

blessing resting on his labors. At the close of that year he located at Vienna, where he served the Lord faithfully at local work until Nov. of 1897, when at the age of eighty-four, his Heavenly Father beholding his life work done, called him across the Jordan of death to his home in heaven. Bro. Backus' life was one devoted to God, his work and his family. He used every advantage to thoroughly equip himself that he might efficiently preach the Word of God, it being the one great text book of his life. He left behind him six sons, three of whom to-day are in the active ministry. One, Bro. G. H. Backus, has held the position of Presiding Elder for three successive terms. Thus truly "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them." We, the Committee, recommend that a memorial service conducted by the Elder be held this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DURKEE,
J. U. ROBINS.

The Bishop called for a collection for the secretary.

Rev. Mr. Knechtel, Evangelical Church, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. Geach and R. Jamieson, G. Rott was appointed to assist the Stationing Committee.

Special Resolutions.

That this Ontario Conference of the U. B. Church requests the General Church Erection Society to appropriate the sum of \$500.00, (Five Hundred Dollars), toward the building of a new church house in the village of Markdale, County of Grey. The above sum to be returned to the Church Erection Society at the end of five years, without interest.

W. H. DAFOE,
R. JAMIESON.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the good people of Berlin for the hospitality shown to the members of the Conference and visitors during their stay among them.

2nd. That we are grateful to our kind Heavenly Father that He has spared our beloved Bishop Kephart to meet with us and preside over this Conference once more, and for his wise counsel. We trust he may long be spared to serve the Church for many years to come.

G. W. HOUSEMAN.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks from this Conference be tendered to the Young People's Society for the most magnificent sum of sixty dollars to be used for Home Missions, also that each pastor convey to the societies on his charge the gratitude of said Conference.

J. SHOWERS.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Sanders and Dr. Bell for their visit among us.