### **MINUTES**

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Whereas our venerable missionary treasurer, Wm. Yost, of Cleveland, O., has in the kind providence of God been with us once more and addressed us in the interest which he represents and which lie so near his heart, Resolved, therefore, that we rejoice with him in the prosperity of the same and pray God to bless and preserve him for future usefulness in the capacity in which he labors in our beloved church.

Whereas, we had the pleasure of having in our midst our worthy father of orphans, Bro. Pfund, of Fiat Rock, Ohio, and have listened to his stirring address, Resolved, therefore, that we pledge to him our co-operation in pray er and deed.

Inasmuch as we have listened with interest to the address of sister E. M. Spreng, of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the W. M. S., Resolved, therefore, that we not only draft resolutions, but that we ourselves aid and encourage the cause she represents.

Whereas we have had the pleasure of having in our midst the brethren Lamb, Heinmiller, Spreng and Seager, of the publishing house and editor's desk, and Prof. Umbach, of U. B. Institute, and have with great interest listened to the stirring addresses, in the various departments of our church they represent, Resolved, therefore, that we assure them our hearty support and ask God to support them

with the riches of His grace.

Whereas, Bishop Thomas Bowman has once more in the providence of God been permitted to be with us and whereas, he has presided over this body with ability and impartiality, therefore, Resolved, that we appreciate his work among us and pray God's blessings upon him in the future.

Whereas, the Indiana Street Railway Company has so generously tendered their transportation services "gratis" to the members of the conference and their wives at this their 50th annual session, therefore, Resolved, as an expression of our appreciation of their favor a rising vote be tendered them, and that we make favorable mention of them.

Whereas, the Young People's Alliance of First and Second churches of South Bend have tendered us such a hearty reception on Thursday evening. Apr. 10th, and have shown their good will towards the ministry in presenting each pastor and wife present with a beautiful carnation and besides decorated the church so beautifully with flowers and palms, and, whereas, the good people of this city have opened thir homes and received and entertained us so royally, therefore, Resolved, that this conference reciprocate such kindness by rising vote of thanks and that we pray God to let His blessings rest upon them.

#### Memorial.

Bishop J. J. Esher. Language fails to express the deep regret of our hearts over the death of our chief pastor Bishop J. J. Esher, whom we had expected to preside at our last conference at Berne, Ind. and who so often presided over us in years gone by. His giant intellect, his unflinching integrity, his holy life, all consecrated to God and his church and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, has made its mark in the kingdom of Christ. Surely a prince has fallen in

Israel. We mourn our loss, but rejoice in the assurance that his redeemed spirit will shine as a star of the first magnitude in the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saylour Jesus Christ. Though dead yet he speaketh, and his work shall be rewarded.

Rev. C. Tramer was for many years a faithful and earnest minister in our conference. Many precious souls were saved through his instrumentality. He was especially useful in his pastoral visitations, and the church was highly edified by his labors. But God has called him from labor to reward. The tottering limbs and the feeble hands weary with toil for the blessed Master are now at rest, while his spirit is at home in the bosom of the Father. Our loss is his eternal gain.

Rev. E. J. Oliver, so young, so vigorous, so humble and so promising, surely his sun has set while it was yet day. Our hearts are sorely bleeding; especially because of the suddenness and horribleness of his demise. We miss him in our deliberations, we miss him in our conference quartette, we miss him in the field work of the church. Yet we bow in humble submission to the mandates of God and believe that Bro. Oliver has gone to join the heavenly choir of the bloodwashed and the redeemed.

Rev. Barnhart Uphaus, one of our

old veterans, a charter member of our conference, staunch and true evangelical, a good and holy man, a consciencious Christian and an efficient minister of the gospel has been called from labor to reward. Sad though it be to give the parting hand, we hope to meet him in the land of eternal youth.

Rev. C. Kalwitz, a worthy minister in our conference, who served the church acceptably at least for a short time in this capacity and

Mrs. Hulda Miller, the widow of the late Rev. Jacob Miller, have also been called away by the relentless hand of death. But we believe that they also have gone where no death and no sorrow can ever come.

We hereby express our hearty sympathy to the bereaved of all these dear ones, and pray that God may comfort them with his all-sustaining grace.

YOUR COMMITTEE

#### Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your committee on finance, would respectably submit the following report.

1. The request of Indianapolis Grace Mission be granted.

2. In the matter of M. L. Scheidler, in view of existing circumstances we would recommend that we grant him \$40.00 as per request.

3. We, your committee, would not deem it advisable to cancel the subscription of Ph. Buehler, as per subscription on church debt.

#### CHARITABLE FUND.

From field as per Conf. Col. \$ 482 15 Dividend from Publ. House 371 00 From Charitable society... 180 00

Total 1,033 15

#### DISBURSMENTS

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J. Kaufman	8 100 nn
M. Krueger	105 00
Angeline Fisher	60 00
Susan Porr	65 00
Mrs. J. Kronmiller	60 00
Mrs. C Tramer and children	100 00
G. Schmoll and wife	145 00
J. Bruckert	50 00
S. S. Albert	70 00
Wm. Koenig	70 00
J. H. Schnitz	98 15
J. M. Dustman	20 00
G. G. Platz	40 00
Mary C. Holdeman	10 00
M. L. Scheidler (moving ex-	
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