

"Was the first Methodist church a log building?"

"No, the first church was a frame one, and not log as some suppose, and the building was erected by a Mr. Day Knight, son-in-law of Mr. Springer, and a man named Shoot. The roof proved to be too much for the walls and caused them to spread, and they had to be tied together with timber to prevent the roof caving in, and the walls falling down."

*(To be continued in our next.)*

## Report of Quarterly Meeting.

THE first meeting of the Quarterly Official Board for the current year was held in the school-room on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 14th. Members present: Rev. W. H. Laird (chairman), Thomas Morris, Rec. Steward, Dr. Day Smith, Treasurer, Rev. E. Lounsbury, Robert Oaten, J. C. Harris, H. Gayfer, R. Raycroft, S. A. Cummer, Geo. F. Fisher, Jas. Matthews, Alex. Hayes and Thomas Morris, jr.

At 8:10 p. m. the meeting was called to order. After devotional exercises the minutes of the last Board meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes shewed that the balance of money to the credit of the poor fund at the end of May quarter was \$11.34. That the following local preachers had had their licenses renewed, Robert Oaten, D. Kappele, W. A. Edwards, Thomas Morris, sr., and John Bristow. That the characters of all the class-leaders had passed in review and were found satisfactory. That Thomas Morris, sr., was appointed representative to the District Meeting. That the financial receipts for last year were:

1st Quarter	.. . . .	\$ 228 68
2nd "	.. . . .	306 49
3rd "	.. . . .	335 44
4th "	.. . . .	435 42

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### EXPENDITURE.

Rev. W. H. Laird, .. . . .	\$1257 43
Offering book .. . . .	1 50
Envelopes .. . . .	8 60
Trustee Board .. . . .	9 50
Superannuation deficit .. . . .	18 00
Cash on hand .. . . .	11 00

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That the representatives elected to the Board from the congregation were R. Raycroft, J. B. Griffith, Lewis Moyer, J. C. Harris, James Hamilton, S. A. Cummer, and Geo. F. Fisher.

After the reading of the minutes, Dr. Smith gave the receipts for the first quarter of this current year as \$228.53. This amount was handed over to Rev. W. H. Laird.

Rev. E. Lounsbury brought about an interesting discussion concerning the collection of money in our church. He said that the congregation represented the capital of the church, that there should be a central authority to control all money drawn from the congregation and that the Quarterly Board should be that controlling body.

Mr. James Matthews agreed in this and said that the Quarterly Board should take cognizance of all money raised by all societies in the church, and that an itemized account should appear before the Quarterly Board and be recorded in the Quarterly Board minute book.

Mr. Gayfer also agreed that all societies should report to the Quarterly Board.

Thomas Morris, jr., said that he felt sure that the Sunday School and the various societies would be glad to furnish a quarterly financial statement if they were requested to do so, and he would move, seconded by Mr. Matthews:

That the various societies of the Church be requested to hand in a quarterly report containing a financial statement and any other matters of interest and that such reports be recorded in the the Quarterly Board minute book. Carried.

A resolution was next moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gayfer, and carried:

That this Board heartily approve of the proposal of the Christian Endeavor Society of this Church to issue a monthly church paper. The members of the Board expressed themselves as pleased with the idea, and thought it would be a pleasing feature of our church work.

Mr. R. Raycroft, steward of the poor fund, presented his report for the quarter:

Balance on hand from last year .. . . .	\$11 34
Aug. 10th, collection .. . . .	6 88

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Disbursements .. . . .	\$ 2 70
Balance on hand .. . . .	15 52

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The Stewards, Dr. Smith, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Morris, sr., having in the meantime retired to consider appropriations, now reported that Rev. W. H. Laird's salary be the same as last year, \$1,250. The report was adopted and the meeting adjourned.—T. M., jr.