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## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

### ON MEMORIALS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His all-wise Providence to remove three of our co-workers in the person of Christian Kuenzli, a local elder; James Fishwick, pastor of Bath Circuit, and Sister Mary Tovey, the wife of Rev. E. A. Tovey, of Bettsville Circuit, from labor to reward, therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we feel deeply the loss which we sustain; but, knowing that all things work together for good to them that fear God, we bow in humble submission to His will.

*Resolved*, 2. That we extend to the bereaved our profound sympathy and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

We recommend that a memorial service be held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30, and would suggest the following program:

Rev. A. Vandersall, presiding.

Selection—Conference Quartette.

Prayer—S. Cocklin.

Addresses—

On the Life of Bro. Kuenzli—Wm. Yost.

On the Life of Bro. Fishwick—L. H. Seager.

On the Life of Sister Tovey—A. F. Beery.

### ON THE DEATH OF BISHOP J. J. ESHER.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Lord, the Head of the Church, to remove from labor to reward, by the hand of death, our beloved and venerated Bishop, John J. Esher, for many years the senior Bishop of the Evangelical Association, and at the time of his death the oldest Bishop in the active service in American Methodism, official notice of which sad event has been given this Conference by our President, Bishop Thomas Bowman, and

WHEREAS, The deceased Bishop rendered exceptional service to the cause of Christ in our Church, lending to the high office which he held for nearly forty years the lustre of his noble character and of his great talents, devoting to it the strength of his consecrated manhood, the wealth of his highly endowed nature, the intense energy of a mighty intellect, and the wisdom of a comprehensive and enlightened Christian statesmanship as well as the inspiration of a profound religious experience, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference make solemn record of our sincere and heartfelt sorrow over the great loss we in connection with our whole Church and Evangelical Christendom have sustained in the death of Bishop John J. Esher. Further,

*Resolved*, That we render thanks unto God for having given our Church such a prince and leader, and for having continued and sustained him for so many years of eminent service to the Church by voice and pen and administrative counsel. His keen intelligence, his broad grasp of great questions, and far-reaching policies, his genius for practical details, his masterful will, his deep piety, his profound knowledge of the Word of God, his many elements of unusual strength, his many personal virtues and his official conscientiousness and fidelity fitted him in an extraordinary degree for the office of a Bishop, and were a priceless blessing to the Church. His

strong personality and eminent service will be cherished in our memory, and preserved in our history for all time. The impress of his masterful work has been indelibly stamped upon our polity, legislation and progress for half a century.

To the bereaved family of the deceased Bishop and leader we extend our sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy, and we pray that the God of all grace may comfort them and us with the plenitude of Divine consolation in this great bereavement.

C. C. PFUND, Chairman of Committee.  
P. R. B. PEER, Secretary.

### ON RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we record our gratitude to God for the measure of success that has attended our efforts during the past year, manifest in the salvation of souls, and in the healthy, steady growth of the work in the Ohio Conference.

WHEREAS, H. Mattill, Junior Publisher, has addressed Conference in the interests of our Publishing House and assured us of its healthy condition, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prosperity of this important department of our Church and assure its managers of our co-operation and prayers.

WHEREAS, J. H. Lamb, editor of our Sunday-school literature, *Living Epistle* and *Evangelical Herald*, has addressed Conference in the interests of the above publications, and assured us of the unceasing efforts of himself and L. H. Seager, his assistant, to make these publications more and more useful, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will endeavor to give them the widest circulation possible, and thus assure the editors of our interest and prayers.

WHEREAS, The missionary cause is second to none among the interests of the Church, and that upon the spirit of missions depends the very life and growth of our Church; and, Whereas, God has spared the life of Bro. Yost, our veteran Missionary Treasurer, and permitted him once more to address Conference in the interest of this all important cause, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the presence and fellowship of Bro. Yost, and the message of encouragement he brings to us. And we will do all we can to advance the cause by presenting the claims of the missionary cause to our people.

WHEREAS, Prof. S. J. Gamertsfelder has addressed the Conference on the work and teaching of Union Biblical Institute emphasizing spiritual qualification, a thorough knowledge of the Bible as the foundation of true, sacred eloquence, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure from our brother of the healthy instruction given at Union Biblical Institute, and that we commend it to our young men whom God has called into the ministry.

WHEREAS, C. C. Pfund, Superintendent of our Ophan Home at Flat Rock, O., has addressed the Conference in the interests of said institution of our Church and assured us of the continued prosperity of the home and of the children committed to his care, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our devotion and interest in this benevolent institution of our Church, and will endeavor to enlist the interest of our people in the same.

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