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OF THE

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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR

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East Saginaw, *J. H. M' Carty*.
 South Saginaw, *J. S. Joslin*.
 Zilwaukie, *W. J. Johnson*.
 Midland City, to be supplied.
 Bay City, *R. S. Pardington*.
 (Portsmouth and Wenona, *Alexander Geo.*
 Pesahganing Indian Mission, to be supplied.
 Vassar, *J. O. Bancroft*.
 Watrousville, *J. H. Caster*.
 Sebewaing, to be supplied.
 Pigeon River, to be supplied.
 Dayton and Kingston, *L. L. Houghton*.
 Millington, *J. H. M'Clure*.
 Forest, *Nathan Pierce*.
 Tawas, *Alonzo Whitcomb*.
 Ausable, *G. R. Davis*.
 Harrisville, *J. B. Russell*.
 Alpena, *G. C. Whitney*.
 Sheboygan, to be supplied.
 Mackinaw, to be supplied.

ROMEO DISTRICT.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, P. E.

Romeo, *W. E. Bigelow*.
 Mount Clemens, *F. W. May*.
 Utica, *I. C. Cochrane*.
 Washington, *W. J. Campbell*.
 Oakland, *B. H. Hedger*.
 Rochester, *J. B. Varnum*.
 Oxford, *J. A. M'Ilwain*.
 Lapeer, *A. R. Bartlett*.
 North Branch, *George Deacon*.
 Almont, *John Armstrong*.
 Dryden, *Richard M'Connell*.
 Armada, *G. W. Owen*.
 Chesterfield, *Curtis Mosher*.
 Hadley, *L. S. Tedman*.
 Goodrich, *S. J. Brown*.
 Clarkston, *B. F. Pritchard*.
 Mill Creek, to be supplied.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

A. J. BIGELOW, P. E.

Port Huron, *H. O. Parker*.
 Marysville, *J. E. Withey*.
 St. Clair, *John Kelley*.
 Marine City, *Wesley Hagadorne*.
 Algonac, *T. C. Higgins*.
 Memphis, *W. P. Maywood*.
 Richmond, *Thomas Seeley*.
 Brockway, *A. W. Harding*.
 Ruby, *A. R. Laing*.
 Lakeport, *George Wilson*.
 Lexington, *J. B. Withey*.
 Davisville, *Albert Shepherd*.
 Port Sanilac and Forester, *F. E. York*.
 Sand Beach and White Rock, *A. S. Fair*.
 Huron City, *C. L. Church*.
 Austin, to be supplied.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

GEORGE I. BETTS, P. E.

Iroquois Point Indian Mission, *Peter Marksman*.
 Marquette, *I. N. Elwood*.
 Negaunee, *William Mahon*.
 Escanaba, to be supplied.
 Houghton, *B. S. Taylor*.
 Hancock, to be supplied.
 Kewawenon, *George Blaker*.
 Copper Harbor, to be supplied.
 Eagle Harbor, *J. H. Curnalia*.
 Clifton, *J. R. Noble*.
 Ontonagon, to be supplied.
 Rockland, *Jacob Horton*.
 Maple Grove, *Eli Wigel*.
 Clarksburgh, to be supplied.

QUEST. 17. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Ann Arbor, Michigan. Time not given.

CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE,

Held in Toledo, September 5-9, 1867.

BISHOP CLARK, *Presiding*. W. NAST, *Secretary*.

QUEST. 1. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

August Graessle, John O. Agly, Philip J. Graessle, Frank Hepp—4.

QUEST. 2. *Who Remain on Trial?*

J. Friedrich Severinghaus, John Leppert, Louis Dunker, John S. Schneider, Wilhelm Mueller, Henry Buddenbaum, George Guth, J. Christian Speckman, Edward Ulrich, August Bletsch, John Frederick Schunk, John R. Bodmer—12.

QUEST. 3. *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*

Conrad Wehnes.

QUEST. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

FIRST CLASS: Conrad Wehnes.
 SECOND CLASS: John G. Schaal, O. Friedrich Fleiner, Matthias Georg—3.

QUEST. 5. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*

J. Christian Wurster, F. W. Reinhart, William Guyer (elect.)—3.

QUEST. 6. *Who have Located this year?*

Christian Nachtrieb.

QUEST. 7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
J. W. Fishbach.

QUEST. 8. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

P. Wilkins, William Guyer, J. Guyer, J. H. Bahrenburg, C. Muth, J. Kisling, W. Ahrens, P. B. Baker, J. H. Koch, W. Dressler, C. Vogel, Paul Broadbeck, A. Wuench, J. Gabler, George Berg, Charles Helwig—16.

QUEST. 9. *Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?* None.

QUEST. 10. *Who have Withdrawn from the Connection 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?*
J. H. A. Fuss.

Rev. JOHN HENRY AUGUST FUSS, born December 20, 1830, at Minden, kingdom of Prussia, immigrated to this country with his parents in 1848. In the following year he was converted, under the ministry of Rev. P. F. Schneider, and joined the English society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fremont, Ohio. Soon after he became a member of the German Mission in Detroit, and received license to preach in 1851. In the fall of the same year he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and labored under the presiding elder. The following year he was received on trial in the Southeastern Indiana Conference, and appointed successively to the following fields of labor: 1852, Brookville and Richmond; 1853, Palestine; 1854, Rockford; 1855, after being ordained deacon, Boonville; 1856, Aurora, during which year he was married to Miss Maria Elizabeth Storz. In 1857 he was ordained elder and sent to Lafayette, which charge he served for two years. In 1859 he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and stationed in Everett-street, Cincinnati; 1860-61, he labored in Columbus; 1862, in Greenville and Piqua Circuit; 1863, in Hamilton; 1864, on Mt. Vernon, and 1865 on Huntingsburg Circuit, Central German Conference. In the fall of this year he took a cold, which affected his lungs and throat so that the beginning of consumption was soon visible. For several months he was unable to preach. During the summer, however, his health improved, and as he could not persuade himself to take a superannuated relation he was appointed to Newport, Kentucky, in the hope that he might there fully recover, having at that place not only the medical treatment of a dear friend, but also ministerial help in the pulpit from his brethren in Cincinnati. This hope, however, was not realized. He could serve his charge but a few months. The disease rapidly increased, and ended his life May 13, when he had reached the age of thirty-six years.

His departure is mourned not only by a lonely widow without children, but by the Church, which lost in him a laborer endowed with more than common gifts, which he improved by indefatigable study; a preacher whose discourses gave the proof that he made constant progress, and whose services on the conference floor showed that he understood and loved the genius and institutions of Methodism. Brother Fuss was a zealous servant of God; his whole soul was in the work, and the words which the writer of this sketch chose for his funeral discourse ("None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Rom. xiv, 7, 8) were expressive of the chief feature of his character. He lived not unto himself, but to the Lord. If he had sought his own temporal interests he could have made his mark in business, and especially in politics; but he esteemed the privilege of preaching the Gospel higher than wealth and honor before the world. Our obituary would not meet with the approval of our departed brother if we did not admit that he, like other men, had defects. He confessed them frankly, and not without grief. The very virtues peculiar to him, such as his habit to fully express whatever he considered true and right, without any reference to the pleasure or displeasure of others, and the firmness of his character, which made it very difficult for him to yield in any point what he had expressed as his deliberate and conscientious conviction, threw their corresponding shadows in consequence of the imperfection of our human nature. But as the life of the Christian is to be a school of discipline for all that desire not to live to themselves, the Holy Spirit purifies the temperament, knocks off the sharp corners, and transforms the character from one glory to another into the image of the Master. This was the case with Brother Fuss; the ardent love and high esteem toward him, of which the two last charges he served gave him the most affecting proofs, show that Brother Fuss learned to combine gentleness and a willingness to yield with his manly firmness.

Brother Fuss, as is generally the case in consumption, hoped to recover to the last. To preach was the joy of his heart, and he found it hard to reconcile himself to the thought that he should no more be permitted to preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. Nevertheless, he became resigned to the will of the Lord, and said he was convinced that the will of the Lord was good. Sometimes he was troubled in mind because he had not more inward joy, though he never doubted his acceptance with God. The day before his death Brother Krehbiel said to him, "Brother Fuss, you will soon be in heaven." He replied, "It would have given me pleasure to recover if it was the Lord's will, but only that I might preach the Gospel; if I cannot any more preach, I would rather die." On Monday morning, about half an hour before his death, some of his brethren in the ministry visited him. The questions proposed to him concerning his assurance of salvation he answered by nodding, being no more able to speak. Calmly he fell asleep in Jesus.

QUEST. 13. *What is the Number of Church Members, etc.?*

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Pr's.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Chairman's.	Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	American Bible Society.	Sunday School Union.	Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.
Cincinnati:	160	2	26	4	..	10	2	\$15,000	..	..	\$100 00	\$150 00	..	\$10 00	\$30 00	\$6 00	..	2	40	360	1,200
Everett-st., etc	163	2	10	1	..	24	1	10,000	..	..	26 00	260 00	..	8 55	88 50	8 81	..	1	30	300	1,200
Buckeye-st. ...	40	..	12	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	12 00	41 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ladies H. Mia.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newport	60	1	..	..	..	..	1	7,000	..	..	10 00	5 00	..	9 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

CINCINNATI DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, NUMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS, SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Rows include Hamilton, Dayton, Ripley, etc., Chillicothe, etc., Waverly, Portsmouth, Furnaces, Pomeroy, Marietta, Baresville, etc., Clarington, and a Total row.

OHIO DISTRICT.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, NUMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS, SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Rows include Cleveland, Cleve'd. W. S., Berea & Olmst'd, Sandusky, etc., Canal Dover, etc., Pittsburgh, Alleghany City, Birmingham, Wheeling, Newark, etc., Columbus, Delaware, Gallon, Bucyrus, Marion, and a Total row.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, NUMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS, SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Rows include Detroit, LaSalle, etc., Marine City, East Saginaw, Lansing, etc., Grand Rapids, Allegan, Ann Arbor, Toledo, Defiance, Edgerton, Woodville, Elmora, etc., and a Total row.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, NUMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS, SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Rows include Indianapolis, Columbus, Seymour, Madison, Batesville, Milan, Lawrenceb' h'et, Cinn., Race-st., Covington, Lafayette, New Knoxville, Greenville, Fort Wayne, Kendallville, Goshen, and a Total row.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

Table with columns: CIRCUITS AND STATIONS, NUMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS, SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Rows include Louisville: Clay-street, Madison-st., Jeffersonville, Bradford, New Albany, Nashville, Cannelton, Santa Claus, Huntingburgh, Booneville, Evansville, Mount Vernon, Mt. Vernon Cir., Terre Haute, Poland, and a Total row.

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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'NS				CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local P.P.'s.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	American Bible Society.	Sunday-School Union.	Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.		
Cincinnati	1,885	17	258	18	168	31	\$77,500	8	\$7,350	\$301 39	\$1,116 15	....	\$76 55	\$119 61	\$52 98	....	27	312	2,024	6,465	
Ohio	1,566	18	228	24	166	28	70,600	9	10,050	231 25	1,331 70	....	67 35	127 50	67 25	....	29	281	1,540	5,064	
Michigan	1,344	7	233	19	111	28	47,500	12	12,800	158 88	718 86	....	37 45	78 18	33 10	....	33	303	1,289	3,447	
Indianapolis	1,659	27	307	16	193	35	61,600	10	9,800	252 46	985 68	....	62 24	139 95	54 85	....	29	225	1,384	4,570	
Louisville	1,888	23	284	25	249	28	89,200	14	15,100	300 69	1,465 86	....	85 24	184 35	60 15	....	29	325	1,543	5,047	
Total	8,382	92	1,210	102	8	987	347,000	53	54,600	1,224 67	5,818 25	....	329 83	649 59	267 61	....	147	1,464	7,800	25,083	

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?*

\$2,725.

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

Circuits and Stations	\$1,223 82
Chartered Fund	27 00
	\$1,250 82

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Claimants.	Dividends.	Claimants.	Dividends.
William Ahrens..	\$240 00	Widow Engel....	\$60 00
Henry Koch	80 00	Miller.....	80 00
William Dressler.	70 00	Baker.....	80 00
Paul Broadbeck .	180 82	Braumiller's two	
Alfred Wuench..	145 00	children	25 00
Widow D. Kaetter	60 00	Hoppen'stwochil-	
Dunker	50 00	dren	25 00
Shelper	80 00		
C. Kaetter.....	75 00		
			\$1,250 82

QUEST. 16. *Where are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JACOB KREHBIEL, P. E.
(P. O., Cincinnati.)

Cincinnati: Race-street, *John Pfetzing*.
Everett-street, *Hugo Rehm*.
Buckeye-street, *Gottlob Nachtrieb*.
Ladies' Home Mission, *Henry Buddenbaum*.
Covington, *Henry Liebhart*.
Newport, *Carl F. Fritsche*.
Hamilton and Mount Pleasant, to be supplied.
Ripley and West Union, *Friedrich W. Reinhardt*.
Chillicothe and Greenfield, *Charles Lurker*.
Waverly, *J. W. Fischbach*, sup.
Portsmouth, *J. C. Weidman*.
Furnaces, *August Graessle*.
Pomeroy, *Conrad Bier*.
Marietta, *George Reiber*, one to be supplied.
Baresville, *C. Friedrich Fleiner*.
Clarington, *John V. Jahraus*.

William Nast, Editor of German Publications
—member of Home Mission Quarterly Conference.

Henry Liebhart, Assistant Editor of the Christian Apologist.

NORTH OHIO DISTRICT.

JACOB ROTHWEILER, P. E.
(P. O., Berea.)

Cleveland: East Side, *Nicholas Nuhfer*.
West Side, to be supplied.
Sandusky, Vermilion, and Berea, *John R. Bodmer*, one to be supplied.
Canal Dover, *John F. Schunk*.
Pittsburgh, *Carl Bozenhart*.
Alleghany City, *Peter F. Schneider*.
Birmingham, *John Ficken*.
Wheeling, *John Bier*.
Newark and Dresden, *John Strauck*.
Columbus, *Herman Herzer*.
Delaware, *August Bletsch*.
Galion, Mansfield, and Shelby, *August Miller*.
Bucyrus, *Anton Warns*.
Marion, *John C. Kopp*.
Alois Loebenstein, Professor in Wallace College
—member of Cleveland, East Side, Quarterly Conference.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.

OLAMOR F. HEITMEYER, P. E.
(P. O., Lansing.)

Detroit: Beaubien-street, *George Schwinn*.
La Salle Avenue and Roseville, *J. S. Schneider*.
Marine City, *John C. Agly*.
East Saginaw and Bay City, *Gustav Bertrams*,
one to be supplied.
Lansing and St. John's, *Jacob Braun*, *Wilhelm Mueller*.
Grand Rapids, *Henry Mentz*.
Allegan, *Conrad Wehnes*.
Ann Arbor, *C. Gustav Herzer*.
Toledo: Ontario-street, *John Schweinfurt*.
Toledo Mission, to be supplied.
Defiance, *George A. Reuter*.
Edgerton, *Henry Krill*.
Kendallville, *Charles Militzer*.
Goshen, *George Guth*.
Fort Wayne, *Louis Dunker*.
Woodville and Peninsula, *Andrew Meyer*, *Conrad Ghan*.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.

GEORGE A. BREUNIG, P. E.
(P. O., Indianapolis.)

Indianapolis, *Henry G. Lich*.
Columbus, to be supplied.
Seymour, *William Riechenmeyer*.
Madison, *John G. Schaal*.
Batesville, *Louis Miller*.

Milan, John Leppert.
Lawrenceburgh and Aurora, *J. C. Wurster*.
Lafayette, *Daniel Volz*.
New Knoxville, J. Christian Speckman.
Greenville, Piqua, and Sidney, J. Friedrich Severinghans.
Dayton, *Philip B. Weber*.
Richmond, to be supplied.
Terre Haute, *Jacob Haas*.
Poland, Philip J. Graessle.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. KLEIN, P. E.
(P. O., Louisville.)

Louisville: Clay-street, *F. Schimmelpfennig*.
Madison-street, *Friedrich Ruff*.
Jeffersonville, *Edward Ulrich*.

Bradford, *John Haas*.
Charleston, Frank Hepp.
New Albany, *John Schneider*.
Cannellton, *Albert Hoff*.
Santa Claus, *John Reimer*.
Huntingburgh, *J. H. Lukemeyer*.
Booneville, Matthias Georg.
Evansville, *Gottlob Trefz*.
Mount Vernon, *August Gerlack*.
Mount Vernon Circuit, *Philip Doerr*.
J. H. Barth, Missionary to Nashville, Tenn.
Ehrhart Wunderlich, transferred to Northwestern German Conference.

QUEST. 17. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Evansville, Ind. Time not given.

EAST GENESEE CONFERENCE,

Held in Hornellsville, August 28-September 2, 1867.

BISHOP JANES, *Presiding*. K. P. JERVIS, *Secretary*.

QUEST. 1. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

Clark P. Hard, Benjamin F. Hitchcock, Fayette Congdon, David W. Gates, Merritt T. Wheeler, George S. Transer, Lewis T. Hawkins, D. D. Van Allen, John J. Wilson—9.

QUEST. 2. *Who Remain on Trial?*

E. De Witt Huntley, John C. Stevens, Calvin Rowley, J. Dorman Steele, W. W. Colvin, Henry Rowland—6.

QUEST. 3. *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*

Ezra Tinker, Richard Vidian, Milton S. Kymer, William R. Benham, Augustus W. Green, Charles G. Lowell, M. F. De Witt—7.

QUEST. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

FIRST CLASS: Ezra Tinker, Richard Vidian, Milton S. Kymer, William R. Benham, Augustus W. Green, Charles G. Lowell, M. F. De Witt—7.

SECOND CLASS: William W. Runyan, Francis M. Smith, Charles Weeks—3.

QUEST. 5. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*

John T. Brownell.

QUEST. 6. *Who have Located this year?*

R. Mackwood.

QUEST. 7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. Latimer, C. S. Davis, Benjamin Shipman, C. W. Bennett, David Crow, Josiah Arnold,

A. E. Chubbuck, D. E. Clapp, G. W. Coolbaugh, M. Tooker, O. Trowbridge, J. H. Ross, J. W. Wilson, W. Post—14.

QUEST. 8. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers.*

R. Parker, W. Snow, L. Grant, J. Hall, R. Wright, J. Hemmingway, L. J. B. M'Kinney, J. W. Nevins, W. Hosmer, J. Copeland, S. Parker, A. Orcutt, J. Hutchins, J. K. Tinkham, R. Manning, C. Gould, J. Benson, H. Wisner, T. M'Elhenny, William Jones, J. Knapp, J. Chapman, R. Clapp, J. L. S. Grandin, W. A. Runner, W. Armstrong, E. Wood—27.

QUEST. 9. *Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?*

None.

QUEST. 10. *Who have Withdrawn from the Connection 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?*

S. Judd.

REV. SALMON JUDD was born in Sandersfield, Connecticut, and died at the residence of his son, in Greenville, Montcalm County, Michigan, August 14, 1867, aged sixty-nine years. Of pious and Methodist parentage, he was trained in the fear of God and in sympathy with his Church. As might be sup-