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to foster a deep interest in their growth, and that we will, in the ensuing year, receive the offering for educational purposes. Committee: V. Griese, E. Mueller, O. Gerhart, A. H. Bunte, A. Schmalle.

5. The Committee on Sabbath and Temperance reported but the report was referred back to the committee, J. F. Berner and H. Kleinsorge were added to the committee and, subsequently, the following report was presented and adopted: Report on Temperance and Sabbath: Whereas intemperance issues forth like a flood of destruction across our beloved land and leaves lonely and ruined homes, squanders much wealth and shatters many hopes, and, whereas we further recognize that manufacturers and venders of alcoholic beverages seek to continue their harmful business with great zeal and enormous outlay of money, readily entrenching themselves behind the form of the law; and, whereas, we firmly believe that this is not only a source of much physical human evil but also one of the greatest obstacles to the salvation of many thousands of souls; and, whereas, we believe that this great evil of intemperance can be successfully curbed through a just prohibition law answering to the purpose; therefore resolved, 1) that we ministers of this conference will summarily and on biblical and disciplinary grounds pursue and defend the ideal of temperance among us. We also acknowledge through word and deed all prohibitory regulations of our legislature in as far as the same strives for and pursues proper means for the destruction of the evil and vice of drunkenness. We also advise our members and congregations to abide by and observe our temperance rules.

Whereas the sanctity of the Sabbath day rests upon the express command of God and is indispensable for the physical and spiritual welfare of mankind; and, whereas the desecration of the same opens the doors and gates to every kind of sin and abomination, therefore resolved, that we will strive with all earnestness to promote through teaching and example, in and outside of our churches, the hallowing of the Lord's day. Your committee.

Morning meeting concluded with prayer by S. L. Stabler.

#### Afternoon Meeting, Second Day

The meeting was opened by the chairman with the reading of Scripture and prayer by ....

1. Report of Quarterly Conference Records as follows: a) The conference proceedings which do not indicate the secretary: Polk Mission, Van Horne Circuit, Floyd Station, Maquoketa. b) The following have no school and trustee reports: Independence Mission, Carroll Mission, Spencer Mission. The Committee.

2. The Committee on Boundaries reported: 1) Henry Mission shall be discontinued and Grandview appointment attached to Muscatine Circuit which shall be served by two ministers. 2) Nashua appointment .....3) Fritz appointment shall be detached from Waterloo Mission and added to Black Hawk Circuit. 4) The Kramer and Ohnmacht appointments of Cresco and Locust Lane appointment of New Hampton Circuit shall be detached and be named Cresco Circuit. 5) Riceville appointment of Nora Springs Circuit shall belong to New Hampton Circuit. 6) Sheffield and Rockville shall be taken up as regular appointments and be served with Belmont Mission. 7) Wheeler's Grove appointment of Shelby Circuit shall be served by the minister of Noble Station.

3. Memorial Report: Whereas it pleased the Lord to translate our beloved

fathers and brethren in Christ, William Kolb and George Zellhoefer, from the battlefield during the past year, therefore resolved, that through their passing we have lost faithful and esteemed co-workers. However, we want to submit to the will of God knowing that our loss is their gain. We herewith desire to express sincere sympathy to the surviving families in their bitter loss. May the blessing of God rest upon them. The Lord grant them a blessed re-union. We further recommend that the conference conduct a memorial service under the leadership of the chairman at a convenient time tomorrow afternoon. Your Committee.

4. Thereupon the conference voted that the memorial service be held Saturday afternoon and that the designated committee be authorized to appoint speakers for said occasion. The committee subsequently appointed Bishop J. J. Esher, H. Lageschulte and P. Held as speakers.

5. Report on Support of the Needy: Relative to the support of the needy your committee reports as follows: 1) That \$100.00 be appropriated for C. Esher. 2) We are glad that for the present Sister Kolb will be cared for by our mutual Benefit Society. 3) That \$150.00 be allowed Bro. John Zellhoefer out of the conference treasury. Your Committee.

Re Bro. F. A. Frase: 1. Whereas \$35.00 still remains of the appropriation for Polk Mission for last year, therefore resolved, that Bro. F. A. Frase receive this amount. 2. That Bro. Frase shall receive \$125.00 from the conference treasury until the session of the General Missionary Society. 3. In case the Missionary Society should not appoint him as a missionary, the Bishop and the Presiding Elders shall be a committee to take further steps in the disposition of his case. Your Committee on Appropriations.

6. Bro. M. Lauer addressed conference in the interests of the Publishing House in Cleveland, whereupon the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that we were sincerely glad to have our esteemed and kind Brother M. Lauer of Cleveland in our midst. We also appreciated his address to the conference in which he reported the success and prosperous condition of our institution. We also wish him and the other officers God's blessing in their responsible tasks.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Wiest.

#### Morning Meeting, Third Day

In accordance with the rules, the meeting was opened by the chairman with a half hour's devotional exercises.

1. The minutes were read and, with minor modifications, adopted.
2. The statistical report was presented. See the report. With reference to this report it was resolved that the rubrics on Home Sunday Schools, and Salary of Ministers and Presiding Elders be deleted and not made public.
3. Report on Ways and Means: 1) Whereas the Des Moines Mission has submitted a report of the mission to this committee which reveals that a debt of \$6,148.55 rests on the church property (of which amount the conference is responsible for only \$734.50), and that there are no prospects for payment of the debt, therefore your committee recommends that the trustees of the Des Moines congregation, the minister and the Presiding Elder be directed to