

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Rochester Conference

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT
CHAMBERS, N. Y., APRIL 14-19, 1908.

Rev. S. BEDFORD, President,
Rev. M. E. Warburton, Secretary.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—S. Bedford.
Vice-President:—E. R. Dodd.
Secretary:—M. E. Warburton.
Assistant Secretary:—Ralph Davy.
Treasurer:—A. W. Brim.
Sub-Treasurer:—William Clow.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

H. T. Jimerson, term expires 1909.
Alfred W. Brim, term expires 1909.
Zina C. Bowen, term expires 1909.
Jacob Post, term expires 1910.
J. W. Calkins, term expires 1910.
J. H. Bowen, term expires 1910.
Arthur T. Jennings, term expires 1911.
Joseph H. Cook, term expires 1911.
S. F. Frazier, term expires 1911.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Stationed List:—A. T. Jennings, S. Bedford, E. Matthews, J. C. Rounds, J. S. French, E. R. Dodd, J. H. Bowen, Charles Sicard, William Clow, Ralph Davy, M. E. Warburton, G. N. Wyher, J. N. Bedford, W. P. French, S. D. Wilcox, J. H. Cook, S. F. Frazier.

Elders on the Supernumerary List:—A. P. Dudley, J. L. Cole.

Elders on the Superannuated List:—E. Barnetson, O. D. Field, J. M. Swick.

Elders on the Unstationed List:—C. E. Woodhead, E. E. Brown.

Licentiates on the Stationed List:—Frank B. Hayes, Ezra H. Johnson.

Lay Members.

Charge represented, member's name.

Canandaigua, Peter Dean.

Seneca Falls, A. W. Brim.

Seneca Falls, Homer McBain.

Westfield, Maria Welch.

North Cohocton and Lent Hill, Jennie Wheaton.

Odessa, Lura Smith.

North Bradford, G. J. Jelliff.

Hornby, H. T. Jimerson.

Chambers, G. F. Fero.

Haskinville, Alice E. Bowen.

Haskinville, Mrs. Levi Evans.

Wallace, Mrs. L. C. Mattoon.

Hector, Emily Porter.

Elkland, J. L. Fawcett.

South Bradford, Emma Sherman.

Bath, S. J. Dudley.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Rochester Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its sixty-fourth annual session at Chambers, N. Y., April 14, 1908.

The conference was called to order by the President at 7:30 P. M.

The conference was led in prayer by S. F. Frazier.

Peter Dean was added to the Committee on Credentials, S. D. Wilcox chairman by appointment.

On motion William Clow was elected a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of F. S. Lee to the Lockport conference.

On motion it was voted that the Wednesday morning meeting is to open at 9 o'clock.

The opening sermon was then preached by A. T. Jennings from Dan. 2:45.

Second Day. Wednesday Morning.

Conference was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by S. F. Frazier.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report as follows: Canandaigua, Peter Dean; Seneca Falls, A. W. Brim and Homer MacBain; Westfield, Maria Welch; North Cohocton and Lent Hill, Jennie Wheaton; Odessa, Lura Smith; North Bradford, G. J. Jelliff; Hornby, H. T. Jimerson; Haskinville, Alice E. Bowen and Mrs. Levi Evans; Chambers, G. F. Fero. The report was adopted.

The following committees were constituted:

Examination of Ministerial Character:—S. Bedford, chairman, J. C. Rounds, G. J. Jelliff.

Statistics:—S. D. Wilcox, Homer MacBain.

Judiciary:—S. F. Frazier, S. D. Wilcox, William Clow, J. S. French.

Church Literature:—Ralph Davy, J. C. Rounds, A. W. Brim.

Education:—J. H. Bowen, William Clow, Lura Smith.

Disbursement of Superannuated Ministers' Fund:—M. E. Warburton, J. L. Cole, E. Matthews, Jennie Wheaton, Maria Welch.

How to make Wesleyan Methodist Churches Prosperous:—A. T. Jennings, S. F. Frazier, S. Bedford, H. T. Jimerson.

Tent and Camp-Meetings:—E. R. Dodd, J. S. French, Peter Dean.

Sunday-Schools:—William Clow, A. P. Dudley, Minerva Miller.

Auditing:—J. S. French, H. T. Jimerson.

State of the Country:—E. Matthews, A. T. Jennings, S. J. Dudley.

Resolutions:—J. C. Rounds, Emma Sherman, J. L. Fawcett.

Pastoral Relations:—President of Conference, Chairman, S. D. Wilcox, J. S. French, J. H. Bowen, A. W. Brim, Homer MacBain, Lura Smith.

William Clow was elected a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders for the term of three years.

The Missionary Board was constituted:—President of conference, chairman, William Clow, S. D. Wilcox, Mrs. S. F. Frazier, Alice E. Bowen.

The time for electing conference officers was fixed for Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The following persons were introduced to the conference.

The Rev. Dean S. Bedford, President of the Syracuse conference; the Rev. C. A. English, a minister of the Apostolic Holiness Union; the Rev. G. H. Clarke, Missionary to Africa; the Rev. G. N. Wyher, pastor of North Bradford charge; the Rev. S. W. Bond, President of Houghton Seminary; the Rev. William Frazier, a licentiate of the Seneca Falls church; the Rev. Wesley P. French of the Syracuse conference; the Rev. Ralph Davy, pastor of Haskinville charge.

The President read his annual report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

By vote of conference the morning meetings are to open at nine and close at 11:30 o'clock and the afternoon meetings to open at 1:30 o'clock and close by vote.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Second Day. Wednesday Afternoon.

The conference was called to order by the President at 1:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Dean S. Bedford conducted the devotional exercises preaching from Jude 3.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

By vote W. P. French was received on his transfer from the Syracuse conference.

The Rev. E. Teter, Connectional Missionary Secretary, was introduced to the conference.

On motion the President and the Treasurer of the conference were made a committee in charge of the administration of money raised for Mrs. C. Jones and family and all that may be contributed for that purpose.

The following characters were passed:—A. T. Jennings, J. S. French, J. H. Bowen, William Clow, J. N. Bedford, S. D. Wilcox, S. Bedford, E. Matthews, J. C. Rounds, S. F. Frazier, G. N. Wyher, A. P. Dudley, Ralph Davy.

Mrs. L. C. Mattoon was seated as delegate from Wallace charge.

The Treasurer reported the finances of the Lockport and Rochester Camp-Meeting. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

The Treasurer reported concerning expenses of delegates to the General conference. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

On motion the action of the Treasurer in drawing \$19.24 from the conference fund to pay the deficit in the amount raised for expenses of delegates to the General conference was approved.

The Treasurer made report concerning the estate of Peter Slauson. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

On motion the time for hearing the Connectional representatives was referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

On motion A. W. Brim and Charles Sicard were made members of the joint Houghton camp-meeting committee for the coming year.

J. H. Bowen resigned from the Houghton camp-meeting committee and Charles Sicard was elected to fill the vacancy caused thereby.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Third Day. Thursday Morning.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Emily Porter was seated as delegate from Hector charge and J. L. Fawcett from Elkland charge.

The Committee on How to Make Wesleyan Methodist Churches Prosperous reported. The report was adopted and its publication in the Wesleyan Methodist was requested but not to be entered on the minutes.

A resolution concerning the recent action by the Senate of the state of New York on the anti-gambling bills was adopted by unanimous vote, and a copy of the resolution was ordered sent to the Hon. C. E. Hughes, Governor of the State and its publication in the Wesleyan Methodist was requested. (See Report No. 5.)

The Committee on Religious Services reported, appointing the time for hearing Connectional representatives as follows: Connectional Agent, Thursday 2:45 P. M.; President of Houghton Seminary, Thursday 3:45 P. M.; Missionary Secretary, Friday 2:45 P. M.

By vote a children's meeting was appointed for Friday at 4 P. M., to be led by the Rev. G. H. Clarke.

The President of the conference made report concerning the children of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. Jones. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

The following characters were passed:—M. E. Warburton, O. D. Field, E. Barnetson, J. M. Swick, W. L. Braman, E. R. Dodd.

The order of the day was taken up which was the election of conference officers.

The chair appointed Ralph Davy and J. L. Fawcett tellers.

The conference by ballot elected S. Bedford President.

The conference by ballot elected E. R. Dodd Vice-President.

The conference by ballot elected M. E. Warburton Secretary.

On motion Ralph Davy was elected Assistant Secretary.

A collection was taken for the Secretary amounting to \$7.

On motion A. W. Brim was elected Treasurer.

On motion William Clow was elected sub-Treasurer for the fund for Superannuated Ministers.

The Advisory Board was constituted as follows: E. R. Dodd, A. W. Brim.

By ballot the conference elected the following trustees for the term of three years: A. T. Jennings, J. H. Cook, S. F. Frazier.

The Committee on Presidency was constituted as follows: J. H. Bowen, J. L. Cole, Ralph Davy, A. W. Brim, Peter Dean.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Third Day. Thursday Afternoon.

The conference was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the President.

Devotional services were conducted by Ralph Davy, preaching from I. Cor. 2:2.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Emma Sherman from South Bradford charge and S. J. Dudley from Bath were seated as delegates.

On motion E. Matthews was made Committee on Location of Conference.

A letter from Bath charge regarding Mrs. Esther Prentice was referred to the Committee on Disbursement of Superannuated Minister's Fund.

The character of C. E. Woodhead was passed.

The order of the day was taken up which was hearing the address of the Rev. J. H. Bowen, Connectional Agent.

A subscription of \$206 was taken to help liquidate the indebtedness of our Publishing House.

The order of the day was taken up which was hearing the address of the Rev. S. W. Bond, President of Houghton Seminary.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Fourth Day. Friday Morning.

The conference was called to order at 9:40 o'clock by the President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. C. A. English.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Country reported. The report was adopted and requested published in the Wesleyan Methodist but not to be entered on the minutes.

The following characters were passed: J. H. Cook, F. B. Hayes, James Coots, J. L. Cole, W. P. French, E. E. Brown.

No report having been received from Brother Brown the Secretary was by vote instructed to write to him in accordance with the Discipline.

The Rev. Charles Sicard, Pastor at Seneca Falls was introduced to the conference and his character was passed.

The Auditing Committee made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

The conference Treasurer made his annual report.

By vote the time was extended to allow the Treasurer to complete his report.

The report was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

The conference adjourned by limitation.

Fourth Day. Friday Afternoon.

The conference was called to order by the President at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by J. S. French who gave a sermon on missions from Matt. 23:28.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

A resolution was adopted regarding the reports of the conference Treasurer. (See Report No. 9.)

An order for \$95 was ordered drawn on the conference treasury to pay the deficit in the President's salary and one-half of his car fare.

A motion prevailed to adopt Professor Bond's suggestion that the members of the conference pledge themselves to do their best to raise \$1 per member on their charges for educational work.

The order of the day was taken up which was hearing the address of the Rev. E. Teter, Connectional Missionary Secretary.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Fifth Day. Saturday Morning.

The conference was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Rounds.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion Ralph Davy and E. R. Dodd were appointed a committee to examine the conference records, and report to the conference what resolutions are binding on the pastors of the conference.

The Committee on Church Literature made their report. The report was adopted and requested published in the Wesleyan Methodist, but not to be entered on the minutes.

A resolution of thanks to Mr. C. A. McDonald of Seneca Falls, N. Y., was adopted. (See Report No. 10).

The sub-Treasurer for the fund for Superannuated Ministers reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

A motion "that it is the sense of this conference that the price of the Wesleyan Methodist should be increased to \$1.50 per year" was lost.

S. F. Frazier and S. J. Dudley were, at their request, excused from further attendance upon this conference.

A resolution was adopted regarding the work of the conference President relative to better financial methods on the charges. (See Report No. 12.)

On motion it was voted that Elkland charge be instructed to elect a delegate to offset the name of J. N. Bedford.

On motion it was voted that unless A. T. Jennings join some other church, the church at Seneca Falls elect a delegate to offset his name.

The Committee on Location of Conference reported having received an invitation to the conference to hold its next session at Lincoln Falls, Pa. The invitation was accepted by vote.

The President and Advisory Board were made a committee on

location of conference in case it cannot be held at Lincoln Falls.

By vote the time for the next annual session of the conference was left with the President and the Advisory Board.

The Committee on Reforms made their report.

By vote the time was extended.

On motion the resolution at the end of the report was adopted and the rest of the report was referred back to the committee. (See Report No. 13.)

Fifth Day. Saturday Afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. P. French preaching from I. Peter 5:6, 7.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported. Report was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

The President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society reported for the Society. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

The Committee on Statistics reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 16, table, last page.)

The character of Ezra H. Johnson was passed.

The Committee on Tent and Camp-Meetings made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

The Committee on Sabbath-schools made their report. The report was adopted and requested published in the Wesleyan Methodist but not to be entered on the minutes.

The President of the conference, E. R. Dodd and W. L. Norton were made a Committee on Holiness Conventions for the coming year.

On motion the pastors were authorized to raise money for the general work on the plan of a combination fund to be divided into four equal parts as heretofore.

The committee to inform the conference as to what resolutions are binding on the pastors reported. By vote the report was amended so as to authorize the Secretary to condense the resolutions in the printed minutes of the conference. The report as amended was adopted. (See Report No. 18).

By vote the resolution forbidding licentiatees to administer the

sacraments, see conference records Vol. III., page 381, was repealed, the Discipline now having been changed on that point.

A resolution was adopted regarding the enforcement of Discipline relative to secret societies. (See Report No. 19).

The Committee on Resolutions reported:

1. Concerning Christian and ministerial activity. The resolution was adopted and its publication in the Wesleyan Methodist was requested.

2. Thanks. The resolution was adopted and ordered read at the Sunday morning service. (See Report No. 20.)

By vote it was ordered that 300 copies of the minutes be published according to the plan provided by the General conference.

On motion the conference adjourned until 7:15 P. M.

Fifth Day. Saturday Evening.

The conference was called to order by the President at 7:15 o'clock.

By vote the name of A. P. Dudley was ordered taken from the unstationed list and placed on the supernumerary list.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations reported. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 21.)

The conference tents were placed in the hands of the President for the coming year.

By vote the conference ordered that the apportionments for President's salary be the same as last year.

On motion it was voted that we also pay the President's car fare.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to the call of the chair. The minutes were read and approved.

The motion to adjourn prevailed.

At an informal meeting on Sunday afternoon the President of the conference, the pastor of the charge where conference shall meet and S. D. Wilcox were made a Committee on Religious Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report No. 1. President's Report.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Rochester Annual Conference:

As your President for the past year I beg permission to make the following report of my official acts for the year. Please allow me to report first concerning those charges that were left "to be supplied" at the close of the last session of conference.

Varick was "to be supplied." By arrangement Rev. J. H. Cook has been the acting pastor of Varick charge throughout the year, and the prospects of the charge have improved since one year ago.

Wallace was left "to be supplied" because negotiations that resulted a few days later in securing the services of the Rev. W. L. Braman, were not concluded at close of last session of conference. Brother and Sister Braman have served Wallace charge most of the year. I regret that they could not see their way clear to continue another year.

North Cohocton and Lent Hill was "to be supplied." We have not been able to supply that charge with a pastor; as a result there has been but little preaching on that circuit the past year.

Rev. E. Matthews was appointed to Hector subject to some conditions. In August he discontinued work on the charge. Some time afterward I invited Rev. J. M. Swick to take the oversight of Hector charge and fill appointments as he might be able and he accepted the invitation to do what he could.

At last session of conference James Coots was appointed to Hornby. Brother Coots was sick at the time the appointment was made and has not been able to do any work during the year. August 17, 1907, Brother Coots tendered his resignation as pastor of Hornby and it was accepted by the quarterly conference of said charge. On the same day the quarterly conference elected a pulpit committee and instructed said committee to engage Rev. E. Matthews to supply the charge for the balance of the year. Brother Matthews accepted the call and soon afterward moved on the charge. The changes in respect to Hornby charge were endorsed by me as President of conference as I saw no other way to do, and afterward referred to the Advisory Board for their approval which was cheerfully given.

Rev. Ralph Davy of the Central Ohio conference was appointed to Haskinville at last session of conference but it was understood, by that charge at least, that Brother Davy could not come on the field until he had finished his engagement as pastor of a charge in Ohio. Brother A. C. Delap a student of Houghton Seminary was engaged at my suggestion to supply the charge which he did very acceptably for ten weeks or more. Brother Davy began his work as Pastor of Haskinville September 1, 1907, as per his agreement with the pulpit committee.

I received Ralph Davy, an elder, on his transfer from the President of the Central Ohio annual conference, October 16, 1907, his transfer bearing date October 3, 1907.

December 9, 1907, I received W. L. Braman, a licentiate in the first year on his transfer from the President of the Champlain annual conference, and also from same on same date the transfer of Mrs. Antoinette Braman, said transfers having been dated November 29, 1907.

March 21, 1908, at his request I granted F. S. Lee a transfer to the Lockport annual conference.

March 26, 1908, I received George N. Wyher an elder on his transfer from the President of the Syracuse annual conference, his transfer having been given March 18, 1908.

April 3, 1908, at their request I granted to W. L. Braman and his wife Mrs. Antoinette Braman transfers to the Lockport annual conference, they have taken work in said conference.

As per Discipline, page 67, Section VII., paragraph 8, I have appointed as lay members of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, G. J. Jelliff and H. T. Jimerson.

It may be well that I mention the death of Sister Lizzie Jones which occurred at the Bath parsonage May 30, 1907. It became my solemn duty assisted by Brother J. S. French and C. J. Sovocool to officiate at her funeral, and also to assist in providing care for the four orphan children who were left alone in a cold world. The children have been provided with comfortable homes for the present at least. Mr. M. G. Smith of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, a brother of Sister Jones was appointed guardian for the children. He found that Sister Jones had left money enough to pay all her liabilities including funeral expenses and to purchase a suitable tombstone, therefore he used the money necessary to meet these expenses.

In the providence of God I was able to begin upon the work assigned to me the first Sunday in May and have continued in the work at moderate pace during the year. I have had appointments for each week with a few exceptions, and have met all my engagements in person excepting a few by proxy when I was unable to go because of sickness or other complications. I have preached 183 times during the year being an average of nearly four sermons a week counting out the Sundays when I was laid off. I have made 200 or more calls where I have prayed with people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. Bedford.

Report No. 2. Treasurer of Camp-Meeting Committee.

Receipts:—Balance last report, \$110.12; Surplus from last year, \$48.22; Received on pledges and collection, \$246.17; Received from sale of song books, oil, etc., \$39.09; Contributions for workers and incidentals, \$110.32; Tent rent and transportation, \$100.25; Pasture, \$10; Lease of lots, \$115; Total receipts, \$779.17.

Disbursements:—For work, \$55.70; Maps of grounds, \$6.21; Interest, \$38.86; Paint for auditorium roof, \$25.10; To Sister Braman, \$25; To Brother Shea, \$45; Freight and express, \$21.97; Song books, \$26.55; Tent rent, \$72.63; Incidentals, \$46.93; Janitor, \$10; Lumber, \$68.25; Cement and other materials, \$23.25; Payment on mortgage, \$117; Total disbursements, \$582.45; Cash on hand, \$196.72.

A. W. Brim, Treasurer of Committee.

Report No. 5. Resolutions Concerning Anti-Gambling Legislation.

Whereas the Honorable Governor C. E. Hughes of the State of New York has made a most heroic, commendable, and in every way a righteous effort to secure from the legislature of the state a law corresponding to the Constitution forbidding gambling, and

Whereas the Assembly voted by a splendid majority for the Hart bill and we accept this action with gratitude; but since the Senate so outrageously failed to do its duty, therefore,

Resolved, that we most heartily commend the noble stand the Governor and the great majority of the Assembly and some of the Senators have taken.

Resolved, that we deplore the action of both the Republican and Democratic parties in making a moral question a party issue and thus arraying members of both parties on the wrong side of the moral question.

Resolved, that we especially condemn as being wicked in the extreme those eight Republican Senators who supported criminality in general and gambling in particular by their votes against the Agnew bill.

Resolved, that we especially deplore and denounce the action of the Senator from this district in which we meet, in that he first appeared as a supporter of the Agnew bill and then for some reason, certainly not a righteous one, and we have cause to fear, a most unworthy one, gave or disposed of his vote in the interest of crime and thus became responsible for the consequent wrong doing and suffering, and in so doing betrayed the confidence of his constituents, foisted upon the state an intolerable crime and nuisance, and turned back the march of morals into the wilderness.

Resolved, that we admonish our people that all righteous means should be employed which will insure the retirement of all the members of the state legislature who failed to do their duty and that honorable men who can be trusted be supported at the ballot box to take the places of those who have brought such disgrace upon themselves and such reproach upon the state.

Resolved that we will sincerely and earnestly pray that in the further effort of Governor Hughes to secure right legislation he shall have the highest measure of God-given success.

Report No. 6. President's Report Concerning Children of Rev. and Mrs. C. Jones.

Dear Brethren of the Rochester Conference:—Having been requested by your vote to furnish information concerning the children of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. Jones, I beg leave to submit the following answer to your inquiry.

Aurilla, aged fifteen years, the eldest of the Jones children has a home with my family, and is attending Houghton Seminary. She is a Christian girl with a purpose to please the Lord in all things. Aurilla enjoys the courtesy of our home by the request of her guardian. We did not agree to pay her tuition or to furnish her

clothing. So far others have paid her schooling and have furnished her clothes. Mrs. Bedford has done the sewing for her. We should have some help on her schooling and clothing for the year to come. No doubt she can stay at our home as long as she may desire to do so.

Mildred, the second child is eleven years old and has a good home with the family of Professor S. W. Bond at Houghton. I do not know that she has been adopted by Brother Bond, but I suppose she is permanently located. She is a good little Christian.

Charles is eight years old, and has a good home with the family of Peter Dean a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church of Canandaigua. He has not been adopted, but has a permanent home as things now appear.

Clifford is four years old and has a home with a relative of his father, Brother Jones, at Williamsport, Pa. I do not know the family. Respectfully submitted,

S. Bedford.

Report No. 7. Auditing Committee.

In order of charge, apportionment, amount paid, overplus, and deficit.

Bath, \$19.96, \$23.90; \$3.94.

Canandaigua, \$28.45, \$28.45.

Odessa, \$30.22, \$31.23, \$1.01.

Elkland, \$62.35; \$65.36, \$3.01.

Haskinville, \$32.94, \$33.40, .46.

Hector, \$11.47, \$4.65, —, \$6.82.

Hornby, \$30.04, \$21, —, \$9.04.

Howard, \$24.17, \$19.14, —, \$5.03.

Jasper, \$14.45, \$10, —, \$4.45.

North Bradford, \$21.29, \$23.19, \$1.90.

North Cohocton and Lent Hill, \$9.40, \$5, —, \$4.40.

Seneca Falls, \$37.60, \$37.60.

South Bradford, \$17.92, \$15.38, —, \$2.54.

Varick, \$10.18, \$8.98, —, \$1.20.

Wallace, \$20.49, \$21.66, \$1.17.

Westfield, \$31.11, \$28.40, —, \$2.71.

Chambers, \$14.23, \$14.23.

A. T. Jennings, —, \$5.

Onondaga Mission, —, \$2.63.

Your committee find that the amount apportioned by the conference was \$416.27. The amount received by the President was \$399.20, leaving a deficit of \$17.07. Of the amount received \$23.43 was paid to other parties and \$109.01 was paid for railroad fare leaving only \$266.76 above car fare and what was paid to other parties.

J. S. French, H. T. Jimerson, Committee.

Reports Nos. 8, 3 and 4. Conference Treasurer.

Balance on hand as reported at Odessa, \$154.36; Overpaid, \$2.48. April 22, 1907, paid S. Bedford, \$82.56; July 3, 1907, Publishing House for Conference Minutes, \$26; July 6, 1907, F. S. Lee, Express on Minutes, \$4.04; Nov. 1, 1907, subscription for Connectional Boiler, \$25; Balance unpaid on expenses to General conference, \$19.24; Total paid out, \$156.84.

Received on Dollar Plan, \$671.78; Received on Home Missions, \$36.58; Received on Foreign Missions, \$187.87; Received on Educational, \$3.75; Received on Conference Minutes, \$7.20; Received on Delegates' Expenses to General conference, \$2.40; Received on Conference Missions, \$11.25; Received on Conference Minutes, F. S. Lee, \$12.47; Total receipts, \$933.30.

Paid balance overdrawn, \$2.48; Paid J. H. Bowen, 3-4 Dollar Plan, \$503.83; Paid J. H. Bowen, Home Missions, \$36.58; Paid J. H. Bowen, Foreign Missions, \$187.87; Paid J. H. Bowen, Educational, \$3.75; Total paid out, \$734.51. Balance on hand at close of conference, \$198.79.

Fund for Mrs. C. Jones and Family.

Received from subscriptions paid, \$47. Paid A. T. Jennings, \$5; Paid J. H. Bowen, \$5; Total paid out, \$10. Balance on hand, \$37.

Slauson Estate.

Amount reported to conference at Odessa, \$680.49; Interest on \$400 one year at 5 per cent., \$20; Interest on \$100 one year at 4 per cent., \$4; Interest on \$180 4 months at 3 1-2 per cent, \$2.10; Interest on \$180 8 months at 4 per cent., \$4.80; Total, \$711.39.

March 4, 1908, paid McDonald and Brother for legal services, \$21.84; March 21 paid for care of cemetery lot, \$1; Total paid out, \$22.84. Balance on hand April, 1908, \$688.55.

Expenses of Delegates to General Conference.

Amount received: From Howard charge, \$2.50; North Bradford, \$3.30; Bath, \$10.20; Odessa, \$10; Haskinville, \$12.60; Hector, \$2.05; Chambers, \$3; Canandaigua, \$5.40; Seneca Falls, \$14.80; Hornby, \$10; South Bradford, \$6.80; Westfield, \$5.50; Varick, \$4.40; Elkland, \$34; Wallace, \$2.40; Total receipts, \$126.95.

Paid out, railroad fare to Fairmount, Indiana, and return, S. D. Wilcox, \$23.35; F. S. Lee, \$21.97; Mrs. Philinda Bowen, \$23; William L. Norton, \$28.87; Jacob Post, \$25; A. W. Brim, \$24; Total paid out \$146.19. Balance charged to Rochester conference fund \$19.24.

A. W. Brim, Treasurer of Conference.

Report No. 9. Resolution: Payment of Incidental Expenses.

Resolved that where any incidental expense is ordered by vote of conference, or contingent expense arises during the conference year the Treasurer be instructed to pay upon order of the conference President such bill or bills from conference funds, the same to be reported seriatim at the next session of the annual conference.

Report No. 10. Resolution of Thanks to C. A. McDonald.

Whereas, the report of the Rochester conference Treasurer, A. W. Brim, makes it appear that C. A. McDonald, Esq., of Seneca Falls, N. Y., has rendered highly efficient and satisfactory service in connection with the Slauson estate at a merely nominal charge, therefore we resolve, First, that we hereby express to Mr. McDonald our special gratitude. Second, that we instruct our Secretary to send to Mr. McDonald a copy of the foregoing.

Report No. 11. Sub-Treasurer, Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

Balance on hand at close of conference, \$1907, \$129.72; Paid Mrs. Harriet Woodruff, \$15; Paid Mrs. Lizzie Jones, \$75; Total amount paid out, \$90; Balance on hand at beginning of this conference, \$39.72; Amount received since beginning of conference, 1908, \$97.43; Total, \$137.15.

William Clow, Sub-Treasurer.

Report No. 11. Resolution, Duties of President.

Whereas many of our churches have no definite plan for raising the money necessary to carry on the work of the church.

And whereas we believe that the financial interests of the church should be carried on in a way that will commend itself to the good judgment of business men,

Therefore resolved, that it be the sense of this conference that the President, in his visitations to the churches and circuits, inquire after the methods now in use, and if possible present better methods than may be in use, said methods to include all the finances of the church whether it be for the support of the pastor, evangelists, or other benevolences. We think that the envelope system by which collections are taken every week is commendable in raising the support of the pastor.

This resolution is designed to be a partial definition of the duties of the President as our book of Discipline directs; and he is hereby authorized to take a paternal oversight of our churches in these special lines.

Report No. 13. Reforms.

Resolved first, That organizations of men, or women, or both, whether the professed purpose of such organizations be religious, social, literary, or otherwise, in which provision is made for the playing of such games as cards, pool, billiards, or other games used generally in the practice of gambling, are inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

Resolved, Second, that we cannot tolerate our ministers or members in belonging to such organizations, or in affiliating with them.

Report No. 14. Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submit the following report:

Ezra Johnson has taken examination in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline receiving a grade of 78. We recommend that he be continued in the second year.

F. B. Hayes stated that he had pursued his studies but could

not take examinations for lack of time. We recommend that he be continued in the first year's course.

James Coots has not been able to pursue his studies on account of poor health. We recommend that he be continued in the first year's course.

William Frazier came before the committee with the proper recommendations from the Seneca Falls church. We recommend that he be received to travel and placed in the first year's course.

We recommend that Laura White be continued in the same relation as last year.

J. H. Bowen, M. E. Warburton, William Clow, G. J. Jelliff, H. T. Jimerson, Committee.

Report No. 15. Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Receipts:—Carried over from last year, \$30; Dues and subscriptions, \$6; Odessa subscription paper (Loko house), \$14; Hornby W. M. S. (Publishing House), \$16.70; Seneca Falls W. M. S. (Home Missions), \$21; Odessa W. M. S. (Wm. Leuty and child), \$13; Chambers W. M. S. \$4.61; Total, \$105.31.

Disbursements:—J. H. Bowen for Publishing House, \$16.70; A. W. Brim for William Leuty, \$13; E. Teter for Loko house, \$14; E. Teter for home missions, \$21; Alice E. Bowen, expenses to General Conference, \$23; E. Teter, for Rev. and Mrs. G. N. Wyher, \$15; Total, \$102.70; Amount in treasury, \$2.61.

Report No. 17. Tent and Camp-Meetings.

The Committee on Tent and Camp-Meetings beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Whereas the camp-meeting at Houghton, however precious the seasons of grace may be, does not to any great extent reach the people of our circuits, hence no large amount of benefit seems to be realized by it.

2. And whereas the work of God has always progressed by special efforts or not at all.

3. And whereas the camp-meetings have been a great blessing in the past and may be again.

4. And whereas the fight is a hard one against the world, the flesh and the devil, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of

riches having choked the Word and many having become unfruitful,

We recommend that not only our camp-meeting at Houghton be supported but that other meetings be held throughout the conference, ten day camp-meetings where practical, and tent meetings for sieges.

We feel that we cannot but make a heroic effort to forward the work of God as committed to our care and for this purpose a camp-meeting is planned for at the Elkland camp ground for June 25 to July 5; also tent meetings, one at Westfield the latter part of May and first of June, and one at Canandaigua August 5 to 17.

We recommend that all our pastors put forth special efforts along these lines.

E. R. Dodd, J. S. French, Committee.

Report No. 18. Conference Resolutions.

Your committee to ascertain what resolutions are binding on pastors and should be published find the following resolutions in force:

1. That we will double our diligence in seeking to place the Wesleyan Methodist, our Sunday-school literature and good religious periodicals, and particularly missionary literature, in the hands of all the people who come under our influence.

2. A copy of the statistical report of each charge as given at the annual conference is required to be read at the first quarterly conference following and that part of the report known as "amount contributed" is to be recorded in the minutes of the quarterly conference.

3. To make the second Sunday in November a missionary rally day, and to present the subject of missions in as forceful and effective a manner as possible and that earnest effort be made to raise money for this cause.

4. Each pastor is required to give in his annual statistical report the number of persons who have been baptized within the bounds of his charge and each elder shall report all persons baptized by him except those baptized within the bounds of other charges than his own.

5. Pastors to make a special study of the class-meeting in its original work and in all the modifications through which it has

passed with a view to make such knowledge available for the improvement of our class-meetings. To encourage men and women who have special talents which, if properly developed, may fit them for this work, to study to show themselves workmen in this sphere.

Lay members are urged to co-operate with their pastors in the effort to restore as far as possible this means of grace to its original high position in the work of the church.

6. A pledge to be more faithful in the discharge of our pastoral duties and make a greater effort to increase the financial interests on all our charges.

7. Pastors to raise an equivalent of 10 cents per copy for the number of copies of the conference minutes wanted on the charge (see last year's printed minutes, page 20).

8. To make an effort to raise 50 cents per member per year on the charges for superannuated ministers. Recommended to take subscriptions for that purpose early in the year. (See minutes of 1907, page 22.)

Ralph Davy, E. R. Dodd, Committee.

Report No. 19. Resolution Concerning Enforcement of Discipline.

Whereas the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church positively forbids our ministers and members joining or holding fellowship with organizations regarded by the denomination as secret societies, and

Whereas, it is evident that some pastors fail to enforce the Discipline on this point,

Be it resolved that whenever any elder, licentiate or layman of the conference shall know that a minister is neglecting duty in this respect he or she shall report the same to the Conference President whose duty it shall be to investigate the case, labor with the pastor involved in such neglect of duty, and in case said pastor still fails to administer the Discipline, the President shall report to the conference for final action.

Report No. 20. Resolutions.

Whereas, we have abundant evidence on every hand that we are living in an age of great spiritual lethargy and drowsiness, and

Whereas, this condition is not only manifested by the un-

churches masses being constantly on the rush after the things of time and sense and their utter disregard of eternal things, and by the fact that multitudes having their names on the church rolls of many of our sister denominations are found in the same condition; but in our own ranks many are found seeking and setting their affections on the same things. And the most alert amongst us we believe are not more than half awake to the awful condition of souls all around us that are now dead in trespasses and sins and upon whom the sentence of eternal death is already passed, and that nothing can prevent this sentence from being executed unless they seek and obtain a free, full and definite pardon sealed with the blood of Christ, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we as individuals and as a conference should be sure to heed the apostolic injunction found in I. Thess. 5:6, "Therefore let us not sleep as do others but let us watch and be sober.

Resolved, 2. That we should vehemently and persistently urge upon all Christians the necessity of heeding the same warning lest they be overcome by the spirit of the age and the opiates of the devil.

Resolved, 3. That we should use every power at our command and to the utmost of our ability to arouse all that we come in contact with that sleep, both within the church and outside her pale, and make them see the awful danger they are in, and to point and urge them to the only ark of safety, Jesus Christ.

Resolved, 4. That to comply with the requirements of the preceding sections of this resolution we must also obey the God-given commands found in Ephesians 5:18 and Romans 12:12, "Be filled with the Spirit," and "Continue instant in prayer."

Thanks.

Whereas of necessity we must leave our respective homes and fields of labor and concentrate annually at some given point to transact conference business, and

Whereas we were invited by the pastor and people of the Chambers charge to hold our sixty-fourth annual session in their village and church, and

Whereas by accepting their invitation and hospitality we as a conference and as individuals have placed ourselves under obligations to this people, therefore be it

Resolved that we as a conference tender our sincere thanks

to the church in this place, its pastor, the people of this community, especially those who have so freely thrown open their homes for our entertainment, and to all who have contributed in any way to make our stay in their midst both pleasant and profitable.

J. C. Rounds, Emma Sherman, J. L. Fawcett, Committee.

Report No. 21. Pastoral Relations.

1. How many elders are on the conference roll? 22.
2. Who of the elders are on the stationed list? A. T. Jennings, E. Matthews, J. S. French, J. H. Bowen, William Clow, M. E. Warburton, J. N. Bedford, S. D. Wilcox, S. Bedford, J. C. Rounds, E. R. Dodd, Charles Sicard, Ralph Davy, G. N. Wyher, W. P. French, J. H. Cook, S. F. Frazier.
3. Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? A. P. Dudley, J. L. Cole.
4. Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? E. Barnettson, O. D. Field, J. M. Swick.
5. Who of the elders are on the unstationed list? E. E. Brown, C. E. Woodhead.
6. Who of the elders have been deposed this year? None.
7. Who of the elders have died this year? None.
8. Who have joined the conference this year? By transfer, Ralph Davy from the Central Ohio conference, G. N. Wyher, from the Syracuse conference, W. P. French from the Syracuse conference, W. L. Braman, licentiate, from the Champlain conference, Antoinette Braman, licentiate from the Champlain conference.
9. Who have withdrawn this year? By letter of transfer, F. S. Lee to the Lockport conference, W. L. Braman, licentiate, to the Lockport conference, Antoinette Braman, licentiate to the Lockport conference.
10. How many licentiates are reported from the quarterly conference rolls? 10.
11. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? F. B. Hayes, Ezra H. Johnson.
12. When and where shall the next conference be held? At Lincoln Falls, Pa., the time not fixed.
13. How is the work supplied? Bath, supplied by S. F. Frazier; Canandaigua, S. D. Wilcox; Odessa, William Clow; Chambers, F. B. Hayes; Elkland, E. R. Dodd; Haskinville, Ralph Davy; Hec-

tor, supplied by J. M. Swick; Hornby, E. Matthews; Howard, Ezra Johnson; Jasper, J. C. Rounds; North Bradford, M. E. Warburton, conditionally; South Bradford, supplied by M. E. Warburton; North Cohocton and Lent Hill, to be supplied; Seneca Falls, Charles Sicard; Varick, J. H. Cook; Wallace, W. P. French; Westfield, J. S. French. Missionary elect to Africa, G. N. Wyher; A. T. Jennings, Editor Wesleyan Methodist; J. H. Bowen, Connectional Agent; J. N. Bedford, Professor of Theology, Houghton Seminary; S. Bedford, President of Conference to travel and supervise the work.

S. Bedford, S. D. Wilcox, J. S. French, J. H. Bowen, A. W. Brim, Homer MacBain, Lura Smith, Committee.

Post-Office Addresses. Days Present.

A. T. Jennings, Syracuse, N. Y., 3 days.
 E. Matthews, R. F. D. No. 4, Corning, N. Y., 4 days.
 J. S. French, Westfield, Pa., 4 days.
 J. H. Bowen, Syracuse, N. Y., 3 1-2 days.
 William Clow, Odessa, N. Y., 4 days.
 M. E. Warburton, Troy, Pa., R. F. D. No. 65, 4 days.
 J. N. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., 0 days.
 S. D. Wilcox, Canandaigua, N. Y., 4 days.
 S. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., 4 days.
 J. C. Rounds, Jasper, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2, 4 days.
 Ralph Davy, Cohocton, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 3, 4 days.
 G. N. Wyher, Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa, 4 days.
 W. P. French, Wallace, N. Y., 3 days.
 S. F. Frazier, Seneca Falls, N. Y., 3 1-2 days.
 J. H. Cook, Romulus, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 1, 0 days.
 J. L. Cole, Chambers, N. Y., 2 1-2 days.
 A. P. Dudley, Bath, N. Y., 3 1-2 days.
 E. Barnetson, Cohocton, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 3, 0 days.
 O. D. Field, Troy, Pa., R. F. D. No. 63, 0 days.
 J. M. Swick, Trumansburg, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 35, 0 days.
 C. E. Woodhead, Bridgeville, Del., 0 days.
 E. E. Brown, Ithaca, N. Y., III 1st St., 0 days.
 Frank B. Hayes, Chambers, N. Y., 4 days.
 Ezra H. Johnson, Canisteo, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2, 2 days.
 James Coots, Canisteo, N. Y., 2 days.

S. Bedford, President; M. E. Warburton, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Time empl.		App'tments.	Churches.	Mem. recd.	On proba.	Discontin'd	Died.	Granted let.	Present Number.	On proba.	Baptized.	Unsta. Eld.	Licentiates.	Wesleyan Meth. taken	S. S. Banner taken.	Lesson Helps taken	No. Sunday Schools	No. Supts.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Books in Library.	No. of Meeting Houses.	Value of	Parsonages.	Value of.	Pastors' Salary.	President's Salary.	Evangelists' Receipts.	Superan'ted Ministers.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Con ference Missions.	Education.	Sabbath Schools.	Building and Repairs.	Incidental Expenses.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Total.		
		Yrs.	Mos.																																							
Bath.....	C. J. Sovocool	11		3	3			5	1	2	42			1	1	16	5	10	2	2	4	16	75	2		\$ 2600	1	500	\$ 207.19	\$23.90	\$10.00	\$ 3.55	\$13.95	\$ 6.62	\$ 6.62	\$35.62	\$ 4.00	\$ 12.89	\$ 57.00	\$ 3.60	\$ 484.94	
Canandaigua....	S. D. Wilcox	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	9				15	15	56	1	1	4	35	16	1		3000	1	4000	620.00	28.43	50.00	4.25	31.45	14.40	8.25	9.45	16.79	548.54	142.80	150.00	1624.36	
Chambers.....	F. B. Hayes	1		2	2			1	1	1	26					10	10	45	1	1	3	21	125	1		1500	1	400	201.15	14.23	23.00	2.63	1.00			9.52	400.00	31.11		682.64		
Elkland.....	E. R. Dodd	1		6	6	19					187		16	1		52	80	155	4½	5	23	207		4 7-10		9000	1	1500	584.54	62.37	101.46	18.58	221.49	141.03	126.53	257.53	110.15	176.50	190.88	52.00	2043.06	
Haskinville.....	Ralph Davy	7½		2	2			1	2	1	61					17	73	2	2	2	113	50	1		1500	1	1000	484.20	33.40		11.00	84.80	27.10	6.00	16.00	23.50		15.88	61.36	763.24		
Hector.....	J. M. Swick	6		2	2						23					20	30	2	2	2	30		2		1100			40.00	4.65						3.50				48.15			
Hornby.....	E. Matthews	8		1	1			5		3	51					13	11	35	1	2	3	45	50	1		800	1	1000	256.09	21.00		9.00	17.50	17.50	2.50	2.50	12.06	10.00	30.00	10.00	382.06	
Howard.....	Ezra Johnson	1		2	2	1		9	1	4	21		3	1		2	68	2	2	2	6	45		1	800	1	400	359.86	19.14		7.00	6.25	6.25	3.25	3.25	8.00	3.00		2.50	418.50		
Jasper.....	J. C. Rounds	1		1	1			5			18	10		1		13	15	48	1	1	4	45		1	1200	1	500	217.64	10.00	19.00	1.70	24.13		.80	1.25	18.22	15.00	15.00	3.00	325.74		
North Bradford.....	G. N. Wyher	1		1	1						41		1			13	47	77	2	2	2	65	25			1500	1	600	349.60	23.19	17.50	3.25	31.45	31.45	31.45	135.45	24.25	1.00	67.80	28.25	744.64	
North Cohocton.....								1			20					2	30	90	2	2		85	50	1		1500																
Odessa.....	Wm. Clow	1		3	3					2	71					22	30	90	2	2		85	50	1		1800	1	1100	601.05	30.22		10.50	122.76			5.60	27.85	38.00	50.53	2.32	888.83	
Seneca Falls.....	Charles Scard	1		1	1						71		1	1		21	24	52	1	1	6	40	200	1		16000	1	1200	606.90	37.69	51.28	8.00	38.98	36.55	9.53	92.50	48.38	78.67	304.30	30.25	1342.94	
South Bradford.....	M. E. Warburton	1		1	1			1	2	1	31					10	15	57	1	1	5	45	35	1		1000	1	600	243.00	15.38	2.50	1.06	18.85	6.25	.75	8.15	10.00			25.00	13.80	344.83
Varick.....	J. H. Cook	1		1	1						23					5		30	1	2	3	28	100	1		3000	1	1000	192.05	8.98		2.00	14.55	5.00		3.00	8.59	9.35	19.14		262.06	
Wallace.....	W. L. Braman	1		1	1			1			22					9	10	45	1	1	6	24						697.30	31.66	89.00	1.50	8.66	8.67	1.50	1.50			101.50	34.27		975.56	
Westfield.....	J. S. French	1		5	3	4		4		3	61		7		3	18	20	70	2	2	7	50	24	1		2500	1	1200	454.73	28.44	44.33	5.93	62.39		2.25	37.17	26.31	28.26	37.40	13.33	740.54	
Total.....		14	8½	35	30	48	9	30	11	19	775	9	2	10	2	262	313	241	26½	29	104	894	770	21 7-10		48800	14	15000	6209.21	392.59	408.07	89.95	698.21	301.62	198.63	608.97	351.12	1422.71	1021.20	370.41	12072.69	

S. D. WILCOX, HOMER McBAIN, Committee.