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General Convention.

THE MAY MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the General Convention met in New York City, as usual, May 12th and 13th. All the Trustees were present, except Messrs. Fowler, Gunnison and Taylor who were detained by business engagements or otherwise. Chairman Joy presided. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Sweetser, the record of the January meeting was approved.

The reports of the Executive Committee were received. That on scholarships reported approval of two new applications since the former meeting, with communications from several of the indebted students, which the Board considered and disposed of according to circumstances. The Committee of Fellowship reported renewal of license of Prof. Richard M. Smith, of Bethel Academy, Va. The Finance Committee reported action upon applications for loans, and other matters relating to its department. That on Missions had sanctioned the application of grant made to Lincoln parish, \$400, to a claim upon its building fund; and further authorized Mr. Cate's return from the Mission to Japan, in view of the illness of a member of his family, and his own suggestion. The Committee of Information reported, that the chief work had been the issuing of the Missionary number of our denominational newspapers in the interest of our general church extension and missionary work. Some twenty writers were induced to contribute special articles, and it was believed that much good might result.

A report was received from the Murray parish, Washington, D. C., showing its financial condition. A conversation then ensued relating to the pastoral vacancy, and the Committee on Missions was instructed to maintain its advisory relation with regard to the renewal of the pastorate. Reports were also received from the missions at Norfolk and Suffolk, Va., Denver, Omaha, Kansas City and Tacoma, which were ordered on file.

The special Committee of Conference, with a Committee of the Young People's Christian Union, reported progress, and was continued.

The secretary presented statement of receipts and deposits for the previous seven months, and the treasurer's synopsis of his accounts for the same term, which were referred to the Auditing Committee. The secretary also laid before the Board a combined statement, accompanied with a statement of the general account, an abstract of the accounts of the Financial Secretary for the past seven months, with other memoranda. The latter officer also presented his detailed report for April, with supplementary matter, explanatory of conditions.

The special Committee of Arrangements for the coming Convention recommended that the Board exercise its power to change the time of meeting of the session of 1897, to Tuesday, October 19th, at 2:30 p. m., and the secretary was instructed to make his call accordingly. The secretary was directed to effect the usual arrangements for reduction of fares, the Committee was authorized to procure necessary circulars, and a Press Committee, to secure proper reports of the Convention, was appointed, consisting of Mr. Manning, Rev. Dr. Cantwell, and Rev. J. J. Lewis of Chicago.

A copy of the last will of Mrs. Jennings L. Sinclair, of Ludlow, Vt., was laid before the Board, with correspondence relating thereto, showing a contest, which has delayed the probate of the will, and asking that a representative of the Convention be appointed to take part in a negotiation for an agreement of the parties, with full powers; and the secretary, or in case of his inability to attend, the financial secretary, was duly empowered so to represent the Convention.

A deed of the church property at Magnolia, N. C., was received, and the Chairman of the Board authorized to reconvey the same in the name of the Convention to the Trustees of the church at Magnolia, with the usual conditions.

A deed of property in Spokane, Wash., obtained for the erection of a church edifice was received, and, for the present, ordered on file.

The gift of \$5,000 to the funds of the Convention from Mr. Joseph D. Warren, of Stamford, Conn., was reported; \$2,000 for the Theological Scholarship Fund, \$2,000 for the Church Extension Fund,

and \$1,000 for the Gunn Ministerial Relief Fund. The Board accepted the same, as specified, with thanks.

[Since the meeting of the Board the executor of the estate of Mrs. Clarissa L. Crane, late of Stamford, Conn., has paid into the Convention treasury her bequest of \$3,000, to be used and applied by the trustees of said Convention to the general uses and purposes of the said corporation.]

An invitation was received from the National Temperance Society to send seven delegates to a Convention to be held at Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, August 18th, next. The call prescribing appointment by the president, or secretary, in case no session of the Convention is previously held, those officers were authorized to act as provided.

Communication from Rev. Dr. A. J. Canfield who declines to deliver the Occasional Sermon at the Chicago session, for reasons connected with the entertainment of the Convention, was received, and Rev. Arthur G. Rogers, D.D., of Reading, Pa., was unanimously chosen for the service.

The matter of Mr. Joseph S. Dennis's canvass for the means of redemption of the Riverside, Cal., church came before the Board. The secretary reported steps taken unofficially in aid of Mr. Dennis who had increased his own gift to \$1,300, his expenses having been paid by himself. On the 17th of April summons was served upon the president of the Convention to answer complaint of the mortgagee of the Riverside church in suit for foreclosure within thirty days. A proposal was made to the trustees for the application of a sum not exceeding \$1,000, from moneys paid into the general account from returned scholarship loans. It was approved by the trustees, and consequently \$800 was so applied. This completed the necessary subscription, \$6,000, and Mr. Dennis had gone to Riverside with the funds. [The mortgage has been cancelled and the property released. The General Convention now has a clear title to it.]

The Auditing Committee reported that the accounts of the secretary and treasurer were in substantial agreement.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hand, October 1, 1896	\$ 945 69
Through Financial Secretary	10 433 30
Scholarship Loans repaid	3 690 30
Account of "P. Fund"	375
Ministerial Relief	98 37
Fund	133 14
Summaries received by Secretary	6 910 18
Income of Funds	22 45
Rentals not included	4 815
Loans paid in	18 500
Borrowed	5 000
Gifts of Joseph D. Warren	5 000
Total	\$50 923 73

PAYMENTS.

Loans paid	\$16 000
Discounts	192
172 Drafts	30 367 88
Account Insurance and repairs	227 15
Balance in Bank, May 4, 1897	4 136 75
Total	\$50 923 73

The special committee on removal of indebtedness reported upon a scheme for a graded subscription, to be sought, whereby the whole debt might be raised from 100 persons, that it was deemed impracticable, and that a more helpful canvass would be one which should result in contributions for the general account. It was deemed inexpedient to raise the debt at the present time; but the committee recommended that the evening of October 20th, at the coming Convention, be devoted to the interests of the General Convention. The report was accepted, and the recommendation commended approvingly to the committee of arrangements.

The correspondence with the Japan Mission was considered by the Board. The missionaries felt obliged to decline the suggestion of the Board at the January meeting, with reasons and suggestions. Mr. Cate, because of illness in his family, suggested the necessity of an early removal of a part to the United States, and claimed the right to return under his contract within one year from March 1, 1897. The Committee on Missions, as stated, had authorized his return.

It was voted to request Rev. C. E. Rice to join in a renewal of his engagement, as a member of the Japan Mission, for an indefinite time, either party to have the right to terminate the contract upon one year's notice.

The Financial Secretary was instructed to continue his canvass as effectively as circumstances will permit, by personal appeal as well as other proper means.

G. L. D.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

DISTRICT UNION MEETING.

On Monday evening, June 14th, the Chicago District Union will hold a Rally Meeting at the Stewart Avenue Universalist Church.

Among others, Rev. Lee McCollister of the Church of Our Father, Detroit, Mich., will speak on "Detroit, '97." Rev. Dr. Nash will also be present.

The District Union will be decided upon, and each should come prepared with an individual yell. The State yell will probably be practiced and also the State song. The State and District banners will also be at this meeting.

The Rally is not only for the District but for the whole State, and all who can should be present.

ARTHUR J. KENDALL.

GROVE MEETING.

A Grove Meeting will be held at Mount Union, Iowa, Sunday, June 6th, conducted by Rev. J. Edward Keyes, assisted by other able preachers. Preaching in the public school building, Friday and Saturday evenings, and in Scale's Grove, Sunday, June 6th, at 10 a. m., 3 p. m., and 8 p. m. Song service at 7:30 p. m. Basket dinner in the grove. The public is most cordially invited to attend, and the Mount Pleasant Universalist Church is especially invited to join Mount Union in this meeting.

MINNESOTA CONVENTION.

The thirty-second annual session of the State Convention of Universalists of the State of Minnesota will be held at All Saints' Universalist Church at Minneapolis, Minn., on Wednesday and Thursday, June 16th and 17th, 1897. The Convention will be called to order at 10 a. m., Wednesday, June 16th. Rev. J. M. Atwood, pastor of Tuttle Universalist Church, Minneapolis, will preach the occasional sermon.

The Convention will consist of the ordained clergymen in fellowship of the Convention residing in the State of Minnesota; of four lay delegates from each Society; and from each Sunday-school in its fellowship; of the officers of the Convention and of all holders of certificates of Honorary Life Membership.

JAY W. CRANE, Standing Clerk.

(1.) All delegates to the Convention are requested to send me their names at an early day, so that we may provide entertainment for them. (2.) The State Y. P. C. U. will hold its meeting on Monday evening, and Tuesday a. m., June 14th and 15th. All delegates are requested to send me their names as soon as possible so that we may provide places of entertainment. (3.) The Sunday School Association will meet Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 15th, and a fine program has been prepared, and will be published in due time, together with that of State Convention. HOWARD MAC KEARY.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION.

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session will be held in Reading, Pa., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

The Convention is composed of the officers and Trustees, the Ministers in fellowship, and five delegates from each parish.

It will be the duty of this Convention to elect delegates to the General Convention to be held in October, at which time the proposed change in the profession of faith will come up for decision.

Parishes are requested to send the certificates of delegates to the secretary as soon as possible.

FREDERICK A. BISBEE, Secretary.

INVITATION: The church in Reading extends a cordial invitation to the Universalists of Pennsylvania to come up and worship with them on the occasion of the State Convention. The parish will entertain as far as possible those who come. Reduced rates have been secured at the hotels for those who prefer. Dinners and supper will be served at the church. All desiring accommodations address W. H. Liden, Reading, Pa.

Signed, A. G. ROGERS, Pastor.

INDIANA Y. P. C. U. CONVENTION.

A special meeting of the Indiana Y. P. C. U. Convention will be held at Galveston, Ind., June 16-17, 1897. Following is the program:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

1:30 p. m.—Called to order: Welcome. President Rev. J. B. Fosher. Reports by State officers and local secretaries.

Reports by local presidents: "What Missionary Endeavors have your Union Undertaken?" Question Box. (One hour devoted to Miscellaneous questions.) "Our Finances." General Discussion. "Detroit '97." The President and Secretaries.

State Song.

Adjournment.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon "Christian Citizenship." Rev. J. B. Fosher.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

Sunrise Praise meeting.

9:00 a. m.—Convention called to Order. Discussion: "Christian Citizenship."

(a) "Importance of Church Membership to our Young People."

(b) "Sabbath Discretion."

(c) "The Submerged Tenth."

(d) "How Have You Answered the Temperance Question?"

Discussion: "The Necessity of the United Effort." Post Office Mission. Discussion. Adjournment of Session.

1:30 p. m.—"Model" Union Meeting.

N. B.—Each and every Unioner is most earnestly desired to take part, an active part in all the discussions and the "Model" Union Meeting.

Each local secretary, it is hoped, will be present to present the local report of his Union.

Each local president will report (personally if possible) the "Missionary Endeavors" undertaken by his Union during the year.

Each Union that is a member of State Union is entitled to four delegates. Each Union in the State is earnestly requested to send representatives to this Convention.

The ministers of Indiana are most cordially invited to be in attendance.

ROSE B. STEWART, Secretary.

MUNCIE, IND.

INVITATION.

The Galveston church extends a cordial invitation to all who may attend the Convention. Our church is situated two and one-half blocks west of the station. All delegates and visitors will come direct to the church, and there be assigned for entertainment. Local secretaries will please send me the names of delegates and visitors as soon as possible, addressing me at Walton, Ind.

IDA GALBREATH, President of Galveston Union.

ILLINOIS CONVENTION.

Committee of Fellowship.

Rev. James F. Carney, fellowship dated Feb. 24, 1897, on transfer from Indiana.

Rev. W. W. Slaughter, fellowship dated March 15, from Wisconsin.

Geo. B. Rogers, license renewed for one year from Feb. 26, 1897.

Olef Tandberg, license for one year from May 19, 1897.

Benj. F. Stacy, license renewed for one year from May 1, 1897.

J. W. Slaughter, license renewed for one year from May 1, 1897.

Rev. N. S. Sage, having withdrawn from fellowship May 8, 1883, is, upon his application, licensed for one year from Jan. 26, 1897, in accordance with the laws of the General Convention.

BENJ. F. MOXROE, Chairman.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS.

The transportation agents having in charge the preparations for the conveyance of the delegates of their respective States to the Eighth Annual Convention of the National Young People's Christian Union, to be held at Detroit, Michigan, July 6-13, are as follows:

MISSOURI: Miss Orta B. Crow, St. Clement.

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CONNECTICUT: Wm. F. Alexander, Stamford.

NEW JERSEY: Geo. R. Hough, City Hall, Jersey City.

INDIANA: Rev. J. B. Fosher, Pendleton.

OHIO: L. C. D. Leonard, 84 Claremont St., Cleveland.

Very Important.

Every local Union should at once appoint one of its members to act as a local agent, who shall immediately place himself in correspondence with the transportation agent of his State and thus keep thoroughly informed as to Convention arrangements. This local agent will in turn inform his Union. Past experience has proved the necessity of such a plan. Therefore bear these points in mind:

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To recapitulate: The local Unioners will gain the information which they need regarding ways of getting to Detroit, accommodations, etc., of the local Agent. The local Agent will look to his State Agent for his instructions, and the State Agents will receive their instructions from the National Agent. Very truly,

H. M. FOWLER, Natl. Transportation Agent.

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REV. H. N. BROWN will preach monthly as follows: First Sundays, Ireland, Ind., morning and evening. Third Sundays, Pleasant Hill, Ind., 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

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In Memoriam.

This column is placed at the disposal of our readers for the record of bereavement. It is necessary that the memorial tributes should be printed in a condensed form, giving only the outline facts in the life of the departed. Obituaries exceeding a certain space will be abridged and condensed to comply with the rule. Poetry, original or selected, is never printed in this column.—Editor.

ANDREW J. KENNEDY.

ANDREW JACKSON KENNEDY was born in Deer Creek Township, Madison county, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1826, and died in Mechanicsburg, O., May 3, 1897. He was a successful teacher for twenty terms, and honored by election to several responsible offices. Feb. 25, 1852, he was married to Rebecca Jane Roberts, of Clark county, O. To them were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. He was a sufferer for many years from a terrible malady, cancer, which, added to a final attack of pneumonia, caused his death.

In 1863, Squire Kennedy settled in the old homestead in Somerset Township, and remained there until Feb. 25, 1897, the forty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, when he moved to Mechanicsburg. Here, closely confined to his house, he lingered, receiving all the attention that love and devotion could render, until death relieved his sufferings and his freed spirit returned to God who gave it.

Two days before his death, in conversation with Rev. Mr. Le Clerc, of the Methodist Protestant Church, Mechanicsburg, he expressed a desire that the writer should officiate at his funeral, and chose as his text for the occasion, Eph. I, 8-11. He also requested Bro. Le Clerc to assist in the services. His only regret was in the separation from loved ones, but he had faith in the final gathering of all souls and looked forward to a happy reunion.

The funeral services were held in the M. P. Church in Mechanicsburg, May 6th, under the auspices of Somerset Lodge I. O. O. F., of which order he was an active member.

R. N. J.

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