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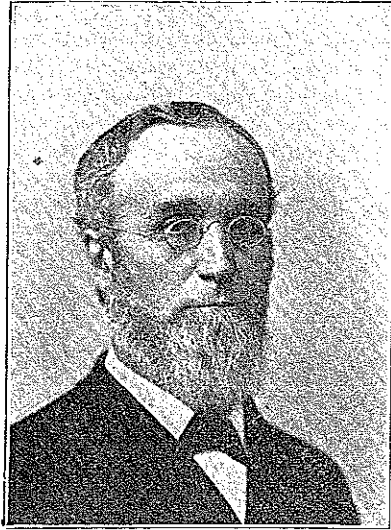
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Died April 16, 1901.

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Thursday Morning Session.

The members of the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical Association convened April 11, 1901, at 9 a. m., in Trinity church of the Evangelical Association of Berne, Adams Co., Indiana.

Promptly at 9 a. m. Bishop Thomas Bowman, of Chicago, Ills., called the Conference to order and opened the same by reading from the word of God II. Timothy the 2nd chapter. The Conference then joined in-singing from the Church Hymnal No. 32: 'Come Thou, Almighty King,' after which Conference was led in earnest prayer by the Bishop. The blessing of the Lord was invoked upon the Conference as well as bringing thanksgiving unto Him for His great help and

blessings bestowed upon His servants during the Conference year.

'O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness' was then sung and William Yost once more led in prayer.

After singing, 'He Leadeth me,' the organization of the Conference was completed by the chairman again appointing J. H. Evans secretary, who then appointed Thomas Finkbeiner as English assistant and reporter to the Evangelical Messenger and L. J. Ehrhardt as German assistant and reporter to the Christliche Botschafter.

The Bishop then read from the discipline the rules that govern the Conference session. In his opening address the Bishop stated that Bishop Esher, who was to preside over this Confer-

ence, was not able to preside by reason of sickness and that he was requested by Bishop Esher to preside in his stead. He also requested Bishop Bowman to kindly remember him to the brethren of the Indiana Conference. He greets them as a fellow servant of the Lord Jesus. He wishes them a blessed session, the grace of God, and finally an abundant entrance into His kingdom.

Among other things the Bishop pointed out in his address that a preacher of the Gospel must be a man of God, sound in theory and practice, not every man that can make a public address is a preacher. If we want to save men and lead them to Jesus Christ, we must in a measure draw them first to ourselves. The man of God filled with the Holy Ghost will be successful in winning souls to God. Our people want good warm sermons coming from the heart. Be therefore men walking daily in the fear of God. The business of the Conference was then taken up.

1. Roll was called.
2. William Yost, missionary treasurer, and H. Mattill, junior publishing agent, both of Cleveland, Ohio, were received as advisory members of this Conference.
3. The Conference Missionary treasurer was authorized to pay the missionaries at present 90 per cent. of their missionary appropriations, hoping however that he may be able to pay out in full before the Conference closes.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Bishop again occupied the chair. After roll-call he read a part of the 2nd chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The secretary then read the first directions of the Discipline. Conference joined in worship by singing 'I need Thee every hour,' prayer by J. M. Haug; song, 'Blessed Assurance.'

1. Committee on worship reported that Rev. William Yost, of Cleveland, O., will preach this evening and Rev. G. Johnson, of Naperville, Ills., will

4. The business rules were suspended in order to give H. Mattill the privilege to address Conference.

5. H. Mattill addressed Conference in the interest of our Publishing House. The address was referred to the committee on resolutions.

6. In as much as Dr. Pearson, agent of the American Bible Society, desired to attend our Conference, he however arriving one day too early, and feeling himself necessitated to leave as soon as possible, by consent he was granted permission to make his address before the Conference Missionary Society. The subject matter of it being promised to be properly brought before the Conference, therefore, Resolved, that the same be now and is hereby referred to the committee on resolutions.

7. The business rules of the Conference were read and adopted.

8. The time for the daily sessions was fixed from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 to 5 p. m.

9. J. H. Breish was appointed as reporter to the Daily Witness.

10. The examination of the moral and official conduct of the members was then taken up and ended without charges.

11. C. D. Rarey, by his own request had credentials granted him to unite with the Illinois Conference.

12. W. Leader had credentials granted him.

13. Conference adjourned with prayer by J. Kaufman.

preach to-morrow evening. The report was adopted.

2. The first four pews were fixed as the Conference bar.

3. Resolved, that Saturday evening shall be devoted to a Y. P. A. rally and that the Conference Branch Officers with the committee on worship arrange the program.

4. It was reported to conference that sister J. M. Haug had died during the year; referred to the committee on memorials.