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CONFERENCE REPORT.
**Forty-Fifth Annual Session
Met in this City.**

For Shepherd and Everybody Else
Royally Entertained the Vis-
iting Ministers.

The Auglaize Annual Conference of the U. B. church, met in its forty-fifth regular session, in the U. B. church of this city, August 26, 7, 2:00 p. m., with Bishop J. W. Drury, D. D., in the chair.

The opening exercises were conducted by the bishop reading from Matthew, commenting upon the tenth chapter of Matthew.

Prayers were offered by Revs. J. Schenck and M. Miller.

The conference was organized by electing Rev. J. W. Sower for reading secretary and Rev. I. Imler for financial secretary.

Rev. I. L. Repbert, D. D., editor of the Religious Telescope, the church paper, Rev. M. R. Drury, D. D., agent of O. U. University, and M. T. Boise, of Society conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to advisory seats.

Rev. J. Freeman, of the Congregational U. B. church, was introduced to the conference.

The first four rows of seats were reserved as the conference bar.

The report of D. Kephart showed various interests of the U. B. flourishing house in a flourishing condition.

Rev. M. Miller, P. E., on Fort Wayne district, reported. Report of Rev. E. Counelle, P. E., Lima district, reported. Report of the conference then began the

hearing of the reports of the ministers on fields of labor, and fixed the time of opening its session at 8:00 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., and adjourn on motion.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Rev. M. R. Drury, D. D., of Dayton, preached an eloquent sermon.

FRIDAY SESSION, 8:00 A. M.

Devotion, conducted by Rev. E. Baldner, of Piqua, Ohio.

Roll call and miscellaneous business.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of North Ohio conference was introduced to the conference.

Conference then resumed the examination of the traveling ministers.

At 10:30 Mayor Quinn in a very able manner welcomed the conference to the city of Decatur. Reply by Rev. N. J. Robertz.

Report on publishing interests followed by remarks by Rev. I. L. Kephart, editor of the Religious Telescope. Report of third years course of study adopted.

After the usual announcements the session adjourned.

1:30 P. M. SESSION.

Devotion, led by Rev. Mrs. A. Sipes, followed by miscellaneous business.

Rev. A. C. Willmore, of White River conference and Rev. Mr. Cook, the pastor of the M. E. church of Geneva, were introduced to the conference and invited to advisory seats.

Reports of fields of labor.

Rev. Mr. Hart, of the Baptist church, was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat.

Revs. W. M. Bell, D. D., Dayton, Ohio, missionary secretary, and G. A. Funkhouser, senior professor of the U. B. seminary of Dayton, Ohio, were introduced to the conference and invited to advisory seats.

Conference resumed the hearing of reports.

The election of elders resulted in the choice of M. Miller and W. Z. Roberts.

Adjournment.

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Song services.

Rev. Jacob Miller read an excellent paper on missions, after which Dr. Bell, of Dayton, Ohio, delivered an eloquent lecture on missions.

SATURDAY SESSION, 8:00 A. M.

Devotion, led by J. R. Valentine of Lockington, Ohio.

Roll call and reading of minutes of previous sessions.

The conference heard the reports of the various committees and treasurer.

After the close of reading the reports Prof. Funkhouser, senior professor of U. B. church, Dayton, O., gave a lesson on how to study the bible.

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Song service.

Devotion, led by Rev. J. W. Lake, followed by miscellaneous business.

The ministers of the city were introduced in a body to the conference and Rev. M. Horton delivered an address of welcome. Response by the bishop.

After other business the bishop delivered an able address on the support of the ministry.

A collection of \$16.00 was received for Rev. M. R. Geyea.

Mrs. J. Miller brought the fraternal greetings of the Woman's Branch Missionary society of the Auglaize conference.

Adjournment.

Saturday evening was given over to Otterbein university, of Westerville, Ohio. Rev. J. W. Lower read an excellent paper and Revs. J. Miller and W. L. Waldo made appropriate remarks. This was the occasion of the semi-centennial anniversary of this institution of learning.

SUNDAY'S SESSIONS.

After a spiritual meeting at the U. B. church, the congregation proceeded to the M. E. church, where Bishop Hott preached an able and spiritual sermon to a crowded house.

At three o'clock occurred the anniversary of the Sabbath school and at 6:30 that of the young people.

In the evening I. Imler preached in the U. B. church, and the various pulpits of the city were filled by members of the conference.

MONDAY SESSION, 8:00 A. M.

Song and spiritual services conducted by Rev. Wm. Caracoff, of Wren, Ohio.

Roll call and reading of minutes of previous session.

Miscellaneous business.

Business session.

1:30 P. M. SESSION.

Devotion, led by Rev. C. T. Beats.

Miscellaneous business.

A motion to reconsider the report of the boundary committee report.

A motion that Latty circuit be detached from Lima district and attached to Ft. Wayne circuit.

A motion that Bluffpoint be detached from Redkey and attached to Saratoga prevailed.

Report on church extension by J. A. Keck. After discussion the report was adopted.

The report on resolutions was adopted.

The conference extend their thanks to the citizens of Decatur for the royal manner in which they entertained the conference. Also to the authorities of the city and Electric Light Co., for so kindly lighting up the city.

The stationing committee made its report.

Adjournment.

7:30 P. M. SESSION.

Preaching by the bishop.

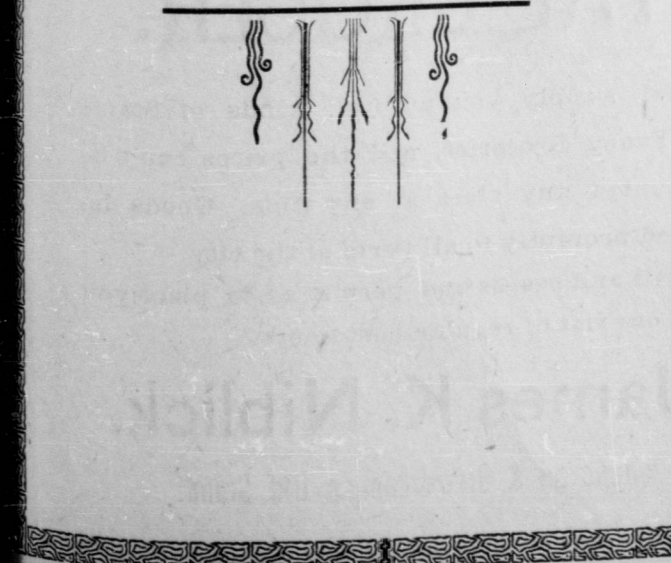
Unfinished business.

Final adjournment.

W. J. SPRAY,
Reporter for the DEMOCRAT.

Wife to husband:
**John! John! You are
going away without your
shoes.**

Husband to wife.
**Yes, yes. Those shoes
I bought of Holthouse &
Mougey fit so easy I don't
know if I have them on
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