

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

OF THE  
Evangelical Church

HELD IN THE  
GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Geneseo, Illinois

APRIL 12 to 17, 1932



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

I. L. Schweitzer, Secretary  
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**CONFERENCE RELATIONS**

conference claimants, referred to this conference under the rules of the merged conference and that any former rules cease to

member has requested credentials to the Presbyterian Church of U. S. A., we

daughter has answered the disciplinary committee considers the recommendations of the committee, and in consideration of his case he be licensed as a preacher on trial

**License to Preach**

of the Belvidere Evangelical Church, the Evangelical Church of Terre Haute, Indiana, the Evangelical Church, Chicago, have been licensed in these churches, and inasmuch as each of them has met the educational requirements, we therefore recommend that they be

Hewitt have preached two years, and in the doctrinal test, we therefore recommend the order of Deacons and received into the Superannuation Fund.

of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Deacon for three years, we recommend to the order of an Elder. For two years as Itinerant Deacon, we therefore recommend that

**Notes**

namely, George Schwartz, H. E. H. and C. J. Zager request the conference we recommend that their re

be placed in the superannuated list; request be granted.

men in the itinerancy for two years, that his name be placed on the list

**Deacon**

the itinerancy for two years with the understanding that he be placed in the re

**Itinerant Elders**

namely, J. W. Davis, R. W. Schloerh, in accordance with the Questions of the conference we recommend that they be

**Deacons**

deacon in the Iowa Conference, we recommend that he be re

received in the same relation on condition that he present his credentials to the secretary of our conference.

**H. C. Powell**

Whereas, H. C. Powell, who received his credentials as an itinerant elder from this conference, April 16, 1931, has returned said credentials, therefore we recommend that he be retained in the itinerancy one year without an appointment.

**Names Removed**

Whereas, The following men have surrendered their credentials as preachers on trial, namely, J. Russell Patterson, license dated April, 1925; H. L. Wortman, license dated April, 1930; E. Pool, license dated March, 1922; therefore we recommend that their names be stricken from our conference records.

Whereas, J. A. Iwig, an itinerant elder, has surrendered all his credentials and has withdrawn from the church, therefore we recommend that his name be stricken from our conference records.

Whereas, A. H. Sonder, a local elder, has withdrawn from the church, we therefore recommend that his name be stricken from our conference records, and that he be requested to return his credentials.

W. B. RILLING, Chairman  
H. B. SCHAEFFER, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS**

The Lord has reached into the ranks of our conference during the past year, removing from out of our midst to their eternal reward six of our dearly beloved brothers in the ministry, one lay delegate, and also four ministers' wives and one minister's daughter.

Rev. Henry Messner, one of our beloved veterans and outstanding church characters, was born March 20, 1837. He was licensed by the Illinois Conference in 1860, and was in active service 55 years, attending 72 consecutive conferences, and also was a delegate to a number of general conferences. This distinguished servant of the Lord had attained the unusual age of 94 years when he passed to his final home, May 21, 1931.

Rev. Carl August Fuessle, a pioneer in our conference, who came from a staunch Evangelical family, was born in Germany, May 16, 1846. He was licensed by the Illinois Conference April 8, 1869. He gave 56 years of his life to the ministry and was a delegate to the general conference three times. He passed to his eternal reward on July 3, 1931.

Rev. John A. Steierwald was born March 1, 1870. He was licensed in the year 1917. He died November 17, 1931. A thoroughly consecrated and an effective soul winner for our Master.

Rev. Elmer O. Rife was born April 24, 1870, a son of Rev. Joseph Rife. After serving a number of fields very acceptably he passed on to glory on June 11, 1931.

Rev. Frederick Theiss was born in Germany on November 17, 1853. He was licensed to preach in 1879 by the former South Indiana Conference, and gave 43 years in active service. He proved himself a tireless and effective minister of the gospel, and was called home to his reward on January 13, 1932.

Rev. A. Raymond Aurand was born January 1, 1902, at Barrington, Illinois. The United Evangelical Conference licensed him in 1920. God saw fit to remove this promising young man on November 30, 1931.

Bro. George Koerner, of First Church, Peoria, Illinois, for many years lay delegate to this conference, and delegate to the general conference, passed out of this life during the year. He was a conscientious worker in the church.

Our merciful Heavenly Father decreed in His gracious providence that Mrs. Sarah Alice Rilling, beloved companion of our esteemed brother Rev. W. B. Rilling, should unexpectedly be translated from a very useful life to