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“ARISE, SHINE ; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE.”

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NEW YORK CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE first meeting of the thirty-fourth annual session of the New York Conference was held at Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1895, at 9 A. M. President A. E. Place occupied the chair. After a few appropriate remarks by the President, the roll of churches was called, and 30 delegates responded, representing 16 churches. The President then stated that the matter of receiving new churches into the Conference would now receive attention. Thereupon, W. A. Westworth presented the Monticello church for the consideration of the Conference, to be taken into the sisterhood of churches ; and after a few remarks by Brother Westworth, and the President, it was received unanimously. The church at Dickinson Center was then brought before the Conference by S. M. Cobb, who asked for the reception of this church. After a few remarks by the Chair it was unanimously admitted. J. P. Lorenz then offered the Ebenezer church for the consideration of the delegates. After a few remarks by the President it was admitted. The West Monroe church was then referred to by Brother Becker, and a statement of its increased membership under the labors of Brother Ellis, was then made.

The President then expressed his gratitude for the prosperity of the cause, and for the advancement of the work in the State, and for the wonderful way in which God is working with us for the advancement of His cause. The President, by request of the Conference, then appointed the several committees, as follows:—

On Nominations—W. A. Westworth, C. S. Coon, Cortland Green.

On Resolutions—P. Z. Kinne, D. A. Ball, R. A. Underwood.

On Credentials and Licenses—P. Z. Kinne, S. M. Cobb, W. E. Lewis.

The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SECOND MEETING.

The second meeting of the New York Conference was held Sept. 10, at 5 P. M. After prayer the roll of churches was called, and the delegates seated. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were also read and adopted. The Chair then called for the report of the committees. The Committee on Credentials and Licenses then presented a partial report, as follows:—

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses respectfully submit the following partial report:—

Credentials—C. O. Taylor, H. H. Wilcox, F. Wheeler, F. Peabody, A. E. Place, J. W. Raymond, D. A. Ball, P. Z. Kinne, S. M. Cobb.

P. Z. KINNE, }
S. M. COBB, } *Committee.*
W. E. LEWIS, }

After considering each name separately, the report was adopted. The meeting then adjourned to call of the Chair.

THIRD MEETING.

The third meeting of the New York Conference was held Sept. 11, at 9 A. M. After singing, and prayer by Elder Underwood, the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, after which the Chair spent some time in carefully going over the field, noticing every different phase of the work, and calling the attention of the Conference to the fact that we have had, from different causes, an undue financial strain, which together with the loss of funds caused by the failure of the bank at Rome, N. Y., has been a source of great perplexity ; yet despite all these difficulties, the prospering hand of God has been over his own work, and success has attended the work in this State in all its various departments. He further stated that our bank deposits had been somewhat increased, and at the same time we have lived up to the good principle, “Pay as you go.” The President then expressed his gratitude for the blessings of

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God, and for the unity and co-operation that seems to exist among the workers throughout the entire State. The Chair then spoke of the different churches which have been organized, and of the church buildings which have been erected, during the past year, and that two more would soon be completed. He further stated that during the past year, our increase in membership was greater than any previous year.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was then called for. It was as follows :—

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully present the following report :—

For President—A. E. Place.

Vice President—J. W. Raymond.

Secretary—W. A. Westworth.

Executive Committee—A. E. Place, J. W. Raymond, S. M. Cobb, P. Z. Kinne, N. S. Washbond.

W. A. WESTWORTH,
C. S. COON,
CORTLAND GREEN. } *Committee.*

The report was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then called for, and given, as follows :—

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following :—

1. *Whereas*, The seats now in use by the Conference, are cumbersome and heavy in transportation ; therefore,—

Resolved, That the Conference Committee be hereby instructed to dispose of them, and replace by those more convenient, and less expensive in transportation.

2. *Whereas*, The property of the Conference is constantly accumulating, and in view of the fact that the Conference is not legally organized ; therefore,—

Resolved, That the Conference Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of legally organizing the same, and report at the next annual session.

P. Z. KINNE,
D. A. BALL,
R. A. UNDERWOOD. } *Committee.*

After a few remarks by different members of the Conference, resolution 1 passed unanimously. It was then voted that resolution 2 be tabled. The meeting then adjourned to the call of the chair.

FOURTH MEETING.

The fourth meeting of the New York Conference was held Sept. 13, at 4.30 p. m. After prayer by Elder Ball, the Chair called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which, with one correction, was accepted.

Resolution 2 was then taken from the table ; but its consideration was deferred. The Chair then called for the report of the Nominating Committee, which report was read in a previous meeting, and referred back to them for further consideration. The Committee then submitted the previous report without change. This report was adopted, after considering each name separately. The Chair then called for the report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses, and the following was submitted :—

Your Committee on Credentials and Licenses respectfully submit the following report :—

For Ordination and Credentials—J. B. Stow, W. A. Westworth, H. L. Bristol, Geo. M. Ellis.

For Ministerial License—A. R. Hyatt, J. P. Lorenz, W. W. Wheeler, Geo. Lesch, J. G. Excell, Mrs. S. A. Lindsay, W. A. Wilcox.

In view of the financial condition of the Conference your Committee would recommend the cases of others whose names have been under consideration by the Committee, to be referred to the decision of the Conference Committee, and that they be hereby instructed not to exceed the Conference resources in the employment of laborers.

P. Z. KINNE,
S. M. COBB,
W. E. LEWIS. } *Committee.*

The report was accepted. Resolution 2 of the report of the Committee on Resolutions was then considered and adopted. The meeting then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

A. E. PLACE, *Pres.*

S. M. COBB, *Sec.*

Field Reports.

MOIRA.

As we close our meetings here at Moira for a short time, or until we return from Conference, it is with some regret that we leave the people and interest at this time ; but with the promise that we have left them soon to return, they, as well as ourselves, felt more resigned to the situation. The work has not developed here sufficiently to enable us to determine how many will obey ; but we fully believe that some will accept the truth.

At our last meeting there was one hundred or more in attendance, who gave the best of attention. At the close of the meeting the people gave us in a collection about \$2.50, and after the meeting was dismissed, a wealthy lady handed us \$5.00, saying, "I hope you will not

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Sept. 6.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	45	6	27	\$50.25		8	\$15.00
Rome,	Oneida,	N. S. Washbond,						83	156.75
Rome,	Oneida,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,						12	24.00
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	36	5	11	20.75	1.50		
Canastota,	Madison,	H. M. Johnson,	86	10	95	197.00	2.30		
Canastota,	Madison,	J. A. L. Derby,	38	5	35	83.50	4.50		
Johnstown,	Fulton,	A. K. Baker,	48	5	27	57.50	2.60		
Charlotte,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	42	5	24	39.50	1.75	4	5.50
Charlotte,	Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	2	1	1	1.75	.25		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,					5.75	1	1.75
Masonville,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	66	9	5	13.75		48	90.00
Middleburgh,	Schoharie,	M. A. Vroman,	16		16	33.95			
Maplewood,	Sullivan,	Frank Weller,	25	4	8	17.00			
Moira,	Franklin,	Mrs. M. Hazen,	25	4	5	9.25	2.00		
Galway,	Saratoga,	A. H. Osborn,		1	2	8.50	5.00		
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	91	14	82	184.00			
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	34	5	5	10.00	1.75	10	22.00
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	40	8	15	33.25	1.50		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	69	10	15	39.25	2.00		
Prophecies of Jesus.									
Ridgeway,	Orleans,	R. F. Cottrell,	45	5	5	9.25	2.00	49	98.75
Miscellaneous sales,						32.90			
Totals,		20 Canvassers,	711	97	378	\$841.35	\$32.90	215	\$413.75

fail to come back," and "I will help you more." So our collection for the last meeting was about \$7.50. We believe the Lord has precious souls here who may be led to the truth.

Sept. 1. S. M. COBB,
A. R. HYATT.

THE MOTHERS' SCHOOL.

THE Mothers' School connected with the Haskell Orphans' Home, has just finished its first year and is about starting upon its second year. A considerable number of most excellent and intelligent young women have been pursuing the several courses of study afforded by the school during the last year, with great interest and practical success.

Missionary mothers are needed everywhere, —women young and old, who can go into communities and gather the neglected little ones together, and teach them what their untaught and

untrained mothers at home are unable to teach them. The wholesale moral slaughter of the innocents to be seen in our great cities is something awful to contemplate. Turned out upon the streets to mingle indiscriminately together, innocent little ones are corrupted by vicious children who have themselves once been innocent, but have been corrupted by others who are older or less innocent, and mothers do not awake to the danger to which their little ones are exposed until the mischief has already been done, and it is perhaps everlastingly too late. Our prisons and reformatories are rapidly filling with criminals who are the natural product of this street education.

The present generation of mothers know but little about child-training. Old-fashioned family discipline and government is out of date, and rarely to be seen in the modern home. The brothels and slums of our great cities are peopled by young women who have never

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been taught the homely arts of housekeeping, and whose ideas of domesticity may be even more vague and meager than their notions of philosophy and metaphysics. The young men who people the gutters and slums of the metropolis are the sons of parents who have neglected to teach their children habits of usefulness and industry and proper ideas relative to the dignity of labor.

It is the duty of all Christians to do what they can to stem this terrible tide of moral degeneration and degradation which is setting downwards toward perdition in every city, great and small. Missionary mothers can do more than any others in this direction. The best work, the most hopeful work, is that which can be done for the little ones who have not yet become thoroughly corrupted by their surroundings. Children from four to ten years of age are the most hopeful of all subjects of missionary effort. Ideas strongly impressed upon the minds of children are likely to prove, in many instances at least, beacon lights which will lead them to escape many of the pitfalls which are so thickly set about their feet in every city, and, in fact, in every civilized community.

The Mothers' School affords an unexampled opportunity for instruction in many different lines of work, which can be utilized in behalf of this great and needy class. The course includes not only instruction in the moral and physical care of children; but in scientific cookery, hygienic dressmaking, in the varieties of sloyd—paper, pasteboard, and basket—in sewing, kitchen garden work, kindergarten work, and, recently, a normal department for instruction in nature-teaching has been added. The lady in charge of this department is a graduate of the Cook County Normal School, which under the masterly leadership of Col. Parker, has achieved world-wide fame as an institution for instruction in normal methods.

The medical missionary work which has begun in the Southern States will require a considerable number of teachers. These teachers must have far more than ordinary equipment required for teaching a common or district school; they need to know, in fact, all that is taught in the Mothers' School. This school affords just the opportunity which those who wish to engage in the work as missionary teachers should enjoy. The class of instruction afforded by this school is exactly what is needed. The work will soon call for a number of missionary teachers, and several have sent in their names for this work.

The work will not be lucrative; it will be barely self-sustaining, not more; but it offers a grand opportunity for those who have the true missionary spirit to engage in the blessed cause of the Master, and that without traveling thousands of miles to reach some distant land. Right here in our own country we have 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 poor whites and negroes who are among the most needy subjects for missionary labor to be found on earth, and more hopeful than the natives of most foreign lands. We should be glad to receive, within a week, letters from a score or more of consecrated young men and women, offering their services for this work. Those who are interested will please address the editor at once.

—ALL persons returning books to this office should place in the box a slip bearing their name and a list of the books returned. When this is not done we have no definite means of knowing to whom we should give credit.