

Tenth Session of the Rochester Annual [sic] Conference.

Record

of the doings

of the

Rochester Yearly Conference

of the

Wesleyan M. Connection

of

America

Held at Royalton Niagara Co N. Y.

Commencing its Session on Thursday
April 27th 1854, and closing its Sessions
April 30th in the evening.

J. Jones Sec^y

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First Day.

Morning Session.

The Rochester Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America held its tenth Session at Royalton Niagara Co N. Y. commencing on Thursday Apr 27th 1854.

At 9 oclock A.M. the President Rev Sam^l Philips called the Conference to order - & after reading the Scripturez [sic] & Singing Brⁿ J. Jones & B. Rider led in prayer.

The Roll of the Conference was then called by the Secy and the following Ministers & Lay Delegates answered to their namez [sic]

Ministerz [sic]

Sylvester Adamz [sic]

Sam^l Philips

S. D. Trembly

N. Fessenden

J. Thompson

P. Norris

Southworth Phinney

Benj Rider

D. B. Douglass

W^m. S. May

John Jonez [sic]

M. Q. McFarland

Austin Daviz [sic]
J. Sibley

Geo L. Payne

Lay Delegates

John Depue – Seth Clark – Nthan Slauson – Levi W Gardner – Tho Britton Jonathan
Covell – David C. Frost – Benj. Blake Alvin C. Deland – A. Metcalf – Jacob Grant –
P. M. Session added E. Tracy & W^m O. Celts –

On Motion voted the first four pews front of the Altar in a line across the house
constitute the bar of the Conference

On Motion – Voted To go into the Election of the Officers of the Conference

On Motion Voted M. Q. McFarland & J. Depue tellers

For President*

M. Q. McFarland had 16 votes all others had 6 votes –

Br. M. Q. McFarland was chosen President –

[*Note: This line in the original document was on the same line as the one above it. For
clarity, it was moved down one line.]

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For Secretary

J. Jones had 17 votes all others 3. Whole No votes 20

J. Jones was chosen Secretary.

On motion voted – DB Douglass Ast Secretary

Conference then appointed the following Committes [sic]

On Orderz [sic]

P. Norriz [sic] and J. Depue were added to the committee of last year

On Religious Servises. [sic]

Sam^l Philips & O. S. Chapin

On the Book Concern.

P. Norris. DB. Douglass & Benj Blake

On Reformz. [sic]

W^m S. May. J. Sibley. J. Covell & J. Depue.

On Statistics

Nathan Slauson

On Missions.

J. Thompson S. Phinney A. C. Deland.

On Ministerial Character.

N. Fessenden S. Adams & Tho Britton.

On Pastoral Relations.

Preachers

S. Philips. G. L. Paine & Benj – Rider
Laymen
Jacob Gant Seth Clark & J. Covell.
On S. Schools –
D.B Douglass S. D. Trembly & D. C. Frost.

On Motion Voted The sessions of Conference commence at 8 oclock AM. & adjourn at 12 noon.

On motion Voted That when we adjourn – we adjourn to meet at 2 oclock P.M.
J. Thompson presented a Certificate of Transfer of Br Willard Chase from the Syracuse Conference

Br B. Rider made some remarks respecting the case of Br Chase

The Motion to receive his transfer was lost, 6 voting in favor & 12 against.

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Took up the examination of Character –

Br Norris moved that we have a faithful account of Bro^s Character by those acquainted with him before his Character pass. After some disscussion [sic] – Motion – Withdrawn

Br Thompson Moved that the rule of the N. E. Conference on the examination of Character be the rule of this Conference – See The Wesleyan Apr 20th 1854 viz
“The President shall ask the following questions –

1 Is there anything against this brother?

2 When did you commence the last years labors?

3 how have you continued them?

4 Has the Church or Churches fulfilled their financial obligations to you?

5 What is the general prosperity of the charge?

6 Have you kept your pledge on Tobacco?

Time of adjournment arrived –

Notices were given –

Prayer by Br Douglass.

1 Day P.M. Session 2 Oclock –

President in the Chair

Religious Services conducted by S. Phinney –

Minutes of the morning were read & corrected.

The following Brⁿ Lay Delegates presented their certificates & their names were added to the roll of the Conference viz Ezra Tracy. W^m O. Selts

Conference then appointed the following Committees

On Obituaries

P. Norris. W^m. Brain & S. D. Trembly.

On The Presidency.

J. Jones. D. B. Douglass. B. Rider. J. Depue & J. Grant.

Took up the examination of Character –

Sylvester Adams. A letter of commendation was presented to the conference by the President & read by the

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Secretary from the Adams Circuit signed by J. Jones & I. H. Doby.

Br Adams character passed

A. Bixby passed over to be taken up at another time

E. H. Havens – Character examined Remarks from Brⁿ Trembly – Norris – Philips – Brain – Rider – Phinney & J. Johnson.

On Motion to pass his character 6 Years 11 Nays -- Lost

On Motion voted that his case be referred [sic] to a Committee on

J. Johnson Case laid over on account of absence

Benj. Luckey – Reported to have died in the Lord.

Southworth Phinney Character passed

Sam^l Philips – Has used Tobacco by advice of Physician – Chr. Passed

Benj Rider Chr passed

Time of adjournment arrived – Notices were given

Prayer by Br Sibley

2nd Day – Friday Morning Apr 28th 1854

Eight O'clock A.M. – President in the Chair –

Religious exercises conducted by Br S. B. Smith – of the Michigan – Conf-

Minutes of Yesterday P.M. Read & corrected.

The following Lay Delegates presented their Credentials & their names were placed on the conf Roll – Vis

David B. Prossor. Aaron Phipps. Jas Molyneaux & W^m Pease.

Took up the examination of Character –

S. D. Trembly – R. L. Ward – D. B. Douglass – N. Fessenden

C. Hudson – S. A. Leonard – W^m S. May. J. Thompson.

J. Watson J. Sibley. & J. Jones Characters all passed –

Chh in the case of Br. C. Hudson had failed to fulfil his obligations

Augustine Anderson – Case passed over for the present

On Motion Voted D. B. Prossor be added to the Committee on Reforms

W^m. D. Henry – Chr passed – Chh failed on pecuniary Obligations

Br Henry requested to be left without an appointment – granted

Frederic Closser – Done Something on the German Miss – Chr passed

Lodewick Salisbury – On Motion – Voted to refer his case to the Committee on Ministerial Character

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Peter Norris Chr Passed

M. Q. McFarland Chr Pass

On Motion Voted to appoint a Committee of 4 on Ministerial Support.

S. Philips D. B. Douglass J. Thompson & Br Grant were voted that Committee

D. E. Baker. Case refered [sic] to the Committee on Ministerial Character
W^m. B. Halsey gone to the Syracuse Conference with the State Road Charge. A
communication from the Syracuse Conference certifying this fact was presented to
read to the Conference

Chas Reynolds Chr Passed

On Motion Voted D. B. Prossor [sic] & S. Philips be added to the Committee on
Ministerial Character

Geo L. Payne Chr Passed

H. M. Boothe. Moved his case be refered [sic] to the Committee on Ministerial
Character –

While the Motion was pending –

On Motion Voted an invitation to M. Frink L. C. Matlack & S. Smith to take seats as
honorary Members of this Conference

Brⁿ Frink, Rider & Matlack Spoke to the Case of Br Boothe

On Motion Voted his case be refered [sic] to the Committee on Ministerial Character –

Took up the Case of A. Bixby Chr passed

Took up the Case of A. Anderson –

A document was presented by the Chariman [sic] of the Conference from certain
Stewards of Br Andersens [sic] C.t to read by the Secy pertaining to Br Anderson – Said
documents on Motion was laid on the table –

Remarks were then made upon Br Andersons case by Brⁿ Brain – Norris – Sibley
Matlack & Douglass

A motion was made to refer his case to the Committee on Ministerial Character – Lost
His Character passed

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Br John T. Gibson presented his credentials as Lay Delegate & his name was entered
on the C. Roll

Br Smith from the Michigan Conference presented the case of the W M. Chh in Detroit –
after which the Secy Called the Roll of Conference & the Brⁿ answered pecuniarily to
the amt of –

On Motion Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 O'clock P.M.

Time of adjournment [sic] having arrived Conference adjourned –
Notices were given –

Prayer by Br Fessenden

2nd Day Friday P.M. Session 3. O'clock – President in the Chair –

Religious services conducted by Br Gergory –

Roll of Conference was Called – Minutes of the Morning read & corrected.

Credentials of Wm Henderson were presented & his name placed on the Roll of Conference

Committee on Pastoral Relations reported in part

On Motion [insert: voted] The Committee on Ministerial have leave to report during the present session to have a meeting preparatory to making their report

On Motion Voted to receive the transfer of Br Peter S. Slauson from the Syracuse Conference to the Rochester Conference

Br L. C. Matlack presented the case of the Book Concern a good degree of clearness, interest & hope

On Motion by Br Philips Voted to have an evening Session commencing at 7 O'clock PM

The Credentials of Alanson Richmond were presented & read to the Conference by the Secy and his name added to the Roll of Conference

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Committee on Missions Reported as follows

1st That the Rochester Conference hereby resolve itself into a Missionary Society

2nd The object of this Society Shall be to raise Missionary funds by Subscription & Collections to be appropriated to the support of feeble Churches where they are but partially able to sustain themselves

3rd The President & Secretary of the Conference Shall be Exofficio President & Secretary of this Society – the Secy. Shall act as Treasurer

4th The Pastoral Committee of the Conference Shall determine the appropriations for each Mission subject to the action of the Conference – the payments to be made [sic] quarterly by the Treasurer

5th There shall be a collection taken up yearly at all our appointments during the last quarter -- & each Pastor Shall be enquired of at the Conference how much has been raised on his charge for Missions.

- 6th There shall be quarterly reports made from each mission to the Treasurer who Shall prepare and anual [sic] report of appropriations made & the State of the Missions throughout the Conference –
- 7th There shall be a public Missionary Meeting at each Session of the Conference – at which the Anual [sic] Report of the Society shall be read & a sermon or addresses given as the Conference shall direct

J. Thompson Chm

On Motion Voted to receive the Report of the Committee After some discussion from several brethren –

On Motion voted to adopt the Report

Notices were Given & the Conference adjourned

Prayer by Br Price

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2nd Day Evening Session 7 Oclock

President in the Chair

Religious exercises conducted by Br Trembly –

Committee on Tobacco raised by the Conference last year presented their report – which was read by the Secretary –

On Motion Voted to receive the Report.

Moved the Adoption of the Report –

Remarks were offered by Brn Philips – Trembly, Rider – Henderson & Paine – after which the report was adopted ~~was adopted~~ without opposition.

This report was ordered to be publised [sic] by the Conference the next day (see Saturdays Journal)

Br Matlack entertained the Conference on the Subject of Tobacco & the proper time & kind of action by the Conference

The following resolution was then offered to the Conference

Resolved That the next General Conference be memorialised [sic] to add to the General Rules one which shall forbid the chewing smoking or snuffing Tobacco & that this proposed addition to the General Rules be recommended to the several Yearly Conferences of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection for their concurrence.

Moved its adoption – Some discussion ensued –

Moved to adjourn – 7 Yeas 13 Nays lost

Considerable discussion followed from the following Brethren – Trembley – Phinney – Rider – Philips Richmond May - & Others

On Motion Voted to adjourn

Benediction by the President

3^d Day A.M. Session Saturday Apr 29th 1854

President in the chair – Religious exercises conducted by J. T. Gibson – Roll of the Conference called

Minutes of Yesterday were read & correct –

On Motion Voted to waive the business before the Conference of last evening for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Character
Committee then made the following Report Viz

The Committee on Ministerial Character Respectfully report to the Conference
That they have had the Matters referred [sic] to them in charge and find that in the Case of H. M. Boothe – Charges were presented to your Committee as follows viz –

1st For exerting an influence against the Church & its interests & prosperity
Specification – In neglecting the appointment on the Circuit

2nd Charge – For Slandering & abusing his family –

1 Spec. In saying that he had no natural affection for his wife & family

2nd Spec. For laying violent hands on his wife & abusing her.

3^d Charge. For seeking an improper intimacy with two certain Ladies which in their nature were improper and wholly inconsistent with and unbecoming in any christian [sic] & especially a christian [sic] minister.

Your Committee regret that from the evidence given before them, they feel [insert: themselves] compelled to find & report that the Charges & Specifications were each * every one sustained by the evidence.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest that the Said H. M. Boothe be brought to trial on Said Charges,

On Motion Voted the adoption of this part of the report.

On Motion Voted that a Committee of 6 be appointed to try the case of H. M. Booth during this Session of Conference.

On Motion Voted that J. Sibley. B. Rider A. Richmond W^m Henderson. W. S. May. & W^m Pease be said Committee

Committee further reported that –

Charges were presented to them against Lodowick Salisbury—

There being no evidence before your Committee that the Charges & Specifications have been served upon Br Salisbury with notice that the same would be presented to this Conference for action- Your Committee therefore did not feel authorised [sic] to take any action upon the case of Br Salisbury.

Would respectfully report his case back to the Conference to be disposed of as the Conference may deem proper –

On Motion to Adopt the Report in the Case of Br. Salisbury

Committee further reported

That in discharge of their duties – after hearing the case & representations made in relation to E. H. Havens, There being no Charges presented to your Committee against him Your Committee would respectfully report the Case of Br Havens back to the Conference.

In Connection with the case of Br Havens your Committee would respectfully report the following as a Resolution for the Action of the Conference.

Resolved That this Conference regard the habitz [sic] which has to come extent prevailed in certain portions of the field, of ministers neglecting the Charge or field of labor assigned to them & interfering with that assigned to others as wholly unauthorized & highly censurable & if persisted in as subjecting the offender to Suspension.

On Motion Voted to adopt the Report in the case of Br Havens –

On Motion Voted To adopt the resolution of the Committee on Ministerial Character in the case of Br Havens --.

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Committee further reported.

That no charges were presented against Br D. E. Baker & would therefore report his case back to the Conference

Your Committee would respectfully report in view of the facts appearing to your Committee the following Resolution

Resolved That in cases when Charges are intended to be preferred [sic] against any Brother being a Member of this Conference Such Charges should in all cases when practicable be Served on the offending Brother previous to the Conference at which they are to be presented with notice that the same would be presented.

On Motion Voted to Adopt the Report in the Case of Br Baker

On Motion Voted to Adopt the Resolution contained in the Report of the Committee in the Case of Br Baker –

Moved to refer the resolution on Tobacco to the Committee on Reforms Lost

On Motion Voted to waive the resolution on Tobacco until P.M.

On Motion Voted That the Committee on the Case of Br Boothe have leave to retire for the purpose of trying his Case

On Motion Voted to excuse J. Covell from the Committee on Reforms

On Motion Voted That Br Richmond Serve in his place

Committee on Obituaries made their Report as follows viz

That on the death of Brⁿ Luckey & Palmer a funeral sermon be preached on Sabbath afternoon by P.A. Johnson

Also that Bro Peter Norris be requested to publish a short but comprehensive Obituary in the Wesleyan of the aforesaid Brethren

On Motion Voted to Adopt the report of the Committee

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On Motion Voted a letter of Transfer to Br S. Philips to go the Michigan Conference

Committee on S. Schools reported as follows –

Whereas the hope of the Christian Church for replenishing its [sic] ranks in future & in carrying on the great work of Salvation is mainly upon the Young & Whereas the Sabbath School Institution has done much in the great work that the Gospel is designed to accomplish Therefore

1 Resolved that we recommend to our Ministers to preach on the subject of S. Schools to their respective Charges & of making other personal efforts to encourage & sustain them

2 Resolved That our respective Churches be invited to assist our ministers in carrying out the object of S. Schools by liberal contributions for the purchase of Libraries & other publications

On Motion Voted to receive & Adopt the report

Committee on Reforms Reported in part

On Spiritual Rappings.

Your Committee on Reforms would respectfully ask leave to report the following as the sentiment of this Conference upon the subject of Spiritual Rappings [insert: or Spiritualism] as applied to the new & Strange notion that departed Spirits hold converse with the inhabitants of this world by the medium of Spirit Rappings-

Resolved As the Sense & Judgment of the Rochester Annual [sic] Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America That we regard Spiritual Rappings & Spiritualism as applied to the same as fraught [sic] with evil & nothing but evil & tending directly to Infidelity & the rejection of the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God would therefore advise all our members wholly to keep away from all circles & Lectures as by going you give your time & influence to sustain a direct attack [sic] upon our holy religion & the Bible,

On Motion Voted to adopt the report of the Committee

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Moved that we have a Conference Campmeeting [sic] to be holden [sic] in the month of June in Jerusalem

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn-

Where shall we have the next Conference & Where?

Williamson & Jamestown were mentioned & account of the places were given –

On Motion voted That our next Conference be holden at Williamson Wayne County N.Y on the fourth Wednesday of April 1855 –

On Motion Voted to appoint a Committee on Orders for the ensuing year

J. Jones. D. B. Douglass & Peter Norris were appointed the above Committee

On Motion Voted the above Committee on Orders be & hereby are empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur in their board

On Motion Voted to adjourn until 11 Oclock AM

Eleven Oclock Am. President in the Chair –

Conference proceeded to business

Committee on Order reported the names of the following Brⁿ viz Joseph Swallows, Pletus A Fields Wm Price & Silas D. Prentice as having been before them on examination for Elders Orders –

Took up the Case of Joseph Swallows –

After hearing the report of the Committee in the case of Br Swallows Examination

On Motion Voted to elect Joseph Swallows to Elders Orders

Took up the case of Pletus A Field –

Committee made their report –

Moved that he be Elected to Elders Orders –

Br Braine objected to the motion – Br Field was called in & the matter was investigated

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While the Motion was pending –

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On Motion Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2 oclock this PM.

On Motion Voted to Elect Pletus A. Field to Elders Orders

The hour of adjournment arrived

Notices were given

Prayer by Br Feild [sic]

Saturday P.M. Session 2 Oclock

President in the Chair.

Religious exercises conducted by Br Fessenden

Roll of Conference Called – Minutes of the Morning read & corrected.

On Motion Voted A Letter of Membership to B Rider as provided for in the Discipline –

Took up the report of the Committee on Orders

Case of Br Price was presented –

On Motion voted the report be laid on the table –

Took up the case of S. D. Prentice.

Committee made their report – was very deficient in almost every part of the examination –

Moved that Br Prentice be Elected to Elders Orders

Remarks were made to the question by Brⁿ Johnson, May – Prossor, Jones – Prentice – Tracy – Gibson – Previous question was called - & carried – doubted – counted 20 yeas 7 nays –

On Motion Voted that we elect S. D. Prentice to Elders Orders

Moved to divide the house between the Preachers & Laymen – Voting separately – Carried Yeas 18 Nays 11

Ministers Voting Yeas	7	Nays	5	}
Laymen	“	“	9	} No Election

Br Rider Moved That the report of the Committee on Tobacco read last evening be passed into the hands of the Book Agent to be disposed of by publishing it in the Wesleyan & in a Tract form as may be thought advisable & the Secretary be requested not to enter it on the journals of Conference –

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Moved to amend by saying that this Conference

Furnish the means to meet the expense of publication of said report on Tobacco in tract form. Carried

Collection raised for the above purpose \$13.12 & paid over to Br Matlack

Committee on Ministirial [sic] Support Reported as follows Viz.

Resolved 1st The Christian Ministry is an institution of God recognized & regulated in the revelations of his will as the Great agent of this Worlds Salvation & the mean who claim to be called to this office & Work are under the most sacred obligations to preach the gospel whether men will hear or forbear. at any Sacrifice at the loss of all things, even life itself.

Resolved 2nd The christian [sic] church is an organized System of Stewardship, appointed of God for the purpose of sustaining the Institutions of religion with all the ability of body, mind, heart & purse that God has given them & the laws of religious obligation binding on laymen are precicely [sic] the same in length & breadth - & height & depth as those that rest upon the ministry, & the measure of obligation is to be determined by the amount of ability possessed - & opportunity for usefulness afforded, so that it is the duty of the lay members to sustain the Institutions of religion at any sacrifice to the extent of their means.

Resolved 3d The support of the Ministry ought therefore to be provided for by the Churches on some fixed rule so that the Ministry may be unembarrassed by anxious fears & afflicting disappointments in reference to the means of Livelihood, In this way alone can the word of God have free course & be glorified

S. Philips Chairman

On Motion Voted to receive & adopt the report.

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Committee on Statisticks [sic] made the following Report Viz –
[Note: table inserted for clarity.]

	No. in Chh	No in S. Schol	No of Superinten- dants	Scholars	Amt of Finance	Teach in S.S.
Ransomville & Alcott	150	2	2	80	420.00*	20
North Bradford	116	2	3	100	250.00	24
South Bradford	60	1	1	24	162.00	6
Alleghany	120	2	2	80	210.00	20
PennYan	60	1	1	30	300.00	6
Jerusalem	84	2	2	45	350.00	10
Seneca Falls	60	1	1	40	400.00	8
Orange						
Blossburg	123	5	5	210	200.00	45
North Almond						
Chestnut Ridge & Royalton	60				240.00	
Haskinville						
Hopewell & Cheshire	70	2	2	50	280.00	10
Clymer						
Williamson	55	2	2	100	233.67	20
Eagle Harbor	45				250.00	
Napoli	55	1	1	15	80.00	5
Elkland	69				186.63	
Ashford & Lyndon						
Naples						
Jamestown	65	1	1	50	374.00	9
Lent Hill					105.00	
Ridge Road						
Sparta & Canadice	30	2	2	80	260.00	12
Philipsville						
Sweeden Byron & Ackron						
Wales & Boston						

Oak Ridge	14	1	1	20		50
Westfield & State Line	68	2	2	48	373.22	10
German Mission						
Granger						
State Road & South Auburn						
Great Valley						
Hector	106	2	2	40	296.00	8
Ellicottville & Franklinville	21	2	2	40	200.00	10
Jasper	18	1	1	35	21.00	9
Howard						
Harmony & Clymar						

[Note. * "00" added to make values line up. Not in the original table.)

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On Motion Voted To adopt the Report of the Committee on Statisticks [sic]

Committee on the Case of H. M. Boothe made the following Report viz
The Committee appointed for the trial of Henry M. Boothe upon the Charges before recorded (See 3^d Day Morning Session Apr 29/54) Respectfully report that they have had the matter in Charge.

S. D. Trembly witness for the prosecution says that he does not think the said H. M. Booth the accused to be insane – That he exerted an influence against the W. M. Church by neglecting his appointments – and further – The accused said that he had no natural affection for his wife & family because he considered them unworthy, he further acknowledged that he got vexed & handled his wife roughly

The accused acknowledged that the affidavit of L. Ticknor hereunto annexed was true, the accused acknowledged to the witness that he had the conversation with L Ticknor in which he enquired of said Ticknor about his daughter & said that he loved her more than all other females he ever saw & wished to know whether she had any regard for him That it had been revealed to him that his wife was to die & he was to have Hannah Ticknor for his wife.

After hearing the evidence the Committee or a majority of the Committee voted that each & every one of said charges were sustained by the Evidence

They therefore recommend that the said Henry M. Booth be expelled

Dated Apr 29th/54 J. Sibly Chr
W. S. May Secy
B. Rider
W. Henderson

On Motion Voted to Adopt the Report
Moved to reconsider Carried

Moved to receive & Adopt the report of [insert: the] Committee

The following Br^d Spoke to the Motion Viz

Richmond, Matlack, Sibly – Motion Withdrawn

A Motion was then made to recommit the Report – Loss

On Motion Voted to adjourn until 7 O'clock this evening

Notices Given -

Prayer by Br. Johnson

3^d Day Saturday Evening 7 ½ O'clock –

President in the Chair –

Religious exercises conducted by Br May –

Roll of Conference Called – Minutes of P.M. read & corrected.

Conference proceeded to business & took up the case of H. M. Booth

On Motion Voted To adopt the Report of the Committee –

On Motion Voted That H. M. Booth is expelled from the Wesleyan M Connection of America –

Committee on Pastoral Relations reported as follows. Viz

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Alleghany | S. Phinney |
| Bradford North | P. A. Field |
| Bradford South | P. A. Johnson |
| Penn Yan | John Jones |
| - Charleston | Austin Davis |
| Union | W ^m Brain |
| Jerusalem | W ^m S. May |
| - Seneca Falls | D. B. Douglass |
| - Orange | To be supplied |
| - North Almond | To be supplied |
| Chestnut Ridge & Royalton | J. Thompson |
| Haskinville | S. D. Trembly |
| Hopewell & Cheshire | M. Q. McFarland |
| Clymar [sic] | S. A. Leonard |
| Williamson | N. Fessenden |
| Eagle Harbor | Joseph Swallows |
| - Napoli | W. Cheeney |
| Elkland | W ^m Price |
| - Naples | E. H. Havens |

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Report on Pastoral Relations Continued –

Jamestown

A. Bixby

- Lyndon Center

R. L. Ward

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| - Lent Hill | Chas Reynolds |
| - Franklinville & Ashford | Clark Hudson |
| Sparta & Canadice | G. L. Payne |
| - Philipsville | F. Clossor |
| Westfield | To be supplied |
| - Granger | A. Anderson |
| Jasper | Peter Norris |
| - Howard | To be supplied |
| Westfield & State Line | J. Johnston |
| Olcott & Ransomville | J. Sibley |
| - Grahamville | W ^m Nutting |
| Catharine | P. S. Slauson |
| - Hector | S. Adams |
| - Castile Mission | J. Watson |
| Benj Rider Transferred [sic] to Syracuse Conference | |
| Sam ^l Philips Transferred [sic] to the Michigan Conference | |
| On Motion Voted to Adopt the Report | |

Committee on Reforms Reported as follows

On Slavery

Whereas we regard American Slavery as one of the most aggravating sins of the age – threatening [sic] destruction [sic] on our land – being at war with God, the Bible, & the dearest right of man – Therefore—

Resolved - That a decided disobedience to the Fugitive Slave Law is in strict accordance with the highest claims of God & Suffering humanity.

Further That all efforts to extend the detestible [sic] & abhorrent System of human oppression meets our speedy & uncompromising opposition from the sacred desk as well as from the ballot box & the public press.

Secret Societies

W^m S. May Ch^r

Having taken into serious consideration the baneful influence of Secret Oath Bound Societies Resolved That we deem it in the duty of the W. M. Church to keep themselves clear from such Societies & discourage their connection with us under all circumstances

A. Richmond (Sec)

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On Temperance

Resolved That in view of the desperate efforts of the rum power to overthrow & defeat the object of the temperance enterprise. We pledge ourselves to use untiring efforts in all lawful ways & measure in our power by our votes & personal efforts to procure an enactment of a law which shall prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved That we will vote for no man as a Legislator who is not known to be wholly & entirely in favor of such prohibitory Law.

On Motion Voted To receive & Adopt the report. of the Committee.

On Motion Voted to reconsider the motion on the part of the Lay Delegates in the Case of Br Prentice

On Motion Voted to Elect Silas D. Prentice to Elders Orders
Lay Delegates 6 years – 5 Nays

On Motion Voted To take from the table the Report in the case of Br Price –
The Motion to elect W^m Price to Elders Orders was then before the Conference – Motion prevailed & W^m Price was Elected to Eldes [sic] Orders

The secretary of Conference Then introduced a document from the General Conference Asking Amendments to the General Rules of Discipline vis

1 To strike out “the buying or selling good that have not paid the duty” Dis – page 20 – yeas 19 Nays none

2 To strike out “The giving or taking things on usury or unlawful interest Dis – page 20. Yeas 5. Nays 16

3 To insert the words “Lay Delegation after the words Itinerant Ministry” in the 9th paragraph of the 6th Section page 30 Dis – Yeas 24 Nays. None

Br. Douglass presented the following which on Motion was adopted
Resolved That the thanks of this Conference are hereby respectfully presented to the Friends of Royalton & vicinity for their very kind & ample entertainment of the Members of the Conference during its Sessions –

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The following resolution was passed by the Conference in

the case of Br Lodowick Salisbury vis

Resolved That the Secretary be directed to furnish S. A. Leonard with a Copy of the Charges preferred [sic] against L. Salisbury with direction to have said Charges brought to trial according to Discipline

On Motion Voted That Selah Paine be put on the Superanuated [sic] List

On Motin Voted That the Secretary be instructed to forward to the Wesleyan Such portions of the Minutes as he may think will be useful –
Disciplinary Questions Answered

Question 1st

Who of the Elders are on the Stationed List?

For an answer See Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations

Question 2nd Who have retired to the unstationed List

Ans. W^m D. Henry, I. Hughs, Timothy Coggin

3*. What licentiates are on the Stationed List? Ans None

4. Who are on the reserve List? None

5. Who are the superannuated [sic] Elders? Selah Paine
6. Who have been deposed this year? Henry M. Booth
7. Who have withdrawn from the Conference this year? None
8. Who have jointed the Conference this year?
Ans. Joseph Swallows, Pletus A. Field. W^m Price. S. D. Prentice
P.S. Slauson
9. Who have died this year? Benj Luckey & A. R. Palmer.

The Ans to Questions 10. 11.12 of Discipline are answered in the Report of the Committee on Statisticks. [sic]

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Question 13 When & Where shall our next Conference be held?

Ans. At Williamson. Wayne County N. Y. on the fourth Wednesday of April 1855

14 How is the work supplied this year? Ans See Report on Pastoral Relations.

Roll of Conference Ministerz. [sic]

Sylvester Adams	John Jones
Alanson Bixby	W ^m . D. Henry
E. H. Havens	Frederick Closser
John Johnston	Lodowick Salisbury
Southworth Phinney	Peter Norris
Sam ^l Philips	M. Q. M ^c Farland
Benj Rider	Dan ^l E. Baker
Jonathan Sibley	Charles Reynolds
S. D. Trembley	Geo. L. Paine
R. L. Ward	Peter S. Slauson
D. B. Douglass	Joseph Swallows
Nelson Fessenden	Pletus A. Field
Clark Hudson	W ^m . Price
S. A. Leonard	Silas D. Prentice
W ^m . S. May	
John Thompson	
John Watson	
Augustine Anderson	

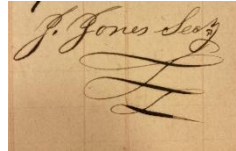
Lay Delegates.

John Depue. Seth Clark. Nathan Slauson
Levi W. Gardner. Tho Britton, Jonathan Covell. David C. Frost.
Benj. Blake. Alvin C. Deland. A. Metcalf Jacob Grant,
E. Tracy. W^m. O. Celts, David B. Prossor, Aaron Phipps
James Molyneaux, W^m Pease, John T. Gibson W^m. Henderson
Alanson Richmond.

Conference adjourned –

Benediction by the President

J. Jones Secy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Jones Secy", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper background.