

The
Syracuse Conference
Of the
Wesleyan M. Connection
Of
America

Convened
For its
13th
Annual Session
In
Syracuse N. Y.

April 5th 1865

John T. Hewitt
President

A. Parke Burgess.
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Conf. Session
Syracuse N.Y.
Apr. 5th 2 P.M. 1865

The Syracuse Yearly Conference met pursuant to adjournment in the W. M. Chapel Syracuse April 5th 1865.

The members wee called to order by the Pres. and by vote the sermon expected at the opening was postponed till evening.

The session was the [sic] commenced with devotions conducted by Rev. E. Gaylord Pres. The Roll of Ministers was then called as follows:

C. Prindle	E. Halsey	E. B. Mintz
Jno. T. Hewitt	D. Malpass	A. Ferris
E. Gaylord	O. P. Hazzard	R. Osburn
E. M. High	H. Lounsbury	A. Kelsey
W. L. Fessenden	N. Bacon	J. Palmer
A. P. Burgess	I. Sprague	M Frink
L. F. Bingham	D. W. Barton	C. P. Owen
M Pressler	J H Barnum	W. Burt
Jno. M. Wait	R Benton	S Nelson
J P Pierce	Thos Eastham	A Fasset
L. N. Stratton	W Griswold	G M Hardy
C. F. Barnett	John Gregory.	

Certificates of Lay Delegates were then recieved [sic] and the following names were entered upon the Roll.

R Burlingham C. Prosser C. Clark E. F. Willet H G Lawrence B. P. Drake D Wire
W. H. Farrer A. Dunham J D Millard G. L Hydorn R. G. King

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Conf. then proceeded to the regular election of Officers for the ensuing year.

While the tellers, G. M. Hardy & H. Lounsbury were preparing their report on the election for Pres. Rev C. Prindle Presented J. M. Swick and A Crooks to the to the Conf. & by vote they were made honorary members of the body.

The election resulted as follows:

J. T. Hewitt	Pres.
A P. Burgess	Secy.

Very happy remarks were made by bro. Gaylord on vacating the chair and by bro Hewitt on accepting it.

On motion of C. Prindle L. N. Stratton and H. G. Lawrance, were made a Com. on public worship, during the sessions of Conf.

Voted that Rev C Prindle now be asked to present his Report on the State of our Publishing Interests. The rept [sic] is made, showing encouraging prosperity.

Rev. E. Gaylord, Rev. L. N. Stratton, and E. F. Willet were appointed a committe [sic] on the State of our Publishing Interests.

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Voted that A. M. sessions be opened at 8 ½ and adjourned at 11 ¾ o'clock.

Voted that at a time hereafter to be designated, each ministerial member be called upon to relate the experiences of the past year, upon their respective fields of labor.

The review of Ministerial character was then taken in hand and names were passed by the Roll as far as N. Bacon.

Voted that a Com. of 3 be appointed to report some plan upon which to deal with members of this body who habitually fail either personally or in any other way to represent themselves at our annual gatherings.

C. Prindle, E Gaylord A P Burgess were constituted such committe. [sic]

The review was then continued to the name of S. Cooper. By enactment of last Gen. Conf. making a change of boundary, this brother is transfered [sic] to Rochester Conf. and is no more a member of this Body.

E. B. Mintz being absent represents himself by letter. By his choice he is left "without appointment at his own request."

A. Ferris, Absent on account of sickness in family. He is left on Res. List.

Rev. C. Prindle brings request from Roch. Conf. that as Revs. J. Lott & N. Fessenden are within the bounds of the Syracuse Conf. they be recognized as members thereof. By vote their names are placed upon the Roll.

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Prayer by Bro. Crooks.

2d Day 8 ½ A.M.

Thurs. Apr. 6th

Religious services were conducted by bro. Hardy. The Roll was then called and minutes read and approved.

Voted that Com. on Pas. Rel. consist of E. Gaylord D. Malpass A. P. Burgess – E. F. Willet Chas Clark. C. C. Prosser.

C. F. Barnet represents himself by letter and presents request from his Charge that he be returned to them another year.

Review of Min. Char. Continued to the name of I. Sprague. By vote he is appointed Home Miss for the year to come.

M. Frink is by vote returned to the Unstationed List.

John Anderson having transferred himself to another Body. Is no more a member of this.

W. Burt purposing to remove west, requests and recieves [sic] a transfer to some western Conference.

Voted that as the Ch at Spragues' Crs. Can be better accomodated [sic] in the Champlain Conf. at their request they be thus transfered. [sic]

John Gregory being unable to get to Conf on account of the damaged condition of the Rail Roads, represents himself by letter & gives account of a new Church at Yatesville. Review of character completed Ithica Mission writes a letter which is refered [sic] to Com. on Pas. Rel.

The Report on Reforms is now presented by C Prindle and adopted and ordered published in the "A Wesleyan."

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The Report on S. Schools is presented by L. N. Stratton, and after remarks by Res. Hewitt Prindle Barton & Stratton, was adopted, &c.

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The Com. to report a plan for reaching delinquent members present said plan which is unanimously adopted, and ordered published.

See Doc.

Voted that letter from Bro. Eastham, be referred [sic] to Com. on Pas. Rel.

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Voted that Bro Prindle be requested to preach his Memorial Sermon at an hour during Conf. which shall best suit his convenience.

C. Prindle and L. F. Bingham were appointed a Com. on Statistics and Finances. The session was then adjourned, with benediction by the Pres.

3d Day, 8 ½ A.M.

Friday Apr. 7th

Bro Swick called upon to lead in devotional exercises. After the roll-call, The com. on Statistics and Finances report through C. Prindle Ch.

The Report on Missions is now presented by Rev. Jno T. Hewitt, and adopted and ordered by vote to be read at the opening of the Miss. Meeting this evening.

The Com. appointed last year on case of brother Collins report, that a misunderstanding existed between this bro. and the Conf. It is stated that he did not desire to resign his credentials, but to withdraw from the Conf.—Whereupon after discussion it was voted that bro C's credentials be returned to him and a regular Certificate of good standing and withdrawal be granted to him.

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The question of fixing the place of holding the next session of Conference & Central Square was selected.

E. Gaylord was called to the chair. The examination of ministerial character was then continued and completed.

Rev. C. Prindle then offered for the adoption of Conference the following; to wit;

[Note: this next paragraph was pasted into the minutes.]

Whereas protracted religious exercises not unfrequently weary the people, and prove unuseful [sic] to the ministry, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our brethren as the general rule, that public prayers be not prolonged beyond six or eight minutes—that sermons be not more than from thirty to forty minutes—that in pastoral visits, the time should not be extended to more than ten or fifteen minutes—and that all the exercises of Sabbath Schools should be brief, since children cannot endure long ones.

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3d Day. P.M. Session
Syracuse, N.Y.

This session was mainly occupied by Dr. Prindle in the presentation of his Memorial Sermon.

The discourse was historical, eloquent and timely; and occurring at the very hour when the city bells were pealing their joyful notes over the surrender of Lee, and the capture of Richmond, the effect was over-powering. Shouts of praise went up to God "who giveth us the victory."—the "Doxology" raised by Bro Hewitt was reverently sung in an interim of the discourse, and on the whole it was an occasion not soon to be forgotten by those who were present.

After the Sermon, the Report on the State of the Country was read by A. P. Burgess Com. and ordered published in the "A. Wesleyan."

Adjourned for patriotic rejoicings.

Opening Services; ~~

Voted that Pres. be requested to name committees that hold over till next Session and that due notice thereof be given in the Wes.

Said Coms are as follows; ~~

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Committees

1 st	On State of Country.	E. Gaylord
2 ^d	On Reforms--	L. F. Bingham
3 ^d	On Education--	A. P. Burgess
4 th	On Book Concern	L. N. Stratton
5 th	On S Schools--	C. Prindle
6 th	On Orders & Itinerary.	J. T. Hewitt E. Gaylord AP
	Burgess M Flouer A. Dunham	
7 th	On Presidency.	C Prindle LN Stratton A. P. Burgess, W. Day W. Farrer

C. Prindle presented report on the condition and interests of Adrian College. Adopted by Conf.

E. Gaylord presents report in behalf of Com. on Book Concern. Accepted and adopted.

Voted that next Session of this Body be opened on the first Thurs of Apr. 1866 at 9 A.M.

Business was now suspended for a Missionary Meeting.
Opened by Singing the "Old Missionary Hymn."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. T. Hewitt, after which he delivered to the audience the Report on Missions which had been given to the Conf.

After the reading, remarks were made on the Subject [sic] of Missions. Revs. Jno. T.

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Hewitt, C. Prindle AP Burgess A. Crooks & D. Malpass participating.

Collections and subscriptions were then taken for the cause of Missions to the Amount of \$

At the close of the Miss. Meeting, Conf. was recalled and the Report on Pastoral Relations adopted, whereupon business being finished a final adjournment was taken.

J. T. Hewitt

A. P. Burgess
Sec.

Pres.

[Note: The following reports were pasted into the Minutes.]

REPORT ON REFORMS.

The object of all reforms that are meriting the name, aim to bring ourselves and others to that standard of moral goodness which is placed before us in the word of God. Nor can we promote reforms that are truly valuable, only upon scriptural grounds. The Bible is not only the ground of our faith, but equally the rule of our practice.—Here is the standard of human duty and action. And we rejoice to be able to record the fact, that the great events that have taken place within a brief period in the past, and especially within the past year, have been mainly the result of the active operation of some one or more principle of the gospel of Christ.

And since such successes have crowned the efforts in the past, we should go forward in the name of the Lord, pressing towards the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In the main objects of our peculiar denominational mission by which we are distinguished from other religious bodies bearing similar names, we have met with a measure of success for which we should render devout thanksgiving to Almighty God. Indeed, the practical overthrow of the servile system of American Slavery, and the passage of an article by our national Congress, forever prohibiting the existence of slavery in any part of our wide spread country, and its ratification by so many of the individual States, thus giving a guaranty that this grand measure will go into full effect, must be acknowledged to be the Lord's doings, and is marvelous in our eyes.

We are also permitted to make a record of the fact, that the great majority of the religious bodies in the loyal States, have come to the position we assumed upon the subject of slavery, and which we made a chief issue in the beginning of our organic existence. And from the signs of the times, we are permitted to hope, that as a nation, we are to become a regenerated people. To accomplish this great work, every good heart and impulse should become enlisted in co-operating with the agency of God, which is working to will and to do of His good pleasure.

As Christians, we should labor to make others christians [sic]; remembering that he that converteth [sic] a sinner from the error of his ways, saves a soul from death, and hides a multitude of sins. And as the sense of this body upon the course of duty we should pursue, to be workers together with God in what is before us, we adopt the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That in the remembrance of the signal blessings vouchsafed to us as a Nation, in granting us deliverance from the greatest evil that ever afflicted a people, and wiping out from existence the foul crime of slavery from our borders, our devout thanks are due to God, to whom all praise belongs.

2. Resolved, That since we have a fresh demonstration that those who labor for the promotion of truth and suffering humanity, will reap in due time if they faint not, our hearts are encouraged to apply the moral forces of christianity [sic] to the other evils existing in human society, until they shall be removed, and salvation and holiness become dominant in the land.

3. Resolved, That we make a record of the fact with great satisfaction, that the various religious bodies that have been so pro-slavery in their character and administrations heretofore, are coming, and *have* come, upon the platform of extending no christian [sic] toleration to slaveholding in any of its forms. And we welcome these bodies our fellow christians [sic], to the recognition of a scriptural truth, which has from our beginning, constituted so prominent an element in our denominational existence.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Prindle, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to deviate from the ordinary course, and report the following three paragraphs.

First, Few Sabbath-school scholars find the path to the gaming house, the drinking saloon, to crime and prison. 2. Most Sabbath-school scholars respect the Sabbath and God's Holy Law in proportion as they respect the Sabbath-school, 3. The young are more easy of culture than any other class, and the Sabbath-school presents to the church an ample field for cultivation. 4. The perpetuity of the church for the coming generation, lies largely in the Sabbath school.

Second. If the above statements are true, as we profoundly believe they are every one of our churches should zealously take in hand the Sabbath-school cause. 2. When inviting a pastor they should inquire, "Is he a Sabbath-school man?" 3. Every minister should acquire a taste for the Sabbath-school, throw his influence in its favor, and speak to the children in public and private with many kinds words; for few, very few Sabbath-schools, can survive the cold indifferences of a pastor.

Third. The following regulations are recommended for adoption in Sabbath-schools. 1. Begin school at the time. 2. Sing and pray briefly and appropriately. 3. During the prayer every teacher and scholar should either kneel or bow their heads. 4. Teachers must study their lessons during the week.—5. Every teacher and Sabbath-school officer should aim at making the school a means of grace, and not lose a Sabbath, nor let an opportunity slip. 6. Teachers should keep a class-book, noting

Steady Attendance, Good Behavior, and Perfect Lessons, indicating each by 2. Imperfect by 1. Bad by 0. 7. The Sabbath-school clerk should keep a roll of the scholars, and from the class-books make up and report the standing of the scholars once every month. 8. A penny collection should be taken up every Sabbath, to teach children the blessedness of giving. 9. Books and papers must be had. 10. Parents, pastors and pupils must take hold of the enterprise as though it were great and worthy, and it will be so.

L. N. Stratton, Ch'n.

REPORT ON THE CASE OF THE DELINQUENCY OF MINISTERS NEGLECTING TO REPORT THEMSELVES TO THE YEARLY CONFERENCES.

The Committee to whom was referred the cases of brethren in the ministry, in neglecting [sic] to report themselves to our Yearly Conferences, beg leave to present the following report, viz,--

Your Committee deeply sympathize with the feeling expressed by this Conference, which led to our appointment, in our being compelled to act from year to year upon the cases of ministerial brethren from whom no direct information can be obtained. In these circumstances, we are liable to reindorse the christian [sic] standing of some who are not of "good report of them which are without" (1:Tim. iii, 7,), or, relying upon such information as can be gathered at the seat of the Conference, when we are called upon to act upon their cases, we are in danger of doing them injustice, by acting upon the uncertain fragments of intelligence before us.

To place a religious body in these circumstances, is unjust to these neglecting brethren, and more unjust to the Conference. It is placing the Conference in the condition of a Jury, who are required to decide a case of law and equity, in the absence of proper evidence. This should not be suffered longer. Aware of the wrong, which has been endured quite too long, this evil should be remedied, if possible. There are several remedies which occur to your Committee; the simplest and best of which is, for every delinquent brother to make it a matter of conscience and duty, to report himself to his conference, without fail for a single session. This is simple in itself, and easy to be done; and we hope the suggestion will be sufficient to bring about the necessary reform, at least in some cases, if not in all. But to meet all the cases involved, and establish a rule of action that may serve as a precedent hereafter, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. Resolved, That this Conference earnestly request every minister belonging to this body, stationed or unstationed, to represent themselves at the yearly Conference, at each session, either by personal attendance, by letter, or by communications to intrusted [sic] to some one who is sure to be in attendance upon these occasions. To such reasonable request, there can be no possible objection by any candid mind.

2. Resolved, That in the case of those brethren who neglect to comply with this request and plain duty for two years, and no clear palliating circumstance shall appear in their cases, we will feel ourselves justified in withdrawing from them the authority which has been given them in their ordination certificates, judging that an investment which these brethren do not deem of sufficient value to represent on the occasion of our Annual gathering, is not worth our continuing.

3. Resolved, That this shall become a standing rule in this Conference, and may be applied at any future session of this body, unless it shall be recinded [sic] in due form.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Prindle.

E. Gaylord.

A. P. Burgess

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REPORT ON MISSIONS

The time when it was necessary to defend Christian Missions has long since passed away. No true believer in vital christianity [sic] has now a doubt as to their feasibility or obligation.

It has become an established truth, that it is in vain for any church to expect prosperity without practising [sic] a large and diffusive benevolence.

The state of the world and the work of the church are alike developed in the New Testament; and the christian [sic] who has it in his power to extend the kingdom of Christ, and refuses or neglects to do it, is guilty of a sin against his God, and places his soul in eminent peril; for "to him that knoweth [sic] to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

"And he who hath and will not give,
The heavenly light to all that live
Himself shall lose the way."

As to the Missionary Society of our own church, we have not been without some success, although for want o means, our labors have been necessarily circumscribed. But we believe and earnestly hope that when our people can be brought to fully understand the situation of affairs, as they are not presenting themselves, a much larger liberality will ensure.

There is no doubt on the mind of your Committee that the time is approaching, -- if not at hand,--when a field will be opened in the South for Missionary Enterprise, the like of which the world has never known. God is already saying to the churches, "God ye up and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it." And it becomes every one of us to be making ready for "the feast of fat things," when God shall "destroy the covering that was upon the face of the people," and when he will swallow up spiritual death in a bloodless victory. For this grand and glorious consummation even we should stand prepared.

Your Committee will be glad to see the day arrive, when this Society will be able to send out able men to labor in those cities or towns wherein we have no Church or Minister, maintaining them competently until they can raise up self-sustaining societies, and thus add very materially to our strength, prosperity, and usefulness as a body of evangelical christians [sic]. The recent efforts of the Rev. S. A. Baker in the city of New York, shew very clearly what can be accomplished by patient and persevering effort.

In the meantime, let every minister keep the Missionary cause before his people; doing his duty faithfully; and we shall yet be able to make our infant institution grow into manhood, and its future efforts in spreading a "knowledge of salvation by the remission

of sins," to tell on the spiritual and eternal destinies of unborn millions. With a view to promote these views be it resolved—

I. That wherever it may be practicable, we will endeavor to initiate and maintain a regular record of collections and subscriptions in all our Sabbath Schools.

II. That we will bring the Missionary cause before our congregations, and endeavor to be more practical and systematic in appointing collections, and by generally promoting the work among our people.

III. That as members of the Syracuse Annual Conference we pledge ourselves to set before our people a good example in giving to the great work we have in hand.

IV. That we will endeavor to be instant in our prayers, both in public and in private, for a deeper baptism of holy fire; and that God will more richly endow [sic] us with the true Missionary Spirit which dwelt so richly in our Divine Lord and his apostles, - that the world may speedily be brought to a knowledge of the truth, and the universe be filled with the Glory of Christ.

J. T. Hewitt, Ch'n.

Syracuse Conference.

ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Believeing [sic] that no so important outward agencies exist, to aid us in our mission, as a denomination, as Adrian College and our Publishing Institution, and that our efficiency is closely interwove with these interests, and should receive our prompt and liberal support, therefore,

Resolved, That as our Publishing Institution is now in such a condition as to be able to answer the demands of the Connection, if liberally patronized by our friends, we earnestly recommend our friends every where [sic], to turn their sympathies, prayers and benefactions, towards Adrian College, as an object meriting the cheerful support of every member and friend of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection.

2. Resolved, That it is a source of heart felt satisfaction to us, that we have so able and trustworthy a Board of Instruction at the head of this Institution of learning as we have; and while we would urge our friends to send their sons and daughters to Adrian as one of the safest for morals, and equally good as other Institutions for educational purposes, we ask the prayers of those who love God and sound education, that this Institution may long live to shape human character for all the duties of usefulness and happiness.

C. Prindle

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REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

After an examination of the state and condition of our publishing interest in this city, we are led to entertain higher and still increasing hopes of its efficiency and usefulness, in promoting a healthy moral and religious sentiment in our beloved Zion.

We believe our Publishing House to be a power for good in the church and country. It is a monument of Divine approbation. We confidently believe that a kind Providence has not only favored our measures of reform, but that He also directs those

material interests which perpetuate our denominational existence. And to guard those heaven favored interests employed for the glory of God in the diffusion of a pure christianity [sic], uncorrupted by the time-serving policy of this vacillating age, is still our aim.

Your committee is certain that it bestows no underserved praise to our faithful and laborious Agent, Rev. C. Prindle, for his wise, timely and judicious efforts to procure the property owned by the Connection: consisting of a lot, commodious brick building, engine, three presses, type and fixtures worth over ten thousand dollars. Our thanks are due the Agent for the successful management of our publishing interests.

We do most heartily approve of the wise, kind and impartial manner pursued [sic] by our Editor, Rev. Adam Crooks, and we believe that the interests of our denomination have been sustained, and our church organ greatly improved under his control and management, and we recommend the following resolutions.

1. Our material prosperity as a denomination, in the midst of national calamities and general financial embarrassments [sic], and the spontaneous beneficence of the friends of our cause are reasons for profound gratitude to Almighty God, whose we are and whom we serve.

2. That in disseminating our publications we believe we are promoting the general good by diffusing high toned moral principles, and a sanctified literature, and for this we pledge each other that we will do all we can to sustain our publishing interest by securing subscribers for, and circulating our papers and books.

E. Gaylord, Ch'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Syracuse—L. N. Stratton.
Blodgetts Mills—J. H. Barnum.
Groton & Locke—Sup. by J. M. Swick.
Chenango—C. F. Barnett.
Prattville—A. P. Burgess.
Cent. Sqr. & S. Mills—L. F. Bingham
Windsor—Sup. by D. Malpass Conf. Evang.
Taylor—H. Lounsbury.
Tioga—Sup. by J. P. Hunn.
Apalachin—D. W. Barton.
Watertown—To be supplied.
Vienna—E. Gaylord.
Pittston—John Gregory.
Geddes—Sup. from Syracuse.
Orwell, Albion, Amboy—J. M. Wait.
Virgil—A. Fasset.
Harford & Perrville—Sup. by J. M. Swick.
Florence—E. Gaylord.
Yatesville—Sup. by Jno. Gregory.
State Road—Thos. Eastham.
Camden—To be supplied.

Hinmanville & Lampsons—To be supplied.
 West Verona—To be supplied.
 Ithica Mission—Jer. Palmer.
 Candor & Spencer—N. Bacon.
 Boylston & Ellisburg—to be supplied.
 Manwarren's Settlement—To be supplied.
 Fyler's Settlement—To be supplied.
 Onondaga & Ind. Miss. R. Benton.
 S. Nelson—Sup. Cong. Ch. At Cleveland, N.Y.
 M. Pressler—Home Missionary.
 W. Griswold—Home Missionary.
 E. Halsey—Home Missionary.
 J. T. Hewitt A. M. Ed. of Religious Monthly.
 D. Malpass—Conf. Evangelist.
 C. Prindle D. D.—Agent of Book Concern.
 L. Lee D. D.—Transferred [sic] to Michigan Conf.
 Without appointment at their own request—G. M. Hardy, E. B. Mintry, A. Kelsey,
 O. P. Hazzard, W. L. Fessenden.
 Reserve List—E. M. High, A. Ferris, R. Osburn, J. P. Pierce, J. D. Prossner, C.
 P. Owen.
 Unstationed List—Thos. Simms, T. Coggins, J. D. Townsend, Jno. Nason, N.
 Shepherd, W. B. Porter, W. Westcott, P. Jones, L. L. Jaskill, Adam George, J. Lott.
 Superannuated—N. Fessenden.
 Withdrawn—L. Lee, D. D. by Transfer, John Anderson.
 Joined—N. Fessenden, J. Lott, from Rochester Conf.
 The next session is to be held at Central Square, Oswego Co., N. Y.
 commencing Thursday 9 A.M. of the first week of April 1866.
 J. T. Hewitt, Pres., Fulton, N. Y.
 A. P. Burgess, Sec., Mexico, N. Y.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY

The present aspect of our National affairs is such as to awaken profound
 acknowledgements to God and grateful demonstrations of joy, in the heart of every
 patriot and christian [sic]. The long night lifts its dense shadows. The light breaks in;
 the day dawns and spreads its glory over all the hills. From border to border of our
 native land, Jubilations of praise and exultations of hope welcome the auspicious era,
 while the universal gladness finds fitting expression in the poet's prophetic words.

"See truth love and mercy in triumph descending,
 And nature all glowing in Eden's first bloom;
 On the cold cheek of death, smiles and roses are blending,
 And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb."

The military aspect of the country is all that national pride could covet—all that
 patriotic ardor could desire,—or the Nation's greatness, genius, resources and ambitions
 could possibly challenge.

The despatches [sic] from the lines of Grant in front of Petersburg and Richmond, and along the retreating path of a terror-stricken and vanquished foe, as it thrills along the wires and thrills a million hearts, are a better report on the military state of the Nation, than we can embody in a description however terse and graphic. Richmond the strong hold of a rebellious military Power, and of the "Demon of Unrighteousness," is ours. For this, let God be praised, while the bravery, genius and devotion of our intrepid Grant, Sherman and Sheridan and a host of others in rank and file, are not forgotten.

The moral attitude of the country is such as to awaken even a deeper note of praise than military victories.

While our armies have triumphed truth has triumphed. With the march of armed hosts, has kept pace the march of opinions, whose progress is unprecedented and whose triumph is made sure by the overrulings [sic] of an obvious and acknowledged Providence.

We are born again unto righteousness Freedom, truth and moral greatness. The nation is purged. The confederacy, born of Perdition and based upon the chattel-hood of men, has gone down and with it has sunk its corner-stone; while the "stone rejected of the builder has become the head of the corner."

It is God's doings and marvelous in our eyes. Henceforth we are free. Our energies are untrammelled, and before us opens an era of progress. Our churches are coming up out of tribulation darkness and death and washing their robes in the blood of the Lamb. Now, before us are labors of love. Now inviting us are new, vast and fruitful fields of labor. Now invoking our glorious National and christian [sic] mission, are the voices, hands and hearts of the millions who sit in thralldom and darkness. The church that will go forth to this work, breaking from the conservatisms and forsaking the sins of the past, shall reap glory honor immortality; the church that will not do this will go down in disgrace, distanced by the march of christian [sic] civilization and evangelical truth. The instrumentalities that will work with God he will exalt, those that oppose him he will bring low.

We acknowledge the hand of omnipotence in our struggle. We recognize the doom of slavery as the sublime victory of our contest. We glory to live in these days of vast results and long delayed fulfilments, although they are days, of sadness, grief, and sacrifice.

And now we will go forth to our work. Grateful for all the past we will seek to make the future in moral triumphs and spiritual illuminations more glorious and effulgent still. And while we exult and rejoice and sing anthems of glory, we will blend with each strain, the alto of sympathy love and condolence toward the thousands who have given up "loved ones" in the conflict, sacrificed husbands brothers and sons, for the defense of rights that are dear to us, as to them. They shall share our prayers, and be embalmed forever in our grateful memories. Monuments more enduring than marble will commemorate the deeds and virtues of our noble soldiers, when the nation shall have passed her ordeal and risen to greatness, and their praise shall brighten, till the principles they have hallowed with their blood shall become the glory of the whole earth.

Supplementary: Whereas, official intelligence is just received and is this mome[n]t [sic] reverberating through city village and hamlet, thrilling the heart of the Nation, following in graphic majesty, in the march of events, of a recent engagement on the part of Sheridan's forces with the retreating army of Lee, securing to us many

prominent Reble generals and thousands of prisoners and confronting his entire force with omens of the most complete and amihilating [sic] discomfiture, Therefore,

Resolved, That we see in the triumphant progress of the conflict, making each day an age, and its records a volume of enduring history, the omnipotence of God and the pledge of his eternal faithfulness. And in Him we do and will rejoice with confessions and thanksgivings.

Res. 2. That we regard these crowning victories as a virtual overthrow of the Rebellion, and assurance of returning peace to the nation, and we hail the coming vernal day of rejuvenation to the Land in which both morally and phisically [sic] "the desert shall bud and blossom as the rose."

Res. 3. We have renewed confidence in our Government, increased love for our Institutions, as we view them amid the revelations of this day, and we cherish a deeper devotion to our dear old flag, now that it has been consecrated by blood and tears, and become the palladium of Liberty, to all the land, and all the inhabitants thereof.

"There's a light about to gleam,
There's a fount about to stream,
There's a midnight darkness, turning into day."

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