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INTRODUCTION.

ACCORDING to the plan of organization adopted by the Yearly Meetings uniting in the conference of American Friends, held in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1892, such a delegate conference was to be held every five years. The conference of 1892 appointed a committee consisting of one from each delegation present, to make the necessary arrangements for the next conference which would occur in 1897. This committee was authorized to add to its own number representatives of other Yearly Meetings if any should desire to unite. Canada Yearly Meeting, and the two new Yearly Meetings of Oregon and California set up after the conference of 1892, joined in making the arrangements, thus uniting thirteen Yearly Meetings in the conference of 1897, all on the American continent except that of Philadelphia.

This committee selected the nineteenth day of Tenth month, 1897, as the date for opening the conference, and Indianapolis, Ind., as the place. The conference was held in the Friends' new, commodious meeting-house on North Alabama and Thirteenth Streets, Indianapolis, the use of which the Friends of the city tendered to the conference.

The Committee of Arrangements also provided a program, as follows:

PROGRAM FOR THE INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE OF 1897.

Joseph J. Mills, Chairman, and Emma B. Malone, one of the Secretaries of the last Conference, will act in these positions until the permanent organization is effected.

THIRD-DAY, TENTH MONTH 19.

7.30 p.m.—Devotional meeting. Presentation of the credentials of delegates. Appointment of a committee to nominate permanent officers and the members of the Business Committee.

FOURTH-DAY, TENTH MONTH 20.

9.30 a.m.—Report of the Nominating Committee, and the election of officers. Miscellaneous business. Subject for consideration: "Quakerism, its Theory and its Practice," Dr. James Carey Thomas.

2.30 p.m.—"Should Future Conferences have Legislative Authority?" Rufus M. Jones; "A Uniform Discipline for the American Yearly Meetings," Edmund Stanley.

7.00 p.m.—"Christian Sociology," Thomas Newlin.

FIFTH-DAY, TENTH MONTH 21.

9.30 a.m.—"Our Periodical Literature," Absalom Rosenberger; "The Need of a Fuller History of the Society of Friends in America," J. B. Unthank.

2.30 p.m.—Consideration of subjects proposed by the Business Committee.

7.00 p.m.—"The Qualification for the Christian Ministry," J. J. Mills; "How Shall we Foster the Spiritual Gifts of Our Young Members?" Isom P. Wooton.

SIXTH-DAY, TENTH MONTH 22.

9.30 a.m.—"The Regulation of the Ministry," Elwood O. Ellis; "The Authority of Evangelistic Committees," Eliza C. Armstrong.

2.30 p.m.—Consideration of subjects proposed by the Business Committee.

7.00 p.m.—What is "Pastoral Work?" Allen Jay; "The Position and Authority of the Pastor," Thomas C. Brown.

SEVENTH-DAY, TENTH MONTH 23.

9.30 a.m.—“The Position and Function of the Elder,”
Mary M. Hobbs. Consideration of subjects proposed by
the Business Committee.

2.30 p.m.—Adoption of such declarations as the con-
ference may decide to make. Concluding business.

A general discussion of each subject will follow the
opening address.

MINUTES.

At a conference of delegates from thirteen Yearly
Meetings of the Society of Friends on the American con-
tinent, held in Indianapolis, Ind., commencing the nine-
teenth day of Tenth month, 1897, at 7.30 p.m.

The conference was called to order by Timothy Nichol-
son, of Indiana Yearly Meeting, chairman of the Com-
mittee on Arrangements. He stated that Joseph John
Mills, president of the last conference, was expected to
preside at the first session; but, he being detained at home
by the illness of his wife, the committee had requested
Thomas C. Brown, vice-president of that conference, to
act as temporary chairman, and Emma B. Malone, one of
the secretaries of the same conference, as temporary sec-
retary.

The first hour of the conference was given to a devo-
tional meeting, opened by the chairman, Thomas C.
Brown, reading the forty-second Psalm. This was fol-
lowed by a season of prayer, and supplication for the
Divine blessing and guidance during the various sessions
of the conference.

From the minutes of the several Yearly Meetings it
appeared that the following delegates to the conference
had been appointed by them, viz.:

New England.—Charles H. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Ezra Hawkes, Rufus M. Jones, Ruth S. Murray, Salome C. Wheeler, Emeline H. Tuttle, Sarah J. Swift, Alice W. Maxfield.

New York.—James Wood, Carolena M. Wood, Harry R. Keates, Mary S. Knowles, Robert I. Murray, Elias G. Minard, Elmer D. Gildersleeve.

Baltimore.—James Carey Thomas, Joseph P. Elliott, Margaret H. Elliott, Rebecca E. Thomas, Samuel E. Neave.

North Carolina.—Walter White, Hugh W. Dixon, Levi Cox, Mary E. Cartland, Alice B. King, Mary C. Woody, Mary M. Hobbs, Sarah Jenette, David E. Sampson, Zeno H. Dixon.

Ohio.—Daniel H. Wood, Jacob Baker, Nancy E. Hall, Frederic J. Cope, Elizabeth M. Jenkins, J. Walter Malone, John Pennington, Wm. J. Harrison, Edward Mott, Emma B. Malone.

Indiana.—Francis W. Thomas, Timothy Nicholson, Mahalah Jay, Hannah Lewis Smith, Robert W. Douglas, Margaret B. Shultz, Ann Gause, Elwood O. Ellis, Abijah J. Weaver, Allen Jay, Harvey Ratliff, Esther Cook, Thomas N. White, Eliza W. Hiatt, Joseph John Mills, Mary H. Goddard, William S. Wooton, Henry Pickett, Joseph O. Binford, Ella J. Davis, Enos Harvey, Samuel C. Mills, Charles E. Hiatt, A. Jennie Ridgway, Hannah D. Francisco.

Western.—Andrew F. Mitchell, Amos Sanders, Esther T. Pritchard, David Hadley, Peter W. Raidabaugh, S. Edgar Nicholson, Seth Mills, Moses C. Stevens, John Henderson, Eunice Furnas, Lewis E. Stout, James Jones, Thomas C. Brown, Martha N. Lindley, Amos K. Hollowell, Jesse

Mills, Eliza C. Armstrong, Ruth Newsom, Sarah J. King, Jackson L. Jessup, Martha E. Newlin.

Iowa.—Isom P. Wooton, Zenas L. Martin, Absalom Rosenberger, John H. Hadley, Emma F. Coffin, Matilda W. Atkinson, Herbert J. Mott, Mary M. Parker, John F. Hanson, Levi Marshall, A. H. Lindley, Joshua Dillon, Philip Slack, Stephen M. Hadley, Lawrie Tatum, L. Maria Deane.

Canada.—William I. Moore, Robert H. Rogers, Phebe J. Wright, Sarah A. Dale.

Kansas.—John M. Weeks, William P. Haworth, S. Adelbert Wood, Josiah Binford, James Pitts, L. Ella Hartley, Elizabeth Butler, Stella F. Jenkins, Cyrus R. Dixon, Edmund Stanley, Isaac A. Woodard, Lydia M. Henshaw, Ellen M. Craven, Mary A. Brown, Isaac Maris, Richard A. Cox, Enos W. Carson.

Wilmington.—Charles E. Terrell, Rachel Wright, James B. Unthank, Eliza H. Thorne, Levi Mills, Harriet F. G. Peelle, Deborah Lloyd, Benjamin Hawkins, Fremont B. Milner, Asenath Terrell.

Oregon.—John Henry Douglas, Thomas Newlin, Alfred T. Ware, Jane H. Blair, B. S. Cook, Marion George, Esther P. Terrell.

California.—Thomas Armstrong, William V. Coffin, Charles E. Tebbetts, Nancy M. Arnold, Ella C. Veeder, Rebecca S. Naylor.

James Wood stated that an invitation had been extended to John B. Garrett, Isaac Sharpless, and George Warner, of Philadelphia, to attend the conference, but that they had been unable to be in attendance.

Harriet Green, of England, being present, the cour-

tesies of the Conference were most cordially extended to her.

The committee to make arrangements for this Conference reported that they had divided the work between two sub-committees, one on local arrangements, one on program; that Timothy Nicholson was chairman of the first, James Wood of the second.

James Wood, on behalf of the Committee on Program, reported that the program had been made up from suggestions sent to them, and that different ones had been invited to present papers, and it was desirable that the fullest discussion possible should follow the reading of each paper.

[Printed copies of the program, for which see pages 2 and 3, had been distributed among the delegates.—Ed.]

Allen Jay proposed that the program be accepted, which was united with, and Anna Taylor, who had served both preceding conferences very acceptably as stenographer, was also accepted as stenographer.

After a recess of five minutes the following delegates, chosen by their respective delegations, were reported to compose a Committee on the Permanent Organization of the conference and a Business Committee, viz.:

Committee on Organization.—New England, Ruth S. Murray; New York, Elmer D. Gildersleeve; Baltimore, Joseph P. Elliott; North Carolina, Mary C. Woody; Ohio, John Pennington; Indiana, Timothy Nicholson; Western, William L. Pyle; Iowa, A. H. Lindley; Canada, Robert H. Rogers; Kansas, Wm. P. Haworth; Wilmington, Levi Mills; Oregon, Jane H. Blair; California, Thomas Armstrong.

Business Committee.—New England, Rufus M. Jones; New York, James Wood; Baltimore, James Carey Thomas;

North Carolina, David E. Sampson; Ohio, Jacob Baker; Indiana, Allen Jay; Western, P. W. Raidabaugh; Iowa, Wm. Jasper Hadley; Canada, Wm. I. Moore; Kansas, Cyrus R. Dixon; Wilmington, Charles E. Terrell; Oregon, John H. Douglas; California, Charles E. Tebbetts.

The Governor of the State of Indiana, having been invited to be present at the opening of the conference, answered with the following letter, which was read in the conference:

“ Executive Department, State of Indiana.
Indianapolis, Ind., October 18th, 1897.

“ My Dear Sir:

“ I have your favor of the 16th inst., inviting me to be present at the delegate conference of the Friends' Church, to be held on the evening of the 19th inst.

“ Let me assure you this would be a pleasure to me were it not that I will be absent from the city. I feel the necessity of a few days' rest at my country home, and I had planned to leave on the early train to-morrow morning, but a meeting of the tax board will compel me to defer my departure until the eleven o'clock train.

“ I have lived a close neighbor to the Friends for many years. Two churches are in my township. I have worked with them in Sunday School work, in church work, have met them as neighbors, and I can truly say that better men and women, actuated by loftier principles cannot be found than the members of the Friends' church. So that if I must judge the church at large from the members who live in my township, and those whom I have met in adjoining counties, Boone, Parke, and Hendricks, I am sure that it must be composed of the most noble men and women. I regret that I will be unable to be present, but my absence will be occasioned by necessity and not by choice.

“ Wishing you a profitable meeting, I am with best wishes,

“ (Signed) JAMES A. MOUNT.”

“ Amos K. Hollowell, Esq., City.”