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any appropriation received in the past by said field organization may claim shall in no case be in excess of the proceeds of said sale than is the per cent of the proceeds of the sale of the property of the society whose property is sold that united with

the proceeds of sale of all church property where no other arrangement is made, shall flow into the Treasury of the Conference, there to remain without interest until needed for other purposes.

This resolution does not apply to cases where a society sells church property to build a new building or acquire property in a new location.

Historical Committee

At the session of Conference, Rev. John G. Schwab of Chicago, Illinois, and Rev. H. H. Thoren of the former Illinois Conference were selected to write a history of the Illinois Evangelical Church.

The brethren report to Conference that they have completed their purpose and request Conference to select two members to determine the extent of research and to determine the data which shall be included. Rev. B. Rilling and Rev. J. G. Finkbeiner be selected.

These brethren shall have authority to determine the items of interest which shall be prepared, and also the scope of the work of the preparation of said history of the Conference.

Any of them or either of them may call upon the officers of the Conference or of the local churches as they may determine may be useful in their history.

Wright Memorial Church

This church has been referred to us the report of the Commission on Education for an expression on the project of a Church in the City of Washington, D. C., which is asking for financial assistance, therefore be it resolved that our recent General Conference to our denominational establishment in the United States, and we are in hearty accord with this project for the memory of the founder of the Evangelical Church.

We appreciate the educational and inspirational value disseminated through our Church in connection with the observance of Founders' Day.

We commend the general observance of this day to our members and give adequate expression to the spirit of the day towards this memorial project are to be in accordance with instructions received from headquarters.

Hildreth Memorial Church

For financial assistance for Hildreth Memorial Church we wish to record that while we entertain a request, we also remember that the members of the United Evangelical Church contributed to the enterprise when it was new. We feel that the church building on missions in this Conference

demand our undivided attention at this time. However, this is not intended to discourage any of our people who may wish to send further contributions for Hildreth Memorial Church.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL

We observe with a deep sense of sadness that the grim reaper of death again entered the ministerial ranks and homes of our Conference this past year and removed from our midst several brethren and wives of ministers; we rejoice, however, to know that they died in the faith and have gone to their reward.

Rev. F. W. Doede passed away after months of suffering on November 12, 1927, at the age of 51 years. He entered the ministry in 1900 and served the church for twenty-six years, a faithful pastor and preacher of the Word. His widow and children have our sympathy in their sorrow.

Professor H. H. Rassweiler was of Evangelical stock, born in 1842 at Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, near the birthplace of the Evangelical Church. Early in life our brother felt the need of a good education, and strove earnestly to secure it. He became a great educator, served for many years as an efficient teacher at North Western College (now North Central College) at Naperville, Illinois, and later was the President of this institution. His was a long and fruitful life.

Mrs. Minnie Leitner Schwartz, wife of our brother and co-laborer Rev. F. Schwartz, died on May 22, 1927. Early in life she was converted to God and united with the Evangelical Church. Since 1916 she had been the loving and efficient help-meet of Brother Schwartz until her departure to be with God.

Mrs. Emily Kiest, widow of the late Rev. J. C. Kiest, for many years an honored member of this conference, finished her course August 8, 1927. She was a faithful member of the church, deeply interested in all its interests, especially in the work of the Deaconess society.

Mrs. Catherine Thurner Johnson, beloved companion of Rev. J. H. Johnson, fell asleep in Jesus, December 26, 1927, after years of suffering. At the age of twelve she dedicated her life to God and identified herself with the church. For more than forty years she stood faithfully by the side of her husband in his labors as a minister of the gospel.

Mrs. J. B. Rife, nee Divan, widow of the late Rev. J. B. Rife, likewise a former member of the Illinois Conference. Our sister was a faithful Pastor's wife and active in the work of the Church. The end of her fruitful life came on September 5, 1927.

Mrs. Louise Knobel Kletzing, widow of the sainted Professor H. F. Kletzing, a former teacher in our College at Naperville and a member of this body. Mrs. Kletzing was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and an active member of the Church from her youth. She passed away April 11, 1927.

Brother David Hostetter of Polo, a lay delegate to our merger Conference at Naperville a year ago, was summoned to the great beyond December 15, 1927. Brother Hostetter was a devoted follower of his Lord and faithful to the Church to the end.

Your Committee would recommend that a memorial service be held on Saturday afternoon at the opening of the session in memory of the brethren and sisters who were called from labor to reward during the past Conference year.

Bishop John S. Stamm is to preside at this service and have charge of the devotional part of the service. The Conference quartette is asked to sing. Rev. A. J. Byas is to speak on the lives of Rev. F. W. Doede, Mrs. J. C. Kiest, and Mrs. James Fritch; Rev. L. C. Schmidt on the lives of Professor H. H. Rassweiler and Mrs. H. F. Kletzing; Rev. J. C. Schaefer on the life of Rev. B. R. Wiener, Secretary on Evangelism; Rev. J. G. Eller on the lives of Mrs. F. Schwartz, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Rife, and David Hostetter.