

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

OF THE
Evangelical Church

HELD IN THE
GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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CONFERENCE RELATIONS

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

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

Landau has answered the disciplinary
and considers the recommendations of
tory, and in consideration of his
he be licensed as a preacher on trial.

License to Preach

the Belvidere Evangelical Church,
Evangelical Church of Terre Haute, Ind.,
Evangelical Church, Chicago, have been
re churches, and inasmuch as each
and has met the educational require-
therefore recommend that they be

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e Hewitt have preached two years
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order of Deacons and received into
the Superannuation Fund.

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l to the order of an Elder.
d two years as Itinerant Deacon
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t and C. J. Zager request the re-
fore we recommend that their re-

e be placed in the superannuated
request be granted.
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at his name be placed on the list

Deacon

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ore we recommend that they be

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leacon in the Iowa Conference,
we recommend that he be re-

ceived 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 with-
out 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 con-
ference records.

Whereas, J. A. Iwig, an itinerant elder, has surrendered all his creden-
tials and has withdrawn from the church, therefore we recommend that his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 con-
secutive conferences, and also was a delegate to a number of general con-
ferences. 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 ef-
fective minister of the gospel, and was called home to his reward on Janu-
ary 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