

on the table until afternoon session.

Motion by Bro. Davis that we take up the Treasurer's report, which was adopted, stating that there had been paid \$252.88 on the Evangelist's last year's salary, and still remaining due \$197.12. The annual missionary meeting being held in July instead of November caused a reduction of one-fourth of the Evangelist's salary, making it \$450 instead of \$600. The Chairman took the opportunity to speak plainly on the negligence of the members who failed to pay up, considering it a detriment to the cause, in which we readily concur.

Motion prevailed that we take up the resignation of the Evangelist. Bro. Wright gave his reasons for offering his resignation.

After remarks by several of the brethren the motion to accept Bro. Wright's resignation was lost, showing that the brotherhood at large absolutely refused to release Bro. Wright in any way whatever if his services could be obtained under any consideration.

Motion prevailed that we employ an Evangelist at large.

Motion that Bro. Wright be employed as our Evangelist, carried.

Motion that Bro. Wright be employed as Evangelist for one year caused a great deal of discussion, as about half of the delegates were instructed by their congregations to employ Bro. Wright for a term of five years if such a thing could be done. Finally the motion carried, and was made unanimous, and Bro. Wright, if the finances can be arranged, will labor for us another year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Bro. W. H. McClure was re-elected President, Bro. Geo. Ickes Vice President, A. J. Green Secretary, Bro. J. M. Baker, Treasurer, Sister A. J. Green, Assistant Sec.

Bro. F. M. Davis offered his resignation as one of the trustees of the camp-meeting grounds, which was accepted, and Bro. Quarrels elected to fill his place.

Bro. Wright made a touching address at the close of his five years labors in this country, and offered his kindest regards to the brotherhood at large.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Craig to meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Opened by reading by Chairman and prayer by Bro. Wright.

Reading of the minutes of the previous afternoon, which stood

approved.

Next taking up the financial condition of the congregations, concerning the employing of an evangelist at large, which caused an adjournment till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wright.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Opened by singing, reading and prayer.

Minutes of previous day's meeting read and approved.

First in order financial report, which showed that the congregations and private individuals had subscribed \$715 toward employing an Evangelist for the coming year.

Bro. Wright accepted this amount, with the understanding that he was to only preach ten months during the year, two months being considered necessary for recreation.

Motion by Bro. Quarrels that we tender a vote of thanks to Bro. Wright for accepting \$715 when he is offered \$1000 per year in another locality. Carried unanimously.

Motion prevailed that the next missionary meeting be held at Four Mile congregation, beginning at 2 o'clock on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in January, 1884.

Motion prevailed that our next annual camp-meeting convene at 4 o'clock on the 19th day of June, 1884.

Motion prevailed that Bro. Wright be requested to send his lecture on Missionary Work delivered on Thursday night to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wright.

W. H. H. McCLURE,

Chairman.

A. J. GREEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we tender to Bro. F. M. Davis the sincere thanks of the Missionary Board for his efficient labors and faithful servitude as trustee of the camp-meeting grounds during the past two years.

2. Resolved, That we tender to our beloved Evangelist, Bro. C. J. Wright, the sincere thanks of the Missionary Board for his efficient, able and faithful labors among us during the past year.

3. Resolved, That at the present time there seems to be no cause that Bro. A. Buchanan should not be laboring in the cause of Christ. Therefore, we, the Missionary

Board assembled at Camp-meeting grounds, I. T., extend to him a cordial invitation to cooperate with us, and labor in the cause of our blessed Lord and Master, and that the Secretary be instructed to send Bro. Buchanan a copy of this resolution.

Current Religious News.

Queen Victoria, as Empress of India, rules over more Mohammedan subjects than does the Sultan of Turkey, and the Mohammedans in India are only one to four, of the Hindus. For the transformation of this vast body of people she has numerous and powerful agencies at work. From a report just published it appears that the London Tract Society alone expends over \$20,000 on India. In thirty-three of the native languages it has published as many as 100,000,000 copies of 5,000 different works, and to judge from the report, it has not done so in vain. In 1851 there were about 100,000 native Christians in India. In 1861 there were 200,000. In 1871 there were 300,000. In 1881 the number had reached 530,000.

There are 676,250 Presbyterians on the long roll of the General Assembly of Canada.

Thirty theological students are to spend their vacation this Summer by doing missionary work in Dakota.

The Presbyterian Church at Port Gibson, Miss., which was organized fifty years ago by Rev. Zebulon Butler, D. D. celebrated its semi-centennial on the 17th ult. Rev. D. A. Planck, the present pastor, embraced in his sermon a complete history of the church from its beginning to date. The occasion throughout was one of rare interest.

M. Gaudard, director of the Normal School of Courbevoise, France, pleased as well as surprised his audience at the recent official Reformed Synod of Paris when he stated that at the beginning of the Present century there was but one Protestant school in France, while now there are two thousand such schools.

Many good and excellent things have been said to the graduates of the different institutions of learning this Summer, but no better advice has been given to any than that by Dr. Wilson to the graduating class at Alleghany Theological Seminary, when he said "Young gen-

tleman, study Hebrew roots, pour over Greek verbs, read Latin and if you have time and desire, translate ancient hieroglyphics; but I charge you when you go into the pulpit to preach the Gospel, to use plain Anglo-Saxon."

Archbishop John B. Purcell died at the Ursuline Convent, St. Martins, Brown County, Ohio, on the 4th inst., in the 84th year of his age. Much has been said, and said justly, in criticism and condemnation of his financial administration. Most unfortunately he established a depository for savings under the authority of the bishopric, and the funds entrusted to his keeping disappeared in the erection of schools and churches. Even his severest critics admit that the hands of the dead prelate were stainless of any corrupt practices. It was zeal for the church outrunning discretion, and serves as another warning against attempting to engraft a banking department on ecclesiastical systems.

The New York Tribune has begun its good work for the season of giving the poor boys and girls of New York a two week's outing in the country. Parties of four hundred or five hundred are sent off nearly every day to points that are far enough away to afford the children the benefit of a complete change. Many of them have never seen the country in their lives, and their rapture on reaching their destination make a strong appeal to those good people who open their houses and their hearts to let the little wanderers in.

The right of Brooklyn to the title of the "City of Churches" has for years been a thing of the past. The population of the city is about 750,000. In the entire city there are but 579 religious organizations of every kind, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic. Many of these have little more than a nominal existence; others are only missions, and only 165 are of a Protestant character. There is in the whole city but one church to every 2,624 of population; in New York the proportion is one to every 2,466. Instead of being *par excellence* the City of Churches, Brooklyn is today surpassed not only by New York, but by many other cities. The ratio of new churches does not begin to keep up with the rapidly increasing population. Neither are the churches distributed for doing