

History of New Lebanon Cooper County Missouri

VI

THE NEW LEBANON CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (1869 - 1884)

Record Book No. 2 of the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church begins at this point. This record book is of a larger size (8.5" x 11") and is far more complete than the preceding record book.

March 1869: The Session met at Elder Chesley Burnett's. Present: Elder William C. Ewing, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele, and D. K. Steele. Elder Chesley Burnett was appointed to attend the next meeting of Presbytery, and Elder David K. Steele his alternate. On motion of Elder D. K. Steele, Session adjourned. Elder William C. Ewing, Moderator, Elder D. K. Steele, Clerk.

June 14, 1869: The Congregation met at New Lebanon Church and elected Brother James E. F. Robertson Ruling Elder. The meeting was duly opened and closed with prayer by Reverend J. B. Lowrance. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

June 15, 1869: The Session met at 10:30 o'clock A. M. at New Lebanon Church Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Benjamin Weeden, Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, R. Allison, D. K. Steele and James E. F. Robertson. The meeting was opened with prayer. In the presence of New Lebanon congregation, Brother James E. F. Robertson was duly ordained Ruling Elder. On motion session adjourned. Prayer by Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk. August 1869: At a regular meeting of New Lebanon Congregation, Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Pastor, announced the resignation of Elder Benjamin Weeden. D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 1869: The Session met at Elder Chesley Burnett's at 2 o'clock P.M. Present: Elder William C. Ewing, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison, David K. Steele, James E. F. Robertson. Elder James E. F. Robertson was appointed to attend the next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Heath's Creek, Pettis County and David K. Steele his alternate. On motion, session adjourned. William C. Ewing, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 1869: The Session met at New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert, C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison, David K. Steele and James E. F. Robertson. The meeting was opened with prayer. The following members having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this Church; viz: William D. Cordry, Orlena L. Stratton, Francis E. Steele, Lura E. Burnett Jennie II. Steele, Sydney Lampton, Alice Wells, Elijah Turtle, Robert S. buried ns, Finis H. Foster, John Reese, Charles A. Wells, Henry T. Spillers, William H. Steele, Virgil Koontz, Benjamin F. Simmons, Nicholas Hedges. The following were received by letter and recommendation: Mrs. Catharine Hedges, Wilson C. Foster, Benjamin C. Lampton, Hester A. Lampton. Session Closed with prayer. Adjourned. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 26, 1869: The Session met at New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Robert C. Steele, William C. Ewing and James E. F. Robertson. Thomas W. Ruby and John B. Alexander having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this Church. Session closed with prayer. Adjourned. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

October 1869: The Session met at the residence of Deacon Robert B. Stoneman at 2 o'clock P.M. Present: Reverend J. E. Lowrance, Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, David K. Steele and James E. F. Robertson.

1869 ROAD MAP



The above illustration is a copy of part of Colton's Road Map of 1869. Fair Point, as New Lebanon was then called, is situated just below the first "O" in Cooper County

Feb. 19, 1870: Pursuant to a call of the Moderator, the Session met at Elder Robert C. Steele's on Saturday at 3 o'clock P.M. Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele and James E. F. Robertson. Opened with prayer. Resolved, that in order to better subserve the interests of the church, systematically, the Session hold regular meetings) quarterly; and that her first regular meeting be held at the residence of Reverend J. B. Lowrance on the fourth Saturday of March next at 2 o'clock P.M. On motion Brothers Lowrance and Robertson were appointed to confer with Brother Taylor Spillers in reference to some irregularities and improprieties. Whereas common fame says that Brother Thos. D. Smith is addicted to the use of language unbecoming a Christian, therefor Brothers R. C. Steele and R. Allison were appointed to confer with him in reference to said report. Adjourned to meet as above named. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, James E. F. Robertson, Clerk Pro tem.

March 26, 1870: According to previous appointment, the Session met at the residence of Reverend J. B. Lowrance. Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, Roberdeau Allison, David K. Steele and James E. F. Robertson. Prayer by Reverend J. B. Lowrance. Minutes read and approved. The Committee appointed to confer with Brother Taylor Spillers report compliance and he gave satisfaction concerning improprieties. The Committee appointed to confer with Brother Thos. D.

Smith asked further time, which was granted; and they were ordered to report at the next regular meeting of the Session. Elder Roberdeau Allison was elected to attend the next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Arrow Rock, Saline County, Missouri, commencing on the first Friday in April; and Elder James E. F. Robertson his alternate. Brothers William C. Ewing and James E. F. Robertson were appointed to confer with Sister Phoebe Lewis with regard to her relation to the church. The same committee were instructed to converse with Brother James H. Lewis in reference to his unchristian conduct. Said Committee were ordered to report at the next regular meeting. Brothers Robert C. Steele and David K. Steele were appointed to talk to Brother Robert Somerville with relation to his connection with the church and report at next regular meeting. Elders. Chesley Burnett and R. Allison were appointed a committee to confer with Henry Harmon and wife with regard to their connection with the church and report at the next regular meeting of the Session. On motion of Elder Chesley Burnett an adjourned meeting of the Session will be held at his residence on the third Saturday in April at 2 o'clock P.M. to assign the Elders certain duties, that the interests of the church, both morally and financially, might be better promoted thereby. Session adjourned to meet as above stated. Reverend J.B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Apr. 16, 1870: Session met at 2 o'clock P.M. Present: Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, R. Allison, D. K. Steele and James E. F. Robertson. Opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting read. The Session unanimously concurred in the following resolutions which were adopted at the last session of Presbytery: "Your special committee appointed to consider and report some plan to secure uniformity among the congregations under your care in respect to ministerial support, would present and recommend the adoption of the following, viz: 1st. That the congregation be instructed to elect deacons, male or female, in the proportion of one deacon for every twenty five or thirty members. 2nd. That the session, in connection with the deacons, divide the congregation into districts, appointing one deacon for each district. 3rd. That the clerk of the Session furnish each deacon with a book in which is enrolled the name of every one in his or her district. 4th. That each deacon be required to see each member in his or her district once every quarter to present said book, requesting each one to place opposite his or her name, the sum he or she is willing to give for the support of the minister during the quarter; said sum to be paid to the deacon before the close of the quarter. 5th. That the Session meet stiltedly every quarter for the purpose of receiving the reports of the deacons; at which times the books shall be presented for inspection, and the amounts collected paid into the hands of a treasurer elected for the purpose, who shall promptly pay the same to the minister serving said congregation. 6th. That each congregation supplied with preaching by any of your ministers, be required to send to Presbytery, at least once a year, a report of settlement with their minister: and. That every congregation failing to pay their minister the sum stipulated be required to give a sufficient mason for such failure. 7th. That the stated Clerk be instructed, at the earliest moment practicable, to furnish each

COPY OF ORIGINAL MINUTES OF NEW LEBANON CHURCH SESSION IN 1870

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1870
Feb. 14

Pursuant to a call of the Moderator, the Session met at Elder Robert C. Steele on Saturday at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present: Rev. J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Wm. C. Loring, Robert C. Steele & Jas. C. H. Robertson.

Opened with prayer. —

Resolved, that in order to better subserve the interests of the church, systematically, the Session hold regular meetings quarterly; and that the first regular meeting be held at the residence of Rev. J. B. Lowrance on the fourth Saturday of March next at 2 o'clock P.M.

On motion Revs. Lowrance & Robertson were appointed to confer with Bro. Mayler Spiller in reference to some irregularities and improprieties.

Whereas Ebenezer Coffman says that Mrs. Maria C. Smith is addicted to the use of language unbecoming a Christian, therefore Elders R. C. Steele & C. Allison were appointed to confer with him in reference to said report.

Adjourned to meet as aforesaid.

Signed: Rev. J. B. Lowrance, Mod.
Jas. C. H. Robertson, Clk. pro tem

March 26

According to previous appointment, the Session met at the residence of Rev. J. B. Lowrance.

Present: Rev. J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Russell, Wm. C. Loring, Robert C. Steele, Ebenezer Allison, David C. Steele and Jas. C. H. Robertson.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lowrance. Minutes read & approved.

MINUTES OF SESSION.

1870

The Committee appointed to confer with Bro. Angler Spiller report compliance, and he gave satisfaction concerning improprieties.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mrs. Thos. D. Smith, asks further time, which was granted, and they were ordered to report at the next regular meeting of the Session.

Elder Robert Dean Allison was elected to attend the next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Arrow Rock, Saline County, Missouri, commencing on the first Friday in April; and Elder Jas. C. H. Robertson his alternate.

Bros. Wm. L. Riving and Jas. C. H. Robertson were appointed to confer with sister Phoebe Lewis with regard to her relation to the church. The same Committee were instructed to confer with Bro. James M. Lewis in reference to his unchristian conduct. Said Committees were ordered to report at the next regular meeting.

Bros. Robert L. Steele & David H. Steele were appointed to talk to Bro. Robert Somerville with relation to his connection with the church, & report at next regular meeting.

Eldrs. Chesley Burnett & R. Allison were appointed a committee to confer with Henry Harmon & wife with regard to their connection with the church and report at the next regular meeting of the Session.

On motion of Elder Chesley Burnett, a called meeting of the Session will be held at his residence on the third Saturday in April, ^{at 2 o'clock P. M.} to assign the Elders

COPY OF ORIGINAL MINUTES OF NEW LEBANON CHURCH SESSION IN 1870 (CONTINUED)

was taken up, and after due deliberation, was postponed until the next meeting. On motion, the Moderator appointed Elder W. C. Ewing to secure, if in his power, and as soon as practicable, some of the old Church Records which are not now in possession of this congregation. Session adjourned to meet at Deacon R. B. Stoneman's on Monday April 25th, next. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, R. Allison, Clerk, pro tem.

April 9th, 1870: The congregation met at New Lebanon Church and Elected Brothers John D. Starke and Jonathan Brownfield Deacons for said Church. The meeting was duly opened and closed with prayer, by Reverend J. B. Lowrance. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

April 25th, 1870: According to previous appointment the Session, and Deacons, met at Brother R. B. Stoneman's. Present Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele. James E. F. Robertson and David K. Steele, also, Deacons R. B. Stoneman, Jonathan Brownfield, James H. Steele and John D. Starke.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator, the minutes of last meeting was read and approved, the report from Stated Clerk of Presbytery which was from Special Committee appointed by Presbytery was received and read and after districting the Congregation the Deacons were assigned to duty as follows: Brother Jonathan Brownfield assigned to South West District with the names of 30 members, Brother James H. Steele, assigned to South East district with the names of 34 Church members, Brother R. B. Stoneman, the North West District with the names of 31 Church members, Brother J. D. Starke assigned to North East district with the names of 27 Church members. The business under advisement at our last meeting was taken up and after consideration deferred until our next meeting on motion the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother William C. Ewings on the second Saturday in June at 2 o'clock P.M. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

May 8th 1870: The Session met at the New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, J. E. F. Robertson and David K. Steele. The meeting was opened with prayer. The following members have given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this church -- viz: Joseph R. Steele, Lycurgus M. Cordry, Henry J. Steele, and Finis W. Alexander. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

June 11th, 1870: At a meeting of the Session, and Deacons held at Brother William C. Ewings, the following brethren were present. Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator, with Elders, William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, J. E. F. Robertson and D. K. Steele, and Deacons, Jonathan Brownfield, J. H. Steele, and J. D. Starke. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to converse with regard to the Christian conduct and irregularities of Church members were called upon to make their reports. Committee appointed to confer with Brother R. S. Somerville, made their report which was not satisfactory, and on motion Reverend J. B. Lowrance was added to said committee and further time granted to make their report. The Committee appointed to converse with Brother Henry Harman and wife were given further time to make their report.

Committee appointed in the case of Sister Phebe Lewis, report compliance but interview not satisfactory, and Brother J. B. Lowrance added to committee to converse with Sister Lewis. The same committee reported in the case of James Lewis, which was not satisfactory and Brother J. B. Lowrance was added to said committee. The committee appointed to converse with Brother Thomas D. Smith asked for further time and Reverend J. B. Lowrance added to said committee. The business under advisement at our last regular meeting was taken up and on motion was laid on the table.

The Deacons were called upon to make their quarterly report. Brothers J. D. Starke, Jonathan Brownfield, and James H. Steele being present, report that they have been at work in their fields of labor assigned them, and ask for further time to make their report. Being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church on the 4th Saturday in September at 3 o'clock P.M. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

June 12th 1870: At a regular church meeting at New Lebanon, Brother Roberdeau Allison tendered his resignation as ruling Elder of New Lebanon congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which was accepted by said congregation. Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

August 20th 1870: The Session met at New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, J. E. F. Robertson and D. K. Steele. The meeting opened with prayer by Moderator. The following person having given Satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this Church -- viz: William T. Harvey. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

August 28th 1870: The Session met at the New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, and J. E. F. Robertson, The meeting was opened with prayer by moderator. The following members were received in to the Church by letter viz, - H. B. Road, Louisa B. Read, Ameida Lowrance, Finis E. Lowrance, and also at the same time; The following members having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit nine admitted to full membership in this Church --viz: Etna R. Lowrance, Ethia L. Lowrance, Georgia A. George, Ann Steele, David W.

Steele, Robert W. Foster, James Windsor. Closed with prayer. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept 24th, 1870: Pursuant to adjournment the Session met at New Lebanon Church. Brethren present Reverend J. B. Lowrance Moderator with Elders, Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, J. E. F. Robertson and D. K. Steele and Deacon R. B. Stoneman. Meeting opened with minutes read. The Committee appointed to investigate (charges and) irregularities of church members were called on to make their reports, committee in the case of Brother R. S. Sommerville was called on to report, committee asked continuance in the ease. Committee in the case of Brother Harmon and wife report compliance in regard to Sister Harmon which was Satisfactory and asked further time in Brother Harmon's case. Committee to talk to Sister Lewis and Son report noncompliance and asked further time in the matter. In the case of Brother T. D. Smith after carefully considering the matter the case was dismissed. Committee appointed to try to procure the old church records ask for further time which was granted. This being the time when the Deacons should make their last quarterly report but on present, it was thought best to order them to make this report on the 30th day of this month. The Session elected Brother W. C. Ewing, to represent New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the next Presbytery which is to meet at New Bethlehem on Saturday 1st day of Oct. 1870 and Brother Chesley Burnett was elected his alternate on motion the session adjourned to meet at Brother Chesley Burnett's on the 30th of September 1870 at 2 o'clock P.M. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 30th 1870: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons met at Brother Chesley buried nett's. Members present, Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator with Elders, Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, J. E. F. Robertson and D. K. Steele and Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman and J. D. Starke. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committees appointed at previous meetings to talk with members upon religion and irregularities were some of them called on to make their reports in the case of Sister Phebe Lewis, her name was dropped from the roll of church members for the reason she refuses baptism, and requests her name to be taken off the book. In the case of James Lewis his name was dropped from the roll at his own request, his plea being this, he was never fit to belong to the church. This meeting called for the purpose of having reports from the Deacons, they were called upon to make their quarterly report which was as follows, collected and paid to Pastor last quarter \$67.82. Subscribed and not paid over \$22.25. Total \$90.07 and one Deacon to hear from. Brothers W. C. Ewing and D. K. Steele, were appointed to converse and advise with Brothers Charles Wells, and William Hedges concerning their Christian conduct and feelings as church members. Committee to report at next quarterly meeting. There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church on the 4th Saturday in December at 1 o'clock P.M. Reverend J. B. Lowrance, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Oct. 16th 1870: The Session met at New Lebanon Church, members present Brothers Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and J. E. F. Robertson. This Session proceeded to organize by electing Brother W. C. Ewing Moderator, and empowering the Moderator to call the Session together at any time by the request of one member of the Session. W. C. Ewing, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

Oct. 31st 1870: Pursuant to a call of the Moderator the Session and Deacons met at Brother R. C. Steele's, members present Brother W. C. Ewing, Moderator and Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele, and D. K. Steele with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman, J. H. Steele and J. D. Starke. The first business to be considered at this meeting was the employment of a Pastor to take charge of New Lebanon Congregation for twelve months and on motion it was agreed upon that we employ Reverend A. M. Thompson once a month for twelve months for \$140.00 or twice a month for \$250.00 provided the church is willing to make the amount above specified. The next business in order being the consideration of the Missionary cause, the Deacons were instructed to go to work under orders from Presbytery in the cause of missions which order is herewith copied:

"Oct. 31 1870 In order to secure greater efficiency in this respect, your committee would recommend that funds for Missionary purposes be raised at the same time in the same manner, and by the same agency, as the means for ministerial support, according to the plan adopted at the last meeting of Presbytery, and to effect this, recommend the adoption of the following: Resolved: That the Deacons of each congregation be and are hereby instructed at the same time they solicit subscriptions for Ministerial support, that they solicit contribution for the cause of missions as also for other church enterprises: Set the amount each one will contribute for each purpose in separate columns opposite the donor's name; that the Deacons collect, report and pay over these amounts the same as the contributions for ministerial support, keeping separate the amounts contributed for each purpose. Resolved Further: that the Stated Clerk be and is hereby instructed to furnish each church session a copy of this action with instructions to copy the same in the church Book, in connection with the before mentioned act. Respectfully Submitted Reverend James Logan, William C. Ewing Committee."

Being no further business the Session and Deacons adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church on the Second Sunday in November at 10 o'clock A.M. W. C. Ewing Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Nov. 13th 1870: Pursuant to adjournment the Session with Deacons met at New Lebanon, members present W. C. Ewing Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman and James H. Steele, no business being brought before the Session the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother J. D. Starke's on the 19th of November at 6 o'clock P.M. William C. Ewing Moderator, Robert C. Steele, Clerk Pro tem.

Nov 19th 1870: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons met at Brother J. D. Starkes. Members present Brother W. C. Ewing Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele, with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman, J. H. Steele and J. D. Starke. Reverend A. M. Thompson being present was invited to sit as an advisory member, meeting opened with prayer by Reverend A. M. Thompson. The object of the meeting was to try and procure the services of Reverend A. M. Thompson to Preach for New Lebanon Congregation for the next twelve months. On motion Reverend A. M. Thompson was employed to supply New Lebanon Congregation with Preaching once a month for twelve months. Said congregation to pay Brother A. M. Thompson \$170.00. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at New Lebanon church on the 4th Saturday in December 1870. William C. Ewing, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

December 24th 1870: Pursuant to adjournment Brother W. C. Ewing and Deacon R. B. Stoneman met at New Lebanon Church, not being a quorum present they adjourned subject to the call of the moderator.

Jan 8th 1871: Session met at New Lebanon Church at 2 o'clock P.M. Present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, D. K. Steele and J. E. F. Robertson the meeting was opened with Prayer by moderator.

The following member having given Satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God by His Holy Spirit was admitted to full membership in the church Viz: George W. Starke. Meeting closed with prayer Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Jan 21, 1871: Pursuant to a call of the Moderator the Session with Deacons met at Brother R. C. Steele's. Brethren present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and David K. Steele and Deacons Jonathan Brownfield and James H. Steele. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator, minutes of last meeting read and approved. The first business in order being reports from committee. The committee appointed to investigate the Christian conduct of Brother William Hedges and Brother Charles Wells was called on to make their report; said committee not being able to finish their investigation ask for further time and that Brother A. M. Thompson be added to said committee which was granted. The committee appointed to try and procure the old Church Records was called on to make their report and said committee asked further time.

Not having any Sexton employed for New Lebanon Church, Brothers Jonathan Brownfield and Robert C. Steele, were appointed a committee to employ a Sexton for twelve months as on the most reasonable terms they can, Said Sexton to be paid quarterly. Said committee to employ a Sexton as soon as possible.

On motion of Brother Chesley Burnett the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee to procure funds to repair New Lebanon Church and build a Plank fence around the Church. Moderator appointed on said committee Brother Chesley Burnett A. A. Foster and J. D. Starke; also said committee are to select some competent person to Survey and locate corners of Church lot, on motion the meeting adjourned to meet at Reverend A. M. Thompsons on the 4th Saturday in March at 1 o'clock P.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

March 25th 1871: Pursuant to adjournment the session and Deacons met at Reverend A. M. Thompsons, Brethren present Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, with Elders William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele and David K. Steele and Deacons, Jonathan Brownfield, Robert B. Stoneman, James H. Steele and J. D. Starke. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator, minutes of last stated meeting read and approved.

The first business in order being reports from Standing Committees. The committee appointed to try to procure the old church records was called on to report said committee asked further time which was granted. The committee appointed to converse with Brothers Charley Wells and Williams Hedges submitted the following report: They recommend that they both be suspended from the privilege of church membership at their own request as they say, they was deceived or have fallen from grace, said report was adopted. Committee appointed to employ a Sexton report compliance and ask to be discharged, which was agreed to. Committee appointed to try to raise funds for repairs ask further time which was granted; and whereas common fame charges Brothers T. D. Smith, Baxter Walton, and Benjamin Simmons with unbecoming conduct of Christians the following committee was appointed to ascertain the conduct of said brethren and advise with them. Reverend A. M. Thompson and James E. F. Robertson said committee.

The Deacons were called on to make their first and second quarterly report. They report \$84.50 for Pastor's Salary. The Session being appraised that Brother A. A. Foster does not desire to serve on committee appointed to try to raise funds to repair and fence church, Brother W. C. Ewing was appointed in his Stead.

The next business being the selection of some person to represent New Lebanon congregation in next Presbytery which is to be held at Otterville, Cooper County, Mo. on the 1st Saturday in April A.D. 1871. Brother Chesley Burnett was elected as principal and Brother James E. F. Robertson his alternate. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at David K. Steele's on the 1st Saturday in June at 1 o'clock P.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

June 3 1871: Pursuant to adjournment the session with Deacons held their third quarterly meeting at David K. Steele's for the purpose of transacting business concerning the Church. Brethren present Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, D. K. Steele, R. C. Steele and J. E. F. Robertson, with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield and Robert B. Stoneman. Meeting constituted with prayer by Brother James Robertson; owing to the absence of the Moderator, Eider R. C. Steele was Elected moderator Pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and

approved, The first business in order being reports from Standing Committees, The committee on Church Records was called on to report, said committee ask further time which was granted and instructed to advertise in Banner of Peace concerning old church records. Committee to raise funds to repair and fence Church house report compliance in part, they have raised or got subscribed the larger portion of the funds required to do the work and have let out the contract for said work for \$400.00. Said committee is further instructed to have a lightning rod placed on the church. Committee appointed to talk or converse with Brothers T. D. Smith, Baxter Walton and Benjamin Simmons asked continuance in the matter which was granted. On motion the Clerk of Session was ordered to furnish Sister Elizabeth Stuart a letter of dismissal and recommendation and forward the same to her. Where as common fame charges that Brother James B. Smith has failed to treat his family in a manner becoming a Christian, on motion the following committee as appointed to try and investigate the matter, committee as follows, William C. Ewing and D. K. Steele, committee to report at the next regular meeting. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother James W. Steele's on the 4th Saturday in September at 1 o'clock P.M. Robert C. Steele, Moderator Pro tem, David K. Steele, Clerk.

August 31st, 1871: The Session met at New Lebanon Church at 9 o'clock P.M. James H. Helms, Ann L. Helms, Mary J. Ruby, Henderson Windsor, Emmaretta Windsor, Mary Ruby, Mary L. Manning, Mary S. buried son, Ola M. buried son and Mary W. Johnston having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this church; also same time and place Sister Rebecca Ralston was received as a member in full fellowship by letter, Session closed with prayer. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Henderson Windsor born Nov. 14, 1818 Fayette Co. (W.) Va. (went to Jackson Co. Mo. in 1855, then to Cooper Co. in 1856) died May 17, 1900 Pleasant Green, Cooper Co. Mo. married Icybindia Coleman born 1831 Fayette Co. (W.) Va. died 1903 Cooper Co. Mo. and had eight children:

- (1) Sarah "Sallie" Ellen Windsor born Jan. 30, 1850 died Sept. 6, 1878 (married Hiram C. Hall);
- (2) Dorcas Windsor born 1852 (W.) Va. (married Mason Tavenner and had:
 - (a) Windsor Tavenner died young; and twins
 - (b) Cecelia "Cricket" Pearl Tavenner (never married)
 - (c) "Nellie" Icybindia Tavenner (married George Davis and had:
 - (A) Cecil Davis married Cecil Durbin, R Kansas City, Mo.
 - (B) Dorothy Davis (never married)
 - (C) Mae Davis married Mr. White, R Atlanta, Ga.
- (3) Emma (or Emeretta) Windsor born 1854 (W.) Va. (married James William Coe, see DVKM)
- (4) Mary Jane "Jennie" Windsor born 1857 Mo. died 1929 (married Bennett Clark Woolery, see DVKM)
- (5) Edward Bowen Windsor born June 19, 1861 near Pilot Grove, Mo. (see HCCJ) (married Feb. 15, 1893 Kate Ruth Davis born Mar. 27, 1873 and had four children:
 - (a) Arlotta Windsor born May 15, 1894, see DVKM
 - (b) Helen Marie Windsor born Aug. 4, 1896 near Pilot Grove, Mo. (married 1st Waldo Speed Boulware and had no children; she married 2nd Sidney A. Lusk, see DVKM)
 - (c) Grovner Davis Windsor born Aug. 21, 1900, see DVKM
 - (d) Edward Bowen Windsor, Jr. born Sept. 23, 1902 near Pilot Grove, Mo. (married 1st May 5, 1925 near Pilot Grove, Mo. Mary Lucille Paxton and had two children:
 - (A) Edward Paxton Windsor born Apr. 1, 1926 Boonville, Mo. (married Feb. 7, 1953 Carol Deleanor Skaggs and had:
 - (1) Teddy P. Windsor born July 22, 1959 Kansas City, Mo.)
 - (2) David Lee Windsor born Sept. 6, 1932 Boonville, Mo. (married Kay Davis and had:
 - (a) Sean
 - (b) Susan Kay
 - (c) Stacy Lucille Windsor
 - (3) Edward E. Windsor married 2nd Feb. 11, 1971 Buckner, Mo. Mrs. Elsie Minnie Walker Birch)
 - (6) Mattie Windsor (married Frank H. Cruse, a druggist in Pilot Grove, Mo.)
 - (7) Susan May Windsor born Nov. 5, 1866 (married Finis Chatham Read)
 - (8) Nancy Margaret Windsor .b May 6, 1869 Pleasant Green, Cooper Co. Mo. died Mar. 16, 1956 near Fayette, Mo. buried Pennisula Cemetery Cooper Co. Mo. (married Dec. 24, 1895 William Frank Helm born July 16, 1876 Blackwater, Cooper Co. Mo. died Sept. 25, 1948 Pleasant Green, Mo. buried Pennisula Cemetery son of Frank Heim and Catherine Oak [William F. Helm was regarded by all who knew him as an unusually intelligent person. He started teaching school at the age of four-teen (this was at the Oak Hill school located about three miles west of New Lebanon). All together he taught for thirty seven years although for a long period he carried the mail on Rural Route No. 1 out of Pleasant Green. This route included New Lebanon. In bad weather when the roads became impassable for even a home, Helm would carry the mail on foot, walking from Pleasant Green to New Lebanon and on south to Solesville. After retiring as a mail

carrier, he again took up teaching; ironically, the last term he taught was at Oak Hill School.] and had:

(a) William Raymond Heim born Oct. 29, 1899 Cooper Co. Mo. died Mar. 30, 1975 Sedalia, Mo. buried Pleasant Green, Mo. (married Mar. 19, 1922 Cooper Co. Mo. Mary May Armstrong daughter of John Armstrong and Carrie Templemire and had no children)

(b) Smith Francis Heim born Aug. 5, 19-- died Dec. 8, c1836 (killed at Blackwater, Mo. rock quarry) buried Peninsula Cemetery (married 1st Lucille Jeffress born Apr. 23, e1910 and had:

(A) (twins) Mason Francis Helm born May 5, 1928 died infancy buried Pennisula Cemetery Cooper Co. Mo.; and John William Helm born May 5, 1929 Blackwater, Cooper Co. Mo. (R Gladstone, Mo.) (married Sept. 5, 1947 Sedalia, Mo. Wanda Lee Forster born July 12, 1929 Sedalia, Mo. daughter of Jack Raymond Forster and had seven children (all born in Sedalia, Mo.):

(1) James William Heim born Oct. 4, 1950 (married June 20, 1968 Kathy Smethers and had:

(A) Kimberly Michelle Heim born Feb. 16, 1970

(B) Leslie Ree Heim born May 30, 1975)

(2) Janice Kay Helm born Feb. 11, 1953 (married Feb. 9, 1970 Stephen Allen Ware died Aug. 13, 1975 Gladstone, Mo. (in car wreck) and had:

(A) Stephen Allen Ware E born Aug. 18, 1970)

(B) Ronald Lynn Heim born Sept. 23, 1954 (married June 1, 1973 Patricia Long)

(C) Cynthia Jo Heim born Oct. 13, 1956

(D) Daniel Keith Heim h Sept. 5, 1959

(E) twins Dale Allen Heim and Denise Ann Heim born Aug. 8, 1965). Smith Francis Heim married 2nd Rylie Alverson and had no children.)

(c) Margaret Catherine Heim born July 21, 1908 Pleasant Green, Mo. (married 1st May 13, 1927 Olathe, Kan. Henry Harry Greet died 1934 Los Angeles, Calif. (a rock miner) and had:

(A) Henrietta Greer born Feb. 20, 1930 Smithville, Clay Co. Mo. (married June 23, 1947 Pilot Grove, Mo. Virgil Charles Belstle born Apr. 5, 1925 Howard Co. Mo. (R near New Franklin, Mo.) and had:

(1) Virginia Dianne Belstle born Apr. 6, 1948 Boonville, Mo. (married Clinton, Mo. David Ryan and had:

(a) Heather Kelin Ryan born Mar. 10, 1975 Flushing, N. Y. (R Chicago, Ill.))

(b) Gary Richard Belstle born Nov. 3, 1953 Boonville, Mo. (married Aug. 17, 1973 Boonville, Mo. Mary Virginia Bowman)

(c) Brenda Denise Belstle born June 3, 1960 Boonville, Mo.)

(B) Bobby Joe Greer born May 21, 1932 Smithville, Mo. [Bob Greer Claim Service, Multiple-Line Insurance Adjusting Service, Tulsa, Okla.] (married Mar. 6, 1954 Tulsa, Okla. Barbara Jean Vaughn and had:

(1) Robert Gregory Greer born Sept. 11, 1956 Tulsa, Okla.

(2) Gordon Ray Greer born June 30, 1961 Tulsa, Okla.). Margaret Catherine Heim married 2nd Dec. 11, 1954 New Franklin, Mo. Clarence Reinbold born Apr. 23, 1901 Shelbyville, Ind. son of Adam Reinbold and Anna Wilson and had no children, R Boonville, Mo; Clarence Reinbold had previously been married to Corine Lehr by whom he had four children]

(d) Mason Buster Heim born Feb. 11, 1912 Pleasant Green, Mo. (married Oct. 14, 1931 Pilot Grove, Mo. Edna Pearl Alverson born Aug. 1, 1910 Blackwater, Mo. daughter of Rothwell Wright Alverson and Luanna Belle Potter and had:

(A) Edna Pauline Heim born Mar. 17. 1933 Blackwater, Mo. (married 1st Aug. 15, 1949 Sedalia, Mo. Opal Lee Gilmore and had:

(1) Connie Sue Gilmore born Apr. 14, 1955 Sedalia, Mo.

(2) Steven Lee Gilmore born Oct. 17, 1956 Sedalia, Mo.

(3) Randy Wayne Gilmore born Nov. 2, 1961 Sedalia, Mo. Edna Pauline Heim married 2nd Lyburn Graham, R Clarksburg, Mo.)

(B) Mason Eugene Heim born June 29, 1936 Pleasant Green, Mo. (married 1st June 8, 1957 Chicago, Ill. Elizabeth Kouri (from Syria) and had:

(1) James Mason Heim born Dec. 31, 1961 Chicago, Ill. Mason Eugene Heim married 2nd (?).

(C) Beverly Ann Heim born Jan. 8, 1943 Pleasant Green, Mo. (married Feb. 11, 1958 Sedalia, Mo. Francis Allen Bowers and had:

(1) Deborah Ann Bowers born Sept. 26, 1959 Boonville, Mo.

(2) Denise Leann Bowers born Nov. 10, 1962 Boonville, Mo.

(3) Michelle Suzanne Bowers born Sept. 21, 1969 Columbia, Mo.)))]

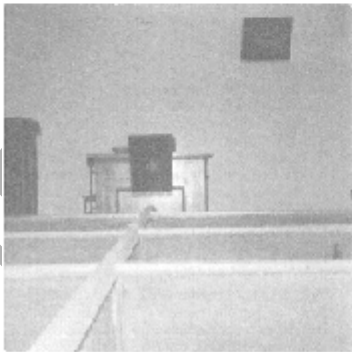
Sept 23rd 1871: Pursuant to adjournment the session with Deacons held their last quarterly meeting at Brother James H. Steele's. Members present, Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele, and D. K. Steele, with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, Robert B. Stoneman and James H. Steele. In the absence of

Moderator Brother Chesley Burnett was chosen Mod Pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. First business in order being reports from standing committees, Committee on Church Records report that he has exhausted all means in his power to obtain the old Records and has failed, and asked to be discharged which was granted. Committee appointed to converse with Brothers T. D. Smith, Baxter Walton, and Benjamin Simmons, was absent and therefore we had no report in the matter. Brothers James E. F. Robertson being absent on leave on motion, Brother Burnett was added to committee to converse with the above named brethren. Said committee were instructed to investigate more recent charges against Brother Simmons and report at our next meeting. Committee in the case of Brother James B. Smith, was called on to report, said committee not ready to report and ask further time and that Reverend A. M. Thompson be added to said committee; committee appointed to raise funds to repair church and fence church report that work all done at a cost of \$434.00 of which \$329.80 has been paid to the parties employed to do the work leaving a balance unpaid \$124.20.

The Deacons made their last report for this year which was \$52.24, one Deacon to hear from; next business in order being the Election of some person to represent New Lebanon Congregation in the next Presbytery which is to meet at Hopewell Church Morgan County Mo. on the first Saturday in October 1871, on motion Brother Chesley Burnett was Elected to represent New Lebanon Congregation at the next Presbytery, and David K. Steele his alternate. The Representative was instructed to try to procure the services of Reverend A. M. Thompson to Preach once a month for twelve months. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother Jonathan Brownfields on the 4th Saturday in December at 10 o'clock A.M. Chesley Burnett Moderator Pro tem, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Oct 1st 1871: Session met at New Lebanon Church members present Reverend A. M. Thompson with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing and Robert C. Steele, meeting opened with prayer. Dorcas Windsor, Phillip C. Amick and John G. Scaggs, having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in this Church. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, W. C. Ewing, Clerk Pro Tem.

NEW LEBANON CHURCH SCENES



Upper left: The stone memorial marking the site of the original (log) church building. Upper right: The 116 year-old bricks of the current church building have withstood the test of time even though the mortar between them has occasionally required repair. Lower left: View of the pulpit from the fourth row on the men's side. The partition running the length of the church through the middle set of pews divided the women's side (to the left) from the men's side. Lower right: One of the two wood-burning stoves which heated the church. The flues from each stove extended some 18' straight up and then turned horizontally to meet in the middle of the church at a common flue which then exhausted via a chimney in the roof. The extensive pipe thus laid bare within the church conserved much heat that would otherwise have been lost.

Oct 29th 1871: Session met at Pleasant Hill School House, members present Reverend James Logan with Elders Chesley Burnett Robert C. Steele and D. K. Steele meeting opened with prayer by Moderator Lora

Downs, Alice M. Cordry having satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian. Also same time and place Nancy buried ns, Sylvanus P. Downs and Jane Downs were admitted to full membership by recommendation. Closed with prayer. Reverend James Logan, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Nov 25th 1871: Pursuant to a call of the Moderator the New Lebanon Session met at the house of Reverend A. M. Thompson. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele with Deacons R. B. Stoneman, Jonathan Brownfield and J. D. Starke of Lebanon Congregation; Elders James Arnold, D. C. Smith, S. B. Rothgeb and James H. Walker and Deacon Jessee Daniels of Bethlehem Congregation being present were invited to seats as advisory members. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator The object of the meeting being the consideration of adopting some means to raise funds to pay for Pastoral Services. The Session having procured the Services of Reverend A. M. Thompson once a month for twelve months at a salary of \$170.00. Whereas common fame charges Brother James Windsor with unbecoming conduct as a Christian, the following committee was appointed to investigate such charges as may be circulation, said Committee to report at next meeting. The business for which the meeting was called to transact being through with, the Deacons were instructed to try to raise by subscription all the funds they can in their respective Districts for paying Pastor; meeting adjourned to meet at Brother Jonathan Brownfield's on 4 Saturday in Dec. at 10 o'clock A.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator David K. Steele, Clerk.

Dec 23rd 1871: The Session met at Pleasant Hill School House, members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator Elders Chesley Burnett and Robert C. Steele. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator. David C. Swamer and Ola M. Downs having given Satisfactory evidence of their Conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At the Same place, George H. Downs, John P. Downs, and Sophia Downs, were received in full fellowship by recommendation. Meeting closed with prayer. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Dec 24th 1871: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons met at Brother Jonathan Brownfield's to hold their final quarterly Session, meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend A. M. Thompson. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson with Eiders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing and R. C. Steele and Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, James H. Steele and R. B. Stoneman. Clerk of Session not being present R. B. Stoneman was appointed Clerk Pro Tem. First business in order was reports from standing Committees.

Committee appointed to investigate charges against Benjamin Simmons, report that he has left the Country with charges of violating civil Law and charges unbecoming that of a Christian; on motion Benjamin Simmons was excommunicated from the Church. Committee to converse with James B. Smith ask further time which was granted. Committee appointed to talk T. D. Smith, Baxter Walton ask further time which was granted. Committee appointed to talk and advise with James Windsor report that they have had an interview with him and he acknowledged being intoxicated and asked forgiveness and promises to do better in the future and the Session recommends that be relieved from further charges. Committee on Church repairs report it necessary to raise \$22.09 to liquidate the debt on church; the Session think it best not to try to raise it from the church at present and recommended that the committee borrow said amount of money. Committee was appointed to employ a Sexton, Bro's Jonathan Brownfield and R. C. Steele were appointed on said committee for 1872. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother R. B. Stoneman's on the 4th Saturday in March at 1 o'clock P.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, R. B. Stoneman, Clerk Pro Tem.

March 12th 1872: Session met at Syracuse. Meeting opened with prayer, by Reverend A. M. Thompson. Richard Hardey, Anna M. Funkhouser having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full fellowship in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

March 23rd 1872: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons held their second quarterly meeting at Brother R. B. Stonemans. Members present Eiders Chesley Burnett W. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, dames H. Steele, d. D. Starke and R. B. Stoneman, the Moderator not being present Brother Burnett was Elected Moderator First business in order being reports from committees. Committee appointed on the 4th Saturday in December to employ a Sexton for twelve months report they have employed Nicholas Hedges one year for the sum of \$25.00 Dollars to be paid quarterly. Said Sexton to furnish oil for lamps, sweep and keep the church in good order, keep good fires in the winter season, wood to be furnished by the Church. Said committee asked to be discharged which was granted.

On motion all other standing committees were continued until our next meeting. On motion Brother W. C. Ewing was Elected to represent New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the next Presbytery, which is to meet at New Lebanon on Saturday before the first Sunday in April A.D. 1872 and D. K. Steele as alternate. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother W. C. Ewings on the first Saturday June at 1 o'clock P.M. Chesley Burnett Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

May 12th 1872: Session met at New Lebanon meeting opened with prayer by Reverend A. M. Thompson. Sister Mary J. Koontz was received as a member in full fellowship in New Lebanon Congregation by letter. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk

June 1st 1872: Pursuant to adjournment the session and Deacons met at Brother W. C. Ewings to hold the third quarterly meeting. Brethren present Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, with Elders W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and David K. Steele and Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman and James H. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. First business in order being reports from standing committees. Committee appointed in the case of James Smith report that he, Smith, has left the bounds or jurisdiction of our church; and said Committee asks to be discharged, which was granted. Committee in the case of Baxter Walton and T. D. Smith ask further time, which was granted. It was agreed upon that the church at New Lebanon hold their next annual church meeting for the purpose of reading the proceedings of the session for the past year on Saturday before the third Sun-day in July. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother R. C. Steele's on the second Saturday in September at 1 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with Prayer by Moderator. A. M. Thompson, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Secretary

Sept 14th 1872: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons met at Brother R. C. Steele's to hold their last quarterly meeting. Brethren present, Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, with Elders, Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and David K. Steele, with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield and James H. Steele, meeting constituted with prayer by moderator, minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved.

The first business in order being reports from standing Committees. First in order, Committee in the case of Brothers T. D. Smith and Baxter Walton. Committee having had an interview with one of the parties ask time to converse with both parties before they make their report which request was granted. Next business in order being the selection of Some Suitable person to represent New Lebanon Church in next Presbytery, and Synod, Brother R. C. Steele was selected to represent Said Church in the next presbytery which meets at Salt Fork Church, Cooper County, on the last Saturday in September and D. K. Steele his alternate.

Brother Chesley Burnett was chosen to represent New Lebanon Church in the next Synod which meets at Arrow Rock, Saline County on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October 1872, Brother W. C. Ewing his alternate. Whereas common report charges Brother James Windsor with intoxication or unbecoming conduct as a Christian the following named Committee was appointed to investigate said charges, W. C. Ewing and D. K. Steele Committee to report at next meeting of Session. Next business being reports from Deacons, there being but two Deacons present we only had a partial report. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother Chesley Burnett's on the 4th Saturday in December 1872 at 1 o'clock P.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

October 13th 1872: Session met at New Lebanon Church. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson, and Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, and David K. Steele, meeting opened with prayer.

Fannie C. Helms, John W. Fritz, Julius A. Wear, Augustus F. Asbury, S. A. Asbury, Dora E. Cordry, and L. J. Amick, having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in this church. Also same time and place Sister Martha M. Wear and Patsey Fritz were received upon recommendation. Session closed with prayer. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk

Nov 17th 1872: Session met at New Lebanon Church, members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator and Elders Chesley Burnett and R. C. Steele, meeting opened with prayer. Albert Amick, having given satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God, by His Holy Spirit, was admitted to full membership in this Church. Meeting closed with prayer. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Dec 14th 1872: The church Session having adopted a resolution requiring the proceedings of Session and Deacons to be read once a year publicly to the church: According to previous appointment the New Lebanon Congregation held their Second Annual meeting for the purpose of reading the proceeding of Session and Deacons, on Saturday 14th of December 1872 at 11 o'clock A.M. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend A. M. Thompson. Brother Thompson delivered a discourse from Revelations 7th chap and 17 verse, after which the clerk of Session read the proceedings of Session and Deacons. After the reading of the minutes, the Church employed the following named brethren to act as Sexton until the 1st of August 1873: for December, Bro's John Fritz and John Reese; January 1873 Brother B. C. Lampton; February Brother A. A. Foster; March Brother R. C. Steele; April Brother A. F. Asbury; May Brother J. D. Stark; June Brother Geo. W. Starke; July Brother James H. Steele; Meeting closed with prayer by Brother A. A. Foster. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

Dec 28th 1872: Pursuant adjournment the Session with Deacons met at Brother Chesley Burnett's to hold their first quarterly meeting. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, and D. K. Steele, with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, and R. B. Stoneman. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. First business in order being reports from Standing Committees. First in order, committee in the case of Brothers T. D. Smith and Baxter Walton were called on to report, Committee after inquiry has ascertained that Brother Walton has left the bounds or jurisdiction of the church under charges of immorality resting against him and therefore said committee asked to be discharged from further investigation in Waltons case which was granted. In the case of Brother Smith committee asked further time which was granted. Committee in the case of Brother James Windsor, ask continuance in the matter which request was granted. The Session having had under consideration the Resolution offered at last Session of Presbytery establishing boundary lines between churches which action was laid over until next Session of Presbytery. Church Session are decidedly opposed to said resolution and

instruct their Pastor and Representative to Said Presbytery to oppose such Resolution. Deacons made their last quarterly report for the year 1872. Balance due Reverend A. M. Thompson for Said year \$40.25, Building Committee for church were instructed to borrow \$140.00 to liquidate a debt against the church for repairs on church. Being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother J. D. Starke's on the 4th Saturday in March at 1 o'clock P.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

February 23 1873: Session met at Pleasant Hill School House Cooper County Mo. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator. Isaac M. Downs, John R. Cordry, William C. Steele, Sophia O. Cordry, Anna M. Downs, Rosa B. Cordry, and L. L. Steele having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full fellowship in this church meeting closed with prayer by Moderator. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

March 10th 1873: The New Lebanon Session met at Syracuse, Morgan County, Mo. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elder D. K. Steele. Meeting Constituted with prayer by Moderator William B. Shenkel, Rebecca S. Allison, and William Gilmore having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At Same time and place Sister Mary A. Denny was admitted to full membership by recommendation. Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

March 22, 1873: Pursuant to adjournment the New Lebanon Session and Deacons held their Second quarterly meeting at Brother J. D. Starke's. Brethren present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders William C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele and Deacons, R. B. Stoneman, J. H. Steele and J. D. Starke. Meeting Constituted with prayer by Moderator On motion the reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with or laid over for next meeting, first business in order being reports from standing committees. Building committee, report they have borrowed the money they were ordered to do and paid it out according to instruction. Committee in the case of Brother T. D. Smith made their report. They report having had an inter-view with Brother Smith and Brother Smith acknowledges having done wrong in some instances and makes all necessary acknowledgments and wished to Still remain in the Church, and promises to try and live a better Christian in the future. Committee in the case of Brother James Windsor asked further time which was granted. The Session had under advisement the question of revision of our Church discipline, and requested their Pastor and Representative to next Presbytery to Vote against any revision. Next business being the selection of some suitable Brother To represent New Lebanon Church in next Presbytery which meets at Bunceton, Cooper County Mo. on 1st Saturday in April A.D. 1873. Brother W. C. Ewing was chosen as principal and D. K. Steele his alternate. Whereas common fame charges Brother Richard Hardey with unbecoming conduct as a Christian the following Committee was appointed to investigate such charges: Reverend A. M. Thompson and David K. Steele to report at next meeting. Having finished the business necessary to be transacted, the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother D. K. Steele's on the 1st Saturday in June 1873 at 2 o'clock P.M. Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

April 13th 1873: The Session met at New Lebanon Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, and R. C. Steele: meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Sister Madora Amick having given satisfactory evidence of her conversion to God by His Holy Spirit was admitted to full membership in this church. Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk.

June 6th 1873: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Congregation held third quarterly meeting at Elder D. K. Steele's. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele, and D. K. Steele and Deacons, J. D. Starke and James H. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. Standing Committees being first in order, the committee in the case of Brother Richard Hardey made their report which was received and adopted. Brother Hardey acknowledged having done wrong in one in-stance where he says he was intoxicated hut was caused in part by the surrounding influence in which he was placed. Brother Hardey asks forgiveness and wishes to still remain in the church and promises to do better in the future. Committee in the case of Brother Hardey discharged. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet at Brother James H. Steele's on the 4th Saturday in September 1873 at 2 o'clock P.M. Harmony prevails in the church. Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator, D. K. Steele, Secretary.

June 7th 1873: The Session met at Pleasant Hill School house members present Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Brother John Wesley Downs having given Satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God by His Holy Spirit was admitted to full membership in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator. Rev, A. M. Thompson Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

June 7th. New Lebanon Congregation held their Sacramental Meeting. Reverend Minor Neal and Reverend A. M. Thompson officiating, communion largely attended and a general good feeling in congregation, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Sept. 27th 1873: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Congregation held their last quarterly meeting at Brother James H. Steele's. Members present Reverend A. M. Thompson, Moderator with Elders W. C. Ewing, Robert C. Steele and David K. Steele and Deacons Jonathan Brownfield, R. B. Stoneman and James H. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by moderator. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. Standing Committees being first in order, committee in the case of Brother James Windsor made their report as follows: it was decided by Session to order Brother James Windsor to appear before the bar of the church to answer charges of Drunkenness and deserting his family or leaving them in feeble health, and other immoral conduct; time and place of meeting, at New Lebanon Church on Saturday before the Second Sunday in November at 11 o'clock A.M.

Next business in order, the Election of delegate to represent New Lebanon Church in our next Presbytery which meets at Concord Church Moniteau County, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in Oct. at 11 o'clock A.M. D. K. Steele was elected principal and R. C. Steele his alternate. Next in order being the Election of a delegate to represent New Lebanon Congregation in our next Synod which meets at Bunceton, Cooper County: Thursday before third Saturday in Oct., R. C. Steele was chosen principal and D. K. Steele his alternate. Being no further business, meeting adjourned to meet at Brother W. C. Ewing's on the 4th Saturday in Dec. 1873 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator Reverend A. M. Thompson Moderator, D. K. Steele, Secretary

Nov. 8th 1873: Pursuant to adjournment the Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at New Lebanon Church for the purpose of hearing the defense of Brother James Windsor in regard to charges that have been brought against him before the Church Session. In the absence of the Moderator Brother W. C. Ewing was Elected Moderator pro tem; Members present Brothers Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele. Minutes of last meeting in regard to charges and Specifications were read. Brother Windsor being present pleads guilty of the charges or Specifications and on motion of Brother Burnett Brother James Windsor Suspended from Church privileges for the space of six months. The business for which the Session met to transact being completed the Session adjourned. W. C. Ewing Moderator Pro tem, D. K. Steele, Secretary

Dec 14th 1873: The Session met at New Lebanon Church. Members present Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele. By common consent the Session agreed to meet at New Lebanon Church on the Second Saturday in Jan. 1874 at 10 o'clock A.M. instead of the 4th Saturday in Dec. 1873. W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

February 7th 1874: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church held their first quarterly meeting for the year of 1874 at Elder R. C. Steele's. Members present Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele and Deacons R. B. Stoneman, J. D. Starke and James H. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of previous meeting's read and approved.

Whereas common fame charges Brother William Gilmore with unbecoming conduct as a Christian, on motion of Brother Ewing, Brother D. K. Steele was appointed a committee to talk or converse with Brother Gilmore in relation to said charges of immoral conduct. Next business in order being reports from Deacons. They not being ready asked further time which was granted. Being no further business meeting adjourned to meet at Brother J. D. Starke's on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in March 1874 at 2 o'clock P.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

March 8th 1874: The Session of New Lebanon met at New Lebanon Church, members present W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele and D. K. Steele; in the absence of the Moderator Elder W. C. Ewing was Elected Moderator. By request Brother William David Cordry and Melissa Jane Cordry were granted letters of dismission and recommendation. No further business session adjourned. W. C. Ewing Moderator Pro tem, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session. March 28 1874: Pursuant to adjournment, the Session and Deacons held their Second quarterly meeting at Brother J. D. Starke's; members present, Reverend W. W. Brannin, Moderator, with Elders W. C. Ewing, R. C. Steele, and D. K. Steele, and Deacons R. B. Stoneman and J. D. Starke. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. The minutes of previous meetings read and approved,

First business in order being reports of special committees. Committee in the case of Brother William Gilmore made their report which was as follows: They report having had an interview with Brother Gilmore, he confesses to having acted in an unbecoming manner as a Christian and asks forgiveness for the manner in which he has acted and promises to do better in the future and still desires to be retained as a church member. Report of committee received as Satisfactory. Next business, Letters of dismission and recommendation were granted to Sister's Fannie Helms and Mary Helms. Elder Chesley Burnett was elected to attend next Presbytery which meets at Mount Vernon Church, Cooper County Mo. on 1st Saturday in April 1874 and Elder D. K. Steele his alternate.

JOHN DRYDEN STARKE



John D. Starke (1842 1915) served in the Civil War and was discharged as a Corporal from the Missouri Infantry on June 29, 1865.

Deacons were called on to make their report, not being ready, asked further time which was granted. Being no further business meeting adjourned to meet at Deacon R. B. Stoneman's on the Second Saturday in June at 2 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

Deacon J. D. Starke was John Dryden Starke born Aug. 3, 1842 Kanawah Co. (W.) Va. died Nov. 5, 1915 Otterville, Mo. buried Otterville, Mo. son of Dryden Starke born Mar. 10, 1818 near Charleston, (W.) Va. (see DVKM and HCCJ) married Nov. 5, 1861 Otterville, Mo. Mary Agnes Stratton born Nov. 21, 1842 Roanoke Co. Va. (see DVKM). J. D. "Jack" Starke was elected a judge of Cooper Co. in 1880, as tax collector in 1882; as a state senator in 1886; and, during the administration of Gov. Lon V. Stephens, he was appointed warden of the state penitentiary. Judge Starke was the first of eight brothers and sisters to die; at his death they were: R. J. Starke of Tanana, Alaska, L. P. Starke of Boonville, Mo., Mrs. Nora Starke Hogan of Otterville, Mo., Mrs. Josephine Starke Ballard of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Sallie Starke Stratton of Otterville, Mo., Mrs. Lelia Starke Poage of Azusa, Calif. and Mrs. Gussie Starke Mason of Kansas. John D. Starke, a veteran of the Civil War, had nine children:

(1) Sarah Paulina Starke born Oct. 18, 1864 died Aug. 22, 1914 Vermont, Cooper Co. Mo. (Ill Oct. 18, 1887 William Lynn Spahr and had:

(a) Lawrence Stephen Spahr born July 22, 1888 died Aug. 29, 1951 (married Elizabeth Grace Gander died Aug. 8, 1973, see DVKM)

(b) Clarence William Spahr h Nov. 8, 1890 (changed his name to William Lynn Spahr, Jr., that of his father who was an undertaker in Boonville, Mo., the first one to have brick-lined graves in Boonville) died Oct. 16, 1958 buried Independence, Mo. (married Anna Lee Palmer born Mar. 7, 1892)

(c) David Dryden Spahr born Dec. 6, 1892 died Oct. 9, 1957 buried Los Angeles, Calif. (married 1st Luella Stewart and had one son; he married 2nd Pearl --- and had no children))

(2) Dryden Leftwitch Starke born Dec. 1, 1866 died Oct. 2, 1935 Jefferson City, Mo. buried Bunceton, Mo. (he farmed west of Bunceton, Mo.) (married Nov. 23, 1892 Bertha May Davis died Sept. 4, 1929 buried Bunceton, Mo. and had: (a) Mary Starke born Aug. 2, 1893 died Nov. 26, 1924 buried Bunceton, Mo. (married Frank Koontz died June 20, 1961 St. Louis, Mo. buried Bunceton, Mo. son of Joseph Russell Koontz born Feb. 21, 1863 Page Co. Va. (see DVKM) and had no children)

(b) Maurice Preston Starke born Aug. 24, 1895 (living 1975) (married Founty Fluty and had two children)

(c) Dick Dryden Starke born Oct. 22, 1897 died Aug. 12, 1974 Springfield, Ill. (married Blanche -- and had: Robert E. Starke (R Aurora, Ill.); and Jack M. Starke (R Palatine, Ill.))

(d) Virginia May Starke born July 8, 1909 died June 18, 1905)

(3) Josephine Blanche Starke born Nov. 11, 1868 died June 21, 1950 California, Mo. buried Otterville, Mo. (married Oct. 8, 1889 James S. Funkhouser died Sept. 27, 1938 buried Otterville, Mo. adopted son of Eli Funkhouser (see DVKM) and had:

(a) Mary Paulina "Nina" Funkhouser born Apr. 12, 1891 died 1937 Detroit, Mich. buried Otterville, Mo. (married 1st Leonard Edmonston and had no children; she married 2nd Mr. Moshier and had no children)

(b) Jack Alton Reavis Funkhouser born Dec. 30, 1892 died July 26, 1963 buried Plattsburg, Mo. (was cashier of the First National Bank of Plattsburg for 41 years) (married June 9, 1915 Kansas City, Mo. Ruth Marie DeLancey born Oct. 14, 1896 and had:

(A) Jack Alton Reavis Funkhouser, Jr. died infancy buried Kansas City, Mo.

(B) Donald Lyle Funkhouser born Mar. 15, 1919 Kansas City, Mo. (married Sept. 7, 1940 Akron, Colo. Retha Elizabeth Rayner born June 9, 1919 Ft. Collins, Colo. And had:

(1) Carole Lynn Funkhouser born Dec. 28, 1946 Lake Charles, La. (married Wayne Odell and had:

(a) Melissa Ayn Odell born 1971

(b) Darrell Wayne Odell born 1973)

(c) Janice Marie Funkhouser born May 19, 1949 Des Moines, Ia. (married Dan Lloyd and had:

(A) Amy Jo Lloyd born 1970)

(B) Linda Jean Funkhouser born June 22, 1951 Lake Charles, La.

(C) Jack Rayner Funkhouser born Jan. 8, 1956 Lake Charles, La.

(D) Gary Dean Funkhouser born Apr. 7, 1958 Kansas City, Kan.)

(E) Harriet Marie Funkhouser born June 18, 1921 Kansas City, Mo. (R Plattsburg, Mo.) (married Joseph William Buckley and had:

(1) Kirt William Buckley born 1951

(2) Gayle Marie Buckley born 1956)))

(4) Mary Ruffnet Starke born Sept. 27, 1870 died May 28, 1955 buried Glendale, Calif. (married 1st June 24, 1890 Benjamin Franklin Reavis died Feb. 14, 1936 buried Glendale, Calif. (they raised Jack A. R. Funkhouser) and had no children. She married 2nd Nov. 10, 1945 William Orlando Hardin and had no children)

(5) Nora Lee Starke born Nov. 13, 1872 died Apr. 5, 1938 California, Mo. buried Otterville, Mo. (married Oct. 26, 1898 Charles Edward Tieman born 1873 died Jan. 2, 1948 buried Otterville, Mo. and had no children)

(6) John Jefferson Starke born Nov. 1, 1874 died Feb. 16, 1875

(7) Preston Everett Starke born Apr. 26, 1876 died Mar. 18, 1877

(8) Pauline Agnes Starke born Oct. 5, 1879 died Nov. 7, 1963 Wichita, Kan. buried Otterville, Mo. (married Oct. 12, 1897 John Leonard Spillers born May 23, 1876 died July 4, 1935 buried Otterville, Mo. and had:

(a) Guy Eldon Spillers born Oct. 14, 1899 died Apr. 19, 1955 buried Oklahoma City, Okla. (married 1st Mary Frances Reid and had no children. He married 2nd July 3, 1947 Marguerita Allen and had no children)

(b) Agnes Ellen Spillers born July 18, 1902 (R Wichita, Kan.) (married Feb. 15, 1925 Otterville, Mo. Raymond Edward Dahler born June 30, 1903 Jamestown, Mo. died Mar. 12, 1974 buried California, Mo. son of John Dahler and had: John Spillers Dahler born May 7, 1930 Wichita, Kan. (R St. Paul, Minn.) (married June 30, 1954 Broadhead, Wis. Lanaya Dorothy Williams born Apr. 22, 1931 Chicago, Ill. And had: Kurt Williams Dahler born June 27, 1959 Minneapolis, Minn.; and Gwendolyn Kay Dahler born June 15, 1960 Minneapolis, Minn.)))

(9) Howlette Rogers Starke born Oct. 24, 1881 died Oct. 5, 1951 buried Otterville, Mo. (married Nov. 28, 1908 Gladys Lee Huff born Dec. 80, 1883 died Dec. 17, 1950 buried Otterville, Mo. and had: Jennie Lee Starke born Sept. 1, 1909 New Lebanon, Mo. (married Sept. 20, 1943 Sweet

Springs, Saline Co. Mo. Walter Edward Castle born Oct. 13, 1911 Sedalia, Mo. son of Walter Jerome Castle born 1885 north of Sedalia, Mo. died 1939 Ruston, La. buried Sedalia, Mo. and Johanna Imhauser born Mar. 12, 1888 Bahner, Pettis Co. Mo. died Apr. 8, 1973 Rolla, Mo. buried Sedalia, Mo. and had: Waiter Allen Castle born May 21, 1947 Sedalia, Mo. (R Otterville, Mo.))).

June 13th 1874: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons held their third quarterly meeting at the House of Brother R. B. Stoneman's members all present. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. First business in order being reports from Deacons they report not having had a final Settlement with Reverend A. M. Thompson and ask further time which was granted. Being no further business the session adjourned to meet at Elder W. C. Ewings on the 2nd Saturday in September at 10 o'clock P.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator. D. K. Steele Clerk, Reverend W. W. Brannin, Moderator

August 23rd 1874: The Session of the New Lebanon congregation met at New Lebanon church, members present Reverend W. W. Brannin, Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett Robert C. Steele and D. K. Steele; meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Ada Amick, Maggie Cordry, Mary Alice Cordry, Eliza Amick, Nancy Amick, Georgia Amick, Cleopatra Murphy, Alice Murphy, Maggie S. Ewing, Willie I. Hooper, Thomas E. Swamer, Thomas E. Smith, Dudley Reese, James O. Lewis, Eva E. Hedges, Rhoda E. Lewis having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Meeting closed with prayer by Brother J. E. F. Robertson. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

September 12th 1874: According adjournment the Session and Deacons held their fourth quarterly meeting at Brother W. C. Ewings. Members present Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing and Robert C. Steele and Deacons James H. Steele and J. D. Starke. Brother J. D. Starke reported on the part of Deacons that he had made final settlement with Reverend A. M. Thompson which report was received as satisfactory.

Whereas common fame charges John Reese with unbecoming conduct as a Christian, and he having asked the Session to have his name dropped from the roll of members, it is the opinion of the Session that his name be discontinued from the list of members in good standing and the same be made public to the church. Elder W. C. Ewing was chosen to represent New Lebanon Church in the next Presbytery which meets at Mount Olive Church, Saline County on the fourth Saturday in September 1874 and Elder D. K. Steele his alternate. On motion it was agree upon by Session that the minutes of the Session for the last year be read to the church on the 2nd Saturday in October. Adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. J. H. Steele, Clerk Pro Tem.

September 18th 1874: Pursuant to adjournment the Session met at New Lebanon Church members present as on yesterday with Elder D. K. Steele added to the session. Elder D. K. Steele was chosen to attend Synod and Elder W. C. Ewing his alternate. Reverend W. W. Brannin was employed to supply New Lebanon Church with Preaching once a month for twelve months. At same time and place Margaret Reese and Lura Wear having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were taken in to full membership in to our church. Adjourned with prayer by W. W. Brannin. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session. P.A. Place for next meeting Brother Jonathan Brownfields on the 2nd Saturday in December at 2 o'clock P.M. D. K. Steele, Clerk

Oct 10th 1874: Pursuant to order of Session, New Lebanon Congregation met for the purpose of hearing the proceedings of church session read. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator. The clerk of Session then proceeded to read the minutes of Dec. 14th 1872 to September 13th 1874. After the reading meeting closed with prayer by Brother A. A. Foster. W. W. Brannin, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

Nov. 14th 1874: The Session met at Pleasant Hill School House at 8 o'clock P.M. Members present Reverend James Logan Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett Robert C. Steele and David K. Steele. Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator. Mary A. Sole, Mattie Z. Steele, Mary E. Downs, Sarah Brownfield, Mary J. Sole, Alice M. Steele, Harriett Sole, Sarah E. Sole, Sarah J. Smith, George W. Steele, W. H. Brown, John W. Downs [he was born in Indiana and came to Cooper Co. in 1869], William Sole and Bailey Sole having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted to full membership in this church. At Same time and place Mary E. Brown was received in full fellowship by letter. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend James Logan, Moderator, David K. Steele, Clerk Of Session. Dec 12th 1874: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons held their 1st quarterly meeting at Brother Jonathan Brownfields. Members present, Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator with Elders Robert C. Steele and D. K. Steele with Deacons Jonathan Brownfield and James H. Steele, Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion of Brother R. C. Steele, Sister Rhoda F. Nichols [Rhoda Frances Rue married B. F. Nichols, see DVKM] was granted a letter of dismission and recommendation and Clerk ordered to write out and forward Same to her, being no further business meeting adjourned to meet at Elder Chesley Burnett's on the Second Saturday in March 1875 at 2 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

Dec 17th 1874: The Session met at Pleasant Hill School House at 8 o'clock P.M. Members present Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator and Elders Chesley Burnett and Robert C. Steele. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Susan Decker, David Decker, Christopher Decker, John W. Decker, Doctor C. Decker, Joseph W. Decker, Nancy J. Decker and Mary M. Stahl having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in this Church. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele Clerk of Session.

March 13th 1875: The Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Church held their Second quarterly meeting at Eider Chesley Burnett's members all present. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Meetings of previous meetings read and approved. Sister Eliza Hemphill was granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation. On motion Elder R. C. Steele, Eliza B. Steele, Nancy J. Steele, William C. Steele and Mattie Z. Steele were granted letters of dlsmission and recommendation. On Motion Brother Andrew Foster, Sister Mary Foster and Robert W. Foster were granted letter of dismissal and recommendation.

On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing, Sister G. A. George was granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation. On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing, Brother William Gilmore was suspended from church privileges until such time as he may manifest a disposition to con-duct himself better. He having conducted himself ill an unbecoming manner as a Christian and being often reproved or talked to by a special committee. It having come to the knowledge of the Session that Brothers William Shenkel, Richard Hardey and Sister Anna Funkhouser having been conducting themselves in an unbecoming manner as Christians, Elder D. K. Steele was appointed a Committee to talk to said members in regard to the matter and ordered to report at next meeting of Session. Whereas common fame charges Brother James Lewis as conducting himself in an unbecoming manner as a Christian Reverend W. W. Brannin was appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report at next meeting.

The Deacons of our church believing it to be the best interest of the Church that they should resign they therefore tendered their resignation as Deacons. Said resignation to take effect on the Second Saturday in April 1875. Resignation accepted and an election ordered for the election of four Deacons on the Second Saturday in April 1875. On motion three additional Elders were ordered to be elected on Second Saturday in April 1875. On motion of Brother Ewing, the Pastor of our Church was ordered to read preamble and resolution of last Presbytery tomorrow in regard to Pastors Salary and to take some definite action in the matter on Second Saturday in April. On Motion Elder D. K. Steele was elected a delegate to represent New Lebanon Church at our next Session of Presbytery which meets at New Salem Church, Cooper County on first Saturday in April at 11 o'clock A.M. 1875. Elder W. C. Ewing was chosen as his alternate. Being no further business Session adjourned to meet at Elder D. K. Steele's on Second Saturday in June at 2 o'clock P.M. 1875. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele Clerk Of Session.

April 10th 1875: According to previous announcement, New Lebanon Congregation met for the purpose of Electing 4 Deacons, and three additional Elders. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator after which they proceeded to Elect 4 Deacons, resulting in the election of Bro's J. D. Starke, James H. Steele, Robert S. buried ns and John L. Stratton, Congregation then proceeded to elect 3 ruling Elders resulting in the election of Brothers A. T. Swamer [he was born in Pennsylvania and came to Cooper Co. in 1866], Dr. William Hooper and Henderson Windsor. The Pastor then proceeded to read preamble and Resolution from Presbytery; after some appropriate remarks on preamble it was agreed to let the matter lay over for future action. Meeting proceeded to close by prayer by Moderator. W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

April 11th 1875: According to announcement New Lebanon Congregation met for the ordination of Elders and Deacons at 10 o'clock A.M. Reverend W. W. Brannin constituted the meeting with prayer and then ordained the following named brethren. Brothers A. T. Swamer, Dr. William Hooper and Henderson Windsor as Elders and Robert S. Burns as Deacon. This matter of business being through with we then had a sermon from Reverend W. W. Brannin. Meeting closed with prayer. Reverend W. W. Brannin Med., D. K. Steele, Clerk.

June 12th 1875: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Church met at Elder D. K. Steele's to hold their third quarterly meeting, members all present except Deacon J. D. Starke. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved as also the minutes of intermediate meetings. Special Committees being first business in order. Committee in the case of Brother James Lewis was called upon, not being ready, ask further time which was granted. Committee in the case of Brother William Shenkel ask further time which was granted. Committee in the case of Sister Anna Funkhouser made their report which report is as follows. She acknowledges to charge of dancing and said she did not know it was any harm. She did not ask forgiveness in the case and as much as to say she would do so again if she chose. On motion of Brother Ewing the Clerk of Session was ordered to notify her to appear before the Session on the Second Saturday of September at 2 o'clock P.M. 1875 to answer to those charges or give reason why she should not be suspended or expelled from the church.

Committee in the case of Brother Richard Hardey report that they bad an interview with him, and from all the facts in the case or evidence, the Committee believe the charges are unfounded. Report of Committee agreed to and Committee discharged. Committee on repairs were instructed to try and borrow the amount of money necessary to pay off the note which Brother Minor Neal holds against said committee. Session and Deacons resolved to hold as Special meeting for the purpose of levying an assessment against its members to pay Pastors

Salary, Said meeting to be held on the 18th day of June at 10 o'clock A.M. Clerk was instructed to notify the Deacons to report at Special meeting with their Books and make final Settlement. Being no further business meeting adjourned to meet at Brother James H. Steele's on Second Saturday in Sept at 2 o'clock P.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator. Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele Clerk.

June 18th 1875: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons met at New Lebanon Church for the purpose of levying or making an assessment against the members of said Church members for the purpose of paying Pastors Salary. Said assessment to be made in accordance with an order of Presbytery and adopted by Said Congregation. Members of Session all present except Reverend W. W. Brannin. Deacons absent J. D. Starke, Rider A. T. Swamer was elected Moderator. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing the Deacons were allowed a vote in all business pertaining to the assessment. On Motion of Brother Ewing it was agreed that we make an assessment of one hundred dollars to pay Pastors Salary for the present year. On Motion of Elder William Hooper, the meeting ordered an additional assessment of \$25.00 to pay any deficiency that might occur. On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing any member having paid Salary for this year he or she shall have credit for the amount they may have paid. On Motion all members under charges shall be exempt from assessment until such time as they may be clear of such charges. On Motion the list of members in good Standing were called from the Church book and whenever any member think a member worthy of exemption from assessment they shall make it known by making a motion to the affect that they be exempt, motion adopted.

On Motion Elder William Hooper was called to assist the Clerk in the transaction of his business. On motion of Elder W. C. Ewing, Deacon R. B. Stoneman be requested to make out a list of these members that have paid Pastors Salary for this year and furnish the Same to his Successor in office at the earliest convenience. On Motion Meeting recess until 1 O'clock P.M. Recess having expired Meeting resumed business. On Motion Deacon J. Brownfield now requested to turn over the names and amounts of subscription to his Successor in office if there be such who have paid any for this year. On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing 52 Members were assessed 25¢ each. On Motion 28 Members were assessed 50¢ each. On Motion of Elder W. C. Ewing 30 members were assessed 75¢ each. On Motion of D. K. Steele 15 members were assessed \$1.00 each, 15 members were assessed \$1.50 each, 15 members were assessed \$2.00 each and one member assessed \$8.00 Being no further business meeting adjourned. Eider A. T. Swamer Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk.

Aug 27th 1875: The Session met at New Lebanon Church at 10 o'clock A.M. Members present W. W. Brannin Moderator and Eiders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, D. K. Steele, A. T. Swamer, William Hooper and Henderson Windsor. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. W. H. Robertson, Lacy A. Mann, Mollie L. Ewing, Ludy B. Ruby, Melvina A. Amick, Icybinda Windsor having Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in this Church. At Same time and place Sister Ellen Paxton united by letter. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Moderator Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

August 30th, 1875: The session met at New Lebanon Church. Members present: Reverend W. W. Brannin Moderator, Eiders W. C. Ewing, William Hooper and Henderson Windsor. Meeting was constituted with prayer. John W. Mann having given satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God by His Holy Spirit was admitted to full membership in this church. Meeting closed with prayer by moderator. W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele Clerk of Session.

September 5th, 1875: The session met at New Lebanon Church Members present: W. W. Brannin Moderator, with Eiders Chesley Burnett William Hooper, and Henderson Windsor, Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Edward C. Hutchison, James M. Murphy, Emmons F. Lampton, Emma Reese, Mary E. Hutchison, having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in this Church. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Moderator. W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele Clerk of Session.

Sept. 11th 1875: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacon of New Lebanon Congregation held their 4th quarterly meeting at Brother J. H. Steele's, members all present. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator W. W. Brannin. Minutes of two last meetings read and approved. On Motion the reading of minutes of intermediate meetings from June 18th 1875 were dispensed with.

The clerk of Session having complied with the orders of Session in giving notice to Sister Anna Funkhouser to appear before the bar of the Session and whereas she has failed to appear according to notice and whereas there are palliating circumstances in her case, Therefore Resolved that her case be continued with instruction that the committee be re-requested to see and her and ascertain the feeling she entertains in relation to this Church. Committee to report at next quarterly meeting. On motion the committee in the case of Brother James Lewis was continued and Elder William Hooper added to said committee. Whereas Brother Clark Hooper has returned within the bounds of this Congregation. Resolved the word removed be erased from opposite his name. Committee on repairs made the report and asks further time to finish the business assigned them which was granted. Committee in the case of Brother William Shenkel report that he Brother Shenkel has left the bounds of the Congregation; report concurred in and committee discharged with instruction that the clerk mark opposite his name removed under charges. On Motion of Eider D. K. Steele, Sister Elizabeth Starke was granted

a letter of dismissal and recommendation. On motion Sister Margaret Small was granted a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

On Motion Elder A. T. Swamer was elected to represent New Lebanon Congregation next Session of Presbytery which meets at Mt. Horeb in Saline County on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September at 11 o'clock A.M., Elder D. K. Steele his alternate. On Motion Elder W. C. Ewing was elected as principal to attend the next Session of Missouri's Synod which meets at Pisgah Church, Johnson County Missouri on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October at 11 o'clock A.M., Elder D. K. Steele his alternate. On Motion our delegate to Presbytery be instructed to oppose the Publication of a Paper called 'Our Faith' or any other Paper that may conflict with the Board of Publication. Further that our delegate to presbytery be instructed to use his influence to have Presbytery Memorialize the Board of Publication to reduce the price of the Cumberland Presbyterian to \$2.00 per annum.

Moved and Seconded that this Session elect a Church Treasurer who Shall receive all monies collected and pay the Same over to the Pastor or what ever purpose Said money may be collected for and take receipt for same. Motion adopted. Having created the office of Treasurer, on Motion Elder William Hooper was elected to the office of Treasurer. On motion the Session created the office of Sexton. On Motion the Deacons were instructed to employ a Sexton. The Treasurer was instructed to see Brother A. J. Read and collect the amount due New Lebanon Congregation from his as interest on money left from his Mother for Said Congregation. Report from Deacon next business in order: Brother J. D. Starke reports having collected \$67.00, the other Deacons not being ready to report ask further time and no further business. Meeting adjourned to meet at Brother R. S. buried ns on Second Saturday in December at 10 o'clock A.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

[Addition] To the minutes of the regular meeting of Session held Sept. 11, 1875: Reverend A. T. Swamer the representative to Presbytery was instructed by the Session to use his best endeavor to secure the services of a minister to supply New Lebanon congregation with the word and ordinances one half the time for the ensuing year. The year beginning with October 1875.

The Session met Pleasant Hill School House. Members present Reverend James Logan, Moderator with Elders A. T. Swamer and D. K. Steele. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator. Josephine Fox and Daniel R. Shafer, having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in New Lebanon Congregation. Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Reverend James Logan Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

Sept 27th 1875: Elder A. T. Swamer having been elected to represent New Lebanon Congregation at the sitting of New Lebanon Presbytery which convened on the 25th of Sept 1875; Procured the Services of Brother James Logan to Supply Said Congregation twice a month with preaching for twelve months at a Salary of \$200.00 to be paid quarterly. D. K. Steele Clerk.

Nov. 21st 1875: At an informal meeting of the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Congregation and by general consent, the first quarterly meeting was changed from the Second Saturday in Dec. at 10 o'clock A.M. to the first Saturday in December at 9 o'clock A.M. and generally agreed that the reassessment of members to pay Pastors Salary be made at that meeting. D. K. Steele, Clerk. Dec. 4th 1875: Pursuant to adjournment the Session and Deacons of New Lebanon Congregation met at the house of Brother R. S. buried ns for the purpose of holding their first quarterly Meeting. Members all present. Deacons present J. H. Steele and R. S. buried ns. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend James Logan Moderator. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. Delegate to Presbytery reports that he has complied with instructions of Session in reference to employing a Pastor to supply New Lebanon Congregation with the word and ordinance of God for one year. Session endorses the record made by the Clerk Sept 27th 1875. Committee in the case of Sister Anna Funkhouser made their report as follows. Sister Funkhouser has left the bounds of this Congregation. Report concurred in and Committee discharged and Clerk of Session instructed to mark opposite her name in church book removed under charges. Committee in the case of James O. Lewis not being ready report as further time which was granted committee to report at next meeting. Special committee appointed to see Brother A. J. Read in reference to interest on money left for this congregation by his mother ask further time request granted.

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Moved and Seconded that this Session elect a Church Treasurer who Shall receive all monies collected and pay the Same over to the Pastor or what ever purpose Said money may be collected for and take receipt for same. Motion adopted. Having created the office of Treasurer, on Motion Elder William Hooper was elected to the office of Treasurer. On motion the Session created the office of Sexton. On Motion the Deacons were instructed to employ a Sexton. The Treasurer was instructed to see Brother A. J. Read and collect the amount due New Lebanon Congregation from his as interest on money left from his Mother for Said Congregation. Report from Deacon next business in order: Brother J. D. Starke reports having collected \$67.00, the other Deacons not being ready to report ask further time and no further business. Meeting adjourned to meet at Brother R. S. buried ns on Second Saturday in December at 10 o'clock A.M. adjourned with prayer by Moderator W. W. Brannin Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

[Addition] To the minutes of the regular meeting of Session held Sept. 11, 1875: Reverend A. T. Swamer the representative to Presbytery was instructed by the Session to use his best endeavor to secure the services of a minister to supply New Lebanon congregation with the word and ordinances one half the time for the ensuing year. The year beginning with October 1875.

The Session met Pleasant Hill School House. Members present Reverend James Logan, Moderator with Elders A. T. Swamer and D. K. Steele. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator. Josephine Fox and Daniel R. Shafer, having given satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit were admitted to full membership in New Lebanon Congregation. Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Reverend James Logan Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk of Session.

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(A) Elizabeth Ellen Read born 1848 died June 27, 1926 (married Jan. 5, 1874 John H. Deckard born 1848 died Mar. 24, 1893)

(B) Nancy Evaline Read born Sept. 26, 1850 died Apr. 10, 1934 (married 1874 John A. Marling and had no children)

(C) Ewing Read born Aug. 18, 1854 died Jan. 31, 1940 (married Oct. 3, 1877 George Embree Titsworth born July 13, 1854 died Sept. 8, 1921 son of Henry S. Titsworth and Nancy E. Oglesby (see DVKM) and had six children:

(1) James Henry Titsworth born Sept. 2, 1878 died Sept. 5, 1878

(2) Lizzie (Birdie) Read Titsworth born June 1861 died Dec. 19, 1955 (married Ira Woste and had three children:

(a) Merle Woste born Dec. 25, 1903 (married Jan. 4, 1935 Janet Stokes born Sept. 7, 1911 daughter of C. L. Stokes and Vera Krusor and had three children:

(1) Richard M. Woste born Sept. 9, 1935 (married Sept. 21, 1957 Judy Inda)

(2) George Lee Woste born July 2, 1940 (married June 22, 1960 Diana Schulte)

(3) David L. Woste born Feb. 21, 1945)

(b) Nita Woste (married Clarence M. Sample and had no children)

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- (3) George Earle Titsworth born Sept. 3, 1885 died Apr. 2, 1952 (was married but had no children)
- (4) Evelyn Ewing Titsworth born Sept. 14, 1889 died July 31, 1952 (married June 24, 1920 Harmon T. Houston born May 6, 1889 and had two children:
- (a) John Harmon Houston born Mar. 8, 1922 (married Apr. 28, 1956 Beverly Van)
 - (b) Marjorie A. Houston born Nov. 22, 1924 (married Oct. 30, 1953 John Maag and had:
(A) Holly Evelyn Maag born Dec. 8, 1956))
- (5) Charles F. Titsworth born Oct. 3, 1890 (married Feb. 8, 1946 Hazel Lina Clark born Sept. 25, 1894 and had no children)
- (6) Durwood Titsworth born May 11, 1894 (married Dec. 7, 1917 Eva Mae Rottmeyer born Mar. 22, 1899 daughter of Christ J. Rottmeyer and Amanda Messner and had two children:
- (a) Lloyd Leroy Titsworth born Apr. 9, 1920 (married Dec. 27, 1942 Webster City, Iowa Lenna Hathway born Mar. 23, 1920 and had: Patricia Ann Titsworth born June 2, 1945)
 - (b) Robert Wendell Titsworth born Jan. 13, 1922 (married Nov. 4, 1944 Janet Prichard born Jan. 17, 1922 daughter of Harry Prichard and had:
(A) Susan Dee Titsworth born Aug. 10, 1945 Waterloo, Iowa; and Jane Titsworth born Dec. 24, 1949 Storm Lake, Iowa)))
- (D) Anthony Foster Road born Nov. 20, 1855 died May 10, 1864
- (E) Mary Walker Read born Feb. 27, 1858 died July 28, 1876
- (F) Finis Chatham Road born Apr. 22, 1861 died Nov. 8, 1937
- (G) Sallie Foster Read born Sept. 9, 1862 died June 11, 1941 (married Feb. 29, 1888 Parmenas Cole born Apr. 10, 1866 died Mar. 2, 1941 son of James Warren Cole born Oct. 14, 1832 died Sept. 27, 1898 and Mary Elizabeth Drake born Nov. 15, 1834 died June 12, 1911 [James Warren Cole was the son of Samuel Cole born Feb. 1, 1600 died Mar. 9, 1886 and Sarah Briscoe born Aug. 26, 1805 died Sept. 14, 1854 (see HCLD)] and had five children:
- (1) James Read Cole born May 29, 1688 died Nov. 22, 1944, never married
 - (2) John Ewing Cole born June 3, 1894 (married 1st Feb. 18, 1917 Naomi Goodknight born Dec. 16, 1691 died Dec. 36, 1932 and had one child:
(a) Dorothy Marie Cole born Feb. 20, 1926 (married Feb. 3, 1947 John Raphael Stohr son of Jacob Stohr and had three children:
(A) Gary Lee Stohr born Dec. 13, 1949
(B) Barbara Ann Stohr born Aug. 29, 1968
(C) Beverly Marie Stohr born Aug. 23, 1959)
- John Ewing Cole married 2nd Feb. 24, 1935 Blanche Jackels born June 29, 1914 and had no children)
- (3) Blanche Fay Cole born July 24, 1897 (married May 19, 1920 Ira Albert Leiter born Nov. 24, 1997 son of Noah Kendie Leiter and Christina Bross and had three children:
- (a) Donald Ira Leiter born July 27, 1921 [m Jan. 8, 1950 Evelyn Elaine Corwine born Dec. 22, 1920 daughter of Guy David Corwine and Lois Mae Wilson and had three children:
(A) Donna Elaine Leiter born Mar. 20, 1951
(B) Evelyn Kay Leiter born Jan. 19, 1953
(C) Dorothy Lee Leiter born July 26, 1955)
 - (b) Eleanor Fay Leiter born Aug. 36, 1923 (married Mar. 29, 1948 Armand Isadore Vallieres born Feb. 23, 1922 son of Joseph Isadore Vallieres and Alma Grace Lajoie and had five children:
(A) Anthony Armand Vallieres born Sept. 2, 1950 Washington, D.C.
(B) Joseph Ira Vallieres born Mar. 26, 1952 Taipei, Formosa
(C) Lawrence Leiter Vallieres born May 7, 1953 Taipei, Formosa
(D) Eleanor Ann Vallieres born Nov. 17, 1954 Washington, D.C.
(E) Leslie Lajoie Vallieres born Nov. 1, 1956 Silver Spring, Md.)
 - (c) Wayne Read Leiter born Jan. 25, 1920 (married Aug. 7, 1949 St. Joseph, Mo. Elsie Ruth Miller born Nov. 25, 1925 daughter of Leslie Miller and Gertie Mae Embree and had one child: Terry Wayne Leiter born June 30, 1950. Elsie Ruth Miller had a son by a previous marriage who was adopted by W. R. Leiter: Gary Edward Schick Leiter born July 6, 1943)
- (4) Finis Chatham Cole born June 4, 1699 died Mar. 3, 1901
- (5) Parmenas Lemuel Cole born Feb. 1, 1904 (married 1st Sept. 24, 1924 Mary E. Robinson born 1903 and had two children:
- (a) Helen Irene Cole born May 19, 1925 (married Arthur Thomsom)
 - (b) Delmar Parmenas Cole born July 19, 1926 died in World War II.
- P. L. Cole married 2nd Aug. 10, 1930 Elsie Johnson born Dec. 9, 1909 daughter of Edward Johnson and had three more children:
- (c) Raymond Lemuel Cole born June 6, 1931 (married Dec. 31, 1953 Emma Dean McCoy born July 8, 1935 and had

(A) Gene Lemuel Cole born Nov. 5, 1955; Judy Fay Cole born Apr. 11, 1957
 (A) William Roy Cole born May 14, 1959 and others)
 (a) Rosella Fay Cole born Feb. 8, 1934 (married Sept. 9, 1952 Hector Omen McDonald b Sept. 4, 1930 and had:
 (B) Marsha Ann McDonald born June 14, 1953
 (C) Stephen Lee McDonald born Oct. 10, 1957)
 (b) Robert Ewing Cole born Oct. 29, 1937))
 (H) Blanche Read born Nov. 22, 1864 died 1942 (married Jan. 30, 1884 Thomas Newton Turner born Oct. 17, 1856 died 1931 and had two children:
 (1) Blanche Read Turner born Apr. 4, 1885 (married June 19, 1904 Arthur James Arnold born July 18, 1883 died Feb. 6, 1953 son of Irwin Arnold and Sarah Malissa Fairfax and had three children:
 (a) Juanita Fern Arnold born July 26, 1905, unmarried
 (b) Evelyn Vesta Arnold born Dec. 7, 1907 died Apr. 28, 1909
 (c) Earla Maud Arnold born July 6, 1910 (married 1st (?). she married 2nd Sept. 10, 1943 Samuel Morris Feldmeier and had: Michael James Feldmeier born Sept. 10, 1944))
 (2) Thomas Rothwell Turner born July 31, 1897 (married Apr. 21, 1917 Helen Wheeler born May 3, 1900 and had three children:
 (a) Thomas Rothwell Turner, Jr. born Apr. 30, 1918
 (b) Velma Turner (twin) born Jan. 31, 1920 (married June 19, 1941 William Benton Piercy born Aug. 3, 1920 and had two children:
 (A) Patricia Johanna Piercy born Feb. 15, 1945
 (B) William Ben-ton Piercy III born May 6, 1948)
 (c) Wilma Turner (twin) born Jan. 31, 1920 (married Feb. 27, 1942 Wallace Eugene Woods born Nov. 16, 1915 (a Baptist minister) and had:
 (A) Douglas Bruce Woods born June 29, 1956)))
 (I) Anthony James Read, Jr. born July 10, 1867 died Feb. 16, 1920 buried Pleasant Green Methodist Church Cemetery Cooper Co. Mo. (he was born and died on the farm where he lived which was sited one and a half miles northwest of Mt. Nebo Church) (married Nov. 25, 1891 Ola Virginia Herndon born Feb. 17, 1871 died Jan. 26, 1943 daughter of. B. Herndon and had three children:
 (1) Daniel E. Read born Oct. 11, 1892 died Mar. 30, 1893
 (2) Evaline C. Read born Nov. 8, 1894 died Nov. 22, 1894
 (3) Vivian Mayette Read h Mar. 31, 1896 died 1969 (married 1st May 30, 1917 Meryl Louise McNutt born Aug. 21, 1896 died June 1, 1958 and had two children:
 (a) Claire Virginia Read born Sept. 23, 1918 (married 1st Judson Pursley and had no children. She married 2nd Russel Rapp. She married 3rd Aug. 3, 1946 Hubert James Hooper born Jan. 14, 1913 and had three children:
 (A) Virginia Kay Hooper born Nov. 2, 1948
 (B) Kathryn Ann Hooper born Apr. 19, 1951
 (C) Charlotte Read Hooper born June 4, 1955)
 (b) Anthony James Read born Sept. 1, 1920 (married Aug. 2, 1943 Bessie Matilda Lilly born Jan. 22, 1925 and had three children:
 (A) Carl Edward Read born June 16, 1944
 (B) Stephen James Read h Mar. 13, 1953
 (C) Paul Keith Read born June 11, 1958)
 (J) Vivian Mayette Read married 2nd Oct. 1, 1968 Ada Smith))
 (K) Catherine Harvey Read born Feb. 22, 1874 near Pilot Grove, Mo. died May 5, 1933 (married Mar. 18, 1891 William Dow Cole born Mar. 13, 1863 died May 10, 1949 and had three children:
 (1) Noel Cole born Apr. 28, 1894 (married Apr. 23, 1931 Sedalia, Mo. Dora Margaret Cordry born Nov. 5, 1911 (see DVKM for continuation); Noel Cole, farmer and stockman, and longtime clerk of the New Lebanon Presbyterian Church, resides about one mile eastnortheast of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church)
 (2) Ernest Clarence Cole born Aug. 1, 1902 died June 1, 1972(married Apr. 15, 1926 Pauline Agnes Palmer born July 4, 1904 and had two children
 (a) Polly Jane Cole born June 16, 1927 (married Oct. 17, 1948 Homer Wood Smith, Jr. born Aug. 29, 1923 and had:
 (A) Stephen Curtis Smith born July 22, 1949)
 (b) William Dow Cole born Sept. 23, 1929 (married Dec. 19, 1951 Margaret Crisp and had four children:
 (A) William Dow Cole, Jr. born Nov. 2, 1952 (married Mar. 10, 1972 Brenda Marie Rogers)
 (B) Robert Joe Cole born Nov. 9, 1953 (married Aug. 19, 1972 Cathy Martino)

- (C) Barbara Ann Cole born Nov. 13, 1954 (married Oct. 19, 1973 Irvin Fayard)
(D) Beverly Ernest Cole born Dec. 19, 1955)
(3) Leslie Carl Cole born Sept. 13, 1905 (married Oct. 22, 1944 Columbia Jane Cook born Sept. 26, 1919 and had two children:
(a) Marianne Cole born Oct. 29, 1945
(b) Nancy Jane Cole born June 21, 1951)).

Next business, being the reassessment of members of the Congregation for Pastors Salary. Class No. 1: 58 members were assessed 45¢ each, Class No. 2: 32 members 90¢ each, Class No. 3: 31 members 1.35 each, Class No. 4: 18 members \$1.75 each, Class No. 5: 15 members \$2.65 each, Class No. 6: 15 members \$3.50 each, and one member agreed to pay \$10.00. On Motion it was agreed that indebtedness from this Congregation to Sedalia Mission be raised by public collection. On Motion the Session ordered a public collection to be taken in this Congregation on every third Sabbath at Lebanon Church for the purpose of defraying contingent expenses. On Motion meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Brother A. T. Swamer on the first Saturday in January 1876 at 10 o'clock A.M. Adjourned with prayer by Elder A. T. Swamer. Reverend James Logan, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk January 2nd 1876: Pursuant to adjournment a part of the session met at Brother A. T. Swamer, no quorum being present, meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Elder Chesley Burnett's on first Saturday in March at 10 o'clock A.M. 1876.

March 4th 1876: The Session and Deacons met pursuant to adjournment at the house of Brother Chesley Burnett's to hold their Second quarterly meeting, members all present except Brother H. Windsor. Deacons all present. Meeting constituted with prayer by Reverend James Logan, Moderator.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved Committee in the case of Brother A. J. Read made their report as follows: Having seen Brother A. J. Read as requested by Session He told me that he thought there was one year interest due this congregation and perhaps there was two years interest due and that he would communicate with me, furnish an order for the same, and having received no order from him I have not been able to collect the same. Signed by Com. Committees report concurred in and Committee continued with authority to collect the money.

Committee in the case of Brother James O. Lewis made their report which is as follows: I saw Brother J. O. Lewis as directed and he said that he had acted in an unbecoming manner as a Christian and did not regret it, and that he was not satisfied with his profession of religion and believed that he had no religion. The following action was taken on the report of Com.: Whereas Brother James O. Lewis has confessed to being guilty of unchristian conduct, at the same time he manifests no regret for the same as reported by committee of visitation. Resolved therefore that James O. Lewis be and is hereby suspended from the communion of the church until he or his conduct gives proper and sufficient evidence of repentance. Report and preamble adopted.

Elder D. K. Steele tendered his resignation as Clerk of Session. Said resignation accepted. On motion an election was ordered to fill the vacancy resulting in the election of Elder A. T. Swamer. On motion of Brother Ewing we proceeded to elect a delegate to next Presbytery which convenes on first Saturday in April 1876 at 10 o'clock at New Bethlehem, Cooper County Mo. Brother William Hooper was elected principal and W. C. Ewing his Alternate. Deacons made their first quarterly report as follows for Reverend James Logan, \$44.65. No further business meeting adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church Wednesday 15th at 1~1/2 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with prayer by Elder A. T. Swamer. Reverend James Logan, Moderator, D. K. Steele, Clerk. Feb. 5th 1876: At a meeting of New Lebanon Congregation held for the purpose of electing three Deacons to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Brothers R. S. buried ns, John L. Stratton and J. D. Starke. The following business was transacted, Brother Logan in the chair, Brother Wells was elected Secretary A motion that the election be proceeded with unanimously by carried and that the election be by ballot, Motion carried. Brother Benjamin Lampton was elected to fill the place of Brother buried ns. Brother John W. Mann was elected to fill the place of Brother John Stratton. Brother John Robertson was elected to fill the place of Brother J. D. Starke. No further business the meeting adjourned. Benj. Wells, Secretary Protem.

March 15th 1876: New Lebanon Church Session met at New Lebanon Church, according to adjournment, at ten (10) o'clock A.M. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator. The roll called, the following members were present, -- James Logan, Moderator, W. C. Ewing, Chesley Burnett Henderson Windsor, D. K. Steele, William Hooper, and A. T. Swamer. The object of the meeting, being the arrangement and presentment of charges against Benjamin Wells, a member of New Lebanon Congregation. The following was adopted. Benjamin Wells is hereby charged with such familiarity with a young lady, Viz Miss Florence D. Palmer, as is inconsistent with Christian Character and Standing.

1st Specification. Near the last of Aug. 1875, and while a protracted meeting was in progress at Lebanon, Said Benjamin Wells was seen with the Said Florence Palmer, in Mr. Ralston's cornfield, on the Andrew Mann place, Sitting under a tree, She sitting on his lap. 2nd Specification. On the afternoon of the 2nd Sunday in Aug. 1875, The above named parties were Seen under Suspicious circumstances, in the neighborhood of Mr. Ralston's grain stacks, west of Mr. Ralston's House. 3rd Specification. Improper familiarity, with Miss Palmer, at Lebanon Church, during the protracted meeting in Aug. and Sept. of 1875. 4th Specification. In the winter of 1874 and 75 he, Wells while teaching School at Lebanon was seen with his hand on Miss Palmers bosom in the School room during play time. The following names are a list of the witnesses Viz. Emmons F. Lampton, Mrs. Bonnie Lampton,

Robert F. Mann, Mrs. L. J. Mann, Lulie B. Ruby, Crit Amick, Mrs. Lena Amick, Hiram C. Hall, Thomas R. Kemp, D. F. Bell. Also a letter said to have been written by the Said Florence D. Palmer. On motion of Elder Hooper, the Clerk was instructed to furnish the accused (B. Wells), with a copy of the charges, and the names of all the witnesses and cite him to appear before the Church Session at New Lebanon Church House, at ten (10) o'clock A.M. of March 28th at 1876, to answer to the above charges. Also to present written citations to all the witnesses, to appear at the above named place and time. No other business Elder Hooper Moved to adjourn, to meet at New Lebanon Church, on Tuesday March 28th 1876 at ten (10) o'clock A.M. Closed by prayer by Elder Hooper. A. T. Swarner, Clerk, James Logan, Moderator

March 28th 1876: Pursuant to adjournment the Session of New Lebanon Congregation met at New Lebanon Church House at 10 o'clock A.M. In the absence of the Moderator the clerk called the Session to order by nominating Elder D. K. Steele as Moderator. Elder Steele in the chair. The roll was then called and the following members were present, Elders W. C. Ewing, Chesley Burnett Henderson Windsor, D. K. Steele, William Hooper, and A. T. Swarner. At the request of Elder Ewing, the Clerk Stated the object of the meeting. The session after examining the confession of faith of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, thought it of importance that the Moderator Should be present. Elder W. C. Ewing presented a letter from Sister Mary A. Wear of Kansas dated March 24th 1876 requesting the church Session of New Lebanon to grant her a letter of dismission and recommendation. Moved and Secretary that a letter be granted the Sister and that the Clerk be instructed to forward the same etc. carried. Moved and Secretary to adjourn to meet tomorrow Morning March 29th 1876 at 10 o'clock A.M. at New Lebanon Church Carried. A. T. Swarner Clerk, D. K. Steele, Moderator

March 29th 1876: New Lebanon Church Session met at New Lebanon Church according to adjournment. Session constituted by prayer by Moderator James Logan. Members all present. Minutes of March 15th 1876 read and adopted. Also Minutes of March 28th 1876 read and adopted. The object of the meeting being stated by Moderator and some appropriate remarks by Moderator: By consent of Session, the Motion of W. C. Ewing to hold the meeting privately be inserted in the minutes of March 29th 1876, motion lost. Motion made and Seconded that witnesses may be recalled after having been examined, Motion carried. Moved and Secretary that all witnesses be excluded from the House, except the one giving testimony, and that there be only one witness called at a time, Motion carried. Moved and Secretary to adjourn till three (3) o'clock P.M. carried.

Recess having expired, Session again resumed business, Session opened by Prayer by Moderator. Members ail present. The prosecutor B. C. Lampton desired the privilege of introducing two additional witnesses Viz. Miss Emma Fairfax and Miss Eva Hedges, consented to by the accused. The accused then offered the following witnesses. Viz, J. C. Wells, James Helms, Julius Wear, Mrs. Ann C. Wear, Miss Alice Wells, Miss Emma Burnett Mrs. Helms, and Mrs. Ralston. Moved and Secretary that there be two door keepers, appointed to keep the doors and call the witnesses, Motion carried. The Moderator appointed brothers Joseph Steele and William Robertson. Moved and Secretary that Elder D. K. Steele have leave of absence till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, carried.

The charges and Specifications were then read to the accused, (Benjamin Wells). The Moderator asked him guilty and not guilty and he answered not guilty, Moved and See. to adjourn till tomorrow morning at nine (9) o'clock A.M. carried. Closed by prayer by Elder William Hooper: A. T. Swamer Clerk, James Logan, Moderator

March 30th 1876: Pursuant to adjournment, the Session of New Lebanon Congregation met at New Lebanon Church at 9 o'clock A.M. To continue the evidence in the case of Brother Benjamin Wells. Brother Benjamin Lampton action as prosecutor in the case. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator. Roll called members all present. Minutes of yesterday March 29th read, corrected and approved. Names of Witnesses called. On Motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint an assistant Clerk, the Moderator appointed Elder D. K. Steele.

Emmons Lampton was called to the witness Stand, Obligated according to the Book of our Discipline, and testified as follows and marked A. On Motion recess was taken for three quarters of an hour. Recess having expired, the Moderator declared the Session open for business. Roll called, all members present. Emmons Lampton continued his evidence, by cross examination. Mrs. Emma Fairfax was called to witness stand and after being duly obligated according to the book of our book of Discipline, testified as follows, and Marked B. D. F. Bell being next witness called to the witness stand, and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline testified as follows, and Marked C. On motion recess was declared until 7 o'clock P.M.

Recess having expired Moderator called the House to order, Roll called, all Members present. Thomas Kemp called to witness stand, and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline testified as follows, and marked D. Hiram C. Hall was next witness called and after having been duly obligated according to the book of our Discipline, testified as follows and Marked E. On Motion the Session adjourned to meet tomorrow Morning, March 31st, 1876 at 9 o'clock A.M.

March 31st 1876: Pursuant to the adjournment the Session of New Lebanon Congregation met at New Lebanon Church House at 9 o'clock A.M. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator. Roll called, all Members pre-sent as on yesterday. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Miss Lulie B. Rubey called to witness Stand and after having been obligated according to the book or our Discipline, testified as follows and Marked F. Mrs. Bettie Lampton being next witness called to the Stand by Prosecutor, and after having been duly obligated according to the requirements of the book of the book of our Discipline, testified as follows and marked G. Mrs. L.

J. Mann was next called to witness Stand and after having been obligated as required by our book of Discipline, testified as follows and Marked II.

Philip C. Amick was next witness called and after having been obligated according to the book of our Discipline, testified as follows and marked L. The evidence by the Prosecution having closed except in this, one witness Miss Eva Hedges has not been called and the defendant waives his objection to hearing this witness at some future time. On motion recess was declared until 1 o'clock P.M.

Recess having expired, Moderator called the Session to order. Roll called all members present. Case opened by defendant calling his first witness. J. C. Wells being called to the stand and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline testified as follows and marked J.

Next witness called by defense, was Julius Wear [Julius Fitten Wear, see DVKM] who appeared and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline testified as follows and marked K. Miss Emma Burnett being next witness and after having been duly obligated according to the book of our Discipline, testified as follows and marked L. The next witness was James Helms, Who, after having been duly obligated according to the book of our Discipline, testified as follows and Marked M. On Motion the Session adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock A.M. adjourned by prayer by Elder A. T. Swamer. Reverend James Logan, Moderator, D. K. Steele Asst. Clerk

April 1st 1876: Pursuant to adjournment, the Session of New Lebanon Congregation met at New Lebanon Church, at 9 o'clock A.M. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator. Roll Called, members all present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Miss Alice Wells was next called to witness stand, and after having been duly obligated, as required by our book of Discipline testified as follows and marked N.

Mrs. Annie Helms was called, and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline, testified as follows and Marked O. Mrs. Rebecca Ralston was next called to the witness stand and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline, testified as follows and Marked P. Mrs. Ann E. Wear [Ann Eliza Fitten married John Rankin Wear, see DVKM] was next witness called to witness stand, and after having been duly obligated as required by our book of Discipline, testified as follows, and Marked Q. On Motion Moderator declared recess for one hour.

Recess having expired Session resumed business, Members all present. The case was then submitted to the Session, as far as evidence is concerned. Minutes of today read corrected and adopted. On Motion Session adjourned to meet at New Lebanon Church on Tuesday April 11th 1876 at 19 o'clock A.M. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator. James Logan, Moderator, D. K. Steele Asst. Clerk

April 11th 1876: New Lebanon Church Session met pursuant to adjournment. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator James Logan. Roll called all Members present. Resolution offered by W. C. Ewing, that it is now the duty of this Session to purge the testimony of that which is irrelevant, carried.

On Motion recess was declared for one hour. Recess having expired, Session resumed business. Roll called Members all present. On Motion, the order of proceeding with the different Specifications was as follows, that the vote be taken on the 4th Specification first, then the third, the 2nd third, and the first one last.

On Motion of Session Defendant was found guilty in the 4th and third specifications, And upon vote of Session, Defendant was not found guilty in the 2nd and 1st Specifications.

On Motion the following was adopted. Resolved that 1st and 2nd Specifications are not Sustained, according to the requirements of the book of our discipline. Third and fourth Specifications are sustained, and on these together with general and corroborating evidence given we, the Session find defendant guilty of the general charge, viz. That Benjamin Wells, is guilty of Such familiarity with Florence D. Palmer as is inconsistent with Christian character and Standing. On Motion the following was adopted. Resolved that Benjamin Wells be and is hereby suspended from the privileges of the Church, until such time as he may give satisfactory evidence of repentance. On Motion Session adjourned to meet at the house of Brother H. Windsor on the first Saturday, before the first Sunday in June 1876 at 10 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder W. C. Ewing. Reverend James Logan Moderator, D. K. Steele, asst. Clerk.

[This extraordinary example of church discipline requires further elaboration. That such a church trial, replete with prosecutor, witnesses, etc., occurred at all at this time seems strange, to say the least. But before further comment, the newspaper accounts of this matter will be given. All are from the Daily Democrat, Sedalia, Mo.:

Issue of March 24, 1876 under headlines: More Beecherism, A Sabbath School Teacher Comes To Grief, The Latest Sensation in Cooper County: "Alas, for weak morality! Almost every day we are compelled to chronicle the fall of some person whose feet have wandered from the straight path which leads to honor and respect, and who in one weak moment into the slough of sin, whose stains will cling to them for all time to come. Happily for the good name of our city, we have been spared the mortifying duty of recording any Beecherism in our immediate vicinity, but we were yesterday put in possession of the facts of an alleged seduction that happened in the adjoining county of Cooper. We relate the details as given us by our informant, but suppress the names, as the matter is about to undergo a close investigation, the result of which we have no desire to prejudice,

"There resides in Lebanon, Cooper county, a teacher, a man of family and heretofore good reputation. He is a member of church and also a Sabbath School superintendent. In fact, Mr. B. W enjoyed the confidence and respect of the community in which he lived, and, of course, was regarded as a pink of propriety and a paragon of virtue.

"Among his pupils in the public school, to whom he taught the lessons of wisdom and demonstrated those beautiful precepts which make the school room the nursery of propriety, was a young lady named Miss F--- P---.

"She is a daughter of a widow lady, and is just budding into womanhood, being not yet 18 years of age. So Mr. W., our informant states, labored with his flock with such zeal that he inspired his fair pupil with the most tender emotions and unholy desires. He, too, forgot his sacred position, the claims of his family and his holy duties, and yielded to the tempter.

"Sharp eyes, however, were watching him, and dark suspicion gradually turned into incontrovertible fact. A Mr. E. L. one day caught the guilty couple in a very embarrassing condition, in a cornfield, whither the sacred preceptor had wandered with his beautiful charge, no doubt, to view the landscape, etc. Mr. L. of course, was astounded at his discovery, and horrified at the baseness of the sanctified preceptor and father. While he was thinking of the best course to be pursued, he received an anonymous note, supposed to have been written by the girl. The writer begged Mr. L. not to make the matter public, and confessed that this thing has occurred "again and again" for some time. Becoming convinced that the teacher and the girl really were guilty, and continuing the intimacy, he brought charges against the former, and the investigation by the Church authorities, next Tuesday, will be held.

"The matter has caused considerable excitement in the vicinity of Lebanon, and the result of the inquiry anxiously awaited. We relate the facts as they were told to us, and until the matter is investigated we shall forbear from expressing any opinion on the matter."

[Beecherism, mentioned in the above account, refers to Henry Ward Beecher, prominent New York clergyman, who was tried in 1875 (trial lasted six months) for adultery.]

Issue of April 5, 1876 under headlines: Lebanon's Sensation, More of Cooper County Liaison, Touching Letter from Miss Florence Palmer, Church Elders Investigate The Case: "About ten days ago The Democrat published in brief the outline of a startling sensation at Lebanon, a small village in Cooper County northeast from Otterville. Yesterday we were placed in possession of additional facts. That our readers may fully understand the case in point we give a resume that all connecting links may clearly be defined.

"Benjamin Wells, is a resident of Lebanon, a school teacher, a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and a sabbath school superintendent. He is a married man and the father of several children. Previous to the affair we are about to relate becoming public, he enjoyed the confidence and respect of the community.

"Miss Florence Palmer, whose name is intimately connected with the scandal, is just budding into womanhood. She is about eighteen years of age, and resides with her mother, Mrs. Ralston. Her reputation so far as we know, has been without reproach.

"For several months past, Miss Palmer has been a pupil in Well's school. Sometime in January last, Mr. Emmons F. Lampton, who is a cousin of Miss Palmer, strongly suspected that criminal intimacy existed between Wells' and his pupil. Actuated by that noble feeling which pervades the heart of every honest Christian, and wishing to allay the suspicion, as well perhaps save from a bib of degradation and infamy his cousin, he set about watching their movements. Before long he was rewarded by a scene which made his heart sink in sorrow. The suspected couple was discovered in a cornfield in very suspicious actions and in order to fully satisfy himself Lampton crawled within thirty yards of them. He doubted no longer, for the truth, horrible and revolting, was proven beyond a doubt.

"Our informant says that Mr. Lampton is an old citizen of Cooper, stands high in the community, and is scrupulously honest, He did not despair in attempting to save Miss Palmer. He sought a private interview in which he told her he had seen ail, but that the matter would remain a profound secret with him on one condition to be rigidly observed by her in all future time - to keep away from Wells!

"Soon after this conversation, Mr. Lampton received the following letter without any signature: the letter, 'January 18th, 1876. Cousin Emmons: I am now going to tell you all about last summer's proceedings. I was so surprised yesterday morning that I did not know what I was saying. The way it first started, was I saw B. W , at Sunday school, one Sunday at West Fork, and he said that he had something to tell me, what someone had said about me; and every time that I saw him I asked him what it was. He would not tell me where any person was, and never got any chance to tell me. He said if I would meet him someplace he would tell me. I first refused, but he got my curiosity so ex-cited, that I finally concluded to do it. He said I need not be afraid, to trust him, and that he was the best friend that I had, and that he would treat me as one of his own

children; so I put all confidence in him and never thought how it looked; but I assure you I meant no harm by it. I went once and he persuaded me to go again and again, and went that way for some time; one evening time of protracted meeting, I thought it time to stop. He wanted me to meet him again; I told him I would, but it would be the last time, and so I did meet him that evening for the last time. I suppose that was the time you saw me. He cried and pulled me down on his lap and begged me to meet him again, but I told him I would not, and I have not, and the worst thing we ever done was that evening, and that was, he made me sit on his lap; but I will stand before God Almighty and say he never mentioned anything of the kind you talked about yesterday.

"But I would give all I have on Earth if none of it had happened. If I could only recall past time how differently would I spend it. I have not eaten anything and slept very little since yesterday. I feel like I have not a friend on Earth, I have cried until tears have failed I am sorry, Oh! So sorry. I never will get over it as long as I live. But I will live differently after this. I will try and live down the scandal. I will promise you one thing and that is, I will never speak to him again. You ought to have warned me last summer. I thought he was almost perfect, I had never heard anything about him, but the deed is done and cannot be recalled, All I can do is mourn over it and do better. It almost breaks my heart to think that I have lost all my friends on his account. I will ask one thing of you, and that is: please try and get the talk stopped, I would not have Pa or Ma to hear for anything. It would almost kill Ma. I believe I will go crazy over it yet.

"Lisa Thompson told me something that had been said that was not true. I heard that Mrs. McFarland was talking about it, Please get her to stop. All I can do is look to God for help. Thank the Lord it has made a better girl of me. I would like to talk to you once more.

"Pray for me, for my heart is broken. Please buried n this as soon as read, and forgive me for what I have done! The letter was without any signature.

"But, alas, how soon are solemn promises forgotten and vows broken! The tempter again concocted his wily scheme, and perhaps before she fully realized the forever condemnation of its repetition - forgetting father, Mother, home, relatives and friends - she was again in his clutches. Mr. Lampton was cognizant of the liaison and remarked the fact to friends, Soon it was carried to Wells. He was profoundly surprised and virtuously indignant at the accusations, He waxed wroth and consulted attorneys with a view of bringing suit against Lampton for defamation of character.

"Mr. Lampton is a man of moral pluck and courage, He was interested in the affair - his good name and standing and that of his family in the community, were at stake. Both parties being members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. Lampton preferred charges against Wells, and in their support made the following affidavit: 'State of Missouri, County of Cooper. This day personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public. within and for the county aforesaid, Emmons F. Lampton, who being duly sworn, upon his oath states that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the original letter now in his possession written in pencil by Florence Palmer on the 29th [sic] day of January, 1876: and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the said original letter written in pencil as aforesaid is the identical letter which was written to him by said Florence Palmer at the time aforesaid. Emmons F, Lampton, subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March, A.D. 1876. Qualified, November 18, 1874, Office expires November 6th, 1876. Thomas J. Starke, Notary Public.'

"The examination was begun Tuesday morning March 27th, in special session before Elders William Ewing, Henry [sic] Windsor, Squire Burnett Dr. Henry Cooper [sic] and David Steele. James Logan was appointed moderator, and A. T. Swarner, clerk. Mr. Wells defended himself in person before the session. "For the plaintiff Mr. Emmons Lampton was the (note: the second to the last paragraph contains the kind of fulminating purple prose for which American newspapers were famous in the late 19th and early 20th century. It's classic.) first witness, and underwent a searching examination being before them for nine hours. His testimony was to the effect that he saw Benjamin Wells and Florence Palmer in a cornfield, and he (Lampton) crawled up within thirty feet of them and saw Wells pull her on his lap and then laid her over on the ground. *** He left the remainder to be imagined by the session. He also saw them under other suspicious circumstances.

"The second witness, Mrs. Emma Fairfax was qualified, and said she met Florence Palmer and saw at once that she was in trouble and asked her what was the matter and received an answer, (Palmer) had written Emmons Lampton a letter about meeting Benjamin Wells in the cornfield and he would not give up the letter and that she was a ruined girl, etc.

"The next three witnesses testified to her handwriting and that the letter was written by her. One of these witnesses further stated that he saw Wells frequently (while teaching school and Florence a pupil) with his arm around her in the schoolroom.

"Miss Lula Ruby testified that she attended Wells' school and that she had seen Wells' arm around Florence Palmer with the other hand on her bosom, and also that Florence Palmer acknowledged that she had met Benjamin Wells in the cornfield which she thought to be no harm.

"The defense. The father of Benjamin Wells testified that he was with him on Monday, the 16th, 17th, and 18th buying sheep.

"Julius Wear says that he was with Wells on the 19th and 20th, and until 11 o'clock on Friday. Miss Emma Burnett went home with Miss Florence Palmer from church Friday evening, and returned to church that night.

"Julius Wear further states that Wells went to Pleasant Green after his (Wells) sister.

"Mrs. Ralston, mother of Florence Palmer, testified that she was with her daughter five days during this time. On cross-examination said she was absent some of that time.

"The session closed last Saturday, and owing to the prevailing excitement, the decision was postponed until Tuesday next, the 12th.

"Doctor William Hooper, one of the elders is a cousin to Wells, and desires to record no vote in the final decision.

"The affair is without parallel in the history of Central Missouri. We have furnished all the facts in the lamentable affair as furnished us by a reliable gentlemen, deferring comments until some future time."

Issue of April 15, 1876 under headlines: The Lebanon Sensation, It Finally Comes To A Close.: "About ten days ago the Democrat published in full an account of the Lebanon scandal, the touching letter of Miss Florence Palmer, and the trial in the Church to which Wells belonged, down to the decision to be given, on the 11th inst. We publish in today's paper the following facts, communicated to us yesterday: On the 11th of April, the session of New Lebanon Church, composed of the following named persons: William Ewing, Henry [sic] Windsor, Squire Burnett David Steele, and Dr. Hooper, convened at their church at 10 o'clock a.m., went into secret session, and deliberated upon the testimony given before the session, a week ago, wherein Benjamin Wells was arraigned before the church for trial, as you have already been apprised. But little is known in regard to the manner in which the session handled this testimony, but we are informed that they took each specification separately, which were four in number, and in their final decision pronounced Wells guilty. He was expelled from the church in which he had offered up so frequently such sanctified prayers to the God of nature, while inwardly the Devil had full possession of the heart that was trying to deceive the people. We should say right here, that when the investigation first commenced, the Moderator asked Wells if he was guilty of any of the specifications. Wells arose in his dignity before a large audience and said he was not guilty of any of the specifications, and now he comes forward and pleads guilty to two of the charges. We are informed that the Baptist church, of which Florence Palmer is a member, will take the case up in their church at their next meeting and investigate the same. On the next day on the decision given by the church, the Grange to which Wells belonged, met to investigate his case before that body. He was expelled by a unanimous vote.

"Benjamin Wells, we learn was a man who sustained without reproach and without blemish, the reputation and moral character of a gentleman, not only as a citizen but as a teacher - as a conscientious and devout Christian, and as a member of the Grange to which he belonged. But being actuated by base impulses, and the Devil holding his deceitful heart in his venomous fangs, he made himself the filthy serpent, along whose slimy track, he decoyed with his hellish charm, and bewitching deceit, a virtuous, innocent and pure girl, whose horizon was just beginning to be gilded with the first bright rays of the morning of womanhood. But Eve-like, she was unable to resist this wily deceit and lying. At last she admitted him to the blooming bower of her purity, and entering the throne of her queenly virtue, he blighted and blasted with the sting of a hissing adder, the lovely flowers of youth, beauty and respectability, despoiling her of her fair and good name, and dethroning her virtue. He has cast the yell of despair and sorrow over the innocent brow to hide the fair face of a disgraced young woman. For his ignominious, inhuman brutality, he is branded with disgrace. Denying the charges alleged against him as he did, and then pleading guilty, he has perjured himself and lost all claims to respectability."

In the first instance, there is no doubt that this "Lebanon Sensation" was the logical culmination of the practice of bringing "common fame" charges against members of a congregation who were deemed errant in one form or another. Bringing such charges was sanctioned by the government of the church, and indeed in the Preface of its blank session books (1869) to be used by the congregations for record keeping, the "Specimen of Records" gives an example of "common fame" charges. "Common fame" could just as easily be stated as "common gossip." The inherent evils of gossip are well established. (Both men and women can become notorious gossips but probably the edge is held by women, especially, alas, older women who are not otherwise occupied. Particularly vicious are those who open, "I love everybody," and then

proceed to drain themselves of all the nastiness they've accumulated in three or four score years.) In addition to "common fame" charges, any member could also personally bring charges before the church session against any other member. The opportunities for abuse of such an undoubtedly laudably--inspired privilege were great. And even where charges (common fame or otherwise) were "justified", they often resulted in bitter disharmony within the congregation stemming from conflicting loyalties among friends and relations.

The presbytery was finally forced to give some recognition to this problem, at least in so far as preachers, elders and deacons were concerned, in a formal manner, and at the meeting of the Presbytery at Otterville, Mo. In April 1895 the following was adopted: "It is therefore declared by this presbytery that the practice of making complaint, faultfinding, unchristian criticism by members of the church against the preacher in charge, or any member of the session, to other members of the church or to outsiders,... is an offense against the peace and dignity of the church "Of course this didn't rule out bringing charges of whatever type to the session, "the proper court", by anyone so wishing. But it was an initial step against unmitigated gossip.

The Benjamin Wells case may not have proceeded in the manner it did, had not Emmons Lampton "remarked the fact to friends" of the alleged liaison. Wells, goaded by the gossip, then threatened to sue Lampton for defamation of character. This stimulated Lampton into bringing the weight of the Church to his side by having charges brought against Wells by the session. The charges were made on March 15, 1876 but the dates in all the "specifications" are from September 1875 or before. Hence, it would appear that the "allegations" had been bruited about for some time as ordinary gossip but without more than ordinary substance. Indeed Wells acted as secretary for the meeting of the session (Feb. 5, 1876) previous to the one at which he was arraigned, indicating his still-secure place in the community. Apparently when Lampton had in-hand the letter written to him by Florence Palmer on Jan. 18, 1876, he became less circumspect in his remarks concerning Wells, thus precipitating the above actions.

The real mystery is why did Florence Palmer write that letter? Because without it, there is doubt that Wells would have judged guilty on any of the specifications. Apparently Lampton had accosted his cousin on Jan. 17, 1876 with the results of his surveillance. And she, trying to set the record straight, wrote him what had actually happened, and of her remorse and fear of "scandal" and of people "talking about it". And asked his help in squelching the gossip. But whatever she hoped to gain by the letter, the results of writing it were profoundly damaging; not only to her and Wells, but to the church and community. Incidentally that letter has never been burned and is still extant today.

In any event, when Wells' threat to sue Lampton stirred the latter into having the case tried before the church session, he (Lampton) also apparently decided (with lawyers advice?) to try the case in the newspaper; still today the nefarious practice of some lawyers. Hence the series of lurid articles in the Sedalia Daily Democrat. It is worth noting that Elder W. C. Ewing moved that the meeting of the session investigating the charge against Wells be held privately; said motion lost indicating a desire upon the majority of the session for publicity in the case.

After Wells was found guilty on two of the four charges, he was suspended from church privileges "until such time as he may give satisfactory evidences of repentance." This was a relatively light sentence considering all the circumstances. But the issue was not yet over.

Wells, in a petition to the session on Dec. 2, 1876, asked for the record of his trial; and after the reading of Wells' petition, a resolution of the session said in part that "Wells was misrepresented in . . . the Sedalia Democrat of April 15, 1876." At the same meeting James H. Helms charged "Emmons Lampton with unchristian conduct, etc." His charge was tabled. At the April 21, 1877 session, Helms again presented his petition; the session said they would accept it if he "expunged" a certain clause. Helms refused to do so and his petition was recorded at the June 9, 1877 meeting (see below). At this latter meeting a resolution was adopted to the effect that "Benjamin Wells should be restored to full fellowship in the congregation."

At the Sept. 8, 1877 meeting Wells restoration was repealed because said action did "violence to the judgment, wish and feelings of a large minority if not large majority of the congregation." On Dec. 2, 1877 a group requested that they be transferred from the New Lebanon congregation "for the purpose of forming themselves into a congregation at Pleasant Hill School House" which was granted (Pleasant Hill C.P. Church was located some four miles south of New Lebanon). The presbytery declared (Apr. 6, 1878) this last action to be "unconstitutional." Etceteras and so forth.

All of this disharmony resulted from Wells being brought before the 'bench' of church. It is never fair to make judgments from hindsight or out of context of the times, but is obvious that the practice of the last century of church members bringing various charges (dancing, drinking, or what-have-you) against one another did not provide God's house with all the peace and dignity due it.]

June 3rd 1876: The Session met at Elder H. Windsor's at 10 o'clock A.M. Present Reverend James Logan, Moderator, with Elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, H. Windsor, D. K. Steele, Dr. William Hooper and A. T. Swarner, Minutes of April 11th 1876 read and adopted, Minutes of March 4th 76 read and adopted. All the intermediate Minutes having been adopted. The delegate to Presbytery (Dr. William Hooper) made the following report: I attended to the business assigned me, to wit, the Settlement with our former Pastor (W. W. Brannin)~ I paid him what money there was in the treasury for him, and he being unable to state what was due him, from this Congregation, told me he was willing to Settle, by the Deacons books. Dr. William Hooper, Com. Report accepted.

The committee in reference to the bequest of Mrs. Ellen Read (dec) Reports progress and asks further time. Committee granted further time. Recess was declared subject to the call of the Moderator.

Recess having expired, the Moderator called the Session to order, and resumed business Members all present, On Motion it was resolved that the Deacons be and are hereby instructed to proceed immediately to raise means, in cash or notes, to pay the indebtedness of New Lebanon Church, for repairs on Said Church: Notes taken, are to be made payable to the Trustees, of Said New Lebanon Church. On Motion the Clerk was instructed to furnish each Deacon a copy of the Said resolution and that they report at the next annual Congregational Meeting.

On Motion it was resolved that the annual Congregational Meeting of this congregation be held on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July 1878 at 11 o'clock A.M. Resolved also that there be three Trustees elected on that day, for New Lebanon Church. On Motion Session now adjourned to meet at the House of Elder W. C. Ewing on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1878 at 10 o'clock A.M. Prayer by W. C. Ewing. Signed Reverend James Logan Moderator, A. T. Swamer, Clerk

July 29th 1876: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation, met at Lebanon according to previous announcement with the congregation of Said Church. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator James Logan. Members of Session all present. The Moderator Stated the object of the Meeting, which was to hold their annual Congregational Meeting and the electing of three Trustees, for the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Congregation. Moved that the reading of the proceedings of the Church Session be first in order. There having been no annual Congregational Meeting held for two years, the Clerk was instructed to read the minutes of the Session for the last two years. On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint an assistant Clerk. Moderator appointed brother D. K. Steele. Minutes read from February 11th 1874 up to date. Having completed the reading of the minutes, it was thought best to change the time of holding the Annual Congregational Meeting. On Motion the Annual Meeting be held on Saturday before the first regular meeting in August of each year. All by-laws conflicting with this order are hereby repealed. Deacons were called upon to make their report in relation to the matter of collecting money to liquidate a debt against the Church. Deacon John Robertson reports having secured one note of ten (\$10.00) dollars, and individual promises, for \$12.00. Deacon James H. Steele being absent no report from him. Deacons B. C. Lampton and John W. Mann, report nothing collected and ask further time, which was granted, Deacons were instructed to use all diligence in the matter and report to the session at their next quarterly meeting. On Motion the Congregation proceeded to elect three Trustees, for New Lebanon Church, Congregation proceeded to elect three Trustees, for New Lebanon Church.

Congregation proceeded to make nominations, after which they proceeded to vote resulting in the election of Brothers Green R. Cordry, Jarvis H. Ewing, and John D. Starke. Next business being the adoption of some plan by which the commissioners fund can be most successfully raised. On Motion of W. C. Ewing, it was agreed to make an assessment to raise Said fund in the Same manner as for Pastors Salary. Being no further business meeting adjourned by prayer by brother John Robertson. James Logan Mod., D. K. Steele, Asst. Clerk

Aug 20th 1876: By request of Elder W. C. Ewing and consented to by the other members of the Session, the pastor, (brother James Logan) announced that the time of holding the quarterly meeting of Session be the 1st Monday in Sept. instead of the 1st Saturday. A. T. Swarner, Clerk

Sept. 4th 1876: Pursuant to announcement, a part of the Session, met at the house of Brother W. C. Ewing, there being no quorum present, Meeting adjourned, to meet at New Lebanon on the third Saturday of Sept. 1876 at two o'clock P.M.

Sept. 16th 1876: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met at Lebanon at 2 o'clock P.M. Meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Jam Logan. Members present, Reverend James Logan, with elders Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, Henderson Windsor, Dr. William Hooper and A. T. Swarner. Minutes of July 29th 1876, Minutes of August 20th 1876 and minutes of September 4th 1876 read and adopted.

The next business was the granting of a letter of dismission and recommendation to Brother Benjamin F. Weeden. Moved and Secretary that brother H. Windsor be elected delegate to represent this congregation at Presbytery which will convene at Dresden, Pettis Co. Mo. on the 23rd day of Sept. 1876; brother Windsor elected, and Brother W. C. Ewing his alternate. The Deacons were then called upon to report, brother John Robertson reports, Seventeen (\$17.25) and 25 cents collected in cash and fifteen (\$15) dollars in notes and Subscriptions for repairs on church. Brother John Mann reports five (\$5) dollars for the seminary in cash. The other Deacons not pre-sent, no report from them. Total amount collected and subscribed thirty seven (\$37.25) dollars and twenty-five cents. Moved that the Trustees-elect be each furnished with a certificate of election, carried. Moved that the Trustees-elect be requested to meet and organize as soon as possible and then notify the Deacons of that fact.

Moved and Secretary that the Deacons be instructed to retain the money, notes and Subscriptions, Secured, until the Trustees be organized and then pay over the same and take their receipts, etc.

A resolution was offered by Elder W. C. Ewing, that all the members of this congregation who are delinquent for their quarterage of Pastors Salary, that their names be read out in the congregation by the clerk, at the 1st meeting after the quarter expires. And also at the end of the year the names of all the delinquents be read 'out in the congregation. Resolved further that in the future an announcement will be made at the meeting, proceeding the last meeting in each year, that on the next meeting the names of all the delinquents will be read out in the congregation. Session Resolved also that any member of this congregation failing to pay his or her assessment for three months after having been duly notified thereof, shall be regarded as a subject to church discipline. Resolved, further-more that the reading of the names of the delinquents at the 1st meeting after the expiration of the quarterage, or at the end of the year, be considered due notice. And resolved further, that the clerk be instructed to read at the next regular meeting of the Congregation, all the foregoing resolutions. All the foregoing resolutions adopted.

The Committee (Dr. William Hooper) in the reference to the bequest of Mrs. Ellen Read (dec) reports progress, and asks further time, (granted). Moved and Seconded that Elder W. C. Ewing be appointed a committee, to see after the Mrs. Ellen Read bequest, and have properly secured to the congregation, carried. Moved and See that the next regular meeting of Session, be held on the Saturday before the regular appointment in Dec. 1876, at ten o'clock A.M. at the House of Brother John Mann. On Motion, Session adjourned. Prayer by Moderator James Logan Moderator A. T. Swamer Clerk

Oct. 16, 1876: By consent, the church Session met at the House of Brother James H. Steele, at 9 o'clock A.M. Present W. D. Mahan Moderator with Elders, Chesley Burnett W. C. Ewing, H. Windsor, Dr. William Hooper, and A. T. Swamer. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Minutes of last meeting read. The delegate to Presbytery (Elder Windsor) reports to the Session, that he attended Presbytery, and that he had procured the services of Reverend W. D. Mahan to serve the New Lebanon Congregation with the word and Ordinance for twelve Months, one half of his time, at a Salary of Two Hundred (\$200) dollars. The Deacons were then called upon to report their progress in collecting funds for repairs on Church. Brother James H. Steele reports Nothing. Brother John Robertson reports Thirty one (\$31.25) dollars in cash and eight (\$8) dollars in Subscriptions and notes. Brother Robertson was ordered to pay over the amount of cash he had in hand, to Mr. Edward S. Ralston one of the creditors, and have the same credited on his note. Brother B. F. Lampton reports nothing. Moved and See that the name of W. M. Robertson be placed upon the record of communicants in the church Book. Upon the request of Sister Eliza Wells the Session granted her a letter of dismissal and recommendation, and the clerk ordered to furnish the Sister with the Same. The Deacons were called upon to report their progress, in collecting back Salary for Brother Logan. Brother Robertson reports three dollars, Br. Lampton three dollars and ten cents. Brother James H. Steele reports one dollar and fifty cents, Deacon John Mann not present, no report from him. Amount Collected Seven dollars and Sixty cents. The reports of the Deacons were accepted, and they [were] urged to rise diligence in collecting Brother Logans Salary. On Motion Brother John M. Lewis, wife and Daughter, be granted letters of Dismission and recommendation. Moved and Seconded that this Motion be tabled until our next Meeting, and that a committee of one be appointed to visit Said Lewis and family, and that the Moderator be that committee.

Dr. William Hooper is here added as a committee in reference to a verbal request, to the Session, from Benjamin Wells, the Committee to instruct him (Wells) to Send in a written request to the Session. On Motion Session adjourned. Prayer Moderator W. D. Mahan Moderator, A. T. Swamer, Clerk

Dec. 2nd 1876: Pursuant to adjournment, the Session of New Lebanon Church, met at the House of Brother John Mann, to hold their first quarterly meeting. Present: W. D. Mahan, Moderator, with Elders W. C. Ewing, Chesley Burnett D. K. Steele, H. Windsor, Dr. William Hooper, and A. T. Swamer. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Minutes of Oct. 16th 1876 read and adopted. A resolution was offered by W. C. Ewing, that the Deacons and Trustees be invited to meet with the Session, at its quarterly Meetings, and participate in the discussions of all matters pertaining to the interest of the Church. On motion Elder Hoopers name was added to the Minutes of Oct. 16th 1876, as a committee in reference to a verbal request of Benjamin Wells, made to the Session at a previous meeting. After which Brother Hooper presented a written petition to the Session from the Said Wells. The Clerk read the petition after which Elder W. C. Ewing offered the following resolution. Whereas Benjamin Wells having filed a petition referring to a trial, had before this Session in last March, in which Benjamin Wells was defendant; Whereas Said Wells was misrepresented in a publication which appeared in the Sedalia Democrat of April 15th 1876. Therefore, Resolved that the Clerk of this Session be instructed to furnish Said Wells with a certified Copy of the Charges, Specifications and findings of this session in Said case. Resolved, also that Benjamin Wells have a copy of this preamble and resolutions. Reports of Special Committees called for. Elder W. C. Ewing made the following verbal report on the business assigned him. Saw the administrator of A.J. Read (deceased) and that he (the administrator) had found a note amongst the deceased documents in favor of the New Lebanon Congregation and was ready to hand over the note to any authorized person to receive it. On Motion the report was accepted, 'and the committee continued and to receive the said note. Elder Hooper, Committee in reference to the Mrs. Ellen Read bequest, reports no progress and asks to be discharged. On Motion Brother Hoopers report be tabled till the next quarterly meeting and the committee be continued. Recess

was declared subject to the case of the Moderator Recess having expired session resumed business. At the request of the Moderator Brother Burnett acted as Moderator while the Moderator W.D. Mahan made the following report as committeeman upon the business [assigned] him. That he had visited Brother John Lewis and family, and that Sister Lewis and daughter had declined taking letters from the church, but Brother Lewis still persisted in his course. On Motion, the report was accepted, and Brother Lewis be granted a letter if he yet desire it. A Resolution was offered by Elder Hooper. Resolved that no member of this congregation be entitled to a letter of dismission and recommendation unless clear of the book. Brother D.K. Steele filed a paper in the session wherein James Helms charges Emmons Lampton with unchristian conduct etc. On Motion of W.C. Ewing Said paper was tabled until the next quarterly meeting of Session and that Moderator be appointed a committee of one to confer with Brother Helms and ascertain if he had taken Scriptural Steps to reclaim the Erring brother. Upon the request of Brother John Wesley and Sister Susan Amick they was granted letters of dismission an recommendation. Moved and Seconded that the Session meet at Lebanon Church on the 22nd day of Dec. Friday 1876, at 10 A.M. to make the assessment for Pastors Salary. Reports from Deacons called for. Deacon James H, Steele reports \$7.45 cents for Brother Logan, and for church repairs ten dollars, Deacon B.C. Lampton reports \$1.35 cents for Brother Logan and one dollar for repairs. No reports from other Deacons. Total amt. for Brother Logan \$8.80 cents and church repairs \$11.00 dollars. On Motion the president of the trustees was instructed to pay over all the money collected, for church repairs, to E.S. Ralston one of the creditors, and have the same credited on our note. Moved and Seconded that when we do adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the House of Deacon B.C. Lampton on the Saturday before the first Sunday in March 1877 at ten o'clock A.M. To hold their quarterly Meeting. Session adjourned by prayer by Moderator W.D. Mahan, Moderator, A.T. Swarner, Clerk Of Session.

Feb. 25 1877: New Lebanon Church Session Met at Lebanon Church on Sunday February 25, 1877, Members present: W.D. Mahan Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett D.K. Steele and A.T. Swarner, at which time George D. Gander after having given Satisfactory evidence of his conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, was admitted to full membership in the New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was baptized. Prayer by Moderator, W.D. Mahan, A.T. Swarner, Clerk of Ses.

March 3rd 1877: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met at the House of Brother Benjamin Lampton to hold it's quarterly meeting, Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator W.D. Mahan. Members present W.D. Mahan Moderator With Elders William Hooper, H. Windsor, and A.T. Swamer, Deacons John Mann, John Robertson, and B.C. Lampton. Minutes of Dec. 2nd 1876 read and adopted. Also minutes of Feb. 25th 1877 adopted. Two petitions for Church letters were presented. One by M.E. Stoneman whose petition upon Motion was tabled until the next quarterly Meeting. Sister Mrs. Catherine Hedges upon her own request, was, upon motion granted a letter of dismission and recommendation. Also, on Motion, Sister Eliza Asbury, was granted a letter, upon her own request. Brother John Robertson offered his resignation as Deacon of New Lebanon Congregation, which was accepted, and upon his own request was by Motion granted a letter of dismission and recommendation. At the request of the Moderator, A.T. Swamer acted as Moderator while the Moderator W.D. Mahan asked further time as a special committee upon the business assigned him by the session. On Motion time was granted. The next business was the Electing of a Delegate to represent this Congregation at Presbytery, which convenes at Otterville, Mo. on the 10th day of April 1877. On Motion Eider Chesley Burnett was elected delegate and A.T. Swamer his alternate. On Motion the report of W.D. Mahan be reconsidered and upon the request of Said Committee the committee was discharged. Recess was declared subject to the call of the Moderator Recess having expired session resumed business. On Motion the Pastor re-quested the Members of this congregation to Meet on the 4th Sabbath of this month, to take into consideration the matter of taxation on the church. On Motion Session adjourned to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June 1877. At 2 o'clock P.M. at the Church House. Adjourned by prayer by Moderator W.D. Mahan, Moderator, A.T. Swarner, Clerk

March 25th 1877: The Church Session of New Lebanon Congregation met with the Congregation according to previous appointment. Members present W.D. Mahan Mod with Elders W.C. Ewing, H. Windsor, William Hooper and A.T. Swarner, and Deacons James H. Steele, John Mann and B.C. Lampton. On Motion of Brother Hooper the taxation of Members for Pastors Salary be continued, after Some appropriate remarks by Brother Ewing, the Mod, proceeded to take the Vote of the Congregation which resulted in the affirmative. By consent the session meet on the 2nd Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in April at 2 o'clock P.M. at New Lebanon Church. W.D. Mahan Moderator, A.T. Swarner, Clerk

April 21st 1877: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation, met at a call meeting at New Lebanon Church at two P.M. Meeting constituted by prayer by Moderator Brother William Hooper was appointed Clerk Protm. Members present Moderator W.D. Mahan, Elders Ewing, Burnett Windsor, and Dr. William Hooper. Petition presented by Brother James Helms and read to the Session. On Motion of Brother W.C. Ewing the petition was accepted. Brother Ewing moves that Brother Hooper take said petition to Brother Helms and request him to expunge circumscribed clause, from said petition and then said petition will be placed upon the record. On Motion by Brother Ewing that that resolution passed by the Session, that Makes delinquents members, for Pastors Salary, subjected to church discipline be repealed. Brother Ewing Moved that Sister Stoneman be granted a letter of dismission and recommendation, and that the Clerk be instructed to furnish the same. On Motion the Deacons were instructed to collect from the old assessment. Moved to adjourn. Adjourned by prayer by Moderator W.D. Mahan, Moderator, Dr. William Hooper, Clerk Protm.

June 9th 1877: New Lebanon Church Session met at Lebanon on Saturday June 9th 1877, In the absence of the Moderator, Brother Windsor was elected Moderator Proterm. Session opened by prayer by Elder D.K. Steele. Brother W.D. Mahan appearing, took his seat as Moderator Members present Elders Burnett Windsor, D.K. Steele, and A.T. Swamer, with, Deacons James H. Steele and B.F. Lampton. Minutes of March 3rd 1877 concurred in. Also March 25th and April 21st 1877 read and approved. Brother William Hooper, a Special committee, reports that he had attended to the business assigned him, and that Brother James Helms desired that the petition remain as it is and placed upon record. Upon Motion of Brother D.K. Steele petition was placed upon record. Upon the request of Brother Jonathan Brownfield and family, they by Motion was granted letters of Dismission and recommendation. Brother James H. Steele offered his resignation as Deacon of New Lebanon Congregation. On Motion the resignation was accepted. A Resolution was offered by Brother D.K. Steele, that in the opinion of this session, the time has come when Benjamin Wells Should be restored to full fellowship in this New Lebanon Congregation. On Motion Said resolution was adopted. On Motion there be two Deacons Elected at the 2nd regular Meeting in June 1877 to fill the vacancies. Moved to adjourn meet on Saturday at 2 o'clock P.M. before the 1st regular appointment of the Congregation in Sept. 1877. Prayer by Mod W.D. Mahan, A.T. Swamer, Clerk
June 24th 1877: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation, met with the New Lebanon Congregation' according to previous arrangement. At which time the Congregation proceeded to elect two Deacons. Brother G.R. Cordry and Brother John Fritz were put in nomination and elected. W.D. Mahan Mod A.T. Swamer Clerk

At a Meeting of the Session of New Lebanon Congregation April 21st this petition was filed for record and recorded at a meeting of Said Session June 9th 1877. "April 7th 1877. To the Session of New Lebanon Church. Brethren:

It having been represented to me that my action in preferring a charge against Emmons F. Lampton for false swearing in a trial had before your Hon Body, in which Benjamin Wells was defendant, is now working and is further likely to work discord and strife and evil feeling in your Congregation, thereby destroying the peace and good will of the community and hindering the cause of Christianity among the people. I therefore come by request of the Moderator of the Session and say that by your permission I will withdraw, Said charge, from further consideration by your body. Feeling that if you are willing, after your knowledge of the facts in the case, you can conscientiously drop the matter, I can. And furthermore I will say, that in withdrawing this charge I in no wise yield the point, that I can fully establish it before any intelligent and impartial Jury, but in doing so I am constrained entirely by the foregoing reasons, and as I trust the love of Christ with a Sincere desire for the good of the church, believing that God who alone knows the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men, will in His own good time and way, will fully vindicate my motive in this matter. Trusting that Gods grace may at all times enable me to overcome all the trials and temptations of life, and knowing that our light afflictions which are but for a moment worketh for us a far more and exceeding and Eternal weight of glory, asking that if this is accepted by the Session, it may be enrolled on its records. I am very Respectfully yours. James H. Helms".

Sept. 8th 1877: Pursuant to adjournment the Session of New Lebanon Congregation met at Lebanon on the 8th day of Sept. 1877 at the usual hour. In the absence of the Moderator, Brother D.K. Steele was elected Mod Proterm. Meeting constituted by prayer by Elder A.T. Swamer Members present, Elders Chesley Burnett William C. Ewing, Henderson Windsor, D.K. Steele and A.T. Swamer. With Deacons John Mann and John Fritz. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as corrected. Moved and Seconded that the present Moderator feels himself authorized to call the Session together at some time in the future, to consult the propriety of employing a Pastor for this New Lebanon Congregation. Moved and Seconded that we now proceed to the electing of Delegate to Presbytery which convenes at Arrow Rock, Mo. Sept 24th 1877. On Motion the election be postponed for the present. A preamble and Resolution was offered by Brother W.C. Ewing and on Motion was concurred in, Whereas: This Session did on the 9th day of June 1877 by restoring Benjamin Wells to the fellowship of the Church do violence to the judgment, wish and feelings of a large Minority if not a large Majority of the Congregation. And Whereas: This Session did by Said restoration violate the spirit of the 3rd Sec, and did violate the 5th Secretary of the 10 chapter of the Book of Discipline. And Whereas: This Session did on the said 9th day of June in Spreading the withdrawal of charges against Emmons Lampton also spread upon it's minutes a large portion of matter that neither this session nor any other Ecclesiastical body had any right to spread upon its minutes. Therefore: Resolved: that it is the duty of the Session now to repeal or rescind, all of Said action set forth. William C. Ewing.

Moved and Secretary that we now proceed to the electing of a Delegate to Presbytery which convenes at Arrow Rock Mo. on the 24th inst. Brother D.K. Steele was elected, and Elder A.T. Swamer his alternate. The next item of business was the electing of a delegate to represent this Congregation at Synod which convenes at Clinton, Mo. on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1877. Brother W.C. Ewing was elected. Moved and Secretary to adjourn to meet on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Dee. 1877 at Lebanon Church at one (1) o'clock P.M. Session closed with prayer by Elder D.K. Steele, Mod Proterm. Approved Sept. 8th 1877 D.K. Steele, Mod Proterm, A.T. Swamer, Clerk

Nov. 18th 1877: After Services at Pleasant Hill School House, the Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met and by request Reverend W.W. Brannin, Evangelist, presided as Moderator Members present, Elders Chesley Burnett D.K. Steele and A.T. Swamer. The doors of the Church were opened, and the following

persons were admitted into full membership in this New Lebanon Congregation, after giving Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, Viz.

Lida C. Steele. Sallie L. Huffman, Apalona Sharer, Lucy J. Gilmore, Emma A. Sole, John H. Huffman, Trass [?] Williams, Willie H. Swarner, James Sole, Willie Edgar Steele and Lonnie Steele. Meeting closed with prayer by Reverend James Logan. Reverend W.W. Brannin Moderator, A.T. Swamer, Clerk.

Nov. 21st 1877: The Session met after Services at Pleasant Hill School House, with Reverend W.W. Brannin as Moderator Members present, Elders Chesley Burnett and A.T. Swarner. The doors of the Church were opened and the following persons after giving Satisfactory Evidence of their conversion to God by his Holy Spirit, were admitted into full membership in this New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Viz. Alexander Harman, Martha Harman. Amelia Foster, Catharine A. Steele, Ella M. Brown-field, Amanda Harman, Sylvia Sparks. Session closed by prayer by Moderator. W.W. Brannin Moderator, A.T. Swamer, Clerk

Dec. 1st 1877: At the conclusion of Services at Pleasant Hill School House, with Reverend W.W. Brannin as Moderator the Session convened and the Doors of the Church were opened and in the presence of Elders D.K. Steele and A.T. Swarner the following persons after having given Satisfactory evidence of their conversion to God by His Holy Spirit, were admitted into full Membership in this New Lebanon Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Viz. Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, Jennie Crites, and Jerome Allen. Session adjourned with prayer by Reverend McBride. W.W. Brannin Moderator, A.T. Swamer Clerk

Dec. 2nd 1877: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met at New Lebanon Church with Reverend C.W. McBride as Moderator with Elders Chesley Burnett H. Windsor, D.K. Steele, Dr. William Hooper and A.T. Swarner. A list of names of members of this New Lebanon Congregation was presented to the Session, requesting the Session to grant them letters of dismission or transfer their names from this New Lebanon Congregation for the purpose of forming themselves into a Separate Congregation at Pleasant Hill School House. On Motion the request was granted. Reverend C.W. McBride Mod A.T. Swamer Clerk Approved June 1st 1878 as a correct record.

At a regular Meeting of the Session of the New Lebanon Congregation held June 1st 1878 the following resolution was adopted. Whereas: Presbytery at its last session, held April 6th 1878 declared the action of this session in the foregoing Minute, unconstitutional. There, Resolved, that said minute be considered as expunged by drawing a black line around said Minute. A.T. Swarner, Clerk [This last paragraph was inserted into the minutes at this point and a black line drawn around the previous paragraph.]

Dec. 8th 1877: The Church Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met at Lebanon Church, in the absence of a Moderator Elder William Hooper was elected Moderator Protem. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Members present: Elders W.C. Ewing, Dr. William Hooper and A.T. Swamer, with Deacons John Mann and B.C. Lampton. Minutes of Nov 18th 77 read and adopted, Minutes of Nov 21st 77 read and adopted. Also minutes of Dec 1st 1877 read and adopted. On Motion of W.C. Ewing the adoption of the Minute of Dec 2nd 1877 be postponed until the next regular Meeting.

Reports of Committees: Brother W.C. Ewing made the following report on the business assigned him, in reference to the Mrs. Ellen C. Read bequest: "The undersigned committee would report that I collected the Same. Principal One Hundred (\$100) dollars, Interest Thirty Three (33.00) dollars. Would report further that I loaned the principal to P.G. Walker for 12 months at ten per cent interest. Paid Reverend James Logan Twenty (20) dollars of the interest for Services as Pastor of this Congregation (or as back Salary). Paid Reverend W.D. Mahan \$13.50 of interest for same purpose. William C. Ewing, Committee."

The report of the committee was received: Moved and Seconded that this Session, appoint an Agent to take charge of the Mrs. Ellen C. Read bequest and carry out the wishes of the Donor. On Motion that business be made a Special order of business, for the next regular Meeting. Moved to adjourn to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in March 1878 at the New Lebanon Church at one o'clock P.M. Session closed by prayer by A.T. Swamer. Dr. William Hooper, Moderator, A.T. Swamer, Clerk

Jan. 8th 1878: After Services at New Lebanon Church, the Reverend C.W. McBride opened the doors of the Church, and in the presence of Elders Dr. William Hooper and H. Windsor, Brother John B. Lampton was admitted in full membership in this New Lebanon Congregation, by experience. Dr. William Hooper Clerk, C.W. McBride Moderator

March 21st 1878: At a call meeting the Session met at New Lebanon Church, in the absence of the Moderator, Elder William Hooper was elected Moderator Meeting constituted with prayer by Elder A.T. Swamer. Members pre-sent: Elders H. Windsor, W.C. Ewing, Dr. Hooper and A.T. Swamer, with Deacons B.C. Lampton and John Fritz. Minutes of Dec 8th 1877 read and adopted. According to the ruling of the Chair the adoption of the Minutes of Dec 2nd 1877 was deferred until the next regular meeting. Minutes of Jan 8th 1878 was read and adopted. On motion of Brother Ewing, the Delegate to Presbytery be instructed to ask Presbytery to ratify the contract between the New Lebanon Congregation and Brother C.W. McBride as pastor of said church for one year from the time said contract was made.

The election of Delegate to Presbytery next in order. On Motion, Brother W.C. Ewing was unanimously elected and A.T. Swamer his alternate. Presbytery to convene at New Salem in Cooper Co. Mo. on the 6th day of April 1878. Upon the request of Sister Lena Amick the Session granted her a letter of dismission and recommendation, and the Clerk instructed to furnish the Sister with the same.

A Resolution was offered by Elder Hooper and adopted: Resolved that Clerk of this Session be and is hereby instructed, to furnish the Delegate to Presbytery, a certified copy of all the transactions, pertaining to the organization and transfer of Members from this New Lebanon Congregation, to the Pleasant Hill Congregation, that the delegate May get instructions from Presbytery, concerning the action of this Session in the Matter. Moved to adjourn to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June at one o'clock P.M. at Lebanon Church. Session Closed by prayer by Moderator William Hooper Moderator Protem, A.T. Swarner Clerk

June 1st 1878: The Session met pursuant to adjournment at New Lebanon Church, Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Members present Reverend C.W. McBride Moderator, Elders W.C. Ewing, Dr. William Hooper, and A.T. Swarner, with Deacons John Mann and John Fritz. Minutes of March 21st 1878 read and adopted. A resolution was offered by W.C. Ewing and adopted: Whereas Presbytery at its last session held April 6th 1878 declared the action of this Session in the Minutes of Dec 2nd 1877 unconstitutional. Therefore: Resolved that Said Minute (Dec 2nd) be considered as expunged by drawing a black line around Said Minute and the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to insert this resolution under Said Minute. On Motion the Special order was taken up viz; the Electing of an Agent to attend to the Mrs. Ellen C. Read bequest and to carry out the wishes of the Donor. On Motion Brother W.C. Ewing was elected Said Agent. On Motion the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to procure the Old Church Book belonging to this Congregation. Upon the request of Brother Chesley Burnett he was by Motion granted a letter of dismission and recommendation, Also, to Sister Eliza Paxton, the Clerk was instructed to ascertain all the facts in regard to the Sisters Standing up to the time of her removal from this community. The Delegate to Presbytery reported that Presbytery ratified the contract between this Congregation and Reverend C.W. McBride as Pastor of this New Lebanon Congregation. Moved and Secretary that we do now adjourn, to meet at this place on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September 1878 at 3 o'clock P.M. A.T. Swarner, Clk of Session, C.W. McBride Moderator

Aug. 11th 1878: The Session Convened with the Congregation of the New Lebanon Church. Members present Reverend C.W. McBride Mod, W.C. Ewing, H. Windsor and A.T. Swarner at which time and place Sister Mrs. Mary [?] was admitted into full membership in this New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church, upon recommendation. A.T. Swarner Clk, Reverend W.C. McBride Moderator

Sept. 7th 1878: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church Met pursuant to adjournment, at New Lebanon Church House. On the absence of the Moderator, Elder William C. Ewing was appointed Mod Protem. Members present Elders W.C. Ewing, Moderator Dr. William Hooper and A.T. Swarner, with Deacon John Fritz. Minutes of June 1st 1878 read and adopted, also minutes of August 11th 1878 read and adopted. On Motion Session proceeded to elect a delegate to represent this New Lebanon Congregation at Presbytery which convenes at Hopewell Church in Morgan County Missouri on the 1st Saturday in October 1878, Elder A.T. Swarner was elected delegate, and Elder W.C. Ewing his alternate. On Motion the Delegate be and is hereby instructed to procure the services of Reverend C.W. McBride upon the same conditions that he has labored the past year in this New Lebanon Congregation.

On Motion the Delegate be and is hereby instructed to ask Presbytery to transfer the interest of the Money which was collected for the purpose of building a church, (a Cumberland Presbyterian Church) at Sedalia in Pettis County Missouri, back to the Building Fund, instead of being used for Missionary purposes. Moved to adjourn to the Saturday before the 1st Sunday in December 1878, at 1 o'clock P.M. at New Lebanon Church House. W.C. Ewing Mod Protem, A.T. Swarner, Clerk

At a Meeting of New Lebanon Presbytery held at New Salem, Cooper County Missouri, Saturday April 6th 1878 at 11 o'clock A.M. The following resolution was adopted, and recommended to be transcribed into all the Session Books by the Clerks of the Sessions. Your Committee are firm in the opinion that there are but few subjects coming before this body, that are of much greater importance to the future success of our Church than the pastoral relation. Nothing more disturbs the tranquillity and retards the progress of the Church than the almost perpetual agitation of the Subject, "who shall preach for us" and "where shall we preach" caused by the un-presbyterial system of six or twelve months Supplies, keeping both preachers and people in a State of restless Suspense. It unfits all for that Steady and Systematic work, which alone can give permanency and Success to the cause of our Redeemer, and often divides and disturbs congregations, In the opinion of your committee, this is the great cause why the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has no better system in all her enterprises.

We do therefore recommend that you urge upon your congregations whenever it is practical, either Singly or in connection with one or more congregations, to call and Settle among themselves a regular pastor, and that you require your Ministers and elders to struggle hard through Gods help to accomplish this.

We further recommend that, in order to prepare the way for and hasten this much desired end, you direct your congregations to employ their Ministers in the future for an indefinite time, with a stipulated Salary per year. And further, that this engagement Shall be binding until dissolved by the consent of the Presbytery, after the party desiring release merit Shall have given the other party at least two Months notice, prior to the Meeting of Presbytery at which Said releasement is Sought: provided that the parties so contracting Shall be at liberty, on their own agreement to make any yearly change in the amount or manner of payment of Salary, as emergency may Suggest, but such change must be reported at the Presbytery from date of which it takes effect. And, we further recommend that you refuse to ratify any con-tract made by Said congregations and Ministers, unless they

be on the principal of the pastoral or above described relations, and this to take effect after next fall session of the Presbytery. By order of Presbytery this 6th day of April 1878. A.T. Swarner, Clerk of Session.

March 28th 1879: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church Met at the Church on the day aforesaid, at the hour of 2 P.M. Members present: Reverend C.W. McBride Moderator, Elders H. Windsor and A.T. Swarner with Deacons John Fritz and B.C. Lampton. Session opened with prayer by Moderator There being no Minutes to approve.

On Motion the session be instructed to employ a Sexton to take charge of the Church and keep the Same in good condition, etc. for 12 months. Session to instruct Sexton in regard to his duty. On Motion the following Members, upon their own request were granted letters of dismission and recommendation viz: Miss Kate and Rebecca Allison, Margaret Cordry, Ann E. Wear, Julia A. Wear,

Laura E. Wear, Margaret Alexander and Melissa J. Alexander, the Clerk is hereby re-requested to furnish the same and etc. On Motion the Congregation will have their Sacramental Meeting on the 3rd Sunday in May 1879, Set-vices on Saturday at eleven o'clock A.M. Moved and Seconded that Session adjourn to meet on Saturday before the regular Services in June 1879 at 2 o'clock P.M. Closed by prayer by Moderator C.W. McBride Moderator, A.T. Swarner, Clerk

June 7th 1879: At the regular time of meeting of the Session of New Lebanon Congregation, Brothers William C. Ewing and Dr. William Hooper were present, constituting no quorum, no business was transacted. William Hooper Clerk

[The following item is from the Tipton (Mo.) Times of June 12, 1879: "Lebanon, Mo., June 10, 1879. The Festival, under the auspices of the C.P. Church at this place, went off in fine style last Saturday evening, June 7. The crowd almost outgrew the capacity of the house. Every face present beamed with interest and enjoyment on the occasion. The Guyer family acquitted themselves creditably and fully confirmed the prediction of Hall that they were "good ones". W.R. Spencer proved himself equal to the occasion and dispensed tickets in such a manner as would do credit to Barnum's lightning ticket agent. The liveliest enthusiasm was manifested. All labored faithfully to rub out the debt which had been hanging over the Church for years, At 8:30 P.M. refreshments were served, and the tables groaned beneath the weight of the edibles. The contributions were estimated by J.D. Starke and the Committee to be about \$150.90. So at last "The little brown church" is in good condition financially, and its membership and pastor are moving in harmony. Much credit is due to J.D. Starke, John Mann, Dr. Hooper, Mrs. Funkhouser, Mrs. Cordry, Mrs. Gander and many others for their earnest efforts in behalf of the Church. All went away feeling it was good to be there,"]

Aug. 9th 1879: At a meeting of the Session, with the congregation, on the night of the day aforesaid, the following persons were admitted into full membership in this New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church in the presence of the following Members of the Session, Reverend C.W. McBride Mod, with Elders Dr. William Hooper and H. Windsor Viz. Mrs. Trymenda Self, Daniel Rothgeb and Wife. Dr. William Hooper, Clk Protem, Rev C.W. McBride Moderator

Sept. 13th 1879: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation Met on the day aforesaid, at the hour of 3 P.M. to hold their quarterly meeting. In the absence of the Mod., Elder H. Windsor was elected Moderator Members present: H. Windsor, W.C. Ewing, Dr. William Hooper and A.T. Swarner, Session constituted with prayer by Elder Hooper. Deacon John Fritz was also present. Minutes of March 28th 1879 was read and adopted. Reverend Brother B.T. Tipton appearing, on Motion was declared Moderato, Brother Tipton in the chair. On Motion the electing of a delegate to represent this New Lebanon Congregation at Presbytery which convenes at New Lebanon in Cooper County Mo. on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1879 at eleven o'clock A.M., now take place. Dr. William Hooper was unanimously elected and Elder H. Windsor his alternate. On Motion there be now a delegate elected to at-tend Synod which convenes at Centerview in Johnson County Mo. on the 17th day of October 1879. Elder William C. Ewing was unanimously elected and A.T. Swarner his alternate.

On Motion the Clerk is hereby instructed to make a record that common fame charges Brother Edward Hutchison, and William M. Robertson of attending dances around the county and participating in the same. Moved and Seconded that there be a committee of two appointed to confer with the said Brethren, and report at the next regular Meeting of the Session. Brothers W.C. Ewing and Hooper were appointed Said Committee. On Motion Brother C.P. Amick was upon his own request, granted a letter of dismission and recommendation, and the clerk re-requested to furnish the Brother with the Same. On Motion the Delegate to Presbytery be and is hereby instructed to request Presbytery, to create the office of Treasurer in each Congregation within its bounds, to receive all Money which may be collected for each and every purpose, and presbytery request all her Congregations to pay all Money into Said Treasury, Said Treasurer to keep an itemized account of all Money rec'd and pay out the same to the proper persons, etc. Brother H. Windsor and Swarner reported that they had employed the Services of Brother Benjamin Rothgeb as Sexton for 12 months commencing on the 28th day of March 1879 at a Salary of twenty dollars to be paid quarterly. Said Sexton to furnish all of the wood and lights necessary, at his own expense, On Motion the Sexton was instructed to procure the necessary window lights (as there are some broken in the Church) and put the same in, and the Session will be responsible for the necessary expense etc. On Motion Brother Benjamin Wells be and is hereby restored again to full membership in this New

Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church, Upon the request of Brother Wells he was then granted a letter of dismission and recommendation and the clerk instructed to furnish the same. On Motion the minute of Aug 9th was read and approved. On Motion the present Minutes be read and approved, no objection, the minute stand approved. Moved to adjourn to the Saturday before the regular appointment in Dec 1879 at one o'clock P.M. Session closed with prayer by Moderator Reverend B.T. Tipton Moderator, A.T. Swarner, Clerk.

Oct. 23 1879: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation met in a call meeting at 3 o'clock P.M. Session constituted with prayer by Moderator Members present Reverend H.D. Kennedy, Elders H. Windsor, W.C. Ewing, and A.T. Swarner with Deacons B.C. Lampton and John W. Mann. The Moderator Stated the object of the meeting, which was to see if the Session would ratify the transaction of the delegate to Presbytery, with Reverend H.D. Kennedy as pastor of this Congregation. On Motion the Session ratified the contract which was that the said Kennedy supply this New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church with preaching once a month. The Said Kennedy agreeing to take the amount subscribed \$125 dollars More or less, and we as a Church Session agreeing to use our influence in collecting the same etc. The Same to be paid quarterly. Moved to adjourn. Closed with prayer by Moderator H.D. Kennedy, A.T. Swarner Clerk

Dec. 24th 1879: At a regular time of Meeting of the Session of New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church Brothers Dr. William Hooper and A.T. Swarner present no quorum, no Business was transacted. A.T. Swarner Clerk

[The Reverend H.D. Kennedy was born Sept. 1, 1837 near Elkton, Todd Co. Ky. And died Sept. 20, 1920. Several years before he died, he wrote the following sketch for The Bunceton (Mo.) Weekly Eagle: The subject of this sketch was born in a farm home near Elkton, Todd County, Kentucky, on the first day of September, 1837. My father, Hon. Urban E. Kennedy, owned and operated a large farm and tannery with which was connected the manufacture of harness and heavy shoes.

At my earliest recollection my father, who was official engineer and surveyor of his county, spent most of his time in his official duties, the tannery being managed by an expert at the business, assisted by my oldest brother. The farm was managed by my next two oldest brothers. The heaviest work, both of the farm and of the tannery, was done by the labor of slaves who were owned and well treated by the family.

I, with my seven brothers, [one of these brothers was Urban Chapman Kennedy; See DVKM.] was taught to work either on the farm or in the tannery as our services were most needed. My three sisters assisted my mother in the direction and performance of the domestic duties of the home, with the help of the household servants, and there was much to be done at this early date when most of the clothing, table linen and bedding of the household and all the heavy clothing of the slaves were manufactured at home from raw wool, cotton and flax.

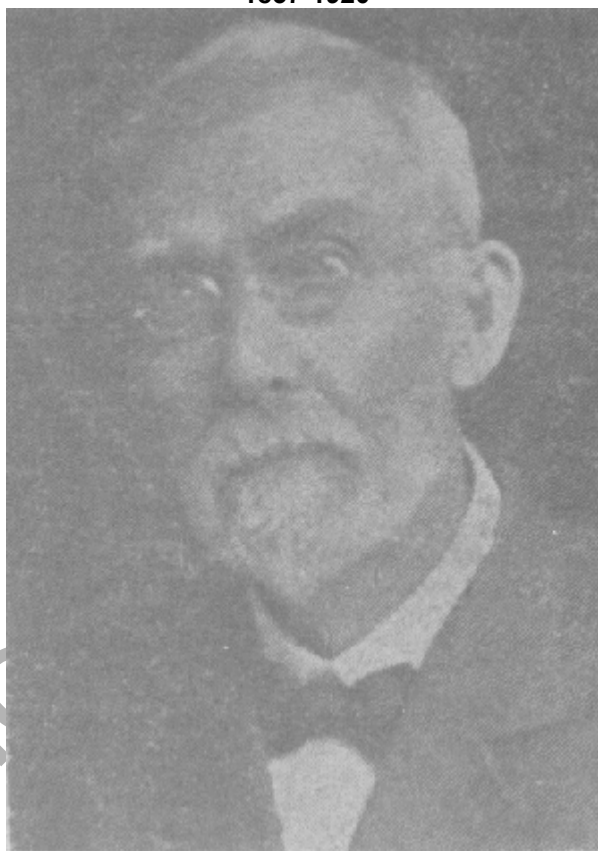
At the age of about seventeen years, having finished the course of private school at Elkton and having made up my mind to enter the ministry of the C.P. Church, I entered upon a collegiate course of study and, after four years, was graduated from Bethel College, Tennessee, when I was about 21 years old. Soon after graduation, I was ordained to the work of the ministry in the home church at Elkton, Kentucky, by Anderson Presbytery.

In 1860 I was married to my first wife, Miss Antoinette Barnett, of Christian county, Kentucky, and as was frequently the custom of the ministry of those days, I went on a farm in western Tennessee and had charge of churches in the surrounding country. By 1863 the Civil War had so disturbed all the peaceful conditions of church, business and civil affairs in Tennessee and the Federal army having permitted such a condition guerrilla warfare that it became very unsafe for a family of known Southern proclivities to remain in northwestern Tennessee and as I had been identified with the Confederate service as a chaplain, until my health gave way, for the safety of my family, I placed my farm, crops, and stock in the hands of a neutral caretaker and left the state. With a team of mules and wagon, my horse and buggy, I took my wife, four colored servants and a few valuables, such as we needed most, and went to central Kentucky, locating at Ceralvo, on Green River. I took charge of the church, which was without a pastor, and opened a private school in the town, on the higher grades of education, and lived comfortably until the close of the war. In 1866 I returned to Tennessee and found Mr. Pulliam, the caretaker, in the residence with some of the furniture and fixtures saved but the stock and store of crops had been taken and used by the marauding guerrillas and the fences and outbuildings destroyed and the farm turned into waste. I went to work to repair and restock my farm and resumed a part of my church work. I continued this work, repairing and restocking my farm, raising crops and preaching to my churches until 1870 when, on account of the failure of my wife's health, I sold my Tennessee bottom farm and moved to Verona, in southern Missouri. Here at the head of Spring River, a mountainous locality of pure water and dry air, I thought I could hope for an improvement of my wife's health. We remained at Verona two years, during which time I organized a congregation and we built and dedicated a good brick church. But my wife's

health becoming suddenly worse, we went back to Christian county Kentucky, where she soon passed away in the presence of her mother and sister in the old home of her birth.

In the early winter of 1873 I returned to Missouri and took charge of the church at Independence, in the spring of 1874, dividing the time equally with the Columbus church. In the spring of 1876 I moved to the Otterville church at Otterville, Cooper County, and also preached half the time at New Bethlehem church. In 1878 I was married to Mrs. Mary E. Stephens, of Bunceton, whose five-year-old daughter Celeste, I received to my heart and home as my daughter and she and I have lovingly maintained the relations of daughter and papa up to the present date. Celeste was educated at the Haynes school at Boonville. She was happily married to Mr. Will H. Ewing, of Bell Air, who prepared himself for the practice of veterinary surgery at Terre Haute, Indiana, and located at Jackson, Mississippi, where he has a large practice, while Celeste, my daughter, Mrs. Ewing, holds her accustomed place of activity in social and church work. I made this digression to mention my foster daughter, Mrs. W.H. Ewing, whom I have reason to love so dearly. [Will H. Clay Ewing born 1864 (son of William Caldwell Ewing and Lucretia Perry Corum) married 1889 Celeste Stephens and had no children.]

Reverend H. D. Kennedy
1837-1920



After my marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Stephens, as above mentioned we made our home and I continued in charge of Otterville church until 1881, when we moved to Bunceton, taking charge of the Bunceton church in connection with Otterville. About 1881 I gave up the Otterville church and took charge of New Salem instead, and moved to Prairie Home into a cottage we had built. Here our only child, a son, Newton B. Kennedy, was born Sept. 4, 1883. He is now in the real estate business at Tarpon Springs, Florida and has a wife, the mother of three bright and interesting children, two boys and a girl. About 1885 we moved from Prairie Home to Bunceton, where my wife taught music and I continued preaching until the death of my wife in February 1896, at which time I was suffering a severe attack of pneumonia and in a state of delirium and knew nothing of my wife's death until after her burial. She was a loving wife, a careful and devoted mother, a true and active Christian and has gone to the reward of the blessed. My health was so impaired by the attack of pneumonia mentioned that I was not able to continue my full ministry but preached two or three Sundays a month until up to 1907 when, owing to a severe and continued attack of La Grippe my vocal ability was so impaired that I was compelled to give up pulpit work almost entirely and so I retired from the active ministry and have been enrolled in

the records of my church, "The Presbyterian, U.S." as "Honorably retired," which is a living relation that is full of comfort. I am now necessarily nearing the end of the earthly pilgrimage and from this advanced position look calmly at the issues without any great anxiety or distress. There seems to be a philosophy in the experience of the years as they pass, by which, if the mind and soul are impressed and taught, we become prepared for old age and its quiet and gentle testimonies of a rest that is just a little ways on, and we become accustomed to contemplate the end with a peaceful composure, while we wait, and like Emerson we can say, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."]

March 27 1880: No quorum present at this meeting, no business transacted. Elder H. Windsor and Deacons B.C. Lampton and John Fritz. A.T. Swarner Clerk

April 24 1880: The Session of New Lebanon Congregation met in a call meeting at 2 P.M. Session constituted with prayer by Moderator H.D. Kennedy. Members present H.D. Kennedy Moderator, Elders William C. Ewing and A.T. Swimmer, with Deacons John Fritz, B.C. Lampton and John W. Mann. Minutes of Oct 25 1879, and Minutes of Dec. 24 1879 and March 97 1880 were read and adopted. On Motion the Committee appointed to confer with Brothers William M. Robertson and Edward Hutchison on unchristian conduct, be granted further time and that the Moderator be added to Said committee. The Committee appointed to confer with Brother Ed. Hutchison on reports that the Said Hutchison pleads not guilty of the charge.

Moved and See that the Moderator by appointed a committee to confer with Sister Melissa J. Amick in regard to unchristian conduct, providing and holding Balls at her house. Brother James Murphy has been charged with attending dances and participating in the same, also of having being intoxicated at different times and On Motion Elder A.T. Swarner was appointed a committee, to confer with Brother Murphy. Said committees to report at the next regular Meeting of the Session. Moved and Seconded that the Moderator announce from the pulpit tomorrow that there will be a congregational meeting on Saturday before the regular meeting in May at eleven o'clock A.M. for the purpose of electing an Elder. Moved and Secretary to adjourn. Prayer by Moderator A.T. Swarner Clerk H.D. Kennedy, Moderator

May 26 1880: The church Session met with the Congregation according to previous announcement. Members present Reverend H.D. Kennedy Moderator with Elders A.T. Swarner; Deacons present, John Mann, John Fritz, and B.C. Lampton. On Motion Brother Andrew and Sister B. Eichelberger were received into full Membership in this New Lebanon Congregation of the C.P. Church. On Motion the electing of an Elder was attended to; Brother Andrew Eichelberger having received a majority of all the votes cast was duly elected. Brother B.C. Lampton handed in his resignation as Deacon of this Congregation. On Motion Brother Lamp-tons resignation was accepted, and Brother J.D. Starke was duly elected to fill the vacancy. A.T. Swimmer Clerk H.D. Kennedy Moderator

May 27 1880: Supplement to the foregoing Minute the Session convened with the Congregation, and the ordination of Brother An-drew Eichelberger as ruling Elder was attended to by the Mod Reverend H.D. Kennedy. A.T. Swimmer Clerk H.D. Kennedy Moderator

July 24 1880: The session of the New Lebanon Congregation met subject to the call of the Moderator at 3 o'clock. P.M. Members pre-sent H.D. Kennedy Moderator, Elders William C. Ewing, H. Windsor and A. Eichelberger, with Deacons, John Fritz and John W. Mann. Absentees J.D. Starke and A.T. Swimmer. Under the head of new business the following resolution was adopted. Resolved that a collection be taken up on the following Sunday in the congregation, for the purpose of raising money, to defray the indebtedness of the Church. Also that the fencing around the church House is in a very dilapidated condition, and that the Session meet on 2nd day of Aug 1880 to repair the same, after which the Session adjourned to meet on the Saturday proceeding the 4th Sunday in Aug 1880 at 3 P.M. A Eichelberger Clerk Protem, Reverend H.D. Kennedy Moderator

Aug 21 1880: No quorum present, no business transacted. A.T. Swimmer Clerk

Sept 25 1880: The Session met at 3 P.M. to hold their fourth quarterly meeting. Session constituted with prayer by Moderator. Reverend H.D. Kennedy. Members present Eiders Andrew Eichelberger, William C. Ewing, H. Windsor and A.T. Swimmer, with Deacons John Fritz and J.D. Starke. Minutes of May 26 1880, May 27 and July 24 1880 adopted. The Session proceeded to elect a delegate to represent this Congregation at presbytery which convenes at Hazel Grove Church in Saline Co. Mo. on the 1st Saturday in October 1880. Elder Andrew Eichelberger was duly elected. On Motion A.T. Swimmer was elected his (Eichelbergers) alternate. The Session then proceeded to election of a Delegate to Synod which convenes at Bunceton in Cooper Co. Mo on the October 1880. Elder A.T. Swimmer was elected and on Motion Brother A. Eichelberger was elected alternate. On Motion the delegate to presbytery be instructed to procure the Services of our pre-sent pastor, for the next year. Moved and Seconded that the report of the Committees in the Minute of April 24 1880 be carried over to the next regular meeting of the Session. Resolved that this Session tender their thanks to the young Lady Members and Friends of this vicinity, for their zeal and energy in procuring Means and purchasing carpet for the Church, and making the Church in such a neat and comfortable manner. On Motion the Deacons and Clerk are hereby instructed to meet at same convenient time and place, for the purpose of districting the Congregation into districts, for the convenience of the Deacons, and in order that they may be enabled to labor more successfully, etc. On Motion Brother J.D. Starke was elected treasurer of this Congregation. On Motion Session adjourned with prayer by Moderator Reverend H.D. Kennedy, Moderator, A.T. Swimmer Clerk

Sept 26 1880: The Session met with the Congregation and after services the membership by vote instructed the delegate to presbytery to procure the services of Brother Kennedy to supply this congregation with the work and ordinances of the Gospel. Moved and Seconded that all the minutes as read be adopted. On Motion the present minute be adopted. H.D. Kennedy Moderator, A.T. Swimmer Clerk

Dec 25 1880: The Session met at three P.M., Present Reverend F.W. Manning Moderator, Elders Henderson Windsor, Andrew Eichelberger and A.T. Swarner, with Deacons John Fritts and John Mann. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Minutes of Sept 25 1880 adopted as read. The Committee in the case of Brother James Murphy's unchristian conduct reported compliance; and that Brother Murphy acknowledged to all of the charges, and with a determination to persist in his course, requested that his name be dropped from the church Book. On Motion the preamble and resolution be adopted, and that the Mod be and is hereby requested to announce from the pulpit at the next regular appointment the action of the Session. The delegate to Presbytery reported compliance with all the duties assigned him. The Delegate to Synod reported compliance also. On Motion the reports were concurred in. Whereas Reverend H.D. Kennedy's relation with this Session as Pastor, has been dissolved by Mutual consent, and he having been appointed a committee to confer with Sister Melissa J. Amick on unchristian conduct. Resolved therefore that Elder A.T. Swimmer be appointed a committee to confer with Sister Amick and report at the next regular Meeting.

On Motion Brother Washington Starke and wife Brother Walker Steele and wife, and Finis Alexander, were upon their own request granted letters of dismission and recommendation, and the Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to furnish the same. Moved and Secretary that we adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Elder Eichelberger. A.T. Swarner Clerk, Reverend W.F. Manning Moderator

March 28 1881: Session met at 3 P.M. at New Lebanon to hold their quarterly Meeting. Meeting constituted with prayer by Moderator Members present, Elders A. Eichelberger and A.T. Swarner, with Deacons J.D. Starke and John Fritts, Minutes of Dec 25th 1880 approved as read. Special Committee called for to report, Elder A.T. Swarner having been -pointed a Special Committee to confer with Sister Amick on unchristian conduct asks for further time, request granted. On Motion Deacon J.D. Starke was requested to settle with the Sexton (Brother Benj. Rothgeb) and procure the Services of some other person. Moved and Seconded that this congregation have two regular communion Services in each year, at the regular Services in May and October. Moved to adjourn. Prayer by Mod, A.T. Swarner Clerk W.F. Manning Moderator

Aug 29 1881: The time for holding the regular meeting having passed, a call session was called by Elder A. Eichelberger and A.T. Swarner to attend to the regular order of Business. Session met at ten A.M. Reverend A.M. Buchanan (Evangelist) appeared and acted as Moderator Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator Members present Elders Andrew Eichelberger, H. Windsor and A.T. Swarner, with Deacons John W. Mann and John Fritts. Minutes of March 26 approved as read. Moved and Seconded that elder A.T. Swarner he excused from the duties assigned him in conferring with Sister Melissa J. Amick on unchristian conduct. On Motion Brother Windsor was appointed a committee to attend to that business and report at the next regular meeting. The following resolution was adopted: Whereas Brother W.C. Ewing having been appointed an Agent to attend to the bequest of Sister Ellen Read has this day resigned. On Motion Deacon J.D. Starke, was appointed to attend to the Business. The next order of Business was the electing of the Delegate to represent this Congregation at Presbytery which convenes at Prairie Chapel, Pettis County Mo. on the 1st Saturday in Oct 1881. Brother Windsor was duly elected. and Brother Eichelberger his Alternate. On Motion Elder A.T. Swarner was elected a delegate to rep. this Congregation at Synod. Brother Windsor his alternate. Synod convenes at Salem, Dent Co., Mo. embracing the third Sunday in Oct, 1881. Elder A.T. Swarner offers his resignation as Clerk. On Motion the same was accepted. On Motion Brother Eichelberger was duly elected Clerk of this Session. An account of four (4.15) dollars was presented by Deacon John Fritts for necessities, viz. Bucket, Dipper, Pitcher, Glass, Coal oil can, and two chairs. On Motion the acct. was allowed, and the Treasurer requested to pay the same upon the presentment of a warrant. Moved to adjourn to meet on the 2nd day of Sept. 1881 at 7 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer by Elder A.T. Swarner A.T. Swarner Clerk, A.M. Buchanan Moderator

Sept. 2, 1881: Session met at New Lebanon September 2nd 1881 at 7 P.M. Reverend A.M. Buchanan being present acted as Moderator and opened session with prayer. Members present A. Eichelberger and H. Windsor. Members absent A.T. Swarner, W.C. Ewing. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Brother Windsor asked that further time be granted him to attend to the duty for which he was appointed at the last meeting of Session and was granted,

The following preamble and resolutions was adopted: Whereas Rev, W.F. Manning who has been our faithful Pastor for the last nine months has tendered his resignation on the grounds that the condition of his health will prevent him from performing the duties of Pastor longer, therefore Resolved: 1st, That it is with the deepest regret that we accept his resignation. 2nd, That we extend to him and his family our sincere sympathy praying Gods blessing upon him. Elders H. Windsor resigned as A.T. Swarner alternate to represent the church at the next regular meeting of the Mo. Synod and W.C. Ewing was appointed in his stead. Session adjourned to meet on Saturday before the first sabbath in Dec. 1881 at 2 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer by Brother Eichelberger. A.M. Buchanan Moderator, A. Eichelberger Clerk

Dec 3rd 1881: Session met at 2 P.M. Reverend Redmon Whitehead being present acted as Moderator. Elders present Eros. A. Eichelberger and H. Windsor. Absent W.C. Ewing and A.T. Swarner. Meeting constituted with

prayer by Mod, The Select Committee appointed to investigate into the case of Mrs. Amick, made a report and her name by her own request was erased from the roll of members, On motion Reverend Redmon Whitehead was Employed to Supply New Lebanon Congregation one fourth of his time for twelve months commencing Nov 1 1881. On Motion Sisters Georgia, Ada, Louisa and Brother Philip C. Amick, were, upon their own request granted letters of dismission and recommendation. On motion of Elder Eichelberger, Resolved that after singing the last song, the Deacons proceed to take up a collection to Pay the Contingent expenses of the Congregation, Except when there is a special call for some other purpose. Moved and Seconded to adjourn. Closed with prayer. J.M. Eichelberger, Clerk Protein, Reverend Redmon Whitehead.

March 4th 1881: The session of New Lebanon Congregation met pursuant to adjournment. There were present, Mod, Reverend Redmon Whitehead, Eiders, A. Eichelberger, H. Windsor, and Deacons J.D. Starke, J.W. Fritts and J.W. Mann. The Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator Eider A. Eichelberger resigned, as clerk as of session. The resignation was accepted and James Eichelberger was elected to fill the vacancy as clerk. Eider H. Windsor was chosen delegate to represent the Congregation at the next session of New Lebanon Presbytery and Elder A. Eichelberger was chosen his alternate. On Motion Brothers Mann and Starke were appointed a committee to in-quire into the conduct of Brothers Frank Robert-son and Edward Hutchison relative to irreligious conduct unbecoming to Christian young men. It was decided, that on Saturday before the first Sabbath in April, the Congregation be permitted to elect two additional Elders, and one Deacon. At their own requests letters of dismission and recommendation were granted to the following Brothers and Sisters in the congregation: B.C. Lampton, John B. Lampton, Susan C. Lampton, Lena B. Lampton, A.T. Swarner, Mary M. Swarner, Thomas E. Swarner and William H. Swarner, On Motion the session adjourned to meet on sat. before 1st Sabbath in June next at 2 o'clock P.M. Adjourned with prayer by Brother A. Eichelberger. J.M. Eichelberger Clerk, Reverend R. Whitehead Moderator

May 6 1882: Special Meeting. At the special meeting held as per order of session, May 6 1882 for the purpose of electing two Elders to fill vacancies caused by the Death of Brother William C. Ewing and the removal of Brother A.T. Swarner. The Congregation Elected Brother J.M. Eichelberger and Brother J.W. Fritts as ruling Eiders. On Motion Brother Harvey Lewis was elected additional Deacon by acclamation. There being no other business the Congregation Adjourned with prayer by Brother A. Eichelberger. J.M. Eichelberger Clerk, Reverend R. Whitehead Moderator

June 1882: No quorum present at this meeting. No business transacted. J.M. Eichelberger Clerk

Sept 17 1882: The Session of New Lebanon congregation met pursuant to adjournment, Members present Reverend R. Whitehead Moderator with Elders H. Windsor, A. Eichelberger, J.W. Fritts and J.M. Eichelberger, Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator Committee appointed to investigate the unchristian character of Brothers E.C. Hutchison and Frank Robertson, asked further time which was granted. On Motion Brother A. Eichelberger was Elected delegate to attend the next session of Mo. Synod which convenes at Steelsville, Crawford County Mo. Oct 12 1882. And Brother H. Windsor his Alternate. On Motion Brother J.D. Starke was instructed to settle with Brother A. Eichelberger 2.25 for incidentals. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator Reverend R. Whitehead Moderator, J.M. Eichelberger, Clerk

March 17, 1883: The session of New Lebanon congregation met pursuant to adjournment. Bo J.E.F. Robertson acting as Moderator Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator The com. appointed to investigate certain charges against Brother E.C. Hutchison and Frank Robertson, made a report and were discharged. Bo, A. Eichelberger delegate to Mo. Synod made a report of non-compliance. On Motion Brother J.W. Fritts was elected delegate to attend the next session of New Lebanon Pres. which convenes at Marshall, Saline Co. Mo. in April 1883, and Bo, J.M. Eichelberger his alternate. Session adjourned with prayer by Bo H. Eichelberger. J.E.F. Robertson Moderator, J.M. Eichelberger Clerk

July 22 1883: The Session of New Lebanon congregation of the C.P. Church met as per adjournment. Brother W.H. Wilson acting as Moderator with Elders A. Eichelberger, J.W. Fritts, J.M. Eichelberger and Deacon J.W. Mann. Session was opened with prayer by the Moderator Delegate to, Pres. made a report that he had Employed Brother Wilson to supply N.L. Congregation with preaching one fourth of his time for \$125. and had paid \$6.60 due Presbytery from this congregation Said report being received by the session. On motion Brother J.W. Mann was Elected Treasurer Proteem to fill vacancy caused by the removal of Bo J.D. Starke. On Motion Brother J.M. Eichelberger was elected a committee to examine the church records to find vacancy in trustees of N.L. Church. On Motion Bo J.W. Mann was appointed a Com. to settle with the Sexton. Session closed with prayer by Moderator Reverend W.H. Wilson, Moderator, J.M. Eichelberger, Clerk.

Sept 23 1883: The session of N.L. Church met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator being absent Brother J.W. Fritts was elected Moderator Elders present Brother A. Eichelberger, Brother J.W. Fritts, Brother J.M. Eichelberger, absent Brother H. Windsor. Session constituted with prayer by Brother A. Eichelberger. Eider J.M. Eichelberger com. appointed to confer with trustees of N.L. Church made a report and was discharged. Brother J.W. Mann having been appointed to settle with Sexton and treasurer, made a report and was discharged. Brother J.M. Eichelberger was elected delegate to attend Mo. Synod which convenes at Warrensburg, Johnson Co. Mo. and Brother A. Eichelberger his alternate. On motion Brother Robert buried ns and wife were granted letters of dismission and recommendation. Moved to adjourn. Closed with prayer by J.M. Eichelberger. J.W. Fritts, Moderator, J.M. Eichelberger Clerk

March 22, 1884: Pursuant to adjournment the session and deacons met at the house of Brother J.M. Eichelberger. Brother A. Eichelberger was Elected Moderator Session was opened with prayer by Moderator Certain charges of unchristian conduct having been preferred against Brother Thos. W. Ruby, Brother J.W. Fritts was appointed a committee to wait on said Brother and report at the next meeting of the session.

On motion Brother J.W. Fritts was Elected delegate to attend the next session of N.L. Pres. which convenes at New Zion, Cooper Co. Mo. and Brother J.W. Eichelberger his alternate. Brother A. Eichelberger delegate to Synod made a report that he attended all meetings of said synod. Moved and carried that New Lebanon congregation have one or two doctrinal sermons preached each year in the future. Session closed with prayer by Brother J.W. Fritts. J.W. Eichelberger Clerk A. Eichelberger Moderator

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