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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTHERN INDIANA,

HELD IN

SPENCERVILLE, INDIANA, FROM SEPT. 29 TO OCT. 4, 1863.

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REV. D. SMITH, PRESIDENT.

REV. J. N. BARNETT, SECRETARY.

REV. G. W. WILSON, TREASURER.

FULL LIST OF MEMBERS.

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| 1 Rev. D. Smith. | 19 Rev. S. P. Snyder. |
| 2 Rev. H. Wells. | 20 Rev. P. S. Nellis.† |
| 3 Rev. F. Templin.§ | 21 Rev. G. W. Wilson. |
| 4 Rev. J. Wolf.* | 22 Rev. J. B. Cromer.† |
| 5 Rev. J. Cather. | 23 Rev. A. J. Cromer.† |
| 6 Rev. G. Walker.† | 24 Rev. J. N. Barnett. |
| 7 Rev. W. Waltman. | 25 Rev. P. Locker. |
| 8 Rev. R. F. Delo. | 26 Rev. F. F. Freidgen.† |
| 9 Rev. A. H. Scherer. | 27 Rev. J. Cramer.‡ |
| 10 Rev. J. G. Biddle. | 28 Rev. S. Ridenour. |
| 11 Rev. C. Caskey. | 29 Rev. G. E. Moore. |
| 12 Rev. B. F. Hills. | 30 Rev. J. Boon. |
| 13 Rev. J. Miller. | 31 Rev. J. H. Hoffman. |
| 14 Rev. L. L. Bonnell.* | 32 Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff. |
| 15 Rev. J. M. Smith. | 33 Rev. J. M. Lang. |
| 16 Rev. C. Jones.* | 34 Rev. W. H. Faris. |
| 17 Rev. V. Exline. | 35 Rev. E. W. Erick. |
| 18 Rev. F. Biddle. | |

* Deceased, 3. † Removed, 5. ‡ License not renewed, 1. § Name erased, 1.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Synod of Northern Indiana, will be held in Camden, Carroll County, Indiana, commencing on the last Tuesday evening of September, 1864.

PROCEEDINGS.

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SPENCERVILLE, IND., SEPT. 29, 1863.

The Ministers and Lay Delegates, comprising the Ninth Annual Convention of the Synod of Northern Indiana, assembled in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spencerville, Indiana, in charge of Rev. W. Waltman, on Tuesday Evening, Sept. 29, 1863.

The President, Rev. H. Wells, delivered the opening discourse from Matt. 6: 10, "*Thy Kingdom Come.*"

FIRST SYNODICAL SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After meeting for prayer, Synod assembled for business. The brethren united in singing a hymn, when the President led in prayer.

The clerical roll was called, and the absentees noted, when the delegates from charges presented their credentials and were duly received.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

CLERICAL.	RESIDENCE.	LAY.
1 Rev. D. Smith.	Noblesville, Ind.	
2 Rev. H. Wells.	Columbia City, Ind.	Levi Myers.
3 Rev. J. Cather.	Jarvis, Ind.	Joseph Tressler.
4 Rev. J. Wolf.*	Coesse, Ind.	
5 Rev. W. Waltman.	Lisbon, Ind.	P. Bishop.
6 Rev. R. F. Delo.†	30th Reg. Ind. Vol., Nashville, Tenn.	
7 Rev. J. H. Hoffman.	Albion, Ind.	
8 Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	N. B. Freeman.
9 Rev. A. H. Scherer.†	Sharpsville, Ind.	
10 Rev. S. P. Snyder.	Camden, Ind.	Levi Shirer.
11 Rev. P. Locker.	New Corydon, Ind.	Frederick Dock.
12 Rev. J. G. Biddle.	Lagrange Centre, Ind.	David Showalter.
13 Rev. C. Caskey.	Jarvis, Ind.	

14 Rev. B. F. Hills.	York Centre, Steuben Co., W. P. Weiss. Ind.	
15 Rev. J. Miller.	Columbia City, Ind.	Isaac Kitt.
16 Rev. J. M. Smith.	Onward, Cass Co., Ind.	
17 Rev. J. Boon.	Berrien Springs, Mich.	Joshua Feather.
18 Rev. V. Exline.¶	Van Wirt, Ohio.	
19 Rev. F. Biddle.	Monmouth, Ind.	Samuel Sheets.
20 Rev. G. W. Wilson.	North Manchester, Ind.	Dr. Eichholtz.
21 Rev. J. N. Barnett.	Albion, Ind.	David Koons.
22 Rev. J. M. Lang.‡	Hicksville, Ohio.	Jacob Sailor.

LICENTIATES.

23 Rev. S. Ridenour.	Wabash, Ind.	Amos Roser.
24 Rev. G. E. Moore.	Laud, Ind.	
25 Rev. W. H. Faris.§	Walton, Ind.	Samuel Stough.
26 Rev. E. W. Erich.§	Monmouth, Adams Co., Ind.	

COMMISSIONERS.

W. A. Calvert,	Massillon Charge.
J. W. Kitson,	Salem Charge.
J. Seaman,	Wells Co. Charge.
A. Leathers,	Van Wirt Charge.

* Deceased. † Absent, excused. ‡ Rec'd this Session. § Licenced this Session. ¶ Absent, not excused.

DELEGATES FROM SISTER SYNODS.

Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Wittenberg Synod, Ohio.
Rev. G. B. Ort, Miami Synod, Ohio.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. C. W. Lynch, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
“ H. Cherry, of the United Brethren Church.

The President next read his report, which was received and placed in the hands of Committee No. 1.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana :

With our hearts full of gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father, it becomes us to record His goodness to us in the year that now belongs to the past.

The rich blessings of Divine Providence have been liberally bestowed upon our portion of the country. Freely we have received.

Our territory abounds with the rich productions of the soil. The necessities and luxuries of life are spread out in rich profusion before us. Precious life and health have been generally preserved, and only one of our ministers have fallen. Blessings, temporal and spiritual, more than we can count, have been given for our benefit.

May the Great Head of the Church help us to be thankful and humble and prepare us to transact the business of Synod in such a way as to promote his glory.

Rev. P. S. Nellis has been honorably dismissed from this Synod to join the Illinois Synod.

The Rev's. W. H. Faris and L. N. Coverdale, having been properly recommended, have received *ad-interim* licenses to preach in our bounds.

Letters and testimonials from Nashville, Tenn., concerning the faithfulness and efficiency of Rev. R. F. Delo, in his labors among our brave suffering soldiers, in the hospitals, will be in due time presented.

Revivals of religion have been enjoyed in some of our charges, and the general prosperity of the churches in our bounds is encouraging, notwithstanding the fearful treason in our land, which has attracted the public attention everywhere.

The inadequate support of the ministers of our Synod, is one of the most discouraging things with which we have to contend, but even in this respect we have suffered less than in previous years.

Letters, documents, and items of importance, claiming your attention, will be regularly brought before you, under the appropriate heads of business, so that this report need not be lengthened.

Our highly esteemed and worthy aged brother, Wolf, of Coesse, Whitley county, Indiana, has been called from his labors to his reward. A few days before his death he talked hopefully of this Synod, and was joyful at the prospect of so soon meeting his brethren here. He peacefully closed his eyes in death on the 8th inst.

Thus we are bereft of our oldest and most learned minister; and while we are sensible of our loss, we sorrow not, as others who have no hope. We endeavor humbly to submit to the will of our Master in this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence.

In conclusion the President respectfully recommends Synod to adopt some plan, if possible, by which our scattered and destitute people may be encouraged and saved to our branch of the Church.

Logansport and other important points are receiving no culture from our hands, and even vacant churches are not supplied with occasional visits by our ministers.

Geater efficiency is loudly called for in our Home Mission work. While other denominations have a commendable zeal to gather and build up churches of material more accessible to ours, let us be provoked to greater activity and try to do our part of the work to which the Master calls us.

H. WELLS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Synod proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The President appointed Rev.'s S. P. Snyder and J. Boon, tellers. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

Rev. D. Smith, President.

Rev. J. N. Barnett, Secretary.

Rev. G. W. Wilson, Treasurer.

On motion the minutes of last year were referred to Committee No. 2, without being read.

COMMITTEES.

All papers intended for Synod were produced and given to committees announced by the President, as follows:

No. 1. (President's report,) Rev.'s W. P. Ruthrauff and J. Boon.

No. 2. (Last year's minutes,) Rev.'s J. Cather, B. F. Hills and Bro. Shirer.

No. 3. (Examining Committee,) Rev.'s H. Wells, W. P. Ruthrauff, J. H. Hoffman and J. N. Barnett.

No. 4. Rev.'s S. P. Snyder, P. Locker and Bro. Tressler.

No. 5. Rev.'s J. G. Biddle, C. Caskey and Bro. Myers.

No. 6. Rev.'s F. Biddle, J. Miller and Bro. Dock.

No. 7. Rev.'s S. Ridenour, G. E. Moore and Bro. Feather.

No. 8. Rev.'s G. W. Wilson, B. F. Hills and Bro. Eichholtz.

No. 9. Rev.'s H. Wells, W. Waltman and Bro. Eichholtz.

No. 10. Rev. W. H. Faris and Bro.'s Stough, Bishop and Koons.

No. 11. Rev.'s S. P. Snyder, P. Locker and F. Biddle.

No. 12. Rev.'s J. H. Hoffman, G. B. Ort and J. G. Biddle.

No. 13. Rev.'s J. G. Biddle, W. P. Ruthrauff and J. Boon.

No. 14. Rev.'s F. Biddle, W. Waltman and G. B. Ort.

No. 15. Rev. J. M. Smith, and Bro.'s Showalter, Weiss and Kitt.

No. 16. Rev. J. Boon and Bro.'s Sheets, Raser, Kitson and Seaman.

No. 17. Rev.'s H. Wells, W. Waltman and Bro. Calvert.

No. 18. (Colloquium,) Rev.'s C. Caskey, B. F. Hills and W. Waltman.

No. 19. Rev.'s H. Wells and W. P. Ruthrauff.

No. 20. Rev. W. Waltman and Bro.'s Seamen, Tressler and Leathers.

No. 21. Bro.'s Eichholtz and Stough.

No. 22. Rev.'s G. B. Ort, B. F. Hills and Bro. Calvert.

(I.) *Resolved*, That the first business this afternoon be the hearing of Rev. J. W. Goodlin on the claims of Wittenberg College upon our notice.

On motion Synod now adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. B. Ort.

The minutes of the first session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 9.

Your Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College, respectfully report that the document contains precisely the

information that our people and the public need, respecting the College and our educational interests there.

We, therefore, earnestly recommend the members of this body to read it with care themselves, and request the members of the churches to make themselves acquainted with the important items therein presented for their consideration and action. As arrangements are made to distribute copies of the Report among the people generally, it is deemed unnecessary to insert any part of it here.

The plan recommended in the Report and already adopted by this Synod to collect money for the College, is by your Committee approved, and its more general adoption heartily recommended.

With the document in your possession, and Rev. J. W. Goodlin present to address you, the Committee therefore ask permission to close its report.

HUGH WELLS.
H. EICHHOLTZ.
W. WALTMAN.

Synod listened with pleasure to remarks of Rev's. J. W. Goodlin, of Wittenberg Synod, G. B. Ort, of Miami Synod, and others, who addressed us briefly, concerning Wittenberg College.

The report was adopted with the plan of the Board of Directors, when pledges were taken, (vide Appendix B.)

On motion it was

(II.) *Resolved*, That there be a daily meeting for prayer at 8:30, A. M.

Also,

(III.) *Resolved*, That the Sessions of Synod commence at 9 A. M., and 2 P. M., and adjourn at 12 M, and 4:30 P. M.

On motion Synod adjourned until the hour for meeting, to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. H. Wells.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Faris.

Minutes of second session read and approved.

Bro. A. Leathers, Commissioner from Van Wirt, appeared, and was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Committee No. 1 would report that the paper placed in their hands is the President's report.

We find but two items in this report claiming the special attention of this body.

The *first* is the death of our esteemed and aged father and brother in Christ, J. Wolf. We would recommend the appointment of a special committee to prepare a minute on the death of this Brother.

The *second* item is the recommendation of the President that this Synod "adopt some plan by which our scattered and destitute people may be encouraged and saved to our branch of the church." Whilst your committee fully concur in the opinion of the President of the necessity of some action upon this all important subject, we leave it to the wisdom of this Synod to devise some way whereby this desired end may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. RUTHRAUFF.
J. BOON.

Accepted for consideration.

Item 1, Committee appointed, (No. 19.)

Item 2, referred to Mission business.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 17.

Your committee on a letter from Rev. R. F. Delo, and other papers from Nashville, learn with great pleasure that our beloved brother Delo, who went into the Union Army as Chaplain of the 30th Reg., I. V. M., but has been the last year on detached service in the Hospitals of Nashville, Tenn., has performed his duties with great credit to himself and honor to our Synod, of which he is a member.

Your committee believe his letter and testimonials from the officers of the U. S. C. C. and Secretary of the Chaplains' Association at Nashville would be heard with pleasure and profit by his brethren of the Synod, and therefore recommend that they be read, which will supercede the necessity of reporting further on the subject.

Presented with respect by your committee.

H. WELLS,
W. WALTMAN,
W. A. CALVERT.

Received and adopted.

The letters were read, also testimonials from the Secretary of the Chaplains' Association and Christian Commission, which were highly gratifying.

(IV.) *Resolved*, That Bro. R. F. Delo be cheerfully excused from attendance at this session of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4.

We respectfully report. The papers in our hands are—

1. The minutes of the 17th Annual Convention of the Wittenberg Synod, held in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, from the 27th of August to the 1st of September, 1863. Also the minutes of the 15th Annual Convention of the Olive Branch Synod, held in East Germantown, Indiana, from the 8th to the 13th of October, 1862.

Your committee have examined these minutes, and find nothing in them claiming the action of this Synod.

2. Is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Schaeffer, of the Synod of Iowa, elected delegate by that body to this Synod, in which he sends us friendly greetings. He also states that having been elected to the Presidency of

the Iowa Lutheran College, and having but recently assumed its responsibilities, he is unable to meet with us in our present convention.

He asks an interest in our prayers in behalf of the College over which he presides.

Your committee recommend a reciprocation of fraternal greetings, and an expression of sympathy with them in their educational interests, by appointing a delegate to their next Synodical Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

S. P. SNYDER,
PHILIP LOCKER,
JOSEPH TRESSLER.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts and expenditures during the past Synodical year were as follows:

SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Receipts.....	\$116 25
Expenditures.....	127 20
Deficit.....	\$10 95

HOME MISSIONARY TREASURY.

Receipts.....	\$164 07
Expenditures.....	158 13
Balance in Treasury.....	\$5 94

FOREIGN MISSION TREASURY.

Receipts.....	\$35 50
Paid.....	35 50

EDUCATION TREASURY.

Receipts.....	\$130 64
Paid P. Ray, (beneficiary,).....	75 00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$55 64

PASTOR'S FUND TREASURY.

Receipts.....	\$5 00
Attest:	G. W. WILSON, <i>Treasurer.</i>

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, have examined the same, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted.

H. EICHHOLTZ.
S. STOUGH.

On motion, Parochial Reports were now handed in, (vide Appendix A.)

On motion, twenty cents sent by Rev. A. H. Scherer, for Bible Society, were placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Bible Society in Spencerville, Indiana.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Bro. Smith reported Bruce Lake Charge vacant.

On motion it was

(V.) *Resolved*, That Rev. G. E. Moore be recommended by the Synod to visit Bruce Lake Charge; preach to the people; make their acquaintance; and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, that he become their pastor.

Bro. Waltman reported Spencerville Charge vacant.

Bro. Ridenour reported congregations in Wabash and Miami Counties vacant.

Bro. Ruthrauff reported Logansport Mission vacant.

Bro. Faris reported David's Church, Clinton County, vacant.

(VI.) *Resolved*, That Bro. W. H. Faris be granted permission to detach David's Church from the Walton Charge, by consent of the Church, and that Bro. Scherer be recommended to unite it, if possible, to his charge.

Pending the discussion of the resolution, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. Waltman.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Biddle.

In the temporary absence of the Secretary, on motion the reading of the Minutes was deferred until to-morrow morning.

The resolution pending was passed.

On motion permission was granted the Massillon charge to divide and form two pastorates if found expedient.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 20.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the paper in their hands is a letter from Bro. A. H. Scherer, containing his Parochial Report and three dollars and twenty cents, to be disposed of as follows: Synodical Treasury, two dollars; Home Mission, one dollar, and Bible Society,

twenty cents. Your Committee consider his reasons for non-attendance satisfactory, and respectfully recommend Synod to excuse him for absence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WALTMAN,
J. SEAMAN,
J. TRESSLER,
A. LEATHERS.

Report adopted and Bro. Scherer excused.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 8.

Your Committee, to which you have given for inspection the minutes of Wittenberg, Kentucky, and Miami Synods, would report that after an examination of each of said minutes, they find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

Your Committee would recommend a continuation of fraternal greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WILSON,
B. F. HILLS,
H. EICHHOLTZ.

To obviate difficulties felt in this Synod ever since its organization, the following preamble and resolution was offered and unanimously passed.

WHEREAS, The General Synod, in its formula for the government of District Synods in its connection, declares that it is the special province of District Synods to form and change ministerial districts; and,

WHEREAS, Constant difficulties and endless bickering have resulted from the assumption of this power; therefore,

(VII.) *Resolved*, That the power to *form* or *change* pastoral charges within the bounds of this Synod, belongs *alone* to this body, and that no *minister, conference* or *congregation* has any right to make any changes in the Pastoral Charges of this Synod without the consent of this body.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 10.

Your Committee having examined the Carmina Ecclesiæ, desire respectfully to report that they find it a complete system of vocal music, and recommend that it be introduced by this Synod into our churches as far as practicable.

W. H. FARIS,
S. STOUGH,
P. BISHOP,
D. KOONS.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 15.

The document placed in our hands is the Constitution of the Cartcreek Evangelical Luthern Church, in Grant county, Indiana.

We have examined said Constitution and find it to accord with the Constitution of Synod. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that said congregation be received into connection with Synod.

J. M. SMITH,
D. SHOWALTER,
W. P. WEISS,
ISAAC KITT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

Committee No. 7 respectfully report that the documents placed in their hands are:

1st. A preamble and reference to the form of by-laws in our minutes of 1861, adopted as the by-laws of Salem and Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Churches, both of Berrien county, Michigan.

We find nothing contrary to true Lutheranism. We therefore recommend that they be received into the care of this Synod.

2d. Are the proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the East Ohio Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, convened at Washingtonville, Ohio. There are connected with this Synod thirty ordained and three licensed ministers. Its officers are:

Rev. J. B. Baltzly, President.

" G. F. Stelling, Corresponding Secretary.

" I. J. Delo, Recording Secretary.

" W. G. Keil, Treasurer.

We highly approve of the proceedings of this Synod, and rejoice in its prosperity, but find nothing claiming the action of this body.

S. RIDENOUR,
G. E. MOORE,
J. FEATHER.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Your Committee report that the documents given to us are:

1st. A scale of merit from Wittenberg College, concerning Bro. P. Ray, which scale is truly very favorable to the industry, punctuality and behavior of Bro. Ray, and signed, by order of the Faculty, H. R. Geiger, dated June 26, 1863.

2d. Is a letter from Bro. P. Ray to this body, dated September 17th, 1863, stating that the Lord has blessed him in his studies, and that he stands well in his class. He also states that he is in great need, and says that he is already under great obligations to this body, and prays that we shall continue to be favorable to him.

Your Committee recommend him to your favorable notice.

Respectfully submitted,

F. BIDDLE,
J. MILLER,
F. DOCK.

The report was accepted and referred to education business.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5.

Your Committee would respectfully report the pamphlet placed in their hands, are the minutes of the 116th annual meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, convened in St. John's Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, May 31 to June 4, 1863.

Your Committee find nothing claiming your action.

J. G. BIDDLE,
C. CASKEY,
L. MYERS.

Report adopted.

MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee have only appropriated the sums ordered by your body at its last Convention, and deeply regret the loss which our branch of the Church suffers for the want of greater efficiency, especially in her *Home Mission work*.

H. WELLS,
J. N. BARNETT,
G. W. WILSON.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. M. Lang, of the English Synod of Ohio, having presented a certificate of honorable dismissal from that Synod, was unanimously received a member of this Synod.

On motion it was,

(VIII.) *Resolved*, That the disposition of Foreign Mission funds be left to the choice of the pastors.

Synod adjourned to give place to the Ministerium.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Snyder.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Miller.

Minutes of the third and fourth sessions were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 19,

(On the death of Rev. J. Wolf.)

Your Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Jacob Wolf, of Coesse, Indiana, respectfully report the following:

This brother died September 8th, 1863, at his residence at the age of sixty-nine years.

After a few days' illness he calmly fell asleep in Jesus. He was learned, devotedly pious, very benevolent and active in every good work.

His wife has lost an affectionate husband—the neighborhood a kind neighbor—the Lutheran Church a faithful member—Christianity a consistent professor, and the country a noble-hearted, loyal citizen. We recommend sympathy with his wife and bereaved friends.

H. WELLS,
W. P. RUTHRAUFF.

The report was adopted with a standing vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 16.

Committee No. 16 would beg leave to report that the documents placed in their hands are—

1. The minutes of the first annual convention of the Council Association of the Reserve Charge, convened in the Ev. Lutheran Church, at Mill Creek, Indiana, February 7, 1863.

Your Committee find nothing in this item claiming your attention.

2. Is the Constitution of the Mill Creek Church, now under the care of Rev. S. Ridenour, with a request to be received into connection with this synod.

As we find nothing in the Constitution but what perfectly accords with the government of our church, we therefore recommend that it be received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KITSON,
J. BOON,
A. ROSER,
S. SHEETS,
J. SEAMAN.

The Report was adopted.

Pledges were now taken for benevolent objects. (See appendix.)

The following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, The Haw-patch and Clearspring Churches united by this synod with Salem, Union, and Cromwell, forming the Salem charge, (vide Minutes 1862, p. 18, Report of Com. No. 19,) refused to comply with the resolution of synod as implied by the adoption of said report. Therefore,

(IX.) *Resolved*, That those refractory congregations be required to pay Rev. J. H. Hoffman thirty-five dollars, failing to do which they shall remain unsupplied with preaching.

On motion a Committee consisting of Revs. H. Wells and W. P. Ruthrauff was appointed to visit and adjust difficulties existing in the above congregations.

Bro. Jacob Sailor, delegate from Rev. J. M. Lang's charge, arrived, presented certificate and was received.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. H. Wells.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Lang.

The minutes of the fifth session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Your Committee appointed to report on the unfinished business appearing on the Minutes of 1862, beg leave to report the following items:

1. On page 8, recommending Bro. Ray to be continued as our beneficiary, and that he receive fifty dollars from the Education Fund for the

winter session; also, recommending Alex. Showalter to the synod for an appropriation of fifty dollars for the winter session.

Has this been done?

2. Page 9. Is a recommendation to synod to devote twenty-five dollars annually for the term of eight years to the Pastor's Fund.

Has it been done?

3. Page 11. Refers to a resolution that an order be drawn on the treasury for \$64 05 to meet the expenses of Directors to Wittenburg College.

Was this done?

4. Page 13. Is a recommendation that Bro. A. H. Scherer be favorably noticed by the Home Missionary Society, and that he receive thirty dollars.

Has this been complied with?

5. Page 14. Is a resolution that Revs. W. P. Ruthrauff and H. Wells be made a Committee to institute measures for the supply of the Logansport Mission.

Has a Minister been found?

6. Page 15. *Resolved*, That an order be drawn for \$30 in favor of Bro. Scherer.

Was the order drawn?

7. Page 15. *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasury for \$25 in favor of Bro. Miller for Missionary Services.

Was the order drawn?

8. Page 15. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to address a letter to Bro. Smith, late Secretary of this body, inquiring whether he carried out the instructions of this synod with reference to the recommendation of Bro. Miller to the parent Home Missionary Society for aid.

Did the Secretary do this?

9. Page 15. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Jones be recommended to the Pastor's Fund Society for assistance.

Was it done?

10. Page 16. Delegates to Sister Synods.

Have the brethren discharged their duty?

11. Page 17. *Resolved*, That each conference of the Synod organize itself into a Lutheran Sabbath School Convention, to meet once a year, at a time most convenient for them, and each Sabbath School be requested to send a delegate to the Convention.

Was it done?

12. Page 19. *Resolved*, That it is the solemn duty of every minister of this Synod, thoroughly and carefully, to catechize all the young of his charge, and that every minister who neglects this duty, does so in violation of the solemn vow taken upon him in his ordination.

Did the brethren do their duty?

13. Page 19. *Resolved*, That 1,000 of the minutes be published this year.

Was it done?

14. Page 19. *Resolved*, That distribution of the minutes be made according to the number of communicants reported by each minister.

Was this done?

15. Page 19. *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the funds necessary to print the minutes.

Was the order drawn?

16. Page 20. Names of brethren chosen to preach on various subjects at this meeting of Synod.

Are the brethren prepared?

17. Page 23. A number of pledges to be redeemed.
Are the pledged ready to redeem?

Submitted,

J. CATHER,
B. F. HILLS.

Accepted for consideration.

Adopted *seriatim*.

1. As regards Bro. Ray, yes,

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. Yes.

5. Report. The Committee appointed to secure a pastor for the Logansport Mission, would report that they have been unable to secure the services of a suitable pastor.

W. P. RUTHRAUFF,
H. WELLS.

The report was adopted and it was

(X.) *Resolved*, That the Committee be continued another year.

6. Yes.

7. Yes.

8. Yes, and the former Secretary answered satisfactorily.

9. Yes.

10. The majority have.

11. Done in part.

12. Duty generally performed.

13. Yes.

14. Yes.

15. Yes.

16. Nearly all prepared.

17. Yes.

The report as a whole was adopted,

The delegate from Bro. Ruthrauff's charge having arrived, presented his certificate and was received.

Bro. Boon and delegate were excused from further attendance at this Convention.

EDUCATION BUSINESS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has transacted but little business since your last meet-

ing. Seventy-five dollars (\$75) of your funds have been appropriated to the benefit of Philip Ray, who is pursuing his studies encouragingly in Wittenburg College.

H. WELLS,
J. N. BARNETT,
G. W. WILSON.

The Report was adopted.

(XI.) *Resolved*, That we appropriate \$100 to Bro. P. Ray, (our beneficiary at Wittenburg College,) for the ensuing year.

Passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 18.

Your committee appointed to hold a colloquium with the candidates for licensure, report that they have conversed with E. W. Erick, and recommend him to the favorable notice of the examining committee.

C. CASKEY,
W. WATERMAN,
B. F. HILLS.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS TO WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

The undersigned attended the meetings of the Board at Springfield, Ohio, in March and June last, when much important business was transacted, in which the whole Church is concerned. The favorable condition of the College, with the intelligence that the Synod and whole Church should receive, respecting our educational interests, has been presented to you in a report prepared according to a request of the Board.

Because of this arrangement your Director deems it unnecessary to lengthen this report.

As regards the \$450 received from the Parent Education Society, you are respectfully referred to the report of a committee of the Board as communicated by the Secretary, who requests you to appoint the Faculty as the central committee to disburse said fund.

Your Director claims of Synod \$20 for traveling expenses for the two trips, \$10 of which has been paid by your Treasurer.

H. WELLS, *Director*.

Report was adopted.

On motion it was

(XII.) *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasury for \$10, to defray expenses of Bro. Wells, one of our Directors to Wittenburg College.

Passed.

On motion the Faculty of Wittenburg College were elected a Central Committee to disburse funds received from the Parent Education Society.

ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS TO WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

The Election resulted in the choice of

REV. W. WALTMAN, *Clerical*.

BRO. S. CORNELL, *Lay*.

On motion the Directors to College were instructed to choose two of their number—one clerical and one lay—to represent this Synod at the meeting of the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Notice was given of an amendment to the Constitution of the Synod of Northern Indiana, to be presented and voted upon at the meeting of Synod, at Camden, Indiana, 1864.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 5. The power to form or change pastoral charges belongs alone to this body, therefore no minister, conference or congregation shall make any change or alteration in any of the pastorates connected with this Synod, without the consent of Synod.

An election for delegates to the General Synod was held, which resulted as follows:

CLERICAL.

Primarii.

Rev. W. Waltman,
Rev. H. Wells,
Rev. G. W. Wilson,

Secundi.

Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff,
Rev. B. F. Hills,
Rev. J. N. Barnett.

LAY.

Bro. M. Plank,
Bro. P. Bishop,
Bro. D. Koons,

Bro. H. J. Rudisil,
Bro. H. Eichholtz,
Bro. L. Myers.

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

Wittenberg Synod.....	Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff.
Olive Branch Synod.....	Rev. G. W. Wilson.
Northern Illinois Synod.....	Rev. J. Boon.
East Ohio Synod.....	Rev. J. Cather.
Miami Synod.....	Rev. H. Wells.
Iowa Synod.....	Rev. S. P. Snyder.

Kentucky Synod.....Rev. D. Smith.
 Illinois Synod.....Rev. J. N. Barnett.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

The election for place of next annual meeting resulted in the choice of

CAMDEN, CARROLL COUNTY, INDIANA.

TIME: *The last Tuesday Evening in September, 1864.*

(XIII.) *Resolved*, That 1,000 copies of Minutes be printed and that distribution be made according to the number of communicants reported.

On motion, the President was instructed, for the future, to place all copies of Minutes of Sister Synods in the hands of one committee.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. Caskey.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Lynch.

Minutes were read and approved.

(XIV.) *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be authorized to apply to the Pastor's Fund Society for an appropriation of \$100 for the benefit of Sister Jones (relict of Rev. C. Jones), and her children.

Resolution passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 22.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the paper placed in their hands is the Constitution of the English Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Walnut Bridge, Indiana, belonging to Bro. Lang's charge.

This Constitution we find to be in accordance with the usages of the Lutheran Church.

The Lost Creek congregation at Defiance, Ohio, has adopted the same Constitution; also, the Maumee congregation, Indiana. The other part of said charge has adopted the Constitution recommended by General Synod. We would recommend the reception of this charge in connection with this Synod.

G. B. ORT,
 B. F. HILLS,
 W. A. CALVERT.

Adopted.

On motion an order was drawn on the treasury for \$10 95 in favor of the Treasurer.

On motion an order was drawn on the treasury for 50 cents to pay for stationery.

(XV.) *Resolved*, That Rev.'s Wilson, Snyder, Wells and Faris be appointed a committee to divide the Second District Conference of the Synod of Northern Indiana.

Resolution passed; also the following:

(XVI.) *Resolved*, That the officers of Synod be directed to make application for Rev.'s W. H. Faris, A. H. Scherer and S. Ridenour to the Parent Home Missionary Society, for an appropriation of \$50 each, and that this Society pay \$25 (or half) to each as soon as they receive their commissions.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to retain \$75, Home Missionary funds, to meet our pledge to Bro.'s Faris, Scherer and Ridenour, and to send the balance to the Parent Home Missionary Society.

(XVII.) *Resolved*, That a book be bought in which the minutes of Synod shall be written, commencing with those of the Ninth Convention.

(XVIII.) *Resolved*, That the Secretary be paid \$5 as remuneration for the extra labor imposed by resolution XVII, and that an order be drawn on the treasury for that amount in his favor.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to buy the book.

(XIX.) *Resolved*, That the President express the thanks of this Synod publicly to this Church and the community at large, for their kindness and hospitality to this body during its sojourn in Spencerville.

Synod adjourned to give place to the Ministerium.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Snyder.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. Ridenour.

Minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 12.

Your Committee having examined the young brother, Abraham Leathers, in reference to his conversion, his motives for seeking the ministry and his standing and intentions to be a faithful student. It has been very satisfactory, and he is therefore recommended to be taken on the beneficiary funds of our Synod.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. H. HOFFMAN,
G. B. ORT,
J. G. BIDDLE.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Lang and delegate asked and were granted leave of absence ; also Bro. Ruthrauff and delegate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

Your Committee appointed to divide the Second District Conference, have made the following division :

South-west Conference.

J. M. Smith,
D. Smith,
A. H. Scherer,
S. P. Snyder,
W. H. Faris,
G. W. Wilson,
G. E. Moore,
S. Ridenour.

South-east Conference.

W. P. Ruthrauff,
H. Wells,
P. Locker,
F. Biddle,
V. Exline,
E. W. Erick.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WILSON,
S. P. SNYDER,
H. WELLS,
W. H. FARIS.

The report was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to forward to Wittenberg College, and to the Pastor's Fund Society, all moneys in his hands contributed to each.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Wilson.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:15 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Waltman.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion the officers of Synod were instructed to request the Central Committee of Wittenberg College, to grant to Bro. Abraham Leathers the funds belonging to this Synod, received from the Parent Education Society, for his support at college the present year.

The following appointments were made for preaching at the next meeting of Synod :

Rev. J. N. Barnett, on Education.

“ W. P. Ruthrauff, on Ordination.

“ H. Wells, on Missions.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place aforesaid.
After uniting in singing a hymn the President led in prayer.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings
of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Synod of Northern Indiana.

J. N. BARNETT, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Tuesday evening, Synodical sermon, Rev. H. Wells, John 12: 34.

Wednesday evening, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, 1 Cor., 1: 26.

Thursday evening, Catechization, Rev. G. W. Wilson; John
21: 15.

Friday evening, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff; Acts 9: 6.

Saturday, 2 P. M., Rev. J. M. Lang; Rev. 3: 1.

Saturday evening, Rev. J. H. Hoffman; Hebrews 13: 16.

Sabbath, 10:00 A. M., (Lutheran Church,) Rev. H. Wells; John
12: 34.

Sabbath, 9 1-2 A. M., (Methodist Episcopal Church,) Rev. G. B.
Ort; Ps. 137: 5, 6.

Sabbath, 9 1-2 A. M., (School House, German,) Rev. P. Locker;
Romans 15: 5.

Sabbath evening, (Lutheran Church,) Rev. S. P. Snyder; 1 Tim.
6: 11.

Sabbath evening, (Methodist Episcopal Church,) Rev. J. N. Bar-
nett; Mark 16: 15.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Hills.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 13.

(For report see *protocol*.) Adopted.

(XX.) *Resolved*, That the license of Rev. G. E. Moore be renewed for one year. Passed.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hoffman.

SECOND SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. H. Wells.

Minutes of the first session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 3,

(*On Examination.*)

Your Committee recommend the licensure of Bro.'s W. H. Faris and E. W. Erick.

H. WELLS,
J. N. BARNETT.
W. P. RUTHRAUFF.
J. H. HOFFMAN.

(XXI.) *Resolved*, That Bro. W. H. Faris be licensed for one year.

(XXII.) *Resolved*, That Bro. E. W. Erick be licensed for one year; also, that he be recommended to the Massillon Charge, and referred to Bro. Ruthrauff for direction in theological study.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 14.

(See *protocol*.) The report was adopted, and it was

(XXII.) *Resolved*, That the license of Rev. S. Ridenour be renewed for one year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 11.

(See *protocol*.) Adopted.

It was

(XXIII.) *Resolved*, That our licentiates be required hereafter to pass examination annually.

Ministerium adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. Caskey.

J. N. BARNETT, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Churches.	Stations.	Infants Baptised	Adults Baptised.	Confirmations.	Admitted by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Deaths of Communicants.	Removals.	Communicants.	Sunday Scholars.	Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	Cash for Synod.	Cash for Home Missions.	Cash for Foreign Missions.	Cash for Education.	Cash for Pastor's Fund.	Cash for Wittenberg College.	Cash for Local Objects.
Rev. D. Smith.....	3	3	16	...	13	19	...	13	7	175	3	25	2	\$8 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	...	...	\$1134 00
Rev. H. Wells.....	5	3	31	17	21	9	3	6	25	200	3	28	3	10 00	16 00	7 50	10 00	\$5 55	...	\$50 00
Rev. J. H. Hoffman.....	3	1	3	3	3	1	3	4	13	123	2	20	2	3 70	10 00	3 00	3 00	...	1 00	...
Rev. J. Cather.....	3	...	15	5	6	...	...	1	6	71	...	...	...	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	...	...
Rev. W. Waltman.....	5	...	10	4	5	10	1	1	1	227	4	25	3	7 74	20 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	302 50
Rev. R. F. DeLoe †.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. S. P. Snyder.....	3	...	6	1	1	3	3	2	3	197	5	14	5	10 00	10 00	...	15 00	...	5 00	63 00
Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. A. H. Scherer.....	1	3	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	18	2	10	60	2 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. P. Locker.....	3	1	19	...	...	4	...	1	4	140	2	12	60	4 00	8 00	...	8 00	...	5 00	...
Rev. J. G. Biddle.....	5	2	3	24	27	26	6	6	3	201	3	20	147	5 80	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	...	78 00
Rev. J. Boon.....	2	3	12	7	9	11	...	...	...	70	2	...	...	5 57	5 00	...	5 00	...	...	...
Rev. C. Caskey.....	4	...	16	19	20	35	...	1	...	170	4	25	200	10 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	...	...	200 00
Rev. B. F. Hills.....	3	1	7	3	3	13	...	3	...	87	3	18	150	5 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	...	...
Rev. J. Miller.....	4	...	7	5	9	13	3	2	5	140	1	8	75	4 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	...	650 00
Rev. J. M. Smith.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. V. Exline.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. F. Biddle.....	6	3	...	16	10	15	...	2	3	107	3	18	123	7 40	5 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	...	20 00
Rev. G. W. Wilson.....	4	1	10	5	11	7	2	6	12	173	4	18	210	10 00	10 00	2 00	8 20	4 00	5 00	30 00
Rev. J. N. Barnett.....	4	...	10	19	38	13	...	3	...	176	3	41	158	10 00	15 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	25 00	1,250 00
Rev. J. M. Lang.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. S. Ridenour.....	3	...	7	...	...	8	...	1	...	69	1	4	35	3 85	4 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	...
Rev. G. E. Moore.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rev. W. H. Paris.....	4	2	5	7	11	7	1	1	...	140	3	20	135	2 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	112 50
Rev. E. W. Erick.....	5	...	1	7	5	...	...	3	3	170	5	16	160	2 00	11 00	...	...	...	...	...
Van Wert Charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	70	20	182	141	192	196	22	56	81	2969	54	318	2365	\$116 26	\$151 00	\$40 50	\$82 20	\$32 55	\$54 00	\$3840 00

* Missionary Institute. † No charges. ‡ Reports not handed in.

APPENDIX B.

PLEDGES TO BE PAID AT NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

NAMES.	Wittenberg College.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Pastor's Fund.
Rev. H. Wells.....	\$30 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00
" D. Smith.....	20 00	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00
" W. Waltman*.....	10 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00
" S. P. Snyder.....	20 00	.....	.....	15 00	5 00
" P. Locker.....	10 00*	5 00	.....	10 00	.....
" J. G. Biddle.....	10 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
" C. Caskey.....	10 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00
" B. F. Hills.....	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
" J. Miller.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	3 00
" J. Boon.....	20 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....
" F. Biddle.....	20 00	.....	1 00	.....	5 00
" G. W. Wilson..	20 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
" J. N. Barnett.....	20 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	.....
" J. H. Hoffman*.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
" S. Ridenour.....	5 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	1 00
" G. E. Moore*.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
" W. H. Faris.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 00
I. W. Kitson.....	5 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
A. Leathers*.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	.....
J. Tressler.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Spencerville Charge.....	20 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	3 00
P. Bishop*.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....
Levi Shirer, paid.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
D. Showalter, paid.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
I. Sheets*.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
S. Stough*.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
W. A. Calvert*.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....

N. B.—The brethren who have pledged, as above, to Wittenberg College, will please forward the funds, when collected, to J. F. Chorpening, Treasurer, Springfield, Ohio, and bring receipts to Synod.

J. W. GOODLIN.

* Personal.

APPENDIX B.—Continued.

NAMES.	Edu- tion.	Home Miss'ns
H. Shaffer.....		\$ 50
D. McCrory..		50
Wm. Leighty.....		1 00
J. Henderson.....		1 00
J. Bowman, paid....		25
D. Sanders.....		50
M. and S. Wisong....		50
R. A. Livensperger.....		50
M. J. Henderson.....		50
Catherine Adair.....		25
E. Sponhour.....		50
Hettie Mullen.....		50
Catherine Selberg....		50
E. Leighty.....		50
Mrs. Cather.....		50
E. Houk.....		50
M. Houk.....		50
A. Oberholtzer, paid.....		50
E. Yoken.....		50
B. Beams.....		25
S. Wason.....		25
M. Bittinger, paid		50
J. Astrey.....	\$1 00	.....
S. Sheets, paid.....	1 00	1 00
A. Leathers, paid.....	1 00	.....
J. Gruber.....	1 00	.....
D. Showalter, paid.....		1 00
Mrs. E. Shirts.....		25
Mary Smith.....		50
M. Henderson, paid.....		10
Mrs. Dawson, paid.....	2 50	2 50
J. Stewart, paid.....		10
H. Gruber.....	1 00	.....
J. W. Beams.....	1 00	.....
J. Helwig.....	5	50
J. Walter.....	50	50
A. Fletcher.....	1 00	.....
G. Bittinger.....	1 00	.....
H. Horn, paid.....	2 00	2 00
G. Horn, paid.....		2 00
L. Shirer, paid.....		1 00
A. Gruber, paid.....	50	50
I. Astrey.....	1 00	.....
J. Smith, paid.....		25
B. Kleckman, paid	25	.....
J. Greenwalt, paid.....	1 00	.....
L. Myers.....	1 00	1 00
Rev. E. W. Erick.....	5 00	5 00
D. Shutt.....	50	50
P. Houk.....		1 00
R. Davis, paid.....	1 00	1 00

APPENDIX B.—Continued.

NAMES.	Educa- tion.	Home Miss'ns
S. Nicholas.....	.....	\$5 00
R. Houk, paid.....	\$1 00	1 00
G. Houk, paid.....	.....	1 00
W. H. Keller, paid.....	.....	50
J. Seamen, paid.....	1 00	1 00
C. Gruber, paid....	25	.....
A. Roser, paid.....	50	50
S. Kork .....	.....	1 00
— Henderson, paid.....	.....	1 00
J. R. Roller .....	.....	1 00
M. L. Henderson.....	.....	1 00
C. Sponhour	1 00	1 00
A. L. Zimmerman, paid.....	.....	25
— Beams, paid	1 00	.....
H. Markle, paid .....	.....	1 00
— Boger, paid.....	.....	1 00
S. Shilling, paid....	.....	1 00
— Wason.....	1 00	.....
— Oberholtzer, paid.....	1 00	.....
A. Adair, paid.....	25	25
F. S. Bishop.....	50	50
Mrs. Waltman ..	1 00	.....
E. H. Dilley.....	.....	1 00
S. J. Dills, paid.....	25	.....
A. Horn.....	2 50	2 50
F. Kinney.....	1 50	1 50
S. Dills, paid.....	.....	25
A. J. Deitrick.....	50	50
D. D. Knisley, pa d.....	50	50
J. P. Boyer.....	50	50
F. Dock, paid.....	50	50
J. J. Imhoff, paid.....	25	25
J. Leighty.....	50	.....
R. Bair, paid....	50	.....
M. H. Luce.....	70	.....
M. Sanders.....	.....	50
G. Dragoo.....	1 00	.....
A. Ridenour, paid.....	.....	50
S. Hulbert, paid.....	.....	50
L. Beams.....	.....	25
S. Headly....	.....	25
S. Helwick.....	.....	50
H. Oberholtzer .....	.....	25
H. Boyer.....	.....	25
M. T. Wyot.....	.....	25
R. A. Wyot.....	.....	25
R. Keefer.....	.....	25
Sister Oberholtzer.....	.....	50
A. C. Bair.....	.....	50
C. A. Helwick.....	.....	50
M. Moody.....	.....	50

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

The Synod of Northern Indiana, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was organized at Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana, October 27th, 1855.

The second session was held at Albion, Noble county, Indiana, September 18th, 1856.

The third session was held in Camden, Carroll county, Indiana, September 24th, 1857.

The fourth session was held in Spencerville, De Kalb county, Indiana, September 22d, 1858.

The fifth session was held in Cicero, Hamilton county, Indiana, September 22d, 1859.

The sixth session was held in North Manchester, Wabash county, Indiana, September 19th, 1860.

The seventh session was held in Columbia City, Whitley county, Indiana, September 18th, 1861.

The eighth session was held in Lagrange Center, Lagrange county, Indiana, September 24th, 1862.

The ninth session was held in Spencerville, De Kalb county, Indiana, September 29th, 1863.

