

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION *of the*  
ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

OF THE  
Evangelical Church

HELD IN THE  
OAK AVE. EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Bishop L. H. Seager, D. D., Chairman

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from the funds of the Conference Missionary Society as per its regulations. The Presiding Elder, the Pastor at Norwood Park, and the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Trustees shall act in conjunction with the local trustees or building committee in carrying out the project.

#### Peoria, Grace

(a) In regard to the request from Peoria Grace Mission for financial help in meeting their obligations, we recommend that a loan of \$1000.00 from the Church Extension Board be made, for five years. The Conference Board of Trustees is authorized to sign the necessary papers.

(b) We recommend that the action of the Conference Board of Trustees in 1925, deeding the vacant lots in South Peoria to the trustees of Grace Church, Peoria, be ratified, to clear the title.

#### Richland

Inasmuch as the Richland Society comes to Conference requesting help to the extent of \$1500.00 toward making necessary repairs and improvements on their church building, it is hereby

Resolved, That the sum of \$1500.00 be loaned to the Richland Church trustees for a period of two years at two per cent per annum, from the treasury of the Conference Board of Trustees.

#### Robertsdale

In response to a request of the Robertsdale Mission for aid, We recommend that the sum of \$1000.00 be loaned to the trustees of the Robertsdale Church from the Church Extension Board. The Conference Trustees are hereby authorized to sign the necessary papers.

#### Wooddale

Whereas, new angles have arisen in connection with the church property at Wooddale, we direct that the Conference Board of Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized with power to act in safeguarding the interests of our Conference in the premises.

### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We are again under solemn obligation to record the passing away of several brethren and sisters in Christ, during this conference year, who occupied positions of trust and responsibility in our Church and Conference. Faithfully they have finished their course, completed their task, and called from labor to their reward beyond.

Rev. Nicolaus Wunderlich, a veteran of the cross, and a product of this conference was recommended for the holy ministry by the Hollands Grove Church and licensed to preach the Gospel by this conference at its annual session in 1880. He then entered the Michigan Conference where he served for some years, and, coming back to his mother conference, he served many charges very acceptably. Brother Wunderlich was a good preacher and pastor, and a dear Brother Beloved. He passed to his reward on June 7, 1928, at a good old age.

Rev. J. H. Keagle, was born in May 1857, at Durand, Illinois. Shortly after his conversion as a young man, he felt definitely called to the holy ministry and applied to this conference for license to preach the Gospel at its session in Peoria, Illinois, in 1886. He at once entered his chosen work, and remained in the active service until he was necessitated to retire on account of failing health in the spring of 1924. Brother Keagle became well informed in matters pertaining to the Kingdom, especially in theology; he also was a good preacher and an efficient pastor. After several years of patient suffering, he fell asleep in Jesus on November 11, 1928.

Mrs. Vinnie E. Rife nee Eade, and the beloved companion of Rev. E.

O. Rife was born in Hazel Green. marriage to Brother Rife resulted in children. Early in life, sister Rife gave the Evangelical Church, and lived when the Lord called her on October has lost a dear helpmate, the child, a faithful member.

Mrs. Olga E. Schwartz, nee Mit Rev. George Schwartz, was born M became the life companion of Broth faithful follower of her Lord and husband in his arduous work in his fell peacefully asleep in the arms of Jo

Mr. Thomas L. Haines, a promerence was one of the charter memb Chicago, for many years the efficient and financial backing. He represent of this conference, and other busines figure at these annual gatherings. B member of the Church and deeply died at Turlock, California, Novembe

Mr. Frank J. Fecke, another beloved Zion, passed to his reward, physical suffering as the result of a Brother Fecke was the treasurer and Fund" and "Superannuation Fund" of the annual sessions of this body, at his home Church as its delegate. faithful member and a liberal contril

Mrs. Helen Schwab Strubler, re brother and sister, Rev. and Mrs. her many friends was called to her Sister, a devoted member of the Evz of the Lord, especially in Cradle Rol ing the later part of her life. Beside and a little son of 17 months.

We recommend that a memoria at the opening of the session. Bish devotional; the Conference Male Qu J. Byas to speak on the lives of Rev J. C. Schaefer on Mrs. E. O. Rife, M Rev. L. C. Schmidt on Rev. J. H. K

### REPORT OF THE COM

#### Bishop L. H. Seager:

Whereas, we were privileged to H. Seager as the chairman of this co Resolved, That we have grea wise counsel, and uplifting address blessings upon him and his service i

#### Freeport Journal Standard:

Whereas, the Freeport Journal review of the proceedings of our Co Resolved, That we hereby exp favor, and request the pastor of o convey our thanks to this publicati

#### The Freeport Congregations:

Whereas, this Conference has of the Oak Avenue and Trinity church, dining rooms, and the inspi