

Appendix B

An Early Church Problem

The first Seventh-day Adventist delegated State Conference session, held at Monterey, Michigan, October 4-6, 1862, had before it four questions, the first of which was: “How shall we treat divorced marriages?”

The term “divorced marriages” was defined as marriages of spouses “who have been divorced from their former husbands or wives for other causes than that mentioned in Matthew 19, and under that divorce have married again. Shall such persons subsequently embracing present truth be received among us?” (The Review and Herald, October 14, 1862.)

The matter was referred to the Conference Committee. No record can be found of any subsequent recommendation or action.