

ONTARIO CONFERENCE.

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FIRST DAY--Forenoon Session.

The Ontario Annual Conference convened in its forty-fifth session at Bloomingdale, Waterloo County, Ontario, on October the Twelfth, 1899, at the hour of 9 A.M., with Bishop Kephart presiding. Conference was opened with prayer by the Bishop, after which he delivered a very earnest and inspiring address, dwelling at some length upon, and emphasizing the hopeful outlook, regarding the future interests of the Church, as a source of encouragement for earnest toilers in the Master's vineyard to labor on, being sure of final victory.

The former Secretary, I. W. Groh, called the roll, when those marked with a star in the roll were present and responded to their names. The vote for Secretary resulted in the election of W. A. Robins, and the Conference bar was fixed at the first three rows of seats. The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M., to adjourn on motion.

The Rev. Menno Bowman, Presiding Elder of the New Menonite Church, being present, was introduced to the Conference.

By general consent, the Bishop appointed the various Committees.

Rev. R. Head and Miss Lutz were appointed correspondents to the local papers.

The Bishop having selected, read the names of the following Committees:

DEVOTION—G. W. Houseman, J. Bingeman.

ELDERS' ORDERS—Geo. Backus, J. F. Durkee, W. A. Robins.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY—J. Showers, R. Head, R. Jamieson.

BOUNDARIES AND FINANCE—I. W. Groh, Geo. Backus, W. H. Dafoc, I. Hilborn, L. Stauffer.

CONFERENCE TREASURER—D. C. Dafoc.

The report of the Presiding Elder, I. W. Groh, was called for, read, and no objections being raised, report and character was passed. See Report No. 1.