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OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

EAST PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED IN

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present at our conference, Bishops Horn, Bowman and Breyfogel, and that we gratefully recognize their wise counsel in our deliberations, and we pray God to bless them abundantly.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the kindly and able manner with which the presiding officer, Bishop W. Horn, D.D., has guided the deliberations of this conference, and also our appreciation of the impartiality and kindness shown to all the brethren.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our Secretary, A. Krecker, for the excellent manner in which he has conducted his department of the work of this conference.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered B. C. Krupp, the pastor of Salem church, Hazleton; the trustees for the use of their elegant church; the janitress for her satisfactory services; the people of our church and of the city of Hazleton, who have so hospitality entertained us and the daily press who have accorded us every facility in the prosecution of our work.

Quarterly Conference Records.

Your Committee on Quarterly Conference Records respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Having carefully examined the various records we find much to commend as improvement over former years, and

WHEREAS, Believing that an honest pride in neatness and correctness is right and good, we therefore call attention to the following findings:

Catasauqua and Lancaster have their annual reports pasted in the book.

Williamstown and Ringtown fail to make mention of adoption of minutes.

Mohnsville and Fredericksburg have not adopted the minutes of one session until the next session of Quarterly Conference.

Paradise Valley and Phoenixville have not got the figures attached to some of their annual reports.

South Easton's reports are incomplete. Ringtown fails to mention election of stewards.

Lansford and Wayne have no annual reports entered.

We desire also to call the attention of this body to the fact that the Quarterly Conference Record of Centre Hall, was lost or mislaid a few years ago. This record must be produced in court in a suit now pending.

We offer the following suggestions:

1. Every Journal to be plainly marked on the outside to what field it belongs.

2. While spelling reform is needed, we suggest a different form of it than we find in some of the Records.

COMMITTEE.

Report of Examinations.

Applicants for License.	Average.
B. W. Romberger	86 5-8
J. H. Rosenberger	71 1-4

FIRST YEAR CLASS.

W. F. Savidge	80 1-7
James Tonkins	82 2-7
W. H. Stahl	88 4-7
W. L. Ketner	83 6-7

SECOND YEAR CLASS.

H. E. Hilt	82 5-7
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THIRD YEAR CLASS.

C. H. Hess	95
F. M. Gingrich	98 3-4
C. C. Hoffman	93 1-4
P. W. Brown, in four branches	97 1-2
J. G. Martin, in one branch	80

FOURTH YEAR CLASS.

W. I. Miller	96
O. T. Mover	91
D. A. Brown	90

Report of the Committee on Memorials.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report:

BISHOP J. J. ESHER.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in whose power are life and death, to remove from the church militant to the church triumphant, by the hand of death our beloved and venerable Bishop, John J. Esher, the senior Bishop of our Evangelical Association, and

WHEREAS, Our sainted Bishop gave his life to the church in consecrated service, whereby, especially in the Episcopal office, his noble character, his great talents, the intense energy of his great intellect and his superior wisdom shone forth in unsullied lustre, for nearly 40 years, leaving their indelible impress upon the temporal and spiritual economy of our church, therefore

Resolved, That we as the East Pennsylvania Conference, of Evangelical Association, do now solemnly record our sin-

cere and heartfelt sorrow over the great loss we, in common, with our entire church, have sustained in the death of Bishop John J. Esher, further

Resolved, That we give thanks to God for having given our church this prince of preachers and leader among men, and for having sustained him for so many years of eminent service by voice and pen and administrative counsel. His keen intelligence, his broad grasp of great questions and far-reaching policies, his masterful will, his deep piety, his profound knowledge of the Word of God, 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 wise counsels as chairman of this conference and his masterly sermons in this conference district remain a blessed memory to both ministry and laity, and a beacon light to guide us onward. To the bereaved family of the departed Bishop 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.

REV. HENRY BONTZ.

Rev. Henry Bontz, departed this life Oct. 29, 1901, in his 69th year. He was converted in 1858 and at once joined our church. He was faithful, loyal, and true to the church of his choice. He was licensed to preach in 1893 and served the church very acceptably in a local capacity. His advice in the administrative affairs of the church was eagerly sought for and usually sound. It is due to his memory to say that this beautiful edifice, in which this conference is assembled, stands as a monument of his love for and his liberality to the cause of Christ. We regret that he was not permitted to meet with us, which would have been his delight. We also honor his memory by recording the fact that he made provision for the entertainment of four preachers during this session.

BRO. LEVI WENTZ.

Levi Wentz was born Jan. 24, 1824, and died Sept. 13, 1901. He was converted in 1845 under the labors of the Sainted Rev. Henry Fisher. He served as class leader and exhorter for 52 years. He also served as associate judge of Carbon County for 8 years. In 1852 he was licensed to preach the Gospel. After serving acceptably for a number of

years as a local preacher, he returned his license, on account of a throat affection, which incapacitated him from serving further in this capacity. Bro. Wentz was known throughout our church as a man of God, faithful in the performance of his duties and loyal to our beloved church.

REV. JESSE HUNSBERGER.

Rev. Jesse Hunsberger was converted when he was a young man, on Milford Circuit, and also licensed on the same circuit. He soon felt called to the ministry; the church recognizing the call, sent him out as a local preacher in which capacity he labored faithfully 40 years. He was a pious, quiet, consistent man, preaching by precept and example. He was in later years a member of our 9th street church, in Reading. In his last hours he frequently sang, "Oh, the way is so delightful, in the service of the Lord."

We would recommend that a memorial service be held this (Monday) afternoon in connection with the opening devotional exercises, and that our Bishops be requested to speak briefly on the lives and labors of these departed servants of God.

A. E. WILLIAMS,
J. M. SCHLAGENHAUF,
J. SPECHT.

Appropriations.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Philadelphia, 9th Street.....	\$175 00
Milford	90 00
Perkasie	120 00
South Easton	325 00
Bethlehem	125 00
South Bethlehem	85 00
South Bethlehem, Interest	40 00
Pen Argyl	300 00
Nazareth	25 00
Paradise	100 00
Wayne	125 00
Lansdale and Limerick	150 00

Total

\$1,660 00

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT.

Allentown, Ebenezer, Interest..	\$275 00
Allentown, Zion	190 00
Allentown, Salem	150 00
Lehigh and Emaus	100 00
Catasauqua	200 00
Slatington	250 00
Lehigh	200 00
Weissport and Weatherly	50 00

Amount carried forward .. \$1,415 00

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WHEREAS, The young people of our Conference have shown their devotion and Church loyalty, and

WHEREAS, There is among them a spirit of liberality in the support of the cause of missions within the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved, That we notice with pleasure their devotion and loyalty to the Church in her various activities.

2. That we rejoice over their liberality in the support of the Gospel within our Conference.

3. That we are glad to notice the interest that our young people are taking in the study of God's Word, in the Normal Course and the Reading Circle. The progress on these lines we deem necessary for their intellectual and religious developments. We would with renewed emphasis urge our young people to make the best use of their excellent opportunities.

MEMORIAL.

BISHOP J. J. ESHER.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-wise God to remove from our midst to eternal rest our highly esteemed and honored Bishop J. J. Esher; therefore be it

Resolved, That we feel grateful to the great Head of the Church and the Bishop of our souls for the successful life and the blessed influence of this noble witness of the Truth and defender of our beloved Church, and that we feel grateful to God that the deceased brother was a member of our Conference uninterruptedly from its organization to the end of his life, and that he especially sought to advance the interest of our Conference in every respect. We can never forget his kind disposition, his wise counsel and his deep insight in the Cause and Kingdom of God. Being dead yet he lives.

WHEREAS, The life of our sainted Bishop has been of so great value to us, and since his wise counsel seemed indispensable to us; therefore we feel the loss the more keenly, yet since our loss is his unspeakable gain, we humbly and submissively bow to the will of an All-wise Providence.

3. We hereby extend our heartiest sympathy to the bereaved and assure them of an interest in our prayers. Especially will we remember the aged widow. May the Lord of all Grace abundantly bless her with the riches of His Grace and in His own time afford her a joyful entrance into eternal rest.

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Indiana Conference

OF THE

Evangelical Association,

HELD AT

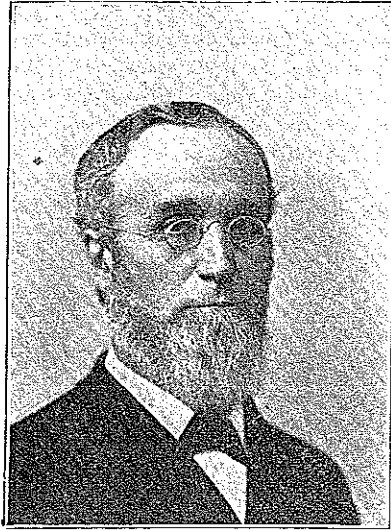
Trinity Evangelical Church, Berne, Indiana,

April 11 - 14, 1901.

J. H. EVANS,
THOS. FINKBEINER, }

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J. J. ESHER,
Bishop of Evangelical Association for 38 years.
Died April 16, 1901.

Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Session OF THE Indiana Conference of the Evan. Association.

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.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fiftieth Annual Session

OF THE

Indiana Conference

OF THE

Evangelical Association,

HELD AT

First Evangelical Church, South Bend, Indiana,

April 10-13, 1902.

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Report of Committee on Resolutions.

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, Re-
solved, 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 capa-
city 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 Flat 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 sup-
port and ask God to support 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 unflinch-
ing integrity, his holy life, all conse-
crated 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

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 appre-
ciate his work among us and pray
God's blessings upon him in the future.

Whereas, the Indiana Street Rail-
way Company has so generously tend-
ered their transportation services "gra-
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and their wives at this their 50th an-
nual 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 Alli-
ance of First and Second churches of
South Bend have tendered us such a
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ning, Apr. 10th, and have shown their
good will towards the ministry in
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ent with a beautiful carnation and
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tifully with flowers and palms, and,
whereas, the good people of this city
have opened thir homes and received
and entertained us so royally, there-
fore, Resolved, that this conference
reciprocate such kindness by rising
vote of thanks and that we pray God
to let His blessings rest upon them.

Israel. We mourn our loss, but re-
joice in the assurance that his re-
deemed spirit will shine as a star of
the first magnitude in the everlasting
kingdom of our Lord and Sayiour
Jesus Christ. Though dead yet he
speaketh, and his work shall be re-
warded.

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 pastor-

al 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 blood-washed and the redeemed.

Rev. Barnhart Uphaus, one of our

Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your committee on finance, would respectfully 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

old veterans, a charter member of our conference, staunch and true evangelical, a good and holy man, a conscientious 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.

DISBURSMENTS.

J. Kaufman.....	\$ 100 00
M. Krueger.....	105 00
Angelina 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 expenses)	40 00
Total	1,033 15

APPLICANTS.

	Church History.	T. S. History.
Geo. C. Lutman.....	89	10
V. D. Chaffee.....	87	9
Chr. Maas.....	88	9
M. Hauerling.....		

I. YEAR.

	Holy Scripture.	Historic Epoch of the
C. H. Burgener P.....	*	90
Ed. Greiner P.....	*	90
F. B. Walmer P.....	108	75
A. E. Weyrick A.....	108	75
F. F. McClure P.....	83	75
C. D. Riggenberg P.....		

II. YEAR.

	Biblical Theology.	Systematic Theology.
B. E. Koenig A.....	90	100
E. Q. Laudeman A.....	100	90
C. H. Burgener.....	100	90
W. H. Freshley A.....		
Ed. Greiner.....		
F. Erne P.....		

III. YEAR.

	Biblical Theology.	Systematic Theology.
G. B. Kimmel P.....	100	100
B. E. Koenig A.....	95	100
W. W. Sunderman P.....	77	100
A. P. Wiesjahn P.....	69	100
C. McConnehey A.....	*	*
G. F. Winters A.....	*	*
W. S. Tracy A.....		

IV. YEAR.

	Systematic Theology.	Pastoral Theology.
J. W. Feller P.....	80	78
L. Newman P.....	* 80	80
J. H. Billing A.....		90

*Passed previous to this year

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Whereas, the Creator, who is almighty and has endowed us with faculties capable of development, and,

Whereas, "the fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom;" and true culture depends much upon the church

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

KANSAS CONFERENCE

of the Evangelical Association,

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pointed a committee to investigate the matter and afterwards this committee organized themselves into a company and bought two lots and built a chapel with their means, and now offer their property to this conference at cost, \$905.59, Resolved, We appreciate their praiseworthy act and zeal in the work of the Lord. But we believe this conference is not in a position, at present, to purchase this property. However we recommend the location of an English Mission in that part of the city and rent this property for one year.

Your Committee.

VI. MEMORIAL.

1. Bishop J. J. 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 counsels and invaluable advices given us, for, by it he being dead yet speaketh.

2. H. E. Myers. The Lord of the vineyard has called from labor to reward our dearly beloved brother, H. E. Myers, who was taken so suddenly from our ranks when in the midst of activity and in the prime of life, and so much needed in the conference and the home, Therefore, Resolved, 1st, That in Bro. Myers we have lost an earnest, humble and faithful minister of the Gospel, whose heart was always in his work, and who exemplified the religion which he preached to others. Through his influence he continues to preach though his voice is hushed in death. 2nd, That we hereby express our sympathy for his sorrowing companion and fatherless children who so much need his counsel and comfort, and commend them to Him who has promised to "relieve the fatherless and widow."

3. B. F. Wade. It having pleased the Lord during the past year to remove by death our beloved and esteemed brother, B. F. Wade, a local minister, Therefore, we realize that by his death a life of usefulness has ended here and our loss is his eternal gain. We would assure his esteemed companion and two sons and four daughters of our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

4. Solomon Reep. During the year the head of the church has 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 served our conference. He was always joyful in the service of his Master and always cheerfully responded to every call of duty. We have lost in him

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RESOLVED, That we insist upon deeply Spiritual meetings, one medium of leading the young to higher heights, to nobler desires, and to a more consecrated life and effort. Further,

RESOLVED, That in our Alliances we use the topic cards, and circulate the *Herald* as much as possible.

BEULAH PARK ASSEMBLY GROUNDS.

It is the opinion of your Committee on Y. P. A. work that the committee appointed at the last Annual Y. P. A. Convention to consider the locating of a permanent place for our annual gatherings, have taken a step in the right direction in securing Beulah Park Assembly Grounds, located near Howell, Mich. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we as a Conference, will pledge our hearty support to this important enterprise.

MEMORIAL.

Inasmuch as it pleased the Lord over life and death to remove our highly esteemed Bishop J. J. Esher from labor and self-denial and toil to his eternal rest in heaven; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference deeply mourn the departure of this faithful man of God. We keenly feel our loss and in honor and love keep him in remembrance. We are reminded by the departure of our sainted Bishop that we, as a Church, suffer a real loss and likewise his fatherly counsel. Therefore, we, as a Conference, will submit to the providence of an all-wise God and say, Thy will be done, knowing that our loss is his eternal gain, wishing the sorrowing widow and bereft children God's richest blessing until they meet again in heaven.

Whereas, Our esteemed and aged ministerial brother, Jacob Yong, member of the Michigan Conference, has in the past year been called away by the hand of death and from labor to reward. Brother Yong was a sincere and an honest man and a conscientious and useful minister of the Gospel, who was instrumental in his long ministerial career of leading many souls to the Saviour,

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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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