the western country in quest of a home, that he may bring to them the consolation of the gospel. We also see him offer the Bread of Life to those who are yet strangers to the household of faith, and in many instances deep in sin and dissipation, only to have them many times refuse to hear and obey the gospel message.

These were some of the hardships and privations endured by the intrepid heroes of the cross. But on the other hand there was also the enjoyment of typical frontier fellowship and pioneer sympathy. We see the missionaries persistently battering the bulwarks of sin and unrighteousness until the walls are broken down and gospel light streams into the hitherto benighted soul, creating unbounded joy in the heart of the servant of God as well as in the new convert. Now a class of praying Christians is formed, prayer-meetings are being held, the family-altar is erected, and regular services are conducted in the absence of the pastor who could only visit his little flock every two, three, or perhaps four weeks to preach to them. Great was the joy when the "preacher" would come to fill his appointment, and encourage the little band, which was sometimes severely tried and even persecuted, but now through the ministry of their shepherd again cheered and encouraged to press on.

Our hearts have been touched, and our sympathy aroused, by what we have seen of the pioneer preacher and his heroic

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flock, and we long to know more about the interesting story as we proceed, but, alas! we are doomed to a measure of disappointment, since our store of information fails to give us all we desire to know, and we wonder what the culmination of the narrative might have been.

The founders of our Conference were great history-makers, but not history-writers. They abounded in service, but took neither time nor interest in recording their deeds, and now, since they have gone to their heavenly reward, we have only a meager record of their experience in blazing the way through the primitive forest, or erecting landmarks on the wild prairie, where they traveled and labored. Many times, when brought in touch with some thrilling event in their labors, we are constrained to exclaim: "Oh, what a pity that we cannot find out more about this interesting occurrence."

In early days the local records were very imperfectly kept at best. The books were usually small in size, and, when filled with records, were either lost or destroyed, hence it has become impossible to obtain a reliable account of the beginning and development of many works in the Conference. From some none at all. Several fields of labor have preserved their records intact, and have furnished the committee valuable and reliable information. This has been highly appreciated by the committee which has done its best in collecting data under existing conditions.

An effort has been made to procure a brief account of each local work in the conference, but in many cases the pastor, who was appealed to for this information, reported: "It is impossible to find the old records and the data which I send you are, I fear, not altogether reliable, but I have done the best I could." Sometimes data were procured from a surviving veteran who depended on memory only. While this information has been highly appreciated by the committee, still, we are aware of the fact, that memory alone, as, a rule, is very unreliable, especially when the occurrence is so far in the past. When possible, such information was compared with the written Conference records, and necessary corrections made accordingly, and where this could not be done the information was accepted as given.

The committee is under great obligation to the pastors serving the various fields of labor for their assistance in securing the material at hand. In nearly every instance they responded as best they could considering the meager source of information many of them had at their command. Without their co-operation this project could not have been carried out.

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Furthermore the committee would express its appreciation to the various brethren who so kindly responded to the request made for reminiscences of their experience in the Kansas Conference during the early period of her history. We regret that not all who were asked to contribute responded. Some hesitated because of extreme modesty, as it seems, who might have furnished interesting and valuable incidents from their early experience in the ministry in Kansas.

On various occasions Conference ordered the collection of historical data at a time when it would have been much easier to gather the facts than at this late date when nearly all of the early ministers are gone, and have left no written journals behind from which facts might be gleaned. Unfortunately the matter was neglected, or the material gathered lost, so that when the committee began its work it had to begin empty-handed. Fortunately access was granted to the old files of the *Christliche Botschafter*, and *Evangelical Messenger*, in the Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, from which much valuable information was procured regarding the period between 1858, when the first missionaries were sent to Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and the organization of the Kansas Conference in 1865. We are indebted to our Publishing Agent at Cleveland, Ohio, for permitting us to copy such data from the files kept there as were of interest and value to the committee.

The idea of printing the Appointments in double-column form in smaller type, as well as the tabulated form for recording the names of deceased ministers, was suggested by the "Evangelical Landmarks."

At the Conference session in 1878 the brethren C. Berner and J. Wuerth were appointed a committee to gather data and compile the history of the Kansas Conference. However, it seems there was nothing done in that direction by the committee appointed. Perhaps the brethren did not realize how interesting the early history of the pioneers of the Conference would be to the coming generations. Also because of many other duties, this matter was laid aside and neglected, until finally the pen was laid down for the last time, the lips were sealed, the eyes closed in death, while we are left without the heritage we now wish we might possess.

Again, in 1896, Conference appointed a committee consisting of J. Wuerth, J. H. Tobias and C. Linge as "Conference Historians," with instructions to write the history of the Kansas Conference. P. Schuman, the Conference secretary, was later

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added to the committee. In due time this committee submitted a brief sketch of the origin of the work in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and the organization of the Kansas Conference, which was spread on the records of Conference. The report consisted of about 1,500 words, and was published in the printed journal of 1899. This seems to be all the material gathered and preserved, and the committee ceased from its labors. Nothing further was done in the matter till 1910, when H. Mattill was added to the committee with instructions to procure the history of the Conference prior to 1888. Unfortunately the physical condition of Bro. Mattill was such that he could not devote his attention to the project, and the matter was again deferred. Still the committee realized that further delay only intensified the difficulties already prevailing and repeatedly urged the importance of not waiting longer. Conference coinciding with this view, again, in 1913, urged that the matter receive attention, so that the history of the beginning of the work in Kansas might be preserved. The committee was strengthened at this time by the addition of M. C. Platz.

This committee met in the home of Rev. J. H. Tobias, 2614 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 3, 1913, and organized by electing J. H. Tobias president, and M. C. Platz secretary. On this occasion M. C. Platz submitted preliminary work done by him during the summer, which met the approval of the committee, and he was instructed to proceed along the line begun, securing all the historical material possible before the next session of Annual Conference. In compliance with these instructions the secretary continued the work, and at the Conference session, held at Newton, Kansas, in March, 1914, the committee reported manuscript prepared to the extent of about 60,000 words, covering the first 20 years of the Conference organization, including seven years preceding. A specimen of the work done was submitted to and approved by Conference, and the committee requested to proceed with its work and as far as possible prepare the manuscript covering the first 50 years of the Conference history according to the plan adopted by the committee, which provided for a condensed form, yet sufficiently elaborate as not to destroy the connection of the historical narrative, having the same ready to submit to Conference at its next session.

C. L. Sorg and C. F. Kliphardt were added to the historical committee at this time, to assist in the work ordered by Conference.

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During the ensuing Conference year the secretary continued his work, and at the next session of Conference, held at Leavenworth, Kansas, March, 1915, submitted the following report:

“Your committee desires to report that the instructions given by Conference a year ago have been carried out, and the manuscript for the first Fifty Years’ History of the Kansas Conference up to the session of 1914 has been prepared and corrected relative to data and arrangement of plan by the sub-committee, composed of C. L. Sorg and C. F. Kliphardt.

“The plan adopted provides for a record of the ministry of the Conference: when and where licensed to preach, reception in Conference, advancement to orders of deacon and elder, retirement from active work, and relation assumed, whether local, supernumerary, superannuated, or remaining in the itinerancy without appointment. Also the granting of credentials, withdrawn, expelled, or died. A brief biographical sketch of the deceased ministers of the Conference is given, and in addition to this a complete list of appointments of the ministers from the first missionaries sent to the West, in 1858, to the Conference session held March, 1914, according to the records at hand.

“The time, place, chairman and secretary of each Conference session is indicated from the beginning to the spring of 1914, embracing such items and events contained in the Conference journal as seemed of interest and value to the history. This includes the election of presiding elders, Conference trustees, statistical secretary, Conference treasurer, trustee to North-Western College and Theological Seminary, delegate to the Board of Missions, delegates to General Conference, etc. Also the names of lay-delegates to Annual and General Conferences.

“The change of boundary is indicated annually, by which means the formation of districts and fields of labor and their various changes, can be followed. The condensed statistics of each year is given and the work of the Conference Missionary Society, with its officers, is noted.

“A short sketch of nearly every local work in the Conference existing at present is given, based on the information which could be obtained, though, in some instances very brief, and in some respects not fully reliable.

“A number of interesting reminiscences from the older brethren in the Conference have been inserted, which, we believe, will be read with interest. Recognition is given to the origin and development of the Woman’s Missionary Society, and the Young People’s Alliance in the Conference, and, as far as possible, the

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time of the organization, with the name of the first president is given. Also the cost of new churches, with the time and person dedicating them, wherever possible.

“With this report the committee leaves the matter in the hands of Conference for further instructions concerning the disposition of the manuscript in hand.”

In response to this report Conference took the following action: “Historical committee reported, and upon motion Conference ordered the manuscript published in book form, also the continuation of the committee, to which were referred all matters pertaining to its publication. Resolved, also, that we hereby express our thanks and appreciation to the historical committee, and especially the secretary, M. C. Platz, for their untiring labors in regard to the history which they are compiling.”

After repeated sessions of the sub-committee to prove and correct the manuscript, the work has finally been carried to completion. No claim is made to any literary merit, nor perfection in construction, but strenuous efforts were made to make the contents as reliable as circumstances and material at hand would admit.

We now submit the work with the earnest desire and prayer that hereby the sacred memory of the fathers who hazarded their lives as pioneers for the gospel may be perpetuated, the origin and development of the Conference through the first half century of her history may be preserved, and loyalty to Christ and the Church be cultivated among the present and future generations.

COMMITTEE,

M. C. PLATZ,

Secretary.

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Kansas was organized as a territory in 1854, and became the scene of violent contests on the question of slavery between settlers of Northern and Southern affiliations. After much controversy between opposing parties to make Kansas a free or slave state, it was admitted to the Union on Jan. 29, 1861, under the Wyandotte Constitution, prohibiting slavery. During these days of agitation many were emigrating to the Territory of Kansas in search of a home which the Government offered on liberal terms under the homestead law.

However, the hardships and privations were such as to exclude all ease and luxury. Many and thrilling were the experiences those early pioneers made when they came west to find their fortunes. Poverty was great, and privations intense. Most of the early settlers paid a dear price for the homes they secured, and well deserve the comfort which may have come to them in later life because of the increased value of their homesteads.

Among the early settlers were also some families of the Evangelical Association from the Eastern States, who came west to find homes. They were of the best and bravest type of early pioneers. They were people who came to stay, and did stay, through storm and sunshine, through flood and drought. Neither failure of crops nor grasshoppers could force them to retreat. That was the character of the material the Kansas Conference used in laying the foundation for her operations in the cause of the Great Master and the Evangelical Association. This strain of loyalty and heroism has been handed down to their posterity and accounts for the splendid progress made and victories achieved during the past half century, in spite of the most discouraging circumstances, which made ultimate success seem almost impossible.

The Evangelical pioneers were among the most unselfish and courageous people to be found. The one desire they had in connection with finding a home for their families was, to also have the church of their choice located in the new country to which they had come. With this end in view many appeals were made to the church, through the *Evangelical Messenger* and the *Christliche Botschafter* from the scattered members of the church in Kansas and Missouri. Repeatedly those papers called attention to the great need and the opportunity in the far West. How-

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ever, for a long time those appeals for various reasons remained unanswered.

In the first place, suitable men for this kind of work were limited, and, wherever found, they were in demand at home. Secondly, funds for this kind of work were not available. Most of the Conferences were taxed to their limit with work and demands for missionary money at home. Then, also, the constitution of the Missionary Society made no provision for supporting mission work of this kind. The Conference sending out men must make provision for their support. In addition to this some of the older and stronger Conferences were not in sympathy with mission work in Kansas and were not willing to render assistance in taking up and carrying on work in the West.

The aggressive Illinois Conference, which was noted for her missionary spirit, located two missions in the West as early as the spring of 1857, one in Kansas and one in Nebraska, but did not supply them till the following spring, when the following action was taken at the session held at Spring Creek, Stephenson County, Ill., April 21, 1858: "Resolved, That Kansas Mission shall be supplied with two and Nebraska Mission with one preacher." George Fleischer and C. Berner were stationed on Kansas Mission, and J. F. Schreiber on Nebraska Mission. Both missions belonged to Iowa District of the Illinois Conference, of which William Kolb was presiding elder.

The circumstance which at this time gave new impetus to the missionary project in the West, was a private letter written to Rev. T. G. Clewell, editor of the *Evangelical Messenger*, by Jonas G. Ettinger from Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, which the editor took the liberty to publish in the *Messenger* of Jan. 8, 1858. This letter created such a stir and enthusiasm for mission work in the West that action was taken in the matter by several of the conferences at the spring session of this year. We here produce Brother Ettinger's letter as it appeared in the *Messenger*:

J. G. ETTINGER

KEYSTONE FARM, LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Dec. 9, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—

"Our son, C. H. W. Ettinger, subscribed for the first volume of the *Evangelical Messenger* and continued until the last number of last year (1856), when we resolved to emigrate to the far West, but not knowing at the time where we should locate, he

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discontinued. Being now permanently located three miles west from the city of Leavenworth, K. T., and all of us wishing to read the *Messenger* again, I send the subscription price for one year, beginning with the ensuing year.

“We live in a delightful country and have 160 acres of as good land as can be desired. Myself, wife and children (three in number) enjoy good health. My dear friend, here would be a good field for missionaries of the gospel, for whom I have already written to the Rev. Adams of the East Pennsylvania Conference, who is in charge of Lancaster Circuit. It is true the Methodists, both North and South, have preaching in the city, but we cannot feel at home as we could in our own society. Remember me and mine at the throne of grace.

JONAS G. ETTINGER.”

To this appeal the editor of the *Messenger* wrote the following editorial: “Here, brethren, is another Macedonian call. Why can we not have a mission in Kansas, or in any of the Western States? Calls upon calls are coming, and we are turning a deaf ear to them all. Are we to leave this matter rest until these fields are occupied, we, as a church, are excluded, and then, with ten times the expense and trouble, commence the work when the auspicious moment is passed?”

After inviting a free and open discussion of the matter in the columns of the *Messenger*, he alludes to a previously discussed plan for a “Frontier Mission” or a “Frontier Department,” which resulted in nothing but discussion. He further suggests the idea that each Conference send out one or two missionaries to Kansas, and each Conference stand good for the support of its man, and these men form a “Mission Conference” at once, and let them work for one year till General Conference meets and recognizes them as a sister Conference.

Bishop Long, in an able and earnest communication to the *Messenger* of Feb. 4, 1858, calls attention to the needed change in the constitution of the Missionary Society, so that the Board of Missions or an Executive Committee may be authorized to disburse the funds of the society in the interest of frontier work, but, in the meantime, he endorses the plan of the editor of the *Messenger* as a “temporary arrangement” only.

In the *Messenger* of Feb. 18, 1858, the editor makes what he calls a “final appeal” before the spring Conferences open, for a mission in Kansas. He devotes two and a half columns of the *Messenger* to the importance of acting in the matter without de-

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lay. He pleads that it may receive proper attention at the various Conference sessions. He also commends the interest manifested from various sources throughout the church in the project, and calls attention that now is the time to act.

The editor of the *Christliche Botschafter*, Rev. C. G. Koch, also urged the matter of taking forward steps in spite of some difficulties in the way, feeling assured that things will work out satisfactorily in the end. The matter should not be longer delayed. In the *Botschafter* of Jan. 16, 1858, an earnest appeal is also made for Kansas in a lengthy communication by one who signs himself a "Friend of Missions." He, too, considers this the opportune time and urges no further delay, since this will mean only loss to the church.

At this time there appeared in the *Evangelical Messenger* a correspondence from E. C. Duth of Greenston, Mo., in which he urges the Conference to send missionaries to Missouri, as well as Kansas. He pleads for men who can preach English and German, stating that many of our people have already drifted into other churches, while others are anxiously waiting for the Evangelical Association to send preachers to them, assuring them of success in their undertaking.

JAMES EPLEY

The *Messenger* of March 4, 1858, contains a letter from James Epley, Franklin, Douglas County, K. T. This letter, written Feb. 9, 1858, is as follows:

"Bro. Clewell:—I am truly thankful to see that you have taken it in hand to call the attention of our church to the importance of establishing a mission in Kansas. I hope and pray they will take it into serious consideration. Oh, what a field there is open for our church in this territory! There are large settlements of Germans here, both foreign and native born, who are destitute of preaching and preachers, and if our church does not send us preachers this coming spring we will lose ground on all sides. Here is, I think, the most favorable point at present for western church extension.

"I assure you, brother, the inhabitants of Kansas are interested in building it up in the right way, and if we only had 8 or 10 preachers of our church who can exercise in English and German, I think their efforts would be crowned with abundant success. A few of them, at least, should be able to preach in English.

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Please, brethren, keep on urging the Eastern Conferences to bear the West in mind. It is, indeed, a great pity that our church could not send us a few men last spring and give our church an opportunity to build up with her sister churches in this beautiful country. Whatever is done, let it be done soon. JAMES EPLEY."

These few communications, culled from the many appeals received by our editors, indicate how desirous the first settlers were for the church of their choice. These appeals, supplemented by the earnest words from the editors of our church papers, as well as letters of approval and encouragement from various parts of the church, had a wholesome effect on most of the Annual Conferences which were held during the spring months of 1858.

The East Pennsylvania Conference, the oldest and strongest, was the first on the program to hold its session. The Conference met at Weisport, Pa., Feb. 24, 1858, but for some reason was not favorably impressed with the missionary project for the West, nor affected by the many earnest appeals for help which had been made. The following resolution, passed at her session, shows her attitude toward the projected mission in Kansas: "The Kansas question, or the forming of a mission Conference in Kansas, is considered a very unsafe and venturesome step, not feasible under the present existing circumstances."

The West Pennsylvania Conference was held a few weeks later, March 11, 1858, when the following action was taken: "Resolved, That we establish a mission in Kansas, and, Whereas, J. Dunlap and S. Wolf, being requested by this Conference to serve as missionaries in said territory, have consented, therefore Resolved, That they be appointed as missionaries to Kansas, and that they be given one year to get ready to enter their field of labor."

The peculiar procedure of these two Conferences called forth the following editorial in the *Botschafter* of April 10, 1858: "We regret that the East Pennsylvania Conference has done nothing for Kansas, since she possesses both men and means to render assistance. We are far behind the urging conditions of the times in these matters. It is beautiful to sing: 'Kirche Christi, breite, breite deine Grenzen weit hinaus,' but if we will not even venture to our present borders, there is little hope that we will go beyond in our missionary operations.

"The West Pennsylvania Conference, at least, showed a disposition to do something for Kansas. She appointed two of her men

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to Kansas and then assigned them to fields of labor at home in Pennsylvania. That looks queer! Our missionaries hold they have one year's time to prepare for their new work. May the old maxim: 'Was lange währt geht öfters zu nichts' (What waiteth long oftentimes comes to naught) not be realized in reference to the proposed mission work in Kansas."

The *Evangelical Messenger* also severely criticised the conduct of the East Pennsylvania Conference in failing to do anything for Kansas because she considered it an "unsafe and venturesome step."

J. DUNLAP

An intimation of insincerity in the action of the West Pennsylvania Conference, in sending two men to Kansas, and then giving them appointments at home, from the editor of the *Evangelical Messenger*, brought forth the following explanation from J. Dunlap, one of the appointed missionaries: "You seem not to understand why Brother Wolf and myself were given one year's time to prepare for our labors in the far-off field. By way of explanation I would say, therefore, that I have always been a warm friend of frontier missions, believing that our labors and our money would pay better, both for the cause of God and the church in the new territory, than in the older settled parts of our country.

"I was in favor, therefore, of the Kansas enterprise, but little did I think that I would be called upon to go there, for having served but one year in the office I hold (presiding elder), I had accordingly made my arrangements for a full term. But being requested to go to Kansas, Brother Wolf would only consent to go in case I would. Therefore I could not refuse. But if I go, I want my temporal affairs so arranged that I will have no further trouble on that account. To do this I believe will require the greater part of a year, although it will not monopolize my time to such an extent as to prevent me from doing anything else. But not wishing to be idle during our leisure time we took a home appointment meanwhile, believing we could arrange our matters and attend to them besides. But you and the friends of the missions may rest assured, that if Providence permit, I will go there if no one else does." Suffice it to say, neither he nor his colleague entered upon their labors in Kansas.

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The Illinois Conference, which was held April 21, 1858, supplied the missions they located the previous year in Kansas and Nebraska by sending G. Fleischer and C. Berner to Kansas, and J. F. Schreiber to Nebraska. These three brethren entered upon their fields of labor as soon as possible after the session.

The New York Conference, held at Buffalo, N. Y., April 21, 1858, heartily approved of the Kansas mission project, but regretted very much not to be able to send a missionary because of the lack of a suitable man who would be available, and also because of lack of missionary funds wherewith to support a man in the field

The Ohio Conference was next to hold its session, which occurred May 12, 1858, in the Salem Church, Marion County, Ohio. The following action was taken: "Resolved, That we locate two missions in the West, one in Kansas, and one in North-west Missouri. Further, Resolved, That it be made the duty of each preacher to collect as much as possible on his field of labor for these missions." M. J. Miller was sent to Kansas, and Philip Porr to Missouri.

The Pittsburg Conference, which was held March 24, 1858, resolved to locate a mission in Kansas and supply it as soon as they could. This was done in 1866, when J. G. Pfeifer came to the Kansas Conference.

Thus the initial step was taken and the work in Kansas begun. We will follow with intense interest the progress and development of the work through many adversities, hardships and trials. Soon the appointed missionaries assume their duties and move to the far West to take up the work assigned them. In the spring of 1858 the brethren Schreiber and C. Berner turn their faces westward and travel from Illinois through Iowa to Nebraska and Kansas. The following letter, written by J. F. Schreiber at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1858, contains a graphic description of their trip.

J. F. SCHREIBER

*"Dear Bro. Koch:—*The trip which I made with Bro. Berner, missionary to Kansas, was, as may well be expected, connected with hardships, exertion and danger. The Lord, however, who protects his own, was with us on our journey and protected us. Our motto was: 'Forward.' How enchanted we were, after we reached Iowa's last heights from which we could see the Missouri

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valley spread out before us! The scene was romantic and glorious. How inviting the borders of Nebraska welcomed us through the rays of the setting sun!

“Arriving in Council Bluffs, we were received by friends, and we at once began to inquire about the German people. We also held service on Sunday. We found that the Germans were mostly very ungodly. The first place I visited was St. Mary’s, on the Iowa side of the line, which contains about 100 to 125 families. This village is about four or five years old and has never had a religious service in English or German. I visited them three times, but found no reception. Possibly a door may open later.

“On June 28, 1858, I for the first time stepped on Nebraska soil. Nebraska, the great prairie territory, contains some of the best land that can be found; has good water, and a healthy climate. The country along the Missouri River is especially beautiful. It is completely scattered over with Germans. My sphere of activity is quite extended, and I have my designated places for preaching. I could find considerable more to do if the work were not too scattered for me to serve alone.

“My beginning was tolerably hard. Every beginning is hard, especially for a preacher in a new country where he must begin friendless and brotherless. The moral condition of the people is depraved, as well among the Germans as the English. Sin and vice of all kind are at home. The region is like a field of death where Satan is constantly harvesting. A child of God is driven to ask in astonishment, ‘Where will this end?’ Our meetings up to this time have been rather small, for which the fever is, to a great extent, responsible. I am in most instances well received. Almost everywhere I find open doors and friends who receive me, if not royally, yet heartily.

“On the 20th of September I attended a camp-meeting, held by the English Methodists. I felt at once that I was among God’s children. The preachers were of the right type, some of them seemed to be genuine pioneers. The members seemed to be joined together in love. I came among them as a lonely sheep, but I went on my journey feeling strengthened, and rejoiced with the thought in my heart: When shall we, too, be able to hold camp-meeting in Nebraska?”

While Bro. Schreiber labored in Nebraska, his colleagues, Geo. Fleischer and C. Berner, traveled southward into Kansas and found a landing place in Douglas County, in the vicinity of Frank-

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lin, a small town about four miles south-east of Lawrence. Here were located the families of James Epley, F. Eppert and Peter Brecheisen, who had been members of the Evangelical Association in the East. Here they began operations. From this place Bro. Fleischer sent the following correspondence to the *Botschafter* under date of July 4, 1858:

G. FLEISCHER

*"Dear Bro. Koch:—*I hereby inform you that we have at least a small beginning in Kansas. We have a class here at Franklin of eight members. Bro. J. Epley and H. Eggert are the officers. Up to this time I could not devote proper attention to the work. In the first place I had to build a cabin, since there was no building to rent, and rents are high. Small houses, poorly constructed, command from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month. In addition to this the streams were so high that it was difficult to travel. My cabin is now finished, and the weather is favorable so that I shall now apply myself to the work and see what God will do for us.

"It will require courage, determination and self-denial because the devil is loose here in all quarters. It is not advisable to buy a good horse, for it will be stolen. I and my family are well and have courage to carry on the Lord's work in Kansas. I have neither heard nor seen anything of my colleague, Bro. Berner. I suppose he has been detained by high water."

From the foregoing we see that Bro. Fleischer organized the first class in Kansas at Franklin, prior to July 4, 1858, before his colleague, Bro. Berner, had arrived, and before the brethren Miller and Porr of the Ohio Conference started upon their trip west.

We next turn our attention to the missionaries sent by the Ohio Conference, as they assume their labors in the Western territory. The following letter, written by Bro. Miller from his home in Canton, Ohio, will be of interest to the reader. It bears the date of July 10, 1858:

M. J. MILLER

"To the Readers of the Messenger:—

"You have learned that Kansas has of late very much engaged the attention of the church. The Ohio Conference, at her session last week, after due consideration, esteemed Missouri on a level with Kansas, hence resolved to establish a mission in the north-eastern part of Kansas, and one in the north-western part of

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Missouri, which were to be supplied with two preachers, who should extend their labors to both territories, or limit them to either one, wherever, according to their judgment, their labors will meet with the best results.

“Since Bro. Porr and I are appointed missionaries to that vast and promising field of labor, we shall be strangers and pilgrims away from home, separated from our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, not dwelling as before in the amicable tabernacles of our thickly settled eight Conferences, where we might enjoy the presence and assistance of our venerable bishops, presiding elders, and others of the ministry, at quarterly meetings, camp-meetings, and other occasions, we beg an interest in your prayers for us and the mission.

“The brethren missionaries of the Illinois Conference, G. Fleischer and C. Berner, would oblige us very much if they would give us information of their residence in the territory of Kansas, and where they think we of Ohio should land and cast our nets.”

About the time of the foregoing correspondence of Brother Miller, while he was in the act of preparing to enter upon his duties as missionary to Kansas, a letter appeared in the *Evangelical Messenger*, written by Mrs. Sarah Packard of Humboldt, Kansas, bearing the date of June 19, 1858, in which she made an earnest appeal for missionaries in Kansas, and more particularly at the place of her residence. The letter reads as follows:

MRS. SARAH PACKARD

“*Dear Editor*:—As nothing has yet appeared from this place I myself will attempt to write. This is a beautiful country. There are different kinds of land, the high, the middle, and the low, or prairie. A richer soil cannot be found anywhere, and the climate, as far as I know is healthy. When we came here last fall there were but a few small huts put up, but there are now 15 houses, 4 stores, 2 saw-mills, and one grist-mill. There are ever so many more houses to be built as soon as the workmen can find time to put them up. The town company gives lots to all who put up houses on them, and there are 250 lots yet to be given away among such as will improve them. The stage is to run regularly from Lawrence to this place and back by July 1st, and the railroad company is making preparations for a railroad to run north and south, making a station here. We have all the most necessary conveniences to supply our temporal wants, but that one thing..

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the most needful of all. The all-important requisite to make us happy and contented is still wanting. *We are in great need of our Evangelical ministers.*

“The people are gathering in here from nearly all nations, but about one-third of them are Germans, and these have never since they are here (and some of them have been here a year) heard a gospel sermon preached, simply because they have had no opportunity. I trust, however, this may not be the case much longer. There are quite a number of members here of other denominations, and a great many have warm feelings for our church, caused by reading the *Messenger*. This paper is sometimes entirely worn out by being handled.

“The inquiry here is, ‘What does the *Messenger* say about sending preachers here?’ When they read or are told what has been done they say, ‘If they would only come now!’ Let not the cry of sheep here be much longer heard for shepherds to come and feed their hungry souls with the plain gospel truth.”

Surely the field was white to harvest, but no laborers to go forth into the field to garner the sheaves. How sad to hear those plaintive appeals and the church not able to respond by sending many workers. We must wait a while longer and continue in supplication till help comes.

August 12, 1858, the first letter from Bro. Miller appeared in the *Messenger* after he had reached his field of labor at Leavenworth, Kansas. We quote the following:

M. J. MILLER

“*Dear Bro. Clewell*:—I am happy to inform you and the readers of the *Messenger* that I am now in the territory of Kansas. Taking the cars at Canton, Ohio, Monday morning, Aug. 3, 1858, I arrived at Leavenworth at 10:00 on the evening of Aug. 9, being on the way eight days. While on the Missouri River we were in great danger. Our boat ran on a snag which broke a large hole through the floor in the aisle between the barber-shop and the cabin. A terrible alarm was created among the passengers, women and children, crying out, ‘What is the matter? Has the boiler bursted?’ All this took place at a time when dancing and card-playing were going on in full sway. Twice also the boat was grounded in the middle of the stream, and we were delayed for 18 to 20 hours. It was a tedious trip, with a troop of wicked men and women around us.

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“The first night in Leavenworth I lodged in a boarding-house with a man who came from New York. The next morning I took a walk through the city. The first German I met told me there were 3,000 Germans in the city. I succeeded in finding Brother Ettinger, who lives about four miles from the city, and in his home I am writing this letter. They live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country and received and entertained me in the best possible manner. They take the *Evangelical Messenger*, and you cannot imagine how happy I was upon finding such a family here, and meet with the *Messenger*, too.

“In Leavenworth I found three members of our church and others who have been such, but profess no worthiness of being such now. I may succeed in getting a preaching place there, though it is doubtful. The city has a population of 10,000. The buildings are nearly all new, most of them having been put up within the last two years. If my health is spared I shall travel south-west next week to Lawrence and Franklin, and try and meet Brother Fleischer. Of Brother Porr, my colleague. I have heard nothing. He left Ohio five weeks before I did, and intended to meet me in Leavenworth. Where he is I do not know.”

Bro. Miller left his family in Ohio with relatives, because of the politically disturbed condition in Kansas at the time, and made the trip alone. He writes that “Kansas needs not only a free constitution to liberate her slaves, but a free gospel to liberate her sinners.”

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In a later correspondence, Sept. 15, 1858, Brother Miller again writes:

“*Dear Editor*:—I am, as you know, in Kansas, and I hope the *Messenger* will keep its columns supplied with Kansas missionary matter. Its readers must also be reminded of the expense of the Kansas and Missouri missionaries. Provision there is none raised yet in the territory of any account, and the river has fallen so that no boats come up from St. Louis, and the crops having failed in Missouri, causes the prices to rise here, which will continue, no doubt, to the close of the year.

“With regard to my missionary labors, I have nothing very encouraging to write yet. I made out to get a school-house to preach in, and preached to a small number of 10 or 13 hearers on the morning of Sept. 5. In the afternoon we held a good little

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prayer-meeting, which was the first Evangelical prayer-meeting held in the city.

“I will continue to preach here, though the school-house is too far at one end of the city to get the people out. The Methodist Church, South, I could have to preach in, but at an unfavorable hour on the Sabbath. I have also preached twice in the German Methodist Church, which was dedicated three weeks ago. I have made visits to the west, north, and south, but have discovered no encouraging prospects. Twelve miles west, in the vicinity of Easton, I met a thickly settled neighborhood, but the people are Catholics and skeptical Lutherans, who will have neither preacher nor priest. Seven miles north of this city is the town of Kickapoo. The English people there have a preacher, and the few Germans want none. They have plenty of lager beer.

“In Kansas City I found a great many Germans, and no German preachers among them, but a Catholic priest. In this city I have the promise of a large hall to preach in, and will go there in a few weeks and make arrangements to preach on a Sabbath. I also left an appointment at Wiener, a town on the Missouri River, eight miles south of this city, which will, however, I have heard, fall through, because the house which was expected cannot be had. I made a visit also to Franklin and Lawrence to see Brother Fleischer, but he was away to Humboldt, so I did not see him. His family is quite well and in good spirits to live for Christ’s cause in Kansas. They told me that Bro. Fleischer, too, was well and laboring with courage to promote God’s Kingdom. He had at that time a few appointments for regular preaching. He has a fine field of labor, in the paradise of Kansas, but *he* lives in a cabin, indeed, as he says: ‘The red men might shoot through it and not make a hole in it.’

“The country between Leavenworth and Lawrence, a distance of 35 miles, is all settled by Indians yet I am told, however, that they will soon sell out. Missionary operations in the country are a very difficult and discouraging enterprise here, because the few settlers that are in the territory are so scattered that you cannot get them together if you would for service. Then, also, they are so wild and degraded that they do not desire the gospel. It appears that all the lovers of strife, and wars, and bloodshed, of all the states emigrated here to this territory, or else they became so since they are here.”

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The foregoing communication of Brother Miller was written soon after he arrived in Kansas, and indicates his early impression of the territory and her people, who certainly needed the transforming power and influence of the gospel, whether they desired it or not.

The hardships and privations of those sturdy pioneer missionaries, and the courage and fortitude with which they met and endured them, certainly entitles them to a place in the Roll of Honor of the Heroes of the Cross. Many of their severe trials are not recorded here below, but rather in the book of God's remembrance, who will repay his faithful servants for what they have done. Here and there the curtain is lifted sufficiently for us to catch a glimpse of the scenes on the stage of their activity, as the following thrilling letter from G. Fleischer, who at the time was living at Franklin, shows. This letter was dated Oct. 30, 1858, and appeared in the *Christliche Botschafter*.

G. FLEISCHER

"Dear Brother Koch:—

"Both Bro. Berner and I have had a pretty gloomy year up to this time. Brother Berner could hardly reach his destination on account of high water and bad roads. His horse also got lame, and he had to wait a long time on the road. As soon as I arrived here and got my things in order I purchased an Indian pony, because I did not have enough money to buy a better horse, and started on a trip south, but was compelled to return on account of swollen streams. As soon as possible, then, I made a trip to Humboldt, about 90 miles from here, where I found one member, Sister Packard, who heartily rejoiced when she learned that I was a preacher of the Evangelical Association.

"There are many Germans here who are desirous for the Word of God. I could not preach to them, however, because it rained heavily on Sunday, and most of the German people live in the country. I left an appointment for three weeks later, but could not fill it at the appointed time because as soon as I returned home I contracted the climatic fever, which developed into typhoid. This sickness, with the medicine I took, prostrated me so that I have not yet recovered. As soon as possible I hitched my pony to an old buggy which my neighbor loaned me for the occasion, and started for Humboldt. The first night I had to sleep on the prairie because I missed the right road. I would not have

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minded that so much if I had been well, and the mosquitoes had not swarmed around me by the thousands, and the wolves had not howled so terribly, for when I opened my satchel I found that my thoughtful wife had carefully wrapped up a nice piece of meat and some bread so that I need not starve. I was afraid the night air would bring back my fever, and also the wolves might attack my little pony. I had nothing with me to defend myself except an old stone mason hammer which I was carrying for another brother. After placing the hammer where I could conveniently get it, and having provided for my pony, I put on my overcoat and doubled up in the buggy, fighting mosquitoes till 2:00 o'clock in the morning, when I fell asleep and rested till daylight. I then continued my journey to Humboldt where I remained over two Sundays. The first Sunday there were 12 to 14 Germans present, and we had a good meeting. The second Sunday there were about 20 persons present. The people seemed touched and tears flowed freely.

"Most of the people came to me after the service and expressed their joy because they had the opportunity of hearing a German sermon. The prospect for God's work is good here. I had intended to move here, but when I returned home I found my two children sick with the fever, and later my wife took it also. We had to abandon the idea of moving to Humboldt.

"During my sickness my colleague, Brother Berner, made a trip west to near Fort Riley, where he found a large settlement of Germans, who, as it appears, border on brutality itself. The dear brother had a hard time of it. On his trip there he got the fever and had to sleep on the prairie all night, having nothing to eat from morning till the next day at noon, when he received a little corn bread and milk. He then got a high fever, lay up stairs in a house on a little straw where he almost perished, with no one to minister to him. Though he earnestly plead for a little water to drink, no one seemed humane enough to respond to his appeal, and he had to wait till he was able to arise and get a drink for himself. He had an appointment for Sunday, but got the fever again and could not preach, but started home in this wretched condition, and again spent the night on the prairie. Receiving another attack of the fever, he got lost on the prairie, and became unconscious. When he regained consciousness he was completely exhausted, and knew not where to go. He says he resigned himself to his fate and let the pony walk whither it would. Led by

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the hand of Providence, the pony walked to a beautiful spring of water, where Brother Berner slaked his thirst and was refreshed, after which he felt some better, so that he could think and perceive in what direction he must go.

“At last he came to a house where he had been before. The people received him gladly, and ministered to him kindly until he could continue his journey to Brother Eggert’s, where he had his home. We have much to pass through, but, thank God, we have courage and are hopeful.”

The home alluded to in the foregoing was located near Wabaunsee, and the inhuman wretch was expecting Brother Berner to die, in which event he would take possession of his beautiful horse, which he coveted.

In January, 1859, the brethren Fleischer and Berner reported that they were traveling over 8 to 10 counties, and were able to fill their appointments only every three to four weeks. They reported many open doors and many appeals for preaching, which they must ignore because their hands were full of work. They pled for more men, for young men who are willing to go where God and the church needs them.

Philip Porr, who came to Missouri in the spring of 1858, for the first time sends a report of his labors to the *Botschafter* in the following brief communication which appeared December, 1858:

PHILIP PORR

“Dear Bro. Koch:—

“My long journey overland from Ohio to Missouri was safely made, although the roads were bad at places. I should be glad to submit a better report concerning the progress of the work, but the husbandman must plow and sow in hope. There are a good many Germans on the Missouri side of the river. The most of them are unconverted. Unbelief and intemperance has degraded the people. I have found a few families who were formerly members of the Evangelical Association who have received me very kindly.”

The members referred to in the foregoing communication were the brothers Henry, Jacob and Daniel Kunkel, of Oregon, Mo., who had moved there from the East. Bro. Porr was sent to north-western Missouri by the Ohio Conference, with the privilege of laboring where he found the most promising openings.

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Consequently he did not confine his labors to Holt, Buchanan and Andrew Counties, Mo., but crossed the Missouri River, and preached in the vicinity of Hiawatha and Four Miles, near where Bern, Kansas, is now located.

During the summer of 1858 a family by the name of J. A. Schmidt, accompanied by Wolfgang Frohmader, moved from Fond du Lac, Wis., and settled six miles west of Holton, Jackson Co., Kans. Reading in the *Botschafter* that a missionary was located at Franklin, Kans., Brother Schmidt at once wrote to Brother Berner and asked him to visit them. In less than eight days Bro. Berner arrived. Great was the joy in meeting a preacher. After gathering together all the Germans in the community, Brother Berner preached for them on the text, Acts 10: 33: "Now therefore we are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Bro. Berner could not visit them often because of the distance and abundance of work, and Brother Porr later served the appointment.

The Conference year 1858-1859 is rapidly drawing to a close. The missionaries made many experiences, some joyful, some not so joyful. It was a year of breaking of virgin soil, and the sowing of gospel seed. There were not many visible results, and yet the small band of pioneers labored on undaunted, although some of them endured a great deal of sickness which hindered them in their activities. One of them, who was quite a writer, says: "All desire to write leaves a man when he is afflicted with the ague and fever." Brother M. J. Miller writes, Feb. 12, 1859, just before the spring Conferences were held, as follows in the *Botschafter*:

M. J. MILLER

"When I first came to Leavenworth and saw the sad condition of the people in reference to religion, and at the same time the gloomy prospect of carrying on the work with success, I shed tears over the situation. The prospect has since changed for the better, and God has added his blessings to the work. My faith and courage that God will gather societies here have been strengthened.

"I have at present three appointments, and one Sunday-school. The first appointment, in Leavenworth, is of great importance. Although the congregation consists of only 8 to 15 persons, we have a class of seven members, and our Sunday-school has

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increased from 8 to 17 scholars in three Sundays. For preaching and Sunday-school we have a school-house at the corner of Delaware and 3rd Street, for which we pay \$1.50 per Sunday. This is the best we can do. Rents are high.

“Leavenworth is the principal city in the West. We should have a church here. What will the brethren in the East give for the first church in Kansas?”

“Atchison, the next town to Leavenworth, lies 25 miles up the river. There are many Germans there, and I am informed there has been no German preacher there yet. That is my second appointment.

“My third appointment is Monrovia, 30 miles north-west of here, in Atchison County. Three former members of the Evangelical Association live there, namely, the brethren Hartman, Eperly and Blank, who moved there from Illinois. This point is not of great importance. The English Methodists are there, and the people can all understand English.

“I intend to take up three more appointments—Sommers, Grasshopper and Falls. Traveling over the wide prairie is often difficult and lonesome. Frequently one mires in the mud, and gets confused, and lost by the many branches of the road. We should do more for Kansas. Twenty preachers could find plenty to do. Before long we will have the ninth—Kansas Conference.”

This hopeful confidence was expressed at a time when there were but four preachers in Kansas and Missouri.

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The following appointments were made at the Illinois Conference for the Iowa District in the spring of 1859:

Wm. Strasberger, P. E.

Grandview, R. Dubs.	Independence, Wm. Kolb.
North Bend, J. W. Mohr.	Waterloo, H. Kleinsorge.
Marion, John Schneider.	Greencastle, John Miller, Jr., and sup-
Muscatine, Jacob Keiper.	ply.
Maquoketa and Dubuque, John Kurtz	Nebraska Mission, J. F. Schreiber.
and E. Freden.	Kansas Mission, C. Berner.

It might be observed that at this session of the Illinois Conference, G. Fleischer accepted an appointment on Rock Run Circuit, Stephenson Co., Illinois, thus reducing the number of missionaries in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to four, instead of five as the previous year. The brethren Miller and Porr, who still were

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members of the Ohio Conference, continued in the work the same as last year.

Not many reports were received from the missionaries during the year 1859-1860, however, the brethren were pushing the work energetically like the year before. The work was gradually being organized, and the principal points strengthened. Concerning the work of the year, Brother Berner writes near the close of the Conference year, on April 14, 1860, as follows:

C. BERNER

“Dear Brother Koch:—

“I feel constrained to write a brief report of the work in Kansas. With inward fears I assumed the work nearly two years ago. Being a stranger everywhere, I began in the name of the Lord to find preaching places, and then to preach, even though it was in weakness, trusting God to bless the seed sown. To his glory I can say, the Lord was with us, and especially in the last Conference year.

“During the winter I held a number of meetings of several days’ duration, which were crowned with success and blessings. The first was held at Two Way Creek, 12 miles south of Franklin, where we formed a class last year (1859) with 14 members, nearly all new converts. We held two meetings at Deer Creek, 12 miles west of Franklin. Herè was, until recently, a very dark community, where no one seemed to know anything about conversion. One brother remarked in his testimony: ‘When I came here there was nothing but robbing, murdering, drinking, card-playing, stealing, swearing, and sinful abominations. Thank God, it is different now.’ We now have a class there with 18 members. Oh, how happy those dear people are because of the work God has done for them! Oh, what blessed seasons we enjoyed! Hallelujah! God has done great things for us. To him be all the glory.

“We also held a meeting in Franklin of 14 days’ duration, to which we invited the brethren and sisters of the other appointments. Friday, when the meeting was to begin, was a stormy day, and threatened rain. I thought, now the friends cannot come from the other appointments, but, thank God, on Saturday the weather was beautiful, and the friends gathered from all directions to enjoy the blessings at Franklin.

“Oh, what a blessed time we enjoyed! God’s children were revived and sinners were saved. On Sunday we baptized two

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adults, and about 40 German communicants gathered at the Lord's table to partake of the Sacrament. In the afternoon we held a testimony-meeting. Oh, what we were permitted to hear, see, and feel! One sister cried out: 'Hallelujah, that God sent German preachers to Kansas.' A brother who was recently converted, said: 'To go 100 miles to attend such a meeting would not be too far.' Eight persons united with the church, and now we have 16 members at this place.

"The fourth class is located 10 miles east of Franklin and consists of 7 members.¹

"The fifth class was organized by Brother Porr at an appointment at Holton, which I recently turned over to him.

"A sixth appointment can be organized 80 miles south of Franklin,² where the friends hold prayer-meeting regularly. I might add much more, but my correspondence is too long already."

In January, 1860, M. J. Miller gives a brief resume of the work in the *Botschafter* as follows:

M. J. MILLER

"Brother Porr was well when here four weeks ago. It is cold and dry at present. Times are hard, labor and money scarce. The poor classes are suffering. How many people there are here who possess nothing but uncultivated land, a cold house, poor clothes to wear, and corn bread to eat. In many instances one cannot keep warm in bed because of lack of bedding. The worst of all is the worldly-mindedness, and the political quarreling. I know of no religious revival in all the land, and I am acquainted extensively. We hope times will change soon. We hope the Wyandotte constitution, adopted at the recent election, will be ratified by Congress, and Kansas admitted as a free state into the Union, and then things will quiet down.

"I am preaching here in town.³ We cannot rent a building for less than \$20.00 to \$40.00 per month, and we cannot afford that. If we had a church we might expect to do well, for when we had the use of the first building our Sunday-school numbered from 30 to 40 scholars. At my country appointments I have from 15 to 40 in attendance, which is as well as can be expected in a radius of from 6 to 12 miles, and that is called a big settlement.

¹This point was later called Captain's Creek and still later Clearfield.

²Humboldt, Kansas.

³Leavenworth.

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"In Monrovia, where I preach, there are 20 to 25 families in the town. Of these about one-third are German. Up to this time I can report no conversions at any of my appointments. I have attentive hearers whose hearts have been touched, but they prefer to remain as they are, it seems. In all I have seven members on my charge. Several have moved away.

"Brother Porr is now in Western Kansas, and has four¹ appointments according to his report when he was here. Brother Berner has many appointments. He has taken up the best German region in Kansas. He also has quite a few members from the East who are very helpful to him. Oh, if we only had more old members scattered here they would be a great help to us in gaining entrance and building up. We still have courage."

The Conference year of 1859-1860 had now drawn to a close, and while the visible success was not so great, still there was substantial progress made, and the mission work in Kansas was established more firmly. Some conversions had taken place, especially were the results at Franklin very gratifying.

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In the month of April, 1860, the Illinois Conference met at Plainfield, on which occasion the Iowa Conference was organized pursuant to the action of General Conference held the previous year. All mission work of the Evangelical Association west of the Mississippi River was formed into the Iowa Conference. This embraced all the work in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The brethren Miller and Porr received their credentials from the Ohio Conference one month later, May, 1860, and united with the Iowa Conference.

The new Conference was arranged in two districts, and the preachers stationed as follows:

<i>Iowa District</i> —S. Dickover, P. E. Grandview, J. F. Schreiber. Maquoketa and Dubuque, J. Himmel and W. Uber. Independence, W. Kolb and C. Tim- mer. Waterloo, H. Hintze. Muscatine, J. Keiper.	<i>Kansas District</i> —L. Eberhardt, P. E. Greencastle (Iowa), Chas. Tobias. Fort Des Moines (Iowa), A. Strohm- eier. Nebraska (Neb.), H. Kleinsorge. Franklin (Kans.), C. Berner. Humboldt, (Kansas), R. Dubs.
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¹Holton, Hiawatha, Four Mile and St. George.

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The brethren M. J. Miller and P. Porr, having not yet united with the new Conference, because the Ohio Conference did not meet till the month of May, the Iowa Conference did not assign these two brethren to fields of labor; however, M. J. Miller continued his activities at Leavenworth, and Philip Porr seems to have served Holton Mission.

R. DUBS

The work for the new year was taken up by the brethren with courage and enthusiasm. R. Dubs, the newly appointed missionary to Kansas, made his trip from Northern Illinois to Southern Kansas with horse and buggy. He describes his trip as follows:

"I traveled from Northern Illinois to Southern Kansas with horse and buggy through South-eastern Iowa and Missouri. At that time Missouri was a slave state, and in a condition of high excitement. The outbreak of the Civil War was at hand. I could relate many exciting adventures of my trip through Missouri. Not far from Leavenworth I crossed the Missouri River, from there I traveled through the Delaware Indian Reservation, then the Fox and Sac, and, later, the Ottawa Reservation. From the chief of the latter tribe I received great courtesy and hospitality.

"I finally reached Humboldt, where we had only seven members: as far as I could learn there were no others in this part of South-eastern Kansas. These were Rudolph Orth and family, with whom I was acquainted in Germany, Brother Ernst, a single man, and Brother Lintner and his two sisters. Before the news reached them through the church papers that a Humboldt mission was formed, I was with them.

"My salary for that year amounted to \$125.00, besides traveling expenses, but no allowance was made for board or horse feed.

"My presiding elder could not visit the work in Kansas the first year on account of circumstances, but came the second year as far as Leavenworth, and held several Quarterly Conferences, but again failed to reach Humboldt. One of these Conferences licensed F. Delfelder to preach, who was the first preacher to receive license in Kansas."

The year 1860 was an eventful year in the history of Kansas as well as the Kansas Conference. This year is known as the



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great "Famine Year" in Kansas. A severe drought had visited the entire territory, causing intense suffering. Streams dried up so that there was no flowing water, the earth was so parched that all vegetation died, and absolute destitution reigned far and near.

R. Dubs reports that the Neosho River at Humboldt contained water only in the deepest holes in the bed of the river. Man and beast suffered intensely until relief came. His horse became so emaciated and weak that he had to assist the poor animal to its feet.

Food was scarce, so that corn-bread and milk was a dainty. He had only six members on his work, but hearing of another family he tried repeatedly to find them, but in vain. This family, named Ott, had moved from Des Plaines, Ill., and settled on the upper Verdegris River, where they had pre-empted a beautiful homestead. We will let Brother Dubs relate this episode in his own words:

"I will never forget when one evening, from an elevation, I saw in the distance a log-house with smoke curling out of the chimney. My heart beat with joy, for to lodge again on the prairie for the night, with an empty stomach, was not so desirable. As I approached the house, Father and Mother Ott and the children came to the door and stood before my horse. I remained in the saddle while father Ott removed his stocking-cap from his head and, pleasantly looking me in the face, said: 'Who are you?' I replied: 'Guess who I am.' The oldest daughter, a young lady who had worked in Burlingame, 30 miles from where they lived, remarked: 'Oh, you are Mr. Davis from Burlingame.' 'No,' I replied, 'try again.' But they could not imagine who the stranger might be, when I said: 'I am Brother Dubs.' Upon this Father Ott threw his arms around the neck of my horse and wept for joy. His wife also wept, while the children did not know what to think about the event. For two years those aged people had not enjoyed the privilege of speaking German to any one outside of their own family, and they were not able to speak the English language.

"I remained with them several days. We held all-day meetings, and although my congregation consisted of only one family, it was a delight to preach to them."

During the severe famine R. Dubs and other missionaries made frequent appeals through our church papers for aid. These

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appeals met with ready response, and a great deal of aid was sent to Brother Dubs for distribution among the needy. He was over three hundred miles from any railroad; however, he had no difficulty in getting the provisions hauled, since he would pay them for their services with supplies. He writes that several miles from Humboldt he had a log-cabin which he used for a supply-house, from which he made systematic distributions twice a week.

Brother Dubs also received considerable cash which he applied where it was needed and would in his judgment do the most good. There being a great many able-bodied men who if given a chance could and would work in return for what they received, the pastor conceived the idea of building a church, with labor in exchange for provisions and clothing which he distributed.

The city council gladly gave him several lots, and a Mr. Thurston, an attorney at Humboldt, who owned a large amount of timber and a saw-mill, offered him all the logs he needed gratis, with only sufficient amount of pay to cover the expense of sawing the logs into lumber. Stone-masons and carpenters who were being supported by him from the charity fund were given employment, and before the Conference year came to a close the church-building was enclosed, but not finished.

At this time there were no members living in Humboldt. This was the first church-building in the Kansas Conference, and is still in use (1914). During the war the building was captured by the Rebels, and was held by them for a short time, when the Union troops dislodged them and made it their headquarters.

August 12, 1860, Brother M. J. Miller again furnished a report for the *Botschafter* as follows:

M. J. MILLER

“R. Dubs reports in a letter I became very sick with the fever and cannot get rid of it. I have four appointments, but cannot serve them because I am too sick. I cannot even visit Brother Berner. I will submit to my lot as best I can. It is much drier here than at your place. It is distressing. There is no corn here. Not even grass. I never saw anything like this.

“From Brother Berner I have heard, that he, too, suffers much with fever this summer.

“Brother Porr is well according to the latest accounts. There is a physical and spiritual drought all over Kansas. The drought and the financial stringency block business, and affect labor. To

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this is added the politically restless condition. All of these things affect the progress of the Lord's cause.

"In September we will have Brother Eberhardt, our presiding elder, with us. How we long to see the dear brother again. For the first time he is coming to Kansas, and we shall be privileged to hold counsel with a presiding elder."

With these reports the year 1860 draws to a close with the war-clouds hanging thick and heavy over the country, leaving their baneful effect also upon the work of the missionaries.

The year 1861 opens with several correspondences from the missionaries on the field, from which we append the following extracts.

R. DUBS

The first is from a letter written by R. Dubs, stationed at Humboldt, which he sent to the *Evangelical Messenger*, under date of Jan. 17, 1861, in which he writes:

"It may not be unwelcome to the readers of the *Messenger* to hear further of the distress in Kansas, as also concerning the manner and extent of relief that has already been offered. In the first place I wish to return my sincere thanks to those who have so nobly responded with their contributions to my appeal. I am requested to return thanks, a thousand thanks, in the name of the sufferers who received them, for the Christian sympathy in our need, with the assurance that we shall earnestly implore our heavenly Father to bless each contributor in soul and body. If only the givers could see the joy of the starving people when I mentioned to them the receipt of various contributions. Weeping for joy re-echoes in the cabins of the poor, for the Lord does indeed send us relief."

M. J. MILLER

The following is taken from a letter written by M. J. Miller, missionary at Leavenworth, Kansas, March 7, 1861, for the *Evangelical Messenger*:

"Yesterday the cannon were fired merrily for joy on the reception of the telegraphic news from Washington that Kansas was admitted as a free state into the Union. Thank God for the hard-fought and long-sought-for admission. Kansas now looks for a better state of things, both in the political and moral condition of the country.

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“Many political devils are now being put away. I believe religion will soon prosper more readily than ever before in Kansas. I now have six appointments besides Leavenworth, where I have all the attendance that can be expected. Many in the country are destitute of clothing so they cannot attend church. It is not prudent for us missionaries to remain out among the people longer than just to fill our appointments unless we can take a contribution with us to help the needy. Provisions and feed are so scarce that people are burdened with cares as to what they shall eat and wear.

“Our presiding elder has not been with us yet, and it is doubtful whether he will come this year. He writes to me that he is unwell. Oh, I hope and pray to God that he may get well and come to visit us and inspect the work in Kansas. We want one of the higher officials to speak from experience about Kansas at our session of Conference next May. Now we want a separate presiding elder district in Kansas for next year. There is work enough for a presiding elder here. The whole state of Kansas lies open for him to travel, spy out the country, visit and preach. We must have something more and better in our arrangement and operation out here to encourage and aid the good and extensive work begun.”

Under date of March 12, 1861, M. J. Miller again writes:

“*Dear Brother Hammer*:—I received two drafts from you last week for \$64.00 to distribute among the needy. I bought a load of flour and meal for the needy in the small town of Delaware and vicinity. I preached in said town last Sabbath and was requested with tears by the suffering members there to tender their thanks to the contributors in the East. Springlike weather is now here for several days.”

L. EBERHART

The following extracts are taken from a letter written by the presiding elder, L. Eberhart, from Leavenworth, Kansas, to the *Evangelical Messenger*, April 8, 1861. This was the first time a presiding elder visited the mission work in Kansas, and vividly points out the impressions he received. He writes as follows:

“*Dear Editor*:—I am now, and have been for several weeks, in ‘suffering Kansas.’ The far-famed dramatic country of modern history, the country which has of late elicited such a warm and general support from our friends in the interior and Eastern

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States. Many thanks are due them for the truly Christian spirit which they have manifested.

“I arrived in Leavenworth on the 26th of March on the ‘Spread Eagle’ (on the Missouri River) from Omaha, a distance of 300 miles, by water. I found Brother Miller and family in good health, and preached on the same evening to quite a respectable little congregation. It is highly necessary for our church to take immediate steps in building a house of worship for our young society here.

“This city is the great depot of Kansas; it is to Kansas what Philadelphia is to Pennsylvania. Now is perhaps the most favorable time for such a step, as lots, material, and labor are cheap. The day I arrived here it was cold, and snow was falling, but the weather soon changed. You can hardly believe how the people are rejoicing now over the recent abundant showers of rain which have fallen. The country is beginning to look up and the people are getting calm; they are living in expectation of a rich crop this year. Much wheat has been sown, and everything is coming on fine and wears a life-like face.

“I met many friends during my short stay in Kansas, and was not a little rejoiced to enjoy the company of the brethren missionaries M. J. Miller, C. Berner, and R. Dubs. Sorry that circumstances were such that I did not get to see Brother Porr. He however is well. The missionaries have been under rather trying circumstances, but still they are standing to their posts. There is a wide field open in Kansas for missionary work, and, if possible, we should take up several new missions and form the work into a separate presiding elder district. As it is now, comprising parts of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas, the district being in length over 600 miles, and in width 200 miles, reaching north nearly to Dakota Territory, it might almost be called the endless district.”

M. J. MILLER

Near the close of the Conference year, Brother M. J. Miller sent the following report of his mission to Rev. R. Yeakel from Leavenworth, Kansas, under date of April 24, 1861:

“*Dear Bro. Yeakel*:—I will herewith submit my last report of this mission for this year, and, perhaps, my last one for the country. In general, conditions have become more favorable to the missionary cause in Kansas. The political affairs have been quite

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settled, and everything moves along harmoniously. I have ten appointments for preaching. Four of them English, and six German. In general, the attendance and attention to the Word is very good. Better than I have witnessed on older circuits in the East. I held two protracted meetings. One in the city, partly in Market Hall, and partly in an old house out in the suburbs of the city. The membership was greatly revived, and six prominent persons connected themselves with the church. Five of them heads of respectable families. Oh, how soul-cheering it is to see the sowing of almost three years spring up into promising fruit for eternity. God prosper the little flock at Leavenworth."

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The first session of the Iowa Conference was held at Grandview, Iowa, May 29, 1861, with Bishop W. W. Orwig as chairman. At this session Joseph Rasskopf received his ordination as deacon and C. Berner his ordination as elder.

The matter of building a church at Leavenworth met the approval of Conference, and confidence in the membership of the church at large was expressed to the effect that they would aid the project in a similar way in which they rendered assistance to the famine-stricken people in the West the previous year. In this respect they were not disappointed, for many contributions were given by friends in the East to build the first Evangelical church in Leavenworth in response to appeals made through the church papers, as well as through private letters and solicitations of the pastor and presiding elder. The church was successfully erected during the Conference year, and became an important factor in the development of missionary activities in and around Leavenworth.

The Iowa Conference at this time also ordered that the presiding elder of Kansas District shall be considered a missionary; this meant, that while there was not sufficient work to engage his entire time in superintending the various appointments, he might take charge of a work, or take up new missionary territory.

L. Eberhardt, who had served as presiding elder, and once visited the works in Kansas, resigned his office, and M. J. Miller was elected in his place and assigned to Kansas District.

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The following appointments were supplied by the Iowa Conference at her first session, and since it comprises the work in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, and concerns the missionaries sent to that territory, we give the appointments in full:

<i>Iowa District</i> — <i>S. Dickover, P. E.</i>	New Ulm, C. Lahr and A. Nierens.
Grandview, J. F. Schreiber.	Blue Earth, John Schmidt.
Muscataine and Davenport, C. Berner.	Le Sueur, H. E. Linse.
North Bend, Wm. Kolb.	Cannon River, G. von Eschen.
Marion, Jacob Keiper.	Preston, John Hammetter and L. Se- der.
Green Castle and Des Moines, Joseph Bossert.	Winona, Wm. Stegner.
Cedar Falls, H. Hintze and C. Tim- mer.	Buffalo, L. von Wald and Chr. Brill.
Maquoketa and Independence, D. N. Lang and C. Sanders.	
Dubuque, H. Lageschulte.	<i>Kansas District</i> — <i>M. J. Miller, P. E.</i>
<i>Minnesota District</i> — <i>Israel Kuter, P. E.</i>	Leavenworth, R. Dubs.
St. Paul and Crow River, A. Ragatz and Fred Emde.	Lawrence and Humboldt, J. Rasskopf and Fred Berner.
	Holton, Wm. Uber.
	Council Bluffs, Henry Kleinsorge.

Rev. F. Berner, who was assigned to Lawrence and Humboldt, with J. Rasskopf, received license to preach on probation, and served his first year in the ministry in Kansas. In the Conference proceedings no mention is made of Philip Porr, who labored in Kansas and Missouri, as one of the first missionaries sent to the West by the Ohio Conference in 1858. A remarkable feature in connection with the appointments at this time is the fact that all but one of the original missionaries to Kansas were transferred to other points outside of Kansas and Missouri, or had retired from the West altogether.

The year 1861 was crowded with events incident to the beginning of the Civil War. Business was at a standstill, and progress along all lines of enterprise impeded. The minds of the people were wrought up to a high state of excitement, while everything was in a condition of uncertainty and fear. The war-clouds had gathered and were ready to break with fury upon the nation, which for a long time had been troubled with dissension and disturbance.

Although the mission work was hindered, yet the missionaries—like heroes—remained upon their post of duty in spite of discouragement and danger. Our people, as well as the preachers, were in danger of loss of property and life. Indeed some of them were victims of the notorious bushwhackers who murdered them in cold blood and robbed them of their possessions.

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M. J. MILLER

The following communication was sent to the *Botschafter* by M. J. Miller, Sept. 21, 1861:

“*Dear Bro. Koch:—*

“The war is now just 150 miles from our door (referring to Leavenworth, where he resided.—Ed.). Many have gone to the war, others are left behind in great anxiety. Kansas feels the shock. Yet the work of the Lord is moving along better than we feared.

“We have held two camp-meetings. One at Holton and the other on Lawrence Mission. Each had four tents, 30 members, 5 preachers, with an attendance of about 100 persons. All the ministers of the district were present except Bro. Kleinsorge, who lives 200 miles away. The meetings were good, and several souls were saved. It was refreshing to see the few friends erect their tents of wagon-covers and poles to hold the first camp-meeting in the great, thinly-settled, wild Kansas.

“This was a great refreshing for us preachers who were deprived of these privileges for three years. R. Dubs preached a missionary sermon, and \$65.00 was subscribed for missions, which was good considering the circumstances. In addition to this one brother will give half a cow, and another a steer, all of which is not included in the foregoing amount.”

Of the two camp-meetings alluded to in Brother Miller’s correspondence, the first was held west of Holton, on the land of a man named Meyers, who was a member of the church, and lived near Circleville.

The meeting began Aug. 29, 1861. The preachers present were: M. J. Miller, P. E., R. Dubs from Leavenworth, J. Rasskopf and F. Berner from Lawrence and Humboldt, and W. Uber from Holton. Among the converts at this meeting was the wife of John Stous, who united with the church and became a faithful worker to the time of her death, in 1896. Among the first converts at Holton, the previous year, under the labors of P. Porr and M. J. Miller, were the families of M. Fernkopf, Wm. Strohwig, Weis, Hess and others who held their services at the home of Brother Hess, about four miles west of Holton, until the appointment was moved to town and the services held in the old court-house till the first church was built in 1870.

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In 1861 M. J. Miller held the first communion service at Holton in the home of Andrew Riederer. A Sunday-school was started immediately after the organization of the society in the latter part of 1859, or the beginning of 1860, and was held for a while at the home of a Mr. Woolheater, west of Holton. The school started with an attendance of 15 to 16 children, who met to learn to read German.

This year the church at Leavenworth was built during the pastorate of R. Dubs. The structure was built of brick and was used for many years as a place for worship until replaced by a more modern building in 1912. The first three sessions of the Kansas Conference were held in this building.

The missionaries in Kansas at this time were subject to many severe trials and hardships incident to the Civil War and its baneful effect upon temporal and spiritual conditions.

F. BERNER

The following letter, written by F. Berner from Humboldt, indicates the difficulties and dangers to which the brethren were exposed. The letter was written Nov. 9, 1861, during the first year of Brother Berner's ministry, which was certainly a severe trial of his faith and courage.

"On October 14 I drove from Owl Creek to Humboldt to get my horse shod and have some repair work done on my buggy. Upon learning that I could not get my buggy before the next day I left my baggage in town, borrowed a saddle and rode to the country to make some visits.

"Several hours after leaving town I and the family, with whom I was visiting, heard a noise in the direction of town, 2½ miles away. It was about 6:00 o'clock in the evening. Shortly after that we learned that the secessionists had invaded the town, 300 or 400 in number, over the resistance of the home guard, and were destroying the city. We could see the smoke and flames ascend, which were reducing the town to ashes. All that I had, except my horse, was in town. My first thought was to save my horse from the marauders by hiding him behind a shock of corn, and then absenting myself some distance I fell upon my knees and prayed God for protection. The night was illumined by the flames of the burning town. We could hear the roaring of the fire and the crashing of the buildings as they succumbed to the raging elements.

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“At 10:30 P. M. the miscreants left the town after they had gratified their destructive lust and had pillaged all they could. They passed by close where I was concealed, and also where my horse was hid, but fortunately did not discover us, for I was praying to God for protection, and he wonderfully saved us all, including the family where I was staying.

“I returned to the destroyed town the next morning, but what a sight! Nearly the whole town lay in ashes and ruin, parents and children were left homeless. One mother carried her little child upon her arms with absolutely no clothing upon its body. Everything was plundered and burned. I stood there perplexed, but not despaired. My possessions were all gone except my horse. No buggy, no harness, no saddle, no money. Part of my clothes which were left in my satchel were gone. I did not know how to proceed on my journey. One consolation yet remained, that was, my Saviour. Our church, and the English church in town, were spared. They wanted to burn the church, but for some reason did not do so.”

The troubled condition of the people and the many discouragements of the ministers undoubtedly account for the limited correspondence during the year. Not much information can be obtained concerning this period beyond the fact that the members were few and scattered, the work abundant, the difficulties numerous, and the discouragements great. Yet those men of faith and perseverance held on and conquered. Today we look back with amazement at their valor and faith in God which finally resulted in victory.

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A glance at the appointments of the Iowa Conference of 1862 gives us anything but an inspiring view of the work in Kansas. We again append the appointments of the Iowa Conference in full, held at Grandview, Iowa, May 8, 1862, with Bishop Jos. Long, chairman:

<i>Iowa District</i> —S. Dickover, P. E.	Maquoketa, A. Strohmeier.
Grand View, J. F. Schreiber.	Muscatine, C. Berner.
North Bend, H. J. Bowman.	Independence, C. Sanders and H. Holdrige.
Marion, H. Hintze.	Green Castle, Jos. Bossert.
Cedar Falls, J. Keiper.	Des Moines, H. Kleinsorge.
Dubuque, H. Lageschulte.	Benton and Lama, D. N. Long.

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Minnesota District, J. Kuter, P. E.	Frontenac, G. von Eschen.
Cannon River, J. Hammetter.	Decoroh, C. Lahr.
Preston, Wm. Stegner.	Painesville, F. Ende.
Buffalo, H. E. Linse.	
Le Sueur, J. Schmitt.	Kansas District—M. J. Miller, P. E.
St. Paul, L. von Wald.	Leavenworth, M. J. Miller.
New Ulm, L. Seder and H. Bunse.	Lawrence and Humboldt, J. Rasskopf.
Crow River, O. Ragatz and A. Ni- rens.	Holton, W. Uber and Chas. Tobias.
Winona, Chris. Brill.	Council Bluffs, F. Berner.

From the appointments we see that the work has rather receded than expanded. The vast territory, which but a few years ago seemed so white unto harvest, and for which the missionaries prayed so earnestly for more laborers, has, in a measure, at least, been deserted. Lawrence and Humboldt have been restricted to but *one* man. The presiding elder has been assigned to a local work, and after four years of missionary activity there are but four missionaries in Kansas and Missouri. All this in spite of the fact that an appeal had been made to the church two years prior for 15 to 20 men. Besides this, only one of the original missionaries to Kansas and Missouri is found in that territory, the rest being sent by the Iowa Conference to points in Iowa and Minnesota, while other men from that Conference were assigned to the appointments in Kansas and Missouri.

R. Dubs was called to Plainfield, Illinois, to take charge of the agency of Plainfield College, thus severing his connection with the Iowa Conference and the mission work in the West. In spite of all these discouragements, and the troubled condition of the country at large, the workers continued their labors faithfully, looking to God for success. The heavenly Father graciously watched over the tender plant in arid soil, and in due time sent refreshing showers to revive and develop the same.

Here the motto of Kansas: "*Ad astra per aspera*," was literally realized through the earnest devotion of the missionaries, the co-operation of the scattered members over the vast territory, and, above all, the blessings of the Most High. The highest mountains of difficulty were scaled, and the banner of the Evangelical Association planted to abide.

M. J. MILLER

During the past year Rev. M. J. Miller, presiding elder, made a trip East, in accordance with a Conference resolution to collect funds for the church-building at Leavenworth. Concerning this

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trip he wrote the following report for the *Evangelical Messenger*, dated Feb. 19, 1862:

"I went east as far as Ohio and Pennsylvania to collect for our Leavenworth church. The preachers were favorable to my cause wherever I came, for which they have my thanks. I had good success in collecting, considering the condition of the country. The whole amount I got subscribed is \$1,677.27, of which amount \$1,300.00 was paid cash. I found the church under roof when I got home, and we have the prospects that we can finish it soon. It is built of brick, 32x45 feet, and has a choice location."

We regret the scarcity of historical material for the year 1862-1863. Evidently the early missionaries were busy *making history*, but did not take time nor pains to write it. In addition to this, we must also remember that they were not seeking the glory of men, but rather the glory of God, and many of them were governed by the principle that the right hand should not know what the left hand does. The idea was foreign to them to speak or write about what they had accomplished or endured, lest it might be construed as self-glory. Today we regret very much, that we are not in possession of the history of their experiences during those years of toil and hardship.

M. J. MILLER

Only one correspondence could be obtained after the Conference session in 1862, and that appeared in the *Evangelical Messenger* of October 11, 1862, from the pen of M. J. Miller, and contains a brief report of the work on his district. He writes as follows:

"*Dear Brother Yeakel*:—Peace be with you and all friends of the mission cause. You will know that at the last session of the Iowa Conference, in addition to the Kansas District, Leavenworth Mission was also assigned to me. This is a large and important field, and because I lived on Leavenworth Mission four years, of which time I served the mission three years, it seemed very hard for me to serve the same in connection with the district, but, thank God, that the dark clouds which were hanging over me last spring have disappeared. To the glory of God we have better times here in Kansas than I ever expected to see during this Conference year.

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“Two camp-meetings have been held on the district during the summer. The first was held on the Holton work. Ten or twelve seekers came forward, and most of them were converted. Upon the first invitation seekers came forward. An old father arose and said: ‘Come, my sons, let’s seek salvation.’ The father, the three sons and the mother were happily converted. There were 6 tents, and 30 members present. About 100 to 200 persons attended the meetings.

“The second camp-meeting was held on Lawrence Mission. At this meeting 8 seekers came forward, and 4 professed conversion. It was a meeting richly blessed of God. There were here also 6 tents, 30 members present, and from 100 to 200 persons in attendance.”

Another correspondence appeared in the *Botschafter* of May 2, 1863, just prior to the Conference session, from the pen of M. J. Miller, presiding elder, in which he gives a further report of the work on his district. He writes as follows:

“*Dear Bro. Yeakel*:—The work of the Lord in Kansas is progressing nicely. We need two or three more ministers on the Kansas District. I hope the Conference at the coming session will be able to appoint two or three additional ministers to Kansas. In regard to support, will say we can support that many more without an increase of missionary appropriation. The people in Kansas support well. All help, whether converted or unconverted. To show what an interest the people generally take in our work, I give you the amount of what some of the appointments paid for the mission cause: Coal Creek, \$42.00; Leavenworth, with 24 members, \$100.00; Holton, with 48 members, \$120.00. Upon the whole, \$3.00 per member.

“I think Kansas District should be organized into a Conference. This state has a great future, and so has our church. Now is the time to push the work. We could accomplish more for the Lord and the church if we were a separate Conference. It is too far for the missionaries in Kansas to go up to Iowa to attend Conference session. It takes time and money to do so. I earnestly plead for the organization of a Kansas Conference.”

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May 7, 1863, the Iowa Conference met at Lisbon, Iowa, where the following appointments were made:

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Iowa District—S. Dickover, P. E.
 Grand View Circuit, H. Lageschulte.
 North Bend Circuit, H. J. Bowman.
 Marion Circuit, J. Bossert.
 Cedar Falls and Ft. Dodge, J. Keiper
 and Ed. Wise.
 Dubuque, A. Strohmeier.
 Maquoketa, C. Sanders.
 Washington, D. N. Long.
 Independence, S. W. McKesson and
 L. H. Gehman.

Minnesota District—J. Kuter, P. E.
 Cannon River, John Hammetter.
 Preston, W. Stegner.
 Buffalo, H. E. Linse.
 St. Paul, L. von Wald.

Le Sueur, John Schmidt.
 Faribault, J. Rasskopf.
 Coon River, C. Brill and E. Baumen.
 Hutchinson, W. Giese.
 Frontenac, G. von Eschen.
 Lansing, C. Lahr.
 Menomonee, F. Ende.
 Winona, W. Giess.

Kansas District—M. J. Miller, P. E.
 Leavenworth, C. Berner.
 Lawrence, J. F. Schreiber.
 Humboldt, to be supplied (P. Fricker),
 Holton, C. Tobias.
 Arago, W. Uber.
 Council Bluffs, Iowa, F. Berner.
 Des Moines, Iowa, H. Kleinsorge.
 Green Castle, H. Holdridge.

C. BERNER

Again there is a break in the historical narrative until late in the summer, when the following correspondence appears in the *Botschafter* from the pen of C. Berner, dated Aug. 1st, 1863:

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

"Dear Brother:—May God's blessings be with you. To the praise of God I can say the good Lord has been with us. Under the protection of God we arrived in Leavenworth safe and in good health. We were kindly received by the dear friends. For two weeks Brother and Sister Henne gave us a home with them. May God reward them for their great kindness.

"We certainly have a great task before us. The mission is important. I feel the great responsibility upon me and our church in this city. The work in Kansas is of great importance for us as a church. The need for the gospel is great. Our aim is to press forward and gain more ground. Yes, press forward as a church clear out to Oregon and California. I ask God's dear children and friends of our work to pray for us. We certainly need your prayers."

Aside from the foregoing communication there is absolute silence concerning the activity of the brethren and the development of the work. How interesting it would be to know more about the six brethren who labored in Kansas and Nebraska during the year. However, their deeds are recorded in a book whose seal is not broken to our view as yet.

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The Iowa Conference met in session at Dubuque, Iowa, May 13, 1864, with Bishop J. Long, chairman, when the division of the Iowa Conference took place, and the Kansas Conference was formed according to action taken by General Conference, held the previous autumn at Buffalo, N. Y., on which occasion the organization of the Kansas, Canada, and Michigan Conferences was ordered.

The following items are taken from the records of the Iowa Conference at that time:

“Resolved, That a Kansas Conference be organized.”

“Resolved, That the Kansas Conference consist of one district.”

“Whereas, The brethren J. F. Schreiber, P. Fricker and C. Tobias of the Kansas District are absent from this Conference because of the heavy traveling expense, therefore Resolved, That their action is justifiable, and they are excused.”

The following boundaries were formed:

a. There shall a new mission be taken up in North-western Missouri and be called Rockport Mission.

b. There shall a new mission be taken up in Western Kansas, to be called West Kansas Mission.

P. Fricker was received into the itinerancy, and it was resolved that the Kansas Conference shall meet in First Annual Session at Leavenworth, Kansas, May 12, 1865.

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The new Conference started out with the following appointments and preachers assigned at Dubuque, Iowa, May, 1864:

Kansas District—M. J. Miller, P. E.

Leavenworth and Lawrence, J. F. Schreiber.	Arago and Rock Port, C. Berner and J. Scherer.
Humboldt, P. Fricker.	West Kansas Mission, to be supplied.
Holton, S. W. McKesson.	

Thus the Kansas Conference, which was destined to make history, was launched. The work was great, the laborers few, the territory immense. Railroads were unknown. Wagon roads were in poor condition, with bridgeless streams. Settlements were far

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apart, and accommodations limited. In addition to this the country was in the throes of the Civil War, with life and property in danger. The notorious "bushwhackers" were on the alert to kill and destroy. Many were the victims of those hidden fiends, among them some of our own Evangelical people. None were safe from those demons in human form.

There were 50 appointments at this time, with a membership of scarcely 100. R. Yeakel, our church historian, says, speaking of the Kansas Conference: "Probably no Conference among us began so small."

The little band of missionaries had faith in God, and were men of great courage. Their work was God's work. The visible blessing of God rested upon their labors, and their efforts were not in vain.

Although the pioneer missionary could not spend much of his time in his study preparing "great sermons," yet he preached great sermons, for he received his message from God, rather than from books and magazines. He did not know so much about the news of the day, and politics, but he did know much about prayer, about God, and his Word. He also knew how to lay a good foundation for future generations to build upon.

The early missionaries labored among a people whose circumstances were in keeping with the conditions of the country and the times. One of the old pioneer preachers gives the following description of the situation: "The people were poor and could not render much substantial aid. Their houses were not large nor expensive. They usually consisted of kitchen, dining-room, sitting-room, parlor and bedroom, all in one apartment. In spite of this crowded condition the man of God was always a welcome guest, and was considered a blessing to the home."

The pioneer missionary's equipment was very simple, consisting usually of a horse and saddle (sometimes a buggy), a Bible, hymn-book, discipline, and a few other books of a devotional character, which he would study while en route from one appointment to another, or when he could arrange to be at home a few days. He would travel as much as 300 miles in making one round over his mission or circuit. One mission extended from St. Joseph, Mo., to Fremont County, Iowa, a distance of 150 miles, while West Kansas had no border save the Pacific Ocean.

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D. R. ZELLNER

Another of the veterans, D. R. Zellner, writes :

“My mission necessitated me to travel 270 miles in making one round over my work. I had to preach from two to four times between Sundays, frequently traveling 25 to 40 miles a day for a protracted season. I would eat my lunch, consisting of a few crackers, on the prairie at a distance of 10 to 15 miles from the nearest house.

“Sometimes I had a bed to sleep in, sometimes I had none. Sometimes I slept on a bed prepared on the stone pavement in the house which was used for a floor. Our breakfast usually consisted of corn-bread and sorghum, after which came a horseback ride of 25 miles before dinner.”

The same writer continues :

“Those were days of hardship, but days of joy and victory. I had a happy time. The Lord was with me in the saddle, in the homes of the people, in the prayer-meetings and in the preaching services. I could shout the praise of God as I went from one appointment to another. When we commenced our protracted meetings we expected immediate results and were disappointed if we did not realize them. The people were usually ready to receive the truth, and conversions invariably followed, with persecutions and opposition.”

J. F. SCHREIBER

Of J. F. Schreiber it is related that he, on one occasion, stopped at a cabin to stay all night. This cabin was occupied by a bachelor who was a very rough man. Supper was finally prepared, which consisted of meat, which was apparently fish. After supper the host asked his guest how he liked his supper of corn-bread and fish. Brother Schreiber responded that it was very good, but he was inquisitive to know how he came in possession of fish at that place, whereupon the man remarked that the meat he ate was not fish, but rattlesnake.

On another occasion Brother Schreiber inquired at a home if he might stop all night, but found the house crowded with people. The gentleman remarked that although they had no room to keep him there, he could find room for him at a neighbor's house where the people were away, providing he were not afraid to stay alone. Brother Schreiber said it would make no difference, so he

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was taken to the house and conducted to a room in which there were two beds, neither of which had been arranged since last used. His host remarked: "My brother died here today, and his wife and children are staying with me. Just sleep in either bed. Good-night!" Brother Schreiber afterward remarked laconically: "If I had only known in which of the two beds the man died!"

Many of the hardships, trials and tears of those early missionaries are not recorded, save in the book of God's remembrance, who alone can reward those earnest, faithful worthies. The tender little plant they started with prayers and consecration has become a mighty tree, under whose branches many souls have found a resting-place, and shelter in the time of storm. Many, through the ministry of the Kansas Conference, have been won for the higher life in Christ, achieved victory in death, and a triumphant entrance into the kingdom of glory.

From her ranks have gone forth missionaries to the foreign field, while others have been called to various fields of activity at home.

P. FRICKER

During the year 1863 Philip Fricker reinforced the small number of missionaries in the Kansas Conference by coming from New York and taking up the work in the newly organized Conference. He was stationed on Humboldt Mission, where he rendered efficient service.

He encountered difficulty in finding a house in which to move his family, but finally succeeded in finding a log-cabin at the Owl Creek appointment, which he was permitted to occupy by the consent of the lady whose husband was serving in the army. This man was not favorably disposed toward the church and her ministers, and upon learning that a preacher was occupying his house he immediately notified Brother Fricker to vacate the house or he would shoot him the first chance he got. This was not very encouraging news for the new preacher who had moved all the way from New York to take up work in the State of Kansas. This man was engaged in the shooting business and Brother Fricker considered it wisdom to move out of the house.

Twice the family of Brother Fricker was warned to flee from the approach of "bushwhackers," but in each instance the Lord turned the destroyers into another direction before they reached the home, and protected his servant from evil.

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Brother Fricker was also summoned by an officer of the United States to report at Iola, to enlist in the army. He took leave from his family while his wife was sick in bed, surrounded by her helpless children, perhaps never to see them again. He hastened on to Iola to answer to his country's call, but again the Lord graciously intervened, and Brother Fricker was excused and permitted to return home. Great was the joy of the family when in the evening of the same day his little son, looking out of the window, saw him and ran to his mamma's bedside, exclaiming: "Oh, papa is coming, papa is coming!"

Mother Fricker related the foregoing incident in later years with deep emotion as she remarked her husband had been given back to her, as it were, from the dead in a very dark hour of her life.

J. J. ESHER

During this year Bishop J. J. Esher, who had been elected to the episcopacy the preceding year, visited the work in Kansas, and preached at the following points:

July 29, 1864, Lueck's appointment.	Aug. 3, 1864, Deer Creek.
July 31, 1864, Holton.	Aug. 4, 1864, Franklin.
July 31, 1864, Coal Creek.	Aug. 5, 1864, Captains Creek.
Aug. 1, 1864, Monrovia (Camp Creek).	Aug. 7, 1864, Leavenworth.
Aug. 2, 1864, Leavenworth.	

S. W. MC KESSON

There are no further records of the development of the work available for the remaining portion of the year until Feb. 8, 1865, when the *Messenger* brought the following correspondence from S. W. McKesson from Holton, Kansas:

"This mission is very large, embracing eight counties, and you may imagine there are some lonesome travels over these bleak prairies in hunting up the stray sheep of Israel, who are almost starving for the want of spiritual food. But, thank God! our feeble efforts have not been in vain. I held three protracted meetings, of which two were crowned with conversions. In Holton I held one, and nine persons were happily converted to God. One was held at Marysville, a place noted for its wickedness, as if it were the outskirts of hell. Here we met with opposition. The devil tried to break up the meeting by sending a mob of his followers with pistols and clubs to the place of worship, but, thank

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God! their wicked designs were overruled by Divine Providence. There were several seekers and one conversion. I thank God that I can report twelve accessions to the church, of whom eleven were newly converted. May the Lord keep them faithful. I intend to hold two more protracted meetings this winter. I feel encouraged, knowing that our labor is not in vain."

M. J. MILLER

In April, 1865, M. J. Miller, presiding elder, wrote the following appeal, "Come Over and Help Us," for the *Messenger*:

"The Kansas Conference must have at least three more preachers this coming Conference session, in order to supply her fields of labor, and we should take up one or two new missions and supply them by all means. One of our number (Brother Scherer) has left us and is preaching for the Congregational Church in Muscatine, Iowa. The Board of Missions has granted us an appropriation for two or three additional men, and hence we are on safe ground. If we cannot get the needed number of preachers to supply at least the old field our work must necessarily suffer loss, and the little band of ministers and members of this young Conference will be greatly disappointed and discouraged. We must hold fast what we have gained, and extend our borders and increase our numbers. Who will come over and help us? 'The King's business requireth haste.' Conference will meet the 26th of May. O Lord, send laborers into thy vineyard!"



EVANGELICAL CHURCH AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN WHICH THE
FIRST CONFERENCE SESSION WAS HELD

THIS CHURCH IS REPLACED BY A BEAUTIFUL NEW CHURCH

EXTENDING THE BORDERS.

FIRST SESSION

The first session of the Kansas Conference was held in Leavenworth, Kansas, in the brick church on North Sixth St., beginning May 26, 1865, with Bishop Joseph Long as chairman.

C. Berner was appointed secretary, and held this position, with the exception of three years, till 1888, when, on account of failing health, he was compelled to sever his connection with the Kansas Conference. Rev. J. G. Pfeifer from the Pittsburg Conference was present as a visitor, and was received as an advisory member. The following year he united with the Conference, and for many years was an important factor in the organization.

J. Scherer, who, the previous year, cast his lot with the brethren in Kansas, was deposed from the ministry because of disorderly conduct and unfaithfulness to his office as minister.

H. Haas received license to preach on probation and was received into the itinerancy, also George Washington Bugh was received as a probationer from the Free Methodist Church.

Joseph Rasskopf was received from the Iowa Conference as an itinerant preacher, S. W. McKesson received his elder's orders, and P. Fricker deacon's orders.

J. F. Schreiber was elected presiding elder in the Kansas Conference.

The following brethren were chosen examiners for the junior preachers, thus constituting the first Board of Examiners: Theology and Discipline, the presiding bishop; Church History, C. Berner; Profane History, J. F. Schreiber; Grammar, M. J. Miller.

M. J. Miller, one of the first missionaries to Kansas in 1858, who had labored since that time in the territory, serving four years as presiding elder, asked Conference for his credentials. The brethren earnestly plead with him to remain, but he preferred to go to the Iowa Conference. His credentials were granted, and his activities ceased in the Conference which he helped to organize, and in which he rendered such valuable service for seven years.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Bishop Long and M. J. Miller were appointed a committee to purchase a Conference Record, and a book in which to record the minutes of the Missionary Society. These books are still in possession of the Conference, and contain much valuable information.

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FINANCE PLAN

The following finance plan was adopted, which was in harmony with the custom of the times:

1. The missionaries shall receive full salary, and in addition \$25.00 table expense for serving a country work, and \$30.00 if serving a city appointment.

2. Cheap traveling and moving expenses, with necessary house rent shall be allowed.

3. In order to render an accurate account to the Conference, every preacher shall enter into a book all cash receipts, and the cash value of all donations.

A committee was appointed to audit the preacher's traveling and moving expenses, which later reported that the accounts of the brethren were found satisfactory.

A Conference Missionary Society was organized, however the names of the officers cannot be found in the records.

BOUNDARIES

The following boundary changes were made at this time:

a. The west end of Holton Mission was detached and formed into a new mission and called Big Blue Mission.

b. The appointments Camp Creek and Coal Creek were taken from Leavenworth Mission, and the Four Mile and North Fork from Onaga Mission, and attached to Holton Mission, the same to be served by two preachers.

c. Kansas City and surrounding country was taken up as a new mission and called Kansas City Mission; the same was ordered supplied with a preacher, if possible.

This appointment was more properly old Westport, where there had been a work started previously with a splendid prospect for a permanent future, but which, during the Civil War, was dissipated and finally abandoned.

The following appointments were made at this first session of the Kansas Conference by Bishop Long:

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—J. F. Schreiber, P. E.

Leavenworth, Joseph Rasskopf.
Lawrence, Philip Fricker.
Humboldt, Charles Tobias.
Holton, S. W. McKesson.

Big Blue, G. W. Bugh.
Arago, C. Berner.
Rockport, Mo., H. Haas.
Kansas City, to be supplied.



FIRST KANSAS CONFERENCE PICTURE.

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The number of preachers was increased from 6 to 8 since the former session of the Iowa Conference, where the Kansas Conference was launched. The brethren Rasskopf, Tobias, Bugh and Haas have been added to the ministerial force, while the brethren Miller and Scherer left her ranks.

STATISTICS

The following statistics were reported: Conversions, 23; accessions, 63; membership, 176; itinerants, 7; churches, 3; value, \$6,400.00; parsonages, 3; value, \$1,100.00; Sunday-schools, 2; officers and teachers, 16; scholars, 54.

This is the first statistical report from the work in Kansas and shows what has been accomplished during seven years of hard work. No doubt the results would have been far greater had it not been for the effects of the Civil War, which not only paralyzed business and finances, but also missionary operations. What a pity that we have no record of the experiences of the early pioneers and missionaries during those years of struggles and discouragements.

The Conference made some encouraging progress during the past year since her organization and the centralization of her efforts on her exclusive territory.

Prior to this time the work in Holt County, Missouri, was begun through the Kunkle brothers, who moved to that section of the country, settling in the community of Nickels Grove, north-east of Oregon, Holt Co., also in Richardson County, Nebraska, in the vicinity of Arago. The three churches indicated in the statistics were located at Humboldt, Leavenworth, and Arago.

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The work in Richardson County, Neb., was started through a Pennsylvania German family named Herbster, who located near Arago about 1862, and opened their home to the Evangelical preachers who traveled through that section of country. The settlers were mostly Catholics and Freethinkers. The people lived without spiritual concern or instruction. Some who had been reared under more favorable circumstances felt their destitute condition and were known to frequently shed tears over the wicked state of the people, and no one to preach to them the Word of God.

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At a wedding held near Arago in 1861 an ex-pastor of a nominal church officiated, using for a text from which he attempted to preach a sermon: "Be fruitful and multiply." After the wedding ceremony he urged the bride to engage in duck and geese raising as a means for making money, but had no counsel for establishing a Christian home in that new and wicked country. This young couple was later converted through the instrumentality of the Evangelical preachers, and alluded to the pastor mentioned as a man destitute of saving grace, or even the theory of salvation. Such was the spiritual status in that community when the Evangelical preachers began their labors there in 1862.

Probably in the year 1863 a church was built in Arago where services were held. In 1863 the Kaiser and Meier families moved into Richardson County from the State of Illinois, and settled quite a distance south and west of Arago. In 1866 they were joined by the Daeschner family, likewise from Illinois. The church at Arago was now too far distant for those families to worship there and the work at Arago had never gained a very strong foothold, so the church and parsonage were sold, and five years later a church was built 6 miles east of Falls City, which was named Zion Church, and became the center of a large Evangelical community. In this church the Annual Conference was held on several occasions in later years.

From the Zion congregation several other societies developed, namely, Preston, Tabor, and Falls City. Also quite a number of ministers went out from this society to preach the gospel. Among them were Wm. Meier, who for many years labored successfully in the Conference, then later moved to Texas and preached there for a number of years; H. Koepsel, Wm. Daeschner, Wm. Heiser, A. Ernst and M. Walter.

A camp-meeting was held as early as 1868, which has been repeated annually ever since. At one of those camp-meetings, in 1870, a drunken mob of half-breed Indians caused a disturbance, during which one of the ministers, John Beck, received a pistol-shot in his arm, which caused a painful but not dangerous wound. The rowdies dispersed after the shooting, and no further disturbance was experienced. Steps were taken to arrest them, but the officers were either afraid or disinclined to do so, and nothing further was done in the matter.

Adjoining the Zion Church is the old cemetery, where many of the loyal fathers and mothers lie buried, while their children

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and children's children meet from Sabbath to Sabbath to worship the God who so wonderfully saved and helped their parents during the years of their trials and victories.

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SECOND SESSION

The second session of Conference was also held at Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning March 30, 1866, with the junior bishop, J. J. Esher, as chairman.

John Wuerth, for many years later a prominent leader in the Conference, received license as preacher on probation, and according to the custom of that time, was received into the itinerancy. Brother Wuerth had, however, preached part of the previous year under appointment of the presiding elder.

Rev. S. W. McKesson, desiring to visit friends in the East, was granted permission to do so, however his absence from his field of labor was not to exceed six weeks.

Rev. J. G. Pfeifer, who was present at the former Conference session as a visitor, now presented his credentials from the Pittsburg Conference, and was received as a member of the Kansas Conference. For many years Brother Pfeifer rendered valuable service as one of her foremost leaders, holding various offices of trust.

It was resolved to build a church on Big Blue Mission, if possible, and a committee was appointed to proceed with the project, provided that sufficient money could be secured so that not more than \$200.00 would be required from outside sources.

J. Rasskopf found it necessary to step out of the active ranks of the Conference, taking a local relation.

An important action was taken at this session in reference to secret societies, which was agitating the Conference and church. The following resolution was adopted: "Inasmuch as secret oath-bound societies, such as Freemasons and kindred orders, are dangerous for the state, and injurious to the church, contrary to the spirit of Christ and the gospel, and we must perceive with deep regret that this evil has crept into our Evangelical Association, and even into our ministry, therefore Resolved, That we will not give our vote to receive any member of the Freemasons or kin-

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dred orders into the ministry, nor to advance to a higher office in the church any minister who belongs to any of the aforesaid orders.”

BOUNDARIES

Camp Creek and Coal Creek appointments were taken from Holton Mission, and in connection with Atchison formed into a new mission, called Atchison Mission, while Four Miles and Northfork were taken from Holton Mission and added to Onaga Mission.

Macon County, Mo., and the adjoining counties were taken up as a new mission and called Macon Mission. Rockport Mission was changed to Oregon Mission.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society held its annual meeting, at which it was reported that \$17.00 had been collected for missions during the year. The society was reorganized by electing J. F. Schreiber, president; P. Fricker, vice-president; H. Haas, secretary, and Joseph Rasskopf, treasurer. Bishop Esher was elected delegate to the Board of Missions. He also preached a very helpful sermon on the cause of missions on Sunday evening of Conference, and secured pledges for missions.

STATISTICS

The statistics for the year were reported as follows: Conversions, 34; accessions, 84; membership, 250; churches, 3; parsonages, 3; value of churches, \$8,600.00; value of parsonages, \$1,900.00; itinerants, 9; local preachers, 2; Sunday-schools, 4; teachers and officers, 29; scholars, 130; catechumens, 36; catechetical classes, 8.

The statistics show an encouraging increase for the past year. Increase of members, 74; conversions, 11; itinerants, 2; Sunday-schools, 2; scholars, 76.

The highest salary paid the past year was \$548.25 to a minister, his wife and six children. The lowest salary was \$143.00, paid to a single man. The amount of salary was not determined by a preacher's ministerial standing or orders, but rather by his family relations, each member of the family receiving a certain amount of support. In addition to this each adult member of the family received an allowance of \$31.25 per year, for what was called "table expense," and each child \$6.25 for the same purpose.

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The following assignments were made for the ensuing year :

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—J. F. Schreiber, P. E.

Leavenworth, C. Berner.	Big Blue, G. W. Bugh.
Lawrence, P. Fricker.	Arago, S. W. McKesson.
Humboldt, Chas. Tobias.	Oregon, Henry Haas.
Holton, J. Wuerth and supply.	Macon, J. G. Pfeifer.
Atchison, Christian Timmer.	

No reference is made to Kansas City Mission, which was created a year ago, but not supplied at the time.

The seven brethren appointed the previous year had labored faithfully and not in vain. New appointments were taken up, and the old ones more firmly established in most instances. During the previous year (1864) Brother McKesson, who served Big Blue Circuit, began to preach at Swede Creek in Riley Co., Kansas, in the homes of Fred Toburen, Adolph Toburen, and Wm. Myers. These appointments were served every three to four weeks as circumstances permitted. During the past Conference year G. W. Bugh followed the same order in serving the appointments, and the foundation was laid for one of the strongest and most permanent works in the Conference among the German people of that community.

In Missouri and Nebraska the work developed satisfactorily, as the statistics of this session show. The works were large, and the appointments numerous, so that a great deal of traveling was necessary by the missionaries. Ofttimes the roads were hard to travel, and the streams had no bridges, so that traveling was not only difficult but dangerous, yet in spite of these and many other hindrances these intrepid heroes continued their activities.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of Conference was held at Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning March 28, 1867. Bishop J. Long, who held the first session, was chairman and conducted the business of Conference for the last time. C. Berner was again appointed secretary.

At this session Chas. Tobias was tried for insubordination and neglect of duty, for which he was deposed from the ministry.

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The following brethren were licensed to preach on probation: Wm. Folgate, H. Mattill, and D. R. Zellner, the two latter preaching many years in the Conference, while H. Mattill served a number of years as presiding elder, and later as junior publisher in the Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio. H. Mattill was also received into the itinerancy.

J. Wuerth, G. W. Bugh, Henry Haas, and Christian Timmer received deacons' orders, and Philip Fricker, elder's orders.

Oregon was divided at this time, the western portion retaining the name Oregon Mission, and the eastern part called Grand River Mission.

Nickels Grove, Holt Co., Missouri, was chosen as the place to hold the next session of Conference.

The time for the next General Conference being near at hand, J. F. Schreiber was elected delegate, and C. Berner alternate to the same.

It was ordered that one-half of the church at Arago should be sold, if possible, and the proceeds applied to pay off the indebtedness, the surplus, if any, should be used to complete the church building.

It was also resolved that a district house shall be built at Holton, Kansas, if possible, however not more than \$100.00 indebtedness shall be incurred. A committee, consisting of J. F. Schreiber, the pastor at Holton, and Peter Riederer, was appointed to superintend the project. It was further ordered that J. F. Schreiber, presiding elder, shall be stricken from the list of missionaries, with the understanding that for this year he shall receive out of the missionary treasury \$100.00 for rent, this \$100.00 shall apply to the new district house, and Brother Schreiber shall collect the amount he expends for rent up to the time he can occupy the house from the district.

FINANCE PLAN

The finance plan was changed to the effect that a preacher serving a city shall in the future receive \$40.00 per year table expense.

The salary for the past year amounted to \$125.00 for a single man, with \$31.25 additional table expense. A married man received twice that amount, and for each child in the family an additional \$25.00, with \$6.25 table expense.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society reported the amount of \$35.70 raised for missions the past year. In addition to this Atchison Mission contributed \$12.50, which brought the total up to \$48.20. The contribution from Atchison Mission is the first contribution reported outside of the society, which up to this time was supported exclusively by the preachers of the Conference.

At the reorganization of the society J. F. Schreiber was again elected president, Philip Fricker vice-president, H. Haas secretary, and C. Berner treasurer. On Conference Sunday evening J. G. Pfeifer preached a missionary sermon on which occasion a cash collection amounting to \$20.21 was received and pledges amounting to \$110.00 secured.

J. G. Pfeifer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, thus becoming the first elected delegate from the membership of the Conference to the Board of Missions.

STATISTICS

The following statistics were reported for the past year: Conversions, 118; accessions, 204; membership, 412; preachers, 9; local preachers, 2; Sunday-schools, 7; teachers and officers, 47; scholars, 201; churches, 3; parsonages, 4.

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—J. F. Schreiber, P. E.

Leavenworth, C. Berner.	Atchison, C. Timmer and H. Mattill.
Lawrence, D. Zellner under C. Berner.	Arago, S. W. McKesson.
Humboldt, H. Haas.	Oregon, John Wuerth.
Holton, P. Fricker.	Macon, J. G. Pfeifer.
Big Blue, Wm. Folgate under P. Fricker.	Grand River, G. W. Bugh.

The labors of the brethren were marked with signal success during the past year, as may be seen from the statistics. Especially encouraging were the number of conversions and accessions.

MACON

During the year the first organization was effected in Eastern Missouri. Brother J. G. Pfeifer, who was assigned to Macon Mission at the previous Conference session, located his family at Bloomington, a small village in Macon Co., where he began operations. He organized a class with the following ten members: Solomon Geist and wife, Jacob Laumeister and wife, John Zeiner and wife, and John Hess and wife, including the pastor and wife.

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A brick church in the village was owned by the Presbyterian and the Methodist Church, South. The Methodist brethren desired to sell their interest in the church, so the Evangelical Association bought the same. Later the Presbyterians also sold their interest to the Evangelical brethren, who thus became the sole owners of the building, and had a place for worship which was completely under their control. In later years the brick building was replaced by a frame structure.

At the time Brother Pfeifer was developing the work at Bloomington, he also took up an appointment near Bethel, Shelby Co., Missouri, where he organized a class the next year with the following charter members: Rev. Christian Stauffer and wife, Philip Christman and wife, Michael Fey and wife, Ferdinand Wester and wife, Jacob Wise, Fredricke Schnauffer, Henry Schnauffer, and John C. Bower. This class worshiped in the Short School House till 1870. They then rented a hall in Bethel, where they held their services for nine years when they built the Zion Church, three miles west of Bethel. Here they organized the first Evangelical Sunday-school in Shelby County. From this congregation several young men entered the gospel ministry, namely: W. A. Schutte, deceased, of the Illinois Conference; C. W. Stauffer, deceased, and E. F. Boehringer.

NICKELS GROVE

The beginning of the work in Holt County, Mo., dates back to the first missionary operations in the State of Missouri, when Philip Porr, sent to Missouri in 1858 by the Ohio Conference, preached in the vicinity of Oregon. David Kunkle was probably the first member of the Evangelical Association in the State of Missouri. He settled one mile east of Oregon, where he lived for forty years. In his home the pioneer preachers found a hearty welcome and ready assistance in their work of planting the banner of the Evangelical Association. There is an absence of historical data for several years, which is very much regretted, however, in 1865, we find the families of Ulrich Bucher and Adam Rung, who moved from the State of Indiana, locating near Oregon, followed one year later by the families Joseph Anselman and Daniel Zachman from the State of Ohio. These families located in the vicinity of Nickels Grove. In 1865 Rev. H. Haas was assigned to Rockport Mission, which embraced all the work there was at the time in Missouri. In the winter of 1866 he held a protracted

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meeting in the Nickels Grove school-house, assisted by Rev. C. Timmer, who was serving Atchison Mission in Kansas. This meeting resulted in the conversion of eight or ten persons who were added to the little band.

In the spring of 1867 Rev. J. Wuerth was appointed to the work, and served it for two years. About this time the first class was organized with Adam Rung as class-leader and Joseph Anselman, exhorter.

The first Quarterly Conference was held May 25, 1867, in the home of Father Anselman by Rev. J. F. Schreiber, presiding elder. During the summer of this year the first Evangelical camp-meeting was held in the county, in charge of Rev. J. F. Schreiber. This meeting was blessed with many conversions and the advancement of the society in general.

The following winter Brother Wuerth began a meeting in the Nickels Grove schoolhouse, but soon the attendance became so large that the house could not accommodate the people, and the meeting was moved to a Baptist church in the community, where it was continued four weeks, resulting in about thirty conversions. After four weeks the meeting was moved to the Kunkle factory, half a mile east of Oregon, and continued there for another four weeks, during which time thirty-five souls were saved and added to the church.

In 1868 a brick church, 36x46 feet, was built at a cost of \$3,200.00 at the same place where the present Nickels Grove Church stands. This was the first Evangelical church-building in Holt County.

Small as the beginning was, the membership had increased to 75 by the close of the Conference year 1868. From this society, which may be called the mother church of the Evangelical Association in Holt County, members have gone into other parts of the county, and formed the nucleus for other societies.

The Kansas Conference held her session twice in the Nickels Grove Church. The first time in 1868, and the second time in 1872. Six young men were recommended to the ministry of the gospel by this congregation, of whom are J. H. Kiplinger, H. E. Bower, and F. W. Voegelien who later was sent by the Board of Missions to Japan as missionary.

From this society developed the Oregon and Mound City works.

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FOURTH SESSION

March 26, 1868, the members of the Conference met at Nickels Grove, Holt County, Missouri, to hold their fourth session. Bishop Esher was present as chairman and appointed C. Berner secretary.

In addition to the usual committees a committee on statistics was appointed for the first time, the committee consisting of C. Berner, P. Fricker and H. Haas.

Charges were preferred against G. W. Bugh for neglect of duty and immoral conduct, whereupon the following action was taken by Conference: "Resolved, That the chairman shall administer a severe reprimand to Brother Bugh for his misdeeds, and that he shall be placed on probation for one year. In case he promises amends he shall receive an appointment for the coming year under another brother."

C. W. Comstock was licensed to preach on probation, and Wm. Folgate, C. W. Comstock, and Wm. Lingelbach were received into the itinerancy.

The presiding elder reported a deficit of \$67.00 in his salary under the new arrangement adopted a year ago, whereupon Conference ordered that each minister shall take up a collection on his field of labor during the year to make up the deficit. The surplus to be applied to the new district house erected during the year. In addition to this a collection was ordered taken on each field of labor to liquidate the indebtedness on the newly erected district house at Holton, Kansas. The presiding elder shall be authorized to collect wherever he can for said purpose.

TEMPERANCE

On recommendation of the chairman, and in harmony with church sentiment, a temperance pamphlet, published by A. A. Weller, was ordered circulated throughout the Conference.

A committee was appointed which was authorized to sell and transfer the church and parsonage property located at Arago.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The following action in the interest of the children and young people was taken, the first of the kind recorded in the history of the Conference: "In view of the emphatic command of our Saviour, 'Feed my lambs,' we would impress upon every member of

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the Conference, and every one interested in the youth, which is the future hope of the church: First, that wherever possible, Sunday-schools shall be established, but especially that catechetical classes shall be formed and religious instruction imparted. This should be done as well in the Sunday-school as in private. Also our young people should be supplied with sound literature, to which our excellent Sunday-school books are so well adapted, and they should be universally distributed."

BOUNDARIES

Leavenworth and Atchison were ordered served together and supplied with two preachers.

The appointments Nemaha and Spring Creek were taken from Onaga Mission, and together, with the surrounding country, formed into a new English mission, to be known as Nemaha Mission. If possible, this should be supplied. This was the first action taken by Conference in reference to the English language, of which we can find any record.

It was ordered that Onaga Mission should extend west to Lincoln City and Blue Springs. A new mission was located west of Topeka, Kansas, which was called West Kansas Mission.

NORTH-WESTERN COLLEGE

At this time recognition was taken of North-Western College in response to a letter addressed to the Conference by the agent of the school.

The finances of the past year were very encouraging, so that all the missionaries were paid out in full.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The amount of \$382.95 was raised for missions during the past year. Of this amount \$52.75 was raised by two auxiliaries which existed at this time. Bishop Esher preached the missionary sermon, on which occasion a cash collection amounting to \$16.00 was received, and \$203.00 was secured on subscription for the ensuing year.

J. F. Schreiber was again elected president of the Missionary Society, J. G. Pfeifer vice-president, H. Haas secretary, and C. Berner treasurer.

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STATISTICS

The following statistics were reported at this Conference session: Conversions, 193; accessions, 243; membership, 607; itinerants, 12; churches, 4; parsonages, 5; Sunday-schools, 13; officers and teachers, 91; scholars, 305.

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—J. F. Schreiber, P. E.

Leavenworth and Atchison, C. Berner	Onaga, Wm. Lingelbach under the
and G. W. Bugh.	presiding elder.
Lawrence, S. W. McKesson.	Nemaha, C. W. Comstock.
Humboldt, H. Haas.	Oregon, J. Wuerth and H. Mattill.
Big Blue, Wm. Folgate.	Grand River, J. G. Pfeifer.
Holton, P. Fricker.	Macon, Christian Timmer.
	West Kansas Mission, to be supplied.

The statistics of the past year indicate a marked increase all along the line of church activities. The Sunday-school membership was raised from 201 to 305, and the church membership from 412 to 607.

YATES CENTER

During the past year H. Haas, who served Humboldt Mission, held a meeting in the home of August Lauber on Owl Creek, east of Yates Center, since there was no school-house accessible in which to hold services. An extensive awakening took place, and many souls were converted, after which a class was organized with the following members: August Lauber and wife, Wm. Stockebrand and wife, Ernst Stockebrand and wife, Herman Fuhlhage and wife, August Toedman and wife, Maria Stockebrand, Theresa Stockebrand, Ernst Kluckhuhn, and Herman Toedman, who later entered the ministry of the Kansas Conference, and for many years was in the active work. C. F. Harder was chosen class-leader, and E. Kluckhuhn and Ernst Stockebrand stewards.

Brother August Lauber was elected Sunday-school superintendent, in which capacity he served 37 years in succession.

This appointment was originally called Owl Creek Class because of the creek by that name, along which most of the members lived. The name "New Jerusalem People" was given to the little band of young converts by the non-Christian people, who were not favorably inclined toward them, saying that whoever went up the creek among them would have to become converted. This was certainly not a grievous stigma, but rather an enviable reputation for the little flock who lived "farther up" and were engaged in their

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Father's business. These veterans of the cross and charter members of the Evangelical Association in Allen County, Kansas, were industrious and stalwart pioneers, accustomed to hardships, and found great comfort and strength in their religion. They were loyal to the church and her interests. They inculcated those principles into their children, thus endeavoring not only to accumulate earthly possessions in the new country, to which they had emigrated. They succeeded in doing this to quite an extent, but, more than that, in also bringing up their children for Christ and the church. It was an inspiration to see parents and children meet at the family-altar, the prayer-meeting, the Sunday-school and the preaching-service, the parents praying with and for their children, until they saw them led to the Saviour, and then rejoice with them unspeakably, proving that they believed with all their hearts in the one whom they professed, and that they indeed had found and possessed the "pearl of great price."

From this loyal mother congregation two equally loyal daughters emanated, namely, Turkey Creek and Cedar Creek.

In 1882 Conference ordered that all the appointments west of Defiance should be taken from Humboldt Circuit and formed into a new circuit, which should be called Yates Center Circuit. It has not often occurred that a work has started self-supporting, as was the case with Yates Center Circuit. A church was built in Yates Center in 1885, at a cost of \$2,050.00, which was dedicated by Bishop T. Bowman.

WINSTON

In the year 1866 five families moved from Ohio to Winston, Mo., where they settled and established homes. They were true Evangelical families who longed for the church of their choice to worship in. This privilege was granted them when the following year (1867) J. F. Schreiber came in contact with them and organized a class with 11 members as follows: Ephraim Kuhns and wife, Henry Coons and wife, Jonathan Burgert and wife, John Heldenbrand and wife, Mike Young and wife, and Fannie Stecker. Ephraim Kuhns was elected class-leader, and Mike Young exhorter. At first the services were held in a grove during the summer months, and, later, in the old Castor school-house. In 1880 a church was built in town, which has been used ever since. Several ministers have gone out from this society to bring the glad tidings of the gospel to their fellow-men, namely, S. A. Burgert of

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the Kansas Conference, who became the first missionary to Oklahoma, and I. H. Hauptfuehrer of the Illinois Conference. Also the former wife of F. C. Neitz, who accompanied her husband as a missionary to Japan, and from there was called to her eternal home.

DEER CREEK

During the past year a church was built at Deer Creek, Douglas County, Kans., with D. R. Zellner as pastor, and C. Berner, preacher-in-charge. The building was made of stone and is listed in the Conference statistics at a value of \$2,000.00. It was the fourth church-building in the Conference. No record is at hand concerning the dedication of the same. The building is still used for church purposes (1914).

FOUR MILE

In 1859 Philip Porr, missionary in Missouri, crossed over into Kansas and preached in Brown, Doniphan, and Nemaha Counties. He went west as far as a point called Four Mile near the Kansas and Nebraska state-line in Nemaha County, Kans., where lived the families of Christ. Blauer, Jacob Spring, Christ. Lehman, Henry Ott, Fred Lehman and Katharine Lehman. Those were early settlers with whom the pioneer preacher stopped, and to whom he preached the gospel of salvation, with as many others as would attend the services held in cabins, and during the summer months under shady trees. The people were poor in this world's goods, and in most instances the missionary still poorer. Brother Uber, coming to the home of Jacob Spring one cold winter day with scarcely enough clothing to keep him from suffering with the severe weather, was supplied with the necessary articles of clothing from his scanty supply of furnishings. Among other things Sister Spring gave him a pair of heavy wool socks which she herself had knitted, since she discovered that those he was wearing would not protect his feet from cold while in the saddle. This gift was highly appreciated by the itinerant, who was compelled to travel every day, regardless of weather conditions, in order to reach his many scattered appointments.

The missionaries kept up an appointment at Four Mile for several years, preaching as regularly as time and conditions would permit till 1867, Philip Fricker, who was serving Holton Mission, organized a class, of which Henry Ott was elected class-leader, and Fred Lehman exhorter. For some reason, as it appears, there

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was no Sunday-school organized at this time, which was usually done at once where a class was organized. In this instance, however, the records show that a Sunday-school was organized 9 years later, in 1876, with Christ. Lehman elected superintendent.

In this year, 1876, a church was also built by the little band of workers, in which they now held their services and Sunday-school. There is no record of the cost of the building, nor when or by whom dedicated.

Some years later the work started in the town of Bern, as an outgrowth of the Four Mile society, which naturally developed into the leading congregation.

GLASGOW

During the past year, 1867, J. G. Pfeifer, who served Macon Mission in Eastern Missouri, found entrance in Glasgow, a town on the Missouri River in Saline County. Brother Pfeifer was followed by C. Timmer the ensuing year, who served the work one year, when the appointments Glasgow and Frankfort were taken from Macon Mission, and, with the surrounding country, formed into Glasgow Mission. This work was supplied with M. Alsbach who entered the Conference that spring. During the pastorate of Brother Alsbach a class was organized with the following members: Otto Nuhn and wife, Margaret Ruffel, Mary Beier, John Nuhn and wife, Mary Becker and Baltzer Ruffel and wife.

For several years the little class worshiped and developed the work as best they could, when, in 1872, they erected a church-building at a cost of \$1,900.00, which was dedicated by J. G. Pfeifer, presiding elder of the Missouri District. The original board of trustees were Otto Nuhn, Baltzer Ruffel and John Nuhn.

The following year a Sunday-school was organized with Otto Nuhn, superintendent, and Baltzer Ruffel, secretary and treasurer.

For many years Glasgow was one of the most important charges in Eastern Missouri, and the members were among the most loyal and devoted in the church.

In 1870 Glasgow and Frankfort appointments were again attached to Macon Mission and supplied with B. Hoffman, who served the work for two years.

FIFTH SESSION

Conference met this year in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oregon, Mo., March 18, 1869, to hold her fifth session. Bishop

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Esher again presided and appointed H. Haas secretary. C. Berner was appointed to report the proceedings to the *Botschafter* and Wm. Lingelbach to the *Messenger*.

It was resolved that at the examination of ministers only preachers who have traveled and ordained local elders shall be present, and that this rule shall be added to the business rules of the Conference to govern future sessions.

The brethren H. Haas, J. Wuerth, and C. Timmer received elders' orders, and H. Mattill, J. Beck, and Wm. Folgate, deacons' orders.

Conrad Emmel and Edward J. Troyer received license to preach on probation, while J. Beck, E. J. Troyer and Michael Alsbach were received into the itinerancy.

G. W. Bugh, located on account of physical infirmity, and C. Comstock received credentials.

BOUNDARIES

The following extensive report on boundaries was adopted:

- a. Lawrence Mission shall be changed to a circuit.
- b. Atchison Mission shall be discontinued.
- c. Camp Creek and Independence Creek appointments shall be added to Leavenworth Mission.
- d. Coal Creek and Grasshopper Creek appointments shall be added to Holton, and the latter be changed to a circuit.
- e. The appointments Hiawatha and Wolf River, also the appointments Carson and Four Mile, shall be taken from Holton and added to Arago Mission, and the name Arago Mission shall be changed to Nemaha Mission, and supplied with two preachers.
- f. Oregon Mission shall be divided. The appointments Platte River and St. Joseph, with the surrounding country, shall be constituted a circuit, and called St. Joseph Circuit.
- g. Glasgow and New Frankfort shall be taken from Macon Mission, and, with the surrounding country, form a new mission, to be known as Glasgow Mission.
- h. The Conference shall be divided into two districts, the Missouri River forming the dividing line. The districts shall be called Kansas District and Missouri District.

C. Berner and J. G. Pfeifer were elected presiding elders, and stationed on the Kansas and the Missouri Districts respectively.

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It was ordered that in the future the fields of labor shall be independent of one another regarding the matter of preachers' salary, and the same finance regulation which obtains among the missionaries shall also apply to the circuit preachers and the presiding elders. It was also made the duty of the presiding elders to extend their activities outside of their districts and enter as many doors as possible during the year for the advancement of the gospel, and the extension of the Conference. With this end in view an appropriation of \$100.00 was made for each presiding elder for traveling expenses.

SOLOMON NEITZ

The damaging agitation of Solomon Neitz, a member of the East Pennsylvania Conference, was felt even in the small Kansas Conference, as seen by the following action:

“Resolved, That we consider the brazen accusations made against our bishops in his article, published in the *Christliche Botschafter*, under the heading, ‘*Sporadisches*,’ as reproachful and slanderous. We hold our bishops in high esteem and love, feeling confident that they have up to this time served the church with devotion and self-sacrifice. We deeply deplore that said article has not only grieved our bishops, but our entire church has been maligned thereby.”

EVANGELISCHE MAGAZIN

Conference also expressed her appreciation of the timely publication of *Das Evangelische Magazin*, which was created by the recent General Conference. A hearty “Godspeed” was expressed to the editor.

Rev. E. E. Evans of the Michigan Conference was received as a member of this Conference.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$370.25 was reported collected for missions during the past year, while the amount of \$1,686.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. The above amount of \$370.25 raised for missions was contributed by the auxiliaries of the Conference, aside from the amount paid by the preachers.

The following officers were elected for the Missionary Society for the coming year: J. F. Schreiber, president; J. Wuerth, vice-

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president; H. Haas, secretary, and J. G. Pfeifer, treasurer. Bishop Esher was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

STATISTICS

The statistics for the past year are as follows: Conversions, 186. Of this number 60 conversions are reported from Oregon Mission, and 28 from Lawrence. Accessions, 228. Of this number 72 are reported from Oregon Mission, and 36 from Lawrence. Membership, 696; itinerants, 14; local preachers, 6; churches, 5; parsonages, 5; Sunday-schools, 15; officers and teachers, 123; scholars, 421; *Botschafters*, 221; *Messengers*, 85.

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—C. Berner, P. E.

Lawrence, S. W. McKesson.
 Holton, J. F. Schreiber.
 Leavenworth, H. Haas.
 Humboldt, Wm. Lingelbach.
 West Kansas, H. Mattill.
 Big Blue, E. J. Troyer.
 Nemaha, P. Fricker and supply.

Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.

St. Joseph, John Wuerth.
 Oregon, John Beck.
 Grand River, Wm. Folgate.
 Macon, C. Timmer.
 Glasgow, M. Alsbach.

PLATTE RIVER

The past Conference year brings us in touch with the beginning of the work on Platte River Circuit, Andrew County, Mo. Early in the sixties a number of German families settled in Andrew County, in the vicinity where at present Cosby is located, about 13 miles north-east of St. Joseph.

These German people were left without a spiritual shepherd, though they had a desire for spiritual instruction. This was not usually the case among the early settlers, who, in most instances, were a rough and irreligious class of people. Prompted by a desire for religious service, they appealed to Lutheran preachers in St. Joseph to come and preach to them, offering them conveyance back and forth if they would but come. Their appeal, however, was in vain, and they were told it was neither worth while nor necessary, since they could attend service in St. Joseph. So they were left without spiritual counselors.

Soon after the Conference session of 1868, H. Mattill, who was stationed with J. Wuerth on Oregon Mission, came into the community of those Germans. Visiting in the home of H. Sanders, and praying with the family, he received permission to preach for them. He arranged an appointment for his colleague, Brother

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Wuerth, who arrived in due time and preached to a large congregation in the old Concord Church. The sermon, which was delivered in the power of the Spirit, made such a favorable impression upon the people that they could hardly wait till Brother Wuerth should return again to preach.

After the first sermon in the church the meetings were held in different homes in the community. Everybody cheerfully opened their doors to the missionaries, who came to show them the way of life. During the summer months the meetings were held in a grove until autumn, when they were changed to the home of Father Thies, where they were held during the winter. A wonderful awakening took place during the year and many were converted. The beginning of the awakening was brought about by several families who attended a camp-meeting at Nickels Grove, Holt County, Mo., during the summer, and were converted. They returned home and started the revival fire at home which continued to burn throughout the winter. During the winter months a revival meeting was held in the house of Father Thies, where many were gloriously saved and united with the church. About 40 persons were received into the church, representing 17 or 18 families.

At the session of Conference this spring, 1869, the appointments Platte River and St. Joseph were formed into St. Joseph Circuit, of which Platte River was practically the entire body. Platte River was the second work in the conference which enjoyed the distinction of starting on a self-supporting basis. Yates Center preceded Platte River by one year. Steps were taken at once to build a church, and the project was carried out one year later, when on the 26th of July, 1869, Rev. J. G. Pfeifer, the presiding elder, dedicated a new church, which had been built upon a site donated to the society by Father Thies, including sufficient ground for a parsonage and cemetery near the church. The church-building was erected at a cost of \$800.00, not counting donated labor.

A Sunday-school was organized July 28, 1869, with Rev. J. Wuerth as superintendent, Henry Sanders, assistant superintendent, Wm. Garbe, secretary, and Henry Bunse, librarian. The enrollment numbered 30 scholars and 7 teachers.

NEMAHA

During the past year the Zion Church was built west of Arago on Nemaha Mission, in the vicinity where the families

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Daeschner, Kaiser and Meier had moved from Illinois, and the work had become well established. In later years Conference held numerous sessions in this church.

H. MATTILL

The following experiences are related by Rev. H. Mattill at the time of his service on West Kansas Mission, when the country was new and the people mostly rough and irreligious.

The summer of 1869 was a very wet season, which made it difficult to save the harvest, while much of the wheat went to waste. On a certain Sunday morning the sky was clear, and the prospects fair for a fine day, so that the threshing-machine was set in motion. About 11:00 o'clock a cloud arose, and in a short time the rain was pouring down upon the threshing crew. The farmer got very angry because of this, and began to defy God in a most blasphemous manner, challenging the Almighty in the following words: "You blockhead up there, if I had you here I would pummel you." Instantly a bolt of lightning struck the blasphemer dead. His brother became enraged at this and began to curse God most vehemently, when his horses became frightened, ran away and killed him also. This was another demonstration of the truth that "God is not mocked."

Another example of human depravity on the one hand, but firm Christianity on the other hand, is given in the following:

Mr. B. was a true Christian, who followed his Saviour faithfully, though it required both grace and grit to do so. Mr. B. had raised a heavy wheat crop, which was ready for the threshing-machine. The proprietor of the threshing-machine notified him that he would thresh his wheat the following Sunday. Mr. B. remarked that he could not thresh for him on Sunday. This angered the party who desired to do the work, and he told him that he would thresh on Sunday or not at all. Mr. B. remained firm, and his wheat crop went unthreshed, since they boycotted him, and there was no other machine to be procured.

Brother Mattill had occasion to cross Chapman Creek, which had no bridge; the water being high, he was uncertain about attempting to ford the stream. A Catholic Irishman, who lived near the ford and was familiar with conditions, advised Brother Mattill to cross over the creek. Heeding the advice, he drove into the water, but soon saw his mistake. The ponies began to swim, but the buggy got into the swift current of the stream; it was thrown

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over, and the contents carried away. Brother Mattill succeeded in swimming to the shore from whence he came, and the ponies swam to the opposite side of the stream. The buggy, which became detached from the horses, lodged in a mass of drift-wood, and was later recovered. The young itinerant had to walk to Brother N. Schmutz' home, a distance of eight miles, where he received help to recover his ponies and buggy the following day. Those experiences did more than break the monotony of life; they pointed to the loving care of a heavenly Father, who is concerned for his own, and will not fail nor forsake them.

HIAWATHA STATION

The first missionary of the Evangelical Association, of whom any trace can be found, was Peter Porr. He came from the Ohio Conference, and found a hospitable stopping-place at the home of Frederick Hauber, four and one-half miles south-east of Hiawatha. His visits came about monthly for two or three years. The Civil War, however, made the filling of the appointments difficult, and often impossible. On June 14, 1860, Brother Porr baptized the Hauber children.

Porr was followed by Wm. Uber about 1861, of whom, however, little can be ascertained, and he, in turn, by C. Tobias. A German Sunday-school was organized in the Moser school-house about 1864, with Charles Bedker superintendent, and Frederick Hauber assistant.

The society was organized in 1868 by C. Berner, and Charles Bedker was chosen class-leader. The charter members were: Frederick Hauber, Catharine Hauber, Chas. Bedker and wife, John Hoffman, John Maglott and wife, and Mrs. Jacob Meisenheimer. Previous to this time there had been a German Methodist appointment at the school-house; their members, however, being few, they joined with the newly formed class.

Under the ministry of the various brethren the work developed until in 1881 a church-building 30x50 feet was erected in Hiawatha during the pastorate of Rev. J. Kurtz. This was dedicated in March, 1882, by Bishop R. Dubs. In the fall of this year a parsonage was built on the property adjoining the church.

In 1885 a very successful revival was held during the pastorate of C. F. Erffmeyer, which is described by Brother Erffmeyer in the following words:

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“During the fall and winter I conducted three revival meetings. The first one was at Prairie Springs, and continued four weeks. The second was at Bellevue, and also continued four weeks. At each of these meetings God’s children were revived, souls saved and the church strengthened. On Dec. 9 we began in Hiawatha, and continued till Feb. 14. During this meeting of over two months’ duration we had meeting usually twice a day. The interest and power grew as the days went by. Our people entered into the work heartily from the beginning. People from other churches came, and soon were working side by side with the Evangelicals. The church was filled to overflowing at nearly every evening service. The Baptist and Methodist pastors suggested that the meeting be made a union meeting, and taken to the opera-house. I hesitated to do this, and suggested that instead they hold meetings in their churches simultaneous with ours. This was done, and soon the revival fire was kindled in their churches, too. There were in all over one hundred conversions in the meetings, and fifty-seven united with the Evangelical Association. The spirit of this revival reached out into the surrounding towns and communities, and started revivals there.”

In 1886 a Woman’s Missionary Society was organized by C. F. Erffmeyer, of which Mrs. J. M. Lepley became the first president. On Aug. 12, 1892, the Conference Branch of the Woman’s Missionary Society was organized at Hiawatha. The Young People’s Alliance was organized by Rev. J. K. Young, Oct. 13, 1891, with Arnold Moser president. In later years the work suffered heavy losses through death and removals, but at present, 1914, the Lord is graciously reviving his work again.

SIXTH SESSION

In the spring of 1870 Conference met in the Evangelical church at Deer Creek, Douglas Co., Kansas, on the 24th day of March. This time there was no bishop present on account of the death of Bishop Long, which occurred during the past year, leaving all the episcopal work resting upon Bishop Esher, who was not able to hold all the Conferences himself.

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The secretary of the Conference, C. Berner, opened the session, after which J. G. Pfeifer was elected chairman, who appointed C. Berner secretary.

A memorial committee was appointed at the opening of Conference, consisting of J. F. Schreiber and H. Haas, to draft suitable resolutions concerning the death of Bishop Long.

The following brethren received license to preach on probation: F. W. Voegelien, S. Schneider, C. Linge, and H. Koepsel. And the following were received into the itinerancy: Conrad Emmel, F. W. Voegelien, Herman Koepsel, and C. Linge. Wm. Lingelbach received deacon's orders.

Belshazzer Hoffman from the Indiana Conference was received into the Conference on condition that he procure credentials from his former Conference.

BISHOP J. LONG

The following memorial was adopted relative to Bishop Long's death: "Inasmuch as it has pleased the Lord to call our esteemed and worthy father, Bishop Long, after a blessed, but also difficult day's labor to his heavenly reward and rest, therefore Resolved, That his departure causes us deep sorrow, and we keenly feel the loss sustained and the vacancy caused by his death, but console ourselves with the thought that he is at rest. God gave us this extraordinary man, anointed to the work of the church, and spared him so many years for usefulness. He was especially gifted with rare talents. His clear, anointed sermons, his business ability, his affection and faithfulness, as well as his concern for the whole church, will abide in our memory. We will pray God to help us to emulate his example."

Bishop Long was held in high esteem by the ministers of the Kansas Conference, having twice presided at her annual sessions, where he endeared himself to the brethren. He was the first bishop to visit the work in Kansas, and presided at her first session.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas District

a. Spring Creek, Hiawatha, and Wolf River appointments shall be taken from Nemaha Mission, and in connection with Camp Creek, and Independence Creek appointments of Leavenworth Mission, constitute a new mission, to be called Wolf River Mission.

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- b. Leavenworth and Wyandotte shall be served together.
- c. Nemaha Mission shall be served by two preachers.
- d. West Kansas Mission shall be supplied with two preachers.
- e. Lawrence Mission shall be supplied with two preachers, if possible.
- f. Holton shall be supplied with two preachers, if possible.

Missouri District

- a. Steiner and Schneider appointments shall be taken from Oregon Circuit, and with the surrounding country shall constitute a new mission, to be known as Hamburg Mission. Oregon Circuit and Hamburg Mission shall be served together, however the finances shall be kept separate.
- b. Grand River shall be served by two preachers.
- c. Frankfort and Glasgow appointments shall be taken from Glasgow Mission and added to Macon Mission, and the remainder of Glasgow Mission shall be called Warrensburg Mission.

EDUCATION

The annually recurring action of Conference relative to education, the Sunday-school and catechetical instruction, indicates the great stress the founders laid on proper early education. Repeatedly the ministry and the laity were urged to carefully look after the best interest of the children, instructing them in religious knowledge, and leading them early to conversion. To this end intense activity is urged in the organization and maintenance of Sunday-schools, and catechetical classes, as well as the dissemination of good religious literature. In this respect the fathers laid a good foundation which is worthy of emulation in all ages.

The absence of C. Timmer at the Conference session without an excuse, or even the presentation of his report for the year, was severely criticised, and his presiding elder was instructed to inform him of the disapproval.

At this time an auxiliary of the Sunday-school and Tract Society was organized, which became a permanent branch of Conference and her business transactions.

MISSIONS

There were three missionary auxiliaries reported which raised \$167.00. The ministers' contributions amounted to \$60.00. From

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other sources \$199.00, making a total for the year of \$426.00. The officers elected for the following year were: J. F. Schreiber, president; H. Haas, vice-president; J. Wuerth, secretary, and J. G. Pfeifer, treasurer.

Bishop Esher was again chosen delegate to the Board of Missions.

Conference appropriated the amount of \$2,000.00 for missions for the ensuing year.

STATISTICS

Statistics reported at this Conference were: Conversions, 175; accessions, 284; itinerants, 15; local preachers, 6; membership, 907; churches, 6; parsonages, 5.

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas District—C. Berner, P. E.

Leavenworth, J. Beck.
Lawrence, H. Haas and supply.
Holton, J. F. Schreiber and F. W. Voegelein.
Humboldt, Wm. Lingelbach.
Wolf River, Conrad Emmel.
Nemaha, P. Fricker and supply.
Big Blue, E. J. Troyer under H. Mattill.
West Kansas, H. Mattill.

Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.

St. Joseph, John Wuerth.
Oregon and Hamburg, S. W. McKesson and H. Koepsel.
Grand River, Wm. Folgate and C. Linge.
Macon, B. Hoffman.
Warrensburg, M. Alsbach.

WARRENSBURG

During the past year Brother Alsbach, who was serving Glasgow Mission, traveled south-west through Johnson County, and came to Warrensburg, where he found several German families, Burkhart, Kemmerly, Smith, Scheidenberger, and Volmer, the latter coming from Indiana, the former from the State of Ohio. Brother Alsbach organized a class and preached for them as often as he could, because of his numerous appointments. The members met for prayer-meeting every Sunday when the preacher could not be with them. The preaching services were usually held in the Scheidenberger home in Warrensburg, and sometimes in the Volmer home. At this Conference Brother Alsbach became the pastor of the new Warrensburg Mission. In 1873 the little society purchased a small brick church on Gay Street from the Presbyterians, which was used for many years to worship in.

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WILLOW SPRINGS

Willow Springs Class was organized in 1869, by Rev. S. W. McKesson, who served Lawrence Mission, and preached at this point. The charter members were: Rev. D. R. Zellner and wife, M. Heffner and wife, Carl Woerner and wife, Christian Long and wife, J. C. Pippert and wife, Mrs. Fager and Mrs. G. Sehrle. J. C. Pippert was elected class-leader of the little band. Three years later a church was built during the labors of J. Wuerth.

C. LINGE

One of the early pioneers in Missouri gives a vivid description of missionary work in those days when people were living in straightened circumstances and were first met by the early circuit-riders. He writes as follows:

“The people were mostly clever and accommodating. Liberal with what they possessed and hospitable, however, in many instances their surroundings were neither attractive nor sanitary. Many times, after traveling all day on horse-back, I would stop for the night and be given a bed which was already occupied by innumerable bed-bugs, which have been aptly described as the ‘pestilence which walketh in darkness.’ This invariably meant a night of combat and bloodshed, with little comfort or rest for the preacher.

“In many instances the house was a mere log-cabin, consisting of one apartment only, and this occupied by parents and a number of children, so that the guest would naturally feel that he was an intruder, were it not for the hearty welcome accorded him by the host and hostess.

“On one occasion a man invited me to take dinner with him, which I gladly consented to do. The bill of fare consisted of corn-meal stirred up with water and salt, and baked in an oven; in addition to this there was sorghum on the table, and a little bacon, which was either borrowed or solicited for the occasion from a neighbor. Dinner being over, I asked permission to pray with the family, which privilege was granted. During prayer a family pig invaded the dining-room without invitation, and quite a disturbance ensued. One of the lads not being impressed with the spirit of devotion, started to dislodge the intruder, but hog-fashion the invader started in the wrong direction, and in passing through under the table upset the table with what was left of the dinner,

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at the same time striking the chair upon which I had placed the Bible before we kneeled to pray. Not satisfied with that extent of confusion, in his careless rush he struck the preacher and threw him to the floor, terminating the prayer very abruptly. When order was again restored the host deplored the episode very much and remarked in a tone of disapproval: 'That dirty hog!'

"Tobacco was used almost universally by men and women. It was not unusual to see father's pipe lying in the tobacco-box under the stove (provided he was not using the pipe), and mother's pipe in her tobacco-box on the work-table, where she would have it convenient. The walls of the room were usually dark from the results of incessant tobacco-smoke, and everything in the house was permeated with the offensive odor. At times the smoke would be so dense in the room that it was difficult to breathe.

"Many times I would travel all day, eating my dinner, which usually consisted of a can of oysters and a few crackers, on the prairie, while my pony would graze during the noon-hour. At night I would sometimes sleep on a dirt or stone floor as the case might be, with a little hay or straw for a mattress. In winter time I would almost freeze on my long trips. Frequently I would travel from five to ten miles before the people along the road would rise. Sometimes my horse, which was black in color, would be white with frost. I would be necessitated to make those long trips in order to reach my next appointment on time. I often froze my ears, nose, fingers and toes.

"Some of our work required a distance of 275 miles to make a single round over the work, which contained from 18 to 23 appointments. The fifth year of my ministry I received \$175.00 salary."

From the foregoing we get some idea of what those early pioneers experienced in laying the foundation of the Evangelical Association in the Kansas Conference.

The seventh session of Conference was held near Cosby, Andrew County, Mo., about 13 miles north-east of St. Joseph, Mo., beginning March 23, 1871. Bishop J. J. Esher, arriving too late to open the session, this was done by the secretary, after which

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J. G. Pfeifer was elected chairman *pro tem.* C. Berner was appointed secretary.

During the examination of the ministers regarding their moral character, charges were preferred against H. Haas by his presiding elder for unbrotherly conduct toward his colleague, J. Schesser, also for neglect of duty, and living in strife with his wife. In the investigation he was found guilty of all the charges, however, his colleague was not without blame. The brethren were requested to promise amends for the future, and Brother Haas was admonished to live in peace with his wife.

Complaints were brought against Rev. S. W. McKesson for making careless remarks regarding the doctrine of soul-sleeping, as also against one of the Articles of Faith of the church. Conference requested the chairman to earnestly admonish Brother McKesson to be more discrete in his remarks in the future, and hereafter defend our Articles of Faith.

Licenses to preach were granted to John Emmel, J. H. Kiplinger, Wm. Luttman, Jacob Gehring, and Ferdinand Harder.

John Schesser was received on a recommendation from the brethren Umbach and Rothärmel of the Canada Conference on condition that he later present his credentials from the said body.

The brethren C. Emmel and E. J. Troyer received deacons' orders, and H. Mattill, John Beck, and Wm. Folgate elders' orders.

J. Schesser, John Emmel, and Ferdinand Harder were received into the itinerancy.

Again Conference made extensive boundary changes, which was hardly avoidable in those days while she was in her early stages of development, and local conditions were constantly undergoing changes. The transitory conditions of the early settlers, the aggressive spirit of the ministry, the numerous calls for service, through which new doors were constantly opening to the missionaries, all contributed to the necessity of making frequent changes in arranging and supplying the works. The following changes were made at this time:

BOUNDARIES

Kansas District

- a. Wamego appointment shall be served with Holton Circuit.
- b. Stranger appointment shall be taken from Holton Circuit and added to Big Stranger Mission.

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- c. Nemaha Mission shall be changed to a circuit.
- d. Big Stranger shall be taken up as a mission.
- e. Big Stranger and Leavenworth shall be served together and supplied with two preachers.
- f. A new mission shall be taken up in Sedgwick Co., Kans., to be called Arkansas River Mission.
- g. Wyandotte and Kansas City, Mo., shall be taken up as a mission and added to Missouri District.

Missouri District

- a. St. Joseph shall be taken up as a mission.
- b. Warrensburg Mission shall be extended southward and be called Cedar County Mission.
- c. Hannibal shall be taken up as a mission.
- d. St. Joseph Circuit shall be called Platte River Circuit.

J. G. Pfeifer and C. Berner were elected delegates to General Conference, and J. F. Schreiber alternate.

MISSIONS

The receipts for missions the past year from the fields of labor amounted to \$631.85, this in connection with what was secured on subscription at the former Conference session, brought the total amount to \$1,303.75. This was the largest amount raised in any one year hitherto, and is certainly a magnificent achievement. Of the foregoing amount \$152.00 was contributed by the preachers.

The amount of \$1,970.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year.

The statistics show a healthy growth of the Conference at this time.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 165; accessions, 324; membership, 1,125; itinerant preachers, 19; local preachers, 11; churches, 8; parsonages, 5; Sunday-schools, 21; officers and teachers, 158; scholars, 608; *Botschafters*, 402; *Messengers*, 94.

For the first time in the history of the Conference the membership reached and passed the 1,000 mark.

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APPOINTMENTS

<i>Kansas District—C. Berner, P. E.</i>	<i>Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>
Leavenworth, J. Beck.	Platte River, J. F. Schreiber.
Big Stranger, J. Schesser.	St. Joseph, F. W. Voegelien.
Holton, Wm. Lingelbach and Edward Troyer.	Oregon, S. W. McKesson.
Nemaha, H. Haas.	Hamburg, H. Koepsel.
Wolf River, C. Emmel.	Grand River, M. Alsbach and C. Linge.
Big Blue, P. Fricker.	Macon, B. Hoffman.
West Kansas, to be supplied.	Hannibal, to be supplied.
Lawrence, J. Wuerth.	Wyandotte and Kansas City, to be supplied.
Humboldt, H. Mattill and John Emmel.	Cedar County, Wm. Folgate.
Arkansas River, Ferdinand Harder.	

ALIDA MISSION

Rev. H. Mattill, while serving the West Kansas Mission the past year, came into the vicinity of Alida, Riley Co., Kansas, and preached in the home of N. Schmutz during the summer. He preached there every four to six weeks, and during the summer prevailed on Brother Schmutz and his wife to attend a camp-meeting held at Holton, Kans., where they were awakened and became the first members at Alida. Brother Schmutz was under conviction before he went to the camp-meeting at Holton, but lacked courage to take a public stand for Christ at home, where he was known. Hence decided to go to the camp-meeting that he might be converted there. He was unable to find peace in his way, but had to return home, where he was converted among those who knew him. Philip Fricker followed Brother Mattill as pastor in the spring of 1871, but on account of failing health preached only two or three times, and then had to give up the work. He was succeeded by Rev. Wm. Meier of Rulo, Neb., Nemaha Circuit, who served the work till the following spring, when he moved to Alida as the third pastor of the work.

The first Quarterly Conference was held in July, 1872, by C. Berner, presiding elder. At this time a class was organized with the following nine members: N. Schmutz and wife, C. Buchel and wife, John Ehram, Geo. Stamm, Samuel Stamm, and Moritz Sprecher. Three of these brethren later entered the ministry.

F. Harder assisted Brother Meier in a revival during the winter of 1872, at which time a goodly number of souls was saved and added to the church. From that time on annual camp-meetings or tabernacle-meetings were held regularly, resulting in glo-

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rious seasons of refreshing and the conversion of many a life of sin to Christ. There were some mighty demonstrations of Divine power during those meetings in the early years of the work.

Five *Botschafters* and several *Magazines* were received during the year 1870, which were distributed among the members from the little log-cabin of Brother Schmutz. How eagerly those sturdy settlers scanned the pages of those periodicals, hardly being able to wait till the next issue appeared to inform them what was transpiring in the world elsewhere, and also bringing them that soul-food for which the *Botschafter* has always been noted.

EUDORA

In 1871 Rev. J. Wuerth, who was serving Lawrence Circuit, organized a class in the village of Eudora, Douglas Co., Kansas, with the following members: Peter Neis and wife, Fred Neis and wife, Father Meyer and wife, Father Ott and wife, Brother Ernst and wife, and Brother Yost and wife.

Peter Neis was elected class-leader, and Father Meyers exhorter. A church was also built during this year, and Eudora became one of the important congregations of the Conference.

SWEDE CREEK

As early as 1864 Rev. S. W. McKesson preached in the community of Swede Creek, usually preaching in the homes of Frederick Toburen, Adolph Toburen, and Wm. Meyers, every three to four weeks. In 1865 Wm. Bugh was assigned to the work and carried it on according to the plan of his predecessor. He in turn was succeeded by Wm. Folgate in 1867. He served Big Blue Mission, to which Swede Creek appointment belonged, for two years, when he was succeeded in 1869 by E. J. Troyer.

The first Quarterly Conference record obtainable is dated Oct. 22, 1870, with C. Berner as presiding elder, and H. Mattill as preacher-in-charge. This conference was held in the home of J. Leusler in Washington Co., with J. Woehler and F. Toburen as representatives from Swede Creek Class. The appointments Hope, Swede Brothers, Swede Creek, and Blue Springs were represented in this Quarterly Conference, which seems to have been the first held on Big Blue Mission.

The second Quarterly Conference was held March 4, 1871, in the Swede Creek school-house, with C. Berner presiding elder and H. Mattill preacher-in-charge.

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Among the first converts at Swede Creek were the families of Herman Toburen, Adolph Toburen, Frederick Toburen, and C. Johnsmeier.

A class was organized in 1869 (?) under the pastorate of Rev. E. J. Troyer with the following members: Friedrich Wohler, Louise Wohler, Friedrich Toburen, Louise Toburen, Adolph Toburen, Charlotte Toburen, Herman Toburen, Engel Toburen, Friedrich Meisemeier, Louise Meisemeier, Rinehart Roebke, Augusta Roebke, Heinrich Sondker, Christian Sondker, Peter Teisen, Catharine Teisen.

The officials were: F. Woehler, class-leader; P. Teisen, exhorter and steward.

A Sunday-school was organized as early as 1871, with P. Teisen, superintendent. We regret that we cannot obtain the enrollment of the school, which has always been noted for its loyalty and thorough work.

At this time the Sunday-school and preaching-services were held in a school-house. Later, in 1876, during the pastorate of Wm. Meier, a church-building was erected, which was dedicated by the presiding elder, J. G. Pfeifer.

The first camp-meeting was held at Swede Creek in 1877, on the farm of F. Toburen, in charge of J. Wuerth, presiding elder, and Wm. Meier, pastor. These camp-meetings were carried on annually without intermission, and with remarkable results in the way of conversions of sinners and the sanctification of believers. In later years this congregation contributed to the ministry a number of promising young men who became a blessing to the Conference and church.

HOLTON

During the past year the first church at Holton was built at the corner of Third Street and Pennsylvania Ave., with J. F. Schreiber and W. F. Voegelien as pastors. This building was one of the early structures in the Conference, built of wood, 40x30 feet in dimensions, and valued at \$3,200.00, including the lots, according to the statistics of Conference.

This church was used by the congregation as a place of worship for 24 years, and was the scene of many glorious demonstrations of Divine power in the salvation of souls and the quickening of God's children. Annual Conference sessions were held in the same, and the first annual convention of the Young People's Alli-

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ance was held here when the initial steps were taken to organize a Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance. In 1894 the building was replaced by a larger and more commodious one.

HANNOVER, KANSAS

As early as 1862 Rev. Wm. Uber, who was serving Holton Mission, traveled west and north as far as Washington County, preaching the gospel wherever he found opportunity. At this time he found entrance in the town of Hannover, where he took up an appointment. The work was, however, not organized till about 1870 by Rev. J. Schesser. The charter-members were: Jacob Werner and wife, Jacob Gundelfinger and wife, Bartley Werner and wife, August Heil and wife, and Mrs. Luebke. J. Werner was elected class-leader and Bartley Werner exhorter. A Sunday-school was also organized at this time and Jacob Werner elected superintendent.

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EIGHTH SESSION

The eighth session of Conference was held in the Nickels Grove Church, Oregon Circuit, Holt Co., Missouri, beginning Thursday morning, March 18, 1872. Bishop R. Yeakel was present for the first time and conducted the business of Conference. J. Wuerth was appointed secretary. For the second time the names of the statistical committee are given, which was composed of the brethren Wm. Lingelbach, M. Alsbach and H. Mattill.

W. Meier, L. Wenger, Wm. Heiser and K. P. Condray received license to preach on probation.

F. W. Voegelein, H. Koepsel and C. Linge received deacons' orders, and Wm. Lingelbach elder's orders.

The brethren L. Wenger, Wm. Meier and J. H. Kiplinger were received into the itinerancy.

Rev. S. W. McKesson, one of the charter-members of the Conference, on account of family circumstances, was necessitated to change his place of residence, and asked for his credentials to the Iowa Conference.

The following brethren were advised to accept work under supervision of the presiding elder, provided their service would be needed: E. Evans, D. R. Zellner, K. P. Condray, J. Seltzer, W. Heiser and A. Rex.

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BOUNDARIES

Kansas District

- a. Humboldt Mission shall be changed to a circuit, and Americus appointment shall be served with Humboldt. The circuit to be supplied with two preachers.
- b. Wolf River Mission shall be changed to a circuit.
- c. Wamego appointment shall be taken from Holton Circuit and added to Western Kansas Mission and be called Wamego Mission, the same to be supplied with two preachers.
- d. Jewell City and vicinity shall be made a new mission, to be called Jewell Mission and be supplied with two preachers.

Missouri District

- a. Glasgow appointment shall be taken from Macon Mission and formed into a new mission, to be called Glasgow Mission.
- b. A new mission shall be formed in Morgan County and be called Morgan Mission.
- c. A new mission shall be located in Jasper Co., Mo., and be called Jasper Mission.
- d. St. Joseph and Hannibal Missions shall be discontinued.

Action was taken at this session of Conference to take a collection on each field of labor for the support of superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the Conference.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The Committee on Sunday-school and Catechetical Instruction recommended that wherever possible week-day schools should be established, in charge of the church. Also that the superintendents and officers should procure our guide-book for Sunday-school workers and use the same in conducting our Sunday-schools, and, further, that as far as possible a Sunday-school convention should be held on the districts of the Conference.

MISSIONS

Six missionary auxiliaries were reported which raised \$343.95 during the past year. The various fields of labor contributed \$200.26, and from other sources \$365.65, making a total of \$913.86. The ministers' subscriptions amounted to \$150.00.

The amount of \$2,330.00 was appropriated for the coming year.

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Bishop R. Yeakel was chosen delegate to the Board of Missions and Bishop Esher alternate. This plan was adopted and practiced for a number of years as a measure of economy to save traveling expenses of a delegate from Conference.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year for the Missionary Society: President, J. G. Pfeifer; Vice-President, J. F. Schreiber; Secretary, J. Wuerth; Treasurer, H. Haas.

STATISTICS

Following are the statistics for the past year: Conversions, 179; accessions, 320; membership, 1,317; itinerants, 21; local preachers, 15; churches, 11; parsonages, 8; Sunday-schools, 24; officers and teachers, 211; scholars, 761; *Botschafters*, 373; *Messengers*, 85; *Magazines*, 44; *Epistles*, 11.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Kansas District</i> —C. Berner, P. E.	Arkansas River Mission, to be supplied.
Lawrence Circuit, J. Wuerth.	
Humboldt Circuit, Wm. Lingelbach and J. Emmel.	
Holton Circuit, B. Hoffman.	<i>Missouri District</i> —J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.
Wolf River Circuit, C. Emmel.	Oregon Circuit, E. J. Troyer.
Nemaha Circuit, H. Haas and supply.	Platte River Circuit, J. F. Schreiber.
Leavenworth Mission, John Beck.	Grand River Mission, M. Alsbach and K. P. Condray under the presidency.
Big Blue Mission, P. Fricker and J. Schesser.	
Wamego Mission, W. Meier and F. Harder.	Macon Mission, H. Koepsel.
Big Stranger, C. Linge.	Glasgow Mission, H. Mattill.
Jewell Mission, L. Wenger and supply.	Wyandotte Mission, F. W. Voegelein.
	Cedar Mission, Wm. Folgate.
	Morgan Mission, to be supplied.

A number of new missions were formed at this session, which indicates the missionary spirit of the Conference and her desire to reach out and extend her borders. Usually scattered members were found by the itinerating missionaries, who visited, and, if possible, preached to them, inviting the neighbors to attend the services. If the way opened for a regular appointment such arrangements were made, and one more appointment was added to the list, which, in some instances, was quite long already. New missions were located, which, in some instances, proved successful, in other cases they were later abandoned for more promising points.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

In the spring of 1871 Conference located a mission in St. Joseph, Mo., and supplied the same with Rev. F. W. Voegelein,

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who found the field hard to cultivate, and associated with many difficulties. He could hardly find a place in which to hold services, and it seemed impossible to achieve results, in consequence the mission was abandoned the following spring. Nothing further was done to carry on the work until 1877, when Rev. E. J. Troyer, serving Platte River Circuit, received an invitation to preach in the city. In compliance with this invitation he preached there for the first time Oct. 28, 1877, but found the same difficulty existing which obtained six years prior, namely, the lack of a suitable place in which to hold services. On Nov. 5, 1877, the presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Pfeifer, preached in the home of Felix Rose from Ps. 121: 7, Rev. E. J. Troyer also being present. Four persons united with the church, making a membership of six as follows: Felix Rose and wife, D. Whitman and wife, and C. F. Fick and wife. Although only few in number, the little band had a mind to do great things for the Lord, so at this meeting a lot was purchased at the corner of Lafayette and 11th Streets for \$700.00, upon which a church-building, 24x34 feet in dimensions, was built at a cost of \$646.53. This church was dedicated by the presiding elder, J. G. Pfeifer, Jan. 6, 1878.

At the following Conference session, held in March, 1878, a mission was again located in St. Joseph and supplied with E. J. Troyer, who reported at the end of the Conference year a membership of 18, and a Sunday-school numbering 40 members.

C. F. Fick was the first class-leader; W. H. Cramer, exhorter, and F. Rose, D. Whitman and C. Fick, trustees. A Sunday-school was organized at this time, with Rev. E. J. Troyer as superintendent and W. H. Cramer, secretary.

This young society started upon its career of prosperity, though beginning on a small scale. In 1881 we find the congregation disposing of its property and relocating at a more suitable place, at the same time building a larger church better adapted to the needs of the congregation.

JEWELL CITY

In the year 1870 the families W. H. Cameron and John Worick moved from Stephenson Co., Ills., to Jewell Co., Kansas, settling in the vicinity where later Jewell City was located. One month later, May, 1870, D. J. Matter and C. E. Plowman from the same place followed, locating in the same community in Kansas. In the autumn of the same year the families of Samuel Cameron, Peter

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Henninger, Wm. Windecker and G. C. Crist were added to the colony. At this time there was no railroad nearer than Water-ville in Marshall Co., whence all provisions, and, to quite an extent, all building material, had to be hauled by wagon. This was connected with danger and hardships, especially during the winter season, when frequently the freighters were caught in a blizzard without any protection save such as their wagons would afford. That men and horses suffered, and barely escaped freezing to death, was the experience of those pioneers of the Western prairies.

In the fall of 1870 a Methodist preacher by the name of West came up from Clyde, Kansas, and preached for those frontiersmen on a Friday evening in a little grocery store. The congregation was not large, and most of the men had revolvers and bowie-knives strapped to their bodies. The people sat on the counter of the store, and on store-boxes, and whatever they could find to sit on, while others remained standing as they listened to the sermon.

At the close of that meeting D. J. Matter suggested that they hold prayer-meetings on Sunday forenoons in the future. This suggestion was accepted, and on the following Sunday morning a prayer-meeting was held in the home of Father Cameron, the same being led by W. H. Cameron. Only members of the Evangelical Association were present, however, on this occasion. These prayer-meetings were kept up regularly till May, 1871, when a union Sunday-school was organized, and a disreputable preacher of another denomination began to preach on Sunday mornings and crowded out the prayer-meetings.

In June, 1871, Rev. Wm. Meier, a minister of the Evangelical Association, who was stationed on Big Blue Circuit, visited the members in Jewell County and preached for them in the German language, which was quite a drawback because some of the people present could not understand German. In consequence of this the attendance at service was smaller than it would have been if the services had been English.

Brother Meier and his colleagues, F. Harder and Wm. Heiser, preached every few weeks in German till the spring of 1872, when shortly before Conference the presiding elder, Rev. C. Berner, in company with Brother Meier, held communion service and organized a class with the following 14 members: Thomas Berry, Wm. H. Cameron, Samuel Cameron, Amelia Cameron, B. Cameron, S. S. Sills, Sarah Sills, Florence Sills, C. E. Plowman, Susan Plowman, W. Windecker, John Worick, D. J. Matter, Christian Matter.

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Thomas Berry was elected class-leader, W. H. Cameron exhorter, and D. J. Matter, steward.

At the Conference, held in Holt Co., Mo., in the spring of 1872, the following action was taken: "Jewell City and vicinity shall be taken up as a new mission, and, if possible, supplied with two preachers."

Rev. L. Wenger was the first minister to serve the new mission, and, as it appears, was necessitated to serve the work alone, since he received no assistant for the year.

The young society soon made an effort to build a church in which undertaking they were successful, and on Nov. 15, 1874, a neat little church, 24x36 feet, was dedicated to the service of God by the presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Pfeifer. The building cost about \$1,200.00, and the lumber was hauled with teams and wagons from Clyde and Clay Center, Kansas.

For ten years this church afforded a place for worship until it became inadequate, when it was replaced by a better and larger one in 1884.

In 1884 the first camp-meeting was held under the direction of J. G. Pfeifer, beginning Sept. 8, 1884. This meeting was crowned with success and resulted in much good to the young congregation and mission.

An Evangelical Sunday-school was organized in 1874, which was the first denominational Sunday-school in Jewell County. D. J. Matter was elected superintendent, and J. W. Berry, secretary. The enrollment was about 25 with a lively interest in the school from the beginning.

Jewell congregation enjoys the distinction of laying the first corner-stone for a church in the Kansas Conference. We here append a copy of the history of the congregation at that time, as it was deposited in the corner-stone:

"Jewell City Mission of the Evangelical Association, Kansas Conference, was located March 21, 1872. Rev. L. Wenger was assigned to the mission as preacher-in-charge. The meetings were held in Brother W. H. Cameron's log-cabin, and in the grove. The class numbered 14 members as follows:" We omit the names here, since they are given in the foregoing as charter-members. The corner-stone was laid by Rev. J. G. Pfeifer at the time he held his first Quarterly Conference at the beginning of his term of office on the district, June 28-29, 1873.

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The building committee was composed of T. J. Berry, Sr., W. H. Cameron, D. J. Matter, C. E. Plowman, and the pastor, Rev. L. Wenger.

The presiding elder appointed the following brethren as a board of trustees: T. J. Berry, Sr., W. H. Cameron, Dr. G. S. Crist, C. E. Plowman, and D. J. Matter.

H. MATTILL

The frontier settlers were frequently very rough and ungodly people, who cared nothing for God or righteousness. In 1870 when H. Mattill was serving West Kansas Mission, opposition was so strong against him and his work, that, at a so-called union Sunday-school picnic, held on the Fourth of July, near Alida, Kansas, a number of enemies, members of a German church, under the leadership of a blacksmith in the neighborhood, laid plans to mob Brother Mattill by hanging him upon his return the next time to fill his appointment. Mr. N. Schmutz, who was a friend to Brother Mattill, but not yet converted, met Brother Mattill in Junction City the day before his next appointment, and apprised him of the threat and plans of his enemies. Brother Mattill, who was not so easily frightened, jovially remarked: "The rope by which I am to hang is not yet made, and if you will receive me in your home I shall come out and preach the gospel to those who will come out to hear me." Permission was granted, and he filled his appointment without any one interfering or harming him.

Several years later, when Brother Mattill served the Kansas District as presiding elder, he and his wife occupied up-stair rooms in Brother Schmutz' home, while Sister Mattill taught a term of public school in the community, having for her pupils children of those parents who planned to hang Brother Mattill several years prior. Thus God again manifested his ruling power over the evil designs of wicked men.

This spring Conference met at Holton, Kansas, on March 20, 1873, to hold her ninth session. Bishop Esher, who was assigned to hold the same, could not be present before the second day, and was necessitated to leave before Conference closed, so J. G. Pfeifer

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was elected chairman *pro tem*. J. Wuerth was appointed secretary.

Over a day was consumed in investigating charges against several brethren. Eight distinct bills of charges were preferred against the brethren concerned, which seemed to indicate that the "accuser of the brethren" had been unusually active and successful during the year. While the character of the accusations were not such as to depose from the ministry or exclude from the church, yet the situation was annoying and detrimental to the cause of the Redeemer, which they were endeavoring to promote, but, on the other hand, indicated the stress laid upon honesty, truthfulness and manliness in the ministry, and at the same time points out the extreme exercise of church discipline practiced in those days.

On account of failing health, John Beck was necessitated to ask for his credentials and change his residence. His request was granted after Conference expressed her regrets at the step he was compelled to take, and assuring him of her prayers for speedy recovery.

J. Schesser also received credentials.

W. Lutman, H. Toedman and Jacob McQuillen were licensed to preach on probation, and Wm. Heiser was received into the itinerancy.

The brethren Wm. Meier, F. Harder and J. Emmel received deacons' orders, E. J. Troyer and C. Emmel elders' orders.

J. G. Pfeifer, J. F. Schreiber, J. Wuerth and C. Berner were elected candidates for the presiding eldership, and from among those candidates J. G. Pfeifer and J. Wuerth were elected presiding elders and stationed on the Kansas and Missouri Districts respectively.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas District

a. Leavenworth and Big Stranger Missions shall be served together and supplied with one minister.

b. Atchison shall be taken up as a mission and served with Wolf River Circuit.

c. The appointments Hiawatha and Spring Creek shall be taken from Wolf River Circuit and added to Nemaha Circuit.

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d. Americus appointment shall be taken from Humboldt Circuit, and with the surrounding country constitute a new mission to be called Americus Mission.

e. Swan Creek appointment shall be taken from Big Blue Mission, and with the vicinity form a new mission, to be called Swan Creek Mission.

f. Blue Springs shall be served with Big Blue Mission.

Missouri District

a. Grand River Mission shall be divided, the northern part consisting of Denver, Grand City, Ringold, Weismiller and Mt. Vernon appointments, shall constitute a new mission, to be called Worth County Mission. The southern portion shall be called Shoal Creek Mission.

b. Cedar County Mission shall be called Osage Mission and be supplied with two preachers.

c. Humboldt Mission shall be transferred from Kansas District to Missouri District.

MISSIONS

The Missionary Society reported an encouraging increase of auxiliaries, bringing the number to eighteen, which raised the commendable sum of \$743.75 for missions the past year. The total raised for missions by the Conference was \$1,140.61. It was ordered that wherever possible auxiliaries should be organized during the coming year.

J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the Missionary Society: J. G. Pfeifer, president; J. F. Schreiber, vice-president; C. Emmel, secretary, and H. Haas, treasurer.

The amount of \$2,325.00 was appropriated by the Conference for missions the ensuing year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 160; accessions, 332; membership, 1,423; itinerant preachers, 25; local preachers, 12; churches, 14; parsonages, 9; Sunday-schools, 29; officers and teachers, 255; scholars, 726; catechetical classes, 17; catechumens, 152; *Botschafters*, 473; *Messengers*, 136; *Magazins*, 92; *Living Epistles*, 12.

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APPOINTMENTS

<i>Kansas District</i> — <i>J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>	<i>Missouri District</i> — <i>J. Wuerth, P. E.</i>
Holton, C. Emmel.	Oregon, E. J. Troyer.
Lawrence, J. F. Schreiber.	Platte River, H. Koepsel.
Wolf River and Atchison, H. Haas.	Worth County, C. Linge.
Leavenworth and Big Stranger, F. W. Voegelein.	Shoal Creek, M. Alsbach.
Nemaha, C. Berner.	Macon, F. Harder.
Big Blue, P. Fricker.	Glasgow, H. Mattill.
Swan Creek, W. Heiser.	Osage, Wm. Folgate and J. Emmel.
Wamego, W. Meier and supply.	Morgan, W. Lutmann.
Jewell, L. Wenger and J. Schesser.	Jasper, to be supplied.
Americus, J. H. Kiplinger.	Humboldt, B. Hoffman.
Arkansas River, to be supplied.	Wyandotte, Wm. Lingelbach.

ALIDA

During the past year a Sunday-school was organized at the Alida appointment, where Rev. Wm. Meier was preaching, and the following officers were elected: Nichlaus Schmutz, superintendent; John Ehksam, assistant superintendent; Geo. Stamm, secretary, and Samuel Finger, treasurer. The school was held in the home of Brother Schmutz for a time, but changed to a school-house, where it was conducted till a church was built in 1882.

DERBY

At the seventh session of the Kansas Conference, held in 1871, a mission was located in South-Central Kansas, in Sedgewick County, which was called Arkansas River Mission, and supplied with F. Harder as its first missionary. The two following years the work was left unsupplied. In 1874 it was changed to Wichita Mission and supplied with Rev. H. Toedman.

This mission comprised appointments south of Wichita, along the Arkansas River, at Derby and Antelope Creek, west of Udall, where members of the Evangelical Association had located and were waiting for the church of their choice. Among those located at Antelope Creek were the families: Shoup, Troutwine, Anderson and others. At Derby were the families: Adam Glazer, John Glazer, Philip Peoples, John Kriebiel, C. Mohr, John Yergler, Dan. Glazer and Philip Yergler.

There seems to be no record of the organization of the work at either place. The work at Antelope was abandoned during the latter part of the "nineties" because many of our people moved from the community. At Derby the work prospered, and in or about 1886 a church was built which was used for many years by the congregation as a place for worship.

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A Sunday-school was organized at an early period in the history of the work, however none of the records can be found. The school prospered and has had some very successful workers connected with it.

HIAWATHA CIRCUIT

Some of the appointments of Hiawatha Circuit are associated with the early ministry and history of the Conference. Many of the pioneer missionaries traveled through the counties Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha, preaching wherever they found open doors. Those appointments were frequently shifted from one field of labor to another by change of boundaries, so that it is difficult to follow them in their transitions.

The class at Carson appointment, later called Bethel, was organized in 1872 by Rev. P. Fricker, who served the Big Blue Circuit at that time. Among the charter-members were Brother Joss and wife, Adam Schauer and Mrs. Neifler, Philip Weiss and Louis Kessler. The Neifler and Joss families came from Leavenworth, Kans., where they were members of the Evangelical Association. Brother Schauer was the first class-leader.

A Sunday-school was organized in 1872, with Philip Weiss as superintendent, and Louis Kessler, secretary.

A church was built in 1895 at a cost of \$1,300.00, and was dedicated by Bishop T. Bowman.

The Lone Star, now Victory Class, was not organized till 1886.

F. T. HARDER

Brother F. T. Harder relates his experience of early days in the Kansas Conference as follows:

"I was licensed to preach at the Conference session held at Platte River, Mo., in 1871, and was stationed on Wichita Mission, which had just been formed that spring. I was the first Evangelical missionary to preach in the territory of the new mission comprising Harvey, Sedgwick, Butler, and Cowley Counties. The principal towns I visited on my itineraries were: Newton, Halstead, Eldorado, Augusta, Wichita, Winfield, and Arkansas City. I traveled over this section of country when it was new and sparsely settled. The settlers were poor and possessed very limited accommodations, which naturally associated missionary work with many hardships and great privations.

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"I had only four members of the Evangelical Association on my large mission field, namely: Brother and Sister Yergler, and Brother and Sister Thoman, with their families. These families lived on the Arkansas River, about 14 miles south of Wichita, near where later Derby was located. Like all early settlers, they were poor, and having but recently moved there could not do much in the way of entertaining visitors. Brother Yergler and family lived in a small board cabin, and when I tarried with them over night I would sleep in the wagon-shed in company with their son. Brother Thoman and family occupied a small log-cabin, and when staying with them I would sleep in an out-door shed adjoining the stable. This was the average condition of the early settlers in those regions in the early seventies.

"Not far from Augusta, on the Little Walnut River, lived two bachelors named Litzke. When visiting them on one occasion I inquired whether they could keep me all night. They replied that they were poor and had no bed, both of them slept on the floor, and had nothing to eat but bread, and coffee to drink, but, if I were willing to put up with their accommodations, I would be welcome to such as they had. I remained with them that night, and many times afterward. They were both converted later, united with the church, got married and established Christian homes which became great factors for good in the community.

"There were no roads at this time, only here and there a faint trail, which was easily lost. Usually the nearest cut across the prairies was taken to reach a desired point. Sometimes the lonely itinerant would get lost, not knowing whither to go for help save to the One who knows all things, and can help the humble when in trouble. Prayer would be resorted to, and one feature about prayer under those conditions was that no one would disturb the worshiper in his devotions.

"The streams were frequently a menace to the traveler. Bridges were, of course, unknown, neither were there any ferries to convey one across the waters. At times the streams were swollen so that fording was exceedingly dangerous, and the missionary would make thrilling adventures. On one occasion while I was attempting to cross the Walnut River, my horse plunged so deep into the water that I was submerged and thoroughly soaked in my bath. I turned my horse loose till I could look after my effects, when, lo! the unruly pony, chilled by the waters, scampered away to the timber, leaving me alone in my plight. On still

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another occasion I was returning from a camp-meeting held at Yates Center, Kansas, when I had to ford a stream which was raging. I used every precaution to protect myself and saddlebags, but finally the water became so deep and the current so swift that I likely should have drowned if help had not providentially arrived just in time to save my life. I had some paper money of 10-cent and 15-cent denomination with me, which was completely soaked with water and packed together so that I had great difficulty to separate the pieces and dry them in the sun before I could pursue my journey. At this same ford I lost a horse a few years later, while my wife and little daughter had a narrow escape from drowning. The foregoing are only two of the many baths received while crossing bridgeless streams.

"I was endeavoring to find a German settlement which I heard was located on Pan Creek; when I finally found the place I was disappointed. I discovered that the settlement consisted of two German men who took up claims, and neither one had yet returned to live there. Fortunately I found the cabin of a bachelor who kindly consented to keep me all night. He laid some old clothing and rags on the floor for my bed which was the best he could do, and which was equally as good as the one he occupied. The next morning I rose early and started on my journey without breakfast. The preceding day I had very little to eat, save some sand-hill plums which I gathered along the road, which also served for breakfast this morning. About noon I became very ill and could go no farther. I secured my horse, placed the saddle on the ground for a pillow and lay down to rest. I attempted to rise several times, but was too dizzy to proceed on my journey. I thus lay on the prairie till toward evening, when the sun was not so hot, when I mounted my horse and let him walk whither he would. Just before dark I stopped before a little sod-house occupied by a Swede family, who received me kindly and cared for me till I was able to pursue my journey.

"Returning from one of my itineraries I found Brother Thoman away from home, having gone 80 to 100 miles to buy provisions for his family. Sister Thoman said they had nothing more than a little corn-meal to eat, and their supplies must be replenished.

"We usually held our services in private houses. Sometimes out-doors during summer. We had no churches. Indeed I cannot recall ever preaching in a school-house on Wichita Mission. Even

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school-houses were few in those days. The first service I held on Wichita Mission was held under a large tree at the home of Brother Yergler. A barrel covered with a cloth served as pulpit.

“As nearly as I can recall I had no church-building to preach in the first ten years of my ministry. Services were held in private houses, school-houses, and in some instances court-houses. In Clinton, Mo., I preached and conducted Sunday-school for a whole year in the court-house. In Emporia, Kansas, I preached in the court-house once or several times. I think I was the first preacher of the Evangelical Association to preach in Emporia. Brother J. F. Barthel, who lived there, entertained me while in their midst.”

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TENTH SESSION

Conference met in the Zion Church, Nemaha Circuit, near Rulo, Richardson County, Neb., March 19, 1874, to hold her tenth session, with Bishop J. J. Esher as chairman. C. Berner was appointed secretary.

Jacob Gehring had his license as local preacher revoked, and Henry Hostig, also a local preacher, surrendered his license.

B. Hoffman withdrew from the church during the year, as also did H. Allaman, a local preacher.

Wm. Folgate located on account of family circumstances, and Wm. Lingelbach received credentials from the Conference. In both cases the brethren were loth to let their co-workers go and gave them beautiful testimonies of esteem, expressing deep regret at the thought of separation from them, all the more so because their services were so much needed in the Conference.

G. Marks received license to preach, and the brethren J. H. Kiplinger and L. Wenger received deacons' orders. F. W. Voegelien, H. Koepsel, and C. Linge elders' orders.

E. E. Condo, of the Illinois Conference, was received into this Conference, and H. Toedman into the itinerancy.

TEMPERANCE

For the first time, as far as can be ascertained from the records of the Conference, a temperance committee was appointed to draft resolutions and report to Conference. The committee, composed of E. E. Condo, F. W. Voegelien, and J. Emmel, in due time presented the following report, which was adopted:

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“Inasmuch as we are convinced of the moral, social, and political evil of strong drink, therefore Resolved, That we, as a Conference, will use our influence to banish intemperance from our land, and especially from the territory of our Conference.

“Furthermore, that we consider the ‘civil damage law’ as timely and proper, and since the same is now pending in the Legislatures of Kansas and Missouri, we will pledge ourselves to support the measure by our vote and influence.

“Resolved, That we feel grateful to God for the Women’s Crusade, which has created such commendable enthusiasm in favor of the temperance cause. We believe they are doing a good work for humanity and society, and we wish them God’s blessings in their undertaking, and all the more so because their sex is made to suffer especially through the results of intemperance.”

Many of the statistics being handed in by the brethren in a very imperfect, not to say careless manner, the Committee on Statistics was instructed to compare the present statistics with those of the preceding year, and where they find discrepancy they shall return them to the brethren concerned for correction.

FINANCE PLAN

The following finance plan was adopted at this time: The salary of a single probationer shall be \$175.00 per year. For a married probationer, \$200.00.

An ordained single man was entitled to \$250.00 per year, and a married ordained man should have \$500.00.

The presiding elders were to have the salary of an ordained man with a moderate amount additional for traveling expenses.

APPEAL FOR MISSIONS

The following passionate appeal was issued to the ministers and laity of the Conference:

“Since we, as a Conference, must again keenly feel our inability to enter the field already so ripe to harvest, because of the lack of workers to send forth, and since our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has directed us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the field, therefore Resolved, That the ministers shall preach a sermon on this subject on Pentecost Sunday, and appeal to the members of their congregations, to make the call of men to the ministry, and their enduement with Pentecostal spirit and power, the subject of prayer on that occasion. Also

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that we urge our people to continue in secret prayer at the family altar and in the public congregation to this end. Further we urge our society officials to carefully carry out this resolution."

BOUNDARIES

Kansas District

- a. Big Stranger Mission shall be discontinued and the appointments shall be added to Leavenworth Mission.
- b. Arkansas River Mission shall be called Wichita Mission.
- c. Wamego Mission shall be called Junction Mission.
- d. Soldier appointment shall be taken from Holton Circuit and transferred to Junction Mission.

Missouri District

a. Osage Mission shall be divided as follows: Warrensburg, Holden, Windsor and vicinity shall constitute a new mission, to be called Warrensburg Mission.

Black Oak, Point, Centerville, White Hall, and the vicinity of Ft. Scott shall form a mission, to be called Cedar Mission.

b. Shoal Creek Mission shall be divided as follows: Winston, Grindstone, and Trenton shall be taken from Shoal Creek and added to Worth County Mission, which shall be changed to Grand Circuit.

Long Gap, Lexington, Moses Class, and vicinity shall constitute Shoal Mission.

c. Morgan, and Hamburg Mission shall be served with Oregon Circuit.

d. The vicinity of Puelsville, where the brethren Schottel have moved, shall be served with Platte River Circuit.

e. Jasper Mission shall be called Carthage Mission.

MISSIONS

The Missionary Society reported 13 new auxiliaries formed during the past year, bringing the number of auxiliaries to 31.

The amount of \$1,623.34 was raised for missions in the Conference. J. G. Pfeifer was elected president of the society, C. Berner, vice-president, C. Emmel, secretary, and J. F. Schreiber, treasurer.

J. G. Pfeifer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

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STATISTICS

Conversions, 319; accessions, 446; membership, 1,694; itinerant preachers, 23; local preachers, 10; churches, 16; parsonages, 9; Sunday-schools, 34; officers and teachers, 276; scholars, 973; *Botschafters*, 471; *Messengers*, 137; *Magazines*, 165.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Kansas District</i> — <i>J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>	<i>Missouri District</i> — <i>J. Wuerth, P. E.</i>
Holton, C. Emmel.	Oregon, E. J. Troyer.
Lawrence, J. F. Schreiber.	Platte River, H. Koepsel.
Nemaha, C. Berner.	Grand River, C. Linge.
Wolf River and Atchison, Philip Fricker.	Humboldt, D. R. Zellner.
Leavenworth, F. W. Voegelien.	Kansas City and Wyandotte, to be supplied.
Big Blue, J. Emmel.	Glasgow, H. Mattill.
Junction, W. Meier and G. Marks.	Macon, M. Alsbach.
Swan Creek, Wm. Heiser.	Carthage and Cedar Creek, E. E. Condo and J. McQuillen.
Jewell, L. Wenger.	Shoal Creek, Henry Cover.
Americus, J. H. Kiplinger.	Warrensburg, F. Harder.
Wichita, H. Toedman.	Morgan, to be supplied.

CONCORDIA

In 1873 Rev. L. Wenger, who at the time was serving Jewell Mission, preached at various points in the adjoining counties where he had regular appointments. In the year indicated he organized a class in Cloud County, Kansas, where three brothers, Frederick, Charles and Gottlieb Huscher, and their families lived. Fred Huscher was elected class-leader of the little class. The families named were staunch Christians and loyal church-members. They passed through many pioneer experiences in early years on the frontier when crops failed and times were hard, however they prevailed, and after 21 years of perseverance, in 1894, succeeded in building a church at a cost of \$1,600.00.

A Sunday-school was organized, in 1878, with Gottlieb Huscher as superintendent. The influence of the Sunday-school, in connection with the home-training, went far to mould the character and lives of their children, so that in later years, at least, two young men, sons of Evangelical families, entered the ranks of the ministry and became useful ministers of the gospel, to which they dedicated themselves.

WASHINGTON

In 1873 Rev. P. Fricker, serving Big Blue Circuit, extended his activities to Washington County, Kansas, and took up an ap-

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pointment at the Star school-house, 8 miles south-west of Washington. A local preacher by the name of J. Leusler, living at this point, was instrumental in starting the work here, and became one of the charter-members of the same. The society was organized this year by Brother Fricker with the following families: Rev. J. Leusler, Jacob Horfer, John Horfer, Martin Horfer, H. Meyer, Sr., Henry Meyer, Jr., and Jacob Benninger. Rev. John Leusler was elected class-leader. A Sunday-school was also started, with John Horfer, superintendent.

About 1876 Rev. C. Brandt began preaching in the town of Washington, and in 1880, or 1881, Rev. D. R. Zellner organized a class with the following members: Henry Bickel, Henry Meyer, Sr., W. M. Polter and wife, M. P. Weldy, and Rev. D. R. Zellner, wife, and son, Edward. H. Bickel was chosen class-leader, and also superintendent of the Sunday-school, which was organized at the time the society was started.

In 1881 a church was built during the pastorate of D. R. Zellner at a cost of \$1,568.07, with W. M. Polter, M. P. Weldy and Henry Bickel trustees. The church was dedicated by the presiding elder, J. Wuerth.

CLEARFIELD (CAPTAINS CREEK)

Clearfield, which was formerly known as Captains Creek appointment, was a part of the old Franklin Mission, which enjoys the distinction of having the first organized society in the Kansas Conference. When Rev. George Fleisher, one of the first missionaries sent to the Territory of Kansas, in 1858, by the Illinois Conference, assumed his labors, he began operations in Douglas County, Kansas, in the vicinity of a small town called Franklin. Here he organized the first class of the Evangelical Association in Kansas during the early part of the summer of 1858. This class was composed of eight members, of which J. Epley and H. Eggert were the officers.

Subsequent to this a class was organized at Captains Creek with the following charter-members: Father Brecheisen and wife, Brother Brecheisen and wife, Father Meeder and wife, B. Kramer and wife, G. Hauser and wife, J. Sturm and wife, and J. Seltzer and wife. Brother Meeder was elected class-leader, and B. Kramer, exhorter.

This was an encouraging beginning and developed into a prosperous congregation, being for many years one of the strong-

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est and most influential societies in the Conference. Here was held one of the first two camp-meetings in Kansas during the summer of 1861, with four tents on the ground and an attendance of about 100 persons. There were 30 members, and five preachers present. The camp-meetings have been continued at this point every year since without omission. Wonderful demonstrations of Divine power were witnessed on these annual occasions. Sinners were rescued from the stronghold of Satan, and led into the kingdom of light and grace. God's people were led into the experience of holiness, and the church was quickened and established.

A church-building was erected in 1880, in which Conference held her annual session in 1882, and again in 1895. At an early date a Sunday-school was established, which was maintained through the years. The date of organization, as well as the first officers of the school, cannot be ascertained.

In the cemetery near the church lie buried many of the fathers and mothers of pioneer days, who left to their children the precious gift of a godly life, and, although they have ceased from their labors, their works do follow them. Many of those sainted heroes of the cross are held in sacred remembrance by those who had a personal acquaintance with them. Here also lie buried the earthly remains of the sainted Moses Dissinger, who, in his time, was known throughout the length and breadth of the church.

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ELEVENTH SESSION

The eleventh session of Conference was held in the Deer Creek Church, on Lawrence Circuit, Douglas County, Kansas, beginning March 18, 1875, with Bishop Reuben Yeakel in the chair. C. Berner was appointed secretary.

Charges were brought against H. Haas, who had been a member of Conference since 1865, at one time secretary of Conference, besides holding other places of trust in the Conference, and Missionary Society, for "slandering the stationing committee," declaring that the devil had stationed him at the former session. He was also charged with making false accusations against said committee, as well as sowing the seed of dissension and discontent through correspondence which he carried on with members on his former field of labor.

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The foregoing charges were supplemented by another set of accusations of a similar character from another brother, covering practically the same ground. The charges were investigated, the accused found guilty and deposed from the ministry.

John Emmel was compelled to leave his field of labor during the year on account of sickness, but upon his request was permitted to remain in the itinerancy another year without an appointment.

Carl Buchel, Stephen Weber, and John Bower received license to preach on probation.

The brethren Wm. Heiser and D. R. Zellner received deacons' orders, and Wm. Meier and Ferdinand Harder elders' orders.

The following brethren were received into the itinerancy: Carl Ehrhart of the Ohio Conference, D. R. Zellner, Geo. Marks, Carl Waehlte, Carl Buchel and John Bower.

BOUNDARIES

The Conference territory was arranged in three districts as follows: Jewell, Osborne, Junction, Americus, and Wichita shall be taken from the Kansas District, and in connection with Humboldt, Carthage, and Cedar Mission from Missouri District shall constitute a new district, which shall be called South-west District.

Kansas District shall be changed to Holton District.

The following changes of boundaries were made on the districts:

Kansas District

a. The appointments Swede Creek and Fancy Creek of Big Blue Mission, and Red Vermillion and Rock of Junction Mission, in connection with Frankfort and Baety, shall constitute Big Blue Circuit.

b. The western part of Big Blue Mission, Leuslers, and Bettchers, with Hanover and Blue Springs, shall form a new mission, to be called Hanover Mission.

c. Osborne, Kill Creek, and Twelve Mile, shall be taken from Jewell and form Osborne Mission.

d. Soldier appointment shall be taken from Junction and be added to Holton.

e. An English appointment shall be taken up east of Hiawatha, in the vicinity where Brother Loose lives, and be served with Wolf River.

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- f. The Ellerman appointment shall be taken from Leavenworth Mission, and be added to Wolf River Circuit.
- g. Wyandotte shall be served with Leavenworth Mission.

Missouri District

- a. Hamburg appointment shall be taken from Oregon Circuit, and with the surrounding country form Hamburg Mission.
- b. Sloans Point, Green Castle, and Spring Creek shall be taken from Macon Mission, and with the Sheridan community form Sheridan Mission.
- c. Clinton, in Henry County, with the appointment Black Oak, shall constitute Clinton Mission.
- d. Ft. Scott and vicinity shall be served with Cedar Mission.
- e. Morgan County Mission shall be discontinued.
- f. Wyandotte Mission shall be added to Holton District.

H. Mattill was elected presiding elder and stationed on the new South-west District.

The brethren J. G. Pfeifer and J. Wuerth were elected delegates to General Conference, and H. Mattill alternate.

Conference proceeded to vote on the 29 recommendations to General Conference, of which 16 received the required number of votes.

At this time recommendations were frequently voted upon by the Annual Conferences before they were submitted to the General Conference. If they failed to receive the required support from the lower Conference they did not reach the higher body, and, hence, did not consume the valuable time of the legislative body of the church. In later years it became customary for General Conference to take the initiative in almost all cases where recommendations are submitted.

TEMPERANCE

Strong temperance resolutions were again adopted, and Rev. E. E. Condo was appointed to represent this body at the Western Temperance Convention, his expenses to be defrayed by the Conference.

For the first time in the history of this organization a representative of North-Western College visited this body in the interest of the school, whereupon the following resolution was adopted: "Since Brother Wm. Huelster, agent of North-Western College,

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visited our Conference in the interest of the college, we rejoice to hear of the prosperity of the institution, and wish it God's blessing in the future, we, however, do not deem it expedient in our present condition and financial strain to enter the college compact."

J. F. Schreiber was elected Conference treasurer for the ensuing year.

MISSIONS

The missionary offering for the past year for home work amounted to \$1,984.09, with 13 new auxiliaries organized during the year. A commendable missionary spirit has been developed, which is manifest by the increase of auxiliaries, as well as the splendid amount of missionary contributions reported in the missionary meeting of the society.

J. G. Pfeifer was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions. The officers elected by the society for the ensuing year were: J. G. Pfeifer, president; J. Wuerth, vice-president; C. Emmel, secretary, and J. F. Schreiber, treasurer.

The amount of \$2,915.00 was appropriated for missions for the ensuing year.

The following statistics indicate an encouraging condition in the development of the work.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 209; accessions, 480; membership, 1,876; itinerant preachers, 27; local preachers, 10; churches, 16; parsonages, 10; Sunday-schools, 39; officers and teachers, 316; scholars, 1,159; catechetical classes, 15; catechumens, 176.

For the first time the Sunday-schools have reached and passed the 1,000 enrollment mark, with a splendid increase of 433 members recorded for the past year.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>	<i>Missouri District—J. Wuerth, P. E.</i>
Holton, C. Emmel.	Oregon, J. H. Kiplinger.
Lawrence, J. F. Schreiber.	Platte River, H. Koepsel.
Nemaha, C. Berner.	Grand River, E. J. Troyer.
Wolf River, P. Fricker.	Glasgow, C. Woelte.
Leavenworth and Wyandotte, F. W. Voegelien.	Macon, C. Stauffer, under presiding
Big Blue, Wm. Meier.	Sheridan, M. Alsbach, elder.
Hannover, H. Toedman.	Hamburg, F. Stecher, under presiding
Swan Creek, Wm. Heiser.	Clinton, F. Harder, elder.
	Shoal Creek, to be supplied.
	Warrensburg, C. Ehrhardt.

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<i>South-west District</i> — <i>H. Mattill, P. E.</i>	Jewell, C. Linge.
	Americus, L. Wenger.
Humboldt, G. Marks.	Wichita, C. Buchel.
Junction, D. R. Zellner.	Carthage, E. E. Condo.
Osborne, John Cover.	Cedar, to be supplied.

The increase in membership, as well as the rapid growth of the Sunday-school, and the division of the Conference into three presiding elder districts, speaks well for the development of the work in the past year, and the promising outlook for the future.

OSBORNE

In 1872 a neighborhood Sunday-school was started in the vicinity known as Kill Creek, in Osborne County, Kansas, and conducted as a union Sunday-school by the people of the community.

Two years later, 1874, Rev. L. Wenger, serving Jewell Mission, extended his itinerary west through Osborne County, and preached at various points, including Twelve Mile Creek and Kill Creek. Among the early settlers at the latter place were the families, Crist Bliehm, J. Guyer, Jacob Wismar, Geo. Beck, and others, who received Brother Wenger and united with the Evangelical Association, becoming faithful workers and pillars of the church.

During the pastorate of Brother Wenger a great awakening took place in the community which resulted in the conversion of many souls. The revival fires spread till people came for many miles, some in ox-carts, to attend the services. The Holy Spirit was working mightily, and many were brought under conviction, and yielded their hearts to Christ. This revival was spoken of for many years as a wonderful awakening among the frontiersmen by those who were present and saw the manifestations of God's power.

The precise time of the organization of the society cannot be ascertained, nor is it known who the first officers were. The Sunday-school was later converted into a denominational school, and has been continued as such for many years, although the names of the original officers are not known at this time.

The first church was built in 1877, during the pastorate of J. Bower, and dedicated by Rev. H. Mattill, presiding elder.

In 1878 the work was served in connection with Cawker Mission by the brethren C. Linge and A. J. Voegelien. The con-

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solidation of the two works necessitated a great deal of traveling. The work had 23 appointments, which required from 330 to 350 miles to complete one round over the work. During this year the brethren built a small house and dug a cellar and a well for a parsonage. This, in addition to their pulpit and pastoral work, prevented monotony and indolence.

The second church was built during the pastorate of J. H. Kiplinger in 1900. During this year there were two churches built on the circuit.

F. W. VOEGELEIN

Brother F. W. Voegelein records his "early experience" in the Kansas Conference in the following interesting words:

"Having received a recommendation from the Nickels Grove Class, near Oregon, Mo., the presiding elder of the Missouri District, J. G. Pfeifer, requested me to enter the work at once. He said he was in need of a man in Glasgow, Mo., and on Glasgow Mission, which extended from Glasgow to Versailles in Morgan County, Mo., to Warrensburg and Holden, from there to Frankfort, and then to Glasgow. This was indeed a "big" field to which had been appointed Rev. M. Alsbach at the Conference session in 1869. As the field was too large for the aged brother who lived in Holden, Mo., it was the presiding elder's wish that I reside at Glasgow and serve as assistant to Father Alsbach. I was to devote considerable of my time to making a real beginning there. I was appointed to this work Oct. 1, 1869.

"The only members of our church at that time in Glasgow were Brother and Sister Nuhn, with whom I made my home. In November of this year I assisted Brother Alsbach in a revival meeting in Morgan County, where about 35 conversions took place. This was my first experience in this kind of work. I made several rounds on the work with some interesting experiences. But according to instruction I paid special attention to Glasgow. I was permitted to use the city hall there as a preaching place on Sunday. I started a little Sunday-school and opened preaching service with six persons in attendance. After preaching there several Sundays one man was happily converted, and thereafter others came and were converted until in all we had nine converts and organized the first class in Glasgow. This took place in the months of January and February, 1870.

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“In March of this year I attended Conference at Deer Creek, where I received license and was sent as assistant to J. F. Schreiber on Holton Circuit in Kansas. On this field I served one year during which time (1870) the first church was built in Holton, and that winter we had a good revival in the new church. We also had a goodly number of conversions at some of the other eight appointments on the work.

“In 1871 I was sent to St. Joseph, Mo., where we had—nothing! No place in which to hold services, nor one member to hold services with. I rented a hall at my own expense and started a Sunday-school, in which we soon gathered about 30 scholars, but having no funds, and no local assistance, the presiding elder concluded to transfer me from St. Joseph to the proposed Kansas City Mission during the year. On the Kansas side, then called Wyandotte, we had a few members, one of whom owned a hall in which I could hold services. In January, 1872, we had ten conversions there and organized a class. I was expected to gain entrance into Kansas City, Mo. In these ‘good old times’ Conference never thought of allowing anything for hall rent, etc., in new places. I tried hard to find a place ‘free of rent’ in that city, but failed. Then I undertook to preach on the streets. I arranged with a store-keeper at the corner of 12th and Grand Ave. to stand on a box to sing and preach. A few of our people from Wyandotte came over and assisted us in singing every Sunday afternoon. This took place in the latter part of summer and autumn of 1872.

“By this means we met with some people who showed a favorable disposition to hear the gospel. Sometimes I had a very large attendance at these street-meetings. In the autumn, when the weather became too cool for out-door meetings, we were fortunate enough to find a Cumberland Presbyterian church where I was kindly permitted to preach on Sunday afternoon. This was the real beginning of our work in Kansas City. I very much regretted that in the following spring I was transferred to Leavenworth. This was in the spring of 1873, and I served Leavenworth three years, which was the limit at that time.

“In the spring of 1876 the Conference was held at Leavenworth, and on this occasion I took my farewell from the brethren of the Kansas Conference with no little regret, for I loved the brethren and the work, but our General Executive Committee of the Board of Missions had appointed me to San Francisco, Cal.”

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TWELFTH SESSION

Conference met March 23, 1876, at Leavenworth, Kansas, to hold her twelfth session. Bishop R. Dubs, one of the newly elected bishops, presided. C. Berner was again appointed secretary. J. Wuerth, P. Fricker and F. W. Voegelien were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions regarding the Centennial Jubilee of our nation.

John Emmel located on account of failing health, and E. E. Condo received credentials.

F. C. Stecher of the Ohio Conference was received as a probationer.

The following brethren were received from other Conferences: J. Dengel and S. Schwartz from the Illinois Conference, Rev. Johnson from Iowa, G. F. Yeager, Central Pennsylvania, S. Werner, Pittsburg, and W. Wonder from Ohio. The latter with the understanding that he present his credentials at the next session.

G. Marks received deacon's orders, and J. H. Kiplinger and L. Wenger elders' orders.

The brethren G. F. Yager, W. Folgate and C. F. Stecher were received into the itinerancy.

BOUNDARIES

Again extensive boundary changes were made as follows:

Holton District

a. Hiawatha shall be taken from Wolf River and added to Nemaha Circuit.

b. Blue Springs appointment shall be taken from Hanover Mission and added to Swan Creek Mission, the remaining portion of Hanover with the appointments Clay Center and Mill Creek of Junction Mission shall be served with Big Blue Circuit.

c. The appointments Red Vermillion, Rock Creek, Frankfort and Baety shall be taken from Big Blue Circuit and with the appointments Louisville, Wamego and Vermillion of Junction Mission shall form a new mission to be called Red Vermillion.

Missouri District

a. The appointments Winston and Grindstone shall be taken from Grand Circuit and be added to Platte River Circuit. The remaining portion of Grand Circuit, with the appointment Mt. Pleasant of Platte River, shall constitute Denver Mission.

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- b. Macon Mission shall be changed to a circuit.
- c. Oregon Circuit shall be called Nickel's Grove Circuit.
- d. Nickel's Grove Circuit and Hamburg Mission shall be served together, but the finances shall be kept separate.
- e. Wyandotte Mission shall be discontinued.

Southwest District.

- a. Elk Creek and Labette shall be taken from Humboldt Circuit and in connection with Parsons and vicinity constitute Parsons Mission.
- b. A new mission shall be located in the vicinity of Ellinwood, Barton County, and be called Ellinwood Mission.
- c. Ft. Scott shall be taken from Cedar Mission and added to Parsons Mission, and Cedar Mission shall be discontinued.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The following action was taken relative to the Sunday-school work: 'We urge that the purpose of the Sunday-school, namely, leading the youth to Christ, be not lost sight of. The Sunday-school should not be the work of a few persons, but of the whole congregation. Here all should unite their consecrated powers and efforts, and because of this, let us ministers apply all our energies to carry on the Sunday-school work. We will endeavor to enlist not only the appointed leaders in this work, but the entire membership. We urge our preachers, wherever possible, to organize Sunday-schools and catechetical classes.'

F. W. VOEGELEIN

Brother F. W. Voegelein was during the year appointed missionary to San Francisco, Cal., by the Board of Missions, and was thus necessitated to sever his connection with his mother Conference, in consequence of which the following action was taken:

"Inasmuch as the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions has appointed F. W. Voegelein, a minister of the Kansas Conference, as missionary to San Francisco, California, therefore

"Resolved, That we can only regretfully submit to the inevitable, and deplore our loss deeply. We are of the opinion that we stand in need of the service of our beloved brother as much as any other place.

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“Further Resolved, That since Brother Voegelein leaves us, we wish him and his family God’s richest blessings and protection on their journey, that we will pray to God that he may labor with the greatest degree of success in his important work of saving souls.

“We hereby grant him an honorable dismissal and a hearty recommendation to the Pacific Conference.”

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

This year being the centennial anniversary of our national independence, Conference passed the following resolution regarding this fact:

“We are mindful that our merciful God, the Ruler of nations, and the Director of their destinies, has led and kept this glorious Republic for one hundred years since its beginning, through dangers within and without, blessing our land with wealth and prosperity, and granting us liberty of faith so that we could extend our borders from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific. We are, therefore, of the opinion that our Church has great reason to express her loyalty by participating with our citizens in the jubilee celebration on the Fourth of July next. Therefore Resolved:

“1st. That in harmony with the order of General Conference, we, as preachers and members, will assemble at the places designated by the proper authority to take part in the jubilee celebration.

“2nd. That we will pray God to protect us and ward off the evils of Sabbath desecration and corruption which have penetrated the highest government circles. This terrible evil must be counteracted if we would perpetuate our glorious Republic.

“3rd. That during the year, in keeping with the order of General Conference, a thanksgiving service shall be held in each of our societies in the United States, in which service themes regarding the founding and preservation of the Republic shall be made the subject of consideration and thanksgiving.

“The offerings received at this thanksgiving service shall be used to aid some poor young man, who is an applicant for the ministry, in educating himself for work in the Kansas Conference.”

The following program was prepared as an order of exercise:

(a) Opening exercise with song and prayer. (b) Reading of Scripture and the Declaration of Independence. (c) Song. (d)

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A short appropriate address. (e) Song and collection. The preachers shall procure and use this program.

Conference resolved that in the future the matter of adjusting preacher's salary shall be referred to the pastor and board of stewards.

UNION BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

Rev. S. Dickover, agent of the Union Biblical Institute, directed a letter to Conference relative to the appointment of one of the Bishops as Principal of the Institute. Conference expressed her willingness to accede to this request.

H. HAAS

Rev. H. Haas, who was tried and deposed from the ministry at the former Conference session, appealed to General Conference, which was held during the year, for justice, on the assumption that he could not be present at the time of his trial on account of family circumstances.

Upon this ground the verdict was set aside, and the Kansas Conference was instructed to proceed with the investigation of his charges in his presence. The accused, however, again failed to appear for trial, but in the meantime united with the Methodist Church South, so that without further ceremony he was declared "withdrawn from the Church under charges."

MISSIONS

This year the amount raised for missions was \$1,721.13. Bishop Dubs was elected to the Board of Missions, and the Society reorganized by electing H. Mattill president, M. Alsbach vice-president, J. Wuerth secretary, and J. F. Schreiber treasurer.

The amount of \$2,930.00 was appropriated for missions for the ensuing year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 284; accessions, 561; membership, 2,156; itinerant preachers, 26; local preachers, 12; churches, 16; parsonages, 10; Sunday-schools, 45; officers and teachers, 364; scholars, 1,219; catechetical classes, 16; catechumens, 155; Botschafters, 417; Messengers, 119; Magazins, 187; Living Epistles, 24.

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APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District</i> —J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.	Warrensburg and Clinton, C. Ehrhardt.
Holton, H. Koepsel.	Glasgow, F. Stecher.
Lawrence, P. Fricker and supply.	Shoal Mission, Wm. Folgate.
Nemaha, J. F. Schreiber and C. Woehlte.	Denver, F. Harder.
Wolf River and Atchison, C. Berner.	<i>South-west District</i> —H. Mattill, P. E.
Big Blue and Hannover, W. Meier.	Humboldt, C. Emmel.
Leavenworth, August Fuessle.	Junction, D. R. Zellner.
Red Vermillion, C. Buchel.	Osborne, W. Heiser and John Bower.
Swan Creek, W. Wonder.	Jewell, C. Linge.
<i>Missouri District</i> —J. Wuerth, P. E.	Wichita, to be supplied.
Nickels Grove and Hamburg, J. H. Kiplinger and R. Stahl.	Americus, L. Wenger.
Platte River, E. J. Troyer.	Carthage, G. F. Yager.
Bloomington and Sheridan, M. Alsbach and supply.	Parsons, J. G. Marks.
	Ellinwood, to be supplied.

VASSAR

In 1875 Rev. J. F. Schreiber was serving Lawrence Circuit. He extended his labors west into Osage County, in the vicinity of Vassar, where he found members of the Evangelical Association, for whom he preached. The same year he organized a class with the following members: Brother Kersten and wife, Brother Ulrich and wife, Brother Storbeck and wife, Henry Schindle and wife, Henry Brecheisen and wife, Ed Brecheisen and wife, and Mother Pittker. Over this little band of Evangelicals Henry Schindle was placed as the first class-leader, and Ed. Brecheisen exhorter. They labored faithfully, holding their services in school-houses until they were able to build a church in 1891.

THIRTEENTH SESSION

This year Conference was held in the Nickel's Grove Church, Oregon Circuit, Holt County, Mo., beginning March 22, 1877, with Bishop Esher as chairman, who appointed C. Berner secretary.

Charges were preferred against Rev. C. Woehlte for entering into matrimony during his probationary period, which was a violation of the Church Discipline. As a penalty for his transgression he was continued on probation for another year, with the understanding that his financial claim shall not be affected thereby.

Charges were also preferred against C. F. Stecher for breach of promise. The accused was found guilty of the charge and was

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severely reprimanded for trifling with a matter of such sacred import. He was given an opportunity to promise Conference that he would redeem his pledge concerning the engagement, in which event his official promotion in Conference should not be impeded. If he refuses to do this he could not be retained in the ministry. If the other party refuses to resume the engagement, then the accused shall be released from further obligations in the matter.

G. F. Yager deserted his field of labor during the year, and G. Marks located on account of family circumstances.

L. Lutz received license to preach, and J. Dreisbach was received as a preacher on probation.

The brethren, John Bower, C. Buchel, C. F. Stecher, received deacons' orders, and Wm. Heiser and D. R. Zellner elders' orders.

E. Evans, John Emmel and R. Stahli were received into the itinerancy.

The terms of J. G. Pfeifer and J. Wuerth as presiding elders had expired and the two brethren were re-elected and stationed on the Missouri and Holton Districts respectively.

It was reported that the amount of \$60.55 was raised in the collections at the centennial jubilee meetings, held during the past year. It was ordered that the amount be placed in the hands of the Conference treasurer, and by him loaned out on interest with good security.

GRASSHOPPERS

During the years 1875-1876 the country was afflicted and laid waste by a siege of drought and grasshoppers, so that many people were brought to destitution. A call for aid was made through the Church papers, and in response to these appeals considerable relief was sent to the ministers from friends in the East.

Brother Pfeifer had charge of the distribution of the relief fund in the Conference, and rendered valuable assistance to many who were in need and dependent on charity. Many who lived in Kansas during those trying times still hold in sacred remembrance the help they received from such who were more fortunately situated in other parts of the country and were able and willing to extend a helping hand to their afflicted brethren.

Even in such visitations, on the one hand, and commendable deeds of mercy on the other hand, the enemy of all good, would, if possible, by the spirit of malignity and slander, defeat the purest motives of charity.

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Among those receiving aid was a certain man who appealed to Brother Pfeifer for help in his distress and received \$10.00 from the relief fund. This gentleman being an honest and able-bodied man, insisted on giving labor in return for the \$10.00 received. In keeping with his request he was permitted to work on the district house at Holton, Kansas, which was under construction at the time. This arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to all parties concerned.

PETER DOKLER

Shortly after this there appeared an article in one of the German daily papers, written by one named Peter Dokler, who lived in Holton, Kansas, condemning Brother Pfeifer, and declaring that he was using the charity fund for selfish purposes, and that Brother Pfeifer, after being exposed, had found it necessary to flee from Holton in great haste and confusion. Brother Pfeifer had just prior to Conference moved his family to Missouri on his farm and continued to serve his district as before. This libelous charge was also circulated by said Peter Dokler in a pamphlet which he distributed. This unprincipled character had formerly been a member of the Evangelical Association and had now found a method by which he might give vent to his bitter hatred.

Conference thoroughly investigated the matter in reference to the reports, as well as Brother Pfeifer's accounts, and found everything in perfect order, thus exonerating him of the libelous attack made upon his character. Brother Pfeifer's accounts showed that the amount of \$1,975.48 had been received for the relief fund, of which amount \$1,656.50 was disbursed among the needy, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$318.98. The presiding elders were requested to distribute the balance among the needy preachers and laity of the Conference.

Some of the ministers were severely criticised by Conference for failing to look after the missionary money and other collections as they should, in consequence of which some of the stronger works fell short in their contributions. The delinquents were urged to attend to these important matters more carefully, and in case of a repetition of failure in discharging their duty they would be reported to Conference. It was also ordered that where there are still no missionary auxiliaries organized the matter of organization shall be attended to during the first three months of the ensuing

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Conference year, and the presiding elders shall see to it that these instructions are carried out.

C. Emmel was re-elected Conference treasurer. He reported \$370.50 in the Conference treasury, independent of the \$60.55 jubilee fund. He was instructed to loan the amount out at 8 per cent interest with good security. Up to this time there were no Conference claimants, as the ministers and their families were hitherto spared the invasion of death.

The pastor of Swan Creek was authorized to collect on Holton District for a new church at Blue Springs.

CONFERENCE INCORPORATED

It was ordered that Conference should be incorporated according to the laws of Kansas. The following trustees were elected: John Wuerth, H. Koepsel, Wm. Meier, A. Fuessle and P. Fricker.

The incorporation act was attended to according to order of Conference, and the charter issued by the Secretary of State of Kansas was placed on file with the Conference trustees.

BOUNDARIES

Missouri District.

a. Winston and Grindstone appointments shall be taken from Platte River Circuit and be added to Shoal Mission and be called Winston Mission.

b. Hamburg Mission shall be left unsupplied this year.

Southwest District

a. The two appointments in Osage County shall be taken from Lawrence Circuit and added to Americus Mission.

b. The appointments in Marion County shall be taken from Americus Mission and be added to Junction Mission.

c. Osborne Circuit shall be divided. All the German appointments shall be taken from Osborne Circuit and form a new mission which shall be called Cawker Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$1,608.27 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year. Of this amount \$355.00 was contributed by the ministers. The amount raised the past year was \$113.76 less than the former, and \$375.72 less than the second

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year previous. This condition was doubtless due to the failure of crops.

H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the Missionary Society: H. Mattill, president; J. Wuerth, secretary, and J. F. Schreiber, treasurer.

The amount of \$3,525.00 was appropriated for the work the coming year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 245; accessions, 412; membership, 2,183; itinerant preachers, 28; local preachers, 12; churches, 19; parsonages, 11; Sunday-schools, 45; officers and teachers, 445; scholars, 1,573; catechetical classes, 14; catechumens, 121; Botschafters, 515; Messengers, 140; Magazines, 204; Epistles, 36.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—John Wuerth, P. E.</i>	Warrensburg, C. Ehrhardt and supply.
Holton, H. Koepsel.	Clinton Mission, ———.
Lawrence, P. Fricker.	Glasgow, J. Schmidli.
Wolf River, C. Berner.	Winston, J. H. Kiplinger.
Nemaha, J. F. Schreiber and J. Dreisbach.	Denver, Wm. Folgate.
Big Blue, Wm. Meier and Carl Buchel.	Hamburg, to be supplied.
Leavenworth, A. Fuessle.	<i>South-west District—H. Mattill, P. E.</i>
Red Vermillion, D. R. Zellner.	Humboldt, C. Emmel.
Swan Creek, W. Wonder and D. F. Honstedt.	Parsons, C. Woehlte.
<i>Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>	Americus, John Emmel.
Nickels Grove, E. Evans.	Carthage, to be supplied.
Platte River, E. J. Troyer.	Wichita, to be supplied.
Bloomington, C. F. Stecher.	Junction, L. Wenger and R. Stahl.
Sheridan, M. Alsbach.	Jewell, C. Linge.
	Cawker, W. Heiser and Crist. Geiser.
	Osborne, J. Bower.
	Ellinwood, to be supplied.

YATES CENTER (TURKEY CREEK)

In 1876 Rev. C. Emmel, who was serving Humboldt, of which Yates Center was an appointment, held a revival meeting about 10 miles north-west of Yates Center on Turkey Creek, where was a large settlement of German people who were thrifty farmers, formally religious, but without knowledge of experimental religion, having been reared in the State Church of Germany. In this community Brother Emmel began his meeting in the home of "Uncle" Carl Weide, who was a very influential man among his

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neighbors and countrymen. A mighty awakening soon followed and among the first converts was "Uncle Carl." No sooner had he found peace in the Saviour when he became a mighty missionary among his friends, leading many to Christ, among others his brother Gottlieb, who was a deeply pious, but reserved man. These two brothers became the founders of a strong congregation at Turkey Creek, which for many years was a rival of the congregation in town.

Uncle Carl Weide believed in and enjoyed a religion which made soul and body happy. He was in his element at camp-meetings, revival meetings and quarterly meetings, where he could tell about his Saviour's love and power. He would often leap for joy and praise God aloud when testifying in the congregation. Not only in the public service would he get unspeakably happy talking religion, but also in his home. On one occasion his pastor and presiding elder called at his home, and while his companion was engaged preparing dinner he began to relate his conversion, and the beginning of the work in his home and community. He stepped across the room and pointed to a dent in the door casing about three feet from the floor, saying: "Here is where I struck with my heel the night the Lord saved me." As he went on telling what great things the Lord had done for him he became so happy that he began to leap over the floor and praise God for his goodness and mercy. His wife, hearing the noise, came to the door, looked in, and then went about her work as if nothing unusual had happened. Indeed this was no unusual occurrence for "Uncle Carl" and his family. The influence of the two brothers named was strong in the community and church, so that when the Lord called them to their reward, the world, and in particular Turkey Creek, lost two good and useful men.

Quite a number were converted in Brother Emmel's meeting, after which he organized a class of ten members as follows: Carl Weide and wife, Gottlieb Weide and wife, Henry Weide, Fritz Weide, Anna Weide, Carl Weide, Rose Weide and Willie Weide.

In 1892 a commodious country church was built during the pastorate of C. Brandt, which, in later years, became a Bethel for many souls. Glorious seasons of grace were experienced at her altars, and many souls were born into the Kingdom of God while God's people were praying and singing songs of redeeming love. The annual camp-meeting was a season never to be forgotten by those who were present. These meetings were held in later years

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in connection with the other appointments on the Yates Center work. Often the altar service would continue till after midnight, while parents would kneel at the altar with their children, praying with them, embracing them, and encouraging them to look to Jesus and trust him for salvation. Then when the glorious moment came that faith took hold of the promise, the joy of parents and children knew no bounds. Salvation was taught and believed to be the pearl of great price, and the one thing needful. Though the farm work was laid aside for a week at a busy time of the year, yet the Christians felt it was not connected with loss, but rather infinite gain to them.

Invariably the climax of the meeting was reached after repeated groups of prayer-meetings in the adjoining grove, where frequently seekers were taken for prayer and brought back to the camp rejoicing in a newly found Saviour.

From this congregation ministers and ministers' wives have gone out to labor in the vineyard of the Master, and devote their powers to work in the Kansas Conference.

Some of the sons and daughters of this congregation moved farther west in the county and established a congregation at Cedar Creek, where later a church was built and the work established.

A thriving Sunday-school has been maintained at Turkey Creek from the beginning of the work, although the names of the first officers are not at hand.

ALDEN

In 1876 a mission was located in the vicinity of Ellinwood, in Barton County, Kansas, named Ellinwood Mission. This field was left unsupplied for two years, when Wilson was taken from Cawker Mission and added to Ellinwood and the name changed to Rice Mission. Peter Schumann came from Dayton, Ohio, to take up work in Kansas and was assigned to this place in the spring of 1878. A few years prior to this Rev. S. Swartz moved from Ohio to Rice County, Kansas, and preached at various places over the country.

Rev. Schumann organized the first class in the home of Bro. Reimer in 1878. There is no record of the charter members or officers of the class.

In 1879 J. H. Tobias succeeded Brother Schumann with C. W. Snyder for his colleague. Brother Tobias served the work one year and writes as follows: "I preached my first sermon on April

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the 10, 1879, in a school house near where Alden now stands. In the fall of 1879 I preached the first time in Lincoln County in a dugout not far from where Rosette is now located. I traveled and preached in six counties as follows: Rice, McPherson, Pawnee, Russell, Lincoln and Ellsworth.

Brother L. Wenger, my presiding elder, held my first quarterly meeting in Brother Davis' sod house. We had 20 Quarterly Conference members present. Some came 40-60 miles. Brother Davis lived in the vicinity of where Alden now is located. I received 140 members into the church this year, had 14 appointments and a 600 mile drive in making one round over the work. I sometimes drove 60 miles in a day and held services at night."

There is no record of the organization of the Sunday-school or of the first officers.

DENNIS

The historical data of Dennis Mission are meager, and what we have is not fully reliable. In the year 1876 Conference took the following action: "Elk Creek and Labette appointments shall be taken from Humboldt Circuit and in connection with Parsons and vicinity constitute Parsons Mission." The same was supplied by Rev. G. A. Marks. This was evidently the beginning of the work around Dennis, although the dates of organization are wanting. The first members of which a record can be found are: Mrs. Wm. Webb, Mrs. Dienst, Geo. Dienst, Wm. Dick, John Carson, Mrs. Cleveland, Sam Rickard, Dan Maury, David Markley, W. W. Blake.

There is no record of the first officers. The church was built about 1885 during the pastorate of J. W. Keiser.

FOURTEENTH SESSION

The fourteenth session of Conference was held at Willow Springs, Douglass County, Kansas, beginning March 21, 1878, with Bishop Thomas Bowman as chairman for the first time. C. Berner was again appointed secretary.

J. G. Marks withdrew from the Church during the year, and Wm. Folgate and C. Buchel located on account of family circum-

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stances, while M. Alsbach and John Bower were necessitated to locate on account of physical disability.

Philip Fricker, one of the charter members of the Conference, was compelled, on account of failing health, to withdraw from the active work for the present time. A suitable resolution was passed expressing regret at the stand Brother Fricker was necessitated to take, and assuring him of the interest and prayers of Conference for his speedy restoration and return to the work.

J. F. Yager and A. Fuessle received credentials, the latter to the Illinois Conference.

The following brethren received license to preach: Fred Schafer, C. F. Erffmeyer, P. Schumann, A. J. Voegelien and J. M. Dreisbach.

H. S. Bower of the Central Pennsylvania Conference and J. S. Seip of the Erie Conference were received.

R. Stahli and C. Wohlte received deacons' orders, and John Emmel elder's orders.

The following brethren were received into the itinerancy: H. S. Bower, C. Geiser, Fr. Schafer, C. F. Erffmeyer, Albert Voegelien and D. F. Honstedt. John Kurtz was also received into the itinerancy with the understanding that he present his credentials to his presiding elder.

The Conference Trustees reported that in accord with the instructions given a year ago Conference had been incorporated in harmony with the laws of Kansas. Since the trustees were elected for a period of one year only, it was ordered that they should be elected in the following order: one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The following brethren were elected in the above order: J. Wuerth, H. Mattill, J. F. Schreiber, C. Berner and Wm. Meier.

It was ordered that all societies not yet incorporated should do so during the coming year and be reported at the next Conference session. It was made the duty of the presiding elders to look after the deeds of the local church property on their respective districts whether they comply with our disciplinary requirements, and where this is not the case the matter shall be attended to and reported to the next session of Conference.

The brethren C. Berner and J. Wuerth were appointed a committee to compile a history of the Kansas Conference.

Up to this time the Chairman was considered the examiner of junior preachers in theology, but now provisions were made for

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an alternate examiner, whose duty it was to examine the written sermon of the young minister. Brother H. Mattill was chosen as such alternate.

It was ordered that each preacher pay 25 cents for repairs on the district house at Holton, Kansas.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Blue Springs shall be taken from Swan Creek and be called Blue Springs Mission.

b. Lawrence Circuit shall be supplied with two preachers and the city of Lawrence shall be taken up without delay.

Missouri District

a. St. Joseph shall be taken up as a mission and supplied.

b. Kansas City shall be taken up as a mission and supplied.

c. Hamburg Mission shall be discontinued.

Southwest District

a. Wilson shall be taken from Cawker Mission and added to Ellinwood Mission, the same to be called Rice County Mission.

b. Offerle and vicinity shall be taken up and called Offerle Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$2,030.50 was raised for missions the past year. This was \$422.00 in excess of last year, but in spite of the commendable increase of missionary offerings there was a deficit of \$257.50 reported to Conference. The preachers this year contributed \$433.00. The amount appropriated was \$3,600.00. Bishop T. Bowman was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 210; Accessions, 463; membership, 2,382; itinerant preachers, 32; local preachers, 16; churches, 22; parsonages, 13; Sunday-schools, 48; officers and teachers, 471; scholars, 1,660; Botschafters, 519; Messengers, 184; Magazines, 237; Epistles, 34.

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APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—J. Wuerth, P. E.</i>	Warrensburg and Clinton, H. Koepsel and supply.
Holton, W. Meier.	St. Joseph, E. J. Troyer.
Nemaha, J. F. Schreiber and Fr. Shafer.	Kansas City, J. Kurtz.
Wolf River, C. Berner.	Sheridan, to be supplied.
Big Blue, Wm. Heiser.	Winston, John Kiplinger.
Hanover, C. Brandt.	Denver, C. Geiser.
Lawrence Circuit, C. Emmel and C. Stahli.	<i>South-west District—H. Mattill, P. E.</i>
Leavenworth, J. S. Seip.	Humboldt, C. Woehlte.
Red Vermillion, D. R. Zellner.	Parsons, H. Toedman.
Blue Springs, W. Wonder.	Americus, John Emmel and supply.
Swan Creek, D. F. Honstedt.	Junction, L. Wenger and C. F. Erffmeyer.
<i>Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.</i>	Jewell City, H. S. Bower.
Nickels Grove, E. Evans.	Osborne and Cawker, C. Linge and A. J. Voegelien.
Platte River, C. Ehrhardt.	Rice County, P. Schumann.
Bloomington, C. F. Stecher.	Wichita, F. Harder.
Glasgow, J. Schmidli.	Carthage, J. M. Dreisbach.
	Offerle, to be supplied.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

A mission was again located in Kansas City and supplied with John Kurtz. As early as 1858 M. J. Miller, missionary at Leavenworth, made a visit to Kansas City, of which he wrote as follows: "In Kansas City I found a great many Germans, and no German preachers among them, but a Catholic priest. In this city I have the promise of a large hall to preach in, and will go there in a few weeks and make arrangements to preach on a Sabbath." There is no record to show to what extent missionary work was projected at that time, however the work was to some extent developed in the community, which was later known as Westport. The indications promised fair for a permanent and successful work, but during the years of the Civil War these prospects were destroyed and the work abandoned. In 1865, at the first session of the Kansas Conference, a mission was located in Kansas City, hoping thereby to redeem the work by gathering what fragments could be found. The new mission was not supplied, and a year later no mention is made of the project in the Conference records, thus indicating that the enterprise met with disappointment and failure.

Nothing further was done for Kansas City until the spring of 1871, when the following action was taken: "Wyandotte and Kansas City, Mo., shall be taken up as a mission and be added to Missouri District." Again the work was left unsupplied, but

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the following year F. W. Voegelien was assigned to the place, who was succeeded a year later by Wm. Lingelbach. In 1874 the mission was again left unsupplied, and in 1875 joined to Leavenworth Mission when the two works were served by F. W. Voegelien. In 1876 it was discontinued, and the field abandoned until at this session of Conference. Brother Kurtz, upon his arrival in the city, found eight members of the Evangelical Association. He preached his first sermon in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on 14th St., between Oak and Locust.

For a while he preached there on Sunday afternoons, but later rented a hall on Grand Ave., between 17th and 18th Streets. He organized a Sunday-school and preached regularly every Sunday morning and evening. During the year a number of families of the Evangelical Association moved into the city, and in October of the same year he organized the first society of the Evangelical Association in Kansas City with 35 members, of which Bro. Lotz became class-leader.

During this year a lot was purchased between 14th and 15th Streets, on Oak St., for the sum of \$700.00. Conference, at her following session in 1879, authorized the young society to build a church on the lot purchased, at the same time opening the entire Conference district for the solicitation of funds.

Rev. H. Mattill was pastor at the time, and on the 14th of September had the church ready for dedication, which function was performed by Bishop J. J. Esher. The mission enjoyed a prosperous year. More than 100 members were added to the church, and a thrifty Sunday-school organized.

In 1883 Jackson County Mission was changed to Brooklyn Mission, and the following year Forest Ave. Mission was located in the eastern part of Kansas City. This was short-lived. A church was built which was later destroyed by a tornado. The mission, not prospering sufficiently to warrant its continuation, was abandoned in 1887. In 1898 Oak St. Mission was changed to Kansas City English Mission, which was later changed to Mersington Heights. In 1885 Brooklyn Mission was changed to Highland Ave., and, later, to Park Ave.

PETER SCHUMANN

Peter Schumann was licensed at this Conference and assigned to Rice Mission on the big Southwest District. He having lived his life in the city met with many new and interesting experiences

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in the West as a frontier circuit rider. Some of these were pleasant, others unpleasant, but all of them instructive. He writes as follows:

"I was necessitated to travel 35 miles against a blizzard from the Northwest one day. I was advised by those who were familiar with the condition of the weather, not to undertake the trip, as I would probably freeze to death on the road. I felt, however, that I should go and hence ventured on my journey. I had not gone far till the tempter approached me, suggesting that I might just as well be sitting in a comfortable office room in the East where I came from, if I had not yielded to preach the Gospel in this Western country. I might be surrounded with congenial companions instead of being exposed to this severe storm on the wide prairie, not knowing but what I would lose my life many miles from home, and would probably never again see my family.

"The cold was so intense that I could not remain in my buggy more than ten minutes at a time. Then I would dismount and walk to keep from freezing. At this juncture Satan tried to make me doubt my call to the ministry, and that I had made a great mistake in giving up an occupation of comparative ease in the East in exchange for a life of hardships and privation in a country where probably no one cared very much whether I were dead or alive. In this struggle I recalled the wonderful grace of God in receiving me as his child, and adopting me into his family, as well as his gentle, loving call to the ministry of the Gospel, when suddenly the power of God swept into my soul, and though the blizzard was raging without and I was exposed to the freezing elements, my soul was kindled and I felt that I could cheerfully go to the uttermost parts of the earth to preach Christ, because he had done so much for me. My faith was increased, an unseen power seized me so that I could praise God aloud. Satan was put to flight with all the hosts of hell, and I was victor through Jesus Christ my Saviour. I completed my journey and reached my destination safely to the surprise of the friends who had no thought that I would venture on the trip. I have often thought of this experience as a miracle next to my conversion. Praise His name for evermore."

Brother Schumann traveled over five counties in serving his work, namely Rice, Barton, Ellsworth, Lincoln and Pawnee. In spite of his long and arduous trips, which were oftentimes connected with danger, as well as suffering, he found some cheering features

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connected with his pioneer experience. He writes that on one occasion he came to a home as a stranger and found the house occupied by two families who had been members of the Evangelical Association in Illinois. When they learned that Brother Schumann was a preacher of their church they praised God and wept for joy as they remarked: "For a whole year we have prayed that our preachers might visit us, and now our prayer has been answered." It is needless to say the joy was mutual. At this place he held his first protracted meeting in Kansas, and among the converts of that meeting was a family who later sent one of their sons to the Gospel ministry.

In some of the communities where Brother Schumann preached he found German people who had not heard a sermon in their language for six years. So great was the joy of those people that in many instances they would drive ten to twelve miles to hear a German sermon. He was requested to baptize children and administer the Lord's Supper to the parents, and so great was the appreciation of the people that it added immeasurably to the encouragement of the itinerant who was often severely tried and discouraged.

On a Sunday afternoon he entered a home where he found a number of women collected from the neighborhood whose conversation betrayed an absence of refinement and religious instinct. Upon leaving the home he felt he ought to pray with them, but lacked courage to ask for permission to do so. After leaving the house his conscience severely reproved him for his weakness, while Satan was at hand to even magnify his short-coming. Only after dismounting from his horse by the wayside and agonizing in prayer did he again obtain peace of mind and the comforting assurance of God's presence.

 1879

FIFTEENTH SESSION

This year Conference met in the Zion Church, Nemaha Circuit, Richardson County, Nebraska, March 20, 1879, to hold her fifteenth session with Bishop J. J. Esher in the chair. C. Berner was again appointed secretary.

The brethren Wm. Wonder and C. F. Stecher located on account of bodily infirmities, while P. Fricker and E. Evans were reported as partially disabled for active service.

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C. Berner and C. Emmel, two of the veterans of the Conference, the former one of the first missionaries sent to Kansas, were permitted to remain in the itinerancy without appointment.

C. Buchel and Simon Swartz received credentials, the latter had his papers placed into the hands of his presiding elder until it were ascertained whether he had already withdrawn from the church.

Aaron Yoder, Wm. Daeschner, L. C. Schnacke and H. Linder received license to preach.

S. B. Brown and Louis Snyder were received from the East Pennsylvania Conference.

C. Geiser, H. Toedman, D. F. Honstedt, H. Linder and John Dreisbach received deacons' orders and C. F. Stecher elder's orders.

L. Wenger was elected presiding elder and stationed on Southwest District.

J. Wuerth, H. Mattill, L. Wenger and J. G. Pfeifer were elected delegates to General Conference, and C. Berner and J. F. Schreiber alternates.

Wm. Meier was elected Conference trustee for five years.

As far as the records show, the Ways and Means Committee reported this year for the first time. The first part of their report refers to the building of a church in Kansas City, Mo.: "Resolved, That a new church shall be built in Kansas City, Mo., the coming year on the lots purchased for this purpose at 1418 Oak St., the cost not to exceed \$3,300.00. A committee composed of the presiding elder of Missouri District, the pastors of Kansas City and Leavenworth, and Brother H. Wenger of Kansas City, shall superintend the construction."

It was further ordered that the Conference District shall be open for a solicitor for said purpose, and that subscriptions shall be taken on two annual payments.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Lawrence shall be taken up as a new mission and be served with Lawrence Circuit.

Missouri District

a. New Frankfort shall be served with two preachers.

b. Warrensburg and Clinton Mission shall be extended into Morgan County.

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Southwest District

a. The appointments in Marion County shall be taken from Junction Mission and formed into a new mission, to be called Marion Mission.

b. The appointments in Osage County and Neosho Rapids shall be taken from Americus Mission and formed into a new mission, to be called Osage Mission.

c. Junction Mission shall be called Dickinson Mission.

d. Huscher appointments shall be taken from Jewell Mission and be added to Hanover Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$2,306.00 was raised for missions, of which amount the ministers contributed \$328.00, the appropriations for the coming year amounting to \$4,025.00.

H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

The Missionary Society was reorganized by electing H. Mattill president, J. Wuerth secretary, and J. F. Schreiber treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 240; accessions, 709; membership, 2,646; itinerant preachers, 37; local preachers, 15; churches, 24; parsonages, 18; Sunday-schools, 52; officers and teachers, 504; scholars, 1,900; Botschafters, 578; Messengers, 296; Magazines, 277; Epistles, 30.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—J. Wuerth, P. E.

Holton, W. Meier.

Nemaha, S. B. Brown and L. C. Schnake.

Lawrence Circuit and Mission, Wm. Daeschner.

Big Blue and Hanover, Wm. Heiser and C. Brandt.

Wolf River, J. F. Schreiber.

Leavenworth, J. Kurtz.

Red Vermillion, D. R. Zellner.

Blue Springs, S. H. Dunkelberger.

Swan Creek, R. Stahl.

Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.

Nickels Grove, J. S. Seip.

Platte River, C. Ehrhardt.

Bloomington, C. Linge.

Glasgow and Frankfort, J. Schmidli.

Warrensburg and Clinton, H. Koepsel and F. Shafer.

Emporia, J. Bower.

Denver, C. Geiser.

St. Joseph, C. Woehlte.

Kansas City, H. Mattill.

Sheridan, H. Linder.

South-west District—L. Wenger, P. E.

Humboldt, E. J. Troyer.

Dickinson, P. Schumann.

Marion, C. F. Erffmeyer.

Jewell, Edwin Bower (temporary).

Osborne, D. F. Honstedt.

Cawker, H. Toedman.

Rice, to be supplied and C. W. Snyder.

Cofferle, Louis Snyder.

Wichita, Wm. Riemke.

Americus, H. S. Bower.

Osage, F. Harder.

Carthage, John Dreisbach and supply.

Parsons, A. J. Voegelien.

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NEWTON

As early as 1868 a mission was located along the western border of the missionary operations in Kansas and was named "West Kansas Mission," which, however, was left unsupplied the first year. The following year it was supplied with H. Mattill, who traveled over a vast territory in that part of the state, preaching the Gospel wherever he found opportunity. In 1871 West Kansas Mission was again left unsupplied, and in 1872 Wamego appointment was taken from Holton Circuit, added to the mission and the name changed to Wamego Mission, which was supplied with W. Meier and F. Harder.

In 1874 the name was changed to Junction Mission and the work carried on under that name until 1879, when the appointments in Marion County were taken off, formed into Marion Mission and supplied with C. F. Erffmeyer. During this Conference year Brother Erffmeyer, with his presiding elder, L. Wenger, visited Newton to investigate the situation and, if possible, to organize a society. Prior to this F. Harder, who had served Wichita Mission the preceding year, visited Newton and preached for several members living there. Also H. Mattill, presiding elder, visited the place and preached.

Brother Erffmeyer writes: "In April, 1879, I visited Newton as pastor of Marion Mission, and found the following members living there: J. G. Kaufman and wife, H. Burgener and wife and J. G. Hoefs. I took up an appointment and served it regularly, organizing a class June 16, 1879, with the above charter members. Soon after the organization of the class the erection of a church 30x50 feet was begun, which was dedicated by Bishop J. J. Esher Sept. 29, 1879. During the year several persons were converted, who united with the church, so that at the following Conference session we could report 11 members and Newton Mission was formed. A Sunday-school was started at once with 80 scholars. Brother J. G. Kaufman was the first class-leader, and H. Burgener exhorter and steward of the little class.

The year 1882 marked a period of severe trials for the young and weak society. During a district ministerial convention held in the church the building was demolished by a tornado while Rev. E. J. Troyer was preaching to a house full of people. Fortunately no one was killed, nor even severely injured, although the building was completely wrecked. This seemed nothing short of a miracle of God's protecting care.

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With the aid of an insurance policy amounting to \$1,000.00, besides help from the church at large, in response to an appeal published in the church papers, and additional help from the citizens of Newton, the church was replaced by another building erected upon the foundation of the old one. The cost of this building was \$1,500.00, and was dedicated July 15, 1883, by Prof. W. F. Heidner of North-Western College. In 1882 Newton Mission and Marion were served together, but permanently separated the following year.

During the financial boom, which struck Kansas in 1886-1887, the city of Newton, desiring to extend Main Street south, offered in exchange for our church property, which was located at the foot of Main Street, two lots and a good six room house at the corner of Old Main and First Streets. The congregation removed the church building to the new site, where for many years it rendered valuable service until in 1912 it was replaced by a larger and more commodious one.

CANADA STATION

A class was organized in the village of Canada, Marion Co., Kansas, by Rev. L. Wenger in the month of October, 1878. The class numbered 12 members and chose for their leader John Siebert. C. F. W. Bluhm was elected exhorter. During the year 1878 L. Wenger and C. F. Erffmeyer, while serving Junction, preached occasionally at Canada, principally on week days. This practice was continued during the year when in the fall the class was organized.

The following year Marion Mission was formed and C. F. Erffmeyer assigned to the new charge. L. Wenger was elected presiding elder and placed on Southwest District. During this year a very successful revival was held at Canada, in which the pastor was assisted by the presiding elder. The meeting resulted in about 15 conversions, mostly heads of families, who also united with the church.

Steps were now taken to build a church and the project was carried out the following year during the pastorate of L. Schneider. A trustee board was elected, consisting of Isaac Good, John Siebert, C. F. W. Bluhm, Henry Siebert and Valentine Jacobs. The church was built of stone and dedicated in November, 1880, by Bishop R. Dubs.

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In 1884 Canada Mission was changed to a station and supplied with J. Kramer. During his pastorate the first camp-meeting was held in the cottonwood grove of John Siebert. This was a glorious meeting and many souls were saved. The camp-meetings were continued annually for many years, resulting in some remarkable demonstrations of Divine grace and power. Many souls were converted, and many of God's people experienced the grace of entire sanctification, carrying the fire of holiness out to other fields of labor, so that many today recall the blessed seasons experienced in the cottonwood grove north of Canada. The success of those meetings was largely due to the zeal of the presiding elder, J. H. Tobias, and Father Kramer, the pastor. The latter realized a triumphant departure from this world, and an abundant entrance into the glory world above, just at the close of his second camp-meeting on the work. Father Kramer was a man of much prayer and strong faith.

With the beginning of the work at Canada a Sunday-school was started as early as the month of May, 1878, with Father Kannengieser as superintendent. The school was started with an enrollment of about 25 scholars and was held in the Canada school house just north of the village, until the church was built. Canada must be numbered among the first Woman's Missionary Societies organized in the Conference. As early as 1886 an auxiliary was formed, with Mrs. Charles Siebert as the first president. In 1892 a Young People's Alliance was organized by Rev. J. Kurtz, of which John Brand was chosen president.

FRANKFORT, MO.

The work at Frankfort seems to have started simultaneously with the work at Glasgow, of which it was a part, through the labors of Rev. J. G. Pfeifer, who, at the time, was serving Macon Mission, although there is no record of an organization prior to 1878, when J. Schmidli held a very successful revival at Frankfort, in which a number of German Presbyterians were led to conversion and united with the church.

The Presbyterians alluded to owned a church building, but were left without a pastor, and were practically abandoned, so they decided to transfer their church property to the Evangelical Association and accept Brother Schmidli as their pastor. The families thus uniting were Peter Kaul, Henry Gabb, Charles Thierfelder, Gustave Thierfelder, Martin Lentz and Jacob Rieder.

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In 1882 a Sunday-school was started, with Jacob Rieder superintendent, and Gus. Thierfelder secretary. Brother Schmidli served the work three years when, in 1880, he was succeeded by L. C. Schnacke. Frankfort has been a reliable work for many years, composed of loyal church members, who stand by the interests of the church.

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SIXTEENTH SESSION

Conference convened March 18, 1880, in Salem Church, Platte River Circuit, Andrew County, Mo., to hold her sixteenth session, with Bishop R. Dubs in the chair. C. Berner was again appointed secretary.

Wm. Folgate and F. Stecher, two local preachers, were expelled from the church.

C. Emmel and J. Bower located on account of family circumstances, and R. Stahli reported unable for full service.

S. O. Musselman, G. W. Wolfart, S. Weber and C. Woehlte received credentials, the latter being necessitated by failing health to move to the Pacific coast. Suitable resolutions were passed by Conference relative to Brother Woehlte, who had rendered efficient service in the past, and who was now reluctantly given up. A hearty Godspeed was given him by the brethren.

G. E. Dienst, M. F. Shupe and E. A. Bruner were licensed to preach on probation.

The following brethren were received into the itinerancy: M. Dissinger, A. W. Kramer, J. H. Tobias, C. W. Snyder, S. H. Dunkelberger, C. H. Linder.

C. F. Erffmeyer, A. J. Voegelein, P. Schuman, S. H. Dunkelberger and C. Brandt received deacons' orders, and C. Woehlte elder's orders.

EXAMINATION

At this session of Conference a more rigid system of examining junior preachers in their Conference studies was adopted. In the past the chairman of Conference examined all the young ministers in theology, while some one appointed by the Conference examined them in each of the other branches. The brethren to be examined were all in one class, thus making the work both

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difficult and unsatisfactory. Now the Course of Study prescribed by General Conference was adopted and the junior preachers were arranged in classes according to their rank, first year, second year, third year, and fourth year. Each class had a separate set of examiners in the various branches, who were elected from the members of Conference. The following rules were adopted:

- a. Every junior preacher shall procure the books prescribed in the "Course of Study" and study them.
- b. He must be present at the time appointed for examination.
- c. The Board of Examiners shall make a report to Conference of the results of the examination.
- d. The following rules for grading shall be observed: 100 perfect, 75 very good, 60 good, 50 fair. An average of 55 shall be necessary to pass.

The following branches were included in the examination: Theology and Discipline, History of the Evangelical Association, Church history, Profane history, English grammar, German grammar.

Conference appointed a committee to superintend the building of a church at Zion appointment, Dickinson Mission. A special appropriation was ordered, and the pastor of St. Joseph was authorized to collect on Platte River Circuit, to pay an indebtedness of \$625.00 resting upon their church.

At the General Conference, held the previous year, Blue Springs was transferred to the Des Moines Conference.

The treasurer of the Missionary Society was instructed to govern himself in paying appropriations so that if a deficit occurs the same can be deducted from the appropriation of each brother pro rata.

BOUNDARIES

The following boundary changes were made:

Holton District

- a. The appointments Spring Creek, Maglott's, McCauley's and Prairie Springs shall be taken from Nemaha Circuit, and with the appointments of Wolf River Circuit form a new circuit, to be called Hiawatha Circuit.

- b. The appointments Lower Independence, Camp Creek and Ellerman's shall be served with Atchison Mission.

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Missouri District

a. Winsor shall be taken from Warrensburg and added to Clinton Mission.

b. As soon as Parsons can be supplied with two preachers Lauers' appointment shall be taken from Humboldt and added to Parsons.

c. Emporia Mission in Missouri shall be called Winston Mission.

Southwest District

a. Osborne and Cawker Missions shall be served together.

b. Salina and vicinity shall be served with Dickinson Mission for the present.

c. The appointments Great Bend and Pawnee Rock shall be taken from Rice Mission and added to Offerle Mission.

d. Newton shall be taken from Marion Mission and form a new mission to be called Newton Mission.

e. The missions Wichita, Parsons and Carthage shall be supplied with two preachers if possible.

f. A new mission shall be located in Rooks County called Stockton Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$2,260.00 was raised for missions during the past year, of which amount \$325.80 was contributed by the preachers. \$3,220.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year.

H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the board of officers was re-elected.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 500; accessions, 1,009; membership, 3,087; itinerant preachers, 41; local preachers, 24; churches, 30; parsonages, 20; Sunday-schools, 63; officers and teachers, 605; scholars, 2,429; Botschafters, 631; Messengers, 283; Epistles, 31.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—*J. Wuerth, P. E.*
Nemaha, S. B. Brown.
Hiawatha, P. Fricker.
Holton, W. Meier.
Lawrence Circuit and Mission, Wm. Daeschner.

Big Blue, W. Heiser.
Leavenworth, J. Kurtz.
Atchison, J. F. Schreiber.
Hanover, D. R. Zellner.
Red Vermillion, H. S. Bower and C. Geiser.

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Missouri District—J. G. Pfeifer, P. E.

Nickels Grove, C. Linge.
 Platte River, J. Schmidli.
 Bloomington, C. H. Linder.
 St. Joseph, C. Berner.
 Kansas City, H. Mattill.
 Clinton, H. Koepsel.
 Warrensburg, F. Shafer under H.
 Koepsel.
 Glasgow and Frankfort, C. Ehrhardt
 and L. C. Schnake.
 Winston, S. H. Dunkelberger.
 Denver, R. Stahli.
 Sheridan, to be supplied.

South-west District—L. Wenger, P. E.

Humboldt, E. J. Troyer.
 Dickinson, P. Schumann.
 Marion, L. Snyder.
 Newton, C. F. Erffmeyer.
 Jewell, A. W. Kramer.
 Osborne and Cawker, D. F. Honstedt
 and C. Brandt.
 Rice, A. Yoder and C. W. Snyder.
 Offerle, to be supplied.
 Wichita, H. Toedman.
 Americus, J. M. Dreisbach.
 Osage, F. Harder.
 Parsons, A. J. Voegelein and supply.
 Stockton, to be supplied.
 Salina, to be supplied.
 Carthage, J. H. Tobias and E. A. Bruner.

The year just closed has been a most successful one in the way of conversions and accessions. Five hundred souls were reported saved and 1,009 identified themselves with the church, of which number 809 were reported as newly received. The membership has been raised over the three thousand mark. Rice and Carthage Missions each reported 80 conversions, and Lawrence Circuit, 75. Lawrence Circuit reported 111 accessions, Rice 141, and Carthage 60.

SHELBY (EBENEZER CLASS)

Shelby Mission (or Bloomington, as it was called at this time) was served by C. Linge the past year. During the year a class was organized in Shelby County between Bloomington and Bethel, by Brother C. Stauffer, a local preacher, who lived near the Bethel appointment. This was called Ebenezer class. Brother Stauffer had preached for the people there in the past and now effected an organization with the following charter members: John Schwade and wife, Henry Leutcherding and wife, Sophia Wilke, Henry Wilke, Richard Dove, S. Rawson and wife, George Farber and wife, and Rosa Farber. The same year the people decided to build a union church in the community which was dedicated by Bishop Dubs. Four denominations united in this project, each denomination using the church one Sunday in the month. This building was destroyed by fire in 1894, when the Evangelical Association built a church of their own which was dedicated by Bishop J. J. Esher, Nov. 11, 1894, as the Ebenezer Church.

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OFFERLE

Offerle Mission was founded in 1878, but was not supplied until one year later when L. Snyder was assigned to the work and organized a society with the following members: S. S. Ott and wife, Edward Ott and wife, Edwin E. Offerle, Wm. Snyder, Lida Snyder, Mary Snyder, and Rev. Louis Snyder, the pastor.

The presiding elder, L. Wenger, visited the work several times during the year, but the official board was not organized into a Quarterly Conference. There was an almost entire failure of crops in that part of the state this year and the country was poverty-stricken. Brother Snyder labored for a whole year without any apparent success. On account of the prevailing conditions the mission was left unsupplied until 1881, when it was served from Rice Mission, and the following year again left unsupplied. In 1883 Rev. A. Yockel was assigned to the work and reorganized the class with the following members: Lawrence Offerle and wife, Edwin Offerle and wife, E. T. Ott and wife, Mary Offerle, Minerva Offerle, Amanda Offerle, Oscar Offerle, Fred Stegeman, Albert Jucker, Rev. Yockel and wife, Fred Herman and wife, Daniel Knaus, Francis Summers, Catharine Summers, and Wm. Snyder and wife.

Through the generosity of Lawrence Offerle a hall was built and furnished for a place of worship, and a Sunday-school was started at once. This hall was used for three years. The first church was built in 1886, at a cost of \$1,100.00, and dedicated by Rev. H. Mattill.

There was also a class organized in Hodgeman County at this time with the following members: Justus Schuck, Mary Schuck, Minnie Schuck, August Hoppe, Antille Hoppe, Caroline Hoppe, Catharine Selig, and John Selig. This class was abandoned during the years when people emigrated from Western Kansas because of failure of crops. Many fond hopes were doomed to disappointment in the early years on the enchanting prairies of Western Kansas. Again and again the attempt was made to settle those beautiful homesteads, only to be driven back by hot winds and crop failure, so that many became discouraged and deserted the country while others persevered and gradually saw the arid acres changed to fertile fields of golden grain.

The little class at Offerle struggled heroically against all discouragements, led on by that intrepid pioneer, Lawrence Offerle,

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who loyally stood by his country and church when everything tended to discouragement. For many years Brother Offerle held the church work from disbanding, always insisting that there was a great future for the country, and the church must not forsake them in the days of small things. His body, with that of his faithful companion, lies buried in the Offerle cemetery, where they both await the final summons on the resurrection morn.

J. H. TOBIAS

The following account, related by Rev. J. H. Tobias, concerning his experiences in Western Kansas about this time, gives the reader a glimpse of what those pioneers passed through. Brother Tobias writes:

“The night of April 17, 1879, I arrived in Sterling, Kansas, to take charge of Rice Mission, which was assigned to me by Conference this spring. The next morning I started with my grip in hand to walk to Pleasant Valley, known as the Michigan appointment, nine miles west of Sterling.

“I preached my first sermon on Sunday morning, April 19th, in a school house where now the town of Alden is located. My first trip was made on foot, 25 miles north to Prospect appointment, then north 10 miles further to Plum Creek appointment. From there I went northwest 25 miles to Wilson, my next appointment, from there 60 miles southwest to Pawnee Rock, and then back to Pleasant Valley, 45 miles. This completed my first round on the new field of labor.

“I bought a small pony weighing about 750 pounds and had my buggy shipped from Illinois, so that I was now ready for business. On my first trip I attempted to cross Plum Creek, not knowing how deep the water was. My horse went under, and the buggy followed, but we got through finally, although I was thoroughly drenched.

“During the year the work expanded so that at one time I had 18 appointments, which I served every four weeks. At the end of the year I had 14 appointments, with nine organized classes. It now required 400 miles driving to make one round over the work. In ten months I drove 4,800 miles. Our members came from all parts of the church in the East and took up claims in this Western country, building sod houses, dugouts, with here and there, where rock was available, a stone house.

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“It sometimes required a drive of 50-60 miles to find a family which we had been requested to look after by some friend in the East. Sometimes the joy created in those whom the preacher found would abundantly reward him for all the labor and hardships endured in locating their place of residence. They were oftentimes poor, homesick and discouraged, longing for comfort and fellowship. Food, fuel and clothing were oftentimes scant. Many times I ate a meal prepared with cow chips for fuel, when wood and even corn stalks could not be obtained.

“One day I drove 50 miles to visit a family from Minnesota which I had been requested to find. When I met them and informed them who I was, they almost carried me off my feet for joy. The brother said: ‘Well, you will preach for us this evening?’ I replied: ‘Certainly, and you may invite some of your neighbors in,’ not knowing that it was seven miles to the nearest neighbor. I preached to the man and his wife that evening, choosing for my text the 23rd Psalm. We had a glorious meeting. When bed time came the furniture was carried out doors and a box 2½ feet wide and about 5 feet long was carried in and filled with carpet. An old-fashioned feather bed was placed on top of the carpet, with a white spread and pillow, and the bed was complete. Before morning I was pretty well settled down in the box which was standing in the doorway because the house, 8x10 feet, was too small to contain two beds. The next morning I started home, feeling that the life of an Evangelical preacher was worth living because it enabled one to help his fellow-man. Then I also remembered my Saviour who had no place to lay down his head. I often visited homes in which there was no furniture save such as was nailed together from rough lumber.

“On one occasion I came to a dugout where one of our families lived who had moved there from Michigan and were trying to hold their claim. I observed all the bedding and clothing out on the grass to dry. There had been a heavy rain and hail during the night, and upon inquiring I learned that they had gotten 18 inches of water into their dugout. The woman was alone with four small children, the baby only six weeks old. When I asked her where her husband was she replied that he had gone further east to find work as they were nearly out of funds with which to buy provisions. ‘But,’ I remarked, ‘what will you do here all alone if another storm should come? You will certainly perish.’ While the tears trickled down her cheeks she replied: ‘If I die

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here I have a home in heaven.' I was not a little inspired by that mother's courage and faith in God, and left that dugout more than ever determined to look after the poor families scattered over those wide prairies.

"A 60 mile drive in one day, with an evening service thrown in for good measure, was a frequent occurrence. One day I drove 80 miles and conducted a funeral service. Of course I did not complete the task between sunrise and sunset.

"I consider this year, the first on Rice Mission, the best year in my ministry. I received 143 members into the church, and would gladly have been returned for the second year, but Conference determined otherwise. My salary this year amounted to \$350.00, and from this amount I paid \$8.00 per month rent."

HUMBOLDT MISSION (GOLDEN VALLEY APPOINTMENT)

Prior to 1879 the families of Godfrey Laury, Obed Kerr and Dreibelbis moved from the State of Pennsylvania, where they had been members of the Evangelical Association, to Allen Co., Kansas, and settled in the vicinity of Golden Valley, east of Humboldt. Here E. J. Troyer, then serving Humboldt Mission, preached for them. A class was organized. Godfrey Laury was chosen class-leader, and Obed Kerr exhorter. A Sunday-school was also organized with Brother Laury superintendent and Brother Kerr assistant.

There are no early records of the society available, but at the Conference held in 1886 all the appointments east of Humboldt were taken from Humboldt Mission and formed into Golden Valley Mission. This was continued until 1891, when it was again consolidated with the former work. A very pretty and substantial church was erected later and Golden Valley became for many years a prominent appointment of the Humboldt work.

(CENTER RIDGE APPOINTMENT)

In 1883 E. J. Troyer, serving his second term on Humboldt Mission, began to preach occasionally to several Evangelical families living in the vicinity of Center Ridge, southwest of Humboldt, holding services in private houses as circumstances permitted. The following year H. Koepsel filled the appointment from Yates Center, who in turn was succeeded in the spring of 1885 by P. Schumann from Yates Center. Brother Schumann

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organized a class in the cabin of Frederick Stauffer with the following families. Brother Timms, Stephen Roeder, Brother Wiltsman, Jacob Stauffer, Fred Stauffer, W. S. Martin, Robert Stauffer, Israel Bucannon, and George Nickols.

In the spring of 1886 Center Ridge appointment was taken from Yates Center and added to Humboldt Mission, with which it has been united ever since. During this year the work was served by Rev. A. Ernst, who preached in a school house, where the services were continued until 1893. A church was built during the pastorate of J. S. Miller. This building was dedicated Dec. 17, 1893, by Rev. S. P. Spreng, from Cleveland, Ohio, then editor of the "Evangelical Messenger."

A Union Sunday-school had been held for several years, but was changed to a denominational school when the church was built. Mrs. Ida Stauffer was elected superintendent and served in that capacity for eight years. In 1906 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized during the pastorate of J. M. Fricker.

1881

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

This session was held at Holton, Kansas, beginning March 31, 1881. Bishop R. Dubs again being present, C. Berner was appointed secretary.

A letter from R. Stahli, who was appointed to Southern California as missionary during the past year, was read, after which his credentials were granted.

The brethren T. W. Serf, G. W. Edgar, Martin Grabenstein and A. Brunner received license to preach.

S. Weber, who received credentials a year ago, returned them and was reinstated in the Conference, also Samuel Werner was received as an elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The brethren L. C. Schnacke, Wm. Daeschner, E. A. Bruner received deacons' orders, and C. Geiser, John Dreisbach, D. F. Honstedt, J. H. Tobias, H. Toedman and R. Stahli elders' orders.

E. A. Bruner and Wm. Daeschner were received into the itinerancy.

H. Mattill and S. B. Brown were elected presiding elders and the districts assigned as follows: Holton District, L. Wenger; Mis-

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souri District, H. Mattill; Southwest District, S. B. Brown. Later Brother Brown resigned as presiding elder and Philip Fricker was elected to fill the vacancy.

C. Berner was elected Conference trustee for five years, and S. B. Brown for four years.

The following was adopted relative to the language question: "In view of the necessity of our preachers being able to preach in English and German, therefore resolved, that we require our candidates for the ministry to study both languages, and prepare for examination in both English and German."

ST. JOSEPH

The society of St. Joseph, Mo., was allowed to purchase a lot more suitably located than their present site, and erect a new and better adapted church building. To this end a committee was appointed, composed of the Bishop in charge of the Kansas Conference, the presiding elder of the Missouri District, the pastor of St. Joseph, the preacher in charge of Platte River Circuit, with the lay brethren C. Vick and E. Ernst of the St. Joseph society, to superintend the project. The committee was also authorized to build a parsonage if they considered it feasible. The church building should not cost more than \$2,500.00, and the pastor of St. Joseph was appointed to collect for said purpose.

The pastor of Newton was authorized to collect on Southwest District for the debt resting on the church at that place.

C. Berner was elected Conference treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Conference secretary, with his assistant, J. Schmidli, and P. Schumann and H. Mattill, associate members, were appointed a committee to arrange for the publication of a Conference journal a year hence. This was the first step taken by the Conference in this direction, but did not materialize until 1888, when the first Conference journal was issued, which has been continued every year since.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Wolf River appointment shall be taken from Hiawatha Circuit and be added to Atchison Mission.

b. Four Mile shall be taken from Nemaha Circuit and added to Hiawatha Circuit.

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Southwest District

Huscher shall be taken from Hanover Mission and added to Jewell Mission.

b. Big Medicine and Lost Creek shall be taken from Osborne Mission, and with the appointments Fair Haven and Philipsburg be added to Stockton Mission.

c. Osborne and Cowper Missions shall form a circuit and be called Osborne Circuit.

d. Fairview, Solomon, Steins and Bennington appointments shall be taken from Dickinson Mission and form Salina Mission.

e. Wilson, Cedron, Becks, Venango, and Russell shall be taken from Rice Mission and form Wilson Mission.

f. Sepo shall be taken from Hanover Mission and be added to Jewell Mission.

g. Lawrence and Red Vermillion Missions shall be served each with two preachers and the appropriations be equally divided.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$2,055.44 was raised for missions the past year and \$3,975.00 appropriated for the ensuing year.

H. Mattill was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the following officers elected for the Missionary Society: J. Wuerth, president; H. Mattill, secretary; and Wm. Meier, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 358; accessions, 753; membership, 3,245; itinerant preachers, 40; local preachers, 32; churches, 33; parsonages, 21; Sunday-schools, 63; officers and teachers, 626; scholars, 2,606; catechetical classes, 30; catechumens, 308; Botschafters, 687; Messengers, 324; Magazines, 319; Epistles, 44.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—L. Wenger, P. E.</i>	<i>Missouri District—H. Mattill, P. E.</i>
Nemaha, J. G. Pfeifer.	Nickels Grove, C. Linge.
Hiawatha, J. Kurtz.	Platte River, W. Meier.
Holton, J. Wuerth.	Bloomington, C. H. Linder.
Lawrence, M. Dissinger and W. Daeschner.	St. Joseph, C. Berner.
Big Blue, J. F. Schreiber.	Kansas City, S. B. Brown.
Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.	Winston, S. W. Snyder.
Red Vermillion, H. S. Bower and C. Geiser.	Glasgow and Frankfort, L. C. Schnacke.
Hanover, D. R. Zellner.	Warrensburg, H. Koepsel.
Atchison, C. Brandt.	Clinton, C. Ehrhardt.
	Denver, Fr. Shafer.
	Sheridan, to be supplied.

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<i>South-west District—Philip Fricker,</i> <i>P. E.</i>	Wilson, D. F. Honstedt. Rice and Offerle, P. H. Rischel and S. H. Dunkelberger.
Humboldt, E. J. Troyer and E. A. Bruner.	Wichita, H. Toedman. Newton, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Osborne and Stockton, T. W. Serf and A. Brunner.	Marion, L. Snyder. Americus, J. M. Dreisbach.
Jewell, A. W. Kramer.	Osage, F. Harder.
Dickinson, W. Heiser.	Parsons, A. J. Voegelein.
Salina, P. Schumann.	Carthage, J. H. Tobias.

LEONARDVILLE

In 1880 Rev. Wm. Heiser served Big Blue Circuit. In his travels he formed the acquaintance of Christian Hoch, living two miles south of Leonardville, Kansas, who invited him to preach in his home. Brother Heiser accepted the invitation and preached twice in Brother Hoch's house, baptizing two of his children in connection with the first service. After the second service the meetings were held regularly every two weeks in the Leonardville school house. The blessings of God attended the preaching of Brother Heiser, and soon several German Presbyterian families were awakened and converted, who also united with the church and were organized into a class by Brother Heiser. The following persons became charter members of the new class: Martin Gravenstein and wife, Reinde Nanninga, Gelke Nanninga, Lucas Buss, Marie Buss, Gerald Buss, D. Buss, Jacob Benninga, Gretye Benninga. These young converts were subject to ridicule and persecution from their former pastor and associates, who were opposed to experimental religion, however they remained firm in their faith and experience.

In 1881 Rev. J. F. Schreiber succeeded Brother Heiser as pastor and served the work for three years, during which time the work was established and souls added to the church. In 1884 Wm. Heiser was again assigned to the work, when steps were taken to build a church. March 5, 1884, a meeting was held in the home of Garrelt Nanninga, in charge of J. Wuerth, P. E., when it was decided to build a church and \$700.00, was secured for the purpose at once. March 11, the following brethren were elected trustees: Garelt Nanninga, Henry Dierolph, Jacob Benninga, Jurgen Nanninga. Rev. W. Heiser, Garelt Nanninga and M. Gravenstein were elected a building committee. A lot was secured from Mrs. Thompson and a church 28x44 ft. was erected at a cost of \$2,121.00 and dedicated as the Zion Church of the Evangelical Association. During the time the building was under con-

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struction the beloved pastor met with an accident which terminated his useful career upon earth. While engaged in his ministerial work his team of horses became frightened, ran away, throwing him out of the buggy, by which he received fatal injury. Suddenly this dear brother was taken from his life work which seemed so far from being finished, and left his flock bowed in sorrow without a shepherd. Brother E. E. Evans took charge of the work and served the same until Conference session in March, 1885.

In 1885 Leonardville was taken from Big Blue Circuit and formed into a mission, which was supplied with T. R. Nanninga as pastor. About this time a Sunday-school was organized with Derk Buss as superintendent, however Father Nanninga and Father Buss used to gather the children for Bible study long before this time. German school was also conducted by those brethren for their children. In this year a class was also organized at Mill Creek. The following year one was organized with 11 members in Manhattan, which was, however, discontinued three years later.

J. H. TOBIAS

The following interesting and inspiring incident is related by Rev. J. H. Tobias: "I attended my first camp-meeting in Kansas at Alida in the summer of 1879. This was a blessed meeting. On Monday morning, the last day of the meeting, a sister testified as follows: 'This will be a happy day for me, my husband will be converted.' Her husband was not present at the time as he had not yet returned from his lodging place. This sister and her husband had come 40 miles to attend the camp-meeting. The forenoon and afternoon services closed with no sign of conviction upon the husband for whom the wife had been praying so much and so earnestly. Just a little before sunset several ministers were conversing when I saw this man coming out of a thicket of underbrush with a beaming countenance almost running toward us, saying: "I am converted!" I asked him when he got converted, and he answered, "Just now, down there in the brush." He then went on to explain: "This afternoon, at the close of the meeting, a great fear came upon me all at once. I got frightened and started to leave the camp ground. When I got into the brush yonder I fell down and could not get up any more. Then I began to pray to God for forgiveness of my many sins. God heard my prayer and saved me. Glory! glory! I am saved." An old-fashioned

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camp-meeting shout followed this scene. Now the secret of it all was revealed. His wife spent all of Sunday night under a tree back of the tent until four o'clock in the morning in prayer for the conversion of her husband, until she got the assurance from God that her prayer would be answered and her husband converted that day, hence she arose in the meeting that morning stating so positively that he would be saved today.

"This man was addicted to the use of strong drink, and his wife prevailed upon him to take her to the camp-meeting, but back of it all was the design to get him converted. So she held on to God in prayer like Jacob of old until she got the answer. The next day they went home a happy family."

Brother Tobias was the great camp-meeting enthusiast of the Conference and had a variety of experiences along the line of soul saving. Many of those meetings were seasons of wonderful power and victory which resulted in great demonstrations of God's grace.

A great part of the summer was spent in holding camp-meetings when Brother Tobias was serving in the office of presiding elder. These services would sometimes last until late in the night, and in some instances even all night, when God's power came down upon the meetings and the "Durchbruch" occurred. Sometimes the meetings would reach such a stage that they were beyond human control, and God's people would stand still and behold the salvation of the Lord. While the altar was filled with seekers who were praying for pardon, the shout of the young convert, mingled with the notes of triumph from the lips of the Christians, often struck conviction to the heart of sinners who came to the meetings out of curiosity, sometimes to scoff. Cold formalism and ecclesiasticism were not spared on those occasions, and many lost what religion they supposed they had, after which they were in a proper attitude to get something better. The positive and fearless method of Brother Tobias in conducting his meetings added much to his success and results. Endowed with a strong body, a voice which could be heard in the far distance even when holding out-door meetings, an optimistic disposition, a great degree of magnetism, coupled with a strong faith in the doctrine of full salvation, and a consecrated heart and life, eminently fitted him for this particular line of work in which he was very successful.

The following is a description of his first camp-meeting:

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“My first camp-meeting, held on my own work, was on Carthage Mission in 1880. In making preparations for the meeting I appointed a committee on arrangements. I instructed the committee to make an altar or, as it was called, a ‘mourners’ bench.’ One member of the committee objected, saying there will be no mourners’ bench arranged. When I returned and found the same missing I called the committee together and told them we could not hold an Evangelical camp-meeting without an altar, and insisted that the same be made. This brother, who had erected a tent for himself, threatened to remove his tent and go home. His good wife prevailed on him to remain. The second day of the meeting he was sitting in front of his tent which was near the altar, when the invitation was given for seekers to come forward. Conviction fell upon him, he cried out, ‘I am lost,’ and rushed to the altar. He was the first one to be converted at the despised bench which he refused to make for the meeting. Three families came sixty miles in wagons and tented at this meeting. Many souls were converted, and what was best of all, many of the church members got saved.”

C. BRANDT

Brother C. Brandt, who served Hanover Mission in 1880, relates the following of his many experiences:

“I served this mission under Wm. Heiser, who also had charge of Big Blue Circuit, and lived in Washington in a log cabin with two small rooms. The first time the presiding elder came to visit me he bumped his head against the joists overhead, when I gently reminded him that while tarrying among us he must look after those things which are above and remain humble. On July 27, I started on my first trip to find and visit the village of Haddam in the north part of Washington County, where I heard there were a number of German families. I missed the right road and got lost among the hills. When night set in I was a wanderer indeed, not knowing whither to go. At last I succeeded in finding a small dugout where I called for information, but could not get an answer. I concluded, however, that I would go no farther, so dismounting I staked my pony out for the night. When I went to the dugout again I heard some one within. I called, and a man came to the door. After telling him who I was and what had happened to me, he received me cordially and assured me that I could stay with him all night.

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“Entering his door I discovered an odor which was exceedingly offensive, and when he lighted a lamp I was shocked. Before me stood a man with blood-shot eyes, long, greasy hair hanging down over his shoulders, his face covered with heavy black untrimmed beard, and his body clad in rags and filth. Everything in the house, the bed included, compared with his personal appearance. I could not make up my mind to tarry at this place all night, but what to do? He now proceeded to make corn fritters for my supper, but the odor of the rancid lard used in the baking turned my stomach, and I excused myself from eating on the ground that I was not hungry. But now I was confronted by another proposition. I felt certain that the bed was preoccupied by the “pestilence that walketh in darkness,” and dreaded the thought of exposing myself to the mighty force. At last my host consented that I might sleep in a straw stack near the house if I preferred. During the night a heavy rain came up which drove me to the fateful dugout after all, and I spent the rest of the night in deadly combat with the innumerable host in the underground region. The next morning the remaining corn cakes were served for breakfast, but I again I tried to convince my host that my appetite had not yet returned. So after a conversation with him about his personal salvation, reading out of my Bible to him, and praying, I proceeded on my way to Haddam. I soon reached this place and found a German blacksmith who kindly received me while his good wife prepared me a dinner which tasted exceedingly fine after a fast of thirty hours. Here I took up an appointment, and in a short time six persons were converted; among the number was my former host of the dugout.

“On September 27, my quarterly meeting was to be held in the Leusler school house, south of Washington. Both my presiding elder and my preacher in charge were detained at home on account of sickness, so that the preaching devolved upon me. On Saturday afternoon, while preaching, my attention was attracted by a man in the congregation who was unusually attentive to the Word. After the service I extended to him my hand and asked him who he was, when he laughed aloud and said: ‘Don’t you know Charly B. any more?’ Indeed he was my dugout host, but what a change! His hair was cut, his beard trimmed, his face washed, his clothes cleaned, so that I did not know him any more. Soap and water accomplished on the outside what the grace of God had effected on the inside, and the man was clean.”

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“On October 10, 1879, I passed a school house about 4.00 P. M. when the children were starting home from school. Observing that some of them spoke German, I inquired after their name, and invited them into the buggy to take them home. Arriving, the mother was not a little surprised to see a stranger accompanying her children, but when she learned that I was a minister of the Gospel she received me very cordially. In a short time her husband returned from his work in the field, and he, too, seemed pleased to meet me. After supper we determined to visit another German family in the neighborhood, consisting of parents and two grownup sons. They also seemed glad for a pastoral call. In a short time the table was cleared and a game of cards was begun, in which I was invited to participate. I excused myself on the ground that I could not play cards, when the gentleman of the house told how their pastor in Germany excelled in card playing. ‘Oh, yes,’ I remarked, ‘but not all the pastors in Germany could play cards, and I am one of that class.’ Thereupon wine was brought and offered. In order to not rudely offend them I took a little of the wine in a glass and filled the same with water as I drank it, remarking that wine makes people raging. After they had finished playing cards I spoke to them about their salvation. To this my friend retorted that he was an unbeliever, and man had no soul, besides, the Bible was only a collection of lies. I turned to him and demanded that he prove his assertion, or retract his statement, as I would not remain with him over night unless he did, since he had called my heavenly Father a liar. When he saw my Bible from which I read he declared that it was an Evangelical Bible, and not a Lutheran Bible, but when I showed him the name of Dr. M. Luther on the fly leaf he yielded the point and apologized.

“I then read further to them while they listened attentively, and also prayed with them. Later I preached in the home of those card-players and found them ready to receive the truth.

“In this same neighborhood I found a family which had the small-pox. Seven children were already buried in the garden, while the parents and two smaller surviving children were down with the disease. I cleaned up the rooms in which they were, rearranged their beds, gave them something to eat, after which I read to them out of the Bible and prayed with them. I then went to the neighbors and entreated them to look after the afflicted family, as my duties called me on my way. They recovered from their sickness and were later converted.”

1882

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EIGHTEENTH SESSION

March 16, 1882, Conference met at Captain Creek, Douglas County, Kansas, to hold her 18th session. Bishop T. Bowman presided and appointed C. Berner secretary. Ex-Bishop R. Yeakel was present in the capacity of agent for Union Biblical Institute and North-Western College.

P. H. Rischel, J. S. Seip and S. Weber withdrew from the church during the year.

S. B. Brown had credentials voted him, and the brethren J. Kurtz, C. Ehrhardt, C. Linge, E. J. Troyer and A. W. Kramer were reported as in part physically disabled for active work. L. Schneider died during the year.

M. L. Wahlte received license to preach. H. R. Price and M. W. Weaver were enrolled as local preachers, having moved into the bounds of the Conference.

E. Evans and A. Brunner were received into the itinerancy.

The following brethren received elders' orders: Peter Schumann, C. F. Erffmeyer, S. H. Dunkelberger, A. J. Voegelein and C. Brandt.

NORTH-WESTERN COLLEGE

Action was taken to enter into the North-Western College compact with the understanding that Conference be spared from the visit of a collector for said institution until such a time as the financial condition would permit, and, further, that she would not obligate herself for any of the old indebtedness of the school. A collection was ordered taken, however, on the various fields for the institution. L. C. Schnacke was then elected trustee of North-Western College, becoming the first representative of the Conference to said institutions.

Since a limited fund had been in the hands of Conference since 1876 to assist such young men who wish to educate themselves in North-Western College or Union Biblical Institute for work in the Kansas Conference, this was placed into the hands of a committee of three, appointed by the Chair, who should disburse the same on the following plan: The money shall be loaned for a limited time without interest, should, however, the money be desired for a longer period of time, then a low per cent of interest shall be charged which shall flow into the treasury of the fund and be applied in the same way. Said committee shall report annually

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to the Conference. It was further resolved to bring this matter to the notice of the congregations and endeavor to increase the fund through additional contributions. The following brethren were appointed as committee: H. Mattill, C. Berner and Wm. Meier.

H. Mattill was elected Conference trustee for five years and J. G. Pfeifer for a period of three years.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. The appointments Camp Creek, Upper Independence and Wolf River shall be taken from Atchison Mission and formed into Wolf River Circuit.

Missouri District

a. The appointments north of the Jasper County line shall be taken from Carthage Mission and formed into Virgil Mission. The remainder of the mission shall be called Carthage Circuit.

b. A new mission shall be located in Jackson County, Mo., which shall be called Jackson Mission.

Southwest District

a. Carthage Mission shall be transferred to Missouri District.

b. Humboldt shall be divided. The appointments west of Defiance shall be taken from Humboldt and formed into a new circuit which shall be called Yates Center Circuit. The remaining appointments shall constitute Humboldt Circuit.

c. The appointments Egle and Emporia shall be taken from Osage Mission and added to Americus Mission.

d. Osage, Peterton and Hartford shall be taken from Americus Mission and added to Osage Mission.

e. Mulberry of Salina Mission, and Steenbock appointment of Rice Mission shall be added to Wilson Mission.

f. Salina and Dickinson Missions shall be served together.

g. The English appointments at Cedron shall be taken from Wilson Mission and added to Osborne Circuit.

h. Newton and Marion shall be served together.

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MISSIONS

The amount of \$2,101.90 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year, and \$4,920.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the Missionary Society reorganized by electing the old Board to serve another year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 551; accessions, 853; membership, 3,512; itinerant preachers, 39; local preachers, 35; churches, 36; parsonages, 21; Sunday-schools, 64; officers and teachers, 655; scholars, 2,993; catechetical classes, 30; catechumens, 398; Botschafters, 720; Messengers, 357; Magazines, 310; Epistles, 48. Total for missions, \$3,366.98.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—L. Wenger, P. E.

Nemaha, J. G. Pfeifer.
Lawrence, F. Harder.
Holton, J. Wuerth.
Wolf River, C. Brandt.
Hiawatha, L. C. Schnacke.
Big Blue, J. F. Schreiber.
Atchison Mission, M. Dissinger.
Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.
Hanover, D. R. Zellner.
Red Vermillion, W. Daeschner.

Missouri District—H. Mattill, P. E.

Oregon, E. Evans.
Platte River, W. Meier.
Bloomington, C. Linder.
Carthage, J. H. Tobias.
St. Joseph, C. Berner.
Kansas City, J. Kurtz.
Denver, F. J. Shafer.
Winston, H. S. Bower.

Jackson, to be supplied.
Warrensburg, C. W. Snyder.
Clinton, C. Ehrhardt.
Glasgow, P. Schumann.
Virgil City, A. J. Voegelien.
Sheridan, to be supplied.

South-west District—P. Fricker, P. E.

Humboldt, H. Toedman.
Yates Center, H. Koepsel.
Marion and Newton, J. H. Kiplinger.
Jewell, T. W. Serf.
Osborne, D. F. Honstedt.
Parsons, C. Linge.
Wichita, C. Geiser.
Rice, J. M. Dreisbach.
Dickinson and Salina, W. Heiser.
Americus, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Osage, S. H. Dunkelberger.
Wilson, A. Brunner.
Offerle, to be supplied.

MEMORIAL

Lewis Snyder

Death for the first time invaded the ranks of the ministry of the Conference, calling away Brother Lewis Snyder. Brother Snyder came to Kansas from the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1879, and was stationed on Offerle Mission. The following year he was assigned to Marion Mission, where he was serving his second year when he was called from labor to reward. A me-

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morial service was held during the Conference session, on which occasion Bishop Bowman, R. Yeakel, W. Yost and L. Wenger made appropriate remarks to the memory of the departed brother. The three former speakers had an intimate acquaintance with the deceased before he entered the ranks of the Kansas Conference. Brother Snyder was survived by a son who was serving in the Conference at the time of the death of his father.

ST. JOSEPH

During the past year the church at St. Joseph proved to be too small and inadequate for the rapidly growing city, so the building was sold and a lot purchased at the corner of Lafayette and 12th Streets for \$450.00, on which a church and parsonage were built. The church costing \$2,460.00, and the parsonage \$1,335.00. The church was dedicated by Bishop J. J. Esher. C. Berner was pastor. Even this location later proved to be unfortunate, was a constant expense to the society and Conference for street grading, paving, building retaining walls and the lowering of the building site, so that in 1909 the congregation sold the property and located at 16th and Locust Streets.

J. H. TOBIAS

During the past year Brother Tobias had a thrilling experience with the ruffian element on the Carthage work. This element was not lacking in disposition to injure the cause of Christ, and even his servants, in order to reach their end. A man whose ill-will Brother Tobias incurred threatened to kill the preacher, and sent word to him to this effect. The circuit rider was not to be bluffed in this manner and served notice that he was ready to die at any time on a week day or Sunday.

On a week day evening Brother Tobias held a meeting in the Emmanuel Church. There were not many people out that evening, but among those present was one man whom Brother Tobias suspected as the one who threatened him. In passing out of the church this man stood in the vestibule of the building but said nothing to Brother Tobias as he passed out and left the church in company with several brethren. He had not gone far when he observed some one riding up behind him on a horse; he stepped aside to let him pass when the rider struck him a severe blow upon the head, throwing him to the ground. The miscreant, evi-

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dently thinking he had made good his threat, applied the spurs to his horse and disappeared in the darkness. Brother Tobias rose to his feet with the blood trickling down over his face and walked a half mile to a home where he received attention. Undoubtedly his injury would have been much worse had not his hat protected him from the full force of the blow. Those were days when law enforcement was lax, and outlaws and ruffians reigned in their dominion of brute force.

On one occasion an official threw off his coat and wanted to fight the presiding elder in Quarterly Conference because he differed with him in deciding a question relative to the business matters. In some communities the fickleness of the people was great, and the throng which would shout "Hosanna" at one time might shout "Crucify him" shortly after if they became offended. Stale eggs and even clubs were resorted to in order to execute vengeance. Lack of proper training, educational facilities, and Gospel enlightenment were at the bottom of those conditions.

C. BRANDT

"In 1880, while supplying Cawker Mission, which was served in connection with Osborne Circuit, I had charge of the German appointments and D. F. Honstedt the English appointment. I had a class of 13 members who held their services in a dugout school house five miles north of Downs at a point called Twelve Mile. I found a cabin one mile north of the school house, the only available building for my family, which was built of rough stone and was infested with snakes and bedbugs. I paid \$1.50 per month rent, and my salary for the year was \$175.00. At the close of the year I had a charge which required 400 miles driving to complete one round. I preached in Osborne, Smith, Philipps, Norton and Rooks Counties, with a few German families scattered here and there, who received the truth gladly.

"The streams being unbridged, I was frequently in danger of losing my life in fording them. Once I was in peril on the ice which began to break under my weight. The people were very poor. Both they and we subsisted principally on corn meal, but when the price for corn advanced to \$1.00 per bushel we would have suffered hunger if the government had not graciously sent in aid. Our stock of clothing was reduced to two calico dresses a piece for each of my three daughters and wife, which they wore one for Sunday and one for week days. Here the tempter became

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active to discourage me and I had determined to quit the work, go East and engage in a secular pursuit. Before leaving the work I determined to make one more round which should be final. Starting on this last round, at Glen Elder, where I had an appointment, I had occasion to go through Downs, where I called for mail at the post-office and received a letter which I found, upon opening, contained an order for \$25.00 for my own use from a brother who enclosed a note, stating that he felt constrained to send me the amount. He read about the poverty in the West and believed that we, too, were in need. He further stated that he had frequently been in need, and the Lord had always come to the rescue, therefore I should only continue upon my post of duty.

"I felt ashamed of my conduct and asked God to forgive me for doubting as I proceeded to fill my appointments, but not in the sense of making my final round. The matter of quitting the ministry was now decided. The sender of the \$25.00 was Brother C. Berner, who himself had passed through many hardships in frontier life."

"At this time a brother and his wife came to visit us, for which we were very glad, but at the same time it placed us in quite an embarrassing position. We could adjust ourselves to the small apartments in the house during the day, but the matter of lodging our guests was not so easily adjusted. We could not make up our minds to subject them to torture among the bedbugs and the alarm of snakes, so in order to spare them this unpleasant experience we arranged their bed out in the yard, and since the weather was warm, this was much better for them and they enjoyed a degree of rest which they would probably not have enjoyed in the house."

NINETEENTH SESSION

Conference met in the Zion Church at Canada, Marion Co., Kan., March 23, 1883, to hold her nineteenth session with Bishop J. J. Esher as chairman, and C. Berner secretary.

Moses Dissinger and J. Dengel died during the year, S. Werner and R. W. Edger withdrew from the church.

Brother Wm. Meier, who for a number of years was a worthy and successful member of Conference, received credentials, be-

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ing necessitated to move to the State of Texas on account of the health conditions of his family. Conference regretted to give him up, but under existing circumstances considered the step justifiable and wished him Godspeed.

E. Evans was retained in the itinerancy a year without appointment, and C. F. Erffmeyer was partially unable to render active service.

Franklin Lentz, Geo. Stamm and T. R. Nanninga received license to preach, and L. Fierce was received from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. Brunner and T. W. Serf received deacons' orders, and L. C. Schnacke, W. Daeschner, F. J. Shafer and C. W. Snyder elders' orders.

J. Wuerth was elected presiding elder and the districts were supplied as follows: Holton District, J. Wuerth; Missouri District, H. Mattill; and Southwest District, P. Fricker.

The brethren J. Wuerth, H. Mattill, P. Fricker and J. G. Pfeifer were elected delegates to General Conference, with J. Kurtz and L. Wenger alternates.

S. H. Dunkelberger was appointed to compile the Sunday-school statistics of the Conference, including the names of the superintendents of the various schools, and forward them to the General Secretary of the Kansas Sunday-School Association.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A communication was received from Cleveland, Ohio, in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was just having its start among the sisters in the East, and in which cause they were very anxious to enlist the interest of the sisters throughout the entire church. The following resolution was adopted by Conference: "Resolved, That the communication from the Woman's Missionary Society has been greatly appreciated, and we are glad to learn about women's missionary auxiliaries as a method to raise funds for the grand missionary cause, especially in the heathen lands. May the blessings of God rest upon the mission work and the activities of the auxiliaries. We will encourage our societies in following the good example of the sisters in Cleveland, and form auxiliaries wherever the pastors deem it feasible."

The following action was taken by Conference regarding one of the ministers who rejected his appointment: "Since Brother John Dreisbach accepted his appointment at the former session

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of Conference, but later neither moved upon it, nor served it, whereby Rice Mission was unsupplied for three months, in consequence of which the presiding elder was placed in an embarrassing position, and the work neglected, therefore resolved, that we emphatically disapprove the action of Brother Dreisbach, and that he shall be placed on six months' probation, during which time he shall perform no official functions." The brother faithfully complied with the injunction of Conference, and a year later was reinvested with official authority.

The resolution of Conference a year ago relative to North-Western College concerning the solicitation of funds for this institution, was rescinded, thus leaving the matter optional with the authorities of the school.

Since Brother C. F. Erffmeyer was unable to render active service during the coming year, and not being able to follow any other pursuit for an income, it was resolved that Conference appropriate to him \$200.00 out of the Conference treasury, and his presiding elder and preacher in charge shall determine how much additional shall be allowed for his support. This is the first record of a claim upon the Conference treasury for support of a disabled minister or his family, which is rather remarkable when we consider the many hardships, exposures and privations preachers were subject to through the eighteen years of the existence of the Conference. Brother Erffmeyer's health improved during the last half of the year, so that he was able to resume work.

C. Berner was elected Conference treasurer.

A vote of thanks was given the secretaries for their service, which is the first action of Conference of this kind recorded. No doubt the faithful secretary who served in this capacity for eighteen years, with only a few exceptions, deserved this expression of appreciation.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Hanover shall be called Washington Mission.

Missouri District

- a. Jackson Mission shall be called Brooklyn Ave., Kansas City Mission.
- b. Carthage and Virgil Missions shall be served together.

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Southwest District

- a. Parsons Mission shall be served with Humboldt Mission.
- b. Defiance shall be taken from Humboldt Mission and added to Yates Center Circuit.
- c. Americus Mission shall be called Emporia Mission.
- d. Cedron shall be taken from Osborne Circuit and added to Wilson Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of missionary money raised for the Kansas Conference was \$2,876.24, and the amount appropriated for the ensuing year \$5,350.

The officers elected for the Missionary Society were: H. Mattill, president; J. F. Schreiber, vice-president; P. Schumann, secretary, and W. Meier, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 269; accessions, 442; membership, 3409; itinerant preachers, 34; local preachers, 28; churches, 38; parsonages, 21; Sunday-schools, 68; officers and teachers, 663; scholars, 3,000; catechetical classes, 24; catechumens, 278; Botschafters, 775; Messengers, 410; Magazines, 347; Epistles, 49. Total for missions, \$3,153.52.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—*J. Wuerth, P. E.*
 Nemaha, J. G. Pfeifer.
 Lawrence, F. Harder.
 Hiawatha, L. C. Schnacke.
 Holton, C. Emmel.
 Wolf River and Atchison, D. R. Zellner.
 Big Blue, J. F. Schreiber
 Leavenworth, C. Berner.
 Red Vermillion, W. Daeschner.
 Washington, H. Toedman and supply.

Missouri District—*H. Mattill, P. E.*
 Oregon Circuit, J. H. Tobias.
 Platte River, C. Brandt.
 Bloomington and Sheridan, A. J. Voegelien.
 Carthage and Virgil, C. Lindner and supply.
 Denver, F. J. Shafer.
 St. Joseph, L. Wenger.
 Winston, H. S. Bower.
 Glasgow, P. Schumann.

Kansas City, Oak St., J. Schmidli.
 Kansas City, Brooklyn Ave., J. Kurtz.
 Warrensburg, C. W. Snyder.
 Clinton, C. Ehrhardt and supply.

South-west District—*P. Fricker, P. E.*

Humboldt and Parsons, E. J. Troyer.
 Yates Center, H. Koepsel.
 Marion, J. H. Kiplinger.
 Wichita, C. Geiser.
 Rice, D. F. Honstedt.
 Newton, G. E. Dienst.
 Wilson, A. Brunner.
 Emporia, C. Linge and T. R. Nanninga.
 Osage, S. H. Dunkelberger.
 Jewell, T. W. Serf.
 Osborne, G. Stamm.
 Stockton, to be supplied.
 Dickinson, W. Heiser.
 Salina, to be supplied.
 Offerle, A. Yokel.

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MOSES DISSINGER

Moses Dissinger preached for many years in the state of Pennsylvania, where he was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1853. The name of "Mose Dissinger" was known as far as the Evangelical Association was known. He was a remarkable man in his day and was fitted for the conditions of his times. He was endowed with extraordinary physical strength, which had been developed prior to his conversion along athletic lines. He was fearless in disposition, original in style, and unique in his makeup. His sermons were practical, original, and pointed, usually delivered with considerable of the German Pennsylvania dialect. He was brusque in his manner and a foe to flattery, often he would carry his audience away in his sermons while conviction struck the unsaved with such force that they would cry out with a loud voice for mercy and pardon. He was feared by the rowdy element, and in many instances he would stop in the midst of a sermon long enough to expel a disturber from the house, after which he would return to finish his discourse. In 1879 Brother Dissinger united with the Kansas Conference and was assigned to Lawrence Circuit with Wm. Daeschner. He later served two years on Lawrence Circuit, and in 1882 was transferred to Atchison Mission. Here he was laboring when the Lord of harvest called him from labor to reward. At a memorial service, held during the Conference session, Bishop J. J. Esher and S. L. Wiest, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, both life-long acquaintances of the deceased, made addresses concerning the life and works of the departed co-worker.

J. DENGEL

Brother J. Dengel was received from the Illinois Conference in 1876. He never entered the active work in the Kansas Conference, but rendered willing service as a local preacher wherever opportunity presented itself. Brother J. Kurtz paid a fitting tribute at the memorial service held.

FANCY CREEK

During the year J. F. Schreiber organized the Fancy Creek class on Swede Creek Circuit. Henry Sondker was elected class-leader, Heinrich Oberhelman exhorter, and Wm. Klocke steward. At the same time a Sunday-school was organized with F. Klocke

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superintendent, E. Oberhelman assistant superintendent and H. Oberhelman secretary.

This has been a strong and loyal congregation for many years, and from her folds several excellent young men have entered the ranks of the Kansas Conference, who labored successfully in her ministry. The daughter emulated the example of her mother in developing a true missionary spirit, which has not been surpassed, if indeed equaled, by any work in the Conference.

EMPORIA, KANSAS

In 1881 F. Harder, serving Osage Mission, took up an appointment in Emporia and preached for the few Evangelical people whom he found there. The following year C. F. Erffmeyer, stationed on Americus Mission, took charge of the appointment and organized a class with the following members: J. F. Barthel and wife, John Pantle and wife, Henry Miller and wife, and Henry Becker. John Pantle was elected class-leader. At the same time a Sunday-school was organized with Henry Becker as superintendent. In 1885 a church was built during the pastorate of E. J. Troyer, which was dedicated the same year by Bishop R. Dubs.

The Ebenezer class of Emporia Mission, located four and one-half miles west of Olpe, was started in 1880 by J. M. Dreisbach, while serving Americus Mission, but was organized by F. Harder the following year, when serving Osage Mission. The charter members were: Rev. Jacob Maurer and wife, Philip Horst and wife, Henry Rice, Sr., and wife, Gottlieb Kitzenberger and wife, and Henry Barret. Rev. J. Maurer was elected class-leader. The same year a Sunday-school was organized with Gottlieb Kitzenberger as superintendent. A church was built in 1895, during the pastorate of C. Meeder, at a cost of \$1,300.00, which was dedicated July 15, 1895 by M. C. Platz. This building was destroyed by fire fourteen years later, during the pastorate of H. M. Schuerman, but rebuilt at once at a cost of \$3,500.00, and dedicated by Rev. C. E. Platz, presiding elder. From this congregation two young men entered the ministry of the Kansas Conference.

TWENTIETH SESSION

The twentieth session of Conference was held in the Zion Church, Nemaha Circuit, Richardson County, Neb., beginning

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March 20, 1884, with Bishop R. Dubs, Chairman, and C. Berner, Secretary.

C. Timmer of his own free will surrendered his license, T. W. Serf received credentials, C. Erhardt was placed on the superannuated list, and J. Kurtz and C. Linge were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

The following brethren received license to preach: August Ernst, Madison Walter, Aaron Schweitzer and D. Swart.

G. Sorg was received from the Germany Conference with the understanding that he present his credentials.

G. E. Dienst received deacon's orders and the brethren G. E. Dienst, C. Emmel, A. Mattill and G. Sorg were received into the itinerancy.

DISTRICTS DIVIDED

Southwest District was divided as follows: Emporia, Osage, Humboldt, Yates Center, Parsons, Dickinson and Americus shall be taken from Southwest District, and with Carthage and Virgil from Missouri District, shall form a new district, to be called Emporia District. The remaining portion of Southwest District shall be called Newton District. Missouri District was changed to Kansas City District.

J. H. Tobias was chosen presiding elder and the presiding elders were stationed as follows: Holton District, J. Wuerth; Kansas District, H. Mattill; Emporia District, P. Fricker; and Newton District, J. H. Tobias.

Jewell City requested to be changed into a station, which was done. Jewell thus stands recorded as the first station in the Kansas Conference, followed immediately by Canada, which was formed into a station at this same session.

A new feature was introduced at this time, which necessarily was short lived. The fact that Conference was spared so many years from claimants, the funds in that treasury had accrued to quite an amount when the following action was taken: "Resolved, that one-half of the preacher's traveling expenses this year to and from Conference shall be paid out of the treasury. It is needless to say that in a few years the surplus was consumed, and the treasury drained sufficiently to swing back into the former custom. The experiment has not been tried since as in course of time the Conference claimants required all the available funds from this source.

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The matter of dividing the Conference had been agitated from certain sources for some time past and at this session the subject received proper attention, however without success on the part of those who favored the scheme.

The church building project at Emporia which was authorized a year ago was reported as progressing. About \$900.00 had been secured in cash and subscriptions. The pastor of Emporia was instructed to canvass those fields on Holton and Southwest Districts which had not yet been canvassed.

The pastor of Rice Mission was authorized to collect on Newton District to the extent of \$200.00 or \$300.00 for the erection of a church at the Zion appointment.

C. Berner was elected Conference treasurer, and E. J. Troyer trustee for five years.

A committee was appointed to purchase a lot and build a new church in the City of Atchison, where there seemed to be a promising opening.

The trustees of the Kansas City, 18th Street congregation, were authorized to sell their church and build a new one.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Spring Creek, Lone Star and Four Mile shall be taken from Hiawatha and with the surrounding country form a new circuit to be called Spring Creek Circuit.
- b. Nemaha Circuit shall be called Preston Circuit.
- c. Coal Creek shall be taken from Holton Circuit and added to Wolf River Circuit.

Kansas City District

- a. A new mission shall be located in the north-eastern part of Kansas City, Mo., which shall be known as Forest Avenue Mission.
- b. Denver shall be served with Platte River.
- c. The appointments Americus, Peterson, and the new appointments north of Americus shall be taken from Emporia Mission and form Americus Mission.

Newton District

- a. Canada shall be taken from Marion Mission and formed into Canada Station.

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- b. Wichita Mission shall be divided. The eastern part of the work shall be taken off and formed into Eldorado Mission.
- c. Wichita Mission shall be called Derby Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$3,494.67 was raised for missions the past year, and \$4,400.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. The amount of \$1,144.00 was appropriated out of the Conference treasury for district and circuit work.

Bishop R. Dubs was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and J. Schmidli treasurer of the Missionary Society.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 370; accessions, 704; membership, 3,755; itinerant preachers, 38; local preachers, 31; churches, 41; parsonages, 23; Sunday-schools, 65; officers and teachers, 649; scholars, 2,878; catechetical classes, 23; catechumens, 357; Botschafters, 726; Messengers, 417; Epistles, 41; total for missions, \$3,812.17.

APPOINTMENTS

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| <i>Holton District—J. Wuerth, P. E.</i> | Warrensburg, C. Brandt. |
| Preston, A. Yockel. | Clinton, T. R. Nanninga. |
| Holton, G. Sorg. | |
| Lawrence, F. Harder. | <i>Emporia District—P. Fricker, P. E.</i> |
| Wolf River, C. Emmel. | Alida, J. F. Schreiber. |
| Atchison, D. R. Zellner. | Yates Center, H. Koepsel. |
| Big Blue, W. Heiser. | Humboldt, C. H. Lindner. |
| Hiawatha, L. C. Schnacke. | Carthage, S. H. Dunkelberger. |
| Spring Creek, W. Daeschner. | Virgil, S. H. Dunkelberger. |
| Leavenworth, C. Berner. | Osage, M. Walter. |
| Red Vermillion, Fr. Shafer. | Burlington, W. Elmer. |
| Washington, H. Toedman. | Parsons, J. W. Keiser. |
| | Emporia, E. J. Troyer. |
| <i>Kansas City District—H. Mattill, P. E.</i> | Americus, supplied by E. J. Troyer. |
| Kansas City, Oak St., J. Schmidli. | <i>Newton District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.</i> |
| Kansas City, Brooklyn Ave., A. J. Voegelien. | Canada, J. Kramer. |
| Kansas City, Forest Ave., to be supplied. | Jewell, J. H. Kiplinger. |
| St. Joseph, L. Wenger. | Osborne and Stockton, H. S. Bower. |
| Oregon, C. W. Snyder. | Rice, D. F. Honstedt. |
| Platte River and Denver, J. G. Pfeifer and D. Swart. | Newton, C. F. Erffmeyer. |
| Bloomington, to be supplied. | Derby, A. Brunner. |
| Winston, to be supplied. | Eldorado, to be supplied. |
| Sheridan and Glasgow, P. Schumann. | Marion, G. E. Dienst. |
| | Wilson, A. Ernst. |
| | Salina, to be supplied. |
| | Offerle, C. Geiser. |

Wm. Meier and A. Mattill were under appointment in Texas.

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LOST SPRINGS

During the past year Rev. J. H. Kiplinger, serving Marion Mission, held a protracted meeting at Lost Springs, which resulted in the conversion of a number of souls and the organization of a class with the following members: M. F. Shupe and wife, B. F. Shupe and wife, I. F. Shupe and wife, and Mrs. Louraine Mastin. M. F. Shupe was elected class-leader and I. F. Shupe exhorter. M. F. Shupe continued in the office of class-leader until 1912, a period of 29 years.

The Shupe brothers moved from Ontario, Canada, to Lost Springs, in 1879, only M. F. being a member of the Evangelical Association at the time. Not long after locating at Lost Springs Brother Shupe learned that Brother L. Wenger preached to a small class at Lincolnville, five miles south of Lost Springs. Here Brother Shupe attended services, often walking the distance to worship with the brethren. During the meeting alluded to, Bro. Shupe's brothers were converted and united with the church, forming the nucleus of the new class at Lost Springs.

In 1881 a union Sunday-school was organized in the home of B. F. Shupe, which was later held in the barn of his brother Isaac, with M. F. Shupe as superintendent. This was continued a union Sunday-school until the church was built in 1887, when it was changed to a denominational school, and M. F. Shupe has continued as superintendent to the present time (1914), a period of 33 years. A church was built in 1887 at a cost of \$1,300.00, which was dedicated by J. H. Tobias, presiding elder, in the spring of 1888. The following brethren composed the trustee board: J. D. Weston, E. M. Nettrouer, B. F. Shupe, I. F. Shupe and A. M. Nettrouer.

Originally Lost Springs belonged to Marion Mission, which embraced the appointments: Marion, Youngstown, Lincolnville, Tampa and Lost Springs. In the spring of 1899 Marion and Youngstown were taken from Marion Mission, and with the appointments Maple Grove and Banner City from Dickinson Mission, formed into Lost Springs Mission, which in 1904 was changed to a circuit. In the month of August, 1902, the church was destroyed by a cyclone, but was immediately rebuilt through the energetic labors of the pastor, S. A. Burgert.

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ABILENE

During the years 1883 and 1884 the families Christian Schaal, Isaac Lantz, and Israel Stark moved from the State of Illinois to the vicinity of Abilene. The families C. Spahr, Jonathan Romberger and Wm. Picking from Pennsylvania settled in the same community at about the same time. In 1884 the families John Landis, Sr., Cyrus Feigley and H. A. Snider came from Stark County, Ohio, also settling at Abilene. J. F. Schreiber, serving Alida Mission in 1884, learning about some members living near Abilene, visited the place, got in touch with them, and preached for them in a school house known as the Pike's school house, three miles northeast of town. Later when the Ohio families had moved into the community the services were held in a hall rented for that purpose in Abilene, where also a Sunday-school was promptly organized with C. Feigley as superintendent.

In 1886 the appointment was taken from Alida, added to Salina Mission, and assigned to M. Manshardt, who served one year. During this time the work was organized and a small chapel purchased on Spruce St., between 4th and 5th, at a cost of \$1,300.00. This was all subscribed and paid by the charter members except about \$200 contributed by the business men of town.

Brother Manshardt's activity was somewhat handicapped by the language condition. Most of the people preferred the English, and some could not understand and exercise in German, while Brother Manshardt was not able to exercise in the English language, but he was undaunted in his efforts to succeed in building up the work. He secured the service of Rev. D. F. Honstedt in a meeting during the winter, which resulted in the conversion of quite a few young people who became active workers in the church.

In the spring of 1887 Abilene was taken from Salina Mission, formed into a separate mission and was supplied with M. C. Platz, who served the work three years. During his first year an extensive awakening took place in which some thirty souls were converted and many united with the church. The chapel being too small for the proper development of the society, steps were taken toward building a new church. The hot winds, however, destroyed the corn and all late crops, so the project had to be postponed two years. In 1889 a church was built on the corner of

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5th and Kuney Ave. at a cost of \$4,041.00 and dedicated Sept. 29, 1889, by Bishop Thomas Bowman. Several years later the old church building was moved on the church lot and arranged for a parsonage.

In the winter of 1888 an awakening occurred at the North Buckeye school house, five miles north of Abilene, by which the whole community was stirred and 65 souls were converted. About one-half of the converts united with the church in town and at Buckeye. Others identified themselves with other churches. The Buckeye appointment was kept up for some years, but was later abandoned. From Abilene several young men entered the ministry who are laboring successfully in winning souls to Christ.

Most of the charter members have laid down the armor and have entered into the rest of their heavenly Father while the burden has fallen upon younger shoulders to carry on the work so faithfully begun by their fathers. Abilene was for many years the center for conventions upon the district, and many inspiring convocations have been held there which radiated their influence for good over the entire district.

J. H. TOBIAS

The following thrilling experience is related by J. H. Tobias, who served the Oregon work the past year: "On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, as I was on my way to the Ross Grove appointment, Oregon Circuit, I had to cross Squaw Creek, which was swollen, the water having been out of its banks the day before. I was directed to this crossing, but did not know that there was a low bridge across the channel, and even this washed out and tangled timber washed in where the bridge had been. I drove into the water when the ponies suddenly went under and could not rise because of the timber in which they became entangled. I still held the lines, hoping the ponies would get free and rise, but instead of that I was drawn into the wheels of the buggy by the current. I tried to loose myself, but the current was too swift and strong for me. I felt that my end was at hand, my work finished, and my last sermon preached, when suddenly the buggy turned over and I was released. I struggled to the shore almost exhausted, hardly realizing what had happened to me. I saw my satchel, Bible, and hat, floating down stream, but felt grateful to my heavenly Father that he spared my life for my family, and that I might preach the Gospel a while longer. After recovering suffi-

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cient strength I walked one and a half miles to Brother Smith's home where I found sympathy and aid. I was drenched and covered with mud, with nothing saved but my life and the clothing I wore. The kind people replaced my team in a short time, and I was again fitted out to continue my labors among them, never to forget God's mercy and the kindness of the dear friends."

Brother Tobias describes a revival meeting which he held at the Benton appointment on Oregon Circuit while serving that work, in the following words:

"In February, 1884, I held a revival meeting in the Benton Church, which was accompanied with unusual conviction and power, the altar being filled with seekers every night. One night, after the services were closed, a large, portly woman shook her fist before my face, exclaiming: 'You have preached my funeral sermon for three nights, and I will not stand it any longer.' I saw that she was angry and said nothing. I expected her to strike me, however, she refrained. I saw the hand of God in it all. This poor woman belonged to a church which did not believe in conversion. Some of the leading members of her church were at the altar, while others had been converted.

"Arrangements had been made before the meeting began for a dance in the neighborhood, the wife of a brother-in-law of the family where the dance was to be held came five miles to attend the same, and when she drove into the yard the family were just starting to the meeting. The visitor remarked: 'Is there not a dance on the program at this place tonight?' 'Yes,' his friend remarked, 'but no one will come. Everybody is going to the Evangelical church to attend the meeting. We are going there ourselves.' 'Well,' the visitor remarked, 'I came five miles through the mud to attend the dance, and we expected to remain all night.' 'Very well,' his friend remarked, 'you can put your team into the barn, and you can stay in the house, or you can get into the wagon and go with us to church just as you like.' The visitors decided to go along to church. That night both parties came to the altar for prayer, the one having started for a dance and ending at the mourners' bench, praying themselves into the Kingdom of God.

"Twenty-eight souls were converted during this meeting, after which I preached three sermons on baptism, when all the converts but one were baptized by sprinkling in a neighborhood where most all had been believers in immersion. When the people asked me at the beginning of the meeting to preach on the subject of water

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baptism I told them when they were once converted then I would, but prior to that would be too soon. I held four revival meetings this year on my field of labor and nearly one hundred souls were converted."

C. F. ERFFMEYER

Rev. C. F. Erffmeyer gives the following account of his early ministry in the Kansas Conference:

"The first session of the Kansas Conference I attended was held in our church at Willow Springs (now Worden), Douglas County, Kansas, in the spring of 1878, with Bishop T. Bowman as chairman. At that session I was licensed to preach, received into the itinerancy and given my first charge. At that session thirty-two ministers received appointments. According to the statistics the membership of the Conference numbered less than three thousand. My first appointment was Junction City Mission, with L. Wenger for my senior colleague.

"This mission had eight preaching places, equally divided as to English and German, two of them were in Riley County, three in Dickinson, and three in Marion County. At first I traveled the 'circuit' on horseback and later in the year in an open buggy. To procure this outfit I was obliged to go considerably into debt. My salary the first year was \$125.00. In addition to this I received cash presents from friends to the amount of \$25.00. I made my home with Brother Wenger at Junction City, but was out among the people on the work more than two-thirds of the time. The people always gave me a hearty welcome to their homes and would never accept any pay. So with a small salary I fared reasonably well.

"Sometimes, however, during my early ministry, I found myself without money. On a certain Saturday I wanted to cross the Republican River at Wakefield by ferry to reach my Sunday appointment in Riley County. The round trip fare over the river was 35 cents. I had no money with which to pay the fare, so I told the ferryman I had no money, but would pay on my return trip if he would carry me across. He agreed to this and took both me and my pony across the river. The next morning we had a gracious service in the little school house, after which a stranger from 'the East,' who was present, and took an active part in the service, pressed a silver dollar into my hand, saying, 'God bless you, my brother.' The next day, on my return trip, I paid the ferryman.

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“While serving the first year in the ministry, with Brother Wenger, I was sent to Canada, in Marion County, to hold a watchnight service, and with this service begin a protracted meeting. The watchnight service began at eight o’clock, with the old school house filled to its utmost capacity. I preached from the text Ps. 90: 10. After the sermon the ten converted people present all took part in prayer and testimony, and still it was two hours until midnight. I soon saw that in order to hold the people until the New Year was ushered in I must preach again. I took for my second text Gen. 3: 9, ‘Where art thou?’ and had unusual liberty in preaching. Several brethren then spoke on the subject of salvation, and all joined heartily in the singing. The Holy Spirit was present, and wrought deep conviction upon the unconverted, and this watchnight service was the beginning of a gracious revival.

“On Friday of the following week Brother Wenger arrived with H. Mattill, the presiding elder, to hold the quarterly meeting. During his stay over Sunday Brother Mattill preached the Word with great power. After Brother Mattill left, Brother Wenger remained for the most of the week and preached the Word with telling effect. The meeting continued until Jan. 28, and resulted in seventeen conversions. Eighteen persons united with the church at the closing service. The Christians rejoiced, the church was strengthened, and the community blessed.

“At the Conferenc session in 1879, the appointments in Marion County were taken from Junction Mission and formed into Marion Mission. I was assigned to this new mission, and in April of this year, with Brother Wenger, the presiding elder, I visited Newton in the interests of our church. We found five families who were members of the Evangelical Association, for whom we preached regularly and organized a class in the month of June. Soon thereafter we decided to build a church. A trustee board was chosen, and a building committee appointed. A subscription was started, and in a few days about \$1,000.00 was raised for the project. The building was finished in five months, so that on September 21, Bishop J. J. Esher dedicated the new edifice. The following spring Newton Mission was founded and I was assigned to the same as pastor. At the beginning of the year we had ten members, and at the end of a two years’ pastorate we had 41 members, and a Sunday-school numbering more than a hundred.

“Early in the fall of 1882 there was a ministerial and Sun-

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day-school convention held at Newton. Many were gathered there from various points on the district, who, with the people of Newton, were assembled for the opening services on the evening of Sept. 27, on which occasion Rev. E. J. Troyer was to preach. In the midst of the sermon a tornado struck the building, demolishing it, but fortunately killing no one, though several were slightly injured, and many severely frightened. The preservation of the lives of all present in the midst of such destruction seemed nothing less than a miracle. An Episcopal church, a stone building, standing about half a block from our church, was so badly injured that it had to be torn down. The next morning a citizen of Newton, viewing the ruins, remarked: 'They were God's churches, now, if God is almighty, why did he not protect his property?' Another bystander answered: 'God showed his power and love in protecting the people within the building, so that no one was seriously hurt. This is indeed a mircale.' The first speaker made no further reply.

"When I went to the ministerial and Sunday-school convention at Newton I was just recovering from an attack of typhoid-malaria. The drenching I received in connection with the storm brought on a severe attack of lung fever. The fever brought me so low that my good wife and friends despaired of my recovery. A good brother minister, visiting me just at the time of the crisis, of my sickness, felt so certain that I could not recover, that he called on the undertaker in Emporia on his way home and made arrangements for my burial, requesting him to keep himself in readiness for a telegraphic summons from Americus, where I lived. A little after midnight that date the fever passed the crisis and the doctor declared the danger over. Shortly after this time this physician was happily converted. At this writing God has added thirty-two years to my life, for which I am moved to profound gratitude to him for his mercy."

1885

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

The twenty-first session of Conference was held at the Camp Creek Church, on Atchison Circuit, Atchison County, Kansas, beginning March 19, 1885, with Bishop Thomas Bowman as chairman, and C. Berner secretary.

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Wm. Heiser died during the year, and L. C. Schnacke was reported as having withdrawn from the church, however, later, at his request, credentials were voted him with the understanding that the same shall remain in the hands of the secretary until it is ascertained whether his accounts with the Publishing House and Missionary Society had been satisfactorily settled.

The following brethren received license to preach: Edwin Brown, George Wilson, M. C. Platz, C. W. Stauffer and J. K. Young.

T. R. Nanninga, L. E. Becher, and J. W. Keiser received deacons' orders, and A. Brunner and W. Elmer elders' orders.

W. F. Wolthausen and H. Rosenberger, local preachers, moved within the bounds of Conference and were properly enrolled.

The brethren P. Fricker, C. Emmel, J. Kurtz and C. Linge were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

DISTRICT CHANGES

The Conference was changed from four to three districts as follows:

a. Jewell, Downs, Osborne and Stockton shall be added to Holton District.

b. Eudora, Deer Creek and Osage shall be added to Kansas City District.

c. The remaining appointments on Newton and Emporia Districts shall be called Newton District.

H. Mattill was elected presiding elder. The districts were supplied as follows:

Holton District, H. Mattill; Kansas City District, J. Wuerth; Newton District, J. H. Tobias.

H. Mattill was elected trustee of Northwestern College as successor of L. C. Schnacke.

J. G. Pfeifer was elected Conference trustee for five years, and C. Berner Conference treasurer.

The Conference trustees were requested to devise a plan by which a fire insurance company might be organized in the Conference for insuring church property, and to submit the same to the next session.

The Conference Secretary was instructed to procure a Conference seal for future use.

The resolution of a year ago, pertaining to the payment of one-half of the preacher's traveling expenses to and from Confer-

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ence was complied with, but the plan changed for the future so that only the expenses of a brother exceeding the amount of \$5.00 should be paid out of the conference treasury.

D. R. Zellner reported that a new church had been built, and a parsonage purchased, in Atchison during the past year in accordance with the resolution of a year ago, at a cost of \$5,737.40. The amount of \$2,851.00 having been secured, left an indebtedness of \$2,886.63. It was ordered that the entire Conference district should be open to a collector for the church and parsonage at Atchison.

Numerous appeals for help were considered and disposed of according to the best judgment and ability of Conference.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Deer Creek shall be taken from Lawrence Circuit and formed into Deer Creek Mission, and the rest of Lawrence Circuit shall be called Eudora Circuit.
- b. Coal Creek appointment shall be taken from Wolf River Circuit and added to Holton Circuit.
- c. Leonardville shall be taken from Big Blue Circuit and formed into Leonardville Mission.
- d. The appointments Swede Creek and Fancy Creek shall be called Big Blue Station.

Kansas City District

- a. Brooklyn Ave. Mission in Kansas City shall be called Highland Ave. Mission.

Newton District.

- a. The appointments east of Osborne shall be taken from Osborne Circuit and formed into Downs Mission.
- b. Stockton Mission shall be served with Osborne Circuit.
- c. Peabody shall be served with Newton.
- d. The country appointments shall be taken from Newton and constitute Halstead Mission.
- e. Earlington shall be taken from Parsons and added to Humboldt Circuit.
- f. Gross Creek shall be added to Red Vermillion Mission.
- g. The English appointments shall be taken from Downs Mission and added to Osborne Circuit.

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MISSIONS

The amount of missionary money raised for the Kansas Conference this year was \$4,378.84, and the amount appropriated for the ensuing year was \$6,600.00. In addition to this \$950.00 was appropriated out of the Conference treasury for the support of circuits and districts.

H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers was elected for the Missionary Society.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 593; accessions, 730; membership, 3,822; itinerant preachers, 46; local preachers, 26; churches, 46; parsonages, 25; Sunday-schools, 72; officers and teachers, 730; scholars, 3,453; Botschafters, 836; Messengers, 434; Magazines, 443; Epistles, 65; total for missions, \$5,908.77.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—H. Mattill, P. E.

Holton Circuit, G. Sorg.
 Wolf River, F. Harder.
 Hiawatha, C. F. Erffmeyer.
 Spring Creek, Wm. Daeschner.
 Big Blue, E. Evans.
 Osborne and Stockton, J. H. Kiplinger.
 Preston, A. Yockel.
 Jewell, G. E. Dienst.
 Leavenworth, C. Berner.
 Atchison, D. R. Zellner.
 Red Vermillion, F. J. Shafer.
 Leonardville, T. R. Nanninga under
 presiding elder.
 Washington, H. Toedman and supply.
 Downs, J. Neuffer under presiding
 elder.

*Kansas City District—J. Wuerth,
P. E.*

Kansas City, Oak St., Samuel Miller.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., A. J.
 Voegelein.
 Kansas City, Forest Ave., C. W.
 Stauffer under presiding elder.
 St. Joseph, L. Wenger.
 Deer Creek, W. F. Schuerman under
 J. Schmidli.
 Eudora, J. Schmidli.
 Osage, M. Walter under presiding el-
 der.
 Warrensburg, C. Brandt.
 Clinton, to be supplied.
 Glasgow, W. Elmer under presiding
 elder.

Winston, Edw. Brown.

Sheridan, to be supplied.

Platte River and Denver, J. G. Pfei-
 fer.

Oregon, C. W. Snyder.

Bloomington, W. F. Wolthausen under
 presiding elder.

Newton District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.

Canada Station, J. Kramer under pre-
 siding elder.

Yates Center, P. Schumann.

Humboldt, C. Lindner.

Alida, J. F. Schreiber.

Carthage and Virgil, S. H. Dunkel-
 berger.

Newton, H. Koepsel.

Halstead, M. C. Platz under presiding
 elder.

Rice, A. W. Platt and G. W. Beltz un-
 der presiding elder.

Offerle, A. Ernst.

Wilson, H. S. Bower.

Salina, C. Geiser.

Emporia, E. J. Troyer.

Americus, L. E. Becher.

Burlington, _____.

Parsons, J. W. Keiser under presid-
 ing elder.

Derby, A. Brunner.

Eldorado, J. K. Young under presid-
 ing elder.

Marion, D. F. Honstedt.

Pueblo, A. E. Litz under presiding el-
 der.

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MEMORIAL

The Conference was plunged into deep sorrow during the past year by the apparently untimely death of Brother William Heiser, which was brought about by his team running away, inflicting fatal injury. Brother Heiser was licensed by the Kansas Conference in 1872, but, according to the records, did not accept an appointment till the following year, when he entered the active work and continued therein till the time of his death. He served a number of works very acceptably. Although not endowed with unusual talent, or having special educational equipment, he was successful in winning souls for the Master, for which he had a passion. He was one of the early path-finders in the Conference and shunned no distance or hardship in order to advance the cause of his Redeemer. His sudden death was a severe shock and a great loss to both his family and the Conference, which so much stood in need of his aid and counsel. A touching memorial service was held on which occasion Bishop Bowman presided and the brethren J. Wuerth and C. Berner made fitting remarks concerning the life, work, and influence of the departed brother.

OREGON, MO.

The society in Oregon, Mo., was organized in 1884 with nine members, as follows: Daniel Kunkle, Sr., and wife, Daniel Zachman and wife, Daniel Kunkle, Jr., Anna Rostock, Mollie Kunkle, Elizabeth Schlotzerhauser, and Mary Vogan.

In 1895 a church was built in town, dedicated in January of the following year. The membership of the congregation at the time consisted of only seventeen persons.

CAMP-MEETINGS

Brother J. H. Tobias, who at this time was serving on Newton District as presiding elder, relates the following camp-meeting experiences:

“The camp-meeting, held at Canada, Marion County, the past year, was accompanied with great power and demonstration of the Spirit.

“One man was so powerfully convicted of sin while at work in the field that he went and told his wife to get ready to go with him to the camp-meeting. When they reached the camp-ground the husband left his wife in the wagon, and the team standing in

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the road, while he, unconscious of his surroundings, ran to the altar, calling out as he ran: 'Help me! Help me! I am lost!' His old mother was one of the first to meet him as she threw her arms around him, crying: 'My August! My August!' He fell down at the altar where we all joined in prayer and soon he was gloriously saved.

"People coming on the camp-ground would frequently rush to the altar for prayer without an invitation, and were happily converted. One afternoon the request was made for the people to spend a short time in secret prayer in the tents, or out in the grove, as they might prefer, before the preaching service. When the hour for preaching arrived there was no occasion or opportunity for preaching, as the altar was filled with seekers. The altar services sometimes continued from one service hour to another without intermission, often continuing till late in the night, and sometimes all night long."

"The first camp-meeting at Jewell City was held in the grove of Thomas Berry, Sr., near town. On Saturday afternoon the entire congregation went down before God in consecration when wonderful power came upon the people and many were converted. A heavy rain set in which continued over Sunday, but the work continued in the tents and the homes."

An exceedingly interesting and blessed camp-meeting was held at the Twelve Mile appointment on the Osborne work in the summer of 1884, of which Brother Tobias writes: "On Sunday night many fell to the ground under the power of God. One woman was carried to a tent in a state of unconsciousness after falling under the power of the Holy Spirit near the midnight hour. After remaining in this condition for quite a while her friends became concerned about her and resorted to remedies to resuscitate her. I advised them to leave her undisturbed, since she was in God's hands, and he would take care of her. She lay helpless and speechless until four o'clock in the morning when she came from under the spell with a shout that aroused the whole camp. We did not need to call the people from their beds that morning. The fire continued to burn all day long and the people continued to praise God and shout till midnight. The notes of victory were heard for miles.

"At nine o'clock in the morning when the services opened the altar was again filled with seekers, and through the entire day

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until midnight the altar services never stopped. There was no dinner prepared in any of the tents, and only a lunch was served for supper. The day was spent in prayer. Such victory! It was a veritable Pentecost. Some of the preachers present declared they had never witnessed anything like it in the past. For 15 hours without intermission the services continued. Eternity alone will reveal the results of that day and that camp-meeting."

Brother Tobias also reports a ten days' meeting which he conducted six miles southwest of Pueblo, Colo., on St. Charles River, where A. E. Litz was preaching under direction of the Kansas Conference. Brother Tobias writes:

"The third night of the meeting the Spirit of God was manifested and before I closed the service I remarked that I would like to shake hands with all who wished to go to heaven. Among those who came forward to give me the hand was an Indian cowboy. The next night when I gave an invitation for seekers to come to the altar this same Indian came forward. Tears were rolling down his cheeks as he remarked: 'Mister, I want to go to heaven.' I asked him to kneel down at the altar while I kneeled at his side and said: 'Pray to Jesus, and ask him to forgive your sins.' He replied: 'I cannot pray. I never heard a prayer until I heard you pray.' I now taught him how to pray when suddenly the Holy Spirit came upon him, teaching him how to agonize in prayer. I think I never saw any one wrestle in prayer more earnestly than did this Indian penitent. Finally he became calm and pleaded: 'Please, Father, oh, please, forgive Indian Charlie's sins. Won't you please forgive my sins?' His pleading affected every one in the house, and many were moved to tears. Gradually the transforming change came over him, and his face shone with rapture. He sprang to his feet and shouted: 'Hallelujah! I am saved!' The next evening when I came to the school house I met Indian Charlie with a smile on his face. I asked him how he felt, and he answered: 'I never swore all day. This is the first time I did not swear for a whole day. I got off my pony eighteen times today and prayed that God would keep me from swearing. O glory, I never said a cuss-word all day.' Charlie was baptized, united with the church, lived a consistent life and died a very happy death several years later."

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1886

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

Conference met this year March 18, 1886, at Willow Springs, Eudora Circuit, Douglas County, Kansas, to hold her twenty-second session, with Bishop J. J. Esher as chairman and C. Berner secretary.

Brother C. Ehrhardt died during the year, C. Geiser withdrew from the church under charges, and J. G. Pfeifer was necessitated to retire from the active work. Brother Pfeifer could not attend Conference, but sent a letter in which he expressed his regret in being unable to be present, as well as being compelled on account of failing health to retire from the active ranks. In recognition of his past faithful service and his present condition the following touching resolution was adopted:

J. G. PFEIFER

“Inasmuch as our beloved Brother J. G. Pfeifer has been prevented from attending this session of Conference, and informs us through a letter that he is compelled to retire from the active ministry, therefore Resolved, That we appreciate his faithful service rendered in the past, since he has served the church as a minister for thirty-five years, of which twenty were spent in the Kansas Conference, and of these fifteen in the office of presiding elder. We wish Brother Pfeifer and his companion God’s richest blessings and a peaceful evening of life. We assure him of our esteem, and he shall ever linger in our memories as one of our worthy fathers in Christ.” Brother Pfeifer entered the Conference at her first session, held at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1865.

The brethren C. Linge, C. Berner, P. Fricker and E. J. Troyer were retained in the itinerancy a year without appointment.

A. M. Dreisbach, a local preacher, received credentials.

The following candidates received license to preach: S. J. Luehring, G. J. Schumacher, R. Brand, F. M. Peek, W. F. Schuerman and A. E. Flickinger.

S. Mueller, J. Neuffer, J. Kramer, M. C. Platz, W. F. Woltshausen, J. K. Young, J. W. Keiser, A. W. Platt, T. R. Nanninga and E. Evans were received into the itinerancy.

The following brethren were received into the Conference: S. Mueller and J. Neuffer from the Germany Conference, D. G. Rinehold of the East Pennsylvania, A. W. Platt of the Pittsburg

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Conference, D. E. Hoover of the Indiana Conference, and H. W. Hartman of the Iowa Conference.

W. F. Wolthausen and A. Mattill received deacons' orders, and G. E. Dienst elder's orders.

J. G. Pfeifer and Mrs. C. Erhardt were recorded as conference claimants.

BISHOP ESHER

Special recognition was taken of Bishop Esher's official visit to the Orient during the past year to inspect the mission work of the church in Japan. This was the first visit of such a character made by any of our Bishops to the work in the heathen world, and was of the greatest importance to the interests of the church. On this occasion the Bishop extended his journey through the Holy Land and on his way home held the European Conferences. Appropriate resolutions of gratitude and appreciation for the Bishop's service were passed, and he was assured of the sympathy and prayers of Conference. He was made the recipient of an autograph album containing the autograph of each preacher of Conference as a token of respect.

RACHEL HUDSON

Miss Rachel Hudson, one of our first missionaries to Japan, in 1876, who was at home on furlough because of failing health, addressed Conference in the interests of the work in which she had been engaged, for the past ten years, in the foreign field. Her remarks, coming from one of our own, as well as one of our first missionaries in the Sunrise Kingdom, made a deep and favorable impression on all who heard her.

CHURCH TROUBLE

Dark storm clouds had been gathering for a long time on the horizon of the Evangelical Association, but were now increasing in momentum at a rapid rate, threatening disaster to the church. The low murmurings of years ago were now bursting forth in violent controversies in the church papers, as well as in local circles, threatening disruption and ruin to the ecclesiastical body and all her institutions. Even in far-off Japan the disturbing influence was felt, and the forces of disruption progressing. It was largely due to this fact that an episcopal visit was made to inspect the work in Japan during the past year.

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Conference expressed her views of the situation in the following words: "Resolved, That we, as a Conference, approve the wise action of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society concerning our work in Japan. We endorse the report made by Bishop J. J. Esher and will pray that God may guide us in the whole affair."

MISSIONARY DEFICIT

Both the treasury of the Missionary Society and of the Conference showed a deficit in consequence of which the respective treasurers were instructed to borrow money and pay their obligations. It was also made the duty of each preacher to hold a missionary meeting at each appointment on his work, not later than the month of September or October, and to organize missionary auxiliaries, also to hold missionary prayer-meetings in the various congregations, and raise not less than \$1.00 per member missionary money for the Kansas Conference during the coming year. In case of failure to meet this requirement the delinquents shall give reasons for their failure.

This drastic measure was introduced, not because of any financial stringency, but because some of the preachers had become indifferent to the cause of missions and neglected the collection of contributions while the splendid missionary spirit which once characterized the Conference had, in a measure, vanished, and the treasury felt the effect of this slackness.

The work of the Committee on Ways and Means was becoming more difficult each year as numerous problems confronted Conference, and the appeals for help from various fields of labor were multiplying. This year Atchison asked for help to liquidate a debt of \$2,285.00. Leavenworth pled for help to repair her church and parsonage. Newton appealed for a loan of \$300.00 from the Conference treasury. Carthage, Dennis, and Parsons asked for help, but the four latter were refused aid because of no available funds.

The committee appointed a year ago to devise plans to organize a fire insurance company in the Conference submitted a constitution which was adopted and ordered printed for distribution among the membership during the coming year. An effort was to be made to secure as many policy holders as possible, and then complete the organization a year hence.

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Rev. J. K. Young, fortunate enough to receive \$25.00 more salary than his legal allowance, was graciously permitted by Conference to keep the surplus.

C. Berner was elected Conference treasurer, and E. Evans was elected Conference trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. G. Pfeifer.

G. E. DIENST

Since G. E. Dienst was appointed missionary to Japan by the Board of Missions during the past year, and was preparing to start for the foreign field during the coming summer, Conference expressed her joy and gratification over the fact that for the second time she had the honor of providing a missionary for Japan. Brother F. W. Voegelien, who had been sent to Japan a few years previous, was licensed by the Kansas Conference and served in her bounds for several years before he went to California. A hearty Godspeed and best wishes, with the assurance of ardent prayers, accompanied Brother Dienst and his family to the Sunrise Kingdom.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Coal Creek shall be taken from Holton Circuit and added to Wolf River Circuit and shall be called Atchison Circuit.
- b. Downs shall be served with Osborne Circuit.
- c. A new mission shall be located in Jewell County, Kansas, to be called Jewell Mission.

Kansas City District

- a. The appointments east of Humboldt shall be taken from Humboldt and formed into Golden Valley Mission.
- b. East Lynn shall be taken from Warrensburg Mission and added to Clinton Mission.

Newton District

- a. Center Ridge shall be taken from Yates Center and added to Humboldt Circuit.
- b. The appointments south of Emporia shall be taken from Emporia Mission and added to Burlington Mission, which shall be called Hartford Mission.
- c. Miles shall be taken from Americus and added to Marion Mission, and the remaining portion of Americus shall be added to Emporia Mission.

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d. Turkey Creek in Dickinson County shall be taken from Alida, also Abilene appointment, and both added to Salina Mission.

e. All the appointments north of the Saline River shall be taken from Wilson and formed into a new mission to be called Lincoln Mission.

f. Ellinwood, Pawnee and Barnard shall be taken from Rice Mission and formed into a new mission to be called Pawnee Rock Mission.

g. Peabody shall be taken from Newton and formed into Peabody Mission.

h. The appointments in Pratt County shall be taken from Rice Mission and formed into Kingman Mission.

i. Hartland, Hamilton County, shall be taken up as a new mission and be called Hartland Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$3,551.12 was raised for missions in the Conference the past year and \$6,850.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year.

H. Mattill was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the Missionary Society re-elected the old board of officers for the coming year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 625; accessions, 1,167; membership, 4,422; itinerant preachers, 55; local preachers, 34; churches, 52; parsonages, 30; Sunday-schools, 83; officers and teachers, 830; scholars, 3,791; catechetical classes, 17; catechumens, 271; Botschafters, 912; Messengers, 499; Epistles, 66; Magazines, 456.

The number of conversions in past year was the largest in the history of the Conference for any one year, thus far. The revival fires burned brightly over the Conference territory. Many works reported 20 or more conversions, Hiawatha, Eldorado, Rice, Marion, Humboldt and Yates Center each reported 40 or more conversions.

The number of accessions was correspondingly high. The visible blessing of God was resting upon the labors of the ministry and laity of the church.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—*H. Mattill, P. E.* - Oregon, L. Wenger.
 Holton Station, E. Evans. Warrensburg, C. Brandt.
 Leavenworth, J. Neuffer. Clinton, W. Elmer.
 Atchison, D. R. Zellner. Glasgow, S. J. Luehring.
 Atchison Circuit, F. Harder and R. R. Winston, W. F. Schuerman.
 Brand. Denver, J. Elmer.
 Bloomington, W. F. Wolthausen.
- Newton District*—*J. H. Tobias, P. E.*
 Newton, C. W. Snyder.
 Halstead, M. C. Platz.
 Canada Station, J. Kramer.
 Peabody, D. E. Hoover.
 Eldorado, J. K. Young.
 Derby, H. S. Bower.
 Rice, A. W. Platt.
 Pawnee Rock, to be supplied.
 Offerle, H. Toedman.
 Wilson, H. Koepsel.
 Lincoln Center, G. J. Schumacher.
 Salina, M. Manshardt.
 Alida, H. W. Hartman.
 Emporia, A. Brunner.
 Hartford, S. H. Dunkelberger.
 Humboldt, A. Ernst.
 Golden Valley, A. E. Flickinger.
 Parsons, D. G. Rinehold.
 Carthage, J. W. Keiser.
 Yates Center, P. Schumann.
 Marion, D. F. Honstedt.
 Kingman, E. Brown.
 Hartland, C. W. Stauffer.
 Pueblo, Colorado, A. E. Litz.
- Kansas City District*—*J. Wuerth, P. E.*
 Kansas City, Oak St., S. Mueller.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., A. J. Voegelein.
 Kansas City, Forest Ave., supplied by two pastors of Kansas City.
 Eudora, J. Schmidli.
 Deer Creek, C. H. Lindner.
 Osage, M. Walter.
 St. Joseph, J. Kurtz.
 Platte River, G. Sorg.

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Rev. C. Ehrhardt

Again the death messenger summoned another of the veterans to the ranks of the church triumphant. Brother C. Ehrhardt entered Conference in the spring of 1875, coming from the Pittsburg Conference, where he had been engaged in the active work since 1862. He was assigned to Warrensburg Mission, which he served three years, when he was transferred to Platte River Circuit, where he spent two years. In 1883 he was not able to accept an appointment, and the following year he left the active ranks and was placed on the superannuated list in which relation he continued until the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 6, 1885, at the age of 48 years, 11 months and 3 days. Brother Ehrhardt was a faithful and conscientious worker, a man of sterling character and uplifting influence. His service in the Conference was of the highest character, having only the glory of God and the wel-

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fare of his fellow-man in view. A memorial service was held during the Conference session, on which occasion his high standing and useful service were emphasized by the speakers. His body is buried at Apoka, Florida, from where he was called to his heavenly home.

HALSTEAD

As early as 1880 an appointment was taken up in the West Emmet school house, seven miles west of Newton, by C. F. Erffmeyer, pastor of Newton Mission. The following year he organized a class with 15 members as follows: Thomas Patterson and wife, Wm. Dunkelberger and wife, M. Biersbach and wife, Maria Shafer, Susie Shafer, Pearl Shafer, Harry Shafer, John McCaslin, Joseph Wolfarth, George McArthur, David Bausman and Nancy Patterson.

During this time, Brother Erffmeyer preached at various points in the vicinity, without, however, organizing classes. Among the points at which he preached were Rapp's school house, eight miles northwest of Newton, Johnson school house, a few miles south of where Hesston is now located, and Sand Creek, nine miles south of Newton, where Putnam is now located. He also preached a few times in Halstead, but did not take up a regular appointment there.

During the year 1883 Rev. G. E. Dienst served Newton Mission for six months, when he took up an appointment 20 miles northwest of Newton, in the Schlender school house, four miles southwest of where Moundridge now stands. In this community a colony had settled from Buffalo, and Ebenezer, New York, having there belonged to the Evangelical Association. Brother Dienst organized a class with the following families: Fred Schlender, John Werner, Henry Kittell, John Hoffman, Adam Hoeman, M. Frey, and Wm. Gick.

In 1885 Halstead was recorded as a mission for the first time. It was served in connection with Newton Mission and supplied with M. C. Platz, who served the work two years. During the first year an extensive revival occurred at the West Emmet appointment, in which a number of heads of families were converted and united with the church, so that at once steps were taken to build a church in the community. By Conference time \$900.00 had been secured on subscription and the following summer the building was erected at a cost of \$1,200.00, and dedicated by Rev.

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H. Mattill, Oct. 31, 1886. During the summer months an appointment was served at McPherson every two weeks on Sunday afternoon, with an audience of 20-40. This appointment was suspended when the winter revival meeting campaign approached on account of lack of time.

In order to fill the above appointment long and hard drives were necessary. A twenty mile drive was made between the morning and afternoon services regularly. On Sunday, Sept. 20, 1885, service was held in the Schlender school house in the morning, at McPherson, 20 miles north, in the Presbyterian Church in the afternoon, and at Conway, in the evening. At the latter place there was no church building in the village, but the school house, where the services were held, was crowded.

An appointment was taken up in Halstead in the summer of 1885. At first the meetings were held in the old Mennonite church, which was used at the time for school purposes. Later the services were changed from English to German, and the meetings held in the rear upstairs room of Brother C. Kauth's store, where a class was organized with the following members: Christian Kauth and wife, Emma Kauth, Mother Hux, Katie Hux, Mrs. Mary Gruler, and M. Bierschbach and wife. In 1886 Halstead was separated from Newton.

The following experiences are related by the pastor during his pastorate on Halstead Mission:

"The hardships incident to pioneer life had not altogether disappeared at this time. The people were poor and lived in very small houses, so that in many instances the children would sleep in the stable or granary. Under these circumstances it was almost impossible to think of furnishing a home for a young preacher. Because of these conditions I was necessitated to move my trunk four times during the first year of my pastorate in order that this article might not become too burdensome to the family. I would get to see my trunk about every two weeks, when I would come around to exchange books and a few articles of clothing, and then start out again on my round over the work which numbered nine appointments.

In order to enjoy a summer luxury I rented a room in Halstead a few months where I placed my trunk, while the kind friends arranged a bed, table, lamp and chair for me. It was indeed a treat to be able to live so royally at the end of a two weeks' round when

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I got home. But, alas! at the end of the second month I was out of funds and barely succeeded in gathering enough money with which to pay the rent due. I then had to give up my pleasant resort in exchange for the life of an itinerant. To make matters worse, a young fellow whom I had befriended by permitting him to sleep in my room several nights when I was at home, procured a key when I was away, entered the room and carried away some of my clothing, which I, of course, needed myself. I received only \$150.00 salary the first year I preached, with which I laid the foundation for future wealth.

In order to serve the appointments regularly on my mission, which extended from the northern part of Sedgwick County on the south to within a few miles of Saline County on the north, like the forefathers I had to make some long drives. While holding a protracted meeting at the Sand Creek appointment, nine miles south of Newton, I did not wish to break into the interest of the meeting, which was just at a crisis when the latter part of the week arrived. So I held services on Saturday night, then on Sunday morning I drove 20 miles to the Schlender school house for morning service, after dinner I went seven miles further with another horse to the Frey school house for a three o'clock service, and then back 27 miles to the Sand Creek appointment for the evening. Of course I had no time to eat supper and when I reached the school house it was so packed with people that I could hardly find entrance. Now came a long, hard evening service, in which the preacher must do the preaching, most of the singing and praying, since this was a rural district and a very irreligious neighborhood. We had a good many seekers at the altar, who must have help. Late at night the meeting closed with a preacher so tired that he refused to eat supper and spent an almost sleepless night tossing with nervousness, caused by a little over-exertion.

I would frequently drive 40 miles on Sunday and preach two to three times. The severest test during the year was the absence of time and opportunity for study. During the summer months I would occasionally, in order to be alone for meditation, drive to some secluded spot, where I would stake out my pony while I would spend the day in reading and study. Of course that meant a fast for me, but it was such a treat to be alone for meditation that I did not think much about eating dinner. I seldom spent two nights in succession at the same place, for my work kept me on the go. I would do most of my reading in the buggy, since

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the people would insist on visiting when I would enter the home. I had a very gentle horse who would keep the road whether I observed him or not, and would turn out for a passing team whether I held the lines or not. If there were a horse heaven I am sure my "Selim" would be found there.

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

March the 17th, 1887, Conference met at Jewell City, Kansas, to hold her twenty-third session with Bishop R. Dubs in the chair and C. Berner secretary for the twentieth time.

It was ordered in the future there should also be an English record of Conference kept, and in accordance with this action J. H. Kiplinger and C. F. Erffmeyer were chosen as English assistants. An unusually large number of visiting brethren were present, namely, W. Yost, Junior Publishing Agent, S. Heininger, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, W. M. Stanford, assistant editor of the "Evangelical Messenger," U. F. Swengel, assistant editor of the English Sunday-school literature, L. W. Anthony, presiding elder of the Platte River Conference, and F. C. Yenny and M. Inhelder, of the Nebraska Conference.

M. Alsbach, W. Elmer, J. Kramer and Mrs. P. Schumann died during the past year.

J. W. Lowe, G. W. Bugh, F. L. Fierce, F. Lantz and G. Wilson, local preachers, withdrew from the church during the year. G. W. Bugh was the only one who had served in the active ranks. There is no reason assigned in the Conference records why so large a number of local preachers should leave the ministry and church in one year.

P. Fricker, E. Evans and C. Linge located on account of physical infirmity.

H. Koepsel received credentials and C. Berner, E. J. Troyer, J. H. Kiplinger, L. Wenger and J. W. Keiser were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

H. J. Bowman of the Ohio Conference, formerly editor of the English Sunday-school literature, and M. W. Harris, a local elder of the East Pennsylvania Conference, were received.

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E. Brown, C. W. Stauffer, A. Ernst, W. F. Schuerman, M. C. Platz, J. K. Young, M. Walter and J. K. Elmer received deacons' orders, and T. R. Nanninga and L. E. Becher elders' orders.

C. W. Stauffer, J. K. Elmer, M. Walter, G. J. Schumacher, S. J. Luehring, F. M. Peek and L. E. Becher were received into the itinerancy.

J. Wuerth was re-elected presiding elder, and the districts were supplied as follows: Kansas City District, J. Wuerth; Holton District, H. Mattill; Newton District, J. H. Tobias.

The brethren J. Wuerth, C. Berner, H. Mattill, J. F. Schreiber and J. H. Tobias were elected delegates to General Conference, to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., in October of this year.

Conference for the first time elected a statistical secretary, the choice falling upon E. J. Troyer.

The publication of a little monthly missionary magazine, in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association, called the "Missionary Messenger," was approved, and Conference pledged herself to work for its circulation.

DISTRICT HOUSE

It was resolved to build a district house in Kansas City, Mo., on the lots of the Highland Avenue Church, for which the trustees of the congregation would give a lease for 99 years. The building, however, should not cost over \$2,000.00.

H. Mattill was elected trustee of Northwestern College for three years.

J. Wuerth was elected Conference trustee for five years, and C. Berner Conference treasurer.

It was ordered that the Conference secretary and treasurer C. Berner shall have his traveling expenses to and from Conference paid, besides \$10.00 extra for his service.

Again we find Conference wrestling with the numerous requests coming before that body from needy congregations through the hard-worked Ways and Means Committee. In some instances limited assistance was rendered, while in other cases the requests were refused because of lack of funds.

The presiding elders were appointed a committee to publish a Conference journal, which, however, failed to materialize.

EXAMINATION

A Board of Examiners for junior preachers was founded on the following plan:

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a. The Board shall annually elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

b. The secretary shall keep an exact record of all the junior classes, the individual members of the classes, and the examiners.

c. Each examiner shall report the standing of each member of his class to the secretary.

d. The secretary shall submit to Conference a report of each class, and this report shall be entered in the Conference journal.

e. The Board shall report any vacancy to Conference with a recommendation of two candidates for each vacancy, from which Conference shall elect one to fill the position.

f. The Board shall appoint an examiner for applicants for the ministry.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Falls City shall be taken from Preston and constitute Falls City Mission to be served with Preston.

b. Red Vermillion shall be called Westmoreland Mission.

c. Hartford Mission shall be called Americus Mission.

d. Osage Mission shall be consolidated with Deer Creek Mission.

Kansas City District

a. East Lynn appointment shall be taken from Clinton Mission and with adjoining territory form East Lynn Mission.

Newton District

a. Potwin shall be taken from Eldorado and added to Peabody.

b. Cambridge shall be taken from Derby and added to Eldorado Mission.

c. Battle Hill shall be taken from Halstead and added to Salina Mission.

d. Hartland Mission shall be called La Porte Mission.

e. Abilene shall be taken up as a mission.

f. A new mission shall be taken up in Gove County and be called Gove Mission.

g. Pueblo Mission shall be discontinued.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

a. Carthage, Parsons, Humboldt, Golden Valley, and Yates Center shall be taken from Newton District and be added to Kansas City District.

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b. Emporia, Americus, and Hartford shall be taken from Newton District, and with Osage and Deer Creek, be added to Holton District.

c. Jewell City, Downs, Osborne and Stockton shall be taken from Holton District, and be added to Newton District.

d. Emporia District shall be discontinued.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$4,039.91 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year, and \$7,295.00 was appropriated for the coming year. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the Missionary Society was reorganized by electing H. Mattill president, P. Schumann secretary, and J. Schmidli treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 717; accessions, 1,286; membership, 4,878; itinerant preachers, 58; local preachers, 30; churches, 55; parsonages, 30; Sunday-schools, 86; officers and teachers, 839; scholars, 4,189; catechetical classes, 22; catechumens, 390; Botschafters, 905; Messengers, 546; Magazines, 446; Epistles, 80; total for missions, \$6,951.70.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—H. Mattill, P. E.</i>	St. Joseph, J. Kurtz.
Leavenworth, J. Neuffer.	Glasgow, S. J. Luehring.
Atchison, C. Brandt.	Denver, to be supplied.
Washington, W. Daeschner and sup- ply.	Winston, W. F. Schuerman under pre- siding elder.
Leonardville, T. R. Nanninga.	Golden Valley, C. Lindner.
Emporia, A. Brunner.	Parsons, A. E. Flickinger under pre- siding elder.
Americus (Hartford), F. Shafer.	East Lynn, supplied by D. R. Zellner.
Deer Creek, M. Walter.	Eudora, J. Schmidli.
Westmoreland, R. R. Brand under presiding elder.	Oregon, A. J. Voegelien.
Atchison Circuit, A. Yockel and Otto Rohrig.	Platte River, G. Sorg.
Holton Station, S. Mueller.	Yates Center, P. Schumann.
Preston and Falls City, F. Harder and J. Erich under presiding el- der.	Humboldt, A. Ernst under presiding elder.
Hiawatha, A. W. Platt.	Carthage, M. W. Harris under pre- siding elder.
Spring Creek, L. E. Becher.	Bloomington, H. Holzgrafe under pre- siding elder.
Swede Creek, J. F. Schreiber.	Warrensburg, D. R. Zellner.
<i>Kansas City District—J. Wuerth, P. E.</i>	<i>Newton District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.</i>
Kansas City, Oak St., C. F. Erffmeyer.	Newton, J. J. Kliphardt under presid- ing elder.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F. Wolthausen.	Halstead, C. W. Snyder.

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Marion, D. F. Honstedt and supply.
 Salina, M. Manshardt under presid-
 ing elder.
 Abilene, M. C. Platz.
 Peabody, J. K. Young.
 Eldorado, D. E. Hoover under presid-
 ing elder.
 Derby, H. S. Bower.
 Kingman, E. Brown under presiding
 elder.
 Pawnee Rock, to be supplied.
 Offerle, H. Toedman.

La Porte (Hartland), S. H. Dunkel-
 berger.
 Rice, J. H. Keeler.
 Wilson, D. G. Rinehold.
 Lincoln Center, G. J. Schumacher and
 F. M. Peek.
 Stockton, to be served with Lincoln.
 Gove County, to be supplied.
 Downs and Osborne, J. H. Kiplinger.
 Jewell Station, H. J. Bowman.
 Canada Station, C. W. Stauffer.
 Alida, H. W. Hartman.

MEMORIAL

Death demanded a heavy tribute the past year, calling from our ranks three ministers and one minister's wife.

M. Alsbach

M. Alsbach entered the Conference in the spring of 1869 and was assigned to Glasgow Mission, which he served one year when he was transferred to Warrensburg. In 1878 he located on account of failing health and was not permitted to enter the active ranks again. Brother Alsbach was a true father in Israel, in whom the brethren had great confidence. He was a faithful worker, with a desire to do all the good possible in the world and to glorify his Maker and Redeemer. He rendered valuable service to the Conference during the eight years of his activity in her ranks.

W. Elmer

Brother W. Elmer was called away as he was approaching the prime of life, when the future seemed to hold so much in store for him. He spent but three years in the service of the Conference. Accepting an appointment in the spring of 1884, he was assigned to Burlington Mission, where he served one year, after which he was transferred to Glasgow, and the following year to Clinton, where his brief ministerial career so early terminated.

John Kramer

Father John Kramer spent a series of years in the East Pennsylvania Conference, where he labored very successfully, leading many souls to Christ and building up the church committed to his care. In 1884 he transferred to the Kansas Conference and accepted Canada as his field of labor, which he served very acceptably for a little over two years, when the Lord called him home.

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Brother Kramer was sound in doctrine and pure in life. With him the doctrine of salvation from all sin had a deep meaning, and with this theme he often lifted his congregations into the presence of the living Saviour, while the living waters flowed bountifully into the hearts of thirsty souls. He was a camp-meeting advocate, and was permitted to pass from a camp-meeting held on his work into the celestial city above, saved by the blood of the Lamb. On the Sunday of his camp-meeting, though feeble in body, yet able to look after the details of his meeting, no one supposing his end so near, remarked to a company of brethren in the preacher's tent: "Brethren, I believe my dying day will be the happiest of all my life." Little did the brethren think before another week would pass his testimony would be tried out. The following Saturday, as he was passing away, he threw out his arm, exclaiming, "Let me go," as the friends were singing "Joyfully, joyfully, onward I go." His life was an inspiration to young ministers, and by his fatherly counsel he helped them to overcome many trials and discouragements.

Mrs. P. Schumann

Sister Schumann, the wife of Rev. P. Schumann, was a reserved and consecrated wife and mother. In 1878, when her husband accepted his first appointment in the Kansas Conference, and was sent to the Western frontier on Rice Mission, she accompanied him cheerfully and proved a true heroine during the years of privation and hardship as a pioneer preacher's wife. She was a true helpmeet to her companion and a tender mother to the little flock of children committed to her care.

She shared the trials and victories of a minister's wife for eight years when the Lord called her to the ranks of the redeemed to reap the reward for faithful service and fellowship here below.

THE KANSAS BOOM

The year 1836 associates the history of Kansas with the sad misfortune of an abnormal financial boom, which, a few years later, left the state in a most deplorable and wretched condition, affecting every part and phase of business enterprise, from which it required many years to recover. During the year 1836 towns sprang up in what had hitherto been desolate regions, which did not warrant such procedure. Towns extended their borders in a

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fabulous manner. From villages grew towns, and from towns cities in a very short time. Eastern capital poured into the state by the millions, incited by real estate men, the railroads and the newspapers, who seemed to vie with one another to create the greatest degree of enthusiasm, not to say insanity. Real estate was inflated from three to four times its real value, while factories and industries were opened where there was no reasonable ground for success.

Two years later the boom broke, and the reaction set in, which condition was augmented by shortage of crops for several years, creating want and poverty, and paralyzing business. Thousands of people deserted the state, going elsewhere to find employment and homes. Farms which had sold for \$1,000.00 or even \$1,500.00 could now be purchased for \$300.00, but no one wanted to make the investment even at those figures. Whole towns were so reduced in population that more than half of the houses were vacant. Many of the shops and factories built in the larger towns and cities were never operated, the crash coming before work began, in some instances before the machinery was installed.

It was during these years of inflated prosperity that thousands of people occupied homesteads in Western Kansas, among them many Evangelical families. Because of this missions were located in the South and West during the past two years, as the Conference endeavored to keep in touch with her sons and daughters who were flocking westward. This was undoubtedly the only reasonable thing to do under the existing conditions, but when the reaction set in it also seriously affected the interests of the Conference. The appropriations had been increased materially in order to comply with the demands, and now with a failure of crops, and a shortage of finances, as well as a large exodus of people from the state, the Conference, too, was brought face to face with a crisis which crippled her enterprises for a number of years.

Only such as have passed through the dark years of affliction which came upon the state, as well as the Conference, can appreciate the prosperity which returned in later years to cheer and reward the faithful perseverance of her tried patriots and loyal church members.

CAMP-MEETING

J. H. Tobias reports in the following words a camp-meeting held at Kill Creek, on Osborne Circuit, the past summer:

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“One afternoon the altar was filled with seekers when a remarkable lull came over the meeting. I urged the Christian people to pray for power. I asked for a few moments of silent prayer for the penitents who must be converted this afternoon. While the congregation was engaged in prayer a man rose in the rear of the tabernacle and began to read from a Bible which he held in his hand, endeavoring to disturb the meeting. I then called upon the people to pray mightily to God for help, since the devil was on the camp-ground with a Bible in his hands. Intense supplication ascended to the throne of grace, while the souls at the altar began to agonize in prayer, when suddenly the power of God swept down upon the seekers as they sprang to their feet, shouting, ‘I am saved.’ God’s people began to leap for joy and praised God with a loud voice, shouting: ‘The devil is defeated.’ The three men sat mute as if petrified, not a word came from their lips. Several of the brethren led them from the camp, advising them not to return on such a mission again. These men were ‘come-outers’ who came there for the purpose of disturbing the meeting, propagating their cause, and confusing God’s people.”

“At the Rosette camp-meeting a lady was brought to the meeting in a chair, being unable to walk save with crutches, and then with difficulty. During the altar service she sat in the chair with her crutches lying at her side, when suddenly she sprang to her feet, shouting, ‘I am healed.’ She proved her testimony by the fact that she leaped for joy in the presence of all in the meeting. She never used her crutches again.”

REV. M. MANSHARDT

Rev. M. Manshardt, who came to Kansas from the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1885, and took up work in the western part of the state, gives us the following thrilling account of his experience as a pioneer preacher in the “eighties”:

“On New Year’s Day I closed a protracted meeting which was held in the home of Brother H. Steenbock in Ellsworth Co., Kansas. Brother and Sister Radke from Ellsworth attended the meeting, and at its close I accompanied them to their home from where I intended the following day (Friday) to travel to Wilson to reach my Sunday appointment.

“On our way from Brother Steenbock’s a blizzard broke in upon us from the Northwest with considerable force. We reached the home safely, however, not without considerable anxiety. That

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night I slept in an upstairs room which had a small window facing a steep bluff close to the house, which the next morning was covered with snow. At 9 o'clock the next morning every one in the house seemed to be sleeping, yet when I arose to go to the stable to feed my pony, attempting to open the door I discovered that we were buried in the snow. The family was soon up, and we were shoveling our way to the stable to find and care for the stock.

"The stable was covered with snow, and the horses and cattle were buried under the drifts. I found my black pony standing in the snow up to his ears. The cattle which were left in the corral could not be found at all. They were all buried in the drifts. All day Saturday and Sunday we searched for them with poles, and where we could locate one we would dig it out and supply it with feed. We finally succeeded in finishing this task, and saving the last one on the evening of the second day.

"By Monday the weather had moderated, but I was snow-bound until Thursday, when I endeavored to pursue my course to Wilson. With the greatest difficulty I succeeded in traveling six miles through deep snow, leading my pony as I broke a path for both of us. It was already dark when I reached the home of Brother Andrew Kipp, where I stopped for the night. At 11:00 o'clock in the night we heard a loud rumbling noise in the Northwest, and soon discovered that it was the approach of another blizzard, which was attended with severe temperature, so that it was impossible to face it. For three days and nights this storm continued during which man and beast suffered and in various instances both perished. When we ventured to the stable to provide for the stock we found chickens and pigeons frozen to death, and the cattle covered with ice and almost dead with cold.

"After several weeks of confinement we were reminded that the supply of bread and flour was exhausted. We now endeavored to reach our neighbors and either buy or borrow flour from them, but found them unable to render any assistance, so the next move was to make a trip to town, through the deep snow on foot, to purchase provisions. This was a long and tedious trip of six miles, and of course we could not carry many supplies. After five weeks' confinement with Brother Kipp I succeeded in getting to Wilson, and from there to Rosette, where I had my home with Brother A. Schanz, since my family were yet in Pennsylvania. We were all glad to meet again, as they were not a little concerned about my safety during the severe weather."

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TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

Conference met at Hiawatha, Kan., March 15, 1888, to hold her twenty-fourth session with Bishop J. J. Esher as chairman.

Peter Schumann, who, for a number of years had served as assistant secretary, was appointed Conference secretary to succeed C. Berner, who held the position for 20 years. C. F. Erffmeyer and H. J. Bowman were appointed English assistants.

M. W. Harris died during the year. C. Berner, one of the charter members of Conference, as well as one of the first missionaries sent to Kansas by the Illinois Conference in 1858, and for many years a leader in the western branch of the church, serving as presiding elder, and representing the Conference in General Conference on various occasions, was compelled, on account of failing health, to change his residence to a more congenial climate. He received his credentials to the California Conference, whither he had planned to move. His farewell remarks to the brethren were touching as he referred to the small beginning, the splendid development, and the great possibilities of the Conference, as also his regret over leaving the organization in which he spent so many of the best years of his life. He would leave the Kansas Conference, but he would never forget her, nor her interests. He was assured of the sympathy and prayers of his brethren in the step he was taking.

H. Mattill, who had been elected Junior Publishing Agent at the recent General Conference, received credentials to the Erie Conference.

The brethren H. J. Bowman, L. Wenger, D. R. Zellner, J. W. Keiser, A. W. Platt, C. W. Snyder and J. H. Kiplinger were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

The following candidates received license to preach: Ernst Yaeck, A. Rodewald, M. J. Steinmetz, C. E. Platz, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, J. R. Nanninga, S. W. Harris, A. J. Engler and C. Meeder.

J. J. Kliphardt, from the Canada Conference, J. H. Vogt, from the Pittsburg Conference, and J. H. Keeler, from the Michigan Conference, were received.

The brethren R. R. Brand, M. Manshardt, G. J. Schumacher, D. Swart, A. E. Flickinger, S. J. Luehring, Otto Rohrig, F. M. Peek and D. E. Hoover received deacons' orders, and W. F. Wolt-hausen elder's orders.

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J. H. Keeler, J. J. Kliphardt, E. Brown, W. F. Schuerman, R. R. Brand, M. Manshardt, D. Swart, A. E. Flickinger, Otto Rohring, F. M. Peek and D. E. Hoover were received into the itinerancy.

J. H. Tobias, A. Brunner and J. F. Schreiber were elected presiding elders and stationed as follows: Holton District, J. F. Schreiber; Kansas City District, J. Wuerth; Emporia District, A. Brunner; Abilene District, J. H. Tobias.

A. Brunner was elected Conference trustee for five years; J. F. Schreiber for three years, and J. H. Tobias two years.

A. Brunner was elected Conference treasurer and E. J. Troyer statistical secretary.

The directors of the Fire Insurance Company reported that they were able to secure but \$34,000.00 worth of property to insure, and since that was not sufficient to warrant success, the project was dropped for the present.

Since H. Mattill was called to Cleveland, Ohio, during the winter to assume his duty as Junior Publishing Agent, his district in the Conference became vacant. Rev. A. Brunner was chosen to serve the same until the spring session.

The Kansas City District House was completed during the year at a cost of \$2,437.60.

Again the duty was imposed with emphasis to raise at least \$1.00 missionary money per member for the Kansas Conference during the coming year.

It was ordered that 500 German and 700 English Conference journals should be published and sold for ten cents per copy. P. Schumann and C. F. Erffmeyer were appointed as editors and publishers. This was the beginning of the published Conference journal and contained a brief sketch of the origin of the Kansas Conference.

MISSIONARY DEFICIT

A deficit in the missionary treasury made it necessary to cut the appropriations four per cent in order not to increase the missionary debt. A committee was also appointed to devise a plan by which a similar condition might be avoided in the future.

NORTH-WESTERN COLLEGE

A recent law enacted in the State of Illinois made it unlawful for the trustees of colleges to be non-residents of the state. It

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therefore became necessary for Conference to choose another trustee for North-Western College. H. Mattill, the present incumbent, resigned, and Rev. Wm. Goessele, of the Illinois Conference, was elected to represent the Kansas Conference in that institution.

BOUNDARIES

a. Conference was divided into four districts as follows: Holton, Kansas City, Emporia, Abilene.

Holton District

a. Four Mile, Dreisbach, and Sabetha shall constitute Sabetha Mission, and Spring Creek Circuit shall be discontinued.

Kansas City District

a. The city appointment of Oregon Circuit shall constitute Oregon Mission, but shall be served with the circuit for the present.

b. Clinton Mission shall be changed to Windsor Mission.

c. Bloomington Circuit shall be called Shelby Circuit.

d. Denver shall be served with Oregon Circuit for the present.

Emporia District

a. Americus shall be added to Emporia.

b. Earlton shall be taken from Humboldt and added to Parsons.

c. The city of Carthage shall be taken up as a new mission and be called Carthage Mission.

d. Halstead Mission shall be added to Newton Mission except Christian and Halstead appointments.

Abilene District

a. Turkey Creek shall be taken from Salina Mission and added to Marion Mission.

b. The appointments Christian and Halstead, of Halstead Mission, shall be added to Salina Mission and be called McPherson Mission.

c. Big Medicine shall be added to Osborne, and Stockton Mission shall be discontinued.

d. Hiawatha shall be changed to a station.

e. The appointment Norway shall be served with Jewell Mission.

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f. Lone Star and Carson shall be taken from Spring Creek Circuit, and in connection with Prairie Springs, and McCauley's shall constitute Hiawatha Circuit.

The amount of \$4,114.00 was raised the past year for missions in the Conference, and \$7,680.00 was appropriated for the coming year. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers were re-elected for the Society.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 775; accessions, 1,081; membership, 5,177; itinerant preachers, 55; local preachers, 36; churches, 61; parsonages, 33; Sunday-schools, 98; officers and teachers, 980; scholars, 4,832; catechetical classes, 36; catechumens, 163; Botschafters, 929; Messengers, 630; Magazines, 512; Epistles, 88; total for missions, \$5,484.81.

APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—J. F. Schreiber,
P. E.
Holton Station, S. Mueller.
Leavenworth, J. J. Kliphardt.
Atchison Mission, C. Brandt.
Atchison Circuit, J. Schmidli and J.
R. Nanninga.
Preston, F. Harder.
Falls City, Otto Rohrig,
Sabetha, D. Swart.
Westmoreland, R. R. Brand.
Leonardville, H. W. Hartmann.
Swede Creek, G. Sorg.
- Kansas City District*—J. Wuerth,
P. E.
Kansas City, Oak St., C. F. Erffmeyer.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F.
Wolthausen.
Eudora, P. Schumann.
Oregon Circuit, A. J. Voegelien.
Oregon Mission, M. J. Steinmetz.
Platte River, A. Yockel.
Shelby, L. Holzgrafe.
St. Joseph, John Kurtz.
Glasgow, J. Neuffer.
Warrensburg, S. Luehring.
East Lynn, to be supplied.
Deer Creek, F. J. Shafer.
Winston, D. G. Rinehold.
Windsor, J. K. Elmer.
Denver, to be supplied.
- Emporia District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
Emporia, L. Wenger and A. Rode-
wald.
- Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.
Humboldt, C. Meeder.
Golden Valley, E. J. Troyer.
Parsons, H. S. Bower.
Carthage Circuit, C. W. Snyder.
Carthage Mission, W. S. Harris.
Peabody, J. K. Young.
Eldorado, D. E. Hoover and C. Hart-
man.
Derby, M. Walter.
Newton, A. W. Platt and C. E. Platz.
Rice, J. H. Keeler.
Kingman, S. H. Dunkelberger.
Pawnee Rock, B. J. Fehnel.
Offerle, E. Brown.
La Porte, to be supplied.
- Abilene District*—J. H. Tobias.
Alida, D. R. Zellner.
Marion, W. F. Schuerman and sup-
ply.
Canada, C. W. Stauffer.
McPherson, H. Toedman.
Wilson, L. E. Becher.
Lincoln Center, F. M. Peek and A. J.
Engler.
Osborne Circuit, C. Linge.
Downs Mission, C. Linge.
Gove, to be supplied.
Jewell Station, G. J. Schumacher.
Jewell Mission, to be supplied.
Washington, W. Daeschner and M.
Manshardt.
Clay Circuit, D. F. Honstedt.
Abilene, M. C. Platz.
Hiawatha, A. E. Flickinger.
Hiawatha Circuit, J. W. Keiser.

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MEMORIAL

M. W. Harris

Brother M. W. Harris entered the Conference a year ago and was assigned to Carthage Circuit, where he had hardly taken up the work when the Lord called him from his labors here below to the realms above. He had hardly formed an acquaintance with his co-workers and the members of his flock when he was taken away. He came from the East Pennsylvania Conference the previous year, where he held the relation of a local elder. Brother Harris was an elderly man and left to the Conference a son, S. W. Harris, who received license at this session, succeeding his father in the work at Carthage.

JEWELL MISSION

Concordia, Calvary

The first missionaries to Calvary Church, Concordia Mission, which was formerly Jewell Mission, were John Richards and Brother Nye, who were appointed by C. W. Anthony, presiding elder of the Platte River District, Des Moines Conference, in 1886. In this year John Richards began to preach at Randall, Jewell County, Paradise school house and Pleasant Valley school house. He was succeeded in 1887 or 1888 by Rev. Nye. Two families, Rev. Joseph Hout and Brother Dickey, moved from Story County, Iowa, to Jewell County, Kansas, at this time; in consequence of which the Des Moines Conference, sent those brethren to look after their members in Kansas.

In 1886 the Kansas Conference located a mission in Jewell County, but it was not supplied until 1889, when General Conference had fixed the boundary line between the Kansas and Platte River Conferences. G. A. Manshardt was the first minister assigned by the Kansas Conference in 1889, and the following year Wayne Mission of the Platte River Conference was, by request, attached to Jewell Mission.

The class was organized in 1886 by John Richards with the following members: Rev. J. Hout and wife, Bartley Hout and wife, Thomas Lowe and wife, Mrs. Belle Blackburn, Joseph Blackburn, Dolly Blackburn, Parker Moore and wife, Chas. Wilson and wife, Peter Paton and wife, and Simon Slaughter and wife. Rev. J. Hout was elected class-leader and Belle Blackburn exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized with Fern Lowe superintendent.

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A church was built in 1898, during the pastorate of J. K. Young, who was serving the work at that time in connection with Jewell Station. The building cost \$2,200.00, and was to be dedicated in September of that year by S. P. Spreng, editor of the "Evangelical Messenger," who arrived in due time, but in consequence of a continuous rain was not able to hold one service, so that several weeks later it was dedicated by Rev. J. H. Tobias, presiding elder, as the Calvary Church of the Evangelical Association.

BERN

During the past year Rev. D. Swart, who was serving Sabetha Mission, organized a class in the village of Bern, and the following year Sabetha Mission was changed to Bern Mission. About this time a Sunday-school was organized with J. M. Dreisbach superintendent. Bern became the central point of the work, and gradually assimilated the old time Four Mile Point, which was one of the old landmarks in the Kansas Conference, having been one of the early organizations.

In 1892, during the pastorate of I. H. Hauptfuehrer, a church was built at a cost of \$2,600.00 and dedicated by Bishop Wm. Horn.

AMERICUS

In 1872, while serving Humboldt Mission, Wm. Lingelbach traveled westward as far as Americus, in Lyon County, where he found members of the Evangelical Association, whom he organized into a class with the following charter members: D. F. Tressler and wife, M. F. Noll and wife, A. Tressler, Rebecca Tressler, W. H. Flickinger and wife, Elizabeth Scherer and Jacob Durn. M. F. Noll was chosen leader and D. F. Tressler exhorter of the newly formed class.

Brother Lingelbach at first preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but, in 1874, the little band bought a building which had been used for a drugstore, and after remodeling used it for a place of worship. The first board of trustees was composed of M. F. Noll, D. F. Tressler, Wm. Durn, Gottlieb Burkit and George Wise. A Sunday-school was evidently started at the time of the organization of the society, but no record is available of its early history.

In 1902 the old church was removed and a larger and more commodious one erected on the site during the pastorate of A. Solt.

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During this period the society experienced a season of prosperity, and for a series of years very successful camp-meetings were held north of Americus, where the greater portion of the membership lived. Many souls were saved at those meetings, and the work was strengthened in all its parts at the several appointments. In later years a disastrous exodus took place, weakening the work numerically and financially. On various occasions Americus appointment was transferred from one field of labor to another, at one time assuming the name of Americus Mission, until 1888 it was attached to Emporia Mission, of which it has since been a part.

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

On March 28th, 1889, Conference convened at Yates Center, Kansas, to hold her 25th session, with Bishop T. Bowman in the chair. P. Schumann was appointed secretary.

J. C. Burton, a local preacher, was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church, and Jesse Poe, also a local preacher, withdrew from the church.

D. G. Rinehold received credentials on condition, and E. J. Troyer and A. Yockel were placed on the supernumerary list, while E. Evans and J. Hout were continued in that relation.

The brethren H. J. Bowman, J. H. Kiplinger and Otto Rohrig were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

B. H. Hobbs, J. S. Miller, D. W. Workings, G. A. Manshardt, Chas. Bunse, Omer Butler, David Jones, C. S. Steinmetz and C. F. Harder received license to preach on probation. To this list was added the name of Brother Murakam, a candidate from the mission in Japan. This was the first Japanese candidate licensed by the Kansas Conference.

John Beck, who, years ago, had been a member of the Conference, was again received as a local elder, and August Zoeller was received from the German Methodist Church.

B. J. Fehnel and H. L. Holzgrafe were received into the itinerancy, and C. Linge and P. Fricker were reinstated.

Deacons' orders were voted to H. L. Holzgrafe and B. J. Fehnel, and elders' orders to J. K. Young, W. F. Schuerman, J. K.

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Elmer, E. Brown, J. W. Keiser, C. W. Stauffer, M. C. Platz and M. Walter.

E. J. Troyer was again elected statistical secretary, and also Conference trustee for 5 years.

The publishers of the Conference journal reported a deficit of \$72.60 for the printing of the journals. This was ordered paid out of the Conference treasury. It was also ordered that 500 German and 500 English journals should be published this year, P. Schumann and C. F. Erffmeyer again being editors and publishers and each to receive \$10.00 from the Conference treasury for their work.

C. F. Erffmeyer and W. F. Wolthausen having purchased two lots in Wyandotte, Kansas, upon which a chapel had been erected. Conference accepted the same with the remaining indebtedness and ordered the transfer made to the Conference trustees.

MISSION CHURCH DEBT

A heavy mission church debt resting on the Conference at this time, the presiding elders of Holton and Kansas City Districts and the pastors of Kansas City, Leavenworth, Atchison and St. Joseph were appointed a committee to superintend mission church debts. This committee was authorized to appoint two men to canvass Holton and Kansas City Districts to raise money for the liquidation of such indebtedness.

A committee was appointed to prepare a plan for the organization of a church extension society in the Conference, and to report at the next annual session.

A number of the brethren were called to account because they failed to raise the required \$1.00 per member missionary money the past year, but were excused after stating the reasons for their failure. The rule was continued for the ensuing year.

BOUNDARIES

District Changes

- a. Topeka shall be added to Emporia District.
- b. Osage Mission and Eudora Circuit shall be taken from Kansas City District and added to Holton District.
- c. Carthage shall be taken from Emporia District and added to Kansas City District.

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Holton District

a. Luecks appointment and Horton shall be added to Sabetha Mission and Sabetha Mission shall be called Bern Mission.

Kansas City District

a. Kansas City, Kansas (Wyandotte), shall be taken up as a mission and be served in connection with Oak Street.

b. Topeka, Kansas, shall be taken up as a mission.

c. Deer Creek appointment shall be added to Eudora Circuit and the remaining appointments shall be called Osage Mission.

Emporia District

a. Cambridge shall be taken from Eldorado Mission and with the surrounding country constitute Cambridge Mission.

b. Potwin shall be taken from Peabody and added to Eldorado Mission.

c. The country appointments of Newton Mission with Christian and Halstead of McPherson Mission shall constitute Halstead Circuit.

Abilene District

a. The appointments of Downs Mission shall be added to Osborne Circuit and Downs Mission shall be discontinued.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$5,435.94 was raised for missions the past year and \$8,050.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. The amount of \$2,000.00 was received from the General Treasury. From the Conference treasury there was appropriated \$1,335.00, not included in the above, of which \$175.00 applied to Conference claimants.

J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the society was reorganized by electing H. Mattill president, P. Schumann secretary and J. Schmidli treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 893; accessions, 986; membership, 5,549; itinerant preachers, 60; local preachers, 33; churches, 65; parsonages, 36; Sunday-schools, 105; officers and teachers, 1,106; scholars, 5,273; catechetical classes, 26; catechumens, 378; Botschafters,

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977; Messengers, 698; Magazines, 524; Epistles, 87; total for missions, \$6,453.54.

For the first time the Sunday-schools have reached and passed 5,000 in the number of scholars, while the officers and teachers run over 1,000 in number.

APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—*J. F. Schreiber, P. E.*
 Holton, S. Mueller.
 Leavenworth, J. J. Kliphardt.
 Atchison, C. Brandt.
 Atchison Circuit, J. Schmidli and A. Rodewald.
 Preston and Falls City, J. Harder and J. R. Nanninga.
 Bern, D. Swart.
 Westmoreland, R. R. Brand.
 Leonardville, H. W. Hartman.
 Swede Creek, G. Sorg.
 Eudora, P. Schumann.
 Osage, F. J. Shafer.
- Kansas City District*—*A. Brunner, P. E.*
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F. Wolthausen.
 Kansas City, Oak St., C. F. Erffmeyer and D. Jones.
 Oregon, J. W. Keiser and J. S. Miller.
 Platte River, J. Neuffer.
 Shelby, L. Holzgrafe.
 St. Joseph, A. Yockel.
 Glasgow, C. E. Platz.
 Warrensburg and East Lynn, S. J. Luehring and C. S. Steinmetz.
 Winston, Omer Butler.
 Windsor, J. K. Elmer.
 Carthage Circuit and Mission, D. E. Hoover.
 Denver, to be supplied.
- Emporia District*—*J. Wuerth, P. E.*
 Emporia, A. J. Voegelien.
 Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.
 Humboldt, Chas. Meeder.
 Golden Valley, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Parsons, H. S. Bower.
 Peabody, A. W. Platt.
 Eldorado, B. J. Fehnel.
 Cambridge, C. W. Snyder.
 Derby, M. Walter.
 Newton, J. K. Young.
 Halstead, C. W. Stauffer.
 Topeka, P. Fricker.
 Rice, J. H. Keeler.
 Kingman, S. H. Dunkelberger.
 Ellinwood, H. Toedman.
 Offerle, E. Brown.
 La Porte, to be supplied.
- Abilene District*—*J. H. Tobias, P. E.*
 Abilene, M. C. Platz.
 Alida, D. R. Zellner.
 Marion, W. F. Schuerman and B. H. Hobbs.
 Canada, John Kurtz.
 McPherson, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Wilson, L. E. Becher.
 Lincoln Center, F. M. Peek and C. H. Hartman.
 Osborne, W. Daeschner.
 Gove, to be supplied.
 Jewell, G. J. Schumacher.
 Jewell Mission, G. A. Manshardt.
 Washington, M. Manshardt and A. J. Engler.
 Clay, D. F. Honstedt.
 Hiawatha Station, A. E. Flickinger.
 Hiawatha Circuit, C. Linge.

FALLS CITY

Prior to 1887, several families who were members of the Evangelical Association, most of them on the Preston charge, moved to Falls City, where they located and requested the Evangelical preachers to preach for them. In the spring of 1887 Falls City appointment was taken from Preston to form Falls City Mission and supplied with F. Harder and J. Ehrich, who preached reg-

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ularly every two weeks on Sunday afternoon. The charter members were F. Hilgenfeld and family, Louis Hilgenfeld and family, L. Wulf and family, Wm. Goldner and family, and Mrs. Louise Plege.

A Sunday-school was organized at the time, but no record of the officers is available. In 1892 a neat church was built on the corner of Harlan and 19th Streets at a cost of \$3,500.00, including the lots, and dedicated by Bishop J. J. Esher. Much credit is due to the Hilgenfeld brothers for the beginning and development of the work in Falls City. Especially is this true of Frederick Hilgenfeld, who contributed most liberally toward the erection of both church and parsonage.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized July 16, 1900, with the following officers: Mrs. J. Schmidli, president; Mrs. Schloeder, secretary; and Mrs. Voegelien, treasurer. Falls City enjoys the distinction of having organized the first Young Ladies' Missionary Society in the Conference. This occurred on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, 1913, under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Platz. Fifteen young ladies united as charter members and chose Miss Mary Bickel as president and Sarah Fredrick, secretary. The organization has developed into a strong factor for missions among the young ladies of the congregation.

TOPEKA

In the early summer of 1888, Rev. P. Fricker, who, at the time, was not in the active work, was requested by several members living in Topeka, to preach for them. Brother Fricker responded, feeling it was God's call to him, and he should obey. He preached his first sermon in the home of Henry Meyers, on Polk Street, taking for his text Rom. 1: 16. There were ten or twelve persons present. Brother Fricker continued to preach there during the summer, holding services in various homes, and organized a class in the month of August with the following members: Adam Waidelich and wife, and two children, Jacob and Lydia, Henry Diehl and wife, H. S. Pruesner and wife, J. Miller and wife.

Adam Waidelich was chosen class-leader, Henry Diehl exhorter, and H. S. Pruesner steward, C. Kaser and wife united with the class the Sunday following its organization. In the spring of 1889 Conference located a mission in Topeka, and supplied the same with Rev. P. Fricker, who labored with encouraging success, so that the membership was increased to 26 in num-

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ber during the year. A Sunday-school was organized immediately, the pastor serving as superintendent until the following year, when A. Waidelich was elected to that office. There were 21 scholars and 7 officers reported at the close of the year 1889, with an average attendance of 17 for the year.

The first Quarterly Conference was held Dec. 29, 1889, with Rev. J. Wuerth, presiding elder, as chairman, and Rev. Fricker, pastor, as secretary. A. Waidelich, Henry Diehl and H. S. Pruesner were the lay members.

Prior to 1895 the services were held at various places in the city, for a while in a hall on Topeka Ave. and 6th St., then in Lincoln Post Hall, and, later, in the opera house, 515 Kansas Ave., when, finally, a church was built on the corner of Monroe and Fourth Streets, which was dedicated by Rev. A. Brunner, presiding elder, July 28, 1895, Rev. S. Mueller being pastor. The lots were purchased for \$1,150.00, and the building erected at an equal cost.

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

Conference convened March 20, 1890, at Holton, Kansas, to hold her 26th session with Bishop T. Bowman in the chair and P. Schumann as secretary.

H. R. Price, a local elder, was expelled from the church, and C. W. Snyder was placed on the list of local elders.

Since J. H. Kiplinger had lived in Cleveland, Tenn., for the past two years, his credentials were issued to the Indiana Conference, to which the mission in Tennessee belonged. Otto Rohrig also received credentials.

P. Fricker was placed on the supernumerary list, and the brethren G. Sorg, L. Wenger, H. Toedman, H. J. Bowman, and A. W. Platt were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

S. A. Burgert and J. M. Fricker received license to preach.

A. Mattill was received from the Texas Conference and I. C. Patton from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Deacons' orders were voted to A. J. Engler, G. A. Manshardt, M. J. Steinmetz, C. H. Hartman, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, A. Rodewald,

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J. R. Nanninga, C. E. Platz and C. Meeder, and elders' orders to M. Manshardt, R. R. Brand, S. J. Luehring, F. M. Peek, G. J. Schumacher, D. E. Hoover and D. Swart. This is the largest class ordained at any one time in the history of the Conference up to this date.

A. J. Engler, G. A. Manshardt, M. J. Steinmetz, C. H. Hartman, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, A. Rodewald, J. R. Nanninga, C. E. Platz, C. Meeder and E. A. Bruner were received into the itinerancy.

J. H. Tobias was elected Conference trustee for five years, and E. J. Troyer statistical secretary for one year.

J. J. Kliphardt was elected trustee for North-Western College for three years, the laws of Illinois having been changed to again admit direct representation.

The rule to pay the preachers' traveling expenses to the Annual Conference in part or in full, which had been in force for several years, was suspended for one year and never again observed.

A petition from the congregation at Wayne, Kansas, signed by N. D. Schoenholtz, E. McDonald and T. T. Nemburn, was presented, in which the request was made that Wayne might be united with the Kansas Conference, since the Platte River Conference had virtually severed her connection with them by her attitude in the pending church difficulties. This request was granted, and Wayne was added to Jewell Mission.

CHURCH EXTENSION

A church extension society was organized at this time in harmony with the action taken a year ago. A constitution was adopted and about 100 members united by paying \$1.00 each, and then elected officers as follows: C. F. Erffmeyer, president; J. J. Kliphardt, vice-president; W. F. Wolthausen, secretary; and J. F. Schreiber, treasurer. This society was continued in the Conference until finally merged in the general Church Extension Society after that organization was effected by General Conference.

A new mission was located in the city of Hutchinson, Kansas, a year ago, which met with encouraging success, so that Conference now authorized the purchase of a church building, which was offered for \$300.00, and the pastor was instructed to collect as much as possible to cover the cost.

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FINANCE LAW

The following finance law was adopted at this time:

- a. The salary of a single probationer shall be \$200.00 and a married probationer \$225.00.
- b. The salary of a single deacon shall be \$300.00 and if married \$325.00.
- c. The salary of a single elder shall be \$450.00 and if married \$600.00.
- d. The claim of a presiding elder shall be \$650.00 with rent and traveling expenses extra.

The following somewhat laconic resolution was passed by Conference relative to the Missionary Treasurer:

“In reference to the condition of the Missionary Treasury this committee reports the following: Having carefully considered the delinquent condition of our missionary treasury we recommend that each preacher shall put forth strenuous efforts during the ensuing year to increase the missionary contributions on his field of labor, and, in the meantime, having implicit confidence in the ingenuity of our treasurer, we therefore recommend that our faithful pilot steer the Conference through these financial straits.”

This method seems to have been effectual as a “stay of execution,” but did not relieve the Conference of the debt incurred, which must be met definitely sometime in the future.

BOUNDARIES

Topeka shall be taken from Emporia District and be added to Holton District.

Kansas City District

- a. Shelby Circuit shall be changed to a mission.
- b. Wyandotte Mission shall be called Kansas City, Kansas, Mission.

Abilene District

- a. All appointments west of Lincoln Center on Lincoln Mission shall be taken from Lincoln Mission and added to Wilson Mission.
- b. Woodruff and surrounding country in Philipps County shall form a new mission to be called Northwest Mission.
- c. Wayne shall be served with Jewell Mission.

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Emporia District

a. Guenther appointment of Emporia Mission shall be added to Osage Mission.

b. Potwin and Centennial of Eldorado Mission shall be added to Peabody Mission.

c. Zion and Rock Hill of Eldorado shall be added to Derby and Derby shall be a circuit.

d. Bryant and Wing appointments of Eldorado shall be added to Cambridge.

e. Parsons shall be served with Humboldt.

f. Hutchinson with the appointments Thanksgiving and Brick school house shall form a new mission to be called Hutchinson Mission.

g. Alden, Kleins, Smith and Enterprise shall constitute Alden Mission.

h. The Territory of Oklahoma and Cherokee strip shall form a new mission.

MISSIONS

The deficit of the missionary treasury amounted to no less than \$953.17, which amount was gradually increasing each year. Evidently steps must soon be taken to not only arrest the accumulation of the debt, but to remove the mountain which is already resting so heavily on the Conference, hindering the progress of the work.

The amount received for the past year for Conference missions was \$5420.50, and the amount appropriated for the coming year was \$8,155.00. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions. H. Mattill was elected president of the society; P. Schumann secretary, and J. Schmidli treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 666; accessions, 1,026; membership, 5,701; itinerant preachers, 66; local preachers, 30; churches, 72; parsonages, 37; Sunday-schools, 106; officers and teachers, 1,145; scholars, 5,581; catechetical classes, 35; catechumens, 488; Botschafters, 886; Messengers, 712; Magazines, 585; Epistles, 91; total for missions, \$7,597.06.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—*J. F. Schreiber,*
P. E.
- Holton, F. Harder.
Leavenworth, J. J. Kliphardt.
Atchison, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Atchison Circuit, J. Schmidli.
Falls City and Preston, S. Mueller
and A. Rodewald.
Bern, D. Swart.
Westmoreland, J. K. Elmer.
Leonardville, H. W. Hartman.
Swede Creek, M. Manshardt.
Eudora, P. Schumann.
Osage, C. Meeder.
Topeka, C. Brandt.
- Kansas City District*—*A. Brunner,*
P. E.
- Kansas City, Oak St., H. L. Holz-
grafe and David Jones.
Kansas City, Kansas, _____.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. W.
Stauffer.
Oregon Circuit and Mission, J. W.
Keiser and J. R. Nanninga.
Platte River, J. Neuffer.
Shelby, J. Beck.
St. Joseph, W. F. Wolthausen.
Glasgow, C. E. Platz.
Warrensburg and East Lynn, S. J.
Luehring and C. S. Steinmetz.
Winston, Omer Butler.
Windsor, F. J. Shafer.
Carthage Circuit, H. S. Bower.
Carthage Mission, D. E. Hoover.
Denver, to be supplied.
- Emporia District*—*John Wuerth,*
P. E.
- Emporia, A. J. Voegelien.
Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.
Humboldt, B. J. Fehnel.
Golden Valley, M. J. Steinmetz.
Peabody, E. A. Brunner.
Cambridge, S. H. Dunkelberger.
Derby, L. E. Becher.
Newton, J. K. Young.
Halstead, M. Walter.
Hutchinson, J. H. Keeler.
Alden, J. S. Miller.
Ellinwood, E. Brown.
Offerle, J. Paulin.
Kingman, to be supplied.
La Porte, to be supplied.
Oklahoma, S. A. Burgert.
- Abilene District*—*J. H. Tobias, P. E.*
- Abilene, G. J. Schumacher.
Alida, D. R. Zellner.
Marion, F. M. Peek and B. H. Hobbs.
Canada, J. Kurtz.
McPherson, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Wilson, W. F. Schuerman and A. J.
Engler.
Lincoln, C. H. Hartman.
Osborne, Wm. Daeschner.
Jewell, M. C. Platz.
Jewell Mission, G. A. Manshardt.
Washington, R. R. Brand and J. M.
Fricker.
Clay, D. F. Honstedt.
Hiawatha, C. Linge.
Hiawatha Circuit, A. E. Flickinger.
North-west, T. J. Fee.
Gove, to be supplied.

HUTCHINSON

The following report of the beginning of the work in Hutchinson, Kansas, is given by Rev. J. H. Keeler, the first pastor sent to the charge in the spring of 1890:

“On Tuesday evening, Feb. 18th, 1890, the first Evangelical prayer-meeting was held in Hutchinson in the old Baptist church on Sherman and East Streets. Seven persons were present, including myself and wife. On Feb. 19, I purchased the church building from G. W. Carpenter for \$300.00, expecting that Conference would ratify the purchase. On the evening of the 19th, I preached for the first time in the building to twelve persons from 2 Cor. 4: 5. I then held a meeting for ten days when I had

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to close and go to Conference, which was held at Holton, Kansas. On the 21st of March, Hutchinson was taken up as a mission in connection with Thanksgiving class, nine miles north of Hutchinson, which I had taken up last year while serving Rice Mission.

“On March 24th, when the Bishop read the appointments I was assigned to Hutchinson, and on April the 1st, I moved to 216 9th Ave., West Hutchinson. I preached three Sunday mornings and evenings in the church which I bought and which purchase Conference had ratified, but soon thought it advisable to purchase a permanent location in another part of the city and move the building there. This location was found at the corner of Jefferson and 10th Streets, where I bought two lots from Mr. O. O. Woodard for \$500.00. The church was then moved and remodeled and made almost new at a cost of \$1,221.40. On June 15th we held our first session of Sunday-school in it with 50 persons present, after which I preached from Hab. 2: 20.

“On Sunday, July 27th, 1890, we dedicated the church to the service of God. During the month of June I held a revival meeting, and on August 3rd I received 10 members into the church. In February and March following I held another meeting, in which many were converted and 31 persons united with the church. The first official board was composed of the brethren D. M. Frey, class-leader, G. Zent, exhorter, L. S. Welsh, Sunday-school superintendent, and A. West, steward, and Rev. C. C. Bruner, local preacher.

“The following year, 1891, a Young People’s Alliance was organized with Rev. J. H. Keeler, president, Adelia Gillett, secretary, John Hopper, treasurer, and Sadie Keeler, organist. There were 16 active and 6 honorary members.”

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

March 19th, 1891, Conference met at Canada, Marion County, Kansas, to hold her twenty-seventh session with Bishop J. J. Esher in the chair. P. Schumann was appointed secretary.

Rev. Murakami died during the year, and I. C. Patton, a local preacher, withdrew from the church.

A. Yockel received credentials, and C. Linge, G. Sorg, A. Mat-till and H. Toedman were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

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P. Fricker was placed on the superannuated list.

A. Solt, A. J. Spencer and Leo Schmidt received license to preach.

In view of the action taken by the seditious element in the church who instigated a pseudo-examination of Bishops Esher and Bowman, declaring them deposed from office, thus attempting to deprive them of legal authority and place the church in a position without Bishops, and since this movement had found some sympathizers in the Conference, the Chairman declared that he could not give an appointment to any minister who questioned his legal standing in the episcopacy. In order to ascertain where each member of the Conference stood on the above question each minister had to express his opinion regarding the legality of the trial and suspension of the Chairman, Bishop J. J. Esher. Each brother of the Conference present expressed his conviction that the so-called trial was illegal, except S. H. Dunkelberger, who, in consequence of his position, was placed on the list of local elders. Several members of Conference who were in sympathy with the disturbers in the church were absent from the session, and later withdrew.

Credentials were voted to A. J. Voegelein, F. J. Shafer, A. J. Engler, G. A. Manshardt, J. K. Elmer, S. J. Luehring, H. L. Holzgrafe, E. J. Troyer, D. F. Honstedt and A. W. Platt. The three latter being absent their credentials were granted on condition that they answer the foregoing questions satisfactorily. None of the three brethren would admit the authority of the Chairman, hence their credentials were withheld.

C. C. Bruner, an elder from the Free Methodist Church, and F. W. Voegelein, missionary in Japan, were received. The latter submitting his credentials from the California Conference, was welcomed back to his home Conference after an absence of fifteen years.

The following brethren received deacons' orders: J. M. Fricker, B. H. Hobbs, J. S. Miller, C. S. Steinmetz and Omer Butler. They were also received into the itinerancy. The brethren B. J. Fehnel and E. A. Bruner received elders' orders.

J. J. Kliphardt was elected presiding elder and stationed on Newton District.

The following brethren were chosen delegates to General Conference, to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., in the month of October: J. J. Kliphardt, J. F. Schreiber, A. Brunner, J. H. Tobias, J. Wuerth, F. W. Voegelein and H. J. Bowman.

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J. F. Schreiber was elected Conference trustee for five years, and C. F. Erffmeyer to fill the unexpired term of E. J. Troyer.

M. C. Platz was elected statistical secretary.

The following plan was adopted whereby to increase the missionary contributions during the coming year: The presiding elders were instructed to apportion the amount to be raised to the various districts, and each presiding elder with one or two ministers on his district appointed by him to distribute the apportionment to the respective fields of labor; in addition to this a committee was appointed consisting of J. Schmidli, J. H. Keeler and L. Wenger to prepare a plan whereby to liquidate the deficit in the missionary treasury. No record is left to indicate that anything material was done in the matter. This was probably due to the death of Brother Wenger early in the following Conference year.

Again the usual large number of requests for aid was brought to Conference through the "Ways and Means" committee which, as on former occasions, was unable to recommend in all cases the help desired, much as it was inclined to do so. A heavy burden of mission church debt was already pressing Conference.

The building of a church in Topeka, Kansas, was authorized and a committee appointed to superintend the project, with the instruction that the enterprise should be carried out if it could be done without creating too heavy a debt.

The Church Extension Society reported that \$156.90 had been raised, and two churches had received help to the extent of \$25.00 each.

The members of the Zion Church of Clay Circuit sent a petition to Conference, and the trustees of the society a telegram, to the effect that they would not accept a minister sent them by the Kansas Conference. For this conduct Conference declared that: "We regard this action an offence against this Conference and rebellious in its character. The presiding elder and preacher in charge are instructed to deal with this petition according to direction of our church Discipline."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

The following action was taken relative to the Young People's Alliance, which was in its infancy in the church:

"We look upon the Young People's Alliance as bringing within the reach of our young people a means of attaining to better qualifications and a greater efficiency in the work of the Lord. Re-

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solved, that wherever possible on our various fields of labor we will endeavor to interest our young people therein and form such Alliances to further the spiritual and intellectual interests of the young people in our Zion, to bring them under the influence of the church. Further, that we recommend the organization of a Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance as soon as a sufficient number of local Alliances shall have been organized, and the presiding elders shall be a committee to call a convention for the purpose of organizing such a Branch Alliance at the time and place they may deem best."

A few Alliances were organized in the Conference at this time, however, only a very few, but the work received an impetus and other local organizations were soon effected preparatory to a Conference Branch.

BOUNDARIES

Emporia District shall be called Newton District.

Kansas City District

- a. Warrensburg and Windsor shall be served together.
- b. The Conference trustees shall be authorized to act in the matter of the Kansas City, Kansas, church property as they deem best.

Newton District

- a. Golden Valley Mission shall be served with Humboldt Circuit.
- b. Parsons Mission shall be called Dennis Mission.
- c. The appointments Pawnee Rock and Cottonwood shall be taken from Ellinwood and added to Offerle.
- d. LaPorte Mission shall be discontinued.
- e. The presiding elder shall be authorized to sell the church at LaPorte Mission.

Abilene District

- a. Luecks appointment shall be added to Hiawatha Circuit.
- b. All the appointments south of the Saline River on Wilson Mission shall be added to Ellinwood Mission.
- c. Long Grove shall be taken from Wilson and be added to Lincoln.
- d. Wilson Mission shall be called Rosette Mission.
- e. Pleasant Valley shall be taken from Jewell Mission and added to Jewell Station.

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- f. The appointments near Concordia on Washington Mission shall be added to Jewell Mission and called Concordia Mission.
- g. Northwest Mission shall be served with Osborne Circuit.
- h. Gove Mission shall be discontinued.

MISSIONS

The missionary contributions for the past year amounted to \$5,769.01, and the appropriations for the coming year \$7,660.00.

A deficit of \$1,149.33 was reported for the missionary treasury. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the society was renewed by electing J. H. Tobias president, P. Schumann secretary, and J. Schmidli treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 889; accessions, 1,073; membership, 5,923; itinerant preachers, 66; local preachers, 33; catechetical classes, 27; catechumens, 433; churches, 73; parsonages, 37; Sunday-schools, 101; officers and teachers, 1,137; scholars, 6,383; Botschafters, 915; Messengers, 708; Magazines, 575; Epistles, 69; total for missions, \$7,333.27.

APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—*J. F. Schreiber,*
P. E.
- Holton, F. Harder.
Leavenworth, D. R. Zellner.
Atchison, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Atchison Circuit, D. Swart.
Falls City, A. Rodewald.
Preston, S. Mueller.
Bern, I. Hauptfuehrer.
Westmoreland, J. M. Fricker.
Leonardville, J. Schmidli.
Swede Creek, M. Manshardt.
Eudora, T. R. Nanninga.
Osage, C. Meeder.
Topeka, J. Wuerth.
- Kansas City District*—*A. Brunner,*
P. E.
- Kansas City, Oak St., H. J. Bowman.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. W. Stauffer.
Oregon Circuit and Mission, J. W. Keiser and supply.
Platte River, J. Neuffer.
Kansas City, Kans., to be supplied.
Shelby, J. Beck.
St. Joseph, W. F. Wolthausen.
- Glasgow, C. E. Platz.
Warrensburg and Windsor, H. W. Hartman.
East Lynn, C. S. Steinmetz.
Winston, H. E. Meyer.
Carthage Circuit, H. S. Bower.
Carthage Mission, D. E. Hoover.
Denver, to be supplied.
- Newton District*—*J. J. Kliphardt,*
P. E.
- Emporia, P. Schumann.
Peabody, E. A. Bruner.
Newton, B. H. Hobbs.
Yates Center, C. Brandt.
Humboldt and Golden Valley, B. J. Fehnel.
Dennis, M. J. Steinmetz.
Cambridge, S. A. Burgert.
Derby, L. E. Becher.
Halstead, M. Walter.
Hutchinson, J. H. Keeler.
Alden, J. S. Miller.
Ellinwood, E. Brown.
Offerle, J. Paulin.
Oklahoma, J. R. Nanninga.
Kingman, to be supplied.

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<i>Abilene District</i> —J. H. Tobias, P. E.	Lincoln Center, C. H. Hartman. Osborne and North-west, Wm. Daeschner.
Abilene, G. J. Schumacher.	Jewell, M. C. Platz.
Alida, A. Solt.	Concordia, L. Wenger.
Marion, F. M. Peek and D. Jones.	Washington, R. R. Brand.
Canada, J. Kurtz.	Hiawatha Station, J. K. Young.
McPherson, Omer Butler.	Hiawatha Circuit, A. E. Flickinger.
Rosette, W. F. Schuerman.	

OKLAHOMA

At the former session of Conference the need for mission work in Oklahoma received recognition by locating a mission in the territory.

When in the summer of 1889 the Government signal was given declaring a large tract of land in the heart of Oklahoma open for settlement large numbers of men and even women engaged in the "run" for a homestead. Dangerous as this undertaking was, yet thousands participated in the venture. Some were successful, others were not. Some lost their lives in the mad rush for a claim. No sooner had the successful one obtained his claim when he began to make the necessary improvements.

Towns sprang up as by magic. Where only a few days before the jack rabbit and coyote held forth, there were now stores of merchandise. Men came to do business and make money. Sod houses soon dotted the prairie where the homesteader had driven his stake to indicate his claim.

Almost invariably the people were very poor, with nothing of this world's goods except perchance an emigrant wagon, a team of horses, a few crude farm implements, and their families. That there were no luxuries goes without saying, and when the virgin soil refused to yield her returns for the labor performed because of the scarcity of moisture, the poverty of the people became intense indeed. Yet those early settlers, like the pioneers of Kansas, were undaunted in their purpose, and many of them holding on to their homesteads through adversity and privations were rewarded in seeing the desert blossom and yield fruit.

Among the early settlers before and after the opening of the "Cherokee Strip," which was a section of country extending across the northern part of the territory, 62 miles in width, between the original settlement in Oklahoma and the southern line of the State of Kansas, were also members of the Evangelical Association from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and other states. In view of this fact, and because others were moving into the territory, the Conference

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located a mission there and appointed S. A. Burgert the first missionary to the new field. Brother Burgert was just licensed to preach, and hence this was his first appointment, which was pioneer work in the full sense of the word. The new mission was attached to Emporia District, with J. Wuerth as presiding elder.

Brother Burgert describes his interesting journey to Oklahoma in the following words: "As soon as possible after Conference I left for Oklahoma Mission. Starting from McPherson, Kansas, with horse and buggy, on Friday, April 11, 1890, I drove as far as Moundridge, and on Saturday to Newton, where I spent Sunday with my presiding elder, Brother J. Wuerth. On Tuesday following I left Newton and on Thursday evening I arrived at Arkansas City, my last stopping place in the State of Kansas.

"On Friday at 6:30 A. M. I left Arkansas City and at 9:30 P. M. reached Stillwater after driving a distance of 75 miles.

"I cannot describe my feelings when I left the state and drove into the territory where there was no settlement. I drove for miles and miles without seeing a human being. About 9:30 A. M. I saw something red in the distance, but could not discern what it was until I came nearer, when I discovered that it was beef hides hung up on the stock yard fence, the flesh side out, to dry in the sun. The Indians had received their rations from the Government the day before and were now enjoying a feast.

"Here I saw my first Indians. I can't describe my feelings. I was alone with the Indians, perhaps 20 miles from any white settlement, for I was crossing the Cherokee Strip, which was reserved by the Government for the Indians. As I drove on I saw some Indian women sitting on the ground in front of their houses, while the pigs and chickens were in the house."

Near Stillwater Brother Burgert found a family which had formerly belonged to the Evangelical Association in Kansas, but would now have nothing to do with the church. Hearing of some Evangelical people 25 miles farther west, near Orlando, he started to that place where he found the families H. Dierolf, Sr., and August Meyer, both formerly from Leonardville, Kan., who received him gladly and rejoiced to have an Evangelical preacher with them.

Brother Burgert says further: "I will assure you I was glad to find Evangelical people. It was now Saturday evening, about 4:00 o'clock, April 19th. The following day was my first Sunday in Oklahoma. We held the first service of the Evangelical Asso-

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ciation in Oklahoma in Brother Meyer's house. I took for my text Matt. 14: 22-32. There were 18 persons present in the sod house, and we had a blessed meeting. God was in Oklahoma the same as in Kansas."

On Tuesday, April 29th, 1890, the presiding elder, J. Wuerth, arrived to visit the work and organize a class and Sunday-school. Brother Wuerth preached on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday, May 1st, the first class was organized, consisting of H. Dierolf, Sr., class leader; Mrs. H. Dierolf, Henry Dierolf, Jr., Catharine Dierolf, Elisa Dierolf, Maggie Kissinger, August Meyer, Mrs. Lena Meyer, Rev. S. A. Burgert and Mrs. Mary Burgert.

The presiding elder returned to Kansas after arranging the work and giving them the encouraging promise that he would make an appeal to the church through the "Botschafter" and "Messenger" for aid in building a church, which was later done. On Sunday, May 4th, Brother Burgert preached in the house of H. Dierolf, where also the Sunday-school was held for a season, when later it was held under the trees in the back yard of Brother Dierolf's home.

Brother Burgert further writes: "On May 14, Mrs. Burgert and the children arrived. I rented a small board house for them which was 12x14 feet in dimensions. Here we lived until fall. We moved three times this year, for houses, such as they were, were hard to get."

During the summer the young missionary was engaged in hunting up Evangelical people, and preaching wherever opportunity presented itself; in dugouts, log cabins, sod houses, stone houses, and under the trees, to appreciative audiences. Some of the people stated that they had not attended a religious service for more than 20 years.

The following nine appointments were served regularly during the year: Beaver Creek, two and one-half miles west of Orlando; Lyon Valley, eight miles east of Hennessey; Union school house, nine miles south of Lyon Valley; Cimarron, six miles east of Dover; Dover (in the Rock Island depot); Cottonwood, south of Downs; Clear Creek, ten miles southeast of Orlando; Stillwater, and Orlando. There were Evangelical members at all of these places.

Rev. C. F. Harder, a local preacher from Yates Center, Kan., made frequent trips to Orlando during the year and preached in

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German to the people, which was greatly appreciated by the German people of the community.

The following incident is an example of pioneer experience in Oklahoma as related by Brother Burgert: "One night my family and I stayed at the home of one of our members who lived in a sod house with a dirt roof. The roof was made by placing poles on the walls of sod, reaching from one wall to the center ridge beam, brush being thrown on these poles and then earth on the brush. We retired after coming from church, weary, and were soon soundly asleep. About midnight it began to rain, or rather to pour, and kept it up until daylight. Soon the water began to come through the roof of brush and earth. No more sleep. We arose, dressed and sat on the bed with a quilt over our heads to keep the dirt off our clothes, waiting for morning to come. The mother and two daughters stood and held an umbrella over the lamp to keep it dry lest it should be extinguished and we be left in darkness. There was not a dry thing left in the house when daylight finally came, but mud, and water, quite deep because the floor was a dirt floor. They gave us the best they had." Many experiences of a similar character could be related.

In September the presiding elder again visited the work and on the 12th day of the month dispensed the Lord's Supper to a band of devout worshipers. This was the first communion service of the Evangelical Association in Oklahoma, and was held at the Clear Creek appointment. At this time steps were taken to build a church in Oklahoma. Work on a church building at Beaver Creek, two and a half miles west of Orlando, was begun in October of this year. The building was 16x24 feet in dimensions, and cost \$237.98. The furniture was all home made and much labor was donated. Of this amount \$206.53 was received in response to an appeal made through the church papers by Brother Wuerth.

This church building was dedicated by Rev. S. Heininger, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, of Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1891.

At the time this building was being erected another one was under construction at the Lyon Valley appointment, which was dedicated only a few days later by Brother Heininger. The cost of the Lyon Valley church was \$273.25, exclusive of donated labor. Of this amount \$117.76 was contributed from outside sources through an appeal in the church papers. The dimensions of this building were 24x34 feet.

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The Lyon Valley class was organized a little later than the one at Orlando.

The following report was given by the pastor at the close of his first year of service on Oklahoma Mission: "Nine regular appointments were served, two classes organized, two Sunday-schools started with 20 officers and teachers, and 130 scholars. Two churches were built free of debt. Three conversions are reported and a total membership of 47. Seven dollars was raised for preacher's salary and \$6.50 presiding elder's collections. The amount of \$5.00 was reported for missions.

"This was a year of hard work and many privations on the part of the missionary and the people. The work has assumed a promising aspect for the future."

ORLANDO, OKLAHOMA

Orlando formed the base of operations for mission work in the territory of Oklahoma, being the first place visited by the first missionary, S. A. Burgert, in the spring of 1890. The first service was held at the home of Henry Dierolf, three miles west of town, where also the first class was organized. During the summer months the meetings were held in the yard of Brother Dierolf, under the Black Jack trees, where also the Sunday-school was held.

The first members were H. Dierolf, Sr., and wife, August Meyer and wife, Carl Bolay and wife, F. Proehlocks and wife, and Fred Mugler. H. Dierolf was elected class-leader of this little band of Evangelicals in Oklahoma.

A little church was built in 1890 in the community west of Orlando, which was dedicated by Rev. S. Heininger, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, from Cleveland, Ohio. Great was the joy of the pioneers when they owned their little church in which they could meet for worship.

The little cemetery across the road was also theirs. Here lay their dead, whose last resting places were often visited that the memory of loved ones who had accompanied them to the new country might be retained. Alas! that so soon some of them were taken away, leaving the others to carry the burdens and sorrows alone. But the grace of God is sufficient to comfort in sorrow's lone hour.

CUSTER, OKLAHOMA

Custer Mission was originally a part of Southwest Mission and was begun in 1891, when J. R. Nanninga, pastor at Dover,

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visited the Hamburger families south of Weatherford, Custer Co., and preached for them. He also organized a class with the families indicated, namely Henry Hamburger, John Hamburger, and Conrad Adler and wife. H. Hamburger was chosen class-leader, and Conrad Adler exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized one year later during the pastorate of H. W. Hartman.

OSCEOLA, OKLAHOMA

In 1892 a class was organized 40 miles north of Weatherford, near a country post-office called Osceola, whither several families had moved from Texas who were members of the Evangelical Association. The families who composed the first class were Carl Horst, Sr., Karl Horst, Jr., and Ludwig Klein. Brother H. W. Hartman was pastor. Ludwig Klein was chosen class-leader, and a Sunday-school was started with Karl Horst, Sr., as superintendent. The following year, under the pastorate of J. Kurtz, a small church was built, which, for many years, was used for Sunday-school and preaching services. Many precious meetings were held in the little room, prized so highly by those early settlers in their great poverty.

Repeated crop failure has retarded the development of the country and progress of church work in this particular part of Oklahoma.

DOVER, OKLAHOMA

The work at Dover was begun by Rev. S. A. Burgert, who was the pioneer missionary of the Evangelical Association in Oklahoma. In the month of September, 1890, Rev. J. Wuerth, presiding elder of Newton District, made his second visit to Oklahoma, and on this occasion, in company with Brother Burgert, visited Dover, where he preached for the first time in the village in the Rock Island depot. During the week he also preached at Clear Creek, Stillwater, Beaver Creek, Lyon Valley, Union school house, Cimarron, and Fair View. These were all points where they found isolated members of the church. Brother Burgert preached at a point just east of Dover during the summer, but later a class was organized in town with the following members: B. F. Mauk and wife, David Clark and wife, D. X. Williams and wife, and daughter Gertrude, Mrs. Henry Hill, Mrs. Robert Bolton and Mrs. Henry Martin. B. F. Mauk was elected class-leader and was the

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principal figure in church activities until the time of his death, several years later.

Rev. Burgert was succeeded by J. R. Nanninga in 1891, who organized a Sunday-school, of which D. X. Williams was superintendent and Mrs. David Clark, assistant. A church was also built during the year 1892, which was dedicated by Rev. H. J. Bowman, who, at the time, was pastor of Oak Street Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Brother J. R. Nanninga writes: "I arrived at Dover on the 13th of April, 1891, and at once proceeded to acquaint myself with the work and the people. I changed the Jack Oak appointment, four miles east of Dover, to town, and held the services in the Odd Fellows Hall the first year. The following year we built the church, which was the first church building in Dover. I also started the Pleasant Valley appointment, southwest of Orlando, where I held a meeting in which 34 souls were converted.

"I also held a meeting at Lyon Valley appointment in 1892, where the second church in Oklahoma was built. In this meeting 64 souls bowed at the altar, of whom many were converted. Many of the people at this point lived here temporarily until the Cherokee Strip was opened, when they rushed into the new country for homes, deserting this community in consequence, of which the work suffered. In later years the point was abandoned and the building sold."

In the spring of 1892 Dover was taken from Orlando Mission and formed into a separate field of labor. This was not supplied at Conference, but was cared for by Rev. J. R. Nanninga, in connection with Orlando. The following year it was supplied with H. E. Bower.

In 1901 the church building was destroyed by fire, but at once rebuilt under supervision of Rev. H. B. Vennum, who was pastor at the time, at a cost of \$1,500.00, and dedicated by Rev. J. H. Tobias, presiding elder.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

The 28th session of Conference was held at Coal Creek, four miles north of Valley Falls, Jefferson County, Kansas, beginning March 17, 1892, with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel as chairman for the first time. P. Schumann was again appointed secretary.

At the opening of the session it was announced that death had invaded the ranks during the past year, calling away two important workers, namely J. G. Pfeifer and L. Wenger, also John Leusler, a local preacher.

J. Maurer withdrew from the church, and A. Yoder and C. Apel moved from the bounds of the Conference.

S. H. Dunkelberger, J. B. Miller and J. R. Hashinger were reported as having "irregularly withdrawn" from the church during the year.

D. E. Hoover, having left his charge in a manner which Conference could not justify, and not appearing at Conference this spring, nor even sending his reports, was declared having withdrawn from the church.

Wm. Daeschner received credentials to the Texas Conference, whither he contemplated moving.

The brethren C. Linge, H. Toedman, C. E. Platz, J. W. Keiser and G. Sorg were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

H. E. Bower, P. G. Nuffer, W. R. Currier, John Brand, B. B. Shore and H. B. Vennum were licensed to preach.

G. M. Brumm was received from the Methodist Episcopal Church and placed on the list of local elders.

David Jones and S. A. Burgert received deacons' orders, and with John Beck were admitted into the itinerancy, while A. Rodewald, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, C. E. Platz, J. R. Nanninga, C. Meeder, M. J. Steinmetz, H. E. Meyer and C. H. Hartman received elders' orders.

B. Hoffman who, in 1873, left the church, after dividing the congregation at Holton, Kansas, in consequence of which the congregation suffered for many years, sent a letter to Conference, expressing regret for his deeds of the past, asking to be again reinstated. Conference offered to pardon freely, but deemed it unwise to reinstate him in the Conference body.

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A. Brunner, J. H. Tobias and C. F. Erffmeyer were elected presiding elders, and stationed as follows: Holton District, A. Brunner; Kansas City District, J. H. Tobias; Newton District, J. J. Kliphardt; Abilene District, C. F. Erffmeyer.

J. Wuerth was elected Conference trustee for five years, and M. C. Platz, statistical secretary for one year.

MISSION DEBT

Again the missionary treasurer was authorized to borrow money sufficient to pay the appropriations. The debt continued to increase so that a committee was appointed, consisting of the treasurer J. Schmidli, M. C. Platz and C. W. Stauffer, to provide a way by which the same might be liquidated. In due time the following plan was submitted, which was also adopted: "Inasmuch as a debt of \$1,600.00 rests upon our missionary treasury, therefore we would recommend that each preacher obligate himself to raise 28 cents per member on his field of labor within the first six months of the Conference year, for the liquidation of said debt and send the amount to the treasurer of the missionary society. Furthermore each preacher shall report as to how nearly he has complied with the instructions given."

By the foregoing plan \$1,115.26 was raised and paid on the mission debt during the ensuing year, as reported at the following session.

The committee appointed a year ago relative to the Topeka church building project reported that they were unable to do anything in the matter of building because of lack of funds. It was decided to defer the matter of building for two years.

Atchison reported a church debt of \$2,675.00 and asked Conference to cancel a note for \$800.00 which she held against it. The request was granted and the note canceled.

Falls City built a church the past year at a cost of \$3,500.00, upon which there was still \$1,200.00 unprovided for, and asked for assistance. After commending the society for what she had done the pastor was authorized to collect on Holton District for the payment of the debt.

A committee was appointed to purchase Rev. J. H. Keeler's interest in the Hutchinson church and transfer the property to the Kansas Conference trustees.

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Abilene reported that the old church building had been moved on the present church lots and converted into a parsonage and asked for annual appropriations until the debt should be paid.

A committee consisting of C. F. Erffmeyer, J. K. Young, C. W. Stauffer and J. J. Kliphardt, was appointed to make provisions to organize a Young People's Alliance Conference Branch, and hold a convention during the year.

The following action was taken relative to the Woman's Missionary Society: "Resolved, That we pledge our co-operation with the sisters in organizing local auxiliaries, and also recommend the organization of a Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society."

BOUNDARIES

District Changes

a. Hiawatha Circuit and Hiawatha Station shall be taken from Abilene District and added to Holton District.

b. Swede Creek and Leonardville shall be transferred from Holton to Abilene District.

Newton District

a. Hennessey, Dover and Lyon Valley shall be taken from Oklahoma Mission and formed into a new mission called Dover Mission.

b. The remaining part of Oklahoma Mission shall be called Orlando Mission.

c. Humboldt and Golden Valley Missions shall be consolidated and called Humboldt and Golden Valley Mission.

d. Prairie Queen appointment shall be taken from Cambridge Mission and added to Derby Circuit and the latter changed to a mission.

e. Clay Circuit shall be changed to a mission.

MISSIONS

At the close of the session the mission debt amounted to \$1,456.39. During the past year \$7,568.35 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference, and \$8,520.00 appropriated for the ensuing year. Toward this the general treasury appropriated \$1,850.00.

J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the following officers elected for the Conference Missionary So-

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ciety: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffbeyer, secretary, and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 471; accessions, 581; membership, 5,685; itinerant preachers, 59; local preachers, 28; Sunday-schools, 102; scholars, 5,091; officers and teachers, 1,123; catechetical classes, 38; catechumens, 512; Young People's Alliances, 13; members, 323; churches, 77; parsonages, 40; Botschafters, 883; Messengers, 665; Magazines, 603; Epistles, 37; Epistles and Teachers, 37; total for missions, \$7,520.72.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

For the first time allusion is made in the statistics to the work of the Young People's Alliance. 13 Alliances are reported with a total membership of 323. A deep interest was manifested in the work among the young people from the beginning of this movement. Not only were over a dozen local Alliances organized up to this time, but steps were taken to form the local organizations into a Conference Branch in order to facilitate the progress of the work, and to foster the spirit of unity among the young people in the Conference and the church.

In line with the interest in the young people's movement, greater activity was also aroused at this time in the Woman's Missionary Society. Plans for the formation of the auxiliaries which had thus far been organized within the bounds of the Conference into a Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society were taken up. These auxiliaries had been carrying on a local work for several years, having first been brought to the notice of Conference at its session in 1883. The beginning of the work was hard. There were many discouragements because of indifference and even direct opposition on the part of some members of the church. This was largely due to the conservatism which usually characterizes the introduction of new movements in ecclesiastical circles. However, the movement was born to prosper and kindle with enthusiasm a church which would otherwise stagnate and die. Both the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young People's Alliance mark an epoch in the history of the church for developing the latent powers of the young people and applying them to service.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
 Holton, F. Harder.
 Leavenworth, D. R. Zellner.
 Atchison, S. Mueller.
 Atchison Circuit, D. Swart.
 Falls City, A. Mattill.
 Preston, P. Schumann.
 Bern, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Westmoreland, J. M. Fricker.
 Hiawatha Station, J. K. Young.
 Hiawatha Circuit, F. M. Peek.
 Eudora, T. R. Nanninga.
 Osage, C. Meeder.
 Topeka, J. Wuertth.
- Kansas City District*—J. H. Tobias,
 P. E.
 Kansas City, Oak St., H. J. Bowman.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. W. Stauffer.
 Kansas City, Kansas, to be supplied.
 Oregon Circuit and Mission, M. Walter.
 Platte River, J. F. Schreiber.
 Shelby, A. Solt.
 St. Joseph, J. Neuffer.
 Glasgow, J. Beck.
 Warrensburg and Windsor, H. W. Hartman.
 East Lynn, Omer Butler.
 Winston, H. E. Meyers.
 Carthage Circuit and Mission, D. Jones.
 Denver, to be supplied.
- Newton District*—J. J. Kliphardt, P. E.
 Emporia, A. Rodewald.
 Peabody, E. A. Bruner.
 Newton, G. J. Schumacher.
 Yates Center, C. Brandt.
 Humboldt and Golden Valley, B. J. Fehnel.
 Dennis, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Cambridge, B. H. Hobbs.
 Derby, L. E. Becher and P. G. Nuffer.
 Halstead, W. F. Schuerman.
 Hutchinson, J. H. Keeler.
 Alden, J. S. Miller.
 Ellinwood, E. Brown.
 Offerle, S. A. Burgert.
 Dover, Okla., to be supplied.
 Orlando, Okla., J. R. Nanninga.
 Kingman, to be supplied.
- Abilene District*—C. F. Erffmeyer, P. E.
 Abilene, A. E. Flickinger.
 Alida and Clay, J. Kurtz and H. B. Vennum.
 Marion, H. S. Bower and W. R. Currier.
 Canada, W. F. Wolthausen.
 McPherson, C. S. Steinmetz.
 Rosette, C. H. Hartman.
 Lincoln, C. C. Bruner.
 Osborne, J. Paulin.
 North-west, A. J. Spencer.
 Jewell, M. C. Platz.
 Concordia, H. E. Bower.
 Washington, R. R. Brand.
 Leonardville, J. Schmidli.
 Swede Creek, M. Manshardt.

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J. G. Pfeifer

Rev. J. G. Pfeifer entered the Kansas Conference at its second session in 1866, at Leavenworth, Kansas, after having spent a number of years in the active work in the Pittsburg Conference. For many years he was a leader in the Conference and helped lay a good foundation for the Evangelical Association in the Western territory.

During his ministry of 27 years in Kansas and Missouri he served three terms as presiding elder, two terms on Missouri District, and one term on Kansas, later called Holton District. He was elected delegate to General Conference in 1871, 1875, 1879 and 1883. He was the first delegate to the Board of Missions

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elected by Conference from her members, which occurred in 1867, after which he was repeatedly chosen to this position.

He was affectionate and considerate in his relation to the brethren whose esteem and confidence he held in a remarkable degree. In his pulpit ministration he was sound, in strict harmony with the Word of God and the doctrine of his church. His sermons were clear and powerful, making deep and lasting impressions upon his hearers. He spent his life for the church of his choice, never shrinking from duty, though that duty might be ever so unpleasant and difficult. His life was a blessing to many with whom he came in contact, and his individuality was stamped upon the Conference in which he served for nearly three decades.

He passed away September 1, 1891, at his home near Bloomington, Mo., at the age of 69 years, leaving an aged companion and four children to sorrow over his departure, but ever to cherish the memory of his godly life and influence. His body rests in the little cemetery near Bloomington, where he awaits the final summons when the Lord comes to make up his jewels.

Rev. L. Wenger

Rev. L. Wenger was born in the State of Pennsylvania in 1846. He was licensed to preach at the session held at Nickels Grove, Holt County, Mo., under the chairmanship of Bishop R. Yeakel in 1872, and stationed on Jewell Mission in Western Kansas. He was the first pastor of Jewell appointed by Conference after the same was constituted a mission. He served this work three years, after which he was transferred to Americus Mission in Lyon County, Kan. In 1879 he was chosen presiding elder and stationed on Southwest District, which was composed almost exclusively of frontier work. After serving his term on the district he again entered the ranks of the pastorate and served St. Joseph three years, when he was assigned to his last field of labor. In 1879 he was also elected delegate to General Conference.

Brother Wenger was a devoted Christian and a minister of the Gospel. He exemplified in his own life the doctrine he preached to others and led many souls to Christ through his ministry. He was blessed with unusual judgment and business ability which he applied to his work. Through his death his brethren lost a wise counselor and a conscientious co-worker.

While attending Conference at Canada, Kansas, in the month of March, 1891, he sustained a hemorrhage of the lungs, which left

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him in a prostrated condition. The weather being stormy and cold added to his affliction, and it was with difficulty that he was able to leave the place of Conference. He still manifested the invincible spirit which characterized his whole life, and while his brethren advised him to retire from active work for rest, he insisted that his affliction was only temporary, and in a short time he would be well again. He was thus assigned to Concordia Mission, but never reached his field of labor. With difficulty he reached the home of his mother in Emporia, Kan., after Conference, where he broke down completely and in a few weeks answered to the roll-call above. His wish was granted. He died in the harness. Just in the prime of life, at the age of 46 years, the Lord called his servant up higher, for reasons known only to Himself. He left a sorrowing companion, two sons, one daughter, a mother and sister.

Rev. John Leusler

Rev. John Leusler was born in Hesse, Germany May 2, 1807. Coming to America in 1831, he settled in the State of Pennsylvania, where he was led to conversion through the labors of G. Hummel, well-known throughout the church at that time. In 1852 he moved to Ohio, where, in 1869, he received license to preach from the Ohio Conference. The same year he moved to Kansas, and settled near Washington, where he continued to reside till the time of his death, Aug. 25, 1891.

Brother Luesler was never in the active work, however, he led an active life in the service of his Master, and was always ready to preach the Gospel wherever opportunity presented itself. He frequently held protracted meetings and was successful in soul-winning. He was largely instrumental in starting the work of the Evangelical Association in and around Washington, where he lived.

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

Conference met March 16, 1893, at Swede Creek, Riley Co., Kan., to hold her 29th session. Bishop Wm. Horn, who, for the first time, officiated at the Kansas Conference, failed to arrive until the second afternoon of the session, in consequence of which Rev. A. Brunner was chosen chairman *pro tem*. P. Schumann was again appointed secretary.

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A. J. Spencer was called home the first day of the session on account of sickness in his family, and J. M. Fricker was excused for the same reason.

Rev. A. W. Berry, a local preacher, Mrs. Susanna Wenger, Mrs. C. C. Bruner and Mrs. M. Walter died during the year.

B. B. Shore, C. W. Snyder and David Jones withdrew from the church during the past year, the latter under charges. Rev. J. A. Hetner was reported as having "irregularly withdrawn" from the church.

W. H. Davis moved out of the bounds of Conference, and hence his name was stricken from the list of preachers.

F. W. Voegelien and H. J. Bowman received credentials, the former to the newly formed Japan Conference, and the latter to the Des Moines Conference.

J. Kurtz, J. W. Keiser and D. R. Zellner were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

W. H. H. Isgrigg, J. F. Oyer, Robert Stauffer, John Nicodemus and Charles Schmidli received license to preach, and Joseph Latimer was received as a local elder from the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

A. Solt received deacon's orders, and B. H. Hobbs, J. S. Miller, J. M. Fricker and C. S. Steinmetz elders' orders.

A. Brunner was elected Conference trustee for five years, J. J. Kliphardt, trustee for North-Western College for three years, and M. C. Platz, statistical secretary for one year.

The committee appointed a year ago relative to the Pawnee Rock Church reported that the building was sold during the year to the Christian Denomination for \$500.00.

The missionary treasurer reported that the appropriations were paid in full and the old debt reduced \$1,200.00 by the 28 cents per member plan adopted a year ago. The amount of \$1,115.26 was raised on the plan and the debt which had burdened the missionary treasury for years was now reduced to \$220.05.

The brethren who failed to raise the amount of missionary money required from them during the past year were given an opportunity to state the reasons for their delinquency before Conference. Some of the brethren seemed to furnish satisfactory reasons for their failure, while others could not clear themselves of apparent neglect. The rule of the former year that each minister shall raise at least \$1.00 per member missionary money during

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the year was renewed for the ensuing year, and the presiding elders were urged to see to it that missionary meetings were held at all appointments at a suitable time.

LANGUAGE

For some time the language question had been agitated on some works where the transition from German to English was considered imperative, frequently resulting in contention, and injury to the work. Because of this existing condition, which was rapidly growing acute, the following action was taken: "Inasmuch as we are convinced that in congregations where the English language should be introduced, great care should be exercised, and all things connected with the matter carefully considered that it may tend to the prosperity of the work, we believe that Conference should adopt measures by which this matter may be regulated. Therefore resolved, that the presiding elder and preacher in charge of such societies, where a change of language may seem necessary, with three other preachers chosen by them, shall constitute a committee to act in such cases during the year. If at least one-half of the members of a society present a petition to the preacher in charge for the introduction of English the matter shall be referred to this committee, and the decision of the committee shall be binding until the next session of the Annual Conference, which shall take action in the matter."

Atchison requested Conference to assume possession of their church property and relieve them of the heavy financial obligation which they were no longer able to carry. Conference, not being prepared to comply with their request, appointed a committee to take such action during the year as they might find necessary.

BOUNDARIES

District Changes

a. Leavenworth shall be taken from Holton District and added to Kansas City District.

Kansas City District

a. Carthage Circuit and Carthage Mission shall be consolidated and called Carthage Mission.

b. Windsor Mission shall be added to Warrensburg Mission.

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- c. Denver Mission shall be added to Winston Mission.
- d. Holden appointment shall be taken from Warrensburg and added to East Lynn Mission.

Newton District

- a. Enterprise appointment shall be taken from Alden Mission and be added to Hutchinson Mission.
- b. Alden and Ellinwood shall be consolidated.
- c. Kingman Mission shall be consolidated with Hutchinson.

Abilene District

- a. Wilson and Blood Creek shall be taken from Ellinwood and added to Rosette Mission.
- b. Randolph shall be taken from Swede Creek and be added to Leonardville Mission.
- c. Huscher shall be taken from Washington and be added to Alida.
- d. Reiter appointment shall be taken from Washington and added to Concordia, the same to be called Wayne Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount raised for missions in the Kansas Conference was \$7,736.65, leaving a deficit of \$220.25. The appropriations for the ensuing year were \$9,000.00, of which amount the general treasury assured \$2,000.00. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the Missionary Society: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

The Church Extension Society reported \$148.07 collected from the various fields during the year, and \$63.00 secured from membership dues.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 671; accessions, 697; membership, 5,661; itinerant preachers, 59; local preachers, 26; churches, 81; parsonages, 41; Sunday-schools, 100; officers and teachers, 1,133; scholars, 5,668; catechetical classes, 34; catechumens, 499; Young People's Alliances, 29; members, 720; Botschafters, 872; Messengers, 697; Magazines, 660; Epistles, 34; Epistles and Teachers, 45; total for missions, \$9,386.26.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
 Holton, M. C. Platz.
 Preston, P. Schumann.
 Eudora, T. R. Nanninga.
 Atchison Circuit, M. Manshardt and supply.
 Atchison Mission, S. Mueller.
 Hiawatha Station, J. K. Young.
 Hiawatha Circuit, F. M. Peek.
 Topeka, J. Wuerth.
 Falls City, A. Mattill.
 Bern, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Osage, H. Toedman.
 Westmoreland, P. G. Nuffer.
- Newton District*—J. J. Kliphardt, P. E.
 Emporia, A. Rodewald.
 Peabody, B. J. Fehnel.
 Newton, G. J. Schumacher.
 Yates Center, C. Brandt.
 Humboldt and Golden Valley, J. S. Miller and Omer Butler.
 Cambridge, B. H. Hobbs.
 Derby, R. R. Brand.
 Halstead, W. F. Schuerman.
 Hutchinson, E. Brown.
 Alden and Ellinwood, D. Swart.
 Offerle, S. A. Burgert.
 Orlando, Okla., J. R. Nanninga.
 Dover, Okla., H. E. Bower.
- Kansas City District*—J. H. Tobias, P. E.
 Kansas City, Oak St., J. H. Keeler.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E. Platz.
 Leavenworth, C. W. Stauffer.
 Oregon Circuit and Mission, M. Walter.
 Platte River, J. F. Schreiber.
 St. Joseph, J. Neuffer.
 Shelby, A. Solt.
 Glasgow, J. Beck.
 Warrensburg, C. Meeder.
 East Lynn, H. W. Hartman.
 Winston, J. M. Fricker.
 Carthage, H. E. Meyer.
- Abilene District*—C. F. Erffmeyer, P. E.
 Abilene, A. E. Flickinger.
 Alida, C. Linge.
 Marion, H. S. Bower and W. R. Currier.
 Canada, W. F. Wolthausen.
 Mc. Pherson, C. S. Steinmetz.
 Lincoln, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Rosette, C. Schmidli.
 Osborne, J. Paulin.
 North-west, J. A. Spencer.
 Jewell, E. A. Bruner.
 Wayne, C. H. Hartman.
 Washington, L. E. Becher.
 Leonardville, J. Schmidli.
 Swede Creek, F. Harder.
 Clay, H. B. Venum.

MEMORIAL

A. W. Berry

Rev. A. W. Berry was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1839 and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Douglass, at Concordia, Kan., 1892, aged 53 years.

Brother Berry was a local preacher, not having entered the active ranks of the ministry in the Kansas Conference. He was a member of the congregation at Topeka at the time of his death. His wife preceded him some years.

Susanna Wenger

Susanna Schrack Wenger was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in the year 1855. When but four years of age her parents moved to Henry County, Ohio, where Susanna was converted at the age

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of 14 years and united with the Evangelical Association. In the spring of 1878 she accompanied her parents to Kansas and settled in Cloud County, which was then frontier. Here she formed an acquaintance with Rev. L. Wenger, the young missionary on Jewell Mission, with whom she was later united in marriage.

Sister Wenger was a devoted Christian, a true helpmate to her husband in his work, a tender mother in the home, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. For several years she was in poor health, but persisted in endeavoring to perform her duties as best she could. The death of her husband less than a year prior to her death was a severe stroke to the patient sufferer. She departed this life Jan. 6, 1893, at the age of 37 years, 11 months and 14 days, leaving one daughter and two sons to mourn the loss of a faithful mother.

Mrs. C. C. Bruner

Mrs. C. C. Bruner was called from labor and earthly suffering to her heavenly reward during the past year, leaving her husband and motherless children to tread the pathway of life deprived of her counsel and help. Sister Bruner was a positive Christian character, enjoying the religion she professed and also possessed, and was a great help to her husband in his ministerial work.

Mrs. M. Walter

Mrs. M. Walter hailed from an Evangelical family where she was early led to know Christ in the forgiveness of her sins, and was brought up under religious influence. Becoming the wife of Rev. M. Walter she was in full accord with him in his ministerial calling. Her early departure was a severe loss to her sorrowing husband and little children.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE CONVENTION

During the past year a Young People's Alliance convention was held at Holton, Kan., and a Conference Branch organized. Arrangements were made for a Branch convention, to be held next year where the new work was to be more fully developed and plans made for more aggressive efforts along the lines of

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young people's activity. At this time there were 29 Alliances, with a membership of 720 reported, which was a most encouraging increase for the year.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION

At a convention of the Woman's Missionary Society, held at Hiawatha, Kan., Aug. 12, 1892, a Conference Branch was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. H. J. Bowman; Vice-President, Mrs. C. F. Erffmeyer; Recording Secretary, Miss Lorena Matter; Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Stauffer.

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THIRTIETH SESSION

The thirtieth session of Conference was held in the St. Paul Church in the village of Preston, Neb., beginning March 15, 1894. Bishop J. J. Esher presided and P. Schumann served as secretary.

Moses Byers, a local preacher, residing at Newton, Kansas, died during the year, and C. Emmel, a local preacher, who, for a number of years stood in the active ranks, withdrew from the church.

John Nicodemus moved from the bounds of the Conference.

J. Kurtz and P. Fricker were placed on the supernumerary list at their request.

C. C. Bruner, A. Litz, Omer Butler and T. J. Fee received credentials.

H. E. Bower and W. F. Schuerman were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

Adolph Kerston, T. H. Sutton, C. L. Manshardt and Benj. Barthel received license to preach.

W. R. Currier, H. E. Bower, J. A. Spencer, H. B. Vennum and P. G. Nuffer received deacons' orders and were admitted into the itinerancy, while S. A. Burgert and Omer Butler received elders' orders.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected Conference trustee for five years, A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year, and M. C. Platz statistical secretary.

Through the "Ways and Means" committee came numerous requests for aid, which were all the more perplexing because of the destitute condition of the treasury of the Conference trustees.

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During the past year the mission church debts had increased to such an extent that the situation was serious in the extreme. Because of this Conference adopted a plan by which 25 cents per member should be collected annually on each field of labor until the heavy burden be lifted. While this plan, when operative, brought in considerable funds, yet, in the end it failed because so much of the receipts were consumed in paying interest on the debt, and at the same time new burdens were thrust upon Conference by congregations which could not meet their obligations, and finally other methods had to be resorted to in order to relieve the situation.

A happy feature of this session of Conference was the report of the missionary treasurer, which showed a balance of \$97.29 in the treasury at the close of the year, after all the accounts were settled. This was a cause for rejoicing since for years the progress of the work was handicapped because of lack of funds, and at the same time so much of the missionary receipts had to be expended for the payment of interest on indebtedness.

Steps were taken to sell the Kansas City, Oak Street, church property, and locate an English mission in a more suitable part of the city. A committee was appointed to take the matter in hand and act to the best of their judgment, reporting their findings to the next session.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Bern Mission shall be changed to a circuit.

Newton District

- a. Prairie Queen appointment shall be taken from Derby Mission and be added to Cambridge Mission.
- b. Derby Mission shall be changed to a circuit.
- c. Alden and Ellinwood shall be consolidated and called Alden Circuit.

Kansas City District

- a. Kansas City, Kansas, mission shall be discontinued and the members transferred to Kansas City, Oak Street.

Abilene District

- a. Huscher appointment shall be taken from Alida Circuit and be added to Wayne Mission.

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b. Minneapolis and Bethel shall be taken from Lincoln and added to Clay Mission.

c. Wilson and Sylvan Grove shall be taken from Rosette Mission and added to Lincoln Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year was \$7,704.57, and the appropriations for the ensuing year \$8,500.00. J. Wuerth was elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the following officers elected for the Missionary Society: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

CHURCH EXTENSION

The Church Extension Society reported \$558.57 collected during the year and \$296.00 expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$262.57.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 808; accessions, 800; membership, 5,613; itinerant preachers, 62; local preachers, 23; Sunday-schools, 101; officers and teachers, 1,164; scholars, 5,297; catechetical classes, 32; catechumens, 495; Young People's Alliances, 33; members, 888; churches, 86; parsonages, 40; Botschafters, 860; Messengers, 618; Magazins, 672; Epistles, 35; Epistle and Teacher, 52.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District</i> —A. Brunner, P. E.	Shelby, M. Walter.
Holton, M. C. Platz.	Glasgow, J. M. Fricker.
Preston, T. R. Nanninga.	Warrensburg, C. Meeder.
Eudora, C. Brandt.	East Lynn, J. H. Keeler.
Atchison Mission, J. Schmidli.	Winston, I. H. Hauptfuhrer.
Atchison Circuit, M. Manshardt.	Carthage, H. E. Meyer.
Hiawatha Circuit, J. K. Young.	
Hiawatha Station, F. M. Peek.	<i>Newton District</i> —J. J. Kliphardt,
Topeka, S. Mueller.	P. E.
Falls City, A. Mattill.	Emporia, A. Rodewald.
Bern, H. W. Hartman.	Peabody, B. J. Fehnel.
Osage, H. Toedman.	Newton, J. W. Keiser.
Westmoreland, P. G. Nuffer.	Yates Center, F. Harder.
	Humboldt and Golden Valley, J. S.
<i>Kansas City District</i> —J. H. Tobias,	Miller.
P. E.	Dennis, B. H. Hobbs.
Kansas City, Oak St., A. Solt.	Cambridge, C. H. Hartman.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E.	Derby, R. R. Brand.
Platz.	Halstead, J. R. Nanninga.
Leavenworth, C. W. Stauffer.	Hutchinson, E. Brown.
Oregon Circuit and Mission, A. E.	Alden, D. Swart.
Flickinger.	Offerle, S. A. Burgert.
Platte River, J. F. Schreiber.	Orlando, Okla., J. Beck.
St. Joseph, J. Neuffer.	Dover, Okla., J. F. Oyer.

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Abilene District—*C. F. Erffmeyer,*
P. E.

Abilene, C. S. Steinmetz.
Alida, C. Linge.
Marion, H. S. Bower and J. Paulin.
Canada, W. F. Wolthausen.
McPherson, D. R. Zellner.
Wilson and Lincoln, W. R. Currier.

Rosette, M. J. Steinmetz.
Osborne, C. Schmidli.
North-west, J. A. Spencer.
Jewell, G. J. Schumacher.
Wayne, E. A. Bruner.
Washington, L. E. Becher.
Leonardville, J. Wuerth.
Swede Creek, P. Schumann.
Clay, H. B. Vennum.

INDUSTRY

In 1891-1892, Rev. A. Solt, who was serving Alida, under direction of his presiding elder, J. H. Tobias, began to preach in a hall over one of the stores in Industry, Kansas. At the time a number of "Freethinkers," who lived in and around the little village, became very much incensed at the audacity of the "sky pilots" who ventured to disturb their long uninterrupted peace by preaching the hated Gospel in their midst. In order to counteract the influence of the Christian people and their efforts among them they would enter the hall on Sunday morning before the people gathered for Sunday-school and service, and scatter their poisonous literature throughout the room, upon the stairway, and around the building in order to catch as many of the unwary as possible and poison the minds of the children and young people into whose hands the leaflets might fall. In spite of this persistent effort on the part of the enemy to oppose the work of the Lord, the cause of Christ triumphed, and they gradually declined and vanished.

A small class was organized in 1891 by A. Solt, composed of the following members: M. R. Green and wife, Mrs. Jacob Gibbs, Mrs. Hill, Miss Cora Hill and Miss Dora Hill. There is no record available of the first officers of the organization.

A Sunday-school was organized at this time with M. R. Green, superintendent.

In the spring of 1892 H. B. Vennum was assigned to Industry who succeeded in building a church the following year at a cost of \$1,500.00. He also started a Young People's Alliance, which later lapsed, but was reorganized in 1908 by Rev. C. J. Eiselein. Unfortunately there is no record of the officers of the Young People's Alliance or of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was organized in 1908 by Mrs. C. J. Eiselein.

The following bit of history, which describes the early status of the community from a spiritual standpoint, is from the pen of Rev. W. L. Zabel, pastor at Industry in 1914:

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“There were times when the Free Thinkers would hold public meetings to interfere with the service held in the church, and to propagate their teaching. On one occasion while Rev. J. A. Spencer was pastor there, and was engaged in a meeting, these ‘evil-doers’ secured a lecturer to speak in the hall while services were being held in the church. Brother Spencer urged the people to pray earnestly to God that he would frustrate the plans of the enemy and bring to naught the endeavors of infidelity. That night the lecturer was so confused that he could not deliver his lecture, and went home ashamed of his effort and failure.

“There are only a few of those ‘evil-doers’ left today. One of them died a glutton and was found after he was dead two days. Another one who sought notoriety was hardly recognized in the weekly paper when he died. Another one repented three months before he died, and was saved as a brand plucked from the burning. Only two remain at the present time. One is a drunkard, the other was a saloon-keeper in Industry during the days of the joints, and is a heavy drinker, dying of paralysis, after being an invalid for thirteen years. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard.”

1895

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

The 31st session of Conference was held at Clearfield (formerly Captain’s Creek), Douglas County, Kansas, beginning March 21, 1895, with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel chairman, and Peter Schumann secretary.

H. B. McBride died during the year, and August Zoeller, W. H. H. Isgrigg, J. E. Dreisbach and J. M. Hubbard withdrew from the church, the latter two irregularly.

By request J. Kurtz and J. F. Schreiber were placed on the superannuated list after many years of faithful service, the latter having served in the active work since the beginning of missionary operations in Kansas and Nebraska in 1858, having been a charter member of Conference, and the first duly elected presiding elder. The following deserved tribute was paid to him by the Conference in which he offered up his life and talent:

“Inasmuch as our worthy Brother J. F. Schreiber found it necessary during the year to withdraw from the active work be-

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cause of failing health, and his physical condition not permitting him to remain in the ranks any longer, and since the dear brother has served without interruption for 40 years among us as a godly and useful servant of the Lord, experiencing great hardships and poverty in the early years of the work, yet laboring on faithfully in the saving of souls and building up the kingdom of Jesus Christ, therefore resolved, that we regret that Brother Schreiber is compelled to take this step, and that we wish him a happy and peaceful evening of life, and trusting he may be able to meet with us from year to year in our Conference sessions."

J. Neuffer and J. W. Keiser were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

The brethren G. J. Harbes, C. F. Iwig, F. E. Smith and J. B. Gresser received license to preach.

C. Schmidli received deacon's orders and A. Solt elder's orders.

M. C. Platz was elected presiding elder and the following district assignments were made: Holton District, A. Brunner; Kansas City District, J. H. Tobias; Newton District, M. C. Platz; Abilene District, C. F. Erffmeyer.

J. J. Kliphardt reported that the charter of Union Biblical Institute had been so changed that the Kansas Conference had now become a member of the compact and was entitled to representation on the trustee board, whereupon J. J. Kliphardt was elected trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years.

J. H. Tobias was elected Conference trustee for five years, A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year and C. W. Stauffer statistical secretary for one year.

The committee appointed a year previous to sell the Kansas City Oak Street church and locate an English mission in another part of the city reported that in view of the depreciation of real estate value in the city the committee deemed it unwise to sell the property at this time, and since the church attendance at Oak St. had increased materially during the year, they deemed it best not to change the mission at present.

INSURANCE COMPANY

An insurance company against loss by fire and storm was organized at this time under the name of "The Mutual Benevolent Aid Society." A constitution was adopted, and the following

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board of directors elected: C. F. Erffmeyer, A. Brunner, J. H. Tobias, M. C. Platz, J. J. Kliphardt, J. Wuerth and M. Manshardt. This society rendered valuable service in the Conference for many years when through various modifications of the insurance laws in the several states in which the Conference was doing work, it became impossible to meet the requirements of the law, and the society was necessitated to disband. Churches, parsonages and personal property of ministers and their families could insure on the mutual assessment plan.

The following brethren were elected delegates to General Conference, to be held at Elgin, Illinois, in the month of October: A. Brunner, J. H. Tobias, J. J. Kliphardt, C. F. Erffmeyer and M. C. Platz.

A large number of fields failed to respond to the 25 cents per member plan for church debts of the Kansas Conference, so that action was taken to give the delinquents another opportunity to raise their assessment and in case of a second failure they shall be reported to the next Annual Conference.

Again a large number of appeals was made to Conference for aid from needy friends of labor in order to relieve them from the pressing debts resting upon their church property. Topeka earnestly prayed for help in order to secure a church building, in which to hold their regular services, as the hall they were using was not only inadequate, but a detriment to the development of the work. A committee was appointed with instructions to proceed with the erection of a church, the cost however not to exceed \$3,000.00.

The matter of mission church debts was becoming alarming. It was evident that in the near future something must be done to relieve the Conference of this oppressive burden which had become one of the serious problems hampering the work on every hand.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Coal Creek shall be taken from Atchison Circuit and formed into Coal Creek Station. The rest of Atchison Circuit shall be called Camp Creek Mission.

Kansas City District

a. Denver shall be taken from Winston Mission and added to Platte River Circuit.

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b. Benton shall be taken from Oregon Circuit and added to Oregon Mission.

c. Mound City shall be taken up and served with Oregon Mission.

Newton District

a. Cambridge shall be added to Derby Circuit.

Abilene District

a. Bethel, Sugarville and Center shall be taken from Clay Mission and added to Minneapolis Mission.

b. Banner City and Maple Grove shall be detached from Marion and be joined to Abilene.

The following resolution was adopted relative to the Young People's Alliance:

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

Regarding the young people's organizations as a connecting link between the church and Sunday-school we would say: Hail, welcome, thou youthful hero; though young in years, yet your borders have been extended. Therefore we would recommend that in the several societies where there are as yet no organizations such shall be effected as soon as possible.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$7,212.27 was raised for Kansas Conference missions, and \$8,370.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year, of which amount \$800.00 was appropriated by the General Treasury.

A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 971; accessions, 1,071; membership, 5,936; itinerant preachers, 59; local preachers, 23; churches, 89; parsonages, 40; Sunday-schools, 109; officers and teachers, 1,234; scholars, 6,402; catechetical classes, 30; catechumens, 462; Young People's Alliances, 42; members, 1,259; Botschafters, 848; Messengers, 632; Magazines, 731; Epistles, 24; Epistle and Teacher, 61; Missionary Messengers, 135; total for missions, \$7,701.34.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—A. Brunner, P. E. Newton, H. E. Meyer.
 Holton, J. J. Kliphardt. Yates Center, F. Harder.
 Eudora, C. Brandt and C. F. Iwig. Humboldt and Golden Valley, J. S. Miller.
 Atchison, J. Schmidli. Dennis, B. H. Hobbs.
 Camp Creek, A. Rodewald. Derby and Cambridge, R. R. Brand
 and G. J. Harbes.
 Hiawatha Circuit, J. K. Young. Halstead, J. R. Nanninga.
 Hiawatha Station, C. H. Hartman Hutchinson, E. Brown.
 Topeka, S. Mueller. Alden, D. Swart.
 Falls City, W. F. Wolthausen. Offerle, H. S. Bower.
 Bern, H. W. Hartman. Orlando, J. Beck and supply, F. E. Smith.
 Preston, T. R. Nanninga. Dover, J. F. Oyer.
 Osage, H. Toedman.
 Westmoreland, P. G. Nuffer.
 Coal Creek, M. Manshardt.
- Kansas City District*—J. H. Tobias, P. E. *Abilene District*—C. F. Erffmeyer, P. E.
- Kansas City, Oak St., A. Solt.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E. Platz.
 Leavenworth, C. W. Stauffer.
 Oregon Circuit, A. E. Flickinger.
 Oregon Mission, to be supplied.
 Platte River, A. Mattill and supply.
 St. Joseph, B. Barthell under presiding elder.
 Shelby, M. Walter.
 Glasgow, J. M. Fricker.
 Warrensburg, H. E. Bower.
 East Lynn, J. H. Keeler.
 Winston, I. H. Hauptfuhrer.
 Carthage, to be supplied.
- Newton District*—M. C. Platz, P. E.
 Emporia, C. Meeder.
 Peabody, F. M. Peek.
- Abilene, C. S. Steinmetz and F. Schumacher.
 Alida, D. R. Zellner.
 Marion, B. J. Fehnel.
 Canada, C. Linge.
 McPherson, W. F. Schuerman.
 Wilson and Lincoln, W. R. Currier and supply.
 Rosette, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Osborne, C. Schmidli.
 North-west, S. A. Burgert.
 Jewell, G. J. Schumacher.
 Wayne, E. A. Bruner.
 Washington, L. E. Becher.
 Leonardville, J. Wuerth.
 Swede Creek, P. Schumann.
 Clay, A. J. Spencer.
 Minneapolis, H. B. Vennum.

COAL CREEK STATION

Early in the sixties there located along the head of Coal Creek, in Jefferson County, Kansas, about four miles north of where the present church building stands, the families, Gottlieb Roll, Herman Cambach, Jacob Oxenbein and Jacob Weber, who had all been members of the Evangelical Association in the East.

During the year 1864 M. J. Miller, presiding elder, living at Leavenworth, came in touch with the settlers in Jefferson Co., and preached for them. Through his labors Kasper Abbuehl and wife were led to conversion. They were the first fruits of the Evangelical Association at Coal Creek, and for many years thereafter pillars of the church. Their home and service was always at the disposal of her ministers. This was Brother Miller's last

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year of service in Kansas, and he was succeeded by S. W. McKesson in the spring of 1865, when Coal Creek was attached to Holton. Brother McKesson organized a class with the following charter members: Rev. C. Emmel (local preacher) and wife, Christian Stauffer (local preacher) and wife, Herman Cambach and wife, and Kasper Abbuehl and wife. To this number were added later Jacob Oxenbein and wife, and John Weber and wife. Rev. C. Emmel was chosen class-leader, and Rev. Christian Stauffer exhorter.

The services were now held in the little brown school house in the community, which was used for this purpose until 1882, when the school district, whose board of directors were all staunch Evangelicals, erected a large, beautiful and substantial stone building, equipped with a belfry and large church bell, which was to call the people of the community together for worship as well as the children on week days for study. Although this building was considered large and adequate for church service for many years to come, it became soon evident that such was not the case, and the accommodation for 100 persons was not sufficient for the numbers who desired to attend the meetings. Hence four years later steps were taken to build a church under the supervision of Rev. C. Emmel, local preacher, while F. Harder and R. R. Brand served the Atchison Circuit, to which Coal Creek appointment at the time belonged. The new church was dedicated in June, 1886, by Rev. H. Mattill, presiding elder. A Sunday-school was organized in 1866, of which Rev. C. Emmel was chosen superintendent.

Coal Creek appointment was frequently transferred from one field of labor to another during the earlier years of its history until it finally became a self-supporting charge. Originally it belonged to Leavenworth Mission, but in 1865 was transferred to Holton, in 1866 to Atchison Mission, and in 1869 back to Holton. In 1884 it was attached to Wolf River Circuit, and in 1885 again to Holton. In 1886 it was annexed to Atchison Circuit, where it remained till 1895, when it became self-supporting as Coal Creek Station.

A young people's organization was formed in 1887 by Rev. A. Yockel before the Young People's Alliance was in existence. This society was later merged into the Young People's Alliance movement, and Coal Creek Young People's Alliance became one of the first organizations of the kind in the Conference.

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CAMP CREEK

The early Evangelical missionaries found members of the church scattered throughout Leavenworth and Atchison counties. It appears that M. J. Miller, the first missionary in Leavenworth, already came in touch with the pioneers at Camp Creek, as well as at other points in the counties mentioned. Camp Creek was formerly identified with Monrovia.

At the first Conference session held, in 1865, we read the following: "Camp Creek appointment shall be taken from Leavenworth Mission and be added to Holton Mission." Prior to this the brethren M. J. Miller, R. Dubs and J. F. Schreiber respectively had served Leavenworth, and were no doubt the men who first ministered to the early settlers in this vicinity. This year the work being added to Holton, it was served by S. W. McKesson. In the spring of 1866 Atchison Mission was formed and Camp Creek appointment was added to the new mission, which was now given to C. Timmer, who, during the year, organized a class, of which John Schmidt was elected class-leader, and Rudolph Meyer exhorter. A Sunday-school was started at the time of the organization, of which Ulrich Laufer was elected superintendent.

Though the beginning was small those early settlers experienced great joy when the missionaries came to them in their solitude and poverty to bring them the consolation of the Gospel of peace, with which to satisfy their hungering souls. In 1883, during the pastorate of D. R. Zellner, a neat country church was built, which was dedicated by J. Wuerth, presiding elder, and in which, two years later, the Annual Conference session was held.

A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1896, and a Woman's Missionary Society in 1904. Mrs. George Volk was chosen president of the latter. Camp Creek was for many years one of the rural strongholds in the Conference, whose influence was felt in every part of the Conference territory. It was formed into a mission at the Conference session of 1895.

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Conference met in the Platte River Church near Cosby, Mo., March 19, 1896, to hold her 32nd session with Bishop J. J. Esher in the chair and P. Schumann secretary.

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M. J. Steinmetz and J. W. Keiser were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

Sam'l Fricker, Geo. Yenser, F. F. Linden and Chas. Underkoffler received license to preach.

Jacob Maurer was reinstated in the Conference as a local elder.

J. F. Oyer received deacon's orders, and W. R. Currier, J. A. Spencer, P. G. Nuffer and H. B. Vennum elders' orders.

F. P. Schumacher, J. H. Kiplinger and J. F. Oyer were received into the itinerancy.

A. Brunner, J. J. Kliphardt and J. H. Tobias were elected presiding elders. They were stationed as follows: Holton District, J. J. Kliphardt; Kansas City District, A. Brunner; Newton District, M. C. Platz; Abilene District, J. H. Tobias.

M. C. Platz was elected Conference trustee for five years, C. W. Stauffer statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year.

J. Wuerth, J. H. Tobias and C. Linge were appointed Conference historians.

The Correspondence College and Reading Circle, recently inaugurated in the church, received the endorsement of Conference, with the assurance of co-operation in advancing the cause.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

a. Mound City and Benton shall be taken from Oregon Mission and added to Oregon Circuit.

b. Nickel's Grove shall be taken from Oregon Circuit and added to Oregon Mission.

c. The appointment on 28th Street, Kansas City, Mo., shall be taken from Highland Avenue and form a new mission, to be called Cherry Street Mission.

Newton District

a. Enterprise, Hope and St. Paul appointments shall be taken from Dover Mission and form Waukomis Mission.

b. The English appointments shall be taken from Orlando Mission and be formed into Good Hope Mission.

c. Cambridge and Derby Missions shall be separated.

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Abilene District

a. The appointments south of Abilene shall be taken from Abilene Mission and added to Minneapolis Mission.

b. Swede Creek Circuit was changed to Swede Creek Station by request of her Quarterly Conference.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$6,707.48 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year, and \$8,000.00 appropriated for the ensuing year. Of this amount \$500.00 was allowed by the General Treasury. A deficit of \$609.42 was reported in the missionary treasury at the close of the year. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following brethren were elected officers of the society: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 1,003; accessions, 975; membership, 6,147; itinerant preachers, 65; local preachers, 25; churches, 93; parsonages, 40; Sunday-schools, 107; officers and teachers, 1,314; scholars, 6,386; catechetical classes, 29; catechumens, 447; Young People's Alliances, 51; members, 1,514; Botschafters, 837; Messengers, 624; Epistles, 27; total for missions, \$8,243.30.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—J. J. Kliphardt,</i> <i>P. E.</i>	Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.
Holton, C. W. Stauffer.	Oregon Circuit, A. E. Flickinger.
Preston, T. R. Nanninga.	Oregon Mission, J. H. Kiplinger.
Eudora, C. Brandt and C. F. Iwig.	Platte River, A. Mattill and supply.
Atchison, J. Wuert.	St. Joseph, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Camp Creek, A. Rodewald.	Shelby, J. M. Fricker.
Hiawatha Circuit, G. J. Schumacher.	Glasgow, C. E. Platz.
Hiawatha Station, C. H. Hartman.	Warrensburg, H. E. Bower.
Topeka, J. Neuffer.	East Lynn, C. S. Steinmetz.
Falls City, W. F. Wolthausen.	Winston, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Bern, M. Walter.	Carthage, J. B. Gresser.
Osage, C. Schmidli.	<i>Newton District—M. C. Platz, P. E.</i>
Westmoreland, H. Toedman.	Emporia, C. Meeder.
Coal Creek, P. G. Nuffer.	Peabody, F. M. Peek.
<i>Kansas City District—A. Brunner,</i> <i>P. E.</i>	Newton, D. Swart.
Kansas City, Oak St., A. Solt.	Yates Center, F. Harder.
Kansas City, Cherry St., B. Barthel.	Humboldt and Golden Valley, J. S. Miller.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., S. Mueller.	Dennis, B. H. Hobbs.
	Derby, H. E. Meyer.
	Cambridge, G. J. Harbes.
	Halstead, J. R. Nanninga,

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Hutchinson, E. Brown.
 Alden, R. R. Brand.
 Offerle, H. S. Bower.
 Orlando, Okla., J. Beck.
 Dover, Okla., J. F. Oyer.
 Good Hope, F. E. Smith.
 Waukomis, F. F. Linden.

Abilene District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.

Abilene, H. B. Vennum.
 Alida, D. R. Zellner.
 Marion, B. J. Fehnel.

Canada, C. Linge.
 McPherson, W. F. Schuerman.
 Wilson, F. P. Schumacher.
 Rosette, J. H. Keeler.
 Osborne, L. E. Becher.
 North-west, S. A. Burgert.
 Jewell, J. K. Young.
 Wayne, E. A. Bruner.
 Washington, H. W. Hartman.
 Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
 Swede Creek, P. Schumann.
 Clay, J. A. Spencer.
 Minneapolis, W. R. Currier.

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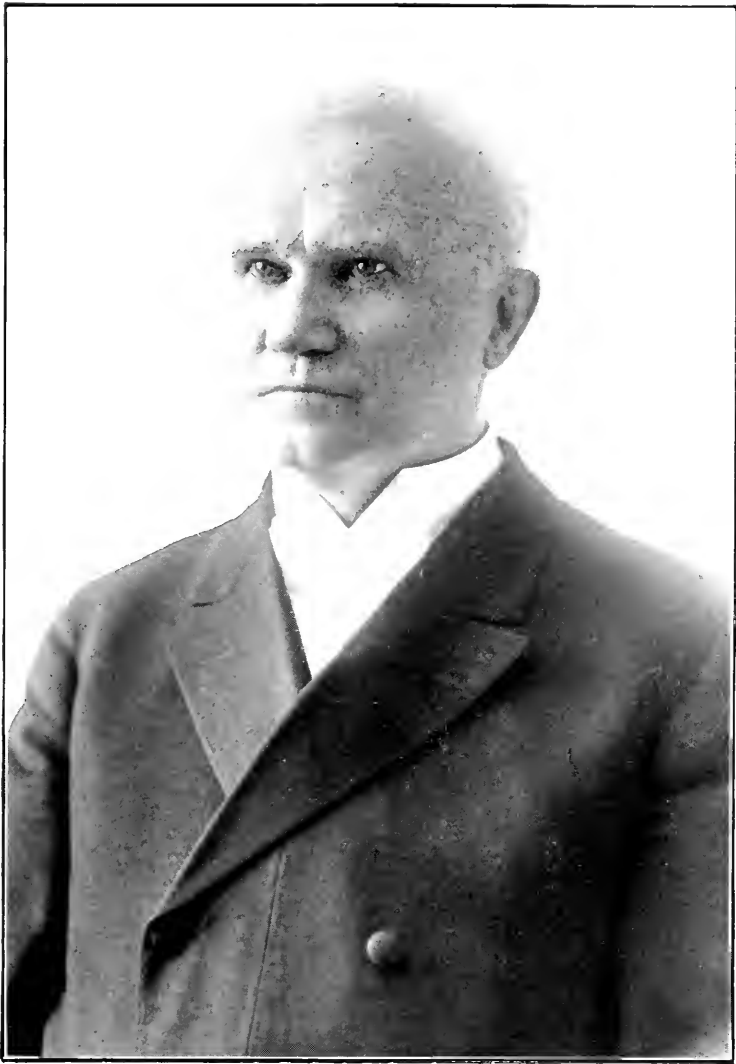
In 1889 W. F. Schuerman and B. H. Hobbs were stationed on Marion Mission, which comprised the appointments Lincolnville, Lost Springs, and various country points. Up to this time there was no appointment in the town of Marion, although members of the Evangelical Association had located there and others contemplated moving there. During the year the brethren Schuerman and Hobbs occasionally preached in the Baptist Church in Marion on Sunday afternoon to our people who already lived there. Later a regular appointment was taken up and served by the brethren and their successors, but an organization was not effected till 1895, when B. J. Fehnel served the work. The charter members were the families of S. W. Pierce, C. E. Pierce and the children of Valentine Jacobs. Of the newly formed little class, C. E. Pierce was elected class-leader, and S. W. Pierce steward.

At the same time a Sunday-school was organized with C. E. Pierce superintendent. It is unfortunate that the early records have been lost, so that not more historical data can be secured. A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1901, of which Mrs. H. J. Buschlen was chosen president. The following year a Woman's Missionary Society was started with Mrs. W. C. Johnson, president.

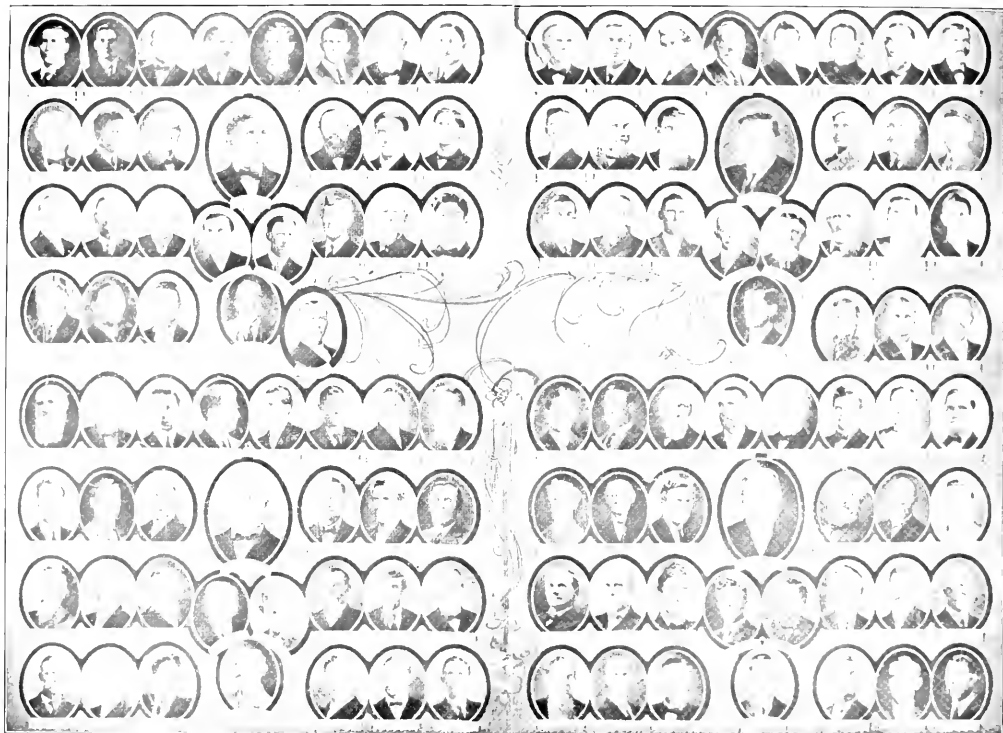
In 1901 a church was built during the pastorate of W. C. Johnson at a cost of \$2,100.00, which was dedicated by D. Swart, presiding elder. This was remodeled and enlarged in 1913, during the pastorate of E. E. Erffmeyer, at an expense of \$2,500.00, and the building rededicated by Bishop S. P. Spreng.

The following account of the origin and development of the work was furnished by E. E. Erffmeyer:

"Our Marion Society is constituted largely of members of our church from surrounding points in the county. The Pierce fam-



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ily from Youngstown, the Good, and Siebert families and others from Canada, Kan. We owe our existence in Marion today largely to the loyalty and perseverance of Father S. W. Pierce and his family. Father and Mother Pierce and their children and grandchildren now constitute over one-third of the present membership of 102.

“Before the building of the church under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Johnson in 1901 our society worshiped wherever they found a place. Beginning in the Baptist Church they worshiped consecutively at the Methodist, the Free Methodist Church, and a hall on Main Street. There was much opposition to our efforts to establish ourselves in Marion on the part of some of the townspeople, but our growth and standing in the community at the present time is a vindication of our right to be here.”

HOLTON

During recent years the congregation at Holton made commendable progress. In the winter of 1891, during the pastorate of F. Harder, the service of evangelist J. F. Grob was secured, who was instrumental in leading a great many into the experience of holiness, thus establishing them in the grace of God, and making them more useful in the kingdom of Christ on earth. In 1894 the society felt the need of a larger and more suitable church building in which to properly develop. Hence the old building was sold and removed and steps taken to erect a new building on the old site. The membership at this time numbered 175 persons, who were mostly in moderate circumstances, with some poor among them. A failure of crops made the undertaking all the more hazardous, however, possessed with a disposition to proceed, the way soon opened and the project was carried to completion.

The building committee consisted of Wm. Strohwig, Rev. P. Fricker, M. C. Platz, George Haag, Henry Schirmer and M. F. Gabel. The entire cost of the building, with furniture, exclusive of the hauling of materials, which was donated, was \$6,884.75. Every department of the congregation manifested a disposition to work. Great was the joy of all when Bishop J. J. Esher dedicated the church free of debt Jan. 21, 1895.

LONE STAR, HIAWATHA CIRCUIT

Lone Star appointment (now Victory) was organized in 1886 by Rev. Wm. Daeschner. Matthew Schaible was the first class-

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leader, and Father Schmidt the first steward. A Sunday-school was organized in 1890 and a Young People's Alliance in 1896. A church was built in 1895 at a cost of \$1,620.00, which was dedicated by Rev. J. H. Tobias. This building was destroyed in 1903 by fire, caused by lightning, but was replaced by a new building which was dedicated by C. F. Erffmeyer, presiding elder.

FIRST CAMP-MEETING IN OKLAHOMA

During the past year (August, 1895) the first camp-meeting in Oklahoma was held in a grove near Dover. There were several tents on the ground and two families, who came from the vicinity of Waukomis, camped in wagons. The ministerial brethren present were J. R. Nanninga of Halstead, Kans., J. Beck of Orlando, Okla., J. F. Oyer, the pastor, and M. C. Platz, the presiding elder. The meeting was annoyed a good deal and the results curtailed by a local condition of a peculiar character. During the month of May preceding the camp-meeting a train robbery had been committed at the railway station just a half mile away, while the night train stopped there to take water. Suspicion rested upon a party of that community, and during the summer months detectives were gathering evidence to that effect. At the time of the beginning of the meeting the officers attempted the arrest of the suspect who was evidently on his guard, and after several shots were exchanged the robber escaped through a back door from the house in which he was hiding to a corn field and got away, however, not without being wounded. Excitement now ran high throughout the community. A United States deputy was constantly on or near the camp ground, which was made the headquarters for information. In addition to this the president of the Anti-Horse Thief Association, who was one of our members and principal workers, was in almost constant demand for consultation. On Sunday several young men brought the train robber's horse, which he forsook when he fled, to the camp ground for exhibition. All this tended to increase the intense excitement already existing, so that it was well nigh impossible to reach the minds of the people with the Gospel.

All kinds of wild rumors were reported at the camp-meeting headquarters to the effect that several desperadoes were at large in the community and depredations were almost certain to be perpetrated at most any time. Most of these rumors were un-

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doubtedly exaggerated, but it resulted in the people fearing to go out at night so that we had but few in attendance at our evening services. On Sunday afternoon the officers finally caught their man, after chasing him several days, and lodged him in the jail at Hennessey, where he later died from his wounds.

In addition to all this the pastor complained of feeling ill, and remained at home so that we were deprived of his presence and assistance. Although we did not accomplish what we desired, yet the meeting was not in vain. Some visible results were achieved, and the work of the church was established. Two families, Richard Kretchmar and Cris. Brauser, came from the vicinity of Waukomis to attend the meeting and were a great help. We also made arrangements to have preaching in their respective communities, five miles northeast of Waukomis, and seven miles west of town, where the foundation was laid for Waukomis Mission, which was organized the following year.

The next year another camp-meeting was held at the same place under more favorable circumstances and with greater visible results.

 1897

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Conference held her 33rd. session at Yates Center, Kansas, beginning March 18, 1897, Bishop Wm. Horn, presiding, and P. Schumann serving as secretary.

J. F. Schreiber and Christian Stauffer were called from labor to reward during the past year.

S. Mueller was placed on the list of local elders and J. W. Keiser on the supernumerary list.

J. F. Oyer and F. P. Schumacher received credentials, and D. R. Zellner, H. S. Bower, John Beck and E. Brown were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

License to preach was granted to Chas. Eiselein, W. S. Heninger, G. W. Weidemeier and Sam'l Breithaupt.

The brethren B. Barthel, F. P. Schumacher, G. J. Harbes, F. E. Smith and C. F. Iwig received deacons' orders, and H. E. Bower and C. Schmidli elders' orders.

J. Wuerth was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year.

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A deficit of \$700.00 for the Conference Missionary Society was reported, whereupon it was resolved, that an earnest effort should be made to raise sufficient money through the Sunday-schools to pay the deficit, by setting apart the collection on the first Sunday in each month for said purpose in all our schools. This plan worked most admirably and became a fixed custom in nearly all the schools. By this means a large amount of missionary money annually flowed into the treasury.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Deer Creek appointment shall be taken from Eudora Circuit and formed into a separate mission, to be called Deer Creek Mission.

Kansas City District

a. Cherry Street Mission in Kansas City, Mo., shall be discontinued.

Newton District

a. Orlando and Good Hope Missions shall be served together, also Dover and Waukomis Missions.

Abilene District

a. Alida Circuit and Clay Mission shall be served together.

b. The appointment Long Grove shall be taken from Lincoln Mission and added to Wilson Mission, and Lincoln Mission shall be discontinued.

c. Rosette and Wilson Missions shall be served together.

FINANCIAL STRINGENCY

A financial stringency existing at this time, compelled Conference to retrench her activities because of lack of funds to carry on the work. Some fields were discontinued, others were consolidated, and still others left unsupplied, not because there was a lack of men, or of open doors, but because there was not sufficient money available to employ all the men who applied for work. The brunt of this misfortune fell upon the work in Western Kansas and in Oklahoma, where doors had opened and whence repeated appeals came to the Conference for attention. Many golden opportunities, which never returned, had to be turned away because of existing conditions.

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The amount of \$6,968.19 was collected for missions in the Conference the past year, and \$7,275.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. In addition to the deficit already existing in the missionary treasury, the Board of Missions found it necessary, because of similar conditions regarding her treasury, to cut off all support to the Kansas Conference and make her self-supporting. Being thrown upon her own resources at such a critical time, it called forth the best of her strength and vigor to meet the issue. Undaunted by difficulties and discouragements, she rose to the occasion and triumphed over every hindrance, so that at the end of the following year the deficit was reduced to less than \$200.00, and finally wiped out completely.

A. Brunner was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers to the society were elected: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 702; accessions, 805; membership, 6,233; itinerant preachers, 64; local preachers, 30; churches, 98; parsonages, 42; Sunday-schools, 110; officers and teachers, 1,310; scholars, 6,726; catechetical classes, 31; catechumens, 496; Young People's Alliances, 52; members, 1,523; Botschafters, 826; Messengers, 634; Magazines, 543; Epistles, 21; total for missions, \$10,892.70.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—J. J. Klyphardt, P. E.

Holton, C. W. Stauffer.
 Preston, T. R. Nanninga.
 Eudora, C. Brandt.
 Deer Creek, C. F. Iwig.
 Atchison, J. Wuerth.
 Camp Creek, A. Rodewald.
 Hiawatha Circuit, G. J. Schumacher.
 Hiawatha Station, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Topeka, J. Neuffer.
 Falls City, W. F. Wolthausen.
 Bern, M. Walter.
 Osage, C. Schmidli.
 Westmoreland, H. Toedman.
 Coal Creek, P. G. Nuffer.

Kansas City District—A. Brunner,
 P. E.

Kansas City, Highland, C. E. Platz.
 Kansas City, Oak St., S. Breithaupt.

Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.
 Oregon Circuit, A. E. Flickinger.
 Oregon Mission, A. Solt.
 Platte River, A. Mattill.
 St. Joseph, C. F. Erffmeyer.
 Shelby, J. M. Fricker.
 Glasgow, B. Barthel.
 Warrensburg, H. E. Bower.
 East Lynn, C. S. Steinmetz and supply.
 Winston, J. H. Kiplinger.
 Carthage, J. B. Gresser.

Newton District—M. C. Platz, P. E.

Emporia, C. Meeder.
 Peabody, F. M. Peek.
 Newton, D. Swart.
 Yates Center, F. Harder.
 Humboldt and Golden Valley, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Dennis, B. H. Hobbs.

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Derby, H. E. Meyer.	Marion, B. J. Fehnel.
Cambridge, F. E. Smith.	Canada, C. Linge.
Halstead, J. S. Miller.	McPherson, J. A. Spencer.
Hutchinson, H. B. Vennum.	Rosette, J. H. Keeler.
Alden, R. R. Brand.	Wilson, C. J. Eiselein.
Offerle, G. J. Harbes.	Osborne, L. E. Becher.
Orlando and Good Hope, J. R. Nanninga.	North-west, S. A. Burgert.
Dover and Waukomis, F. F. Linden.	Jewell, J. K. Young.
	Wayne, E. A. Bruner.
<i>Abilene District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.</i>	Washington, H. W. Hartman.
Abilene, C. H. Hartman.	Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
Alida and Clay, W. F. Schuerman.	Swede Creek, P. Schumann.
	Minneapolis, W. R. Currier.

MEMORIAL

J. F. Schreiber

At this time we are necessitated to record the death of another pioneer and charter member who closed a long and exceedingly useful life in the Kansas Conference.

J. F. Schreiber was born April 2nd, 1832, in Baden, Germany. In 1847, when he was a lad of 15 years, his parents came to America and located in Stephenson County, Ill., where he was led to conversion and united with the Evangelical Association.

In 1855 he was licensed to preach by the Illinois Conference, held at Northfield, Cook Co., Ill., under the chairmanship of Bishop Joseph Long. When in 1858 the call was made for missionaries to Kansas and Nebraska, young Brother Schreiber volunteered to go. He was assigned by the Illinois Conference as missionary to Nebraska, whither he journeyed in company with Brother C. Berner, who was at the same time assigned missionary to Kansas.

Prior to the organization of the Kansas Conference in 1864 Brother Schreiber served principally in the State of Iowa under the direction of the Iowa Conference, which was organized in 1860, but when in 1864 the Kansas Conference was organized at Dubuque, Iowa, and the assignment made for the newly formed Conference, J. F. Schreiber was stationed on Leavenworth and Lawrence Missions in Kansas. The following year at the first session he was elected presiding elder, thus becoming the first minister elected to this office by the Kansas Conference. He was one of the early leaders and wielded a strong influence in the formation of the organization, which continued throughout his long ministry of 37 years in the active work. During this time he served the church and Conference in various offices. He served two terms

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as presiding elder, and as delegate to General Conference in 1867, 1887 and 1891, being also the first representative to General Conference. He was the first president of the Conference Missionary Society, which was formed at the first session in 1865. He was deeply interested in the progress and development of Christ's Kingdom. Wherever a trust was committed to him he performed his duty conscientiously and faithfully.

In 1860 he was married to Maria Fisher in Jasper County, Iowa, who proved a true helpmeet to him in his ministerial work. She, with three sons and four daughters, survive him. On September 16, 1896, his pilgrimage ceased, his weary spirit took its flight to higher realms, to be with the One who gave it, to whom he had dedicated his life and powers. His body was laid away in the cemetery at Leonardville, Riley County, Kan., to await the resurrection call.

Christian Stauffer

Christian Stauffer was born in the State of Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and was converted to Christ, after which he united with the Evangelical Association. He received license to preach the Gospel by the Pittsburg Conference in 1869. After spending two years in the active work in this Conference he moved to Eastern Missouri, within the bounds of the Kansas Conference, in 1875, where he preached one year and then located. Brother Stauffer was ever ready to do all in his power to extend the kingdom of his Master and was instrumental in laying the foundation and building up the cause of the Evangelical Association in Shelby County, Mo., where he resided. In addition to his own service he gave to the ministry and the Kansas Conference one of his sons, C. W. Stauffer, who up to the time of his death, a few years later, was a useful and influential member of that body.

WAUKOMIS, OKLAHOMA

During the year 1895 the revival fires burned brightly on Dover Mission, and their influence was carried to distant points. The work was extended across the borders of the "Cherokee Strip" into Garfield County, in the neighborhood of Waukomis, and Drummond. Appointments were taken up at Rock Creek school house, south-east of Waukomis; Enterprise school house, seven miles west of Waukomis; and another point at a school house, four miles north-east of Waukomis, near the home of Richard Kretchmar.

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The following spring, 1896, these appointments were taken from Dover Mission and formed into Waukomis, which was supplied by F. F. Linden.

The following members constituted the Enterprise class: Chris. Brauser and wife, John Brown, H. Seba, Henry Wiens, August Mueller, Wm. Mueller and Peter Wiens.

A Sunday-school was started at once, and shortly afterward the little band built a small chapel in which to hold their services. This chapel was replaced by a handsome little church in 1904, during the pastorate of H. Steenbock, at a cost of about \$800.00, beside most of the labor and some material, which was donated. This house was dedicated during the summer of 1904 by M. C. Platz, presiding elder. A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1899 by Rev. H. Toedman. This was composed of five charter members, and seems to have been discontinued. It was reorganized in 1914, during the pastorate of J. Haber, with 14 members, and Wm. Rothenberg chosen president.

The class north-east of Waukomis was called the St. Paul society and consisted of R. Kretchmar and wife, Ferdinand Kretchmar, Emma Kretchmar, Mary Hartman and William Messner. This little band met in a school house to hold their Sunday-school and services. In 1904, during the pastorate of H. W. Hartman, after being reinforced by additional members of the Evangelical Association, they purchased a church building in Waukomis from the Congregational denomination. After some changes and repairs had been made this was dedicated by J. H. Tobias, presiding elder. The rear of this church was fitted up for a residence and for several years was used for a parsonage until 1904, when a parsonage was bought in the town for \$800.00, after which the entire church was thrown open for services. A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1905, and Huldah Daeschner chosen president. This organization continued until 1911, when it disbanded.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

The development of the Young People's Alliance movement in the Conference has been very satisfactory. From the beginning there has been manifested a commendable enthusiasm, especially among the young people, and several local Alliances were organized as soon as the movement was launched in the church. As early as 1891 Conference urged the organization of local Alliances, and also recommended the organization of a Conference

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Branch. To this end the presiding elders were constituted a committee to call a convention for the purpose of organizing a Branch as soon as they deemed it prudent to do so.

Already a few local Young People's Alliances were organized, although the number and names of such can not be ascertained at this time with any degree of certainty. No definite steps were taken during the following year, but at the next session of Conference, held at Coal Creek, Jefferson Co., Kans., March, 1892, a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. C. F. Erffmeyer, Rev. J. K. Young, Rev. C. W. Stauffer and Rev. J. J. Kliphardt, to make the necessary arrangements for such an organization. In compliance with these instructions a convention was held at Holton, Kans., in the month of June, and a Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance organized, with the following officers: C. F. Erffmeyer, president; J. K. Young, vice-president; C. W. Stauffer, recording secretary; Miss Lena Lindner, corresponding secretary; and Mr. Frank Daeschner, treasurer. At this time there were 13 local Alliances in the Conference, with a total membership of 323.

From the time the Conference Branch was organized annual conventions were held regularly. At first these assemblies were held on various fields of labor, and always attended by some general officer of the Young People's Alliance, or other outside talent, until 1897, when action was taken by the Annual Conference relative to a plan submitted by the Executive Committee, which provided for a six days' meeting, to be held on the convention and camp-meeting plan during the month of August. The forenoon was to be used mostly for devotional services, the afternoon for convention work and class drill, and the evening for evangelistic services. The plan was approved by Conference, and general participation was urged.

The first assembly on the proposed plan was held in Forest Park, Atchison, in the month of August. A large number of tents were pitched, and the attendance was good throughout. Several souls were saved in the evangelistic meetings, and the work of the Alliance received new impetus. For several years the conventions were held in Forest Park, when, later, they were transferred to Garfield Park, Topeka, and, still later, to Soden Park, Emporia.

From the beginning the Woman's Missionary Society held its annual conventions in connection with the Young People's Alliance, so that it was a joint meeting, which gave a variety to the

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services and instilled the missionary spirit into the convention, and disseminated missionary intelligence throughout the entire Conference.

The Young People's Alliance has been a mighty factor in joining the young people together in their service for Christ and the church and for developing the individual Christian character.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

As early as 1883 a communication was directed to Conference by the promoters of the Woman's Missionary Society movement, which, at this time, was yet in its infancy in the church. In response to this communication the following action was taken by Conference: "Resolved, that the communication from the Woman's Missionary Society has been greatly appreciated, and we are glad to learn about the Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries as a method to raise funds for the missionary cause, especially in heathen lands. May the blessings of God rest upon the mission work and the activity of the auxiliaries. We will encourage our societies in following the good example of the sisters in Cleveland, O., and form auxiliaries wherever the pastors deem it feasible to do so."

This marks the beginning of the Woman's Missionary Society movement in the Kansas Conference. For a number of years, however, the work seems to have received little attention, although here and there local auxiliaries were organized. In 1892 the following action was taken: "Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the sisters in organizing local auxiliaries, and also recommend the organization of a Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society."

No statistics are available of the work at this time, so it is not possible to record how many local auxiliaries there were. The extreme conservatism on the part of many of the ministers and laymen of the church, which, at times, led to positive opposition and discouragement of the movement, accounts for the slow progress made in the early years of its development.

During the ensuing year a convention was held at Hiawatha, Kans., and on the 12th of August, 1892, a Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized with the following officers: Mrs. H. J. Bowman, president; Mrs. C. F. Erffmeyer, vice-president; Mrs. A. Moser, recording secretary, Miss Lorena Matter, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. C. W. Stauffer, treasurer.

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From the beginning of its organization the Branch held regular annual conventions jointly with the Young People's Alliance. The work from now on began to grow more rapidly as prejudice gradually subsided and missionary intelligence was disseminated. The Woman's Missionary Society has been the means of fostering a missionary spirit which has penetrated every part of the church, instilling new life and vigor in many congregations which had been indifferent, not only to the cause of missions, but to their own local interests.

The numerous small contributions given by willing hands and hearts aggregated to commendable sums of money, but this feature is insignificant compared with the knowledge received of the great need of the world at home, and in the foreign field, which resulted in a new vision of woman's possibility and responsibility, thus widening the horizon of her personal experience. This, in turn, proved a means of quickening the spiritual life in many congregations.

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THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

March 17, 1898, Conference convened at Holton, Kans., to hold her 34th session, with Bishop Thomas Bowman in the chair, and P. Schumann, secretary.

S. Mueller withdrew from the church during the year. Credentials were voted to J. H. Keeler and A. E. Flickinger.

J. Beck, R. R. Brand, E. A. Bruner, H. E. Bower and P. G. Nuffer were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

License to preach was issued to R. C. Herod, Richard Thomas, and Chas. Keeler.

O. Radinsky was received from the Platte River Conference, T. J. Cox from the Methodist Protestant Church, and G. A. Manshardt from the Oregon Conference.

F. F. Linden and J. B. Gresser received deacons' orders, and F. F. Linden was received into the itinerancy.

A. Brunner was elected Conference trustee for five years, J. J. Kliphardt trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner, Conference treasurer.

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The Conference trustee board announced the fact that the liabilities of Conference amounted to more than \$9,000.00, whereupon it was ordered that the ten cent per member plan should be continued for the ensuing year by the envelope system.

A proposition was submitted to Conference by Mr. M. Heckel of St. Joseph, Mo., in which he offered to transfer the Heckel Benevolent Home of that city to the Kansas Conference, to be maintained as a charitable institution. If the financial requirements could not be met the property should revert to the present owner. Conference accepted the offer and appointed a board of directors, consisting of four ministers and three laymen. It was further ordered that each preacher receiving an appointment shall pay one per cent of his salary toward the support of a superintendent of the Home.

During the past year the Newton congregation purchased a house and moved it on the west end of their lots which they now offered to the district for \$700.00, the real value being estimated at \$1,000.00. Conference accepted the offer and ordered the transfer made, and also authorized the presiding elder of Newton District to collect on his district to pay for the same.

The president of the Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance reported the convention held in Forest Park, Atchison, Kans., last August, a success, and announced that another would be held at the same place in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society, beginning Aug. 9, 1898.

BOUNDARIES

Abilene District

a. Rosette and Wilson Missions shall be consolidated and called Lucas Mission.

b. Zion and Throop appointments shall be taken from Wayne Mission and added to Washington Mission, which shall be changed to a circuit.

c. Concordia and Huscher shall be served together and be called Concordia Mission.

Newton District

a. Earlton appointment shall be taken from Dennis Mission and be added to Humboldt Mission.

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b. Sand Creek appointment shall be taken from Halstead Circuit and be added to Newton Mission.

Kansas City District

a. It is the opinion of the committee that the results of Oak Street Mission, Kansas City, Mo., do not warrant a continuation of the work at that place. Therefore the Conference trustees, the presiding elder of Kansas City District, and the pastors in Kansas City shall be a committee authorized to sell the property and take steps toward locating a new mission in a more favorable part of the city, to be called Kansas City English Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$7,596.53 was collected for Kansas Conference Missions the past year. Of this amount \$722.29 was raised by the Sunday-schools to liquidate the deficit. After paying out all the appropriations there was still a deficit of \$151.02 left. The appropriations for the ensuing year amounted to \$7,500.00.

A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary; and J. Schmidli, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 579; accessions, 593; membership, 6,268; itinerant preachers, 63; local preachers, 35; churches, 90; parsonages, 44; Sunday-schools, 111; scholars, 6,675; officers and teachers, 1,362; Young People's Alliances, 51; members, 1,380; catechetical classes, 39; catechumens, 632; Botschafters, 823; Messengers, 689; Magazines, 702; Epistles, 18; Missionary Messengers, 181; total for missions, \$10,566.28.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—J. J. Kliphardt,
P. E.
Preston, W. F. Wolthausen.
Eudora, A. Rodewald.
Deer Creek, C. F. Iwig.
Atchison, J. Wuerth.
Camp Creek, D. R. Zellner.
Hiawatha Circuit, G. J. Schumacher.
Hiawatha Station, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Topeka, J. Neuffer.
Falls City, C. Brandt.

Bern, M. Walter.
Osage, C. Schmidli.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
Coal Creek, P. G. Nuffer.
Holton, C. W. Stauffer.

Kansas City District—A. Brunner,
P. E.

Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, English Mission, G. A. Manshardt.

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Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.
 St. Joseph, C. F. Erffmeyer.
 St. Joseph Mission Home, supervision
 of C. F. Erffmeyer.
 Platte River, T. R. Nanninga and S.
 Breithaupt.
 Oregon Circuit and Mission, A. Solt
 and F. E. Smith.
 Glasgow, B. Barthel.
 East Lynn, C. S. Steinmetz and sup-
 ply.
 Shelby, L. E. Becher.
 Warrensburg, J. W. Keiser.
 Winston, W. R. Currier.
 Carthage, to be supplied.

Newton District—M. C. Platz, P. E.
 Emporia, C. Meeder.
 Peabody, B. H. Hobbs.
 Newton, D. Swart.
 Yates Center, P. Schumann.
 Humboldt and Golden Valley, M. J.
 Steinmetz and Chas. Keeler.
 Dennis, J. M. Fricker.
 Derby, H. E. Meyer.

Cambridge, E. Brown.
 Halstead, J. S. Miller.
 Hutchinson, H. B. Vennum.
 Alden, F. F. Linden.
 Offerle, G. J. Harbes.
 Orlando and Good Hope, J. R. Nan-
 ninga.
 Waukomis, H. Toedman.
 Dover, C. J. Eiselein.

Abilene District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.
 Abilene, C. H. Hartman.
 Alida and Clay, W. F. Schuerman.
 Marion, B. J. Fehnel.
 Canada, A. Mattill.
 McPherson, J. A. Spencer.
 Lucas, S. A. Burgert and supply.
 Osborne, H. Steenbock.
 North-west, Chas. Underkoffler.
 Jewell, J. K. Young.
 Concordia, J. H. Kiplinger.
 Washington, H. W. Hartman.
 Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
 Swede Creek, C. Linge.
 Minneapolis, F. M. Peek.

A TRAMP PRESIDING ELDER

The following experience, which occurred in Oklahoma, and is related by the presiding elder of Newton District, shows how a little variety, which is the spice of life, serves as a wholesome tonic, and breaks up monotony, which is sometimes painful, and always dull.

The trip from Dover, Hennessey, or Waukomis, to Orlando, was usually made overland, since there were no railroads across the country at that time (1896). Sometimes the presiding elder would be conveyed to Marshall, a half-way point, where he would be turned over to the pastor of the other charge, who would convey him to his destination. On this particular occasion heavy rains made it unsafe to venture on the overland trip, hence it was determined to undertake the journey by rail, which necessitated traveling via El Reno and Oklahoma City.

The young pastor at Waukomis being in need of money to complete his traveling outfit, was accommodated by the presiding elder, who loaned him what money he thought he could spare above the amount required for his railroad ticket to his next appointment. Upon reaching El Reno he discovered that the country was flooded. The depot from which he was to leave was surrounded by water, and in all probability there would be no train

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east to Oklahoma City for two or three days, as considerable track had been washed out. His only way of escape was to turn back to Hennessey and try to get through on the hack line from there the next day. However, the loss of time and extra traveling expense soon exhausted his funds and calamity stared him in the face. He determined to get out of his dilemma as best he could, since he was among strangers, and in those days even friends could scarcely aid one another financially. He had sufficient money to reach the half-way point, Marshall, when he found his treasury depleted. The evening of the second day was now approaching, and although not "far from home," yet he was too far for comfort. By tramping several miles he might reach the home of an acquaintance where he would find lodging for the night and could arrange for the completion of his journey the next day. Before starting on his tramp he consumed the last sandwich of a lot which a kind brother had given him the previous day, and upon which he had been subsisting since he started on his trip, in order to keep down expenses. The pleasant walk of several miles would not have been so bad under the halo of a beautiful Oklahoma sunset, but when he had walked about half the distance he stood before a bridgeless stream which he was not prepared to encounter.

The channel was narrow but too deep to comfortably cross with heavy grip and overcoat. After some planning, some hard work, and considerable perspiring, he succeeded in lugging a heavy limb of a tree which he found at some distance across a wire fence to the place which he selected as the spot for crossing his Jordan. With considerable over-exertion he succeeded in raising the heavy timber on one end and after steadying it with his hands throw it across the channel, and now had a pontoon over which to cross that he might reach his goal. Late in the evening he reached his coveted wayside inn, where he was exceedingly glad to meet familiar faces. He did not tell all about his experiences the past two days, since he wanted to "save his face" in Chinese style. Though weary and considerably daubed with mud his host took him in, gave him water to wash, supper to eat, and a good bed to sleep in, so that the next day he completed his journey with great honor, and the people did not find out that their presiding elder had actually been forced, for a short time, to take the part of a tramp.

Similar experiences were made frequently by the missionaries who lived and labored in that new country. A presiding

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elder might well endure a few slight hardships once in a while when he made his rounds over the work, and not complain, when he thought of the faithful brethren and their families who sacrificed themselves daily for the cause of the Master, and the church, and immortal souls.

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

The 35th session of Conference was held at Leonardville, Kan., beginning March 16, 1899, with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel in the chair and P. Schumann, secretary.

P. Fricker and M. Grafenstein died during the year.

By request J. Beck was placed on the list of superannuates and R. R. Brand on the list of local elders.

C. S. Steinmetz, M. J. Steinmetz, F. F. Linden and G. J. Harbes were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

F. U. Moyer and Rodman Winters received license to preach.

S. Breithaupt and C. J. Eiselein received deacons' orders, and F. E. Smith, C. F. Iwig and B. Barthel elders' orders. The brethren C. J. Eiselein, S. Breithaupt and J. W. Keiser were received into the itinerancy.

M. C. Platz was re-elected presiding elder, and the district assignments were made as follows: Holton District, J. J. Kliphardt; Kansas City District, M. C. Platz; Newton District, A. Brunner; Abilene District, J. H. Tobias.

The following delegates were elected to General Conference: A. Brunner, J. J. Kliphardt, M. C. Platz, J. H. Tobias, C. F. Erffmeyer and J. Wuerth.

It was again made obligatory on each preacher receiving an appointment to pay one per cent of his salary toward the support of a superintendent for the Heckel Home. By this method \$247.62 was raised last year.

Steps were taken to build a new district house for Holton District. To this end a committee was appointed to sell the old property and select a place for the new one.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year.

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Conference ordered the purchase of a five-room house adjoining the church in Topeka from A. Brunner for a parsonage for the consideration of \$800.00.

During the past year Rev. George Johnson, Treasurer of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute, canvassed the Conference in the interest of said institutions, and secured over \$10,000.00.

The Kansas City, Oak Street Church, property, not having been sold during the past year, the committee was continued with the same instructions given a year ago.

Another Young People's Alliance assembly was announced to be held in Forest Park, Atchison, Kansas, August 8-14, 1899, to which the ministers of Conference pledged their support.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

a. Grand River appointment shall be taken from Warrensburg Mission and be added to East Lynn Mission.

b. An English mission shall be located in St. Joseph, Mo., under the supervision of the pastor of St. Joseph.

Abilene District

a. Marion and Youngstown shall be taken from Marion Mission and be added to Canada Station.

b. Maple Grove and Banner City appointments shall be taken from Minneapolis Mission and added to Marion Mission, the same to be called Lost Springs Mission.

c. Powheta and Bonacord appointments shall be taken from Minneapolis Mission and be added to Abilene.

d. Long Grove shall be taken from Lucas Mission and added to Minneapolis Mission.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 415; accessions, 490; membership, 6,188; itinerant preachers, 64; local preachers, 35; churches, 93; parsonages, 45; Sunday-schools, 112; teachers and officers, 1,344; Scholars, 7,022; Young People's Alliances, 58; members, 1,482; catechetical classes, 40; catechumens, 748; Botschafters, 797; Messengers, 692; Magazines, 571; Epistles, 22; total for missions, \$9,933.55.

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MISSIONS

The old board of officers were re-elected and A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Misions. The amount of \$6,986.47 was raised for missions, and \$7,175.00 appropriated for the coming year.

APPOINTMENTS

*Holton District—J. J. Kliphardt,
P. E.*

Holton, C. W. Stauffer.
Preston, W. F. Wolthausen.
Eudora, A. Rodewald.
Deer Creek, P. G. Nuffer.
Atchison, C. F. Iwig.
Camp Creek, C. Meeder.
Hiawatha Station, G. J. Schumacher.
Hiawatha Circuit, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Topeka, J. Neuffer.
Falls City, C. Brandt.
Bern, M. Walter.
Osage, D. R. Zellner.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
Coal Creek, C. Schmidli.

*Kansas City District—M. C. Platz,
P. E.*

Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, English Mission, G. A. Manshardt.
Leavenworth, J. Schmidli.
St. Joseph, C. F. Erffmeyer.
Platte River, T. R. Nanninga.
Oregon Circuit, F. E. Smith.
Oregon Mission, J. W. Keiser.
Glasgow, B. Barthel.
East Lynn, F. M. Peek and J. B. Gresser.
Shelby, L. E. Becher and supply.
Warrensburg, S. Breithaupt.
Winston, W. R. Currier.
Carthage, E. Brown.

Newton District—A. Brunner, P. E.

Peabody, B. H. Hobbs.
Newton, H. E. Bower.
Yates Center, P. Schumann.
Humboldt and Golden Valley, A. Solt.
Dennis, J. M. Fricker.
Derby, H. E. Meyer.
Cambridge, C. J. Eiselein.
Halstead, J. S. Miller.
Hutchinson, H. B. Vennum.
Alden, S. A. Burgert.
Offerle, C. Underkoffler.
Orlando and Good Hope, J. R. Nanninga.
Dover and Waukomis, H. Toedman.
Emporia, H. W. Hartman.

Abilene District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.

Abilene, D. Swart.
Alida and Clay, B. J. Fehnel.
Lost Springs, to be supplied.
Canada, A. Mattill and G. W. Weidemeier.
McPherson, J. A. Spencer.
Lucas, C. H. Hartman and Geo. Yenser.
Osborne, H. Steenbock.
North-west, to be supplied.
Jewell, J. K. Young.
Concordia, J. H. Kiplinger.
Washington, W. F. Schuerman.
Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
Swede Creek, C. Linge.
Minneapolis, R. Winters.

MEMORIAL

Rev. P. Fricker

Rev. Philip Fricker, another one of the pioneers, was called from labor to reward during the past year from his home at Holton, Kans., where he had lived in retirement for several years.

In 1863 Brother Fricker came from New York and joined the little band of missionaries in Kansas. He was assigned to Humboldt Mission, which had been left unsupplied at the previous

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session of the Iowa Conference. The following spring, 1864, when the Kansas Conference was formed at Dubuque, Iowa, Brother Fricker was received into the itinerancy and stationed on Humboldt Mission, in the newly formed Conference. He served the following fields in turn: Humboldt, Lawrence, Holton, Nemaha, Big Blue, Atchison, Wolf River and Lawrence.

In 1878 he was compelled to withdraw from the active work temporarily, but in 1880 again resumed the active service and was stationed on Hiawatha charge, which he served one year when he was elected presiding elder and placed on the great Southwest District. After serving one term on the district he was retained in the itinerancy without appointment for two successive years, after which he located in 1887 on account of bodily infirmity. In 1889 he again entered the work and was assigned to Topeka, which had just been taken up as a new mission. After serving this charge one year he was placed on the list of superannuates.

He died in 1898, after spending 35 years in the Gospel ministry, during which he led many souls to Christ. Brother Fricker was a faithful, unassuming, earnest preacher of the Gospel message, sound in doctrine, clear in exposition, and faithful in his pulpit ministrations. He was powerful in stature, commanding in appearance, and cheerful in disposition, which added much to his success. His life was a benediction to many, especially to his own family, which consisted of four sons and four daughters, all of whom, with his devoted companion, survive him. One of his sons, John M., has served in the active ministry of the Kansas Conference for many years. His body was laid away in the Holton Cemetery, where later the body of his faithful life companion, who, for so many years, shared life's burdens and joys as a preacher's wife, was placed at his side, both to await the coming of the Lord.

LUCAS

Lucas Mission was originally identified with Rice Mission, later Wilson Mission, still later Lincoln Mission, then Rosette Mission, and, finally, in 1898, named Lucas Mission. Rice Mission was established by Conference in the spring of 1878, and supplied with Rev. P. Schumann, who served the work one year when he was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Tobias and C. W. Snyder. At this time Rice Mission extended into six counties, namely, Rice, McPherson, Pawnee, Russell, Lincoln and Ellsworth.

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In the fall of 1879 Brother Tobias preached his first sermon in Lincoln County, near where Rosette is now located. In later years the ministers preached near Minneapolis, in Ottawa County, Yorktown, Cedron, Rosette, Sylvan Grove, Amherst, Lincoln and Lucas. The early records seem to be lost or destroyed, so that it is not possible to obtain much reliable information concerning the organization of the work at the various points. There are no records of the organization of the Sunday-schools, Young People's Alliances, and Woman's Missionary Societies.

About 1886 a parsonage was built at Rosette, and in 1893 another was erected at Lucas.

The work in Lucas was organized about 1886, or two years before the name of the mission was changed to Lucas. A church was built in 1891, the trustee board consisting of Brother Harris, D. Carbiner, A. C. Carson and Brother Russell.

A church was built at Rosette in 1900, and the following brethren composed the trustee board at that place: M. Hower, H. Steenbock, Sr., H. Hower, H. Hinkson and Q. Roth.

At Amherst a church was built in 1905, which was dedicated by Rev. J. H. Tobias, Feb. 16, 1906. At this place the trustee board was composed of the brethren: J. E. Bean, Z. W. Beatty and H. N. King.

THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

The thirty-sixth session of Conference was held at Jewell City, Kans., beginning March 15, 1900, with Bishop Wm. Horn as chairman and P. Schumann, secretary.

J. Paulin, J. Latimer and Mrs. C. Schmidli died during the year.

Geo. Yenser had his license revoked, and R. C. Herod withdrew from the church.

F. Harder received credentials to the Oregon Conference, after having served without intermission in the Kansas Conference since 1871.

C. W. Stauffer, on account of failing health, was placed on the supernumerary list, and J. Neuffer was retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

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The brethren J. S. Stamm, W. C. Johnson, M. W. Plettner, John Haber, J. Hoerman, Louis Hanne, J. H. Parmer, F. M. Manshardt and C. L. Sorg received license. Deacons' orders were granted C. S. Underkoffler and Hans Steenbock, who were also received into the itinerancy.

W. Morga and E. J. Williams were admitted to the Conference, the latter from the United Brethren Church.

C. F. Erffmeyer, A. Brunner and J. H. Tobias were elected presiding elders and stationed as follows: Holton District, C. F. Erffmeyer; Kansas City District, M. C. Platz; Newton District, J. H. Tobias; Abilene District, A. Brunner.

J. H. Tobias was elected Conference treasurer for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer.

The Heckel Benevolent Home proposition was referred to a special committee composed of J. Schmidli, A. Mattill, G. J. Schumacher, A. Solt and M. Manshardt, which, after due consideration, recommended to Conference that the property be transferred back to the former owner, Mr. M. Heckel.

MISSION CHURCH DEBT

The mission church debt for a number of years pressed the Conference so hard that the situation demanded adjustment, in order that the constantly accruing burden might not finally check the progress of the work. Although for several years the 10 cents per member plan was kept up, and through this channel considerable money flowed into the treasury, yet it was practically consumed in paying interest on the heavy debt, the principal rather increasing and the burden becoming heavier as the years went by. In order to relieve the Conference of the \$13,000.00 debt already existing, and avoid a repetition of a similar experience, the following action was taken:

- a. No minister shall be permitted to proceed with his people to build a church or parsonage unless the necessary funds are secured without incurring a debt.
- b. A mission church debt fund was started immediately among the preachers who pledged \$1,250.00 for the project.
- c. Rev. A. Solt was appointed by the Conference trustee board as solicitor to canvass the entire Conference during the year and raise the amount necessary to liquidate the entire indebtedness.

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This project was successfully carried out and by the next session the debt was removed.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

- a. Carthage, being an unfruitful field, shall be left unsupplied and steps taken to dispose of the church property.
- b. Earlton shall be taken from Humboldt and Golden Valley and be added to Dennis Mission.

Abilene District

- a. Leonardville Mission shall be changed to a station.
- b. Clay Mission shall be called Industry Mission.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

This being the one hundredth anniversary of the Evangelical Association, a centennial service was arranged for Sunday afternoon of the Conference session, on which occasion Bishop W. Horn spoke on the subject, "The Strengthening and Development of the Church"; A. Brunner on the subject, "History of the Kansas Conference," and M. C. Platz on "Early Times and Men of the Kansas Conference."

MISSIONS

The past year \$7,841.59 was raised for missions for the Kansas Conference, and \$7,105.00 appropriated for the coming year. A. Brunner was elected president of the Missionary Society, C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary, and J. Schmidli, treasurer. Brother Schmidli declining to serve any longer in the office he had filled for so many years, Rev. W. F. Wolthausen was elected to fill the vacancy. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 563; accessions, 600; membership, 6,081; itinerant preachers, 66; local preachers, 36; churches, 94; parsonages, 48; Sunday-schools, 105; teachers and officers, 1,310; scholars, 6,559; Young People's Alliances, 52; members, 1,419; catechetical classes, 32; catechumens, 564; Botschafters, 796; Messengers, 700; Magazines, 559; Missionary Messengers, 174; Missionsbote, 126; total for missions, \$10,640.36.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—C. F. Erffmeyer,
P. E.
Holton, J. J. Kliphardt.
Preston, W. F. Wolthausen.
Eudora, B. Barthel.
Deer Creek, P. G. Nuffer.
Atchison, C. F. Iwig.
Camp Creek, C. Meeder.
Hiawatha Station, G. J. Schumacher.
Hiawatha Circuit, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Topeka, C. Brandt.
Falls City, J. Schmidli.
Bern, J. W. Keiser.
Osage, L. E. Becher.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower and M. W. Plettner.
Coal Creek, L. Hanne.
- Kansas City District*—M. C. Platz.
Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, English Mission, G. A. Manshardt.
Leavenworth, J. Wuerth.
St. Joseph, M. Manshardt.
Platte River, T. R. Nanninga.
Oregon Circuit, F. E. Smith.
Oregon Mission, H. E. Meyer.
Glasgow, C. Schmidli.
East Lynn, F. M. Peek.
Shelby, J. B. Gresser and J. S. Stamm.
Warrensburg, S. Breithaupt.
Winston, W. R. Currier.
Carthage, to be supplied.
- Newton District*—J. H. Tobias, P. E.
Newton, H. E. Bower.
Emporia, J. S. Miller.
Peabody, B. H. Hobbs.
Yates Center, P. Schumann.
Humboldt and Golden Valley, M. Walter.
Dennis, J. M. Fricker.
Derby, M. J. Steinmetz.
Cambridge, C. J. Eiselein.
Halstead, B. J. Fehnel.
Hutchinson, H. B. Venum.
Alden, S. A. Burgert.
Offerle, F. M. Manshardt.
Orlando, Oklahoma and Good Hope, J. R. Nanninga.
Dover and Waukomis, Okla., H. W. Hartman.
- Abilene District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
Abilene, J. K. Young.
Swede Creek, C. Linge.
Leonardville, A. Rodewald.
Jewell, D. Swart.
Canada and Marion, F. F. Linden and W. C. Johnson.
Alida, H. Steenbock.
Washington and Concordia, W. F. Schuerman and C. Underkoffler.
Lucas, C. H. Hartman and J. H. Parmer.
Lost Springs, E. J. Williams.
McPherson, J. A. Spencer.
Osborne, J. H. Kiplinger.
Industry, E. A. Bruner.
Minneapolis, R. Winters.

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J. Paulin

John Paulin spent the greater part of his ministry in the Michigan Conference, where he preached many years before he moved West. He came to the Kansas Conference in the spring of 1890 and was assigned to Offerle Mission, which he served two years. After this he was compelled by advanced age and infirmity to retire from active service. Brother Paulin was a willing worker and found it a trying ordeal to be compelled to lay down the work. He enjoyed nothing more than the activities of the evangelical ministry. He possessed a cheerful disposition and enjoyed the Christ he preached. He died at an advanced age in his home at Newton, Kansas, leaving an aged companion, besides children, to mourn the loss of husband and father.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Conference met in her 37th session in the Swede Creek Church, Riley County, Kansas, March 21, 1901. Bishop J. J. Esher, who was to hold the Conference, was absent on account of sickness, so the Secretary, P. Schumann, opened the Conference, after which A. Brunner was chosen Chairman *pro tem* until Bishop Horn arrived and presided. P. Schumann was again appointed secretary.

C. W. Stauffer and Mrs. C. Meeder died during the past year.

E. Brown was placed on the list of local elders, and credentials were voted to E. J. Williams and C. S. Steinmetz.

The brethren F. E. Smith, D. R. Zellner, H. Toedman, A. Mattill, J. Neuffer, J. H. Kiplinger, W. R. Currier and C. Schmidli were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

R. O. Callahan, Gottlieb Layer and George Schrenk received license to preach.

The following brethren were received into the Conference: W. C. Frey, a local elder from the Illinois Conference, F. C. Disinger, and elder in the itinerancy from the Texas Conference, and S. H. Dunkelberger from the United Evangelical Church.

J. B. Gresser was received into the itinerancy.

Deacon's orders were granted F. U. Moyer, and elders' orders, F. F. Linden, S. Breithaupt and C. J. Eiselein.

M. C. Platz was elected Conference trustee for five years, J. J. Kliphardt trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner, Conference treasurer for one year.

A telegram of sympathy was sent to Bishop J. J. Esher at his home in Chicago, where he was evidently approaching the end of his long and useful career in the church.

A new district house was built at Holton, Kansas, during the year, at a cost of \$1,702.65, which was reported paid in full.

During the past summer a very successful Young People's Alliance and Woman's Missionary Society convention was held at Forest Park, Atchison, Kan., and arrangements were being made to hold another one at the same place, beginning Aug. 13, 1901. These annual assemblies have been growing since their beginning in interest, attendance, and results.

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MISSION CHURCH DEBT

Rev. A. Solt, who was appointed to canvass the Conference in the interest of the mission church debt, was eminently successful in raising sufficient money to liquidate the entire debt and clear the Conference of the menacing incumbrance. The amount of \$1,399.90 was secured by the solicitor. Conference voted a tribute of thanks to Brother Solt for his faithful service rendered, and to the laity of the Conference for their loyalty and liberality.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

a. Holden shall be taken from East Lynn and be added to Warrensburg Mission.

Newton District

a. Emporia Mission shall be changed to a station.

b. Weatherford shall be taken from Orlando Mission and with the surrounding territory constitute Southwest Oklahoma Mission.

c. Waukomis Mission shall be supplied with two preachers and work shall be taken up in Blain, Dewey, and Day Counties, Oklahoma.

Abilene District

a. The appointments Marion and Youngstown shall be taken from Canada and be formed into Marion Mission.

b. Concordia and Minneapolis Missions shall be consolidated and be called Concordia and Minneapolis Mission.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 607; accessions, 668; membership, 6,145; itinerant preachers, 67; local preachers, 39; churches, 99; parsonages, 46; Sunday-schools, 104; officers and teachers, 1,324; scholars, 7,067; Young People's Alliances, 58; members, 1,602; catechetical classes, 36; catechumens, 637; Botschafters, 785; Messengers, 635; Magazines, 556; Missionary Messengers, 204; Missionsbote, 153; total for missions, \$10,508.78.

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MISSIONS

The amount of \$8,511.88 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year, and \$7,750.00 appropriated for the ensuing year. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the old board of officers was re-elected.

APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—C. F. Erffmeyer,
P. E.
- Holton, J. J. Kliphardt.
Preston, W. F. Wolthausen.
Eudora, B. Barthel.
Deer Creek, P. G. Nuffer.
Atchison, P. Schumann.
Camp Creek, L. E. Becher.
Hiawatha Station, G. J. Schumacher.
Hiawatha Circuit, J. S. Miller and supply.
Topeka, C. Brandt.
Falls City, J. Schmidli.
Bern, G. A. Manshardt.
Osage, J. R. Nanninga.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
Coal Creek, Louis Hanne.
- Kansas City District*—M. C. Platz,
P. E.
- Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. F. Iwig.
Kansas City, English Mission, T. J. Cox.
Leavenworth, J. Wuerth.
St. Joseph, M. Manshardt.
Platte River, C. Meeder.
Oregon Circuit, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
Oregon Mission, H. E. Meyer.
Glasgow, J. S. Stamm.
Shelby, J. B. Gresser.
Warrensburg and East Lynn, S. Breithaupt and R. O. Callahan.
Winston, J. W. Keiser.
Carthage, B. H. Hobbs.
- Newton District*—J. H. Tobias, P. E.
- Newton, C. E. Platz.
Emporia, A. Solt.
Peabody, H. E. Bower.
Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.
Humboldt and Golden Valley, M. Wal-
ter and supply.
Dennis, F. M. Peek.
Derby, M. J. Steinmetz.
Cambridge, J. M. Fricker.
Halstead, F. C. Dissinger and F. U.
Moyer.
Hutchinson, F. M. Manshardt.
Alden, B. J. Fehnel.
Offerle, J. H. Farmer.
Orlando, W. C. Frey.
Waukomis, to be supplied by John
Hoerman.
Good Hope, C. J. Eiselein.
Dover, H. B. Vennum.
South-west Mission, H. W. Hartman.
- Abilene District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
- Abilene, J. K. Young.
Swede Creek, C. Linge.
Leonardville, A. Rodewald.
Jewell City, D. Swart.
Canada, F. F. Linden.
Marion, W. C. Johnson.
Alida, H. Steenbock.
Washington, W. F. Schuerman.
Concordia and Minneapolis, C. Under-
koffler.
Lucas, J. A. Spencer.
Lost Springs, S. A. Burgert.
McPherson, C. H. Hartman.
Osborne, M. W. Plettner.
Industry, E. A. Bruner.

MEMORIAL

C. W. Stauffer

Rev. C. W. Stauffer was born May 2, 1863, at Pittsburg, Pa. His parents being earnest Christians and members of the Evangelical Association, Wesley enjoyed the advantage of an early Christian training, which means so much for a young man in

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forming a character for Christ and the church. He was led to conversion in early life and was instructed in religion as well as the doctrines of the Evangelical Association. Feeling the call to the ministry of the Gospel, he presented himself for admission to the Kansas Conference at the session held at Camp Creek Church, Atchison County, Kans., in March, 1885, presided over by Bishop T. Bowman. Here he received license and was sent to Forest Avenue Mission, Kansas City, Mo., where he served one year, after which he was assigned to Hartland Mission, in the western part of Kansas, in Hamilton County. This, too, was a new mission, like his former charge. He was the first missionary sent to this extreme western point. After serving Hartland Mission he was transferred to Canada Station, in Marion County, Kansas. After two years' service at Canada he was sent to Halstead Mission.

Brother Stauffer was a man of God, devoted to his work and conscientious in all his dealings. Reserved, but pleasing in his manners, he made friends wherever he went. He gained and held the highest confidence of his brethren in the ministry, so that he had before himself a promising future in the ministry as well as the Conference, when the Lord called him away in the very prime of life. For over a year he suffered intense pain at times, but bore it all with the greatest degree of patience and resignation, knowing that his redemption was drawing near. During his ministry of fifteen years he served the Conference as statistical secretary two years, also as Conference Branch president of the Young People's Alliance, in which he was deeply interested from the beginning of the work in the Conference.

March 29, 1887, he was married to Margaret Kraft of Bethel, Shelby County, Mo., with whom he lived in happy wedlock thirteen years. This union was blessed with four sons and one daughter, who, with their mother, survive him.

His end came April 12, 1900, when his Master promoted him from a state of suffering to a home of perpetual health and sunshine, at the age of 36 years, 11 months and 10 days. After a service, held in the church at Holton, Kansas, conducted by J. J. Kliphardt, and attended by numerous ministerial brethren, the remains were taken to his old home in Shelby County, Mo., and laid to rest near the grave of his father, Rev. C. Stauffer, who had preceded him to the home above by a few years. At the burial Rev. W. A. Schutte, of the Illinois Conference, M. C. Platz, presiding

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elder of Kansas City District, a former Conference class-mate of the deceased, and J. B. Gresser officiated.

Mrs. C. Meeder

Mrs. C. Meeder, the wife of Rev. C. Meeder, pastor of Camp Creek Mission, suddenly passed from time to eternity during the past year, leaving a sorrowing husband and several small children deprived of a mother's care and counsel. Sister Meeder was a devoted companion to her husband, both in the home and the church where she was so much needed. She was in poor health during the last year, but still endeavored to discharge her household duties as best she could, although under great difficulty. The deepest sympathy was felt by all for the family and relatives in their sorrow.

F. M. PEEK

The following interesting reminiscence from the pen of Bro. F. M. Peek, one of the first ministers to push to the extreme western part of the State of Kansas as a pioneer preacher, throws further light on the condition of the country and the people who braved the hardships of frontier life at a time when the Western country did not bloom as a rose, nor did the people plow with motor power, and travel in automobiles. Brother Peek writes as follows:

"My first experience at an Annual Conference was at Willow Springs (now Worden), Kansas, in the month of March, 1886. I was licensed by Bishop J. J. Esher and stationed on Stockton Mission in Western Kansas. During the summer I made three journeys into Graham and Norton Counties, once going as far as Rawlins County to visit and preach to relatives of the sainted Bishop J. Long. Dugouts and sod houses were the order, many of them having but one room. Yet the missionary was a welcome guest and shared their hospitality free of cost. When bed time came the one, or, perhaps, two beds that stood in as many corners of the room would surrender their surplus clothing, from which additional beds were made on the floor. The guest would be invited to occupy one of the beds while the family withdrew to the yard. Later the father would return, extinguish the light, and the rest of the family would quietly retire for the night. Sometimes members of the family would sleep in the stable or granary even in winter when the weather was extremely cold. This was a time of accommodating one's self to circumstances.

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"The year following I traveled Lincoln Mission with Rev. G. J. Schumacher, he living at Rosette, in Lincoln County, and I at Lindsey, in Ottawa County, fifty miles apart. Our first quarterly meeting was held at Rosette. The Friday the meeting was to begin I, in company with three brethren, started early in the morning, and by noon reached Lincoln Center, where we ate dinner. We had not gone far after dinner when we were overtaken by a heavy thunder storm from which we sought refuge in a barn along the road. After the rain had subsided we pursued our journey and soon came to a place where it was necessary to ford a creek three times within a short distance. There were several buggies in our company by this time, and while we did not consider the fords dangerous, yet it was necessary to keep well in the road in order to get through safely. One of our ponies was lame and did not like to enter the water, and, deviating from the road slightly, a wheel struck a hole, whereupon the ponies refused to pull and the water flowed over the rear end of the spring wagon, carrying away our valises which we captured just in time to save them. In the meantime I took off my shoes, rolled up my trousers boy fashion, sprang into the water and lifted the wheel out of its lodging place, after which the ponies drew the wagon out of the water. While this was transpiring the buggy ahead of us got caught in the current and was in the act of turning over when I ran to its assistance and saved it from upsetting. As it was leaving the water a sack floated out of the buggy, which I attempted to catch, and in doing so lost my foothold and fell into the water up to my chin; fortunately it was a warm evening, and at nine o'clock we reached the parsonage, where Sister Schumacher supplied me with some of Brother Schumacher's clothing until mine were dry. What I had on was wet, but what I had in the valise was still wetter. In spite of our exciting trip we had a blessed quarterly meeting, and felt grateful to God for his presence and protection in danger.

"At the Amherst appointment on this mission we had one of the most blessed revivals I was ever permitted to engage in. One young man who was penitent refused to go home at the close of the evening service and remained until three o'clock the next morning. He told the friends: 'You may go home, but I must stay here,' and stay he did. When the fire fell he was not the only one that was blessed, and glorified God. That was a wonderful night, never to be forgotten by those who were present. Fruits of that revival are

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still abounding, though many years have passed by, and some have been garnered in the Father's house above.

"I also made an experience of another kind in the same community: While visiting, attended by my family, we called at a home when the father approaching the buggy said: 'Mr. Peek, your room is preferable to your company here.' I remarked that I did not intend to intrude, when he replied: 'That is what you are doing when you come here; you had better be going.' As we drove out of the yard our little child said: 'Papa, what's the matter with that man? Don't he love Jesus?' The mother and two sons belonged to our church and were very much grieved over the conduct of the father.

"Through all the trying experiences of the twenty-nine years past, through the joys and the sorrows, the sunshine and shadow, the Lord has most graciously saved and kept us. He is able to save to the uttermost. When I review the past my heart is moved with gratitude as I consider how wondrously the Lord has helped us hitherto."

THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

The 38th session of Conference was held at Hiawatha, Kan., beginning March 20, 1902, with Bishop Thomas Bowman in the chair and P. Schumann secretary.

Bishop J. J. Esher, H. E. Meyer, Solomon Reep and B. F. Wade, the latter two local preachers, died during the year.

R. O. Callahan withdrew from the church.

D. R. Zellner, J. H. Kiplinger and J. Wuerth were placed on the list of superannuates, and J. Neuffer on the list of supernumeraries.

W. R. Currier, C. Schmidli and F. E. Smith were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

J. B. Gresser received credentials to the Ohio Conference.

License was issued to W. H. Manshardt, E. F. Boehringer and C. J. Zager.

C. S. Steinmetz was received as an elder in the itinerancy.

W. J. Schmale accepted an appointment from Conference, but later refused to serve it.

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Deacons' orders were granted to W. C. Johnson, L. Hanne, J. H. Parmer, G. W. Weidemeier, J. S. Stamm and W. M. Plettner, and elders' orders to H. Steenbock and C. Underkoffler.

J. J. Kliphardt was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner, Conference treasurer for one year.

In response to a letter received from Mrs. E. M. Spreng, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Conference expressed appreciation of the work done and pledged herself to assist in realizing the motto: "A Woman's Missionary Society in every congregation, and every woman a member."

Brother J. Hoerrman, a probationer, broke down in health during the year and had to give up his work. This dear brother never recovered from an attack of paralysis, which made him a cripple for life, terminating his ministerial career at the very beginning. How deep are the mysteries of God and his ways past finding out!

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. The appointments Granada, Schumacher and Johnson, of Hiawatha Circuit, and Victory, of Bern Circuit, shall form Granada Mission.

Kansas City District

a. A new mission shall be located in South St. Joseph and be called South St. Joseph Mission.

Newton District

a. Hesston shall be taken from Halstead Circuit and with the surrounding country shall constitute Hesston Mission.

b. Guthrie, Okla., shall be taken from Orlando Mission and form Guthrie Mission.

c. Woods, Woodward and Day Counties, Okla., shall constitute a new mission, to be called Woodward Mission.

d. Okeena and Okarchie appointments shall be taken from Waukomis and formed into Okeena Mission.

e. Alden Circuit shall be changed to Alden Mission.

Abilene District

a. A new mission shall be located in Colorado Springs, Colo., to be called Colorado Springs Mission.

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b. A new mission shall be located at Ordway, Colo., to be called Ordway Mission.

MISSIONS

The missionary contributions for the year amounted to \$9,371.44, and the appropriations \$9,620.00. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the old board of officers were re-elected for the coming year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 877; accessions, 975; membership, 6,460; itinerant preachers, 62; local preachers, 37; churches, 109; parsonages, 48; Sunday-schools, 107; officers and teachers, 1,303; scholars, 7,214; Young People's Alliances, 60; members, 1,660; catechetical classes, 37; catechumens, 613; Botschafters, 799; Messengers, 656; Magazines, 486; Missionary Messengers, 259; Missionsbote, 167; Evangelical Heralds, 321; Bundesbote, 75; total for missions, \$10,501.72.

APPOINTMENTS

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| <i>Holton District—C. F. Erffmeyer,</i> | Oregon Mission, H. E. Bower. |
| <i>P. E.</i> | Glasgow, J. S. Stamm. |
| Holton, J. J. Kliphardt. | Shelby, W. H. Manshardt. |
| Preston, C. Linge. | Warrensburg, S. Breithaupt. |
| Eudora, B. Barthel. | East Lynn, H. S. Bower. |
| Deer Creek, P. G. Nuffer. | Winston, J. W. Keiser. |
| Atchison, P. Schumann. | Carthage, B. H. Hobbs. |
| Camp Creek, L. E. Becher. | <i>Newton District—J. H. Tobias, P. E.</i> |
| Hiawatha Station, G. J. Schumacher. | Newton, C. E. Platz. |
| Hiawatha Circuit, J. S. Miller. | Emporia, A. Solt. |
| Topeka, C. Brandt. | Peabody, C. H. Hartman. |
| Falls City, J. Schmidli. | Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga. |
| Bern and Granada, G. A. Manshardt | Humboldt and Golden Valley, M. Walter. |
| and G. W. Weidemeier. | Dennis, F. M. Peek. |
| Vassar, J. R. Nanninga. | Derby, M. J. Steinmetz. |
| Westmoreland, J. M. Dreisbach. | Cambridge, J. M. Fricker. |
| Coal Creek, Louis Hanne. | Halstead, F. C. Dissinger. |
| <i>Kansas City District—M. C. Platz,</i> | Hesston, F. U. Moyer. |
| <i>P. E.</i> | Hutchinson, F. M. Manshardt. |
| Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F. | Alden, B. J. Fehnel. |
| Wolthausen. | Offerle, J. H. Parmer. |
| Kansas City, English Mission, T. J. | Orlando, W. C. Frey. |
| Cox. | Waukomis, H. Steenbock. |
| Leavenworth, W. J. Schmalle, later D. | Good Hope, to be supplied. |
| R. Zellner. | Dover, H. B. Vennum. |
| St. Joseph, M. Mansardt. | Guthrie, to be supplied from Orlando. |
| South St. Joseph, to be supplied. | South-west Oklahoma, J. Kurtz. |
| Platte River, C. Meeder. | Okeena, H. W. Hartman. |
| Oregon Circuit, I. H. Hauptfuehrer. | Woodward, to be supplied. |

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<i>Abilene District</i> —A. Brunner, P. E.	Concordia and Minneapolis, C. Underkoffler.
Abilene, J. K. Young.	Lucas, J. A. Spencer.
Swede Creek, C. F. Iwig.	McPherson, C. J. Eiselein.
Leonardville, A. Rodewald.	Osborne, M. W. Plettner.
Jewell, D. Swart.	Industry, E. A. Bruner.
Canada and Marion, F. F. Linden and W. C. Johnson.	Lost Springs, S. A. Burgert.
Alida, to be supplied.	Colorado Springs, C. S. Steinmetz.
Washington, W. F. Schuerman.	Ordway, Colo., C. S. Steinmetz.

MEMORIAL

Bishop J. J. Esher

The following was spread on the records of Conference regarding the death of Bishop Esher: "During the past year it has pleased the Lord, in whose hands are the issues of life, to remove one of our chief overseers, Bishop J. J. Esher, from time to eternity, and inasmuch as the sainted Bishop was held in high esteem by the members of the Kansas Conference, over which he repeatedly presided, therefore Resolved, That we highly appreciate his wise counsel given us, for by it he, being dead, yet speaketh."

Bishop Esher was the second Bishop to preside at the sessions of the Conference. His first service in this capacity was in 1866, at the second session of the Conference, which was held at Leavenworth, Kansas, after which he presided at her sessions in 1868, 1869, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1877, 1879, 1883, 1886, 1888, 1891, 1894, 1896. He served as chairman fourteen times and was on the program for the fifteenth time in 1901, but was prevented because of the illness which terminated his life, April 16, 1901, at the age of 78 years. No other Bishop visited the work in Kansas so often, and presided so frequently at her Conference sessions. He was a father in counsel, and a giant in leadership.

Rev. H. E. Meyer

Rev. H. E. Meyer was born in Crawford County, Ohio, May 20, 1864. He was licensed to preach by the Indiana Conference in 1886, and received deacon's orders in 1888. In the spring of 1891 he came to Kansas. The following fields were served by him: Winston Mission, two years; Carthage Mission, two years; Newton Mission, one year; Derby, four years; and Oregon, his last field, two years.

Brother Meyer was an earnest and energetic minister, who extended his activities beyond the confines of his pulpit and congregation into the realms of civic affairs. He was a strong ad-

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vocate of prohibition, and aided the temperance movement with public addresses in the rural districts, as well as with his pen in the newspapers. He was enjoying the best of health and was engaged in finishing up his year's work preparatory to Conference till just a few days before his death. He contracted a cold which was not alarming at first, but developed into tonsilitis and blood poison, and before many of his own people and townsmen knew that he was indisposed, he was dead. His departure coming so suddenly, was all the more a shock for his family, his congregation and his fellow citizens, by whom he was held in high esteem.

He was called away in the prime of life, March 4, 1902, at the age of 38 years, 4 months and 28 days, after having spent 15 years in the Gospel ministry. March 8, 1887, he was married to Adella Adair, to which union there were born one son and three daughters, who, with the mother, survive a gentle and loving husband and father. His body was laid away in the Oregon Cemetery, to await the call of the Lord when he comes.

Rev. Solomon Reep

The following memorial was spread on the records of Conference relative to Father Reep: "During the year the Head of the Church gathered unto himself our beloved brother and father, Solomon Reep, who, for a long series of years, has been a faithful local minister, and for several years lived in the bounds of our Conference. He was always joyful in the service of his Master, and always cheerfully responded to every call to duty. We have lost in him a man of God. The Lord comfort his aged companion, who is waiting for the summons of the Lord." Brother Reep moved from the bounds of the Iowa Conference to Kansas several years prior to his death, and was held in high esteem both in Iowa and Kansas for his spirit and devotion and cheerfulness. He made the world brighter wherever he went. Those who knew him best loved him most.

Rev. B. F. Wade

Rev. B. F. Wade was licensed to preach in the Michigan Conference, where he spent most of his life and service. He moved to Newton, Kansas, a few years before his death, and became a member of the Kansas Conference in local relations. His health being impaired by age and infirmity, he could not render much service, but was willing to do what he could. His labors and suf-

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fering are ended, and he is at rest. He left an aged companion, two sons and four daughters to mourn for one who loved them sincerely. They may, by the help of God, meet him in a better world, in which there will be neither sickness nor death.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH MISSION

South St. Joseph Mission was started under peculiar circumstances, inasmuch as there was not a member of the Evangelical Association in the community at the time the work was begun, hence no nucleus to work or build around: During the year 1900 the packing industry of South St. Joseph expanded on a large scale, furnishing labor for a large number of employees who naturally settled in the new town additions, which had just been thrown upon the market for homes, and were rapidly being bought and many new houses erected.

Brother O. F. Hanne, of the St. Joseph congregation, was operating a grocery store in the city, and hence made numerous business trips to South St. Joseph. He was impressed with the religious destitution of the new community, and, what was even worse, the shocking indifference on the part of the people who were settling there. His heart being touched by what he saw, he mentioned the matter to his pastor, M. Manshardt, and his presiding elder, who shortly after Conference, in the spring of 1891, visited the work in St. Joseph. After investigating the matter carefully the three agreed that something should be done, and whatever was to be undertaken must be done soon, since open doors of such a character do not remain open very long. However, Conference just having been held, there would now be no way of holding counsel, nor receiving financial aid from it, so there seemed to be an effectual barrier in the way.

A house to house canvass was made, and the fact ascertained that very few people attended church or cared very much about Sunday-school, or church services. On one well settled block there was only one family which attended church, and that family was Catholic. This canvass was made by the pastor, M. Manshardt, and the presiding elder, M. C. Platz, who felt that surely something should be done for these people who were living like heathen. A meeting was held that evening in the parsonage in St. Joseph, which was attended by O. F. Hanne, M. Manshardt, John Manshardt, Fred Marti, Milton Erffmeyer and M. C. Platz. They finally resolved to purchase lots and build a little chapel

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in which to hold a mission Sunday-school, since there was not a building available to rent for that purpose. A stock company was organized and two lots were purchased at the corner of Pryor and Hyde Park Ave., and a small chapel built thereon. The lots cost \$400.00.

On June 30, 1901, the chapel was dedicated and a Sunday-school organized, with O. F. Hanne, superintendent; E. J. Feitz, assistant; Jacob Yoss, secretary; and Fred Marti, treasurer. The officers were all members of the city congregation, since there was no one as yet available for officers in South St. Joseph.

The presiding elder appointed W. H. Manshardt pastor for the remaining portion of the Conference year, with instructions to preach regularly in the chapel and superintend the mission.

On Jan. 8, 1902, a Young People's Alliance was organized, and Miss Sadie Russell chosen president.

At the Conference session held March, 1902, E. F. Boehringer was assigned to the work, becoming the first pastor sent by Conference to South St. Joseph. Brother Boehringer organized the congregation during the month of June with seven charter members. P. E. Suess was elected class-leader, R. Wilson, exhorter, and E. F. Boehringer, Sunday-school superintendent. The pastor says: "These were days of experiences. I delighted in the work, but met with many discouragements. One afternoon I made six visits and received but one invitation to enter the home, while at two places the door was slammed before my face, and I was turned away."

The total cost of lots and building with furniture was \$905.59, not counting the time and labor donated by Brother Manshardt, who had the supervision of the structure in hand. The stock company now offered the property to Conference for just what it cost them in cash. Conference approved the action of the committee, thanking the brethren for their interest in the work, and their activity in starting the Sunday-school and preaching service, however, not being able to purchase the property at present, they requested the committee to rent the same to them for a year, which was done.

On May the 15th, 1906, the Conference trustees purchased the property from the stock company for \$900.00, and steps were taken to replace the building with a larger and better church, which was accomplished during the year through the energetic labors of the pastor, A. Mattill, who spared no effort to succeed.

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He was finally permitted to see his labors crowned in the completion of a handsome church, which was dedicated by C. F. Erffmeyer, presiding elder of the district. The building completed cost \$4,563.92, leaving an indebtedness of only \$103.44. At the beginning of the Conference year, 1906, the membership of the congregation was about 30.

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THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

This session of Conference was held at Holton, Kan., beginning March 19, 1903, with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel in the chair, and P. Schumann, secretary.

F. M. Manshardt withdrew from the church during the year, and F. E. Smith, at his request, was placed on the list of local elders.

B. J. Fehnel and G. Sorg were placed on the supernumerary list, the former on account of sickness.

Credentials were granted to W. C. Frey, W. R. Currier, R. R. Brand and C. Schmidli.

The brethren H. S. Bower, J. S. Stamm, J. W. Keiser and B. H. Hobbs were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

D. R. Zellner was reinstated in the itinerancy.

License to preach was granted to Wm. Russell, Wm. Pittker and E. J. Feitz.

C. L. Sorg received deacon's orders, and was received into the itinerancy, while F. U. Moyer received elder's orders.

Wm. Daeschner returned from the Texas Conference and was received into his home Conference again.

A. Brunner was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistician for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer.

M. C. Platz was elected presiding elder. The districts were supplied as follows: Holton District, C. F. Erffmeyer; Kansas City District, A. Brunner; Newton District, M. C. Platz; Abilene District, J. H. Tobias.

The following brethren were elected delegates to General Conference: C. F. Erffmeyer, A. Brunner, M. C. Platz, J. J. Kliphardt, J. H. Tobias, and J. Schmidli.

The following request was sent to General Conference: "Inasmuch as our mission work in Oklahoma and Colorado, in order

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to properly develop, needs to be supported with more money than the Kansas Conference is able to appropriate for said field, therefore Resolved, That we respectfully petition General Conference to assist us in a manner that body may deem best." In response to this appeal General Conference ordered the Board of Missions shall make an annual appropriation to the Kansas Conference for the mission work carried on by her in Colorado and Oklahoma.

FINANCE PLAN

The standard for preachers' salary was revised as follows and recommended to the respective Quarterly Conferences for consideration:

For presiding elder, \$650.00; ordained elder, married, \$600, single, \$450; ordained deacon, married, \$375.00; single, \$350.00; probationer, married, \$300.00; single, \$250.00.

BOUNDARIES

The following extensive change of boundaries was made at this time, the greatest number of changes made for some years.

District Changes

a. Eudora Circuit shall be taken from Holton District and added to Kansas City District.

Holton District

a. Wolf River appointment shall be taken from Camp Creek Mission and be added to Hiawatha Circuit.

b. Powhattan shall be taken from Hiawatha Circuit and be added to Granada Mission.

c. Atchison and Camp Creek shall be served together.

Kansas City District

a. Holden shall be taken from Warrensburg and with the appointments Zion and Magnolia of East Lynn Mission constitute Holden Mission, and East Lynn Mission shall be discontinued.

b. Emmanuel appointment of Carthage Mission shall be added to Dennis Mission, and Carthage Mission shall be discontinued.

Newton District.

a. Zion appointment shall be taken from Halstead Circuit and added to Hesston Mission, which shall be changed to Hesston Circuit.

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- b. Halstead Circuit shall be changed to Halstead Mission.
- c. Okeena Mission shall be added to Woodward Mission.
- d. Sweetwater shall be taken from Southwest, Oklahoma, Mission, and form Sweetwater Mission.
- e. Good Hope and Orlando Missions shall be consolidated and called Orlando Circuit.

Abilene District

- a. Osborne Circuit shall be changed to Osborne Mission.

MISSIONS

During the past year \$9,205.02 was raised for missions in the Conference, and \$9,770.60 appropriated for the coming year. A deficit of \$395.25 was reported in the missionary treasury, which was liquidated by each preacher who served a work the past year, paying a certain pro rata. A. Brunner was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers was re-elected.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 583; accessions, 712; membership, 6,563; itinerant preachers, 66; local preachers, 39; churches, 100; parsonages, 49; Sunday-schools, 106; officers and teachers, 1,378; scholars, 7,425; Young People's Alliances, 63; members, 1,687; catechetical classes, 43; catechumens, 628; Botschafters, 720; Messengers, 695; Magazines, 514; Missionary Messengers, 264; Missionsbote, 158; Heralds, 374; Bundesbote, 74; total for missions, \$11,069.09.

APPOINTMENTS

<i>Holton District—C. F. Erffmeyer,</i> <i>P. E.</i>	<i>Kansas City District—A. Brunner,</i> <i>P. E.</i>
Holton, J. J. Kliphardt.	Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F. Wolthausen.
Preston, C. Linge.	Kansas City, English Mission, T. J. Cox.
Deer Creek, M. Walter.	Eudora, B. Barthel.
Atchison and Camp Creek, P. Schumann.	Leavenworth, C. E. Platz.
Hiawatha Station, J. S. Miller.	St. Joseph, M. Manshardt.
Hiawatha Circuit, G. J. Schumacher.	South St. Joseph, E. F. Boehringer.
Topeka, C. Brandt.	Platte River, C. Meeder.
Falls City, J. Schmidli.	Oregon Circuit, S. Breithaupt.
Bern, G. A. Manshardt.	Oregon Mission, H. E. Bower.
Granada, to be supplied.	Glasgow, D. R. Zellner.
Vassar, J. R. Nanninga.	Shelby, I. H. Hauptfuhrer.
Westmoreland, to be supplied.	Warrensburg, F. F. Linden.
Coal Creek, L. Hanne.	Holden, C. S. Underkoffler.
	Winston, L. E. Becher.

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<i>Newton District</i> —M. C. Platz, P. E.	Sweetwater, J. Kurtz.
Newton, J. K. Young.	Woodward, to be supplied.
Emporia, A. Solt.	
Peabody, C. H. Hartman.	<i>Abilene District</i> —J. H. Tobias, P. E.
Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.	Abilene, F. C. Dissinger.
Humboldt and Golden Valley, J. M. Fricker.	Swede Creek, C. F. Iwig.
Dennis, F. M. Peek.	Leonardville, A. Rodewald.
Derby, M. J. Steinmetz.	Jewell, D. Swart.
Cambridge, Wm. Russell.	Canada, P. G. Nuffer.
Halstead, Wm. Daeschner.	Marion, F. W. Moyer.
Hesston, C. L. Sorg.	Alida, W. F. Schuerman.
Hutchinson, E. J. Feitz.	Washington, M. W. Plettner.
Alden, W. C. Johnson.	Concordia and Minneapolis, to be supplied.
Offerie, to be supplied, later I. B. Miller.	Lucas, J. A. Spencer.
Orlando and Guthrie, Wm. Pittker.	McPherson, C. J. Eiselein.
Waukomis, H. Steenbock.	Osborne, S. A. Burgert.
Dover, H. B. Vennum.	Industry, E. A. Bruner.
South-west Oklahoma, H. W. Hartman.	Lost Springs, J. H. Parmer.
	Colorado Springs, C. S. Steinmetz.
	Ordway, Colo., to be supplied.

MEMORIAL

Rev. Christian Berner

Rev. Christian Berner was born Nov. 20, 1828, in Rothenberg, Cannstadt, Wuerttemberg. In 1850 he was led to conversion through the labors of Gustave Werner in Germany. In 1853 he came to New York City, where he united with the Evangelical Association. Later he moved to Kankakee, Ill., and in 1856 was licensed to preach by the Illinois Conference, which assigned him to Dubuque Circuit, Iowa District, under charge of H. Lageschulte. He served two years very acceptably on this charge when, in 1858, he responded to the call for missionaries to Kansas. During his first year in the territory of Kansas he labored in Douglas County. In 1859 the Illinois Conference stationed him on Kansas Mission, and in 1860 the Iowa Conference, which had in the meantime been organized, stationed him on Franklin Mission, Kansas, which was the same work in Douglas County. In 1861 the Iowa Conference stationed him on Muskatine and Davenport Mission, in Iowa, where he served two years, when, in 1863, he was sent to Leavenworth, Kansas, and the following year to Oregon and Rockport Mission, in Missouri. At the first session of the Kansas Conference he was stationed on Arago Mission, in Richardson County, Neb. In 1866 he was sent to Leavenworth, which he served three years, after which he was elected presiding elder, and stationed on Kansas District. He served this district four years, when he again resumed the pastorate, in which he con-

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tinued until failing health compelled him to retire from the active work.

In 1888 he severed his connection with the Kansas Conference, and moved to California, to regain health. He succeeded in this to such an extent that he entered the ranks of the California Conference, and served Santa Ana Mission five years, when he was elected presiding elder and served in that capacity for four years, after which he served pastorates at Bardsdale, Fresno and Ontario. Age and physical condition now made it necessary for him to retire from the active work for the last time. He was married to Louise Bubuck in 1859, with whom he lived in happy wedlock for 35 years, his companion preceding him in death eight years. To this union were born seven children, of whom two sons and one daughter survive him. He entered into the rest of his Lord on Jan. 6, 1903, at the age of 74 years, 1 month and 13 days.

Brother Berner was one of the founders of the Kansas Conference, and for many years a leader in the same. For 20 years he was secretary of the Conference. In 1871 and 1887 he was delegate to General Conference, and later represented the California Conference in that body. He endured many hardships and privations in the pioneer days as a path-finder, spared no pains and evaded no duty, in order to lay a good foundation upon which his successors might build. Through his labors and influence he continues to live in the Kansas Conference. He labored faithfully, he conquered, and now enjoys the final fruits of a life well spent.

ORDWAY, COLORADO

During the year 1901 Rev. A. Brunner, presiding elder of Abilene District, received an urgent call from members of the Evangelical Association, living at Ordway, Col., to visit and preach for them. Brother Brunner complied with their request, and while in their midst a petition was signed by the members living there, requesting the Kansas Conference to locate a mission at Ordway and send them a preacher. In compliance with this request a mission was located, and supplied the first year with C. S. Steinmetz.

The charter members of the young society were: John Helms, Augusta Helms, Fred Helms, Tillie Helms, John Helms, Jr., Willie Helms, Charles Helms, John Schutz, Mary Schutz, Emma Schutz, Laura Schutz, Willie Schutz, Paulina Schutz, Wm. Schutz, George Schutz, Mary Schutz, John Schutz, Geo. Trabant, Lena Trabant,

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Fred Tieman, Simon Zinn, Augusta Zinn, Reuben Zinn, Clara Zinn and Cora Zinn.

John Schutz was the first class-leader and Simon Zinn exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized simultaneously with the organization of the society, of which Fred Tieman was the superintendent.

A church was built during the pastorate of S. J. Luehring in 1903 at a cost of \$1,500.00, which was dedicated the same year by Bishop Wm. Horn. This building was enlarged in 1907 at an additional cost of \$3,520.00. The same year a parsonage was erected at a cost of \$1,780.00. The foregoing improvements were made during the pastorate of C. S. Steinmetz.

In 1906 a Young People's Alliance was organized with Geo. Trabant president, and a Woman's Missionary Society in 1912 with Minnie Hassler president.

During the years 1910-1912 quite a number of members from Emporia Circuit, Kansas, moved to Ordway, also several from Oklahoma, thus strengthening the work numerically and financially.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Numerous families from various points in Missouri and Kansas, having moved to Colorado Springs prior to 1902, they likewise appealed to the Kansas Conference for recognition and service. Because of this earnest appeal a mission was located at Colorado Springs at the Conference session held at Hiawatha, Kans., in the spring of 1902, and C. S. Steinmetz assigned to the new mission in connection with the newly formed mission at Ordway. Brother Steinmetz organized a class with 23 members as early as March 30, 1902, in the home of R. F. Shepard, S. Cascade Street.

The first year services were held in a tent which was temporarily arranged for that purpose at 209 Rio Grand St. At the close of the first year the membership reached 39 in numbers, with a good prospect for other additions. Charles Hagenmeyer was the first class-leader and J. F. Parrill exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized during the first year, which numbered 53 members before its close.

A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1903 with 30 members, also a Woman's Missionary Society, but no record of the officers can be found.

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In 1903 a church was built at a cost of \$1,356.59, and dedicated by Bishop Wm. Horn. A parsonage was built in 1907 at a cost of \$2,500.00. For several years the mission was supported by the Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance as its special charge.

GRANADA MISSION

Granada Mission is composed of several of the oldest appointments in the Conference. These appointments were frequently shifted from one field of labor to another until 1902, when they were formed into Granada Mission. The mission consists of the appointments Powhattan, Zion and Victory.

Powhattan

The beginning of the work at Powhattan dates back as far as 1859, when M. J. Miller, P. Porr and Wm. Uber traveled through these regions and preached for the people. In 1861 Wm. Uber, who was serving Holton Mission, organized a class of which the following were the charter members: Daniel Lueck, Sr., and wife, with their sons, Daniel, Jr., Henry and Ferdinand, Sophia Lueck, Frederick Mell and Louise Mell. Daniel Lueck, Sr., was chosen class-leader.

A Sunday-school was started in 1866, which was changed to a Union school in 1888. About 1885 a Union church building was erected with the Methodist Episcopal people, and this relation has been continued ever since.

Zion Class

Preaching was begun at the Zion appointment about 1875 by Wm. Meier, who was serving Big Blue Circuit at the time. About 1877 a class was organized by Rev. C. Buchel, with the following members: S. Bauer and wife, G. Lodholz and wife, with their daughters, Mary, Ann, Christina, Rosa and Sophia, A. Volle and wife, Fred Heiseman and wife, and the Feger family. A. Volle was chosen class leader, G. Lodholz exhorter, and S. Bauer steward.

A Sunday-school was organized by Rev. F. Schafer in 1885, and P. J. Gurtler elected superintendent.

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In 1912 a Young People's Alliance was started with Lydia Seip as president.

During the pastorate of F. J. Schafer a church building was erected in 1889 at a cost of \$800.00 and dedicated by C. F. Erffmeyer. The trustee board was composed of G. Lodholz, P. G. Gurtler and G. A. Segenhagen.

Victory Class

About 1888 Rev. D. Swart from Sebetha Mission began to preach at the Victory appointment south of Bern and later a class was organized there with the members: Adam Klager and family, Geo. Curfman, B. H. Hobbs, Grace Hobbs, Mrs. Seitz and Theodore Sprague. The dates of the organization of the society and Sunday-school are not available.

A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1907 with C. B. Clifton president.

In 1894 a church was built during the pastorate of H. W. Hartman, which was dedicated by M. C. Platz from Holton.

FORTIETH SESSION

Thursday, March 17, 1904, Conference convened at Bern, Nemaha County, Kans., to hold her 40th session with Bishop Wm. Horn in the chair and P. Schumann secretary.

B. J. Fehnel, Madison Walter, Mrs. Dora Ehrhart and Mrs. D. Swart died during the year.

R. Winters, S. H. Dunkelberger and F. F. Linden withdrew from the church.

W. F. Schuerman was, at his request, placed on the supernumerary list.

The brethren G. W. Weidemeier, J. S. Stamm, F. C. Disinger, J. H. Parmer, J. H. Tobias, J. W. Keiser, H. B. Vennum and L. E. Becher were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

C. F. Kliphardt, S. F. Hilgenfeld, G. F. Barthel, I. B. Miller and H. Huscher received license to preach.

W. H. Manshardt received deacon's orders and was admitted into the itinerancy, and the brethren L. Hanne, J. H. Parmer, M. W. Plettner and W. C. Johnson received elders' orders.

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D. F. Honstedt returned to the Conference from the United Evangelical Church, and was admitted into the itinerancy.

The brethren A. Brunner, C. F. Erffmeyer and D. Swart were elected presiding elders and stationed as follows: Holton District, A. Brunner; Kansas City District, C. F. Erffmeyer; Newton District, M. C. Platz; Abilene District, D. Swart.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years, also Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year.

The Kansas City, Oak Street Church, was sold during the year to Ludwig Stoltzing of Kansas City, and the sale ratified by Conference.

During the year a church was built at Colorado Springs at a cost of \$3,729.01.

A committee was appointed, composed of the presiding elder of Kansas City District, the pastor of Highland Avenue congregation, the local trustee board of the Highland Avenue congregation, and the conference trustee board, which was authorized to sell the Highland Avenue church property and purchase the Olivet Congregational church building at the corner of 19th and Woodland Ave. The project was fortunately not carried out. Several years later the colored population settled in that part of the city, crowding out all the white inhabitants, so that the change would have been disastrous to our church interests.

At this session the endowment plan for North-Western College was presented, and, after due consideration, favorably acted upon. The amount of \$17,129.43 was apportioned to the Kansas Conference as her share of the endowment obligation. The annual interest amounting to \$685.17 was all that would be required at the present time. To meet the annual interest payment 11 cents per member was levied on each work in the Conference, and the second Sunday in the month of October was designated as Educational Sunday in harmony with an action of General Conference.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Bern Circuit shall be changed to Bern Mission.

Kansas City District

- a. Warrensburg and Holden Missions shall be served together.

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Newton District

- a. Derby appointment shall be taken from Derby Circuit and formed into a separate mission.
- b. The appointments Zion and Emanuel of Derby Circuit and Wing of Cambridge Mission shall constitute Butler Circuit, and Derby Circuit shall be discontinued.
- c. Cambridge appointment shall be attached to Dennis Mission and Cambridge Mission shall be discontinued.
- d. Osceola shall be taken from Southwest, Okla., Mission, and added to Sweetwater Mission.
- e. Hamburger and Bellville of Southwest Oklahoma Mission shall, with the surrounding country, constitute Weatherford Mission, and Southwest Mission shall be discontinued.

Abilene District

- a. Concordia and Minneapolis Mission shall be served with Washington Circuit.
- b. Alida Station shall be changed to Alida Mission.
- c. Mayday shall be taken from Swede Creek, and Winkler from Leonardville, and together constitute Fancy Creek Mission.
- d. Canada Station shall be changed to a mission.

MISSIONS

During the past year \$9,909.44 was raised for missions in the Conference, and \$10,500.00 was appropriated for the coming year, of which amount \$1,300.00 shall be received from the General Treasury of the Missionary Society for work in Oklahoma and Colorado. A. Brunner was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Erffmeyer, secretary, and W. F. Wolthausen, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 499; accessions, 664; membership, 6,436; itinerant preachers, 65; local preachers, 36; churches, 101; parsonages, 48; Sunday-schools, 111; officers and teachers, 1,374; scholars, 7,620; Young People's Alliances, 67; members, 1,727; Woman's Missionary Societies, 28; members, 477; catechetical classes, 49; catechumens, 576; Botschafters, 789; Messengers, 746; Magazines, 527; Missionary Messengers, 327; Missionsbote, 193; Heralds, 422; Bundesbote, 76; total for missions, \$14,729.18.

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APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—A. Brunner, P. E.
 Holton, C. E. Platz.
 Preston, C. Linge.
 Deer Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
 Atchison, D. R. Zellner.
 Camp Creek, A. Rodewald.
 Hiawatha Station, J. S. Miller.
 Hiawatha Circuit, G. J. Schumacher.
 Topeka, P. Schumann.
 Falls City, M. Manshardt.
 Bern, G. A. Manshardt.
 Granada, D. F. Honstedt.
 Vassar, J. R. Nanninga.
 Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
 Coal Creek, C. F. Kliphardt.
- Kansas City District*—C. F. Erffmeyer, P. E.
 Kansas City, Highland Ave., W. F. Wolthausen.
 Kansas City, English, to be supplied.
 Eudora, C. Meeder.
 Leavenworth, J. J. Kliphardt.
 St. Joseph, J. Schmidli.
 South St. Joseph, to be supplied.
 Platte River, L. Hanne.
 Oregon Circuit, S. Breithaupt.
 Oregon Mission, H. E. Bower.
 Glasgow, W. H. Manshardt.
 Shelby, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Warrensburg and Holden, B. H. Hobbs.
 Winston, C. Underkoffler.
- Newton District*—M. C. Platz, P. E.
 Newton, J. K. Young.
 Emporia, A. Solt.
- Peabody, H. Huscher.
 Yates Center, T. R. Nanninga.
 Humboldt, J. M. Fricker.
 Dennis, Wm. Russell.
 Derby, M. J. Steinmetz.
 Butler, F. M. Peek.
 Halstead, Wm. Daeschner.
 Hesston, C. L. Sorg.
 Hutchinson, to be supplied.
 Alden, W. C. Johnson.
 Offerle, I. B. Miller.
 Orlando, W. Pittker.
 Waukomis, H. Steenbock.
 Dover, F. H. Draeger.
 Weatherford, H. W. Hartman.
 Sweetwater, J. Haber.
 Woodward, to be supplied.
- Abilene District*—D. Swart, P. E.
 Abilene, J. A. Spencer.
 Swede Creek, C. F. Iwig.
 Leonardville, C. Brandt.
 Jewell, B. Barthel.
 Canada, P. G. Nuffer.
 Marion, F. U. Moyer.
 Alida, W. F. Schuerman.
 Washington and Concordia, M. W. Plettner and E. J. Feitz.
 Lucas, E. A. Bruner.
 McPherson, C. J. Eiselein.
 Osborne, S. A. Burgert.
 Industry, C. H. Hartman.
 Lost Springs, J. H. Parmer.
 Colorado Springs, C. S. Steinmetz.
 Ordway, S. J. Luehring.
 Fancy Creek, to be supplied.

MEMORIAL

Rev. Madison Walter

Rev. M. Walter was born in Somerset County, Pa., July 6th, 1857. When a young man he came to Richardson County, Neb., where he became acquainted with the Evangelical Association and her people, by whom he was led to conversion and union with the church. In the spring of 1884 he entered the ministry at the Conference session, held in his home church on the Nemaha Circuit, in Richardson County, Neb., under the chairmanship of Bishop R. Dubs. He served successively on the following fields: Osage Mission, Deer Creek, Derby, Halstead, Oregon, Shelby, Bern, Humboldt and Deer Creek for the second time. After less than a year's work here he was called home on Feb. 19, 1904.

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Brother Walter was united in marriage with Christina Hoffer Oct. 6, 1881. To this union were born five children, after which the faithful companion and mother was called away from her family through death in 1892. He was later married to Elizabeth Balzer, who survives him. To this union four children were born. For 20 years Brother Walter was permitted to labor in the Gospel ministry in the Kansas Conference, during which time he was instrumental in leading many souls to Christ and building up God's people in the most holy faith. He was permitted to preach a little less than one year on Deer Creek Mission, when the Lord called him away to give him the reward for faithful service. His body was laid away in the old Evangelical Cemetery at the Deer Creek Church in Douglas County, Kansas.

Rev. B. J. Fehnel

Rev. B. J. Fehnel was born in the State of Pennsylvania, where he was converted and united with the Evangelical Association. Feeling the call to the ministry, he yielded, and was licensed in the State of Pennsylvania, after which he came to the Kansas Conference in the spring of 1888, and was stationed on Pawnee Rock Mission, in Western Kansas. The following spring he received deacon's orders and was received into the itinerancy. He was now sent to Eldorado Mission, and the following year to Humboldt, where he served three years. In 1893 he was transferred to Peabody Mission, after which he served Marion, Alida and Clay, Halstead and Alden. Here his health gave way, and he was compelled to give up the work. Brother Fehnel was a consecrated man, a diligent worker, positive in his views and preaching, and careful in his life. He led many souls to Christ through his ministry of sixteen years, dying at the early age of 49 years, on May 5th, 1904, at his home in Halstead, Kansas.

Mrs. Dora Ehrhardt

Mrs. Dora Ehrhardt, nee Neuman, was born in Germany, Nov. 10, 1836. She was the wife of Rev. Chas. Ehrhardt, who preceded her in death nearly 20 years ago. She was married to him at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1858. Her wedded life was a happy one. Four children were born to her who mourn the loss of an excellent mother, to whom no sacrifice was too great. In the spring of 1862 her husband was licensed by the Pittsburg Conference. In 1875 they moved west, her husband taking up work in the Kansas

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Conference. She shared the trials, hardships and privations of pioneer days in the work of the ministry, but was always patient, and hopeful, believing that He who called her and her husband to the Gospel ministry would care for them, and sustain them by His grace. She was held in the highest esteem by all who were acquainted with her. She sweetly fell asleep in Jesus at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Scheidenberger, at Holden, Mo., May 15, 1903, at the age of 66 years, 7 months and 5 days.

Mrs. D. Swart

Mrs. D. Swart, daughter of Rev. J. M. Dreisbach, was born in the State of Ohio, March 24, 1868, moving with her parents to Kansas when quite young. She was led into the Christian experience when young in years, and united with the Evangelical Association. October the 10th, 1888, she was united in marriage to Rev. D. Swart, of the Kansas Conference, with whom she shared the experiences of an Evangelical preacher for fifteen years, during which time she, with her husband, lived on various fields of labor. Four daughters were given her, of whom she was exceedingly proud, and spared no means to look after their welfare. She was a true companion and helpmate to her husband in his work in the ministry. Her end came so soon, for at the age of 35 years she was called from her home and labors to that home above where her Saviour lives and reigns, and where He says his servant shall be also. She leaves husband and four daughters to remember her love and tender care for them.

SWEETWATER MISSION

In 1903 John Kurtz, an old time path-finder, a superannuated minister of the Kansas Conference, already past 70 years of age, requested his presiding elder to send him as far out on the frontier as possible, whereupon he was sent to Weatherford in Custer County. Here the intrepid hero heard that there were members of the Evangelical Association living 70 miles farther west, near the Texas line, on Sweetwater Creek. He determined to visit them and soon had a little class organized, consisting of Fred Bohnenblust and wife, John Fourrier and wife, and Carl Fox and wife. During the year 1903 Father Kurtz served the work from Weatherford, Hamburger and Osceola, which points were about equally 70 miles distant. The following year he moved to Sweet-

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water and took up an 80 acre claim on which he built a dugout, where he continued to live while serving his little flock.

The first officials were Fred Bohnenblust, class-leader; Carl Fox, Sunday-school superintendent, and Fred Bohnenblust, secretary. The Sunday-school was organized in 1903.

Through the perseverance of the pastor and the co-operation of his little band of members, who were loyal to the church, but very limited in finances, a church was built in 1904. The building was completed at a cost of about \$600.00, which was paid in part by voluntary contributions donated by friends of the mission in the north and east. This was the first rural church in Roger Mills County, and was a worthy monument to the memory of the veteran pastor, Rev. J. Kurtz. It was dedicated by M. C. Platz, presiding elder of the district.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1904 with the following members: Mrs. R. Suppe, Mrs. Fred Bohnenblust, Mrs. J. Fourrier, Mrs. Metzner and Mrs. John Steenbock.

In 1909 a Young People's Alliance was organized with eleven members and the following officers: Rev. Wm. Daeschner, president; Esther Suppe, secretary; and Philip Yesser, treasurer.

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Leslie Chapel

During the past year Leslie Chapel was organized during the pastorate of Rev. I. H. Hauptfuehrer, with a membership of 27. A church was built the same year, which was dedicated by Rev. C. F. Erffmeyer in the month of May, 1904.

Ebenezer Class

The church building erected in 1894 at the Ebenezer appointment was destroyed by fire in 1909, but immediately rebuilt by the energetic people of the congregation and community, under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Russell. This was dedicated by Rev. D. Swart, presiding elder of the district, Feb. 25, 1910.

BUTLER CIRCUIT

The principal appointments of Butler Circuit were originally connected with Wichita Mission in 1880, and later Derby Mission and Circuit, until 1904, when Zion and Emanuel appointments were taken from Derby, and in connection with the Wing appointment of Cambridge Mission, formed into Butler Circuit.

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The early history dates back to the year 1879, or perhaps earlier, when the families of Fred Unger, Sr., and Geo. Weber located about five miles south-east of Eldorado, Butler County, Kan., and Wm. Litzke, ten miles south of these brethren. Occasionally the minister from Derby, which was 40 miles west of there, would preach for those families, but not regularly. About this time F. F. Bartells moved from Americus, Kans., where he was connected with the Evangelical Association, to Eldorado, and got acquainted with the scattered families living in Butler County. Brother Bartells sent to Cleveland, got some Sunday-school song books and literature, and started a Sunday-school in the Weber and Unger neighborhood, of which he was elected superintendent, and Geo. Weber assistant superintendent. This school seemed to meet with favor in the community and considerable interest was manifested. At this time, 1880, Brother H. Toedman, who was serving Wichita Mission, began to preach regularly at this point, and during the fall of this year a protracted meeting was held at the Weber appointment, which resulted in the conversion of quite a number of souls and the organization of a class of which F. F. Bartells became class-leader, and Geo. Weber exhorter. Unfortunately many of the converts were only renters and hence transitory; they soon changed location and a new class of people came in their place, which prevented the appointment gaining stability. However, in spite of this drawback, the work advanced, and in later years, during the pastorate of H. E. Meyer, a neat church was erected and dedicated as the Emanuel Church of the Evangelical Association.

Inspired by the revival effort put forth at this place, Sister Wm. Litzke, who was a zealous worker in the cause of her Redeemer, requested the pastor to hold a meeting in her neighborhood, ten miles south of Emanuel. She also urged the Christian friends of Emanuel to come over and help them in a meeting. This was done with the result that a number were converted and a class organized in the Litzke community, where later the Zion Church was built, which was the first Evangelical church building in Butler County.

In the eastern part of the county, near Leon, lived the Semisch family, who entreated the co-operation of the Christian people at the two appointments named, to hold a meeting in their community in the Prairie Queen school house. Here a third class was organized, and, later, during the pastorate of M. J. Steinmetz, a

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beautiful church erected, which was dedicated as the Bethel Church.

The work on Butler Circuit was of a rural character, which always implies a heavy giving off of membership to city and other charges, but prevents local development on a large scale. Yet many souls are saved, and a vast amount of good is accomplished.

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FORTY-FIRST SESSION

Conference met March 16, 1905, at Yates Center, Kansas, to hold her 41st session with Bishop Thomas Bowman in the chair and P. Schumann, secretary.

H. Cover, a local preacher, and Mrs. C. Meeder, died during the past year.

G. A. Manshardt and T. J. Cox received credentials.

H. B. Vennum, at his request, was placed on the list of superannuates, and J. H. Kiplinger on the list of supernumeraries.

M. J. Steinmetz, L. E. Becher and P. G. Nuffer were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

The brethren L. A. Branson, C. B. Willming, Ezra Evans, E. S. Spangler, C. F. Hartman and Roy Mathews received license.

E. J. Feitz, E. F. Boehringer, Wm. Russell, John Haber, Wm. Pittker and C. F. Harder received deacons' orders and were, with the exception of the last named, received into the itinerancy. C. L. Sorg and J. S. Stamm received elders' orders.

F. H. Draeger was received from the Minnesotat Conference and H. M. Schuerman from the Wisconsin Conference, both as elders in the itinerancy.

J. H. Tobias was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Brunner Conference treasurer for one year.

The Young People's Alliance, through its annual Branch convention, sent a request to Conference to assign them a special mission for support as the Young People's Alliance Mission. Their request was adopted and has been continued ever since.

Rev. D. Swart purchased a house in Abilene, Kansas, during the past year, which he now offered to Conference for a district house for the consideration of \$1,600.00. His offer was accepted,

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and the presiding elder of Abilene District was instructed to collect the amount on the district.

The brethren C. F. Erffmeyer and W. F. Wolthausen offered to transfer to the trustees of the Kansas Conference a lot 67x157 feet on the corner of Mersington and 25th Streets in Kansas City, Mo. Also a chapel 24x40 feet, erected at a cost of \$781.25. Conference accepted the offer and instructed the Conference trustees to pay for the same out of the proceeds of the old Oak Street Church property.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Mina appointment shall be taken from Westmoreland Mission and added to Granada Mission.

Kansas City District

a. Willow Springs shall be taken from Eudora Circuit and added to Deer Creek Mission on Holton District.

b. Benton shall be taken from Oregon Circuit and added to Oregon Mission.

c. Oregon Circuit shall be changed to Mound City Circuit.

Newton District

a. A new mission shall be located in Tulsa, Indian Territory, to be called Tulsa Mission.

MISSIONS

During the past year \$9,682.67 was raised for Kansas Conference missions, and \$11,010.00 appropriated for the next year. Toward this sum the General Treasury appropriated \$1,300.00. C. F. Erffmeyer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the former officers were re-elected for the society for the ensuing year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 504; accessions, 610; membership, 6,309; itinerant preachers, 63; local preachers, 34; churches, 101; parsonages, 51; Sunday-schools, 113; officers and teachers, 1,301; scholars, 7,492; Young People's Alliances, 71; members, 2,038; Woman's Missionary Society, 37; members, 634; catechetical classes, 41; catechumens, 617; Botschafters, 782; Messengers, 774; Magazines, 528; Missionary Messengers, 353; Missionsbote, 203; Heralds, 439; Bundesbote, 95; total for missions, \$16,243.16.

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APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—A. Brunner, P. E. Humboldt, J. M. Fricker.
 Holton, C. E. Platz. Dennis, Wm. Russell.
 Preston, J. R. Nanninga. Derby, C. J. Eiselein.
 Hiawatha Circuit, A. Solt. Butler and Peabody, F. M. Peek and
 Hiawatha Station, J. S. Miller. Ezra Evans.
 Coal Creek, Geo. Schrenk. Halstead, T. R. Nanninga.
 Atchison, D. R. Zellner. Hesston, C. L. Sorg.
 Topeka, P. Schumann. Hutchinson, J. A. Spencer.
 Falls City, M. Manshardt. Alden, W. C. Johnson.
 Granada, L. A. Branson. Offerle, I. B. Miller.
 Bern, H. E. Bower. Orlando, Wm. Pittker.
 Deer Creek and Vassar, H. Steenbock Waukomis, Wm. Daeschner.
 and E. F. Boehringer. Dover, F. H. Draeger.
 Westmoreland, H. S. Bower. Weatherford, H. W. Hartman.
 Camp Creek, A. Rodewald. Sweetwater, J. Haber.
 Woodward, to be supplied.
 Tulsa, to be supplied.

Kansas City District—C. F. Erff-
 meyer, P. E.

Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. Linge.
 Kansas City, English, S. Breithaupt.
 Eudora, C. Meeder.
 Leavenworth, J. J. Kliphardt.
 St. Joseph, J. Schmidli.
 South St. Joseph, D. F. Honstedt.
 Platte River, L. Hanne.
 Mound City, G. W. Weidemeier.
 Oregon Mission, B. H. Hobbs.
 Glasgow, W. H. Manshardt.
 Shelby, I. H. Hauptfuehrer.
 Warrensburg and Holden, E. J. Feitz.
 Winston, C. Underkoffler.

Newton District—M. C. Platz, P. E.
 Newton, J. K. Young.
 Emporia, H. M. Schuerman.
 Yates Center, W. F. Wolthausen.

Abilene District—D. Swart, P. E.

Abilene, J. H. Tobias.
 Swede Creek, C. F. Iwig.
 Leonardville, C. Brandt.
 Jewell, B. Barthel.
 Canada, C. F. Kliphardt.
 Marion, F. U. Moyer.
 Alida, H. Huscher.
 Washington and Fancy Creek, M. W.
 Plettner and F. C. Dissinger.
 Concordia, G. J. Schumacher.
 Lucas, E. A. Bruner.
 McPherson, S. A. Burgert.
 Osborne, C. H. Hartman.
 Industry, J. W. Keiser.
 Lost Springs, J. H. Parmer.
 Colorado Springs, C. S. Steinmetz.
 Ordway, to be supplied.

MEMORIAL

Rev. H. Cover

Rev. H. Cover came to the Kansas Conference as a local preacher prior to 1886. He never entered the active work, but was ever ready to render assistance to the cause wherever opportunity presented itself. He died during the past year at an advanced age, after spending a life in the cause of his Redeemer.

Mrs. C. Meeder

Again death invaded the home of our brother and co-worker, C. Meeder, during the year, talking away a faithful companion, and plunging the home in sorrow. Sister Meeder was a noble Christian woman, with excellent ability, which she placed at the

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disposal of her Heavenly Father for service in his cause. Her life and influence reached out as a benediction to all with whom she came in contact.

WEATHERFORD

Weatherford Mission originally embraced the appointments Hamburger, nine miles south of Weatherford; and Osceola, 40 miles north-west of Weatherford, with all intermediate points. During the year 1904 an appointment was taken up in the town of Weatherford by Rev. H. W. Hartman and a class organized with five members, consisting of August Kaiser's family, who immigrated from the State of Minnesota, settling one mile north of Weatherford. A Sunday-school was organized at the time with August Kaiser, superintendent. Preaching services were held in a small church of the Methodist South denomination, when not in use by them. Thus the society began on a very small scale indeed, but the loyal charter members held on and were soon reinforced by others who identified themselves with the little band. Brother Hartman was succeeded by J. Haber in 1906, who, during the summer, held a grove meeting near the town, at which several souls were saved, and the work became better known.

In 1909 a neat church was erected during the pastorate of J. Haber at a cost of \$3,000.00, and was dedicated by C. E. Platz, presiding elder of Newton District. A Young People's Alliance was organized in 1911, with the following officers: Mrs. L. E. Becher, president; Beulah Harrouf, vice-president; A. B. Becher, secretary, and Almon Kaiser, treasurer. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1912, with Mrs. L. E. Becher, president; Mrs. E. E. Meyer, vice-president; and Mrs. Almon Kaiser, secretary.

MOUND CITY CIRCUIT

Mound City Circuit was formerly called Oregon Circuit, until 1905, when the name was changed by Conference. The principal appointments were Ebenezer, Calvary and Benton. Later an appointment was taken up in town which was subsequently formed into a mission and served in connection with the circuit. This action was taken in 1906, but the city work never developed sufficiently to separate it from the circuit. The following data concerning the beginning and development of the various appointments have been obtained:

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Ebenezer Class

As early as 1869 John Beck, then serving Oregon Mission, began to preach in the community where the Ebenezer church now stands. The following year, 1870, S. W. McKesson organized a class with the following charter members: Henry Smith and wife, Wm. Smith and wife, Peter Werle and wife, Charles Anselman and wife, John Berger, John Bucher and Lydia Dunkelberger. Most of the parties named had been members of the Evangelical Association in the East. The class developed and on various occasions successful revivals were held in which many souls were saved.

In 1884, during the pastorate of C. W. Snyder, a neat country church was built at a cost of \$2,000.00, and dedicated by Bishop T. Bowman. A Sunday-school was organized in 1877, which was placed in charge of Charles Anselman as the first superintendent. During the pastorate of A. J. Voegelien in 1887 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. A. J. Voegelien as president.

Calvary Class

In 1876 J. H. Kiplinger took up an appointment north and east of Ebenezer, where he preached regularly, and where, two years later, E. Evans organized a class, of which the first members were: Charles Allen, Herman Allen, N. Anderson and wife. This exceedingly small class was placed in charge of N. Anderson, as the first class-leader. In 1895 a church building was erected during the pastorate of A. E. Flickinger. This cost \$1,400.00, and was dedicated by Rev. S. P. Spreng, of Cleveland, Ohio, then editor of the "Evangelical Messenger." The same year that the church was built a Sunday-school was also organized with Henry Allen as superintendent. A Woman's Missionary Society was started in 1901, with Anna Wells as president. In 1914 a Young People's Alliance was organized by Rev. A. F. Rice, with A. Shaw as president.

Benton Class

Rev. E. Evans was the path-finder in this community. In 1882 he organized a class with the following charter members: Charles Noris and wife, Hans King and wife, Minnie King, Eddie King, Fannie Noris, Gilbert Murry, Judd Kelly, Wm. Fields, Washington Hutton, A. Morgan and wife, and Brother Manifee. Bro.

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Manifee was elected class-leader and Sunday-school superintendent. A church was built in 1882, at a cost of \$1,500.00, and dedicated by Bishop T. Bowman.

1906

FORTY-SECOND SESSION

The 42nd session of Conference was held in the Coal Creek Church, Jefferson County, Kans., beginning March the 15th, 1906, with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel in the chair and P. Schumann secretary.

J. M. Dreisbach died during the year, also Ida Linge, daughter of Rev. C. Linge, and Minnie, daughter of Rev. M. W. Plettner.

H. B. Vennum and W. D. Morga withdrew from the church.

L. A. Branson returned his license.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: D. F. Honstedt, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, C. J. Eiselein and E. A. Bruner.

Credentials were issued to J. S. Stamm.

L. E. Becher was placed in the superannuate relation.

The brethren E. W. Petticord, August Hoch, E. E. Erffmeyer, Andrew Hoerrman and C. E. Huscher received license to preach.

J. E. Moyer, a local probationer of the Indiana Conference, was received, also S. E. Meyer of the California Conference on condition that he present his credentials to his presiding elder.

A. Mattill was taken from the supernumerary list and placed in active service.

H. Mattill, who, for 16 years, had been absent from the Conference, during which time he served as a general church official at Cleveland, Ohio, in the capacity of assistant book agent in the Publishing House, was received into the Conference with a hearty welcome, and the ardent wish that his health might be fully restored.

Deacons' orders were granted to C. F. Kliphardt, George Schrenk, H. Huscher and I. B. Miller, who were also received into the itinerancy, while W. H. Manshardt and G. W. Weidemeier received elders' orders.

M. C. Platz was re-elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer.

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During the past year the church and parsonage at Peabody were sold for \$1,192.50. The whole work at Peabody, which had been carried on since 1886, never prospered, and in late years quite a few of the members moved away, discouraging the remaining ones, so that, by mutual consent, the work was abandoned and the property sold.

The Conference trustees, with the pastors of South St. Joseph and St. Joseph Missions, were authorized to purchase lots and build a church in South St. Joseph, providing they deem it advisable. The Kansas City and Holton Districts were opened for solicitation for funds.

Miss Edna Erffmeyer, under appointment as missionary to Japan, was present and addressed Conference relative to her call and future work. She was listened to with interest and assured of the prayers of Conference in her mission to the heathen world.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Worden shall be taken from Deer Creek and constitute Worden Mission.

Kansas City District

a. Mound City appointment shall be taken from Mound City Circuit and form Mound City Mission, and shall be served with the circuit.

b. Kansas City English Mission shall be known as Kansas City Mersington Heights.

Newton District

a. Potwin shall be taken from Peabody Mission and with Zion appointment of Butler Circuit constitute Butler Mission.

b. Peabody Mission shall be discontinued.

c. Cambridge shall be taken from Dennis Mission and added to Derby Mission.

d. Osceola and Foss in Oklahoma shall be taken from Sweetwater Mission and added to Weatherford Mission.

e. The appointments Caddo, Sicklers, Lookeba, East Lynn, Swan and Fern shall be taken from Weatherford Mission and form Caddo Mission.

f. Woodward Mission shall be called Blackwell Mission.

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g. The Emanuel appointment of Dennis Mission, formerly Carthage, shall be abandoned.

h. Offerle Mission shall be changed to a circuit.

Abilene District

a. Calvary shall be taken from Jewell and added to Concordia.

MISSIONS

During the past year \$11,861.95 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference and \$12,350.00 appropriated. The General Treasury appropriated \$1,500.00 for the work in Oklahoma and Colorado. C. F. Erffmeyer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the former board of officers were re-elected.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 542; accessions, 847; membership, 6,487; itinerant preachers, 67; local preachers, 36; churches, 100; parsonages, 51; Sunday-schools, 110; officers and teachers, 1,332; scholars, 7,292; Young People's Alliances, 71; members, 1,950; Woman's Missionary Societies, 40; members, 797; catechetical classes, 38; catechumens, 585; Botschafters, 800; Messengers, 873; Magazines, 492; Missionary Messengers, 404; Missionsbote, 218; Herald, 500; Bundesbote, 85; total for missions, \$18,694.05.

For the first time in the history of the Conference the number of Messengers exceeded the number of Botschafters. This was not due to a decrease in the number of subscribers to the Botschafter, but rather to the increase of the English language in the Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—A. Brunner, P. E.

Holton, C. E. Platz.
 Preston, J. R. Nanninga.
 Hiawatha Station, J. S. Miller.
 Hiawatha Circuit, A. Solt.
 Coal Creek, Geo. Schrenk.
 Atchison, D. R. Zellner.
 Topeka, P. Schumann.
 Falls City, M. Manshardt.
 Granada, C. E. Huscher.
 Bern, H. E. Bower.
 Deer Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
 Vassar, H. Steenbock.
 Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
 Camp Creek, A. Rodewald.
 Worden, P. G. Nuffer.

Kansas City District—C. F. Erffmeyer, P. E.

Kansas City, Highland Ave., C. Linge.
 Kansas City, Mersington Heights, S. Breithaupt.
 Eudora, J. J. Kliphardt.
 Leavenworth, C. F. Iwig.
 St. Joseph, J. Schmidli.
 South St. Joseph, A. Mattill.
 Platte River, L. Hanne.
 Mound City Circuit and Mission, G. W. Weidemeier.
 Oregon, B. H. Hobbs.
 Glasgow, W. H. Manshardt.
 Shelby, S. E. Meyer.
 Warrensburg and Holden, E. J. Feitz.
 Winston, C. Underkoffler.

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<i>Newton District</i> — <i>M. C. Platz, P. E.</i>	Blackwell, to be supplied. Tulsa, H. W. Hartman.
Newton, J. K. Young.	
Emporia, H. M. Schuerman.	<i>Abilene District</i> — <i>D. Swart, P. E.</i>
Yates Center, W. F. Wolthausen.	Abilene, J. H. Tobias.
Humboldt, J. M. Fricker.	Swede Creek, T. R. Nanninga.
Dennis, Wm. Russell.	Leonardville, C. Brandt.
Derby, F. M. Peek.	Jewell, B. Barthel.
Butler Circuit, M. J. Steinmetz.	Canada, C. F. Kliphardt.
Butler Mission, E. S. Evans.	Marion, F. U. Moyer.
Halstead, C. Meeder.	Alida, H. Huscher.
Hesston, C. L. Sorg.	Washington and Fancy Creek, F. C.
Hutchinson, J. A. Spencer.	Dissinger and A. Hoerman.
Alden, W. C. Johnson.	Concordia, G. J. Schumacher.
Offerle, I. B. Miller.	Lucas, J. H. Parmer.
Orlando, to be supplied— <i>Q. B. Roth.</i>	McPherson, S. A. Burgert.
Waukomis, Geo. Barthel.	Osborne, C. H. Hartman.
Dover, F. H. Draeger	Industry J. W. Keiser.
Caddo, Wm. Pittker.	Lost Springs, Emory W. Petticord.
Weatherford, John Haber.	Colorado Springs, M. W. Plettner.
Sweetwater, Wm. Daeschner.	Ordway, C. S. Steinmetz.

MEMORIAL

J. M. Dreisbach

J. M. Dreisbach was born in Seneca County, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1843. He was a son of Rev. A. E. Dreisbach, and grandson of Rev. J. Dreisbach, one of the noted early ministers of the Evangelical Association. Brother Dreisbach was converted at the age of fourteen years, and united with the Evangelical Association. He was married to Miss Sarah Wonder in 1864, with whom he shared life's joys and experiences until June, 1901, when she was called from his side by death. In 1868 he moved to Kansas with his family and settled in Nemaha County, near Bern.

In 1877 he was licensed by the Kansas Conference, and was stationed on Nemaha Circuit, in Richardson County, Neb., with J. F. Schreiber. He served the following charges: Nemaha Circuit, 1 year; Carthage, 2 years; Americus, 2 years, and Westmoreland, 2 years. He reports that during this short ministry he was instrumental in leading over 400 souls to Christ. He was serving his local class as leader at the time of his death. In 1902 he was married to Mrs. Mary Grosenbacher. To this union was born one child, and to the former union three children.

On Oct. 3, 1905, he fell gently asleep in Jesus in his home at Bern, Kans., at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 27 days. Shortly before his death he called upon his family to kneel at his bedside, while in broken sentences he asked God's blessing upon them.

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Ida Linge

Miss Ida Linge, the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. Linge, grew to young womanhood in the home of an Evangelical preacher where she enjoyed every blessing of a Christian family. She gave her heart to Christ when young and led a Christian life among her associates. Being possessed with a cheerful disposition, she readily made friends wherever she went. She was called to her heavenly home so early in the morning of life, when just blooming out into young womanhood with so much promise for a long and useful career. We cannot understand why the Master should take her away so soon, but He, who doeth all things well, hath need for her in that better world above.

Minnie Plettner

Little Minnie was the eldest child of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Plettner, and was carried home to the bosom of the Shepherd during the time that Conference was in session. Though the home has been plunged into sorrow, and darkness has settled down upon the family circle, yet a ray of light bursts through the clouds, for Jesus has only taken little Minnie home to be with Himself.

WORDEN MISSION

Worden was originally a part of Lawrence Mission, which contained the first organized class in the Kansas Conference, even before the Conference was organized. For many years it was known as the Willow Springs appointment of Lawrence Circuit, and enjoys the distinction of having entertained the Annual Conference sessions in 1886. The class was organized by S. W. McKesson in 1859, with the following charter members: Charles Warner and wife, Rev. D. R. Zellner and wife, Conrad Pippert and wife, Daniel Heffner and wife, Mother Pippert, Mother Fager and C. Long and wife. D. R. Zellner was the first class-leader, and Charles Warner the first exhorter of the newly formed class. In 1872 the little congregation, with John Wuerth as pastor, undertook to build a church. The building cost \$1,300.00, and was dedicated the following year by Brother Wuerth, who, in the meantime, had been elected presiding elder and stationed on Missouri District. A Sunday-school was organized in 1874, and placed in charge of Conrad Pippert as superintendent.

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In the spring of 1885 Lawrence Circuit was changed to Eudora Circuit. Willow Springs appointment continued a part of Eudora Circuit until 1906, when it was detached and formed into Worden Mission. P. G. Nuffer was assigned to the work and served it four years. At the formation of the mission in 1906 Frank Lutz was superintendent of the Sunday-school, which was organized in 1859. Mrs. J. Breithaupt was elected president of the Young People's Alliance, which was organized in 1900, during the pastorate of B. Barthel. A beautiful parsonage was built in 1906, at a cost of \$1,750.00, and the following year the church was remodeled at an expense of \$2,650.00. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1909, of which Mrs. John Breithaupt was chosen president.

MOUNDRIDGE

Moundridge congregation is a development of the former New York, and, later, Christian society, which was organized in 1883 by Rev. G. E. Dienst when serving Newton Mission.

At first services were held in the old Schlender school house, which was a primitive building located three miles south and one mile west of Christian post-office. A few years later a commodious school house took the place of the original building and furnished a convenient place for worship.

In 1892 the little society built a handsome church on the F. Schlender, Sr., farm, one mile south, and one and a half miles west of Christian. In this house the congregation worshiped until 1905, when it was moved to Moundridge, which, in the meantime, absorbed the little village of Christian, becoming the business and residence center for the community. The new town was founded after the railroad was built, and is located one mile north of the old town site. The expense for moving and repairing the church amounted to \$606.46. The reopening took place Dec. 31, 1905, by M. C. Platz, presiding elder, and T. R. Nanninga, pastor. The trustees at the time were: John Hoffman, Wm. Gick, P. D. Frantz, Fred Schlender, Sr., and H. C. Vogt.

In 1913, during the pastorate of Quin. B. Roth, the building was completely remodeled at a cost of \$808.20. The work has enjoyed a great degree of prosperity and for several years has contemplated becoming self-supporting.

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FORTY-THIRD SESSION

March 21, 1907, Conference convened in the Zion Church, Preston Station, Richardson County, Neb., to hold her 43rd session. Bishop Wm. Horn presided, and P. Schumann served as secretary.

* The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: H. Huscher, C. J. Eiselein, E. S. Evans, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, E. A. Bruner, D. F. Honstedt, M. J. Steinmetz and C. Underkoffler.

H. W. Hartman was placed on the list of local elders.

Q. B. Roth, S. Beese, Fred J. Schadt and Geo. Landis received license to preach.

S. I. Zechiel of the Indiana Conference, and J. B. Gresser, a deacon of the Ohio Conference, were received.

Deacon's orders were granted to Ezra Evans, and elders' orders to Wm. Pittker, J. Haber, E. F. Boehringer, E. J. Feitz and Wm. Russell.

J. J. Kliphardt was elected Conference trustee for five years, C. F. Erffmeyer trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt Conference treasurer for one year.

C. E. Platz was elected presiding elder. The districts were supplied as follows: Holton District, A. Brunner; Kansas City District, C. F. Erffmeyer; Newton District, C. E. Platz; Abilene District, D. Swart.

The following brethren were elected delegates to General Conference: A. Brunner, C. F. Erffmeyer, D. Swart, M. C. Platz, C. E. Platz, J. H. Tobias. Frank Daeschner was elected lay delegate, being the first lay delegate to General Conference elected by the Kansas Conference.

The presiding elder of Kansas City District was authorized to canvass the district for funds to build a new district house.

Because of the rapid transition from the German language to the English in the Conference, and the fact that quite a few of the brethren could not understand the German language, it was ordered that in the future the official records shall be kept in English instead of German, as heretofore.

S. Breithaupt, the president of the Conference Branch of the Young People's Alliance, reported that the next annual convention would be held in Garfield Park, Topeka, instead of Forest

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Park, Atchison, where it had been held since the beginning of the general assembly plan in 1897. The convention for this year was announced to begin Aug. 6.

ANNA KAMMERER

Miss Anna Kammerer, missionary in Japan, who was at home on furlough, was invited to address Conference on the subject of our mission work in the Orient. She gave a very interesting talk about her experience in Japan. This was highly appreciated and enjoyed by the Conference.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

- a. The name of Highland Avenue Mission, Kansas City, shall be changed to Park Avenue Mission.
- b. Magnolia appointment of Holden Mission shall be added to Warrensburg Mission and Holden Mission shall be discontinued.

Newton District

- a. Blackwell Mission shall be called Guyman Mission.
- b. Belview shall be taken from Weatherford and added to Caddo Mission.

Abilene District

- a. Washington shall be changed to a mission.
- b. The name of Fancy Creek shall be changed to Mayday Mission.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$14,006.57 was raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year, and \$13,520.00 appropriated for the ensuing year. C. F. Erffmeyer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers elected for the society for the ensuing year: A. Brunner, president; H. E. Bower, secretary; and W. F. Wolthausen, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 621; accessions, 669; membership, 6,443; itinerant preachers, 69; local preachers, 31; churches, 101; parsonages, 55; Sunday-schools, 109; Sunday-school officers and teachers, 1,321; scholars, 7,616; Young People's Alliances, 73; members, 2,196; Woman's Missionary Societies, 44; members, 872; cate-

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chetical classes, 36; catechumens, 556; Messengers, 899; Botschaf-
ters, 776 Magazins, 506; Missionary Messengers, 319; Missions-
bote, 210; Heralds, 445; Bundesbote, 87; total for missions,
\$19,370.32.

APPOINTMENTS

- Holton District*—A. Brumer, P. E. Yates Center, W. F. Wolthausen.
Holton, M. C. Platz. Humboldt, A. Hoerman.
Preston, J. R. Nanninga. Dennis, Wm. Russell.
Hiawatha Station, W. C. Johnson. Derby, F. M. Peek.
Hiawatha Circuit, A. Solt. Butler Circuit, Aug. Hoch.
Coal Creek, Geo. Schrenk. Butler Mission, to be supplied.
Atchison, D. R. Zellner. Halstead, C. Meeder.
Topeka, C. L. Sorg. Hesston, J. S. Miller.
Falls City, M. Manshardt. Hutchinson, J. A. Spencer.
Granada, C. E. Huscher. Alden, F. U. Moyer.
Bern, H. E. Bower. Offerle, I. B. Miller.
Deer Creek, E. F. Boehringer. Orlando, Quin B. Roth.
Vassar, H. Steenbock. Waukomis, F. H. Draeger.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower. Dover, Geo. Barthel.
Camp Creek, A. Rodewald. Weatherford and Caddo, J. Haber and
Worden, P. G. Nuffer. supply.
Sweetwater, Wm. Daeschner.
Guyman, J. B. Gresser.
Tulsa, to be supplied.
- Kansas City District*—C. F. Erff-
meyer, P. E.
Kansas City, Park Ave., C. Linge.
Kansas City, Mersington Heights, S.
Breithaupt.
Eudora, J. J. Kliphardt.
Leavenworth, C. F. Iwig.
St. Joseph, J. Schmidli.
South St. Joseph, A. Mattill.
Platte River, L. Hanne and supply.
Mound City Circuit and Mission, J.
K. Young.
Oregon, B. H. Hobbs.
Glasgow, W. H. Manshardt and C. J.
Zager.
Shelby, Wm. Pittker.
Warrensburg, E. J. Feitz.
Winston, G. W. Weidemeier.
- Newton District*—C. E. Platz, P. E.
Newton, S. I. Zechiel.
Emporia, H. M. Schuerman.
- Abilene District*—D. Swart, P. E.
Abilene, J. H. Tobias.
Swede Creek, T. R. Nanninga.
Leonardville, C. Brandt.
Jewell, B. Barthel.
Canada, C. F. Kliphardt.
Marion, Geo. Landis.
Alida, J. M. Fricker.
Washington, F. C. Dissinger and sup-
ply.
Mayday, P. Schumann.
Concordia, G. J. Schumacher.
Lucas, J. H. Parmer.
McPherson, S. A. Burgert.
Osborne, C. H. Hartman.
Industry, J. W. Keiser.
Lost Springs, E. W. Petticord and S.
E. Meyer.
Colorado Springs, M. W. Plettner.
Ordway, C. S. Steinmetz.

MEMORIAL

The following preachers' homes were visited by the death an-
gel during the past year and a member of the family called away:

The family of Wm. Daeschner was deprived of their daugh-
ter May, who was a young lady of estimable character; the family
of Geo. Schrenk, of their little son Elmer; the family of C. F.
Iwig, of their eldest son Charles, and the family of C. Brandt,
of their daughter Anna, who was married to Louis Schwindt.

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MERSINGTON HEIGHTS, KANSAS CITY

Mersington Heights is the development of the old Oak Street Church, which was started in 1878, when Conference assigned J. Kurtz as missionary to Kansas City. Repeatedly the work had been started in Kansas City and as often abandoned.

Brother Kurtz, upon his arrival in the city, found eight members of the Evangelical Association. He preached his first sermon in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on 14th Street, between Oak and Locust. For a while he preached there on Sunday afternoon, but soon rented a hall on Grand Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets. Here he organized a Sunday-school and preached regularly every Sunday morning and evening. In the month of October he organized the first society in Kansas City, with 35 members, over which Brother Lotz was placed as class-leader. During this Conference year a lot was purchased between 14th and 15th, on Oak Street, for the consideration of \$700.00, and the following year a brick church was built upon the same. The Conference was canvassed for funds to pay for the building, which was modern for that time. H. Mattill was pastor, and Bishop J. J. Esher conducted the dedicatory service. This was a prosperous year for the young society, and more than 100 members were added to the church.

For a number of years the work prospered, then stagnation set in, followed by retrogression, which finally made it necessary to abandon the place for holding services. The mission was transferred in 1904 to a rented hall at the corner of 15th and Agnes Streets, where the work was continued for two years. In 1906 lots were purchased at 25th and Mersington Ave., where a brick church was erected at a cost of \$8,000.00, which was paid principally from the proceeds of the sale of the Oak Street property. The new church was dedicated by Bishop T. Bowman, and bid fair to become a prosperous congregation, when, in 1912, the building caught fire and was destroyed. This was a severe loss to the weak congregation, which had not yet fully paid the indebtedness resting on the former church and parsonage. Steps were taken at once to replace the building destroyed by a larger and more convenient one, which was also dedicated by Bishop Thomas Bowman. An aggressive Sunday-school, Young People's Alliance and Woman's Missionary Society have been maintained for many years, which have been the means of great good.

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1908

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

Conference met at Holton, Kans., March 18, 1908, with Bishop Thomas Bowman in the chair, and J. K. Young, secretary.

On account of the action taken relative to conducting the Conference records in the English language in the future, it became necessary to appoint a secretary who could record the proceedings in English. Brother Schumann, who, for 20 years, in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, had served as Conference secretary, was now excused from the labors he had so long pursued. After receiving the unanimous recognition of Conference for his faithful service, he was assured of her sincere appreciation and lasting gratitude.

Credentials were granted to D. F. Honstedt, who returned to the United Evangelical Church.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: J. S. Miller, C. Underkoffler, M. W. Plettner, D. R. Zellner, W. H. Manshardt, H. Huscher and I. H. Huptfuehrer.

E. A. Bruner was placed on the list of local elders, and J. W. Keiser on the list of supernumerary preachers.

L. M. Nanninga and O. L. Lister received license to preach.

Deacons' orders were granted to A. Hoerrman, G. F. Barthel, E. W. Petticord, C. J. Zager and A. Hoch, who were also received into the itinerancy. S. E. Meyer received ordination as a local deacon.

The brethren Geo. Schrenk, C. F. Kliphardt and I. B. Miller received elders' orders.

H. A. Schneider was received from the New York Conference, and E. E. Meyer from the Indiana Conference, both as local elders.

D. Swart, W. F. Wolthausen and A. Solt were elected presiding elders and stationed as follows: Holton District, W. F. Wolthausen; Kansas City District, D. Swart; Newton District, C. E. Platz, and Abilene District, A. Solt.

A. Brunner was elected Conference trustee for five years; B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary, for one year, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer, for one year.

For the first time in the history of the Kansas Conference the matter of a Conference evangelist received attention, and after due consideration J. H. Tobias received the appointment.

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A new district house was built in Kansas City at 2512 Mersington Ave. at a cost of \$2,615.00. The proceeds of the old district house at 1829 Highland Ave. were applied and the balance collected on the district.

Steps were taken to locate a mission in Kansas City among the Italians, and to this end a committee consisting of the presiding elder of Kansas City District, and the pastors of Kansas City was appointed to act in the matter.

BOUNDARIES

Holton District

- a. Bern shall be made a station.

Kansas City District

- a. The appointments Shindler, Clair and Minor shall be taken from Platte River Circuit and formed into Clair Mission.

Newton District

- a. Golden Valley shall be taken from Humboldt and added to Dennis Mission.
- b. Alden shall be changed into a circuit.
- c. Pleasant Valley and Ellinwood appointments of Alden shall constitute Ellinwood Mission.
- d. Caddo Mission and Tulsa Mission shall be discontinued.

Abilene District

- a. Zion and Throop appointments shall be taken from Washington Mission and form Throop Mission.

MISSIONS

The missionary receipts for the Conference the past year amounted to \$15,432.92, and \$15,075.00 was appropriated for the coming year. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers of the society were re-elected.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 718; accessions, 830; membership, 6,756; itinerant preachers, 75; local preachers, 34; churches, 113; parsonages, 55; Sunday-schools, 110; officers and teachers, 1,430; scholars, 7,963; Young People's Alliances, 71; members, 2,133; Woman's

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Missionary Societies, 48; members, 1,034; catechetical classes, 41; catechumens, 672; Botschafter, 774; Messengers, 949; Magazines, 513; Missionary Messengers, 575; Missionsbote, 241; Heralds, 463; Bundesbote, 80; total for missions, \$20,779.97.

APPOINTMENTS

*Holton District—W. F. Wolthausen,
P. E.*

Holton, M. C. Platz.
Preston, J. R. Nanninga.
Hiawatha Station, W. C. Johnson.
Hiawatha Circuit, Geo. Schrenk.
Coal Creek, J. H. Kiplinger.
Atchison, C. Linge.
Topeka, C. L. Sorg.
Falls City, P. Schumann.
Granada, H. S. Bower.
Bern, H. E. Bower.
Deer Creek, H. Steenbock.
Westmoreland, to be supplied.
Vassar, Fred J. Schadt.
Camp Creek, L. Hanne.
Worden, P. G. Nuffer.

Kansas City District—D. Swart, P. E.
Kansas City, Park Ave., J. Schmidli.
Kansas City, Mersington Heights, C.
F. Erffmeyer.

Eudora, J. J. Kliphardt.
Leavenworth, C. F. Iwig.
St. Joseph, B. Barthel.
South St. Joseph, A. Mattill.
Platte River and Clair, Wm. Pittkér
and supply.
Mound City Circuit and Mission, J.
K. Young and supply.
Oregon, E. F. Boehringer.
Glasgow and Frankfort, C. J. Zager
and supply.
Shelby, E. S. Spangler.
Warrensburg, E. J. Feitz.
Winston, G. W. Weidemeier.

Newton District—C. E. Platz, P. E.
Newton, S. I. Zechiel.
Emporia, H. M. Schuerman.

Yates Center, A. Brunner.
Woodson, A. Rodewald.
Humboldt, A. Hoerrman.
Dennis, S. Beese.
Derby, I. B. Miller.
Butler Circuit, Aug. Hoch.
Butler Mission, Wm. Russell.
Halstead, C. Meeder.
Hesston, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, J. A. Spencer.
Alden, F. U. Moyer.
Ellinwood, F. M. Peek.
Offerle, Q. B. Roth.
Orlando, L. E. Becher.
Waukomis, F. H. Draeger.
Dover, G. F. Barthel.
Weatherford, J. Haber.
Sweetwater, Wm. Daeschner.
Guyman, J. B. Gresser.

Abilene District—A. Solt, P. E.

Abilene, B. H. Hobbs.
Swede Creek, T. R. Nanninga.
Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
Jewell, S. Breithaupt.
Canada, C. F. Kliphardt.
Marion, G. W. Landis.
Alida, J. M. Fricker.
Washington, F. C. Dissinger.
Throop, E. S. Evans.
Mayday, C. Brandt.
Concordia, G. J. Schumacher.
Lucas, J. H. Parmer.
McPherson, S. A. Burgert.
Osborne, C. H. Hartman.
Industry, C. J. Eiselein.
Lost Springs, E. W. Petticord.
Colorado, H. A. Schneider.
Ordway, C. S. Steinmetz.

MEMORIAL

The home of Brother and Sister B. Barthel was invaded by death during the past year, and their oldest daughter was transferred to the floral site above, whither Jesus gathered her unto himself. Although the parents mourn the loss of their little darling, yet they have this assurance, she is at home, and they may meet her again bye-and-bye.

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PARK AVENUE, KANSAS CITY

Park Avenue Mission is one of the later transferred missionary enterprises in Kansas City. In 1882 this mission was founded under the name "Jackson County Mission," but was left unsupplied. Whether it was supplied during the year is not stated, neither who the first members were, nor where the services were held.

The following year Jackson County Mission was changed to Brooklyn Avenue Mission, Kansas City, and was supplied with J. Kurtz, the pioneer of Oak Street or Mersington Heights Mission. Again we are lacking all information except that A. J. Voegelien served the work in 1884 and 1885. At the session held in 1885 the name was changed from Brooklyn Avenue Mission to Highland Avenue Mission, which name was continued for many years. In 1884 the young mission was authorized by Conference to sell its church and build a new one. This was done, and in connection with the parsonage, later on the same lot adjoining the church, a district house was built. This double building was used for many years as parsonage and district house until the entire property was sold in 1906. A Sunday-school was started in an early stage of the organization and continued to the present time with increasing interest and development. Also a Young People's Alliance was organized in the early history of this institution in the church and has always maintained a high degree of efficiency. The Woman's Missionary Society has existed for many years, and is in a prosperous condition.

About 1905 the negro population began to encroach upon the territory of the congregation, gradually crowding out many of the white people so that a successful development of the church was threatened. Because of this the congregation placed its property on the market and in 1907 purchased lots at 25th and Park Ave., where they erected a handsome stone building at a cost of \$16,000. This property was paid from the proceeds of the sale of the old Highland Church property, and the balance raised by the congregation, with a little aid rendered by friends outside of the society. Bishop Wm. Horn dedicated the new church, which has since been improved to the extent of \$3,000.00, and now provides a beautiful place of worship in a prosperous part of the residence district of the city.

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FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

The 45th session of Conference was held at Jewell, Kans., beginning March 18, 1909, with Bishop Horn chairman and J. K. Young secretary.

J. Kurtz, Mrs. P. Fricker, Mrs. Isabelle Hout and a child of S. Beese died during the year.

R. Thomas, a local probationer, surrendered his license.

Credentials were issued to W. H. Manshardt, I. H. Hauptfuehrer, C. Underkoffler and S. I. Zechiel.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: D. R. Zellner, C. Linge and H. Mattill.

P. Schumann, at his own request, was placed on the superannuated list.

License to preach was granted to E. H. Wendland, F. W. Wendland, E. L. Schuerman, Theodore Wilvert, A. F. Rice and W. F. Wilson.

A. B. Ralls was received as a local elder from the Free Methodist Church, and with H. A. Schneider, admitted into the itinerancy.

The brethren S. Beese, G. W. Landis, Q. B. Roth, E. S. Spangler and E. E. Erffmeyer received deacons' orders, and were admitted into the itinerancy, while E. S. Evans received elder's orders.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt Conference treasurer for one year.

A church extension board was elected, consisting of the following brethren: W. F. Wolthausen, D. Swart, C. E. Platz, A. Solt, M. F. Shupe, M. C. Platz and C. F. Erffmeyer.

FINANCE LAW

The following resolution was adopted relative to the matter of preachers' salary, and the present finance law:

"Inasmuch as the salary of our ministers should be increased, especially in the case of probationers and deacons, therefore resolved, that the claim of a probationer shall be raised to \$350.00, and the claim of a deacon to \$400.00. 2. The claim of a probationer or deacon, who has graduated from one or both of our educational institutions at Naperville, Ill., shall be \$100.00 more than the pre-

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ceding cases. 3. That the claim of a pastor serving a work in a larger city shall be \$50.00 to \$100.00 higher than under the old rule, according to the agreement of the presiding elder and the Quarterly Conference. 4. That the rules governing rent, moving expenses, etc., shall remain in force as in the past.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL

For some years the need had been felt for more aggressive work along the lines of Sunday-school activities. To this end the idea of having a Conference Field Secretary had been discussed frequently in the Sunday-school and Young People's conventions. Finally this requirement was met in the action of Conference appointing Brother J. A. Werner, a layman from Alden, Kansas, as Conference Field Secretary for the Sunday-school and Young People's Alliance. This brother kindly consented to give as much of his time and service to the work as possible aside from his business, without financial remuneration, beyond the amount of actual expense in carrying on the work. The wisdom of this move was soon apparent in the new impetus given the work in these two institutions.

LAYMAN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Layman's Brotherhood of the Kansas Conference was organized at this time. The purpose of the organization was set forth in the following expression of the brotherhood itself:

"The purpose of this organization is to further the social relations, intensify the spiritual interests, and concentrate the efforts of the laymen of our Conference, so as to bring about greater results in the Kingdom of God within and through our own Conference and church."

A temporary organization was effected, after which Frank Daeschner was elected president and Otto Hanne secretary. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," M. F. Gabel led in prayer, whereupon the chairman stated the purpose of the meeting, and called upon several brethren to give short talks on the following subjects:

1. "The Benefit of Lay Representation for Closer Social Fellowship," M. F. Shupe.
2. "The Layman and the Church," C. W. Newby.
3. "Church Finances," D. J. Matter.
4. "War Stories," S. M. Spangler.

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5. "Salvation from Sin as Experienced in My Own Life," J. W. Fletcher.

This short and soul-inspiring service was immensely enjoyed by those present. Thus the organization of the Layman's Brotherhood of the Kansas Conference was launched on its life mission to accomplish much good in time to come.

ITALIAN MISSION

During the past year an Italian Mission was located in Kansas City, Mo., at 507 East 8th Street. A Sunday-school was opened on Sunday, July 26, 1908, which, during the first six months, reached an enrollment of 100, with an average attendance of 45. The average attendance at prayer-meeting was 11, and at the Sunday evening service 12. The prospect was reported very promising, with Miss L. A. Heyman, missionary, and Miss Minnie Bach, deaconess, under the supervision of the committee appointed by Conference the year previous.

BOUNDARIES

Kansas City District

A new mission shall be established in Lawrence, Kansas.

Newton District

a. Golden Valley and Salem shall be taken from Dennis Mission and added to Humboldt Mission.

b. Zion appointment on Butler Mission shall be added to Butler Circuit and Butler Mission shall be discontinued.

c. A new mission shall be located in Hutchinson, Kans., and be called Grandview Mission.

Abilene District

a. Burdick appointment shall be taken from Lost Springs and formed into Burdick Mission.

b. Lost Springs Mission shall be changed to Lost Springs Circuit.

c. Osborne Mission shall be changed to a circuit.

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MISSIONS

A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the following officers were elected for the Conference Missionary Society: Pres., A. Brunner; Sec., C. F. Kliphardt; Treas., H. E. Bower. The amount of \$15,826.13 was raised for missions in the Conference the past year, and \$16,500.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 767; accessions, 850; membership, 6,992; itinerant preachers, 77; local preachers, 35; churches, 106; parsonages, 56; Sunday-schools, 111; officers and teachers, 1,474; scholars, 8,407; Young People's Alliances, 78; members, 2,303; Woman's Missionary Societies, 53; members, 1,131; catechetical classes, 47; catechumens, 662; Messengers, 973; Botschafters, 739; Magazines, 494; Missionary Messengers, 602; Missionsbote, 205; Heralds, 520; Bundesbote, 80; total for missions, \$22,919.60.

LAY REPRESENTATION

For the first time in the history of the church and of the conference lay representation was admitted to the Annual Conference. At the former General Conference, held in October, 1907, the question of Lay Representation was submitted to the various Annual Conferences to admit, or reject, for themselves. Kansas Conference had voted favorably on the question at her former session, and during the past year the delegates to Annual Conference were elected from the various districts according to the provisions of the Discipline. The following lay delegates were elected for the remaining part of the quadrennium: Holton District: M. F. Gabel, Frank Daeschner, C. Kaser, J. Denking; Kansas City District: H. W. Bunse, J. W. Stauffer, L. Stoltzing, O. F. Hanne; Newton District: C. W. Newby, G. W. Fletcher, S. M. Spangler, E. J. Boland; Abilene District: M. F. Shupe, C. E. Pierce, P. E. Sommers, D. J. Matter.

The delegates were all present at the session of Conference except the brethren J. W. Stauffer, E. J. Boland and P. E. Sommers.

W. A. Johnson took the vacant seat of P. E. Sommers, and Uriah Spangler, alternate, the place of E. J. Boland.

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APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—*W. F. Wolthausen,*
P. E.

Holton, M. C. Platz.
Preston, A. Mattill.
Hiawatha Station, W. C. Johnson.
Hiawatha Circuit, Geo. Schrenk.
Coal Creek, J. H. Kiplinger.
Atchison, E. E. Erffmeyer.
Topeka, C. L. Sorg.
Falls City, J. R. Nanninga.
Granada, F. M. Peek.
Bern, M. W. Plettner.
Deer Creek, H. Steenbock.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.
Vassar, F. J. Schadt.
Camp Creek, L. Hanne.
Worden, P. G. Nuffer.

Kansas City District—*D. Swart, P. E.*
Kansas City, Park Ave., J. Schmidli.
Kansas City, Mersington, C. F. Erff-
meyer.

Eudora, J. J. Kliphardt.
Leavenworth, C. F. Iwig.
St. Joseph, B. Barthel.
South St. Joseph, H. E. Bower.
Platte River, Wm. Pittker.
Clair, R. B. Rall.
Mound City Circuit and Mission, J.
K. Young.
Oregon, E. F. Boehringer.
Glasgow, C. J. Zager.
Shelby, Wm. Russell.
Warrensburg, C. H. Hartman.
Winston, G. W. Weidemeier.
Lawrence, E. J. Feitz.
Conference Evangelist, J. H. Tobias.

Newton District—*C. E. Platz, P. E.*
Newton, S. Beese.
Emporia, H. M. Schuerman and sup-
ply.

Yates Center, A. Brunner.
Woodson, A. Rodewald.
Humboldt, F. H. Draeger.
Dennis, J. H. Parmer.
Derby, I. B. Miller.
Butler, H. Huscher.
Halstead, C. Meeder.
Hesston, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, J. A. Spencer.
Hutchinson Grandview, J. S. Miller.
Alden, F. U. Moyer.
Ellinwood, to be supplied.
Offerle, Q. B. Roth.
Orlando, L. E. Becher.
Waukomis, A. Hoch.
Dover, G. F. Barthel.
Weatherford, J. Haber.
Sweetwater, E. L. Schuerman.
Guyman, J. B. Gresser.

Abilene District—*A. Solt, P. E.*

Abilene, B. H. Hobbs.
Swede Creek, T. R. Nanninga.
Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
Jewell, S. Breithaupt.
Canada, C. F. Kliphardt.
Marion, G. W. Landis.
Alida, J. M. Fricker.
Washington, E. H. Wendland.
Throop, E. S. Evans.
Mayday, to be supplied.
Concordia, G. J. Schumacher.
Lucas, F. C. Dissinger.
McPherson, S. A. Burgert.
Osborne, A. Hoerrman.
Industry, C. J. Eiselein.
Lost Springs, E. W. Petticord.
Burdick, E. S. Spangler.
Colorado Springs, H. A. Schneider.
Ordway, C. S. Steinmetz.

MEMORIAL

John Kurtz

Father John Kurtz was for many years an untiring worker in the Conference. He came to Kansas from the Illinois Conference in 1876, was received into this Conference and stationed at Kansas City, where a new mission had just been located. The following year he was assigned to Leavenworth, at which place he labored two years when he was transferred to Hiawatha.

He was a fearless exponent of the Gospel truth, a typical pioneer path-finder. No self-denial was too great for him to prac-

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tice, no work too hard for him to perform, and no hardship too severe for him to endure for the Gospel, which was the all-absorbing theme of his preaching. He was strong in the faith, positive in his preaching, and confident in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to overcome the opposition of the adversary. When age and infirmity had set in he still longed to be active in the work, and asked for the privilege of taking up work on the frontier, where he longed to close his career. He spent the last years of his ministry on Sweetwater Mission, in Roger Mills County, Okla., where, in the year 1900, he built the first church of the Evangelical Association and the first rural church in that county. This building stands as a monument to his persevering faith and zeal under trying circumstances. When the little church was dedicated, Father Kurtz rejoiced exceedingly. He was compelled to give up the work the following year because of failing health and advanced age. When finally necessitated to give up his life of solitude in Oklahoma and repair to the home of his son in Baldwin, Kansas, he did so reluctantly, and only yielded after feeling convinced that it was the will of his Heavenly Father. The evening of life came for this intrepid servant of God after a long and useful career, in which he became a blessing to many souls whom he directed to the Lamb of God.

Mrs. Johanna Fricker

Mother Fricker was the widow of the late Rev. P. Fricker, who was called from labor to reward ten years ago. For 40 years she shared the lot of an Evangelical preacher's life, when that life was especially associated with many hardships and privations characteristic of pioneer days. The burden of the household duties rested especially upon her as her husband devoted his time and attention to his ministerial work. She labored willingly and cheerfully for her Master, and her dying testimony was: "The Lord has always been so good to us all along the way." She passed away at the ripe age of 85 years. Her work was well done, and her memory is blessed.

S. Beese

From the home of Brother and Sister S. Beese the Lord took unto himself their five-year-old child, which had been such a comfort and cheer to the parents, but of which they are now deprived for a while. Though His leadings are oftentimes mysterious, yet His purpose is always glorious.

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CLAIR MISSION

Clair Mission was formed by the union of the Shindler, Clair and Minor appointments of the Platte River Circuit in the spring of 1908, and supplied by Rev. Wm. Pittker in connection with Platte River Circuit. The three classes joined together gave a membership of 30 persons with which to begin the work. Chas. Vogel was elected class-leader and Howard Hall, exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized during the month of November, 1907, with an enrollment of 35, of which Eimer Vogel was elected superintendent. A Young People's Alliance was organized Dec. 17, 1908, with an enrollment of 25 members, and Harry Hall as president. The newly established society immediately took steps toward a church building, which was erected during the winter of 1908 at a cost of \$3,700.00, and dedicated by C. F. Erffmeyer, presiding elder. The first board of trustees was composed of Wm. Vogel, Ferd. Shindler and Howard Hall.

HUTCHINSON, GRANDVIEW

Brother J. S. Miller writes as follows concerning the beginning of the work at Grandview:

"In the year 1908 I gathered a few Christian people together in the vicinity of Grandview, Hutchinson, for divine worship. Our services were held in a very small chapel in which a union organization had previously held meeting. In the fall of 1908 I held a revival meeting in the chapel which was greatly blessed of God, and on the 7th of February, 1909, a class was organized with 19 members. I found a few of the trustees of the original organization scattered over the city, who, in a meeting called for the purpose, transferred the property to the newly created trustee board of the Evangelical Association. A Sunday-school was organized Jan. 1, 1909, and the work carried on regularly. The Annual Conference in March, 1909, accepted the work and located Grandview Mission, assigning J. S. Miller as the first missionary. The first officials were: J. W. Smith, Ernest Stewart, Fred Betts, Mrs. E. Clemence and John C. Johns." In 1911 a church was built upon the lots donated by Lewis H. Falley. This building was moved from the Pleasant Valley appointment south of Ellinwood, rebuilt at a cost of \$600.00, and dedicated free of debt. A Young People's Alliance was started Dec. 23, 1913, with Mrs. B. B. Wright, president; Mrs. Geo. Davis, secretary, and

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Esther Miller, treasurer. In 1912 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the month of May, of which Mrs. J. S. Miller was elected president; Mrs. J. R. Howell, secretary, and Mrs. Melissa Raymond, treasurer.

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FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

March 17, 1910, Conference met at Yates Center, Kans., to hold her 46th session. Bishop S. P. Spreng was present for the first time as chairman, and J. K. Young was again appointed secretary.

S. Fricker and S. E. Meyers, having moved from the borders of the Conference, were stricken from the list of ministers

Credentials were issued to C. H. Hartman, S. F. Hilgenfeld and R. B. Rall.

C. Linge and E. W. Petticord were retained in the itinerancy without appointment.

Leroy Zabel, Geo. Gick, L. G. Weide, W. J. Huscher, J. R. Hoch and A. E. Butler were licensed to preach.

F. J. Schadt and S. F. Hilgenfeld were advanced to deacons' orders and received into the itinerancy, and A. Hoerrman, A. Hoch, G. F. Barthel, C. J. Zager and E. W. Petticord received elders' orders.

W. Daeschner, L. E. Becher and W. F. Schuerman were placed on the effective list.

Anthony Linge was received from the Texas Conference and placed on the list of local elders.

J. H. Tobias was elected Conference trustee for five years, C. F. Erffmeyer, trustee of North-Western College and Union Biblical Institute for three years; B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer for one year.

A layman's conference was held at the Evangelical Church, Topeka, Kans., in the month of February, in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Convention, held in that city, on which occasion it was resolved to hold a convention within the bounds of the Conference during the coming year, to be known as the "Layman's Missionary Movement Convention of the Kansas Conference." The time and place for holding the same was referred to a committee of the Layman's Brotherhood and the presiding elders.

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FINANCE LAW

Again the Finance Law governing the salary of preachers was revised as follows:

For single probationer, \$400.00; for married probationer, \$500.00; for single deacon, \$500.00; for married deacon, \$600.00, with \$100.00 additional for graduates from North-Western College and Theological Seminary; for ordained elders from \$700.00 to \$1,000.00, as circumstances may permit; for presiding elders, \$1000.00 and traveling expenses. The foregoing plan was submitted by D. J. Matter, a lay delegate, and adopted by Conference.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following action was taken relative to the Kansas State Historical Society:

“The Kansas Historical Society shall be furnished with such copies of the printed Conference Journals which it may be lacking, and be put upon our mailing list, and the Historical Committee of our Conference be continued, with H. Mattill added, to furnish said Society with a history of our work in Kansas previous to the year 1888.”

ITALIAN MISSION

The Italian Mission in Kansas City reported satisfactory progress. Its location has been changed to 617 East Fifth Street. The supervision of the mission has also been transferred from the Conference to the General Mission Board, thus bringing it more directly into touch with the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The following expression was given to the work of the Sunday-schools in the Conference: “Resolved, That we will endeavor to introduce and maintain in all our Sunday-schools: a. A Cradle Roll Department; b. A Home Department; c. A Teacher-Training Class; d. Organized Classes; e. Decision Day.” In building churches in the future the matter of Sunday-school conveniences should be considered and adequate accommodations be provided as far as possible. The services of Bro. J. A. Werner, appointed Field Secretary for the Sunday-school and Young People's Alliance a year ago, proved very satisfactory and were highly commended by Conference. The office then instituted was continued, and Bro. Werner re-

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tained for another year. There was a marked increase in the membership enrollment during the past year, while the work had hardly been properly started as yet.

BOUNDARIES

Abilene District

- a. Lucas Mission shall be changed to Lucas Circuit.

Kansas City District

- a. Oregon Mission shall be changed to Oregon Circuit.

Newton District

- a. Ellinwood Mission shall be discontinued.

J. H. Tobias submitted a very encouraging report of his work as Conference evangelist the past year. He was continued in the same work for another year.

MISSIONS

The past year the sum of \$16,284.97 was raised for missions in the Conference, and \$15,875.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year. The General Missionary Society appropriated \$1,600 for the work in Colorado and Oklahoma. A. Brunner was again elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers was re-elected.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 733; accessions, 657; membership, 7,081; itinerant preachers, 77; local preachers, 38; churches, 108; parsonages, 54; Sunday-schools, 112; officers and teachers, 1,420; scholars, 9,266; Young People's Alliances, 79; members, 2,301; Woman's Missionary Societies, 56; members, 1,170; catechetical classes, 40; catechumens, 532; Botschafters, 694; Messengers, 1,021; Magazins, 478; Missionary Messengers, 361; Missionsbote, 239; Heralds, 543; Bundesbote, 112; total for missions, \$25,693.81. For the first time the membership of the church has reached and passed the 7,000 mark and the "Evangelical Messenger" subscriber list the 1,000 mark.

NORTH-WESTERN COLLEGE

During the past two years Rev. F. W. Umbreit, financial agent of North-Western College and the Theological Seminary, canvassed

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the Conference in the interest of the Conference appointment of the Endowment Fund, amounting to \$17,129.43. This was successfully raised.

APPOINTMENTS

Holton District—W. F. Wolthausen,
P. E.

Atchison, to be supplied.
Bern, M. W. Plettner.
Camp Creek, to be supplied.
Coal Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
Deer Creek, H. Steenbock.
Falls City, J. R. Nanninga.
Granada, F. M. Peek.
Hiawatha Station, W. C. Johnson.
Hiawatha Circuit, Geo. Schrenk.
Holton, M. C. Platz.
Preston, A. Mattill.
Topeka, C. L. Sorg.
Vassar, F. J. Schadt.
Worden, L. Hanne.
Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.

Abilene District—A. Solt, P. E.

Abilene, B. H. Hobbs.
Agate, Colo., O. L. Lister.
Alida, C. F. Kliphardt.
Burdick, W. F. Schuerman.
Canada, C. Meeder.
Colorado Springs, H. A. Schneider.
Concordia, Anthony Linge.
Industry, C. J. Eiselein.
Jewell, S. Breithaupt.
Leonardville, M. Manshardt.
Lost Springs, G. J. Schumacher.
Lucas, F. C. Dissinger.
Marion, G. W. Landis.
Mayday, Wm. Daeschner.
McPherson, to be supplied.
Ordway, Colo., C. S. Steinmetz.
Osborne, A. Hoerrman.
Swede Creek, T. R. Nanninga.
Throop, E. S. Evans.
Washington, E. H. Wendland.

Kansas City District—D. Swart,
P. E.

Clair, to be supplied.
Eudora, J. J. Kliphardt.
Glasgow, C. J. Zager.
Kansas City, Park Ave., J. Schmidli.
Kansas City, Mersington Ave., C. F. Erfmeyer.
Leavenworth, C. F. Iwig.
Lawrence, F. U. Moyer.
Mound City, J. K. Young.
Oregon, G. W. Weidemeier.
Platte River, H. M. Schuerman.
Shelby, Wm. Russell.
South St. Joseph, H. E. Bower.
St. Joseph, B. Barthel.
Warrensburg, S. A. Burgert.
Winston, W. Pittker.

Newton District—C. E. Platz, P. E.

Alden, E. J. Feitz.
Butler, H. Huscher and supply.
Dennis, J. H. Farmer.
Derby, I. B. Miller.
Dover, G. F. Barthel.
Emporia, P. G. Nuffer.
Guyman, J. B. Gresser.
Halstead, J. M. Fricker.
Hesston, J. A. Spencer.
Humboldt, F. H. Draeger.
Hutchinson, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, Grandview, J. S. Miller.
Newton, S. Beese.
Offerle, Q. B. Roth.
Orlando, L. E. Becher.
Sweetwater, E. L. Schuerman.
Weatherford, J. Haber.
Waukomis, A. Hoch.
Woodson, A. Rodewald.
Yates Center, A. Brunner.

LAY DELEGATES

Holton District: M. F. Gabel, F. Daeschner, J. Schmidli, Jr., Mel. Hefty; Abilene District: P. E. Sommers, D. J. Matter; Kansas City District: J. Schalker, L. Stoltzing, O. F. Hanne; Newton District: L. V. Miller, G. W. Fletcher, S. M. Spangler.

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MEMORIAL

Mrs. H. Mattill

Mrs. Emma Mattill, daughter of Jacob and Susanna Freyhofer, was born at Seymore, Indiana, May 4, 1849. Through the labors of the early German Methodist preachers she was led to conversion at the early age of 11 years. When but 14 years old she was deprived of her mother and was compelled to assume the household duties of the family. In 1864 the family moved to Fancy Creek Valley, near Randolph, Kansas, where she fitted herself for the profession of school teacher, in which capacity she was eminently successful.

In 1874 she was married to Rev. H. Mattill, then preaching at Glasgow, Mo. She soon demonstrated her fitness for her new calling and the following year when her husband was chosen presiding elder and stationed on Southwest District she again showed her courage and devotion both to the work and her husband. Though often Brother Mattill would be away from home for four or five weeks at a time, she would tell him, "I am praying for you while you are gone."

In 1887 they were called to Cleveland, Ohio, where she spent 16 years of her life as the wife of an agent of the Publishing House. Here she was especially active in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was then in its infancy. For a series of years she was the general treasurer of this organization. It was during this period her faith and courage were put to a crucial test when her husband, away from home at the time, was suddenly stricken down by disease, and for weeks his life lay in the balance, with little hope for his recovery. When, later, she was compelled to lead a life of retirement, to minister to her afflicted husband during the months of his convalescence, she retained the same beautiful spirit of patience and resignation to the will of her heavenly Father.

Finally during the closing months of her earthly career, when battling with the last enemy, her beautiful character shone out in striking brilliance and grandeur. Her spiritual preparation having long ere this been made, she now tenderly arranged for the comfort of her dear ones, whom she must soon leave, but for whose welfare she was ever concerned. When every detail was attended to she calmly awaited the coming of her Saviour and remarked: "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly," and when He seemed to tarry

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she exclaimed, "Oh, why does He not come to take me home?" In the last days of her waiting she had enlarged visions of His glory and expressed the same in the following words: "A throng of my dear departed ones and friends have gathered on the other shore to meet me, and beyond that, my home prepared for me. Glory! Glory!"

On March 31, 1909, she passed away in the triumph of the faith she had lived. Her last words were: "The Lord is with me, all is well." An impressive funeral service was held at Leavenworth, Kansas, April 2, on which occasion Rev. J. Wuerth preached from 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, after which the body was conveyed to Denver, Mo., where it was tenderly laid away.

LAWRENCE MISSION

During the year 1908 Rev. J. Wuerth, who then lived in Lawrence, preached for the scattered members of the Evangelical Association in and around the city. The work developed sufficiently under the labors of Brother Wuerth, so that in the spring of 1909 Conference located a mission there and supplied it with E. J. Feitz.

Brother Feitz at once proceeded to organize a class of 26 members, of which Rev. J. Wuerth was elected class-leader and Rev. J. Rasskopf exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized with J. Houk superintendent. This was done at a Christmas entertainment in the month of December, 1908. The following Sunday morning the first session was held with 18-20 children present.

The first Quarterly Conference was held June 5, 1909, with Rev. J. Wuerth, Rev. P. Schumann, Rev. J. Rasskopf, J. Houk, W. F. Fleisher, W. F. Zeebs, Rev. E. J. Feitz, pastor, and Rev. D. Swart, presiding elder, in attendance. A church building was bought from the Swedish Lutheran denomination, which was used until 1911, when it was remodeled and dedicated by Prof. S. L. Umbach from Naperville, Ill., on Sept. 3, 1911. The amount paid for the property was \$1,100.00.

A Young People's Alliance was organized Dec. 10, 1909, with 15 charter members. Miss Dessie Meyer was elected president, and J. E. Schumann vice-president.

As early as 1879 Conference ordered the organization of a mission in the city of Lawrence. This, it seems, did not materialize, or if started, it failed to prosper, so that, at this time, the work was undertaken with new vigor in the University town.

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MAYDAY

Mayday Mission is a development of Swede Creek Circuit, and is composed of two appointments. Star school house, also called Mayday, was taken up in 1903 by C. F. Iwig, pastor at Swede Creek. Brother Iwig organized a class at this place in the beginning of 1903, with 16 members, of which Ernst Oberhelman was chosen class-leader, and Fred Kniemeyer, exhorter. A Sunday-school was also organized, with Ernst Oberhelman, superintendent.

The Bethany appointment is located 10 miles north-west of Randolph, Kan., near the Peach Creek school house. A union Sunday-school was organized at this point by Emil Wendland in April, 1908. At the same time Rev. Wm. Daeschner took charge of the work as a mission for the Evangelical Association, preaching here and in the Star school house near Mayday. During December, 1909, and January, 1910, a very successful revival was held at Peach Grove, at the close of which a class was organized by Brother Daeschner with 17 members. L. W. Waldraven was chosen class-leader and Anthony Sump, exhorter. L. W. Waldraven was also elected superintendent of the Sunday-school, which was started in 1908.

A Young People's Alliance was organized at Peach Grove in 1910, with Emil Wendland, president, and a Woman's Missionary Society, May 3, 1912, with Mrs. Ada Smith, president. In 1911, L. G. Weide was assigned to the work, but could not assume charge till the close of school in June, during which time J. J. Kliphardt served the work from Swede Creek.

In the spring of 1912 the class decided to build a church and elected a building committee, consisting of the brethren: L. G. Weide, Anthony Sump, George Specht, A. J. Waldraven and L. W. Waldraven. The building was successfully completed, and is a very neat country church. The cost was \$3,500.00. It was dedicated on Jan. 12, 1913, by G. J. Schumacher, as the Bethany Church of the Evangelical Association. At this time the class numbered 22 members, and the Sunday-school had an enrollment of 80.

The brethren Anthony Sump, George Specht, L. W. Waldraven, Ulrich Grobe and Roy Pollock composed the first board of trustees.

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1911

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Conference met March 16, 1911, in the Park Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo., to hold her 47th annual session with Bishop S. C. Breyfogel in the chair and J. K. Young, secretary.

J. Hout died during the year, and W. T. Wilson, a local probationer, irregularly withdrew from the church.

J. Schmidli

Rev. J. Schmidli, who since 1877 was connected with the Kansas Conference, having spent 46 years uninterruptedly in the ministry of the Evangelical Association, of which 12 years were devoted to pioneer work in Switzerland before he emigrated to America, was necessitated, on account of age and failing health, to take a superannuated relation. His farewell remarks to the Conference were very touching and made a deep impression upon the brethren, many of whom had been co-workers with Brother Schmidli for many years.

M. Manshardt

Also Father Manshardt, another faithful member of Conference, who entered her ranks in 1886, and since that time spent his life and energy in the ministry of the Gospel, in which he rendered valuable service, was compelled to withdraw from the active service and enter the superannuated relation. For both brethren Conference passed suitable resolutions, assuring them of the highest appreciation for service rendered, and wishing them God's choicest blessings during the evening of life.

The brethren F. U. Moyer and C. Linge were placed on the supernumerary list.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: H. Steenbock, E. S. Evans, E. L. Schuerman, G. J. Schumacher.

Benjamin Scheurer, C. E. Glaze, H. Wiens and J. Sands received license to preach on probation.

The brethren E. L. Schuerman and L. M. Nanninga were advanced to deacons' orders, and in connection with Anthony Linge were received into the itinerancy, while C. Willming had local deacon's orders voted him.

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Elders' orders were voted to E. E. Erffmeyer, Q. B. Roth, H. Huscher, S. Beese and G. W. Landis.

C. F. Erffmeyer was also elected presiding elder and the districts were supplied as follows: Abilene District, A. Solt; Holton District, W. F. Wolthausen; Kansas City District, D. Swart; Newton District, C. F. Erffmeyer.

M. C. Platz was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer for one year.

J. H. Tobias was reappointed Conference evangelist for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were elected delegates to General Conference, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in the month of October. D. Swart, A. Solt, C. F. Erffmeyer, W. F. Wolthausen, M. C. Platz, and A. Brunner. Lay delegates: M. F. Gabel and O. F. Hanne.

St. Joseph, Alida and Derby were made self-supporting at their request, for which they received the hearty commendation of Conference.

BOUNDARIES

Abilene District

a. Ramah, Colorado, and surrounding country, including Agate Mission, shall constitute Ramah Mission.

Holton District

a. Bern shall be changed to a mission for one year.

Newton District

a. "Since a door has opened in a growing part of the city of Wichita, Kans., where members of our church are now located, who desire earnestly that the Evangelical Association begin operations there, therefore the presiding elders of Newton and Abilene Districts, with the pastor of Derby, shall constitute a committee to investigate the conditions, and if they deem it advisable, locate a mission there and supply the same."

Several families of the Kansas Conference having moved to the State of Alabama, reporting a promising field for operations at that place, the Board of Missions consented to support a missionary if the Conference saw fit to send a man to that point. Rev. A. Brunner consenting to his appointment, was assigned to Alabama Mission.

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The following goal was set for Sunday-school activities for the ensuing year: 25 teacher-training classes, 50 teachers' meetings, 200 organized classes, 1,000 Cradle Roll members and 1,000 Home Department members. J. A. Werner was again elected Field Secretary for the coming year.

MISSIONS

The sum of \$14,976.17 was raised for missions in the Conference, and \$15,920.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year, the General Treasury paying \$1,200.00 of the amount. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions, and the old board of officers were re-elected for the Society. The president of the Conference Missionary Society, A. Brunner, was appointed to convey greetings to the Woman's Missionary Society Quadrennial Convention, to be held at Holton, Kansas, during the coming summer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 756; accessions, 813; membership, 7,238; itinerant preachers, 76; local preachers, 38; churches, 105; parsonages, 55; Sunday-schools, 110; officers and teachers, 1,436; scholars, 9,018; Young People's Alliances, 81; members, 2,405; Woman's Missionary Societies, 60; members, 1,278; catechetical classes, 30; catechumens, 434; Botschafters, 676; Messengers, 1,011; Magazines, 465; Missionary Messengers, 465; Missionsbote, 228; Heralds, 584; Bundesbote, 65; total for missions, \$26,192.47.

APPOINTMENTS

Abilene District—A. Solt, P. E.
 Abilene, B. H. Hobbs.
 Alida, C. F. Kliphardt.
 Burdick, W. J. Huscher.
 Canada, C. Meeder.
 Colorado Springs, H. A. Schneider.
 Concordia, Anthony Linge.
 Industry, J. H. Parmer.
 Jewell, S. Breithaupt.
 Leonardville, T. R. Nanninga.
 Lost Springs, F. C. Dissinger.
 Lucas, C. J. Eiselein.
 Marion, E. E. Erffmeyer.
 Mayday, L. G. Weide.
 McPherson, to be supplied.
 Ordway, C. F. Iwig.
 Osborne, A. Hoerrman.
 Ramah, Colo., C. S. Steinmetz and O.
 L. Lister.
 Swede Creek, J. J. Kliphardt.

Throop, W. L. Zabel.
 Washington, F. W. Wendland.

Holton District—W. F. Wolthausen,
 P. E.

Atchison, D. R. Zellner.
 Bern, G. W. Landis.
 Camp Creek, L. M. Nanninga.
 Coal Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
 Deer Creek, F. J. Schadt.
 Falls City, J. R. Nanninga.
 Granada, F. M. Peek.
 Hiawatha Station, W. C. Johnson.
 Hiawatha Circuit, A. E. Butler.
 Holton, M. C. Platz.
 Preston, A. Mattill.
 Topeka, C. L. Sorg.
 Vassar, Geo. Schrenk.
 Worden, L. Hanne.
 Westmoreland, H. S. Bower.

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<i>Kansas City District—D. Swart, P. E.</i>	Butler, H. Huscher.
Clair, to be supplied.	Dennis, A. Hoch.
Eudora, J. M. Fricker.	Derby, I. B. Miller.
Glasgow, C. J. Zager.	Dover, S. Beese.
Kansas City, Park Ave., C. E. Platz.	Emporia, P. G. Nuffer.
Kansas City, Mersington, E. W. Pet-	Guyman, to be supplied.
ticord. J. H. Tobias, temporary.	Halstead, Q. B. Roth.
Leavenworth, G. F. Barthel.	Hesston, J. A. Spencer.
Lawrence, E. H. Wendland.	Humboldt, F. H. Draeger.
Mound City, J. K. Young.	Hutchinson, M. J. Steinmetz.
Oregon, G. W. Weidemeier.	Hutchinson, Grandview, Geo. Gick.
Platte River, H. M. Schuerman.	Newton, J. S. Miller.
St. Joseph, B. Barthel.	Offerle, J. B. Gresser.
South St. Joseph, H. E. Bower.	Orlando, Wm. Daeschner.
Warrensburg, S. A. Burgert.	Sweetwater, L. E. Becher.
Winston, Wm. Pittker.	Weatherford, H. Wiens.
Shelby, Wm. Russell.	Waukomis, J. Haber.
<i>Newton District—C. F. Erffmeyer,</i>	Wichita, to be supplied.
<i>P. E.</i>	Woodson, A. Rodewald.
Alden, E. J. Feitz.	Yates Center, A. Brunner.
	Alabama Mission, —————.

LAY DELEGATES

Abilene District: M. F. Shupe, C. E. Pierce, P. E. Sommers, D. J. Matter; Holton District: M. F. Gabel, F. Daeschner, C. Kaser, H. Schirmer; Kansas City District: H. W. Bunse, J. Schalker, L. Stoltzing, O. F. Hanne; Newton District: C. W. Newby, G. W. Fletcher, S. M. Spangler, L. V. Miller.

MEMORIAL

Rev. J. Hout

Rev. J. Hout was one of the early pioneer preachers in the Des Moines Conference, where for many years he was in the active service, through which he was instrumental in leading many souls to Christ. He was a faithful and unselfish worker. He spent his closing years in the bounds of the Kansas Conference in retirement, waiting the summons of his Master. He passed to his reward during the year from his home in Jewell County, Kansas. His faithful companion preceded him a few years.

SIMLA MISSION (COLORADO)

Simla Mission, like many other works in the Conference, had a very small beginning, but through God's grace and work and prayer developed into a promising field of labor. The mission was located by Conference in the spring of 1910, and assigned to O. L. Lister as the first missionary. Soon after assuming charge of the

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work Brother Lister organized a class at Kuhn's Crossing with five members, and later in the year another class at Pleasant Plains with 25 members. Originally the mission was called Agate Mission, but in the spring of 1911 was changed to Simla.

Kuhn's Crossing Appointment

The first class organized on Simla Mission was Kuhn's Crossing, and was effected by O. L. Lister, the first pastor, in the spring of 1910. It consisted of the following members: O. L. Lister and wife, G. D. Kimble, Anna Kimble and Minnie Stewart. Anna Kimble was chosen class-leader and G. D. Kimble exhorter. A union Sunday-school was started at the time the class was organized, which was changed to a denominational school in January, 1914, and L. Hommel was chosen superintendent. A Young People's Alliance was started in the month of February, 1913, of which Ralph Kimble was chosen president. In the month of May, 1914, a Woman's Missionary Society was created and Mrs. J. H. Schaal elected president of the same.

During the pastorate of C. S. Steinmetz, after a very successful grove meeting held in the month of August, 1911, steps were taken to build a church which resulted in the erection of a structure at a cost of \$1,200.00. It was dedicated by G. J. Schumacher, presiding elder.

Pleasant Plains Class

During the year 1910, Rev. O. L. Lister organized a class at Pleasant Plains with 25 members, which was a very encouraging beginning. Samuel Phend was chosen class-leader and Jacob Geib, exhorter. A union Sunday-school was started at the time the class was organized, and has been maintained as such since. In 1911 a Young People's Alliance was started with Ezra Geib, president.

Simla Class

In the spring of 1911 the name of Agate Mission was changed to Simla. C. S. Steinmetz and O. L. Lister were assigned to the work. Brother Steinmetz chose Simla as his place of residence and began to preach there. In December of the same year he organized a class with the following members: E. E. Gray, I. D. Fredrick, Jay D. Lamm, J. C. Moreland, O. J. Sheldon, M. J. Pease, Mary Pease, Edith Pease, Arthur Pease and the family of Rev. C. S. Steinmetz. M. J. Pease was chosen class-leader and J. C. Moreland, exhorter. A Sunday-school was organized in Jan-

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uary, 1913, with J. C. Moreland, superintendent. A Young People's Alliance was started in 1912, which was placed in charge of E. E. Gray as president. In the fall of 1913 a church was built at a cost of \$2,500.00, which was dedicated June 14, 1914, by G. J. Schumacher, presiding elder.

1912

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

The 48th session of Conference was held in St. Joseph, Mo., beginning March 21, 1912, with Bishop T. Bowman in the chair and J. K. Young, secretary.

J. Wuerth and M. A. Butz died during the year.

Wm. Daeschner received credentials to the Texas Conference, and H. S. Bower was placed on the list of superannuates.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: J. H. Parmer, H. A. Schneider, E. S. Evans, Wm. Pittker, W. F. Schuerman, H. Steenbock, D. R. Zellner and E. L. Schuerman.

O. J. Sheldon, Ed. Pauli, Ralph Schreiber and Sylvester Hower had license voted them. F. U. Moyer was placed on the list of itinerant elders.

John Wolf was received as a local probationer from the Primitive Methodist Church.

Deacons' orders were granted L. G. Weide, E. H. Wendland, F. W. Wendland, A. E. Butler, George Gick and W. J. Huscher, who were also admitted to the itinerancy.

M. C. Platz was elected presiding elder, but resigned on account of health conditions. A. Solt, C. F. Iwig, and G. J. Schumacher were elected presiding elders and stationed as follows: Abilene District, G. J. Schumacher; Holton District, C. F. Iwig; Kansas City District, A. Solt; Newton District, C. F. Erffmeyer.

J. J. Kliphardt was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer for one year.

G. S. Smith, fraternal delegate from the United Evangelical Church, addressed Conference, which address was highly appreciated, coming as the first fraternal message exchanged between

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the two churches, looking forward to a time when the two churches shall again be united.

The committee appointed a year ago relative to the Wichita Mission reported progress. Three lots were purchased at the corner of Estelle and Cedar Streets, and a temporary building erected in which to hold services, the plan being later, when a church shall have been erected, to change this building into a residence.

By request of the Conference Branch Young People's Alliance, Wichita Mission was substituted for Colorado Springs, which for several years had been its special charge.

Abilene Mission petitioned Conference to be changed to a station.

J. A. Werner was reappointed Sunday-school and Young People's Alliance Field Secretary. E. W. Petticord was made a member of the Trustee Board of the Anti-Saloon League of Missouri, as a representative of the Kansas Conference.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Since the year 1914 will be the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Kansas Conference, it was resolved to observe the occasion with appropriate services and to this end a committee on Conference Anniversary was appointed, consisting of D. Swart, C. F. Erffmeyer, A. Solt, M. C. Platz and M. F. Gabel. Also steps were taken in compliance with a movement started by the Young People's Alliance Conference Branch to launch a Kansas Conference Church Extension Fund of \$20,000.00, to be applied when needed for the erection of new churches within the bounds of the Kansas Conference, under direction of the General Board of Church Extension.

STUDENTS' AID SOCIETY

A Students' Aid Society was founded with the surplus of the amount secured by F. W. Umbreit in the Conference for the endowment fund of North-Western College, whereby young students who are members of the Kansas Conference may receive assistance in procuring an education and training for the ministry in our schools. Financial aid shall be rendered under certain restrictions as per constitution, without interest.

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The printed Conference Journal was made official for the future in harmony with an action of General Conference, by which a fac-simile signature of the Conference secretary attests the correctness of the record.

BOUNDARIES

Abilene District

- a. Ramah Mission shall be called Simla Mission.
- b. Burdick Mission shall be called Diamond Springs Mission.

Newton District

- a. Emporia appointment shall be taken from Emporia Circuit and constitute Emporia Mission.
- b. The country appointments of Weatherford Mission shall constitute Custer Mission.
- c. Zion appointment shall be taken from Butler Circuit, and with the surrounding country form a new mission, to be called Butler Mission, to be served with Butler Circuit.

MISSIONS

The amount raised for missions the past year was \$13,919.78, and the amount appropriated for the coming year \$16,820.00, of which amount \$1,000.00 will come from the General Treasury for the work in Colorado and Oklahoma. A. Brunner was elected delegate to the Board of Missions. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. Brunner, president; C. F. Kliphardt, secretary; and H. E. Bower, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 625; accessions, 718; membership, 7,248; itinerant preachers, 76; local preachers, 37; churches, 102; parsonages, 55; Sunday-schools, 107; officers and teachers, 1,421; scholars, 8,871; Young People's Alliances, 74; members, 2,303; Woman's Missionary Societies, 61; members, 1,360; catechetical classes, 38; catechumens, 582; Botschafters, 648; Messengers, 976; Magazines, 450; Missionary Messengers, 798; Missionsbote, 237; Heralds, 565; Bundesbote, 63; total for missions, \$25,926.15.

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APPOINTMENTS

Abilene District—G. J. Schumacher,
P. E.

Abilene, B. H. Hobbs.
Alida, C. F. Kliphard.
Canada, A. Linge.
Concordia, S. Breithaupt and C. Underkoffler.
Colorado Springs, C. J. Zager.
Diamond Springs, to be supplied.
Industry, W. L. Zabel.
Jewell, H. E. Bower.
Leonardville, W. F. Wolthausen.
Lost Springs, F. C. Dissinger.
Lucas, C. J. Eiselein.
Marion, E. E. Erffmeyer.
Mayday, L. G. Weide.
Ordway, P. G. Nuffer.
Osborne, A. Hoerrman.
Simla, C. S. Steinmetz and O. J. Sheldon.
Swede Creek, J. J. Kliphardt.
Washington and Throop, F. W. Wendland.

Holton District—C. F. Iwig, P. E.

Atchison, to be supplied.
Bern, G. W. Landis.
Camp Creek, L. M. Nanninga.
Coal Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
Deer Creek, F. J. Schadt.
Falls City, M. C. Platz.
Granada, F. M. Peek.
Hiawatha Station, C. L. Sorg.
Hiawatha Circuit, A. E. Butler.
Holton, D. Swart.
Preston, A. Mattill.
Topeka, J. K. Young.
Vassar, Geo. Schrenk.
Worden, L. Hanne.
Westmoreland, to be supplied.

Kansas City District—A. Solt, P. E.

Clair, to be supplied.
Eudora, J. M. Fricker.

Glasgow, A. F. Rice.
Kansas City, Park Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, Mersington Ave., E. W. Petticord.
Leavenworth, G. F. Barthel.
Lawrence, E. H. Wendland.
Mound City, Wm. Russell.
Oregon, G. W. Weidemeier.
Platte River, H. M. Schuerman.
Shelby, W. J. Huscher.
St. Joseph, B. Barthel.
South St. Joseph, J. H. Kiplinger.
Warrensburg, S. A. Burgert.
Winston, W. C. Johnson.

Newton District—C. F. Erffmeyer,
P. E.

Alden, E. J. Feitz.
Butler Circuit and Mission, H. Huscher and supply.
Custer, H. Wiens.
Dennis, A. Hoch.
Derby, F. U. Moyer.
Dover, S. Beese.
Emporia Mission and Circuit, C. Meeder and T. R. Nanninga.
Guyman, to be supplied.
Halstead, Q. B. Roth.
Hesston, J. A. Spencer.
Humboldt, J. R. Nanninga.
Hutchinson, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, Grandview, J. S. Miller.
Newton, J. Sands.
Offerle, J. B. Gresser.
Orlando, E. S. Spangler and C. Brandt.
Sweetwater, Geo. Gick.
Weatherford, L. E. Becher.
Waukomis, J. Haber.
Wichita, I. B. Miller.
Woodson, A. Rodewald.
Yates Center, F. H. Draeger.
Alabama Mission, A. Brunner.

LAY DELEGATES

Abilene District: P. E. Sommers, M. F. Shupe, W. A. Johnson; D. J. Matter; Holton District: M. F. Gabel, F. Daeschner, Geo. Volk, Henry Bickel; Kansas City District: P. Ewald, F. Schaffer, D. Triem, Elmer Vogel; Newton District: S. M. Spangler, C. W. Newby, Albert Weide, Sol Beese.

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MEMORIAL

Rev. J. Wuerth

Rev. John Wuerth was born in Untertuerkheim, Wuerttemberg, Germany, Oct. 5, 1835. In company with his parents he came to America in 1849 and settled in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, where he came in touch with the Evangelical Association and was, through the labors of Rev. G. F. Spreng, led to personal salvation. In his diary of 1857 Brother Wuerth wrote: "I became assured of my call to the ministry and the call never left me. I felt that I must obey. During the year 1865 Rev. J. F. Schreiber, presiding elder of the newly organized Kansas Conference, appointed Brother Wuerth to a charge and the following spring, 1866, he received license to preach and was received into the itinerancy. He was assigned to Holton Mission, and the following year to Oregon Mission, where he served two years, when he was transferrerd to St. Joseph. In 1873 he was elected presiding elder and stationed on the Missouri District. Four years later he was re-elected and assigned to Kansas District. From 1881-1883 he served Holton Circuit, when he was again elected presiding elder, and stationed on Holton District, which he served two years, when he was transferred to Kansas City District.

On various occasions he represented Conference on the Board of Missions and the Board of Publication. Five times he was elected delegate to General Conference, and for many years was secretary of the Board of Conference Trustees. He was a leader in the Conference and wielded a far-reaching influence. His pulpit ministrations were above the average and in the early years of his ministry he was eminently successful in winning souls for Christ. In 1902 he retired from the active work, retaining a superannuated relation to the time of his death. In all he spent 37 years in the active work of the Kansas Conference, retaining an interest in her activities to his end.

Sept. 23, 1860, he was united in marriage to Mary Anna Vollet, his surviving companion. To this union were born eight children, of whom 2 sons and 4 daughters remain to mourn the loss of a kind father. He peacefully passed away in his home at Lawrence, Kansas, December 5, 1911, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 6 days. His life-long friend and co-worker, H. Mattill, preached a touching funeral sermon, after which the body was laid away in Oak Hill Cemetery, to await the call of the Lord.

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Rev. M. A. Butts

Brother M. A. Butts was a local elder in the ranks of the Kansas Conference, and as such was a man of sterling character whose influence was always on the side of right. He had a burning zeal for the cause of his Redeemer and was deeply interested in the progress of the church, ever desiring to see souls saved. As a true man and Christian he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He never entered the active ranks of the ministry in the Conference, but was always ready to do what he could to encourage the servants of God in carrying on the work committed to them. He was a man who helped make the world better.

HUTCHINSON

During the past year the old frame church at the corner of 10th and Jefferson Streets, which had been used since 1890, gave way to a beautiful structure on the same site at a cost of \$14,000, which is a credit to the town and the congregation. This building was erected during the pastorate of M. J. Steinmetz, who spared no labor to lead the enterprise to a successful culmination. The dedicatory service was held Feb. 11, 1912, conducted by Rev. G. Heinmiller, of Cleveland, Ohio. The membership at the time was 175.

WICHITA

A mission was located in Wichita, Kansas, by the Annual Conference held in the spring of 1912, after the preliminary steps had been taken a year previous. A committee consisting of the presiding elder of Newton District, the presiding elder of Abilene District, and the pastor of Derby Mission, was appointed to take the matter in hand and act according to their judgment in locating a mission. An appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made from the Missionary Treasury to encourage the enterprise. During the spring of 1911 arrangements were made to take up an appointment, which was placed under supervision of I. B. Miller, pastor of Derby Mission, with Geo. Gick as assistant. Steps were taken at once to erect a building for a parsonage, which at the beginning was used for church services. The first service was held on the first Sunday in August, 1911, by Brother I. B. Miller, who preached from the text 1 Cor. 3: 11, and from that time on services were held regularly, the pastor and his assistant alternating. A Sun-

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day-school was organized at the time, and J. V. Glazer elected superintendent.

The organization was effected Dec. 28, 1911, with ten members, as follows: Rev. J. W. Keiser and wife, Levi Keeler and wife, Frank Greer and wife, Mrs. Emma Jett and Rev. Geo. Gick. Levi Keeler was chosen class-leader, and Frank Greer, exhorter, J. V. Glazer, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and Rev. J. W. Keiser, J. V. Glazer and Levi Keeler, trustees. At the session of 1912 I. B. Miller was stationed to Wichita as pastor of the new mission. A Young People's Alliance was organized in June, of which Harold Miller was chosen president, and Myrtle Holden, secretary. During the year plans were matured to build a church. The basement was commenced in June, and completed so that the first service could be held Sept. 22, 1912, on which occasion \$500.00 was pledged by the congregation for the church furniture. The cost of the basement complete was \$4,000.00, and the parsonage \$3,000.00. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized April 17, 1913, with ten members. Mrs. R. L. Glass was elected president and Mabel Miller, secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

The holding of the sixth Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society at Holton, Kans., Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 1911, formed a new epoch in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Kansas Conference. The expectations ran high, but were more than realized by the results of the convention. Nineteen Conference Branches were represented by 55 delegates, besides ten general officers and a large number of visitors from various parts of the church in America.

The presence of Dr. F. C. Krumling and wife, from Shenchowfu, China, Bishop S. P. Spreng of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. A. Giuliani, of Milwaukee, Wis., Miss Alice Niederhauser and Florence Erffmeyer, the two latter under appointment to the foreign mission field, added much to the interest of the convention. The attendance was so large that the church was filled at the daily sessions. Larger quarters were found in the more spacious Methodist church for the evening and Sunday services.

On Friday evening a Jubilee Banquet was given by the men of Holton to the visiting guests of honor in the Armory, which

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was greatly enjoyed by these at home, and those from abroad. The following from the pen of the editor of the "Missionary Messenger" describes the impression made upon visiting friends who were in attendance, as well as the work done in the convention:

"Never before in the history of our church were there so many Evangelical women gathered together at one place, at one time, with the purpose and intent to know, to hear, to feel, and then go home and do. Never before has the center, the hub of the Woman's Missionary Society, seemed to be so far west. But any doubt as to Holton's being the center was dispelled as soon as foot was set on Kansas soil. The entertainment was everything that could be wished. Every arrangement for the comfort and convenience of the members of the convention was made, and the slightest wish seemed to be anticipated.

"Never before were the women of the Society so honored as at Holton. The men, our brothers, tendered a banquet to the women of the convention and of the city. Three hundred women and about twenty-five men were most royally served by the men of the Holton congregation. Mrs. E. M. Spreng was 'The Toast Mistress' of the occasion, and in her genial way succeeded in making the toasts served a very enjoyable time.

"So much for the things that pertained to our physical comfort and happiness, but what of the things that were after all the real true purpose upon which all were intent? With the greetings and benedictions of Holton still fresh in our ears, we thank God for the precious women we met there, their good words, their unselfish service and the strength and courage their presence brought us. Only those who have entered into fellowship with each other in some unselfish work for Christ know how sweet is that communion, or how strong is that tie. And what rare occasions our quadrennial gatherings are for the strengthening of Christian bonds, and for the joys of Christian fellowship. But we thank Him also for the host of brave, loyal women who have also entered into this sweet fellowship, but whose faces were not seen at the convention in Holton. In our thought for the quadrennium upon which we are now entering, our waiting eyes are toward them. We rest in their faith and steadfastness in the work of the Lord."

"We have had our seasons of refreshment. Our convention was to all a veritable Bethel. We were strengthened, uplifted,

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inspired for the work of the future. It was said by many that the addresses had not at any previous convention reached such a uniform high order. The subjects were most helpful. Indeed all were vital and opened up to our view possibilities of service, of attainment, we should like to reach. Every session was full of inspiration and enthusiasm, but Sunday seemed to be specially full of good things. The sermon by Bishop S. P. Spreng gave to all of us new visions of what there is yet to be done, and can only be done by women. Life and honorary memberships were solicited during the day, pledges for the support of orphans in China were secured, and a liberal offering was given amounting in all to over \$1,200.00 for the day. Our church was too small for the crowd that gathered, so our Methodist friends graciously and generously gave us the use of their large church for Sunday morning and evening services.

“The presence of Dr. and Mrs. Krumling, Miss Alice Niederhauser and Miss Florence Erffmeyer, all to sail for the Orient in a few weeks, added much to the interest of the occasion. Their bright cheery faces, their evident eagerness to be gone from even so pleasant a place as a convention in Kansas, to their work in China and Japan, made a deep and lasting impression upon us all. Our work among the Italians was ably represented by Miss Minnie Koenig of Chicago, and Rev. Giuliani of Milwaukee. The story of Rev. Giuliani’s conversion was a most thrilling one, and deep impressions were made.

“Every branch but one was represented by one or more delegates. The interest from first to last was intense, and the seasons of tarrying at the feet of the Master most refreshing and sweet. The days spent in convention were days of intense stress and toil, but the heat was lessened, and the tired nerves refreshed by the thought that it was all for Christ.”

Many visitors were present from the bounds of the Kansas Conference who availed themselves of the privilege of attending such an occasion when it was near home. All were welcomed and all enjoyed themselves at this gathering which was the first of the kind for many loyal sisters of the Evangelical Association in Kansas.

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FORTY-NINTH SESSION

Conference met at Leonardville, Riley County, Kans., March 20, 1913, to hold her 49th session. Bishop Wm. Horn presided and J. K. Young served as secretary.

E. S. Evans and W. F. Schuerman were, at their request, placed on the supernumerary list. Credentials were issued to H. Steenbock and Wm. Pittker.

The following brethren were retained in the itinerancy without appointment: F. J. Schadt, D. R. Zellner, J. M. Fricker, A. Rodewald, and J. H. Tobias. C. Underkoffler was placed on the list of local elders.

In view of Brother Tobias' long and faithful service in the Conference, during which he never spared himself, but oftentimes labored to excess, the following resolution was placed on record: "Whereas, Brother J. H. Tobias, who, for many years, was a strong leader in our Conference, is now compelled because of failing health to retire from active work, be it resolved, that we extend to Brother Tobias our hearty appreciation for his many years of courageous service in the bounds of our Conference, and that we invoke God's richest blessings upon him and his companion during their remaining years of life."

A. C. Poersch, G. Gfeller and Chas. Geist received license to preach on probation, and T. T. Moore was received from the Baptist Church.

A. F. Rice, H. Wiens, J. Sands and W. L. Zabel were advanced to deacons' orders and received into the itinerancy. L. M. Nanninga and J. B. Gresser received elders' orders.

Hesston, Offerle and Falls City at their request were made self-supporting and received the hearty commendation of Conference for their valor.

M. F. Shupe, M. C. Platz and C. E. Platz were added to the Conference Church Extension Board.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected trustee of North-Western College and Evangelical Theological Seminary for three years, D. Swart Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs statistical secretary for one year, A. Solt Conference treasurer for one year, and the pastor of Kansas City, Mersington Ave. church, trustee of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League.

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Rev. R. M. Buckner was received as fraternal delegate from the United Evangelical Church and addressed Conference, whereupon C. F. Erffmeyer was appointed a representative of our Conference to the next annual session of the United Evangelical Conference.

A Conference Sunday-school Board was formed in harmony with the action of General Conference, and the following brethren elected members: H. E. Bower, M. F. Shupe, M. C. Platz, M. F. Gabel, B. Barthel, F. Schafer, I. B. Miller and J. E. Hauck.

It was ordered that in the future the presiding elders shall submit a concise yet comprehensive report of the condition of their respective districts to the Conference and the reports be published in the Conference Journal.

M. C. Platz was added to the Kansas Conference Historical Committee.

The pastor of Topeka, Kans., was elected a member of the Public Welfare League Conference, to be held in Topeka, March 26, 1913.

The president of the Young People's Alliance Conference Branch reported that the next Young People's Alliance Convention will be held in Soden Park, Emporia, Kans., Aug. 5-12, 1913, and all were urged to attend.

The following recognition was taken of Mrs. J. F. Schreiber who resides at Leonardville, Kans., and was in attendance at Conference: "We rejoice to know that Sister Schreiber of this community, wife of the sainted J. F. Schreiber, a charter member of the Kansas Conference, still enjoys a reasonable degree of health and happiness, therefore be it resolved, that we extend to her our best wishes for the remaining years of her life, and that we assure her of continued prayers in her behalf."

BOUNDARIES

Abilene District

a. Randolph, Winkler and interlying territory shall constitute Randolph Mission and be supplied by the presiding elder.

Holton District

a. Atchison shall be served with Camp Creek.

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Kansas City District

- a. Benton shall be taken from Oregon Circuit and added to Mound City Mission.
- b. Platte River Circuit shall be called Cosby Station.

Newton District

- a. Offerle congregation shall be a station and the country appointments shall constitute a new mission to be called Pleasant Valley Mission.
- b. Hesston congregation shall be a station and Zion appointment of Hesston Circuit shall be added to Hutchinson, Grandview.

MUTUAL BENEVOLENT AID SOCIETY

The Mutual Benevolent Aid Society, which, for a number of years, was maintained as a protection of church property and ministers' household goods against loss by fire or storm, and which rendered valuable service on an economical basis, was found to be out of harmony with the recently enacted state insurance laws, and was dissolved after adjusting all claims, and refunding the surplus in the treasury to certificate holders.

MISSIONS

The amount of \$15,354.36 was raised for missions in the Conference the past year, and \$16,000.00 appropriated for the ensuing year, \$1,000.00 of this amount to be paid by the General Treasury for the work in Colorado and Oklahoma.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions and the following officers elected for the Missionary Society: D. Swart, president; C. F. Kliphardt, secretary; and H. E. Bower, treasurer.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 657; accessions, 883; membership, 7,460; itinerant preachers, 83; local preachers, 35; churches, 106; parsonages, 55; Sunday-schools, 115; officers and teachers, 1,473; scholars, 9,393; teacher-training classes, 10; catechetical classes, 31; catechumens, 499; Young People's Alliances, 80; members, 2,502; Woman's Missionary Societies, 70; members, 1,568; Botschafters, 627; Messengers, 1,025; Magazins, 416; Missionary Messengers, 906; Missionsbote, 224; Heralds, 647; Bundesbote, 47; total for missions, \$29,773.79.

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APPOINTMENTS

Abilene District—*J. G. Schumacher,*
P. E.

Abilene, L. Hanne.
Alida, A. Hoerrman.
Canada, F. W. Wendland.
Concordia, Calvary, S. Breithaupt.
Concordia, Bethany, J. A. Spencer.
Colorado Springs, C. J. Zager.
Diamond Springs, C. E. Glaze.
Industry, W. L. Zabel.
Jewell, H. E. Bower.
Leonardville, W. F. Wolthausen.
Lost Springs, F. C. Dissinger.
Lucas, C. J. Eiselein.
Marion, E. E. Erffmeyer.
Mayday, L. G. Weide.
Ordway, P. G. Nuffer.
Osborne, A. Hoch.
Simla, C. S. Steinmetz and H. Huscher.
Swede Creek, J. J. Kliphardt.
Washington and Throop, B. H. Hobbs and O. J. Sheldon.
Randolph, to be supplied.

Holton District—*C. F. Iwig, P. E.*
Atchison and Camp Creek, L. M. Nanninga.

Bern, G. W. Landis.
Coal Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
Deer Creek, J. B. Gresser.
Falls City, M. C. Platz.
Granada, F. M. Peek.
Hiawatha Station, C. L. Sorg.
Hiawatha Circuit, A. E. Butler.
Holton, D. Swart.
Preston, A. Mattill.
Topeka, J. K. Young.
Vassar, Geo. Schrenk.
Worden, E. H. Wendland.
Westmoreland, to be supplied.

Kansas City District—*A. Solt, P. E.*
Clair, Ralph Schreiber.
Cosby, H. M. Schuerman.

Eudora, C. F. Kliphardt.
Glasgow, A. F. Rice.
Kansas City, Park Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, Mersington Ave., E. W. Petticord.
Leavenworth, G. F. Barthel.
Lawrence, C. B. Willming.
Mound City, Wm. Russell.
Oregon, G. W. Weidemeier.
Shelby, W. J. Huscher.
St. Joseph, F. H. Draeger.
South St. Joseph, J. H. Kiplinger.
Warrensburg, S. A. Burgert.
Winston, W. C. Johnson.

Newton District—*C. F. Erffmeyer,*
P. E.

Alden, to be supplied by T. T. Moore.
Butler Circuit and Mission, J. H. Parmer.
Custer, H. Wiens.
Dennis, E. S. Spangler.
Derby, F. U. Moyer.
Dover, S. Beese.
Emporia Circuit and Mission, C. Meeder and T. R. Nanninga.
Guyman, to be supplied.
Halstead, Q. B. Roth.
Hesston, E. J. Feitz.
Humboldt, J. R. Nanninga.
Hutchinson, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, Grandview, J. S. Miller.
Newton, J. Sands.
Offerle, H. A. Schneider.
Orlando, A. Linge.
Pleasant Valley Mission, to be supplied.
Sweetwater, G. Gick.
Weatherford, L. E. Becher.
Waukomis, J. Haber.
Wichita, I. B. Miller.
Woodson, to be supplied.
Yates Center, B. Barthel.
Alabama, A. Brunner.

LAY DELEGATES

Abilene District: P. E. Sommers, M. F. Shupe, W. A. Johnson, Gideon Schreiber; Holton District: M. F. Gabel, F. Daeschner, George Haag, H. Bickel, Sr.; Kansas City District: P. Ewald, Fred Schafer, D. Triem, Wm. B. Butler; Newton District: C. W. Newby, Albert Weide, Solomon Beese, C. E. Hanson.

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MEMORIAL

Death invaded the homes of three of our Conference members during the past year as follows:

Mrs. P. Bretsch

Mother Bretsch, the companion of Father P. Bretsch, was called to her heavenly home during the past year. For many years Sister Bretsch shared the hardships of a pioneer preacher's life in the Indiana Conference, where her husband labored as missionary and later as presiding elder, until early in the eighties, when he was necessitated to emigrate to the West on account of failing health. Settling at Newton, Kansas, they lived there till 12 years ago, when they moved to Hobart, Oklahoma, where Mother Bretsch was called to the home above. She leaves her aged husband who has passed his 90th mile stone to mourn the loss of a faithful companion, and the children the loss of a mother of blessed influence and memory.

Sommers

Brother P. E. Sommers, lay delegate to this Conference, was, with his companion, called upon to pass through deep waters of sorrow the past year, caused by the death of their daughter, an estimable young lady, possessed of rare ability and beautiful character, full of promise for a long and useful life. The Heavenly Father saw best in his infinite wisdom to transfer her to the home above where she might render unto Him a more perfect service. While her earthly plans and purposes were left unfinished she has gone to a land of sunshine and brightness, where sorrow's tears do not flow, and pain does not exist.

Iwig

The home of Rev. C. F. Iwig was again visited by the death messenger, taking from them their little baby daughter, which he gathered to the floral site above to bloom forever in the paradise of heavenly splendor and rapture.

NEWTON, KANSAS

The congregation at Newton, Kansas, enjoyed a special degree of prosperity during the past year in consequence of which they provided a new church. Under the able management of the pastor, Rev. J. Sands, assisted by a competent building committee, consisting of H. Burgener, S. M. Spangler, J. E. Hauck, Richard

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Berg, M. Schanbacher, S. Smith, L. Bluhm, J. Brown, J. Abrams and C. F. Erffmeyer, the material of the old building was utilized in the construction of a beautiful and convenient church, the main auditorium of which measures 40x50 feet, with numerous annexes and basement. The cost of building amounted to \$9,000.00, which is a marvel of cheapness considering the character of the structure. The dedicatory services were held by Bishop T. Bowman on Nov. 10, 1912.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

For many years the old brick church on North 6th Street was a landmark of pioneer days. Erected in 1861, it became the second church building of the Evangelical Association in Kansas. For a half century it was used as a place of worship, and in it was held the first session of the Kansas Conference by Bishop J. Long, followed by the two succeeding sessions in 1866 and 1867. For years the building had been inadequate for the congregation and Sunday-school, but the matter of building a new church seemed too much of a task for the congregation. However, during the past year the attempt was made, and the project carried to completion during the pastorate of G. F. Barthel. The local society supported the enterprise nobly, and with the aid received from the Holton District, in connection with contributions given by citizens of Leavenworth, who were interested in the improvement of their city, the church was completed at a cost of \$11,300.00 and dedicated by Bishop S. C. Breyfogel, Oct. 20, 1912. This building reflects great credit upon the congregation and the city, and has added much to the further development of the work.

ATCHISON MISSION

As early as 1859 M. J. Milller wrote from Leavenworth that he contemplated taking up an appointment in Atchison since he learned that a great many German people lived there. Just when the work was taken up, or by whom, we have no record, however, at the Conference session in 1866 Atchison was, with several country appointments, formed into Atchison Mission, and continued as such for three years when it was discontinued. Not until 1872 was the work again taken up, and served with Wolf River Circuit. Later it was given the name Atchison Mission. There seems to have been progress during the following year, so that in

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the spring of 1884 Conference ordered the erection of a church. The following year the pastor, D. R. Zellner, reported that a church and parsonage had been built at a cost of \$5,737.40. For many years the congregation struggled along under a heavy church debt until finally, by the aid of Conference, it was liquidated. During those years, as well as later, the congregation failed to develop as it should have done, but instead gradual decline set in, so that in 1913 the mission was merged with Atchison Circuit and the city congregation was left without a pastor. It is to be regretted that a work which was once so full of promise, upon which so much labor and money was spent, should finally succumb to total failure.

PLEASANT VALLEY MISSION

While serving Offerle Mission in 1905, Rev. I. B. Miller began to preach at Pleasant Valley, and organized a class in December of the same year. The charter members of the new class were G. E. Matkin, J. H. Umbach and wife, H. D. Scarbrough and wife, Cora Scarbrough, Ruth Scarbrough, F. M. Scarbrough and wife, Mrs. Lulu Preston, Mrs. Cris. Henning, Frank Trimpa, Lizzie Trimpa, Maggie Trimpa, Lewis Shafer and wife, Dessie Shafer, R. C. Dewell and wife, and H. W. Harris and wife. J. H. Umbach was elected class-leader of the newly organized class, and Mrs. H. D. Scarbrough, exhorter. Brother Miller, being returned to Offerle Mission in the spring of 1906, at once took up the project of building a church at this point, which was successfully completed and dedicated on Thanksgiving Day of that year by M. C. Platz, presiding elder. The building was erected at a cost of \$1,800.00, and at the end of the year the congregation numbered 35 members, with a bright prospect for the future. A Sunday-school was organized at the time the class was started and Mrs. J. H. Umbach was chosen superintendent. During the year 1909 a good many of the members moved away, weakening the congregation and retarding progress for several years, however, the little band continued their Sunday-school and church activities. In 1913 the appointment was taken from Offerle Mission and constituted a separate work called Pleasant Valley Mission, thus forming one of the latest fields of labor in the Conference.

1914

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1914

FIFTIETH SESSION

Conference met in 50th session at Newton, Kans., March 19, 1914, with Bishop S. P. Spreng in the chair and J. K. Young, secretary. Arrangements had been made to celebrate the semi-centennial session as Jubilee session of the Kansas Conference.

T. T. Moore, pastor at Alden, Kansas, died during the year.

A. Linge was placed on the list of local elders, and M. F. Shupe voluntarily returned his license. The name of C. L. Manshardt was taken from the list of local probationers.

Credentials were voted to F. H. Draeger to the California Conference.

The brethren L. E. Becher, Wm. Russell, F. J. Schadt and J. H. Tobias were permitted to remain in the itinerancy without appointment.

M. W. Parker, Walter Coleman, A. E. Kurth, E. F. Hofer and J. D. Klein received license to preach.

O. J. Sheldon was advanced to deacon's orders, and with C. B. Willming received into the itinerancy.

Elders' orders were voted to W. J. Huscher, G. Gick, E. S. Spangler, A. E. Butler, F. W. Wendland, E. H. Wendland and L. G. Weide.

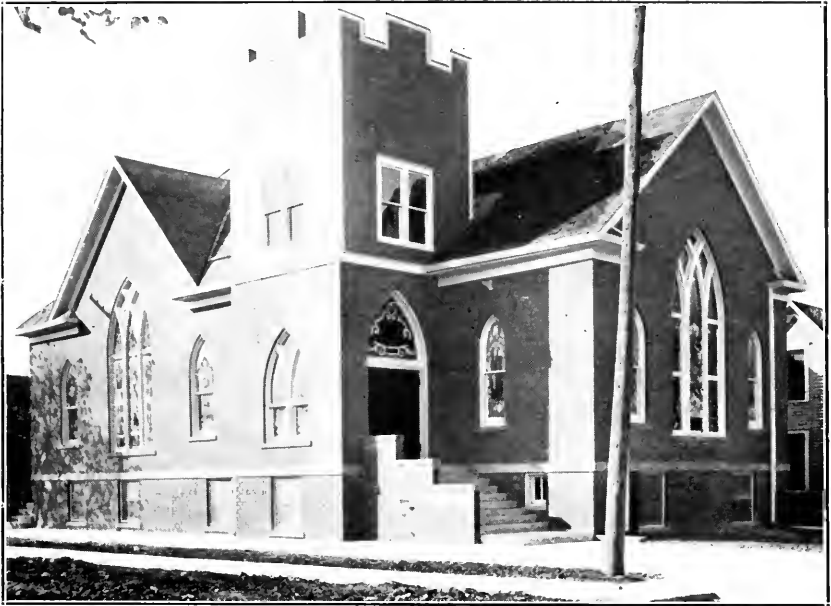
Rev. H. T. Wright, fraternal delegate from the United Evangelical Church, was welcomed and addressed Conference.

C. F. Erffmeyer was elected Conference trustee for five years, B. H. Hobbs, statistical secretary for one year, and A. Solt, Conference treasurer for one year.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK

Conference granted one evening during its session to the Sunday-school interests. On this occasion J. H. Engle, state secretary of the Sunday-School Association of Kansas, made an excellent address, which was highly appreciated and resulted in new inspiration for the Sunday-School work. Short addresses were made by Don. Kinney, a member of the International Sunday-School Executive Committee, and M. C. Platz.

The Sunday-school Board ordered that the "Sunday-School Bulletin," a small paper which had been published by the Conference Field Secretary the past two years irregularly, shall be published three times during the coming year. The Board also urged



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the local management of each school by a local Sunday-school board, according to the directions of the Discipline. Each school shall publish four quarterly reports during the year, and every school shall furnish the Field Secretary with an annual report during the first week in January.

An evangelistic slogan was adopted by which each work in the Conference shall strive to save at least fifty souls during the coming year. To this end a co-operation of all the church organizations was urged.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

M. C. Platz, secretary of the Conference Historical Committee, reported that a vast amount of early historical data of the Conference had been gathered and written out. Whereupon it was ordered that the committee should continue its work and as far as possible prepare the manuscript by the next annual session, covering a period of fifty years. C. L. Sorg and C. F. Kliphardt were added to the committee.

JUBILEE SERVICE

A very impressive Jubilee service was held on Friday afternoon, on which occasion Rev. J. H. Tobias, who had been in the active work of the Kansas Conference for 35 years, presided and made an interesting address relative to his early experiences and the development of the work.

Rev. H. Mattill, one of the oldest ministers of the Conference, living, was to preach the Jubilee sermon, but not being able to be present, he sent his sermon, which was read by the Conference secretary. It was full of reminiscence, ever emphasizing the grace of God in helping so wonderfully during the days of small things in the Kansas Conference, when poverty was great, privations many, hardships severe, discouragements numerous. It was an inspiration to listen to Brother Mattill's sermon as he recounted the past mercy of God during the days when the pioneers of the Kansas Conference braved the difficulties, which always attend pioneer effort, and then to hear the glorious victories they achieved in Jesus' name, and the blessings which we enjoy as the fruits of their self-sacrifice. Also the great responsibility which rests upon us today as their successors in the work, which was so near and dear to them, but has now been handed down to us that we might carry it on to the best of our ability and to the glory of God.

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On Saturday afternoon another interesting Jubilee service was held on which occasion D. Swart presided and addresses were made as follows: Bishop S. P. Spreng spoke on the subject, "Elements of Success"; Rev. C. F. Iwig on "The Achievements"; Fred Schafer, "The Present Needs"; M. F. Gabel, "The Future Possibilities," while C. F. Erffmeyer spoke on the plan for raising a \$20,000 Jubilee Fund for Church Extension. The addresses were replete with thought that led to profound gratitude for the blessings of God in the past through the development of the work in the Kansas Conference, and gave a new vision of golden opportunities for the future.

In addition to the foregoing the brethren J. K. Young, C. L. Sorg and B. Barthel were appointed editors and publishers of a Jubilee number of the Conference Journal, to be assisted in the enterprise by the Historical Committee. Also a Conference photograph was ordered to be prepared and offered for sale.

PRESIDING ELDER REPORTS

For the first time in the history of the Conference the presiding elders submitted a report of their respective districts which was ordered printed in the Journal.

The Young People's Alliance Conference Branch president, O. F. Hanne, announced the arrangements for a Jubilee Young People's Alliance and Woman's Missionary Society convention, to be held in connection with a camp-meeting at Soden Park, Emporia, Kans., Aug. 6-16, 1914.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The net gain of the Sunday-schools for the past year was 1,226, or 226 more than the goal set the previous year. A very successful series of Sunday-school rallies were conducted by Rev. F. C. Berger, General Secretary, during the past winter, which gave new impetus to the work, and added new zeal to the host of workers. Brother Berger reported that he devoted 20 days to the work in Kansas, during which time he traveled 3,375 miles, held 17 conventions, organized 7 Home Departments, 11 Cradle Rolls, and 24 teacher-training classes, with more than 500 members.

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BOUNDARIES

Holton District

a. Bellevue and Wolf River shall be taken from Hiawatha Circuit and in connection with Sparks constitute Bellevue Circuit.

Kansas City District

a. A new mission shall be located in south-east Kansas City, which shall be called Garden Hill Mission.

Newton District

a. In accordance with the action of the Executive Committee of the General Board of Missions the Alabama Mission was discontinued.

MISSIONS

The total amount raised for missions in the Kansas Conference the past year was \$14,252.88, and the amount appropriated for the ensuing year was \$16,915.00, of which amount \$1,000.00 was appropriated by the General Treasury for the work in Colorado and Oklahoma.

The following officers were elected for the society: D. Swart, president; C. F. Kliphardt, secretary; and H. E. Bower, treasurer. C. F. Erffmeyer was elected delegate to the Board of Missions.

STATISTICS

Conversions, 832; accessions, 1,067; membership, 7,949; itinerant preachers, 83; local preachers, 33; churches, 107; parsonages, 56; Sunday-schools, 106; officers and teachers, 1,989; scholars, 10,278; Home Department, 462; Cradle Roll, 768; grand total, 12,891; teacher-training classes, 40; members, 433; Young People's Alliances, 83; members, 2,612; Woman's Missionary Societies, 70; members, 1,573; Junior Alliances, 6; members, 119; catechetical classes, 30; catechumens, 415; Botschafters, 622; Messengers, 1,001; Magazins, 417; Missionary Messengers, 928; Missionsbote, 284; Heralds, 518; Bundesbote, 7; total for missions, \$24,892.78.

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APPOINTMENTS

Abilene District—G. J. Schumacher,
P. E.

Abilene, L. Hanne.
Alida, A. Hoerrman.
Canada, F. W. Wendland.
Concordia, Calvary, S. Breithaupt.
Concordia, Bethany, J. A. Spencer.
Colorado Springs, C. J. Zager.
Diamond Springs, to be supplied.
Industry, W. L. Zabel.
Jewell, H. E. Bower.
Leonardville, W. F. Wolthausen.
Lost Springs, S. Beese.
Lucas, C. J. Eiselein.
Marion, E. E. Erffmeyer.
Mayday, C. E. Glaze.
Ordway, P. G. Nuffer.
Osborne, A. Hoch and Sylvester
Hower.
Simla, C. S. Steinmetz and H. Hu-
scher.
Swede Creek, J. J. Kliphardt.
Throop, G. W. Weidemeier.
Washington, B. H. Hobbs.
Randolph, to be supplied.

Holton District—C. F. Iwig, P. E.

Atchison, to be supplied by J. M.
Fricker.
Bern, G. W. Landis.
Bellevue, A. E. Butler.
Camp Creek, E. F. Boehringer.
Coal Creek, F. M. Peek.
Deer Creek, J. B. Gresser.
Falls City, M. C. Platz.
Granada, C. A. Geist.
Hiawatha Circuit, to be supplied by O.
J. Sheldon.
Hiawatha Station, C. L. Sorg.
Holton, D. Swart.
Preston, A. Brunner.
Topeka, J. K. Young.
Vassar, A. Rodewald.
Worden, E. H. Wendland.

Kansas City District—A. Solt, P. E.
Kansas City, Park Ave., C. E. Platz.
Kansas City, Mersington, L. M. Nan-
ninga.

Kansas City, Garden Hill, E. A. Pauli.
Clair, R. Schreiber.
Cosby, H. M. Schuerman.
Eudora, G. Schrenk.
Glasgow, E. L. Schuerman.
Leavenworth, G. F. Barthel.
Lawrence, C. B. Willming.
Mound City, A. F. Rice.
Oregon, F. C. Dissinger.
Shelby, W. J. Huscher.
St. Joseph, C. F. Kliphardt.
South St. Joseph, A. Mattill.
Warrensburg, S. A. Burgert.
Winston, W. C. Johnson.
Conference Evangelist, E. W. Petticord.

Newton District—C. F. Erffmeyer,
P. E.

Alden, L. G. Weide.
Butler Circuit and Mission, J. H. Par-
mer.
Custer, H. Wiens.
Dennis, E. S. Spangler.
Derby, F. U. Moyer.
Dover, E. F. Hofer.
Emporia Circuit and Mission, C. Mee-
der and T. R. Nanninga.
Guymon, to be supplied.
Halstead, Q. B. Roth.
Hesston, E. J. Feitz.
Hutchinson, M. J. Steinmetz.
Hutchinson, Grandview, J. S. Miller.
Newton, J. Sands.
Offerle, H. A. Schneider.
Orlando, A. E. Kurth.
Pleasant Valley, M. W. Parker.
Sweetwater, to be supplied.
Weatherford, G. A. Gick.
Waukomis, John Haber.
Wichita, I. B. Miller.
Woodson, to be supplied.
Yates Center, B. Barthel.
Humboldt, J. R. Nanninga.

LAY DELEGATES

Abilene District: P. E. Sommers, M. F. Shupe, D. J. Matter,
W. A. Johnson; Holton District: Henry Abbuehl, George Haag, F.
Daeschner, Henry Bickel, Sr.; Kansas City District: Philip Ewald,
F. Schafer, Daniel Triem, Elmer Vogel; Newton District: S. M.
Spangler, C. W. Newby, Solomon Beese, Albert Weide.

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MEMORIAL

Rev. T. T. Moore

Rev. T. T. Moore came to the Kansas Conference a year ago from the Baptist Church and was stationed on Alden Circuit, which he served less than a year, when the Lord called him from his labors here below to his reward above. His service in the Conference was of such duration that his acquaintance was very limited. His short period of service on the Alden work was altogether acceptable, and his usefulness for the future was promising when he was so suddenly taken from our midst.

Mrs. E. Evans

Sister Evans, companion of our venerable Father E. Evans, was called from earthly activity and scenes to the home above, leaving her aged companion, with whom she spent so many years in happy wedlock, to journey through the valley of sorrow. Mother Evans was a true Christian in the home and in the church. Years ago she shared the lot of an Evangelical preacher's life, which place she filled with the greatest degree of conscientiousness and devotion. She reared her children for the Lord, and was permitted to see one of her sons enter the ministry in the Kansas Conference. Though taken from the midst of her loved ones, she continues to speak through her unselfish life and influence.

Olive Rose Barthel

Olive Rose, the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. Barthel, was carried home to the bosom of the loving Shepherd, who loves the lambs and cares for them. Though the home has been made sad by the departure of their little darling, yet the thought that she is safe with Jesus brings a consolation which heals the wounded heart.

HESSTON STATION

In 1888 A. W. Platt and C. E. Platz were assigned to Newton Mission, which had just been strengthened by the addition of all the appointments of Halstead Mission, except Halstead and Christian (Moundridge) appointments. During the year C. E. Platz began to preach in the school house of district No. 49, which was also known as the Johnson appointment, about five miles south of

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where Hesston is now located. Two years later M. Walter organized a class with the following families: Uriah Spangler, I. E. Smith, J. M. Vogt, S. C. Nearhood and Geo. Mead. J. M. Vogt was chosen class-leader and Geo. Mead, exhorter. Services were continued at this place till 1897, when the appointment was changed to school district No. 20, two miles south of Hesston, and during the winter of the same year the meetings were held in the school house in Hesston. A successful revival was held during the winter of 1897 by J. S. Miller, and quite a few were added to the church. Steps were now taken to erect a church building. The project was consummated at a cost of \$2,000.00. The building was dedicated by Rev. J. J. Kliphardt, Feb. 5, 1898. In 1913 Hesston was made a station. A Sunday-school was started in 1890, when the society was organized and Ed. Mead was elected superintendent of the school. In 1909 a Young People's Alliance was organized during the pastorate of M. J. Steinmetz and R. H. Knott was chosen president. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized during the pastorate of C. L. Sorg, with Mrs. C. L. Sorg as president.



T A B L E S

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

The following local Young People's Alliances were organized in the order given, as near as can be ascertained. Not all have been reported, nor could the date of organization be ascertained in every case. Wherever possible the date when organized is given as well as the name of the first president, also the name of the pastor, under whom the organization was effected. We regret very much that the list could not be completed, but in many instances the time of organization could not be given nor the names of the first officers. The records were lost and the facts could not be ascertained by the pastor serving the work. We give the list as nearly complete as it could be obtained.

<i>Name of Work</i>	<i>Time of Organization</i>	<i>Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President</i>
Holton	.....1891	F. Harder	.....
Hiawatha	.....Oct. 13, 1891	J. K. Young	Arnold Moser
Jewell	.....Aug. 23, 1891	M. C. Platz	.....
Coal Creek	.....1891	D. Swart	.....
Halstead	.....1891	W. F. Schuerman	.....
Yates Center	.....1892	C. Brandt	Ernst Bienway
Hutchinson	.....Sept. 11, 1892	J. H. Keeler	Mrs. H. Doty
Offerle	.....1892	S. A. Burgert	E. E. Carmine
Preston	.....1892	P. Schuman	.....
Concordia	.....1892	.....	Harry Huscher
Fancy Creek	.....1893	M. Manshardt	M. Manshardt
Glasgow	.....1894	J. M. Fricker	Fred Bishop
Frankfort	.....1894	J. M. Fricker	Frank Steenetry
Swede Creek	.....1894	P. Schuman	.....
Emporia	.....May 12, 1895	C. Meeder	.....
Emporia (Ebenezer)	.....1895	C. Meeder	Louis Schwindt
Platte River	.....1895	A. Mattill	.....
Newton	.....1895	J. W. Keiser	David Reeves
St. Joseph	.....Mar. 1, 1895	J. Neuffer	J. Neuffer
Leavenworth	.....1896	C. W. Stauffer	C. W. Stauffer
Camp Creek	.....1896	A. Rodewald	.....
Hiawatha (Victory)	.....1896	.....	Mrs. H. Schaible
Bern	.....1896	M. Walter	.....
Alida	.....1897	W. F. Schuerman	.....
Waukomis (Salem)	.....1899	H. Toedman	.....
Falls City1900	J. Schmidli
Worden1900	C. J. Zager
Lost Springs1900	Ollie Shupe

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Marion	1901	W. C. Johnson	Mrs. H. J. Buschlin
Clearfield	1902	Gid. Brecheisen
South St. Joseph...Jan. 8, 1902		W. H. Manshardt	Sadie Russel
Derby	1903	.....	Fred Yergler
Colorado Springs	1903	C. S. Steinmetz	.....
Deer Creek	1903	M. Walter	.....
Hanover	June 14, 1905	M. W. Plettner	Rosa Luhring
Waukomis	1905	Wm. Daeschner	Hulda Daeschner
Ordway, Colo.	1906	.....	Geo. Trabant
Clair	Dec. 17, 1908	.....	Howard Hall
Industry	1908	C. J. Eiselein	Mrs. C. J. Eiselein
Dover, Okla.	1909	G. F. Barthel	Myrtle Sherwood
Hesston	1909	M. J. Steinmetz	R. H. Knott
Sweetwater, Okla.	1909	Wm. Daeschner	Wm. Daeschner
Lawrence	Dec. 10, 1909	E. J. Feitz	J. E. Schuman
Mayday (Bethany)	1910	Emil Wendland	Emil Wendland
Weatherford, Okla.	1911	L. E. Becher	Mrs. L. E. Becher
Simla, Colo. (P. Plains)...	1911	O. L. Lister	Ezra Geib
Eudora	July 12, 1912	Geo. Schrenk	Mrs. Geo. Schrenk
Granada (Zion)	1912	F. M. Peek	Lydia Seip
Wichita	June, 1912	I. B. Miller	Mrs. Emma Glazer
Simla, Colo.	1913	C. S. Steinmetz	E. E. Gray
Simla (Kuhn's Cross.)	1913	C. S. Steinmetz	Ralph Kimble
Mound City, Calvary	1914	A. F. Rice	H. Shaw

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following Woman's Missionary Society auxiliaries were organized as indicated. Not all of the auxiliaries in the Conference are here recorded, but such as could be obtained with the date of organization, name of president and pastor under whom the organization was effected.

<i>Name of Work</i>	<i>Time of Organization</i>	<i>Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President</i>
Hiawatha	1886	C. F. Erffmeyer .....	.....
Leavenworth	May 5, 1887	J. J. Kliphardt	Kathrine Rebsamen
Mound City (Ebenezer) ...	1887	A. J. Voegelein	Mrs. A. J. Voegelein
Abilene	May, 1888	M. C. Platz .....	.....
Dover, Okla.	1892	.....	Mrs. J. A. Northup
Holton	1893	M. C. Platz	Miss Lena Lindner
Newton	1894	J. W. Keiser .....	.....
Leonardville	1898	M. Manshardt	Mrs. M. Manshardt
Hiawatha Circuit..	June 11, 1900	I. H. Hauptfuehrer	Mrs. I. H. Haupt- fuehrer
Falls City	June 14, 1900	J. Schmidli	Mrs. J. Schmidli
St. Joseph	May 21, 1900	M. Manshardt	Mrs. M. Manshardt
Lost Springs	1901	S. A. Burgert	Mrs. S. A. Burgert
Mound City, Calvary.....	1901	I. H. Hauptfuehrer	Anna Wells
Emporia	Jan., 1901	J. S. Miller	Mrs. J. S. Miller
Marion	1902	W. C. Johnson	Mrs. W. C. Johnson
Colorado Springs	1903	C. S. Steinmetz .....	.....
Derby	May 26, 1903	M. J. Steinmetz	Mrs. Steinmetz
Frankfort	1903	.....	Lena Thierfelder
Offerle	1904	S. A. Burgert .....	.....
Sweetwater	1904	J. Kurtz .....	.....
Camp Creek	1904	A. Rodewald	Mrs. Geo. Volk
Orlando, Okla.	1905	Wm. Pittker .....	.....
Deer Creek	1905	E. H. Boehringer .....	.....
Yates Center	1905	W. F. Wolthausen	Mrs. W. F. Wolt- hausen
Hesston	1905	C. L. Sorg	Mrs. C. L. Sorg
Bern	1906	H. E. Bower .....	.....
Humboldt, Center Ridge ...	1906	J. M. Fricker .....	.....
Preston, Zion	July 25, 1907	.....	Mrs. Mary Weinert
Topeka	1907	C. L. Sorg	Mrs. C. L. Sorg
Coal Creek	Jan. 9, 1908	Geo. Schrenk	Mrs. Geo. Schrenk
Industry	1908	C. J. Eiselein	Mrs. C. J. Eiselein
Worden	1909	P. G. Nuffer	Mrs. J. Breithaupt
Glasgow	1909	C. F. Zager	Mrs. C. F. Zager
Hutchinson	1909	M. J. Steinmetz	Mrs. J. S. Miller
Eudora, Clearfield	1910	.....	Mrs. John Seltzer
South St. Joseph..	Nov. 18, 1910	H. E. Bower	Mrs. H. E. Bower
Alida	Feb. 10, 1910	J. M. Fricker	Mrs. J. M. Fricker
Platte River	1910	H. M. Schuerman	Mrs. H. M. Schuerman
Eudora	Dec. 16, 1911	J. M. Fricker	Mrs. J. M. Fricker

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Weatherford, Okla.	1912	L. E. Becher	Mrs. L. E. Becher
Mayday, Bethany..	May 3, 1912	L. G. Weide	Mrs. Ada Smith
Dennis	Feb. 22, 1912	Ed Spangler	Mrs. J. G. Cook
Hutchinson, Grandview	1912	J. S. Miller	Mrs. J. S. Miller
Ordway, Colo.	1912	.....	Minnie Hassler
Wichita	Apr. 17, 1913	I. B. Miller	Mrs. R. L. Glass
Fancy Creek		J. J. Kliphart	.....
Falls City Young Ladies....			
.....	Feb. 16, 1913	M. C. Platz	Mary Bickel
Simla, Colo. (Kuhns Cross- ing)	May, 1914	C. S. Steinmetz	Mrs. J. H. Schaal

OUR DEAD

“They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”—Rev. 14: 13.

<i>Names</i>	<i>Licensed</i>	<i>Entered Kansas Conf.</i>	<i>Year of Death</i>
Lewis Snyder	1849	1879	1881
J. Dengel .....	....	1876	1882
Moses Dissinger	1853	1879	1883
Wm. Heiser	1872	1872	1884
C. Ehrhardt	1862	1875	1885
M. Alsbach .....	....	1869	1886
W. Elmer .....	....	1884	1886
John Kramer .....	....	1884	1886
W. M. Harris .....	....	1886	1887
J. G. Pfeifer .....	....	1866	1891
L. Wenger	1872	1872	1891
John Leusler	1869	1869	1891
J. F. Schreiber	1855	1858	1896
Christian Stauffer	1869	1875	1896
P. Fricker .....	....	1863	1898
J. Paulin .....	....	1890	1899
C. W. Stauffer	1885	1885	1900
Solomon Reep .....	....	....	1901
B. F. Wade .....	....	....	1901
H. E. Meyer	1886	1891	1902
C. Berner	1858	1858	1903
M. Walter	1884	1884	1903
B. J. Fehnel .....	....	1888	1904
J. M. Dreisbach	1877	1877	1905
John Kurtz	1876	1908
J. Wuerth	1866	1866	1911
M. A. Butz	1911
T. T. Moore	1913	1913

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