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OHIO CONFERENCE,

*Held in Springfield, Clarke County, Ohio, September 17-27, 1851.*BISHOP MORRIS, *Presiding.*J. M. TRIMBLE, *Secretary.*Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

William Kaetter, Gottlieb Wahl, William Engel, Jacob Krehbiel, Charles Edler, John H. Damm, Gustaff Ricker, Henry Wilky, Augustus Vierhoof, Wesley Dennett, Benjamin F. Morris, Samuel B. Sheeks, Jesse M'D. Robinson, William Q. Shannan, Henry F. Green, William Grange, James Kendall, David Mann, Isaiah A. Bradrick, David C. Benjamin, Robert C. Fulton—21.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

George Reiter, Gottlieb Nachtrieb, Hughes Rehm, Peter B. Baker, Henry Lukemyer, Henry T. Magill, Thomas M. Thrawls, Thomas Collett, John T. Marley, Joseph C. Reed, John W. Cassett, Amos Wilson, John C. Maddy, John I. Thompson, Silas Bennett, Thomas L. Loyd, George W. Harris, Samuel T. Creighton, William Morris, Alfred Beall, James M. Cavin, George H. Reed, William G. Smith, William Dressler, Frederick Heidmyer, Timothy Wones—26.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full Connexion?*

Thomas Lee, Isaac I. Bealls, Benjamin Glasscock, Edward P. Hall, George W. Brush, John M. Leavitt, Samuel C. Riker, Edward C. Merrick, Milton P. Zink, Alanson Fleming, Stephen C. Frampton, James H. Hopkins, William Fitzgerald, William M. Smith, De Witt C. Howard, Oliver M. Spencer, William L. Hypes, T. I. N. Simmons, John F. Loyd, Isaac Neff, James S. Peregrine, Isaac D. Day, Christian Vogel, Bernard Brownmiller, William Guyer, Peter Snyder, Charles Dierking, Conrad Muth, Frederick Becker, Philip Doer, William Floerky, Conrad Bier—32.

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

Thomas Lee,* Isaac I. Bealls,* Benjamin Glasscock,* Edward P. Hall,* George W. Brush,* John M. Leavitt,* Samuel C. Riker,* Edward C. Merrick,* Milton P. Zink,* Stephen C. Frampton,* William Fitzgerald,* William M. Smith,* De Witt C. Howard,* Oliver M. Spencer,* William

L. Hypes,* T. I. N. Simmons,* John F. Loyd,* Isaac Neff,* James S. Peregrine,* Isaac D. Day,* Christian Vogel,* William Floerky,* Conrad Bier,* Bernard Brownmiller, William Guyer, Peter Snyder, Charles Dierking, Conrad Muth, Frederick Becker, Philip Doer, Alanson Fleming, James H. Hopkins, Frederick Heller, Benjamin P. Wheat, John W. Ross, Gilbert C. Townly, James F. Given, John H. Westerfelt, John Ficken, Levi Heiss, Enoch G. West, Michael C. Kauffman, Samuel Middleton, Andrew B. See, Samuel M. Bright, James T. Bail, Hiram M. Curry, Henry S. Hill, Jacob S. Adams, Joseph Blackburn, Jacob Fry, Lafayette Vancleve, Horace S. Sellman, John Phetzing—54.

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

F. Schimmelpfennig, Henry Henke, John V. Balduff, Adolph Koetter, John Strauch, Nicholas Nuhfer, Benjamin St. James Fry, Moses G. Bennett, Samuel D. Clayton, James Mitchell, J. R. Prose, William B. Jackson, S. M. Merrill, Joseph H. Creighton, William H. Black, Isaac B. Fish, Charles Shelper—17.

Quest. 6. *Who have located this year?*
Benjamin F. Deamer.Quest. 7. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

Abner Goff, A. W. Elliott, Ebenezer Owen, J. B. Austin, Chas. R. Lovell—5.

Quest. 8. *Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

* David Young, John Brown, Peter Schmucker, Jacob Martin, David Whitcomb, John Barton, J. W. Stone, Z. Wharton, Samuel Hamilton, Adam Miller, William H. Raper, J. W. Keely, J. B. Finley—13.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connexion this year?*

None.

Quest. 11. *Were all the preachers' characters examined?*

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*

James A. Taylor, Joseph T. Lewis, Philip A. Matchner—3. (See Memoirs.)

Quest. 13. *What is the number of members, and what of probationers, in Society?*

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured. mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Fletcher	226	20	..	..	..
Piqua	341	21	..	..	5
Lockport	186	13	..	..	1
Mechanicsburg	247	15	..	..	5
King's Creek	321	37	..	..	2
Vienna	454	37	..	..	4
South Charleston	221	26	..	..	..
North Lewisburg	507	60	..	..	3
Yellow Springs	129	5	..	..	2
Fairfield	343	12	..	..	2
	4690	342	..	..	43

East Cincinnati District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Cincinnati—					
Wesley Chapel	354	45	..	..	8
Ninth-street	300	11	..	..	4
Asbury	238	27	..	..	6
New-street and East					
Cincinnati mission	40	5	151	50	3
Bethel	175	28	..	..	3
Covington	114	13	1	..	2
Asbury circuit	203	17	..	..	4
Fulton	330	45	..	..	2
New-Richmond	679	98	..	..	6
Amelia	589	167	..	..	4
Madisonville	475	25	1	..	2
Goshen	447	40	..	..	6
Milford	628	27	1	..	8
	4572	548	154	50	58

West Cincinnati District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Cincinnati—					
Morris Chapel	504	27	..	..	4
Christie	435	59	..	..	..
Park-street	300	28	..	..	1
York	93	12	..	..	..
Salem	71	12	..	..	1
Oxford	225	2	..	..	2
Hamilton & Rossville	208	2	..	..	..
North Bend	400	35	..	..	3
Miami	473	23	..	..	5
Venice	431	72	..	..	2
Monroe	434	42	1	..	6
Germantown	391	28	..	..	1
Lockland	270	73	2	..	2
	4235	415	3	..	27

Dayton District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Dayton—					
Wesley Chapel	335	..	..	..	1
Finley Chapel	314	35	..	..	4
Troy	165	6	..	..	1
Lebanon	187	4	..	..	1
Xenia	408	12	..	..	1
Union	556	53	3	..	10
New-Carlisle	335	21	..	..	4
Franklin	556	55	..	..	1
Lewisburg	393	68	..	..	2
Eaton	425	16	..	..	4
Camden	341	27	..	..	3
Concord	297	82	..	..	4
	4312	379	3	..	36

Urbana District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Urbana	404	49	..	..	5
Springfield—					
Columbia-street	375	10	..	..	2
High-street	194	10	..	..	5
Tremont	742	27	..	..	7

Hillsboro' District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured. mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Hillsboro'	281	12	..	..	6
Greenfield	184	17	1	..	2
Wilmington	174	7	1	..	1
Highland	961	63	..	..	4
Lexington	674	223	..	..	5
Washington	708	218	..	..	8
Jamestown	488	85	1	..	5
New-Burlington	260	48	..	..	1
Clarksville	660	89	..	..	10
Winchester	784	78	..	..	7
Dunbarton	283	8	..	..	3
	5457	848	3	..	52

Chillicothe District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured. mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Chillicothe—					
Main-street	314	23	..	..	3
Walnut-street	209	18	..	..	2
Deer Creek	908	18	..	..	5
Frankfort	590	51	..	..	6
London	740	77	..	..	5
Circleville	240	25	..	..	2
Tarlton	363	28	..	..	2
Kingston	402	65	..	..	2
Waverley	562	7	1	..	6
Bainbridge	1230	50	..	..	4
Blue Creek	112	13	..	..	1
	5670	375	1	..	38

Ohio District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured. mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Maysville	124	..	71	..	..
Lewis	342	136	5	..	5
Montgomery	97	42	5	..	2
Augusta	316	36	106	..	6
Rockville	329	23	1	..	2
West Union	482	33	..	..	2
Aberdeen	937	82	3	..	2
Ripley	240	30	..	..	2
East White Oak	742	136	..	..	3
West White Oak	968	19	2	..	6
Batavia	1010	32	..	..	6
	5587	569	193	..	38

Columbus District.

	Whites. mem.	pro.	Coloured. mem.	pro.	Local preb.
Columbus—					
Town-street	340	5	..	..	4
Wesley Church	231	17	..	..	2
Worthington	375	19	..	..	3
Blendon	521	21	..	..	4
Johnstown	543	75	..	..	10
Groveport	750	124	..	..	6
Baltimore	504	48	..	..	2
Lancaster	329	21	..	..	4
Royalton	510	45	..	..	2
West Jefferson	393	72	..	..	4
Darbyville	736	296	..	..	6
Marysville	603	4	..	..	7
	5835	747	..	..	54

<i>Zanesville District.</i>					Whites.		Coloured.		Local
	Whites.	Whites.	Coloured.	Coloured.	mem.	pro.	mem.	pro.	prch.
	mem.	pro.	mem.	pro.					
Zanesville—									
Second-street	332	2	..	..	1				
Seventh-street	550	..	1	..	4				
Irville	764	26	..	..	8				
Newark—									
Eastern Charge	147	26	..	..	1				
Western Charge	264	15	3	..	1				
Granville	432	51	..	..	7				
Hebron	530	7	..	..	5				
Rushville	746	57	..	..	4				
Rehoboth	1009	134	..	..	6				
Asbury	548	81	..	..	3				
Roseville	424	48	..	..	4				
Putnam	228	31	..	..	3				
	5974	478	4	..	47				
<i>Marietta District.</i>									
Marietta	210	..	..	..	..
East Mission	28	20	..	..	..	
Harmer	180	8	..	..	2				
Barlow	508	27	2	..	3				
Amesville	673	91	..	..	5				
Deavertown	618	76	..	..	6				
Logan	767	86	..	..	6				
Mount Pleasant	655	39	..	..	8				
Coolville	437	30	..	..	2				
Chester	633	69	..	..	2				
Pomeroy	180	30	2	..	6				
Athens circuit	731	17	..	..	6				
Athens station	152	39	..	..	..	
	5772	532	4	..	46				
<i>Portsmouth District.</i>									
Portsmouth	300	..	..	..	2				
Gallipolis station	195	25	..	..	1				
Gallipolis circuit	575	49	..	..	11				
Gallia	270	40	..	..	1				
Piketon	520	23	..	..	9				
Richmond	298	50	..	..	7				
Ironton	250	200	..	..	3				
Wheelerburg	286	141	..	..	2				
Burlington	368	63	..	..	3				
Patriot	600	50	..	..	3				
M'Arthurstown	442	40	..	..	7				
Jackson	581	126	..	..	6				
	4685	707	..	..	55				

GERMAN MISSION DISTRICTS.

<i>Cincinnati District.</i>				
Cincinnati—				
Race-street	190	30	..	..
Everett-street	131	14	..	..
Buckeye-street	98	23	..	..
Newport & Covington	45	35	..	..
Lawrenceburg	91	5	..	..
Dayton	124	12	..	..
Hamilton	14	28	..	..
Sidney	74	7	..	..
Defiance	144	8	..	..
Angola	103	28	..	..
Fort Wayne	18	7	..	..
	932	197	..	..
<i>North Ohio District.</i>				
Columbus	92	33	..	..
Chillicothe	70	8	..	..
Delaware	122	24	..	..
Galion	93	42	..	..

Sandusky City	26	8	..	..	..
Cleveland & Liverpool	70	20	..	..	1
Tiffin	35	12	..	..	..
Woodville	105	40	..	..	1
Detroit	100	55	..	..	1
Ann Arbour	15	1	..	..	..
Saginaw					
	728	243	..	..	9
<i>Pittsburg District.</i>					
Pittsburg and Birming-					
ham	150	21	..	..	2
Wheeling	103	10	..	..	2
Captina	153	17	..	..	..
Malaga	106	31	..	..	1
Marietta	136	8	..	..	1
Muskingum					
Pomeroy	100	20	..	..	2
Portsmouth	207	22	..	..	..
West Union	95	8	..	..	1
	1050	137	..	..	9
<i>Indiana District.</i>					
Evansville					
Mount Vernon	136	31	..	..	2
Boonville and Hunting-					
burg	116	28	..	..	..
New-Albany	83	34	..	..	1
Louisville	144	20	..	..	..
Louisville and Jeffer-					
sonville	70	18	..	..	1
Madison and Marion	110	..	..	..	..
Rockford	158	28	..	..	1
Wabash	27	59	..	..	..
Laughery and Brook-					
ville	166	48	..	..	1
Aurora	60	8	..	..	..
Indianapolis	44	56	..	..	..
	1114	330	..	..	6

RECAPITULATION.

	Whites.	Col.
Members	60,674	365
Probationers	6,846	50
Local preachers	524	..
Total this year	68,044	415
last year	65,072	404
Increase	2,972	11

Quest. 14. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

Answer, \$7,083 33.

Quest. 15. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Book Concern	\$800 00
Chartered Fund	90 00
Circuits and Stations	2,522 63
Centenary Fund	62 50
	<u>\$3,475 13</u>

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:—

Claimants.	Div.	Claimants.	Div.
Bishop Hedding	\$11 21	Mrs. Ferree and children	\$105 44
Waugh	11 21	Mrs. Fernandi and children	75 32
Morris	11 21	Mrs. Cooper and children	92 53
Hamline	11 21	Mrs. Stroud and children	88 23
Janes	13 41	Mrs. Warrington and children	96 84
Mrs. Roberts	3 45	Mrs. Parrish and child	66 61
David Young	107 60	Mrs. Quinn and child	66 61
John Brown	107 60	Mrs. Anderson, and child	66 61
P. Schmucker	107 60	Mrs. Westervelt and child	66 61
Jacob Martin	133 42	Children of J. C. Hunter, dec.	38 73
John Barton	137 72	Children of D. Poe, dec.	25 82
John W. Stone	137 72	Special donation to do.	40
Zach. Wharton	140 95	Child of M. Wolff, dec.	12 91
Saml. Hamilton	107 60	Special donation to do.	1 50
A. W. Elliott	107 60	To redeem a counterfeit note paid out last year to W. H. Raper	10 00
Abner Goff	107 60	Committee on necessitous cases by order of conference	35 68
H. S. Sellman	107 60	Stationery	1 50
Wm. H. Raper	107 60	Less in counting	3 07
John W. Keeley	154 94		
Jas. B. Austin	92 60		
Adam Miller	150 64		
Allen T. Shinn	5 26		
Jas. A. Taylor	3 80		
P. A. Muchner	71 01		
Mrs. Sale	53 80		
Baldwin	53 80		
Crume	53 80		
Barrett	53 80		
Butler	53 80		
Jones	53 80		
Delay	53 80		
Collins	53 80		
J. P. Finley	13 25		
J. W. Finley and children	66 61		
Mrs. Fate and children	80 62		
Mrs. Christie and children	80 62		
			\$3,475 13

Quest. 16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday-School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

For Missions,	\$15,039 34
For Sunday-School Union,	544 54
For Am. Bible Society,	673 57

Quest. 17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

John F. Wright, P. E.

Leroy Swormstedt, Book Agent, and member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

P. B. Wilber, President of Wesleyan Female College, and member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

Alexander Meharry, Agent for Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of Asbury Chapel Quarterly Conference.

Wesley Chapel, *John T. Mitchell*.

Asbury Chapel, *William H. Sutherland*

Ninth-street Chapel, *George C. Crum*.
Bethel Chapel, *Moses Smith*.
New-street and East Cincinnati mission, *Enoch G. West*.
Welsh mission, to be supplied.
Mount Auburn Chapel and Collins Chapel, *Charles H. Lawton*.
Fulton, *Alfred M. Lorrain*.
Amelia, *John W. Fowble, Truman S. Cowden*.
Madisonville, *William Langarl, John C. Maddy*.
Milford, *Gilbert C. Townley, John F. Marlay*.
Goshen, *Nathaniel Westerman, Alfred Beall*.
New-Richmond, *Micah G. Perkhisar, Augustus Verhoeff*.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Augustus Eddy, P. E.
Morris Chapel, *John Miley*.
Christie Chapel, *George W. Walker*.
Park-street Chapel, *William Young*.
Salem Chapel, *James S. Peregrine*.
York-street Chapel, *Wesley Rowe*.
Clinton-street Chapel, *Joseph Gasner*.
Hamilton and Rossville, *William H. Lawder, A. W. Elliott, sup.*
Oxford, *James F. Chalfant*.
North Bend, *William Routledge*.
Lockland, *Michael Kauffman, Lafayette Van Cleve, John J. Thompson*.
Venice, *William M. Smith, Benjamin F. Morris*.
Miami, *James T. Bontecou, Benjamin Glasscock*.
Monroe, *Benjamin P. Wheat*.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Charles Elliott, P. E.

S. D. Clayton, Agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of Finley Chapel, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.

Dayton—

Wesley Chapel, *William P. Strickland*.
Finley Chapel, *Thomas Gorsuch*.

Lebanon, *Werter R. Davis*.

Franklin, *William S. Morrow, David H. Sargent, William L. Hypes*.

Troy, *John S. Inskip*.

Concord, *Alexander Dinkms*.

Addison, *Moses G. Bennett*.

Eaton, *David Kemper, Samuel T. Creighton*.

Camden, *Levi White, Isaac Neff*.

Lewisburg, *H. S. Sellman, Samuel B. Sheeks*.

Germantown, *Peter F. Holtsinger, William J. Quarry*.

URBANA DISTRICT.

Michael Marlay, P. E.
 Urbana—
 First Charge, *William Herr.*
 Second Charge, to be supplied.
 Springfield—
 Columbia-street, *Granville Moody.*
 High-street, *John W. Weakley.*
Solomon Howard, Principal of the Ohio Conference High School, and member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of High-street.
Thomas D. Crow, Teacher in the Preparatory Department of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of the Quarterly Conference of Urbana station.
 Piqua, *Maxwell P. Gaddis.*
 Fletcher, *James Smith.*
 Tremont, *Lorenzo D. Harlan*, James Kendall.
 King's Creek, *Joseph Newson*, George W. Harris.
 North Lewisburg, *David Warnock*, Thomas M. Thrall.
 Mechanicsburg, *T. A. G. Phillips, E. B. Owen*, sup.
 Vienna, *Philp Nation*, Wesley Dennett.
 Lockport, *Jesse Botkin.*

XENIA DISTRICT.

William I. Ellsworth, P. E.
 Xenia, *Asbury Lowrey.*
 Union, *Jeremiah B. Ellsworth*, Isaac D. Day.
 Fairfield, *Charles W. Swain*, William Fitzgerald.
 New-Carlisle, *Daniel D. Davison.*
 New-Burlington, Thomas Collet.
 Jamestown, *Allen W. Tibbitts*, James M. Cavin.
 Lexington, *Wesley Webster*, Joseph C. Reed.
 Greenfield, *Milton G. Baker*, James B. Austin, sup.
 Wilmington, *Jonathan F. Conrey.*
 South Charleston, *Arza Brown.*
 Yellow Springs, *Edward D. Roe.*
James G. Blair, Principal of the Greenfield Seminary, and member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Greenfield station.

HILLSBORO' DISTRICT.

William Simmons, P. E.
 Hillsboro', *Mighill Dustin.*
 Highland, *Samuel Brown, Joseph W. Smith.*
 Clarksville, *Andrew Murphy*, John F. Loyd.
 Winchester, *Thomas M. Gossard*, Silas Bennett.

Aberdeen, *Elijah H. Field*, Jesse M'D. Robinson.

West Union, *David Whitmer.*
 Ripley, *William I. Fee.*
 East White Oak, *Charles Ferguson*, Milton P. Zink.
 West White Oak, *Henry Baker*, George H. Reed.
 Batavia, *Charles G. Meredith*, William B. Jackson.
 Williamsburg, *Levi P. Miller.*
Joseph M'D. Matthews, Principal of Oakland Female Seminary, and member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Hillsboro' station.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT.

Stephen F. Conrey, P. E.
 Maysville, John W. Ross.
 Orangeburg, *Joseph Blackburn*, William Grange.
 Quincy, John W. Cassatt.
 Montgomery and mission, *William H. Black*, H. M. Curry.
 Harrison, Isaac I. Bealls.
 Augusta, Timothy Wones.
 Asbury, to be supplied.
 Covington, *Joseph M. Gatch.*

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Cyrus Brooks, P. E.
Frederick Merrick, Professor in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Wesley Chapel, Columbus.
Lorenzo D. McCabe, Professor in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Worthington circuit.
 Columbus—
 Town-street, *Clinton W. Sears.*
 Wesley Chapel, John M. Leavitt.
 Worthington, *John Fitch*, James T. Bail.
 Blendon, *Joseph S. Brown*, James Hooper.
 Dublin, Samuel C. Riker, Andrew B. See.
 Marysville, *Ebenezer B. Chase*, Stephen M. Merrill.
 West Jefferson, *William Sutton*, Robert C. Fulton.
 London, *David Smith*, James Laws.
 Darbyville, *D. Sharp*, H. Lonis.
 Grovesport, *John W. Clarke.*
 Pickerington, *Archibald Fleming*, David Lewis.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.

Jacob Young, P. E.
 Zanesville—
 Seventh-street, *Joseph M. Trimble.*
 Second-street, *Ezra M. Boring.*
 Irville, *George G. West*, one to be supplied.

Newark—

Eastern Charge, George W. Brush, A. Goff, sup.
 Western Charge, *Barzilla N. Spahr*.
 Asbury, *Richard Pitzer*, Edward P. Hall.
 Rushville, *Levi Cunningham*, *John F. Longman*.
 Rehoboth, *John Dillon*, *Charles H. Warren*, one to be supplied.
 Roseville, *Samuel Harvey*.
 Putnam, *Charles C. Lybrand*.
 Deavertown, *Orville C. Shelton*, Stephen F. Frampton.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.

Zachariah Connell, P. E.
 Lancaster, *Ancil Brooks*.
 Baltimore, *Benjamin Ellis*, Jacob S. Adams.
 Alexandria, *James Mitchel*, *John C. Havens*.
 Granville, *Elijah V. Bing*.
 Johnstown, *Richard Doughty*, Thomas L. Loyd.
 Hebron, *William Porter*, *James Gurley*.
 Royalton, *Augustine M. Alexander*, *Banner Mark*.
 Tarlton, *John W. Steele*.
 Circleville, *Joseph A. Bruner*.
 Logan, *Samuel Maddux*.
 Mount Pleasant, *Joseph Barringer*.
 Nelsonville, *Samuel Bright*.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.

Uriah Heath, P. E.
 Marietta, *Joseph H. Creighton*, C. R. Lovel, sup.
 Marietta, Eastern mission, to be supplied.
 Harmer, *Clinton W. Merrick*.
 Barlow, *Abraham Carllich*, David C. Benjamin.
 Amesville, *William R. Litzinger*, David Mann.
 Athens circuit, *William T. Metcalf*, Amos Wilson.
 Athens, *William F. Stewart*.
 Coolville, *Daniel D. Mather*.
 Chester, *Alanson Fleming*, *Michael Sheets*.
 Pomeroy, James F. Given.
 M'Arthur, *W. W. Cherrington*.
 Wilksville, *James H. Hopkins*.

Joseph S. Tomlinson, D. D., Professor of Natural Science in the Ohio University; *Oliver M. Spencer*, Principal of Preparatory Department in the Ohio University—each a member of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Athens station.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

Robert O. Spencer, P. E.
 Portsmouth, *John W. White*, *Benjamin St. James Fry*.
 Rockville, *William G. Smith*.
 Piketon, *Samuel Bateman*, T. I. N. Simmons.
 Patriot, *Dewitt C. Howard*.
 [Dunbarton, *John R. Prose*.
 [Blue Creek mission, to be supplied.
 Gallipolis station, *Andrew Carroll*.
 Gallipolis circuit, *James H. M'Cutchens*.
 [Gallia, *Sheldon Parker*.
 [Welsh mission, *David Cadwallader*.
 Ironton, *William T. Hand*.
 Hanging Rock, *John W. Young*, Henry T. Magill.
 Wheelersburg, *Lewis A. Atkinson*, J. A. Bradrick.
 Burlington, *James T. Holliday*, William Morris.

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

James M. Jamison, P. E.
 Chillicothe—
 Main-street, *Pearl P. Ingals*.
 Walnut-street, *James L. Grover*.
 Deer Creek, *John Stewart*, Samuel Middleton.
 Kingston, *Henry Wharton*, *Isaac Dillon*.
 Washington, *Barton Lowe*, H. F. Green.
 Frankfort, *Edward Estell*, Thomas Lee.
 Bainbridge, *Joseph S. Morris*.
 Sinking Springs, *James Armstrong*, Wm. Q. Shannon.
 Waverley, *Moses T. Bowman*, H. S. Hill.
 [Richmond, *Levi W. Munsell*.
 [Salt Creek mission, to be supplied.
 Jackson, *Isaac B. Carllich*.
 Valentine M. Beemer, transferred to the North Indiana Conference, and appointed in charge of Knightstown circuit.
 David A. Dryden and *Isaac B. Fish*, transferred to Oregon and California Mission Conference.

GERMAN MISSION DISTRICTS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

John Geyer, P. E.
William Nast, Editor of Apologist, and member of the Buckeye-street Charge Quarterly Conference.
 Cincinnati—
 Race-street, *Christian Widtenbach*.
 Everett-street, *Sebastian Barth*.
 Buckeye-street, *William Ahrens*.
 Front-street, *John V. Balduff*.
 Newport, Covington, and Hamilton county, *Frederick Schimmelpfennig*, one to be supplied.

Dayton, *Jacob Rothweiler*.
 Sidney, *William Kaetter*.
 Lawrenceburg, *Adolph Kaetter*.
 West Union, *Conrad Bier*.
 Waverly and Furnace, *John Phetzing*.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Peter Wilkens, P. E.
 Pittsburg, *John Hoppen*.
 Birmingham, *Charles Helwig*.
 Wheeling, *Paul Brodbeck*.
 Captina, *John M. Mulfinger*.
 Malaga and Buckhill, *William Dressler*.
 Marietta, *Frederick Heitmeyer, Gustavus Reiche*.
 Pomroy, *Henry Henke*.
 Portsmouth, *George Danker*.
 Chillicothe, *Christian Vogel*.
 Columbus, *B. Browmiller, Wm. Floerke*.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

Nicholas Nuhfer, P. E.
 Delaware and Marion, *William Geyer, Hugo Rehm*.
 Galion, *George Reiter*.
 Sandusky City, *Peter Schneider*.
 Cleveland and Liverpool, *Conrad Gahn*,
 one to be supplied.
 Erie, *Jacob Frey*.
 Tiffin, *John H. Westerfield*.
 Woodville and Toledo, *Gottlieb Nachtrieb*,
 one to be supplied.
 Detroit, *John A. Klein*.
 Ann Arbour, *William Engel*.
 St. Clair and Mount Clemens, *Jacob Krehbiel*.

NORTH INDIANA DISTRICT.

John Kisling, P. E.
 Fort Wayne, *John Strauch*.
 Defiance, *John Ficken*.
 Angola, *Peter B. Baker*, one to be supplied.
 Lafayette, to be supplied.
 Terre Haute and Poland, *Conrad Muth, Gottlieb Wahl*.
 White Water, *John H. Damm*.
 Indianapolis, *John H. Barth*.
 Palestine, *Henry Wilke*.

INDIANA DISTRICT.

George A. Breunig, P. E.
 Laughery, *Charles Shelper*.
 Aurora, *Levi Heiss*.
 Madison, *Philip Doerr*.
 Rockford, *Charles Dierking*.
 Louisville, *John H. Bahrenburg*.
 Louisville and Jefferson, *Frederick Heller*,
 one to be supplied.
 New-Albany, *Henry Koch*.
 Huntingburg and Kendleton, *H. Luekemeyer*.
 Booneville, *Charles Edler*.
 Evansville, *John Bier*.
 Mount Vernon, *Frederick Becker*.
Engelhart Riemenschneider and Lewis Nippert, missionaries to Germany.

Quest. 18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

The Ohio Conference at Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio; and if divided, the Cincinnati Conference at Xenia, Ohio, the times of holding them not given.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*

1. Rev. JAMES A. TAYLOR was the son of John and Margaret Taylor, and at the time of his death was about twenty-eight years of age. When about four years of age his pious mother was called away from earth, and a year afterwards his father died also. Thus early bereft of parents, James was taken to live with his uncle and grandmother, in Ross county, near the town of Greenfield. When about nineteen years of age, a blessed revival of religion broke out at Carmel, on Frankfort circuit, and, with many others, James was clearly converted at the altar of prayer. With the experience of his call to the ministry, we are not well acquainted; but, after his conversion, he spent several years in Greenfield Seminary, preparing for the great work of preaching. In the fall of 1847, he was received on trial in the Ohio Conference, and appointed to Goshen circuit; in 1848, to Madisonville, where he laboured faithfully amid the cholera, though, at the close of the year, his health was considerably impaired; in 1850 he was appointed to Gallipolis circuit, and in 1851 to Jackson. This was his last appointment. He went to his work in good time, and laboured with that zeal and success for which his labours were remarkable in other places. During the early part of winter, probably owing to his extreme labours and frequent exposures, his hitherto precarious health failed, and he returned home. Though he often expressed a hope that he might recover, his friends saw that the fatal destroyer was rapidly wasting away the powers of life. In every stage of his illness his confidence in God was strong. Of his brethren in the Ohio Conference, he said, "Tell them to meet me in the Paradise of God." Several times during his last days he would break forth in

holy exercises, praying, exhorting, and preaching. As death approached, his friends saw a smile of gladness play upon his countenance; and on Sabbath evening, August 10, his spirit passed away from earth.

Brother Taylor was a young man of buoyant spirits and great sprightliness of mind. None doubted his piety, and his zeal in preaching Christ was manifested at every period of his labours. If his sermons were not always profound in thought, they were stirring and awakening in their character. His efforts were often powerful—quickening the pious, convincing the sinner, and leading the mourner to the cross of Christ.

2. Rev. JOSEPH T. LEWIS, the subject of the following memoir, was born in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8, 1824. His early religious training was of such a character as to develop in the morning of life the most precious fruits. He joined the Church in his eleventh year, and soon became the happy subject of saving grace; and during his transient life, gave ample proofs of the excellency of our holy religion. In his seventeenth year he graduated in the Ohio University. Soon after he was appointed tutor, and then professor of natural science in Woodward College, in his native city. But God had other work for him. He was to be an ambassador for Christ. The duty of preaching the gospel was one of his early impressions; and the pleasures of home, the hope of earthly gain, and the prospect of professional distinction, were cheerfully laid down to prosecute the great work of preaching the gospel. His first efforts in the ministry were in the Oxford station, under the direction of the presiding elder. In the year 1843 he removed to the West, and the same year entered the travelling connexion in the Rock River Conference. His first field of labour was the Mutchakinnock mission. Before the expiration of the year he was removed to Iowa city, and, in addition to his pastoral duties, took charge of Iowa City College. During this year he was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Keely, of Oxford, Ohio. In 1844 he was appointed to Davenport station; in 1845 he was transferred to the Ohio Conference, and stationed in Marietta; in 1846 he was removed to Ebenezer (now Christie chapel) charge, Cincinnati. A few weeks after conference, he was called to follow his beloved wife to the grave. In this, as in each former field of labour, his efforts were crowned with remarkable success. Immortal souls, the minister's best hire, were given him for his wages; and though sowing in tears and affliction, he began already to reap in joy. The conference of 1847 returned him to the same charge. During the session brother Lewis was taken ill, and the first symptoms of consumption began to make their appearance. Soon after he visited New-York, for the purpose of seeking medical advice. In a few weeks, however, he returned to Cincinnati. The succeeding winter was spent in the island of Cuba, with the hope that its genial clime might arrest the progress of his disease. In the spring of 1848 he returned home, with some slight alleviation of his symptoms. In May following he was married to Miss Amanda Ernst, of Cincinnati, a lady every way fitted to soothe and comfort him in his declining health. The summer of this year was occupied in travelling on the northern lakes, and the succeeding winter was spent in the milder climate of the Southern states.

At the conference of 1848, he received a supernumerary relation, and was connected with the Ninth-street charge, Cincinnati. An apparent change for the better succeeded his return from the South, and at the conference of 1849 he received the appointment of agent for the Ohio Wesleyan University. But that seeming change was of short duration, and it was soon but too manifest that brother Lewis was slowly fading from the earth. In view of his still declining health, the conference of 1850 granted him a superannuated relation. Shortly after, attended by his wife, and with the fond hope that some relief might yet be found, he repaired to the city of Philadelphia for medical treatment.

Brother Lewis ardently desired to live and labour for his Master. He loved his high calling and the companions of his toil. "With my heart's strongest affections," said he, "I love all the preachers and their work; and to be counted in their number, causes me to feel that I am in a broad place." But amid all his anxiety to live and labour, he never murmured at his afflictions, or regretted his early devotion to the cause of Christ. "Were I again eighteen years of age," was his language, "and could I see it all, I would, by the grace of God, be a Methodist preacher."

As the final scene drew on, the faith of our dear brother seemed to acquire fresh vigour, and the grace of God manifested its highest consolations and supports. To a

brother of the Philadelphia Conference, who often visited his dying chamber, he said, "I would like, were it God's will, to return home, that I might die among my brethren, and my ashes rest by the side of kindred friends till the coming of Jesus;" and then, in calm submission, added, "but I would not make a change if I could." A few days afterward, he said to the same brother, "The battle is nearly fought, the race is nearly ended." In this resigned and tranquil state of mind he lingered until Sabbath morning, November 3, 1850, when he sweetly fell asleep in Christ.

Thus has passed away from our midst one of our most gifted and promising young men. In intellect, brother Lewis was far above the ordinary standard. His mind was uncommonly vigorous and sprightly; and enriched with various learning as it was, he was fitted for eminent and extensive usefulness. But he has gone. His toils and afflictions are ended; and as we look sorrowing to heaven, we would say, Good is the will of the Lord. Though his course was brief, it was successful. He lived long enough to turn many to righteousness, who will shine like stars in his crown forever.

3. **REV. PHILIP A. MUTCHNER** was born in Butler county, Ohio, January 10, 1817. His parents had long been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and his father, Philip Mutchner, had been a class-leader for perhaps as many consecutive years as any man in Ohio. Hence he had religious training and early religious advantages. He remained, however, a stranger to experimental religion, and without the pale of the Church, until he was twenty-one years of age, when he formed the manly resolution to live a religious life. On the 3d day of February, 1838, he united with the Church, sought, and soon found the pearl of great price. At the time of his conversion to God he was alone;—returning home from prayer-meeting by night, under deep concern, meditating and praying, when God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into his heart, and filled his renewed soul with peace and joy.

Soon after his conversion, he was impressed with the conviction that God had a work for him to do. In this persuasion he was not alone. Others, believing that the great Head of the Church had designated him for the sacred office, brought him forward, and encouraged him to exercise his gifts in public. Being approved on the 2d day of August, 1839, he was licensed to exhort; and August 1, 1840, by order of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Franklin circuit, he was licensed to preach as a local preacher. In 1841 he was received on trial as a travelling preacher in the Ohio Conference, and appointed to Fletcher circuit, where he laboured acceptably and usefully. His subsequent fields of labour were the following circuits: in 1842, Eaton; 1843, Rehoboth; 1844, Thornville; 1845, Hebron; 1846 and 1847, Franklinton; 1848, Eaton; 1849, Camden, to which he was reappointed at the last conference; but before intelligence of his appointment reached him, his labours and sufferings on earth were ended, and his spirit was transferred to the mansions of rest. On all those circuits he was acceptable to the people, and useful in his labours; and, no doubt, many from those fields of his labours and prayers will rise up in the great day and call him blessed.

At the close of the third year of his itinerancy he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mitchell, of Camden, Preble county, Ohio, with whom he lived in the happiest conjugal relations, until death sundered the bonds of their union.

Though brother Mutchner was somewhat reserved among strangers, he possessed and cultivated, in a high degree, the social principle; and few enjoyed, in a higher degree, the pleasures of social intercourse. He possessed, by natural endowment, a good understanding and a sound judgment, and had acquired a respectable education before entering upon the duties of an itinerant preacher; and, with the advantages of many, would have distinguished himself as a scholar. From the time of his admission into the conference, he turned his attention almost exclusively to those studies which were most intimately connected with his calling, and vitally important to his success as a Christian minister.

As a Christian, brother Mutchner was uniform and faithful in the discharge of his religious duties, never allowing little things to hinder him in the regular and faithful discharge of his personal, domestic, and public duties. He was deeply devoted to God and his work, communed much with his own heart, and enjoyed, in a high degree, the consolations of religion. He was a man of decision of character, firm to his purpose, and unyielding where he believed principle was involved.

Brother Mutchner was a good preacher; his sermons were practical, and replete

with Bible truth, and delivered without any apparent effort at display. As a disciplinarian, he excelled. Perhaps few preachers among us attend more punctually and promptly to all the duties of a Methodist preacher than did he; and hence he generally left his circuit in a healthy condition.

Brother Mutchner was cut down in the prime of life, and in the midst of usefulness. He died of dysentery, in Darke county, Ohio, October 2, 1850, in the thirty-fourth year of his age, after an illness of three weeks. During his last illness, he conversed but little till near his end. He told his friends that he had not preached a gospel that did not cheer and comfort him in the hour of trial, and sustain him in view of death. He calmly conversed with his wife in relation to the lonely condition in which she would be left when he was gone, but said, "Weep not for me, I am going home." He gave directions concerning his funeral, etc., and then peacefully closed his eyes in death, to open them amid scenes of a purer clime.

In a letter, his bereaved widow says: "His last words were the praises of God—he felt that God was near, and to die was gain." "This," she adds, "casts a light upon my darkened pathway." May the God of the widow sustain and comfort the lonely one, and her fatherless children.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE,

Held in the Town of Jacksonville, Illinois, September 17–26, 1851.

BISHOP WAUGH, *Presiding.*

JAMES LEATON, *Secretary.*

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Joseph H. Holloway, Levi Shelly, David H. Stublefield, Carey Lambert, John L. Walther, Charles F. Langer, Christoff Boun, Frederick Schusler, Christian Holl, Jotham Scarritt, John A. Halderman, Richard N. Davis, George W. Waggoner, Henry C. Blackwell, Samuel W. Maginnis, Nelson D. Jay, Samuel Huffman, David Hurne, John Bischoff, Gearhard Timken, Frederick Milke, Larkin W. Cooper, Moses Shepherd, Hiram Sears, John W. Johnson, Henry B. Hill, Levi English, James Miller, Hermann Koch, John Raus, Frederick Kopp, James J. Davidson, Charles Van Gunday, Frederick Stofregen, John D. Kruze, John Hausam, Adam Klippel, Jesse L. Forte, William M'K. M'Elfresh, Hiram Van Gundy, Zelah R. Piercy, George A. Bonney, Henry Allyn, Slocum H. Culver—44.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

James A. Eaton, Samuel T. Sterrett, Edward Rutledge, George W. Bennett, William T. Bennett, William Stevenson, John T. Foster, Albert Ransom, Reuben Andrus, Abraham Campbell, Benjamin F. Northcott, Henry Lahrman, Christopher Hoeck, Henry Witthorn, Andreas Holz-baylein, Henry Ellerbeck, John G. Kost, Rudolph Havighorst, Jacob Jung, Christian Wenz, Peter Henners, Henry Vosholl,

Conrad Bernreuter, Frederick Merten, Joseph Zimmerman, Caleb P. Baldwin, Braxton Parrish, Solomon M'Call—28.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full Connexion?*

Nicholas Reitz, Jacob Muller, William Niedermeyer, Jacob Feisel, John Schmidt, Henry Roth, William M. Pallett, Isaac Groves, James A. Robinson, William S. Prentice, Jeremiah S. Estep, Charles F. Jay, John C. Long, John W. Caldwell, Absalom J. Kalb, William B. Barton, James H. Dolson, Philip Lalk, James Johnson, Joseph E. Cobbey—20.

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

Wm. Niedermeyer,* Nicholas Reitz, Jacob Muller, Jacob Feisel,* John Schmidt,* Henry Roth,* William M. Pallett,* Isaac Groves,* James A. Robinson, William S. Prentice,* Jeremiah S. Estep,* Joseph E. Cobbey,* Charles F. Jay,* John C. Long,* John W. Caldwell,* Absalom J. Kalb,* William B. Barton,* James H. Dolson,* Philip Lalk,* James Johnson, Philip Funk, George Boheshenz, Henry Fiegenbaum, William Ellers, Augustus Kellner, Vincent Ridgley, Christian Amould, William Owen, James M. Haley, Reuben W. Travis, Francis H. Walls, John Borland, John Keck, John Brittingham—34.