

ERIE CONFERENCE,

Held in New Castle, Pa., July 10-16, 1867.

BISHOP JANES, *Presiding.* W. F. DAY, *Secretary.*

QUEST. 1. Who are Admitted on Trial?

Hiram H. Lowry, John Frampton, Daniel Rowland, John P. Hicks, Willard Ransom, Robert S. Borland, John Perry, Frederick Fair, William F. Warren, George W. Anderson, Edward M'Clary—11.

QUEST. 2. Who Remain on Trial?

George Elliott, Rush D. Waltz, Allison P. Colton, James M. Merchant, Elijah C. M'Ilhattan, Thomas J. Baker, D. Alien Crowell, John Eckols, Loreston G. Merrill, William Rice, Richard W. Hawkins, William A. Bowyer, Seneca B. Torry, Edwin Chase, J. J. Excell, Bennett A. Carlson, John M. Leonard—17.

QUEST. 3. Who are Admitted into full Connection?

Ira B. Goodrich, James G. Hawkins, Levi L. Luce, James M. Graves, Clinton L. Barnhart, James G. Townsend, Amos N. Craft, Orrin Babcock, Francis A. Archbold, John B. Robinson, Cornelius C. Hunt, William H. Hover, John M. Leonard—13.

QUEST. 4. Who are the Deacons?

FIRST CLASS: Ira B. Goodrich, James G. Hawkins, Levi L. Luce, James M. Groves, Clinton L. Barnhart, James G. Townsend, Amos N. Craft, Orrin Babcock, Francis A. Archbold, John B. Robinson, Cornelius C. Hunt, William H. Hover—12.

SECOND CLASS: Archibald S. Goodrich, David Latslaw, Platt W. Scofield, Ephraim A. Ludwick, Albert Van Camp, Abraham Bashline, John M. Leonard—7.

QUEST. 5. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?

George J. Bliss, Milton Smith, Anthony J. Lindsay, Edwin B. Cummings, Edgar A. Squier, Abraham H. Domer, Austin L. Kellogg, Cornelius N. Grant, Benjamin F. Wade, Frank Brown, Francis H. Beck, Robert N. Stubbs, Charles E. Woodworth, Reuben C. Smith, James Marvin, James K. Shaffer—16.

QUEST. 6. Who have Located this year?

None.

QUEST. 7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

D. King, J. Howe, B. Marsteller, R. R. Robert, R. Pratt, J. H. Whallon, E. C. Latimer, A. Matton, R. W. Crane, D. W. Vorce, J. F. Brown, A. C. Tibbetts, Thomas Stubbs, John M'Clary, W. Bush, J. Allen, J. Akers, J. Shields, J. W. Glesworth, S. K. Paden, I. Eddy, E. A. Ludwick, John M. Leonard—23.

QUEST. 8. Who are the Superannuated or Worn out Preachers?

P. D. Horton, I. H. Tackett, L. D. Prosser, S. Hubbard, R. A. Aylworth, C. Brown, R. Parker, B. S. Hill, J. L. Holmes, H. Luce, A. Reedy, S. W. Ingraham, L. Clark, H. Elliott, T. Bannister, J. Prosser, W. R. Johnson, R. L. Blackman, E. T. Wheeler, W. A. Matson, E. M. Nowlin, S. Heard, B. O. Plympton—23.

QUEST. 9. Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?

None.

QUEST. 10. Who have Withdrawn from the Connection this year?

None.

QUEST. 11. Were all the Preachers' Characters Examined?

This was strictly attended to, by calling out their names before the Conference.

QUEST. 12. Who have Died this year?

James Gilmore, Charles W. Bear, W. A. Maltby*—3.

1. REV. JAMES GILMORE was born in the town of Chester, Hampshire County, Mass., June 2, 1790, and embraced religion in his eleventh year, under the ministry of Rev. Billy Hibbard, when he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. About three years after this he fell into a backsliden state, in which condition he remained about five years, during which time, in connection with his father's family he moved into the state of New York, and settled on the bank of the Alleghany River, near the southern line of the state. From thence he removed and settled on the Susquehanna River, where it pleased God to reclaim him, when he reunited with the Church, and being strongly impressed with the conviction that it was his duty to devote his life to the Christian ministry, he returned home, and commenced a rigorous course of study preparatory to the ministry, and re-

* Obituary not received.

ceiving a license to exhort, sinners to repentance with success. He was licensed to preach on trial in the Genesee Conference, and into full connection in 1814, and an elder in 1816. Mr. Gilmore was very tall, made a very dignified and correct preacher. He possessed more than ordinary reason with logical accuracy could thrill an audience with oratory. His mind was well stored with arguments richly furnished with arguments of divine origin. He was not a specialist, but, what is far better, a general preacher. Brother Gilmore was transferred to the Erie Conference in 1828, when his part of the work commenced. The conference was organized in 1830, and he was engaged and experienced minister in the management, and contributed most of the time he was considered his health was so considered unsafe for him to perform a full amount of labor; hence, he was in a superannuated relation even while he held this relation to circulate much among our churches, and frequently preach with great power and talent in promoting revivals. His noble frame gradually yielded to age and the enfeebling effects of the last struggle when it came was but little strength left. He died in Erie, Pa., being the seventy-sixth year of his Christian life, and fifty-fourth of his natural life.

2. REV. CHARLES W. BEAR was born in Jackson, Lawrence County, Pa. His father was a local preacher and a pioneer of Methodism in this county. With his excellent wife he spent his life in the ministry, and lived to the opposition, and become a poor man, but his house was a home for the itinerant preachers.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Public Meetings.	Local Preb.
Cleveland:				
First Church	206	2	24	12
Erie street	223		67	33
City Mission	55	41	1	1
S. Cleveland Mis.	57		14	1
E. Cleveland..	112		29	
Euclid.....	55		14	2
Mayfield.....	115		13	1
Wiloughby....	170		27	1
Painesville....	273		29	1
Madison, Perry	298		29	3
Geneva.....	172		79	1
Saybrook.....	96		4	2
Chagrin Falls.	97		4	4
Rainbridge....	94		12	1
Tracy.....	136		20	2
Tombson.....	293		35	1
Grand River..	146		4	1
Montville.....	135		8	2
Huntsburgh, etc	65		2	
Charidon.....	79		13	
Kirtland, etc.	74		8	4
Mantua.....	77		8	
Mentor.....	140		8	
Total.....	8,169	46	476	33

receiving a license to exhort, he commenced calling sinners to repentance with great zeal and marked success. He was licensed to preach in 1812, and admitted on trial in the Genesee Conference the same year, and into full connection and ordained a deacon in 1814, and an elder in 1816.

Mr. Gilmore was very tall, straight, and slim, and made a very dignified and commanding appearance. He possessed more than ordinary mental power, could reason with logical accuracy, and at the same time thrill an audience with overpowering eloquence. His mind was well stored with Scriptural truth, and richly furnished with arguments to establish their divine origin. He was not only an able controver-sialist, but, what is far better, a powerful revival preacher.

Brother Gilmore was transferred to the Pittsburgh Conference in 1828, when his connection with this part of the work commenced. When the Erie Conference was organized, in 1836, he was one of the few aged and experienced ministers that assisted in its management, and contributed to its success. During most of the time he was connected with the Erie Conference his health was so precarious that it was considered unsafe for him to take work requiring a full amount of labor; hence, he spent much of his time in a superannuated relation to the Conference: but even while he held this relation he was accustomed to circulate much among our people, and would frequently preach with great power, and was very efficient in promoting revivals of religion. His once noble frame gradually yielded to the infirmities of age and the enfeebling effect of disease, until there was but little strength left with which to maintain the last struggle when it came. His final sickness, consisting of typhoid fever, was of but a few days' continuance; but through all his afflictions, even to the last hour, his mind was peaceful and full of joyful hope. He died in Erie, Pa., September 27, 1866, being the seventy-sixth year of his age, sixty-fifth of his Christian life, and fifty-fourth of his ministry.

2. Rev. CHARLES W. BEAR was born near Mount Jackson, Lawrence County, Pa., October 23, 1826. His father was a local preacher, and one of the early pioneers of Methodism in that region of country. With his excellent wife he stood up for the Church of his choice, and lived to see it triumph over all opposition, and become a power in the land. Their house was a home for the itinerant, who was always

a welcome visitor. Their children were trained up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Charles was converted in 1842 under the labors of Revs. Bettis and Morse, and immediately connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married July 5, 1855, to Miss Anna Pancake, an estimable Christian lady; was licensed to exhort May 22, 1858, by Rev. S. L. Wilkinson, and to preach February 6, 1859, at Petersburg, Mount Jackson Circuit, by the lamented Gaylord B. Hawkins. He was employed by the New Castle District Tract Society as its agent and colporteur March 31 of the same year, in which capacity he served till the ensuing session of the Erie Conference, which was held in Brookville, Pa., when he was admitted on trial, and appointed to the North Chenango and Clintonville Circuit, which he served two years. In 1861 he was ordained a deacon, and appointed to the Williamsfield charge in Ohio; in 1862 he was appointed to the Rockland charge in Pennsylvania; in 1863 he was ordained an elder, and again appointed to Rockland; in 1864 was appointed to the Troy charge, and reappointed in 1865, where he died, of typhoid fever, October 26, of the same year. His remains were removed to Mount Jackson for interment, where quite a number of the family already sleep in hope of the resurrection.

Brother Bear leaves a wife and two children. He was a man of very fine social qualities, possessing a good English education. He was more than an ordinary preacher. His sermon, preached at the Punxatawny camp-meeting a short time before his death, on "Christ our refuge," was an effort of overwhelming power, and will be remembered by many who heard it through a lifetime. As a pastor he was faithful in all departments of the pastoral office, as a disciplinarian he was thorough; in short, no part of his duty as a Methodist preacher was neglected. Kind and affable in his intercourse among the people, he was greatly beloved by them in return. His illness was short, severe, and decisive. Like an armed man, the destroyer came and did his work. Although he was delirious much of the time during his sickness, and unable to communicate intelligibly with his family and friends, yet we doubt not he was well prepared for the reward of the faithful. His life is his record.

QUEST. 13. What is the Number of Church Members, etc.?

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367.
AY, Secretary.

the Supernumerary Preachers

ze, B. Marsteller, R. R. Robert-hallon, E. C. Latimer, A. No-
D. W. Vorce, J. F. Brown,
Thomas Stubbs, John M'Com-
J. Akers, J. Shields, J. W.
aden, I. Eddy, E. A. Ludwick
-23.

*the Superannuated or Work-
ing Preachers?*

I. H. Tackett, L. D. Prosser,
Aylworth, C. Brown, R. Parker,
Holmes, H. Luce, A. Reeves,
L. Clark, H. Elliott, T. Bone-
Johnson, R. L. Blackman,
V. A. Matson, E. M. Nowlin,
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*been Expelled from the Con-
ference this year?*

None.

*are Withdrawn from the Con-
ference this year?*

None.

*all the Preachers' Character-
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the Conference.

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Charles W. Bear, W. A.

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state of New York, and settled
Alleghany River, near the source
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River, where it pleased God to re-
reunited with the Church, and
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to his life to the Christian min-
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uary not received.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probable Gainers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Contributions.	Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	American Bible Society.	Sunday-School Union.	Contra-ry Fund.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	
Cleveland: First Church.	206	3	24	8	5	1	\$20,000	1	\$2,000	\$70 25	\$504 32	...	\$14 00	\$33 50	\$23 00	...	1	33	205	375	
Erie Street.	226	2	67	32	17	1	12,500	1	4,000	16 50	385 00	...	...	90 00	9 30	...	1	41	325	625
City Mission.	35	4	41	12	8	1	4,000	1	...	19 10	45 00	...	4 75	5 25	4 70	...	1	30	115	280	
Cleveland: Missions.	57	1	14	3	2	1	6,000	1	...	5 55	60 00	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	150	230
Eastland.	112	2	20	18	3	1	2,500	1	...	15 00	60 00	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	95	350
Eastland.	53	1	14	2	2	1	4,000	1	1,500	8 42	18 92	...	...	...	...	...	2	23	95	350
Allyfield.	115	2	12	6	1	3	10,000	1	1,000	5 65	68 10	...	4 00	28 50	1 00	...	3	41	180	600	
Wilmington.	170	2	27	8	2	2	2,000	1	2,500	24 00	95 50	...	...	33 00	...	...	2	25	216	800
Farmersville.	273	3	24	8	1	1	10,000	1	3,000	40 00	308 00	...	...	50 96	...	...	1	20	200	900
Madison Perry.	208	4	25	4	1	3	11,000	1	2,000	18 60	141 64	...	...	30 75	4 30	...	5	60	391	775
Deneva.	172	5	79	1	18	2	16,000	1	4,000	15 10	132 75	...	...	63 31	...	...	1	17	123	500
Brook.	96	1	4	10	1	1	3,500	1	1,300	10 00	81 75	...	...	27 00	3 56	...	1	12	42	323
Chagrin Falls.	97	1	4	4	...	1	2,000	1	1,400	5 94	45 25	...	...	1 00	...	...	2	14	136	283
Cambridge.	94	3	12	1	...	2	2,600	1	500	10 60	65 83	...	...	...	4 75	...	3	16	80	550
Cro.	136	1	20	1	4	4	8,000	1	1,200	15 18	112 00	3 01	62 75	6 01	...	7	89	358	1,070
Thompson.	239	2	23	5,000	1	800	7 60	171 94	1 00	102 86	7 60	...	7	66	215	958
Grand River.	140	4	4	6	3	3	2,700	1	650	16 08	33 60	5 63	17 00	2	20	50	390
Mountville.	183	1	8	2	1	2	7,300	1	600	9 00	23 60	3	31	86	208
Huntsburg, etc.	65	2	2	1,500	1	700	7 00	14 60	15 00	2	20	90	600
Grandon.	79	2	13	7	1	1	6,000	1	2,800	12 00	62 50	3 00	43 00	1	18	90	200
Rockland, etc.	70	1	8	4	3	2	4,000	1	...	6 00	15 00	1 00	3	20	70	50
Madison.	77	1	8	2	1	1	3,500	1	...	12 50	40 00	30 00	3	24	150	350
Mentor.	140	4	6	10,000	1	1,600	13 07	134 67	2 22	19 05	5 25	...	2	23	110	520
Total	3,169	46	436	33	237	29	154,600	18	31,550	354 14	2,576 37	41 86	674 63	76 67	...	54	656	3,594	11,061