

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LOCKPORT CONFERENCE

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT
HESS ROAD, NIAGARA CO., N. Y.,
APRIL 4th to 9th, 1905.

REV. C. H. DOW, President,
REV. J. S. WILLETT, Secretary.

Conference Officers.

(For Coming Year.)

PRESIDENT.

Charles H. Dow.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Reuben F. Dutcher.

SECRETARY.

John S. Willett.

TREASURER.

Howard W. Mc Dowell.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Robert J. Jeffrey,	Term Expires, 1908.
De Forest Crowell,	" " 1908.
Clayton F. Ball,	" " 1908.
Benjamin S. Laughlin,	" " 1907.
Charles Sicard,	" " 1907.
William S. Easton,	" " 1907.
Reuben F. Dutcher,	" " 1906.
Charles H. Dow,	" " 1906.
Henry R. Barnett,	" " 1906.

Conference Roll.

ELDERS ON THE STATIONED LIST.

G. W. Cooper,	B. S. Laughlin,
Edgar Fuller,	W. A. Hazlett,
J. R. Jeffrey,	S. W. Jennings,
G. H. Clarke,	C. H. Dow,
Charles Sicard,	G. W. Steele,
Walter Readett,	W. A. Backus,
H. W. Mc Dowell,	Robert Mc Connell,
S. W. Bond,	R. F. Dutcher,
H. J. Bullock,	J. S. Willett,
C. P. Sage,	H. R. La Vere,
N. F. Robb,	N. E. Heald,
C. W. Smith,	J. C. Irvine,
C. G. Wagoner,	D. S. Bedford,

J. D. Russell.

ELDERS ON THE SUPERANNUATED LIST.

A. B. Chamberlain,	I. Hodgkins.
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LICENTIATES ON THE STATIONED LIST.

S. C. Wilcox,
C. R. Hawkins,
Clara Cole,

H. C. Bedford,
F. C. Adams,
Gertrude Preston.

DELEGATES.

M. C. Cronk,
Mrs. F. C. Adams,
S. W. Staples,
Clayton F. Ball,
Sophia Reynolds,
C. P. Lapham,
Frank Pickup,
L. H. Fancher,
Emma Ellis,

F. C. Adams,
Eva L. Washbon,
William H. Snider,
Elizabeth J. Ball,
Clara Cole,
Mrs. D. S. Radley,
A. F. Plummer,
Wilbur F. Stacy,
A. M. Jones.

Journal of Daily Proceedings.

The Lockport Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its forty-fourth session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Hess Road, Niagara Co., N. Y., at 9 o'clock A. M., April 5-9, 1905.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Conference President, the Rev. C. H. Dow.

The Rev. J. S. Willett, the Conference Secretary, being absent, the Rev. Charles Sicard was elected Secretary pro tem.

The roll was called and fifteen Elders responded.

The Rev. D. S. Bedford and William H. Snider were elected a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report, and the names of delegates reported from the various charges were added to the roll. (See roll.)

On motion the bar of Conference was fixed to include the first four slips.

By vote of Conference the following Committees were elected:—

On Religious Services.

The Revs. C. P. Sage, J. R. Jeffrey, and Brother C. P. Lapham.

On Boundaries.

The Revs. H. W. McDowell, H. R. La Vere, and Brother Clayton F. Ball.

On Pastoral Relations.

The Revs. C. H. Dow, R. F. Dutcher, Edgar Fuller, H. W. McDowell, Brother C. P. Lapham, and Sisters Elizabeth J. Ball and Eva L. Washbon.

On Statistics.

The Revs Walter Readett and F. C. Adams.

On Presidency.

The Revs. J. R. Jeffrey, J. S. Willett, and Bro. C. P. Lapham.

On Thanks.

The Revs. H. J. Bullock and C. W. Smith.

On Post Office Addresses.

The Rev. H. R. La Vere.

On motion the time for the opening and closing of the meetings of this Conference session was fixed as follows:—The morning meeting to open at 9 A. M. and close at 11:45 A. M., and the afternoon meeting to open at 1:30 P. M. and close by adjournment.

The election of Conference Officers was made the order of the day on Thursday at 10 A. M.

The Rev. Walter Readett asked the Conference to release him from the Committee on Statistics. His request was granted and the Rev. W. A. Hazlett was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Conference President read his official report, which was adopted. (See Report No. I.)

At the request of the President his official report was reconsidered and the financial item was referred to an Auditing Committee composed by the Revs. C. W. Smith and J. R. Jeffrey.

The Conference then proceeded to examine ministerial characters. The names of G. W. Steele and Edgar Fuller were called and their characters passed.

The Rev. Walter Readett was elected a Committee to compare the statistical reports of this year with those of the preceding year from the various charges, to ascertain whether there are any existing discrepancies.

The Rev. George Smith, President of the North Michigan Conference was introduced and made some very helpful remarks.

The Rev. J. D. Russell formerly of the New York Conference was introduced and made remarks relative to his past and present relation to the work in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The names of the Revs. W. A. Hazlett, W. Readett, H. W. McDowell, and H. J. Bullock were called and their characters passed.

The Auditing Committee to which was referred the financial item

of the President's report, submitted its report which was adopted. (See (1) Report No. II.).

The examination of ministerial characters was again resumed, and the characters of C. P. Sage and H. R. La Vere were passed.

Adjourned by limitation of time. Benediction by the Rev. J. D. Russell.

Afternoon Meeting. Wednesday.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. B. S. Laughlin. Twenty-three members responded to the roll call.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a further partial report which was adopted and the names reported were added to the roll of delegates.

On motion of H. W. Mc Dowell it was voted that the following message be sent in behalf of the Conference to Brother J. S. Willett whose wife was near death's door:—"The Lockport Conference extends tenderest sympathy and fervently prays for you and your family."

Upon the suggestion of J. R. Jeffrey the Conference engaged in a season of special prayer in behalf of Brother J. S. Willett and family.

A farther partial report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

The examination of ministerial characters was resumed and the characters of the Revs. J. S. Willett, J. R. Jeffrey, S. W. Jennings, B. S. Laughlin and I. Hodgkins were passed.

On motion the request of I. Hodgkins that his name be placed upon the superannuated list was granted.

The names of the Revs. G. H. Clarke, R. F. Dutcher, and D. S. Bedford were called and characters passed.

The Rev. Mr. Gross of the Baptist Church was introduced to the Conference.

The characters of the Revs. Charles Sicard and F. C. Adams were examined and passed.

On motion of H. W. Mc Dowell the following resolution was adopted:—"Resolved that in dividing the funds according to the direction of the Discipline on the "Dollar Plan" no contribution made specifically for missions shall be counted."

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by the Rev. H. W. Mc Dowell.

SECOND DAY. THURSDAY MORNING.

Because of the illness of the President, the Rev. C. H. Dow, the Vice-President, the Rev. R. F. Dutcher, called the Conference to order and presided during the meeting.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Walter Readett.

The roll was called and thirty-two members responded.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the name of Emma Ellis was added to the list of delegates.

Examination of ministerial characters was taken up and the characters of the Revs. C. W. Smith, G. W. Cooper, and N. E. Heald were passed.

The name of A. M. Jones was added to the roll of delegates.

The order of the day was called for and the Conference proceeded to the election of Conference Officers. Brethren Clayton F. Ball and William H. Snider were appointed tellers.

On motion the first ballot was made informal.

The Rev. C. H. Dow was elected President on the first formal ballot. The election was made unanimous.

The Rev. R. F. Dutcher was elected Vice-President.

The ballot for Secretary resulted in the election of the Rev. J. S. Willett.

The Rev. H. W. Mc Dowell was elected Treasurer on the first ballot. The election was made unanimous.

The balloting for the election of Conference Trustees resulted as follows: The first ballot cast gave Robert J. Jeffrey 32 votes, and Dean S. Bedford 1. The whole number of votes cast being 33, Robert J. Jeffrey was declared elected Trustee for three years.

The name of De Forest Crowell was put in nomination as Trustee for three years. The ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast 34 of which DeForest Crowell received 34. He was declared elected.

The third ballot cast for Conference Trustees resulted as follows:—Whole number of votes 32 of which Clayton F. Ball received 29, and Charles P. Lapham 3. Clayton F. Ball was declared elected as Conference Trustee for three years.

On motion the Rev. J. R. Jeffrey and Brother E. G. Dietrich were elected Advisory Board.

Herbert R. La Vere was elected Tithing Secretary.

The Judiciary Committee elected was composed of the following persons: The Revs. R. F. Dutcher, H. W. Mc Dowell, Edgar Fuller, and Silas W. Bond.

The following motion made by H. J. Bullock was adopted: "As the New York Conference of which the Rev. J. D. Russell was a member has ceased to be an organized body and therefore not able to give him a letter of transfer, I move that he be received as an Elder in this Conference."

The names of the Rev. R. Mc Connell and C. R. Hawkins were called and their characters passed.

The report from Houghton charge was called for and given by the delegate, C. P. Lapham.

Adjournment by limitation of time. Benediction by the Rev. E. Teter.

Afternoon Meeting. Thursday.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Jeffrey.

Thirty-one members responded to the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. A. W. Hall, Connectional Agent, was introduced to the Conference.

At the request of the Vice-President, the Rev. R. F. Dutcher, the Rev. E. Teter, Connectional Missionary Secretary, took the floor and briefly addressed the Conference.

To hear the report of our Connectional Agent was made the order of the day at 10 A. M. Friday.

The characters of Clara Cole and Charles Mosher were examined and passed.

Reports from the following charges not represented by ministerial members of the conference were called for. Response as follows: Hamburg reported through its delegate. For report of Cameron, Honeoye, Huntley and Castle Garden, and Holland, see President's report. (Report No. I.). Emporium gave no report. Olcott reported through the delegate, Wilbur F. Stacy.

A Committee consisting of the Revs. A. T. Jennings and H. W. Mc Dowell, appointed by a joint Committee of the Lockport and Rochester Conferences to formulate plans for the control of the camp-meetings of said Conferences, reported through the Rev. H. W. Mc Dowell. The report was adopted. (See Report No. III.)

On motion the Revs. J. R. Jeffrey and H. W. Mc Dowell were elected a Camp-meeting Committee as provided for in the above report.

On motion of the Rev. J. R. Jeffrey the Conference voted to have its minutes published. A reconsideration was moved and carried. The motion was finally adopted and a Committee consisting of the following persons was elected to provide for the publication of the minutes: The Revs. Charles Sicard, J. R. Jeffrey, and D. S. Bedford.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by the Rev. B. S. Laughlin.

THIRD DAY. FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. D. Russell.

The roll was called and twenty-eight responded.

The minutes were read and approved.

Communications from the Revs. W. A. Backus and J. C. Irvine were read and their characters passed.

The order of the day was called for and the Rev. A. W. Hall

gave a very touching and inspiring report of the work under Connectional supervision.

The Conference Treasurer made a partial report (See (1) Report No. IV.). This report was referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of the Revs. J. R. Jeffrey and C. W. Smith, who were constituted the Auditing Committee for this entire Conference session.

On motion it was voted that the Rev. G. W. Cooper against whom the Conference Treasurer holds an interest bearing note in behalf of the Superannuated ministers' fund, be not required to pay interest up to date on said note, as by his own statement we are assured that he understood that he was not to pay interest on this note, but that he be required to pay five per cent. interest from this date forth.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Conference Treasury to the amount of \$32.05 to pay the note, principal and interest, held against the Conference by the Treasurer of the Superannuated ministers' fund.

On motion it was voted that the matter of drawing on the Conference Treasury for seventy dollars (\$70) to be applied on the deficiency in the Evangelist's salary be referred to the Board of Trustees for their recommendation.

The Revs. C. W. Smith and C. P. Sage were elected a committee to formulate a plan by which to bring up the deficiency in the Evangelist's salary.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by the Rev. N. E. Heald.

Friday. Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, the Rev. R. F. Dutcher.

Devotional exercises consisted of singing by the congregation and prayer by Sister Jane Colton of Lockport, N. Y.

Roll call and reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

The order of the day was taken up and the Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society occupied the remaining portion of the afternoon.

FOURTH DAY. SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Charles Sicard. Twenty-one members responded to the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The matter of appropriation from the Treasury of the Superannuated ministers' fund in favor of the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The Auditing Committee made a further partial report. (See (2) Report No. II.).

The Committee on Thanks submitted their report which was adopted. (See Report No. V.).

Westons and Olean charge reported through their delegate, Brother A. M. Jones.

On motion the Board of Trustees was constituted a Committee to which was referred the matter relating to the disposition of money raised to liquidate the Olean church debt.

The Conference Treasurer gave his final report. (See (2) Report No. IV.). This report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The motion of H. J. Bullock relating to the Camp-meeting Committee was laid on the table.

On motion the Conference voted not to grant the request of the Rev. P. B. Campbell in behalf of Lyndon Park, N. Y., church, which in substance asked the Conference to grant to said Church, which is located within the bounds of the Lockport Conference, the privilege of uniting with the Allegheny Conference.

On motion it was voted to fix the location of Conference for next year.

By vote the matter of Conference location was left with the President, Vice-President and Secretary.

There being some uncertainty as to whether the Rev. N. F. Robb, to whom the President granted a letter of standing, desired a letter of standing or a letter of standing and dismissal, the Conference voted to request the President to correspond with Brother Robb to ascertain his exact desire in the matter, and to make said letter conform to such desire.

The name of the Rev. C. G. Wagoner was called, and his character passed.

The Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society submitted her report. (See Report No. VI). The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The question of employing a Conference Evangelist for the coming year was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by the Rev. B. S. Laughlin.

Afternoon Meeting. Saturday.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. C. W. Smith.

The roll was called and twenty-two members responded.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the Rev. S. W. Jennings was granted a letter of standing.

The Board of Trustees submitted its report through H. R. Barnett which was adopted. (See Report No. VII.).

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported through William H. Snider. The report was adopted. (See Report No. VIII.).

On motion the Rev. H. J. Bullock was elected to succeed himself on the Committee of Itinerancy and Orders.

The Rev. H. W. Mc Dowell was elected to preach the opening sermon and the Rev. Charles Sicard was elected alternate.

On motion the Rev. Charles Sicard was elected Railroad Secretary.

A collection was taken for the Secretary amounting to \$3.13.

By vote of the Conference the Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Treasury of the Superannuated ministers' fund for \$25 in favor of A. B. Chamberlain.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Conference Treasury for \$70 in favor of C. H. Dow to apply on the deficiency in his salary as Conference Evangelist.

The Rev. W. A. Hazlett gave the report of the Committee on Statistics which was adopted. (See Report No. IX.).

By vote the Conference adjourned to the call of the chair.

The Conference was called to order by the Vice-President.

The Committee to which was referred the financial matter relative to the Olean Church submitted its report which was adopted. (See Report No. X.).

The Committee on Pastoral Relations reported through its Secretary, Eva L. Washbon. The report was adopted. (See Report No. XI.).

The Auditing Committee submitted its final reports, which were adopted. (See (3 and 4) Report No. II.).

On motion the report of the Conference Missionary Treasurer was adopted. The report of the Conference Treasurer was also adopted.

The Committee appointed to formulate a plan by which to raise the deficiency in the Conference Evangelist's salary reported through C. W. Smith. The report was adopted. (See Report No. XII.).

The Rev. C. W. Smith was elected a Committee to notify the various charges concerning their assessment on Evangelist's salary.

On motion it was voted that, in the case of the Rev. E. G. Fowler who through our Conference President asked for admission to the membership of the Conference, action upon his request be deferred until he can be present in person and give satisfaction to the Conference according to provisions found on page 91 in our Book of Discipline.

It was voted that the time of our annual camp-meeting be left with the joint camp-meeting Committee.

On motion the Conference voted to have three hundred copies of its minutes published.

The motion to rescind the second recommendation in the report of A. T. Jennings and H. W. Mc Dowell was carried.

The following was adopted in the place of the above mentioned recommendation which was rescinded. "We further recommend that the above Committee hold office until the close of the camp-meeting

of 1906, and that the Conferences at each annual session elect members of the committee as before provided and that the term of service of such committee begin with the close of the camp-meeting following the time of its election and continue for one year or until their successors are elected."

H. J. Bullock made the following motion which was adopted: "I move that the joint Committee provided for in the report of A. T. Jennings and M. W. McDowell be given the power to settle with the Camp-meeting Committee now in existence, to become their successors in office and to receive any money and assets they may have on hand and to carry out any contracts they may have made, and further that they be given power to improve the campground and to raise and disburse all moneys necessary for the same."

The motion to reconsider the report on Pastoral Relations was carried. The report was amended and adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by the Rev. S. W. Jennings.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT NO. I.

President's Report.

In presenting our official report and statement of work in the Conference during the year, we are grateful to God for his guidance and watchcare.

Our ministers have been kept and blessed in their work. Death has not invaded our ranks. To Him we render our gratitude and praise.

The year has been marked by revival efforts, and good results beyond any we have known in many years. On at least ten charges revival meetings have been held that resulted in the conversion of souls, and members added to the Churches.

On other charges there has been marked progress in improving and repairing church property and paying off debts.

A few charges remain weak in numbers, but manifest integrity and a purpose to hold on for a revival and up-building of the work.

Our great need is a few more efficient consecrated workers, and a better system of finances that we may have resources to help these needy fields, and build up our Conference work.

We believe we are within conservative limits when we state that we never saw a more general spirit of unity among our ministers and lay members throughout the Conference than exists at the present.

time. There seems to be a united purpose to push the work along the lines God has given us, leaving out the side issues, holding to the old Bible Doctrine of full salvation from sin.

Never were there more openings and calls to enter new fields than at the present. We could open Missions and organize Churches in several towns and cities at once had we the money and workers to enable us to get started.

With the purpose in view of entering some of these open doors and to better provide for our work, we recommend that this Conference during its present session take in consideration the matter of some financial plan or system adequate to the demand upon us.

We also find as we have traveled the Conference, there is need of and a great demand for, a Conference tent to be used on our charges and in opening up new fields.

We have had many appeals for tent meetings the past year, and believe the Conference should take steps to respond.

The Conference Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference Missionary Society have been discussing the matter and are (I believe) ready to co-operate with the Conference in the purchase of a suitable tent. We hope it may be consummated and a tent sent into the field as soon as possible.

The report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations of our last session shows that the following charges were left in the hands of the President to be supplied or provided for: Delevan and Machias, Holland Center, Honeoye, Huntley and Castle Garden, Red House, and Westons and Olean.

Holland and Honeoye were unable to maintain a minister and have had no regular preaching during the year. (Both of these need and desire a tent meeting during the year.) Delevan and Machias were supplied under our direction by the Rev. C. R. Hawkins the first half of the year, and the last half by the Rev. J. E. Tiffany. Huntley and Castle Garden have been supplied during the last half of the year by Miss Ettie Hayward, a licentiate of the Allegheny Conference. She has had a good revival at Castle Garden and the work is being built up on the charge. They have invited her to serve them another year. Red House has been acceptably supplied by Sister Clara Cole. God has blessed her labors, and the work is improving under her pastorate. We were unable to find a resident pastor for Olean and Westons, and have supplied the charge during the year with preaching principally by ministers from Houghton. The Rev. N. F. Robb filled the pulpits for nearly three months. A very good revival was held at Olean during the winter which resulted in a few new members.

The Rev. J. C. Irvine left and resigned the pastorate of the Cameron charge last fall. We secured the services of the Rev. A. C.

Dow who has supplied the work the latter part of the year. We held a revival meeting on the charge during the winter with good results. The charge is taking advanced ground.

Brethren B. S. Laughlin, J. C. Irvine, C. G. Wagoner and N. F. Robb requested and have been granted letters of standing.

Mrs. Jennie Ayres and John Ayres have been transferred to the Michigan Conference.

We have been constantly engaged in Conference work during the year, missing only two Sundays through ill health. Our health has not been the best at all times but we have never put in a year of harder and more continuous work.

God's grace and blessing have attended us always. To him be all the praise.

Our receipts during the year from the Conference to apply on salary as Traveling President are as follows:

By collections	\$236.76
Through Camp-meeting Association,	18.87
Through A. W. Hall,	50.00

Total	\$305.63
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Disbursed for travelling expenses,	\$68.34
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Respectfully submitted, C. H. DOW, Traveling President.

REPORT NO. II.

On Audits.

(1) Your Committee to whom was referred the Traveling President's account to show the deficit begs leave to submit the following report:

Total receipts,	305.63
Railroad expenses,	68.34

Amount received,	\$237.29
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President's salary,	\$450.00
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Amount received,	237.29
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Deficit,	\$212.71
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(2) The Auditing Committee respectfully reports the accounts of the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund to be correct.

(3) Your Auditing Committee reports the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home, Foreign, and Conference Missionary Society to be correct. Respectfully submitted.

(4) Your Auditing Committee respectfully reports the accounts of the Conference Treasurer to be correct.

C. W. SMITH, J. R. JEFFREY, Committee.

REPORT NO. III.

On Camp-Meeting Committee.

During the camp-meeting held at Houghton, Sept., 1904, the undersigned were, by a joint committee of the Rochester and the Lockport Conferences appointed a Committee to formulate plans for the control of the camp-meeting of said Conferences.

This Committee begs leave to submit the following: We recommend that each Conference elect a Committee of two; these persons shall choose a fifth member of the Committee. This joint Committee of five shall elect from their own numbers a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall have power to make all arrangements and provisions for the camp-meeting. We further recommend that the above Committee hold office until the close of the camp-meeting of 1906, and that the Conferences, at each annual session, elect members of this Committee as before provided, and that the term of service of such Committee begin with the close of the camp-meeting following the time of its election, and continue for one year or until their successors are elected.

A. T. JENNINGS, H. W. Mc DOWELL, Committee.

REPORT NO. IV.

Treasurer's Report.

(1) The Conference Treasurer would respectfully submit the following report of the Superannuated Fund:

Received from Silas W. Bond, Treas.,	\$61.99
From charges,	49.43
On principal of note of G. W. Cooper,	40.00

Total cash receipts,	\$151.42
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Paid to A. B. Chamberlain,	25.00
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Cash balance,	\$126.42
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Assets of Fund.

Cash balance,	\$126.42
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Note of Conference Trustees,	28.62
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Balance on note of G. W. Cooper,	135.29
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Total,	\$290.33
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(2) The Treasurer of the Lockport Conference would respectfully submit the following report:

Receipts.

Received on Dollar Plan.

J. R. Jeffrey, former Treasurer,	\$355.54
From charges during Conference, 1904,	124.96
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Total to end of Conference year, 1904,	480.50
From charges during Conference, 1905,	410.55
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Total to date on Dollar Plan,	\$891.05
Received from charges for Missions,	\$165.19
Received from charges for Educational work,	2.00
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Total receipts,	\$1,058.24

Disbursements.

Paid to A. W. Hall from Dollar Plan, 1904,	\$241.68
To C. H. Dow on salary as Conference Evangelist,	219.82
To H. J. Bullock on deficit on printing Minutes,	19.00
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Total paid from Dollar Plan, 1904,	\$480.50
To A. W. Hall from Dollar Plan for 1905,	307.91
To E. Teter for Foreign Missions,	65.81
To A. W. Hall for Missions,	99.38
To A. W. Hall for Educational purposes,	2.00
To Superannuated Ministers' Fund on note of Conference Trustees, with interest on same,	\$32.04
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Total disbursements,	\$987.64
Cash to balance,	70.60
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\$1,058.24

H. W. Mc DOWELL, Treasurer.

REPORT NO. V.

On Thanks.

Be it resolved that we the members and visiting friends of the Lockport Conference now in session, extend by a rising vote our thanks to the pastor and wife, and the people of the Hess Road charge for the royal and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. SMITH, H. J. BULLOCK, Committee.

REPORT NO. VI.

Missionary Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report of the Woman's Home, Foreign and Conference
Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference.

Total receipts,	\$332.19
Disbursements,	182.19

Balance on hand,	\$150.00
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VERNA A. SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT NO. VII.

Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees would report as follows: The deficit in the salary of the Conference Evangelist, the Rev. C. H. Dow, for the Conference year ending April 5, 1905, is \$212.71. There is in the Conference Treasury \$70. We recommend that an order for \$70 be drawn on the Conference Treasury to apply on its payment, and that the Conference provide for the balance.

We further recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasury of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund for \$25 in favor of A. B. Chamberlain, one of our superannuated ministers.

R. F. DUTCHER, Chairman. H. R. BARNETT, Secretary.

REPORT NO. VIII.

Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, begs leave to submit the following report:

Recommendations to travel under the direction of the Conference from their respective charges were received for the following persons: Gertrude Preston and Clara Cole.

In the case of F. C. Adams who has passed credible examinations on Lectures on Preaching, we recommend that he be continued to travel under direction of Conference, and complete the studies of the first year's course.

In the case of C. R. Hawkins who passed a credible examination on Binney's Compend and Discipline, we recommend that he be continued to travel under direction of the Conference, and complete the studies of the first year's course.

In the case of S. C. Wilcox, we recommend that she be continued to travel under direction of Conference and pursue the studies of the third year's course.

In the case of C. W. Mosher, we recommend that he be continued

to travel under direction of Conference, and take up the studies of the first year's course.

In the case of Gertrude Preston who passed a credible examination on Discipline and Robert's Rules of Order, we recommend that she be received to travel under direction of Conference and complete the first year's course of study.

In the case of Clara Cole who came duly recommended by her quarterly conference, we recommend that she be received to travel under direction of Conference and pursue the first year's course of studies.

In the case of H. C. Bedford we recommend that he be continued to travel under direction of Conference and pursue the studies of the course.

H. J. BULLOCK,
S. W. STAPLES,

J. R. JEFFREY,
W. H. SNIDER, Committee.

REPORT NO. IX.

On Statistics.

(See Statistical Table.)

REPORT NO. X.

On Olean Church.

Your Committee to which the Olean Church matter was referred would report that in its judgment the Conference has no jurisdiction in the case.

R. F. DUTCHER, Chairman. H. R. BARNETT, Secretary.

REPORT NO. XI.

On Pastoral Relations.

(1) Number of Elders on Conference Roll: Twenty-nine.

(2) Elders on the stationed list: G. W. Cooper, B. S. Laughlin, Edgar Fuller, W. A. Hazlett, J. R. Jeffrey, S. W. Jennings, G. H. Clarke, C. H. Dow, Charles Sicard, G. W. Steele, Walter Readett, W. A. Backus, H. W. McDowell, Robert McConnell, S. W. Bond, R. F. Dutcher, H. J. Bullock, J. S. Willett, C. P. Sage, H. R. La Vere, C. W. Smith, N. E. Heald, N. F. Robb, J. C. Irvine, C. G. Wagoner, D. S. Bedford, J. D. Russell.

(3) Elders without appointment: S. W. Jennings, B. S. Laughlin, G. W. Steele, W. A. Hazlett, W. A. Backus, R. F. Dutcher, N. F. Robb, J. C. Irvine.

(4) Elders on Superannuated list: A. B. Chamberlain, I. Hodgkins.

(5) No elders have been deposed this year.

(6) No elders have withdrawn by transfer. By letter of standing, G. O. Bruce.

(7) None have joined the Conference by ordination. By credentials, J. D. Russell.

(8). None of the elders have died this year.

(9) Eighteen licentiates are reported from the quarterly conference rolls.

10. Licentiates on the stationed list: S. C. Wilcox, F. C. Adams, C. R. Hawkins, Clara Cole, Gertrude Preston, H. C. Bedford.

(11) The work is supplied as follows: Allegheny, C. W. Smith; Cameron, A. C. Dow, under direction of President; Cattaraugus, Charles Sicard; Chestnut Ridge, H. R. La Vere; Delevan and Machias, supplied by J. E. Tiffany of the Free Methodist Church, under direction of President; Eagle Harbor and Yates, J. D. Russell; Fillmore, D. S. Bedford; Forestville, N. E. Heald; Hamburg, Gertrude Preston; Hess Road, J. R. Jeffrey; Higgins Mills, G. W. Cooper; Holland, Left in hands of President; Honeoye, Left in hands of President; Houghton, James Hughes, from Iowa Conference; Huntley and Castle Garden, Ettie Hayward, licentiate from Allegheny Conference; Leon, Robert Mc Connell; Levant, A. D. Fero from Allegheny Conference; Napoli, To supply themselves; Olcott, To supply themselves; Phillips Creek, To supply themselves; Hazelhurst, Edgar Fuller; Red House, Clara Cole; Ransomville, Walter Readett; Short Tract, Supplied by James Hancock; Steamburg, Left with President; Westons and Olean, C. P. Sage; Wyoming, F. C. Adams; F. J. Bullock, serving Canandaigua charge in Rochester Conference; G. H. Clarke, in charge of African Mission; H. W. Mc Dowell, Professor in Houghton Seminary; S. W. Bond, President of Houghton Seminary; J. S. Willett, Office Editor in Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House; H. C. Bedford, Professor in Houghton Seminary; C. R. Hawkins, engaged in Mission Work in Buffalo; S. C. Wilcox, left to choose her own field of labor.

We recommend that the Rev. C. H. Dow be elected Conference Evangelist provided that the Conference shall not obligate itself to pay him a stated salary as we are unable to devise methods to raise same.

We further recommend that upon his own request C. G. Wagoner be appointed evangelist at large.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DOW,
R. F. DUTCHER,
EDGAR FULLER,

H. W. MC DOWELL,
C. P. LAPHAM,
ELIZABETH J. BALL,
EVA L. WASHBON, Committee.

REPORT NO. XII.

On Deficit.

Your Committee appointed to provide for the deficit in the Traveling President's salary recommend: (1) That the Board of Trustees be authorized to borrow immediately \$142.71 and pay the same to the Traveling President.

(2) That each pastor be required to collect on his charge by the first Sunday (May 7) in May an amount equal to twenty-five cents per member, and forward the same to the Conference Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH, C. P. SAGE, Committee.

Assessment of charges to provide for the deficit in salary of Traveling President, at twenty-five cents per member. Allegheny, 35, \$8.75; Cameron, 12, \$3; Cattaraugus, 85, \$21.25; Chestnut Ridge, 41, \$10.25; Delevan and Machias, 26, \$6.50; Eagle Harbor and Yates, 46, \$11.50; East Leon, 37, \$8.25; Fillmore, 46, \$11.50; Forestville, 18, \$4.50; Hamburg, 25, \$6.25; Hazelhurst, 21, \$5.25; Hess Road, 32, \$8; Higgins, 22, \$5.50; Houghton, 95, \$23.75; Levant, 54, \$13.50; Napoli, 15, \$3.75; Olcott, 12, \$3; Ransomville, 19, \$4.75; Red House, 13, \$3.25; Short Tract, 23, \$5.75; Westons and Olean, 23, \$5.75; Steamburg, 9, \$2.25; Wyoming, 23, \$5.75.

C. W. SMITH, C. P. SAGE, Committee.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.

A. B. Chamberlain, Wyoming, N. Y., R. F. D.
 B. S. Laughlin, Burt, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 29.
 Charles Sicard, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
 C. H. Dow, Houghton, N. Y.
 C. P. Sage, Houghton, N. Y.
 C. W. Smith, Canadea, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2.
 C. G. Wagoner, Falconer, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 71.
 D. S. Bedford, Fillmore, N. Y.
 Edgar Fuller, Westons Mills, N. Y.
 G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y.
 G. H. Clarke, Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa.
 G. W. Steele, Leon, N. Y.
 H. J. Bullock, 230 Prospect St., Canandaigua, N. Y.
 H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y.
 H. R. La Vere, Lockport, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 7.
 Isaac Hodgkins, Steamburg, N. Y.
 J. R. Jeffrey, Appleton, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 30.
 J. D. Russell, Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
 J. C. Irvine,
 J. S. Willett, Wesleyan Office, Syracuse, N. Y.

N. E. Heald,	Forestville, N. Y.
N. F. Robb,	Protection, N. Y.
R. Mc Connell,	Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2.
R. F. Dutcher,	Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
S. W. Jennings,
S. W. Bond,	Houghton, N. Y.
W. A. Backus,	Steamburg, N. Y.
W. A. Hazlett,	Houghton, N. Y.
Walter Readett,	Ransomville, N. Y.
C. R. Hawkins,	310 Herkimer St., Buffalo, N. Y.
C. W. Mosher,	Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2.
Clara E. Cole,	Red House, N. Y.
F. C. Adams,	Eagle, N. Y.
Gertrude F. Preston,	West Falls, N. Y., R. F. D.
Sarah C. Wilcox,	859 Grand Ave., E. Eau Claire, Wis.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The religious services, conducted every evening during the Conference session, as a whole, were seasons of inspiration and profit. As indicated by the repeated outbursts of Divine joy, it was evident that God was present to lift his children a little higher heavenward. "The joy of the Lord is our strength," and thank God it is our never-failing inspiration and sure anchor.

These services were conducted by the Revs. Robert Mc Connell, who preached the opening sermon, George Smith, President of the North Michigan Conference, A. D. Fero, of the Allegheny Conference. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, and J. D. Russell.

The Sabbath services began with an old-fashioned love-feast, led by the Rev. H. D. Mc Dowell. The Spirit of the Lord was present. The Rev. A. W. Hall preached a very excellent sermon which gave new thought and courage to the large congregation assembled. The Lord's children there gathered at his table in commemoration of his sufferings and death. Brother Teter preached the Word in the evening to a large congregation.

We greatly missed our President and Secretary, Brethren Dow and Willett. Brother Dow was present only one day of the session, being detained by severe illness. Brother Willett was unable to be present because of the serious illness of his wife which so soon proved fatal. These brethren had the sympathy and earnest prayers of the Conference.

We believe that each member of the Conference went to their fields of labor with renewed strength and courage to battle for their King.

CHARLES SICARD, Secretary, pro tem.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHARGES AND PASTORS.		Years.	Months.	Time.	Appointments.	Churches.	Received.	Expelled.	Discontinued.	Died.	Granted Letters.	Present Numbers.	Probationers.	Baptized.	Unstationed Elders.	Licentiates.	Wesleyan Methodists taken.	Children's Banners.	Good Words.	Our Early Seekers.	Our Temperance Paper.	Iconoclast Lesson Helps.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Superintendents.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Books in Library.	Meeting Houses.	Value of.	Parsonages.	Value of.	Pastors' Salary.	Evangelists' Receipts.	Superannuated Ministers.	Missions.	Education.	Sabbath Schools.	Building and Repairs.	Incidental Expenses.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Dollar Plan.												
Allegany.....	C. W. Smith	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	35	2	2	2	2	15	30	30	30	30	45	2	2	7	50	250	2	\$	3000.00	1	\$	250.00	\$	327.60	\$	32.26	\$	1.00	\$	32.71	\$	7.80	\$	19.25	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	10.00	\$	25.00
Cameron.....	J. C. Irvine	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	2	2	2	2	6	30	40	40	40	40	40	1	1	6	55	1	1	1000.00	1	\$	1,000.00	140.00	15.62											3.00							
Cattaraugus.....	Charles Sicard	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	85	9	2	2	2	39	40	40	40	40	40	2	2	6	55	1	1	1500.00	1	\$	700.00	569.14	34.70	6.45	56.00	23.00	28.00	135.00	74.26	20.00	77.00											
Chestnut Ridge.....	H. R. La Vere	1	1	1	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	42	4	1	1	1	19	15	15	15	15	15	34	1	1	4	24	1	1	1500.00	1	\$	1,200.00	375.00	55.00	1.00	5.00		10.60	8.00	48.00	1.00	48.00										
Delevan and Machias.....	C. R. Hawkins	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	26	2	2	2	2	14	12	12	12	12	12	21	1	1	2	15	2	2	2200.00	1	\$	650.00	163.00	46.11	5.57	12.19		8.02	30.00	36.00	40.00	19.00										
Eagle H'rbr and Yates.....	R. F. Dutcher	1	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	46	2	2	2	2	27	50	50	30	40	26	2	2	10	70	2	2	3000.00	1	\$	700.00	330.00	28.00	3.60	42.50	100.00	27.09	175.00	100.00	25.00	22.00											
Fillmore.....	D. S. Bedford	1	11	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	46	2	2	2	2	14	30	30	30	30	75	1	1	6	50	1	1	1500.00	1	\$		302.93	23.77	3.00			25.00	150.00	41.12		34.00											
Forestville.....	S. W. Jennings	1	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	18	2	2	2	2	11	15	15	15	15	28	1	1	3	25	1	1	1200.00	1	\$	1,000.00	162.95	8.18	.65	18.59		5.66		6.65		5.30											
Hamburg.....	S. C. Wilcox	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	2	2	2	2	8	20	20	20	20	85	1	1	8	66	1	1	1200.00	1	\$		147.42	43.73	2.37	32.00		17.20	16.55	3.54		17.50											
Hazellhurst.....	E. Fuller	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	10	2	2	2	9	24	24	24	24	55	1	1	5	50	63	1	1	2500.00	1	\$	1,750.00	252.27	37.20	1.81		5.00			4.00	10.00	16.00										
Hess Road.....	C. P. Sage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	2	2	2	2	17	24	24	24	24	25	1	1	5	45	1	1	800.00	1	\$		403.44	21.24	1.00	33.80	3.00	22.50	270.00	52.65		18.50											
Higgins.....	G. W. Cooper	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	1	1	1	1	5						25	2	2	5	45	1	1			135.00	40.00	.50	1.00		9.40	100.00	25.00	12.00													
Holland Center.....	With President	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	95	4	2	2	2	52	90	90	90	90	170	2	2	13	135	2	2	1300.00	1	\$	1,100.00	605.16	21.93	6.65	315.00	100.00	72.68		3.90	163.71		19.60										
Houghton, Jas. Hughes, Mrs. J. Ayres		1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	54	3	2	2	2	31	30	30	30	30	50	1	1	4	56	110	2	2	3500.00	1	\$	1,500.00	480.00	20.78	5.16	62.84		37.50	96.00	76.00	40.21	21.00										
Levant.....	C. G. Wagoner	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	37	1	1	1	1	17	30	30	30	30	80	2	2	9	70	1	1	1000.00	1	\$	500.00	352.50	25.00	.90	20.00	25.00	21.00	500.00	20.00	20.00	30.80											
East Leon.....	R. McConnell	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	2	2	2	2	14						2	2			1	1	1500.00	1	\$		72.50	35.20	1.86	61.00			6.50		11.00												
Napoli.....	C. W. Mosher	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	3						1	1	1		1	1	1000.00	1	\$		30.00		3.00																		
Olcutt.....		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	6	2	2	2	10	20	20	20	20	26	1	1	4	21	1	1	1500.00	1	\$	1,000.00	209.84	15.00	2.50	5.00	11.20	27.34		35.00		18.00											
Ransomville.....	W. Readett	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	2	2	2	5	20	20	20	20	20	20	1	1	2	18	1	1				77.00	21.03	.50	5.00			.50		4.00												
Red House.....	Clara Cole	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	2	2	2	2	12	30	20	20	20	24	2	2	4	38	1	1	500.00	1	\$	300.00	271.23	8.28	1.50	9.62		10.00	8.68	3.21		5.00											
Short Tract.....	Frank Whelpy	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	2	2	2	2	5	12	12	12	12	68	2	2	8	51	2	2	2600.00	1	\$		168.68					24.51		46.50		5.00											
Westons and Olean, With President		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	2	2	2	2	4	20	20	20	20	25	1	1	4	20	1	1	1200.00	1	\$									10.00		3.00											
Steamburg.....	I. Hodgkins	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	2	2	2	2	12	20	20	20	20	25	1	1	4	20	1	1				177.78	10.36		9.81		7.47	50.00	7.06		9.45												
Wyoming.....	F. C. Adams	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	2	2	2	2	12	20	20	20	20	25	1	1	4	20	1	1																									
Total.....		19.11	82	30	49	23	21	29	733	15	29	18	349	458	458	418	428	897	24	24	104	859	439	25	\$ 33500.00	13	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 5833.44	\$ 552.39	\$ 47.88	\$ 733.87	\$ 275.00	\$ 372.62	\$ 1568.13	\$ 794.70	\$ 178.21	\$ 411.55																

No report was received from the following charges: Emporium, Huntley and Castle Garden, Holland Center, Honeoye Falls, and Phillips Creek.

W. A. HAZLETT, F. C. ADAMS, Committee.