

diesem Conferenz-Jahr, wenn dieselbe es also für gut befindet; oder Vorkehrungen zur Organisation eines Conferenz-Jugendbundes bei unserer nächst-jährigen Conferenz-Sitzung zu veranstalten.

Die Committee soll aus folgenden Brüdern bestehen: J. G. Pitt, F. Meyer, L. J. Breithaupt und H. A. Kribs.

Committee.

Die Committee über Gottesdienste berichtete wie folgt: Sonntag Morgen 9 Uhr, Kinderversammlung im Anbau der Kirche, bei welcher folgende Brüder kurze Ansprachen halten sollen: J. W. Ortwein, L. J. Breithaupt, J. C. Morlock, H. A. Kribs. Br. M. L. Wing soll Vorsitz sein. Zur selben Zeit soll ein Erbauungsgottesdienst unter der Leitung von Br. S. R. Moyer, abgehalten werden. Um 10 Uhr soll Bischof S. C. Breyfogel die Ordinationspredigt halten. Um halb 3 Uhr soll die Ordination stattfinden, welcher eine Missions-Versammlung unter der Leitung des Bischofs folgen soll. Um halb acht Uhr Abends soll Bischof Breyfogel predigen.

Der Bericht der Committee über „Union“ wurde der Conferenz vorgelegt, worauf folgende Beschlüsse einstimmig angenommen wurden:

WHEREAS the question of organic union between the Methodist Church and the Canada Conference of the Evang. Association has been more or less under consideration for a number of years, and

WHEREAS our last Annual Conference appointed a committee of seven to meet a like committee appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church for the purpose of drafting a basis for union, and

WHEREAS these committees have jointly met during the year and formulated such a proposed basis, which has now been presented for our consideration, therefore

*Resolved*, that in this movement we highly appreciate the courteous and fraternal attitude of our sister Church toward our Conference. But, inasmuch as there are peculiar circumstances, which at present indicate that organic union of these two bodies would, in the opinion of this Conference, not be to the best interests of our work in general, which after meditation and prayer, we believe could be more advantageously fostered in the Evangelical Association, therefore

*Resolved*, that we, for the present, retain our connection with the Evangelical Association, through whose instrumentality the work has originated and thus far, under the kind protection of Providence, richly prospered.

*Resolved*, that we sincerely desire that in the meantime such co-operation exist between the two churches, as guards the interests of either, and promotes the efficiency of both.

Nachdem die Conferenz über obige Beschlüsse abgestimmt hatte, machte der Bischof einige ernste, impromptue Bemerkungen, welche auf Beschluß der Conferenz hier folgen:

*Beloved Brethren of the Canada Conference:*

The courteous, but unanimous and decisive manner in which you have settled this question after earnest and deliberate consideration, causes me to rejoice and constrains me to speak. I have foreseen this on your part, and therefore refrained from addressing you prior to your final action, believing that it would afford you some additional satisfaction to know that your conclusion has been purely your own. For the same reason I have deferred the reading of a letter from Bishop Escher, addressed to the Conference, believing that when you hear his fatherly words and