

Transcription: Minutes of Zanesville Yearly Conf., Sept 4th, 1860

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Minutes of the
Zanesville Yearly Confs
At its
Second yearly session held
In
Washington Richland Co, Ohio
Sept. 4th, 1860
Geo Richey, President
Robert McCune, Secretary

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the 2nd Session of the Zanesville Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan M Connection of America, Held in Washington Richland Co, Ohio. Commencing Sept. 4th, 1850 2 o'clock P.M.

Agreeably to adjournment of Conf at its former session the Conference met at the time and place above named. The President G Richey took the chair called Conf. to order and conducted the devotional exercises.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll of Ministerial members when the following persons answered to their names:

[Margin: Members Present]

Geo Richey, A.N. Hamlin, A W Sanders, W Sewell, James McGaw; R. McCune E. E. Kirkland, Wm McConnell.

[Margin: Absent]

Absentees E Smith, J Philips, G Fairchild, C Woodruff, J McBride, H Bates, S Athey, S D Jones, S Elliot, J A Preston, A Donaldson, W Smith, A Crooks, J C Bacon, J. W. Shreevs, W Anderson

[Margin: Delegates]

The delegates from the following circuits presented their credentials and took their seats:

Deersville: Geo Johnson
Woodsfield: Robert Calland
Licking: David Hawley
Mansfield: Geo Paine
Huntington: Miles Frisbee
Strongsville: M. B. Warner
Deleware: W Marvin

By vote the election of officers was made the order of the day for Thursday morning. The Bar of Conf. was then fixed at the 3rd row of front seats.

A. W. Sanders, R McCune and Geo Johnson were named as committee on religious services.

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The hour of commencing morning sessions was fixed at 8 o'clock A.M. and 11 ½ as the time of adjournment.

Bro. McGaw offered the following resolutions which were received and laid on the table for future action:

[Margin: Resolutions offered by Js McGaw]

“Resolved that the Zanesville yearly Conference form itself into a benevolent society to devise and execute means for the preachers of our Conf. who may stand in need of pecuniary aid; which society shall be considered auxiliary to a Parent or Denominational society should one be formed by the General Conf of our Connection.

“Resolved: That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a constitution suitable for such a society, and that said committee be instructed to report it as early an hour as possible.”

[Margin: Examination of Character]

Conference then proceeded to the examination of the characters of its ministerial Members. The characters of Brs Richey, Hamlin and Sanders were considered and passed.

[Margin: Objections Sewell]

The name of W Sewell being called M B Warner stated that he had certain objections to the passage of Bro S's Character. After considerable inquiry as to the nature of the objections, it was voted to postpone the matter to allow time for the parties to confer with each other and to allow time for the objections to be put in tangible form.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

2 O'clock P.M.

Conference met – President in the chair Singing and prayer by Bro Sanders.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

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[Margin: Passage of W. Sewell's character]

The Consideration of the character of Bro. Sewell was then assumed. Bro Warner made a brief statement of the matter of complaint. Br S stated that by counseling the records of Conference, he had found himself in error in saying to certain brethren that M B Warner on his own responsibility on the floor of last Conf. made and incorrect statement concerning E J Trelason and that he finds that Bro Warner merely stated it as a report, at the time of making the statement. Therefore the objections were withdrawn and Bro Sewell's character passed.

The characters of J. McGaw, McCune, Kirkland, and W McConnell were severally considered and passed.

[Margin: of character]

The characters of John Norris, G. Alberson, Benj. Street, Geo Maerson, W McCullough, and A L. Morrison, Ministers on the unstationed list were considered and passed.

[Margin: thanks to God for preservation of members' lives]

Conference proceeded to enquire who have died this year? Answer—

None as far as known. In view of which distinguished providential case toward the members of this body: it was voted that solemn prayer and thanksgiving be offered to God: Bro Sewell and Hamlin then led in prayer.

[Margin: Of character examining Committee]

The case of S D Joes was taken up – the President read a letter from him after which his character passed.

The name of J W Shreevs being called it was voted to record his name withdrawn from the Connection. Bros Sewell and Kirkland were appointed on the examining committee in place of McBride and Jones.

[Margin: Donaldson Case]

The case of Bro Donaldson was called. A. N. Hamlin moved his character pass and on motion of E Smith the motion was laid on the table for future action.

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The name of E Smith was called and character passed. Adjourned by prayer of Bro. McConnell.

Thursday morning, Sept. 5, 1850

[Margin: Preliminaries]

Conf called to order by the President prayer by Bro Trais.

The Roll being called the following person appeared and took their seats as members of Conference.

Minister E Smith, C Woodruff, J.A. Preston, Wm Smith. Laymen Samuel Henderson of Leesville Circuit C Stone of Knox and R. S. Smith of Norwalk. Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. By vote of yesterday the election of Officers was made the order of the day for this morning. On motion this was indefinitely postponed. The resolutions offered yesterday by Bro. McGaw which were laid on the table were now taken up and unanimously adopted. And E Smith, J McGaw, W McConnell, M...Marion, and M Frisbee were appointed committee under 2nd resolution.

[Margin: Action on Resolutions offered by J. McGaw]

[Margin: Comm: on Book Concern]

On motion it was voted to raise a committee of 5 on Book concern Bro Richey, Hamlin, R McCune, Johnson and Henderson were appointed as that committee.

[Margin: On Secret Societies]

A. N. Hamlin, W Sewell and G Johnson were appointed committee on Secret Societies. S Smith, E E Kirkland and W Smith committee on Missions. Conference proceeded to elect by ballot a Stationing Committee. The following was the result – A N Hamlin, A W Sanders and C Woodruff, Ministers. K Calland, S. Henderson and R. S. Smith, Laymen.

[Margin: Stationing Com.]

[Margin: Resolution offered by R Mc]

R McCune and A W Sanders offered the following preamble and resolutions which were laid on the table to be made the order of the day for Friday morning.

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[Margin: Resolution offered by R. McCune]

"Whereas the late General Conference authorized the yearly Conference to lay aside the 3 years limitation rule, And Whereas, it allowed the yearly Conferences to permit preachers to return to the same charges any length of time they and the charges they [insert: "serve may"] choose:

"And Whereas said Gen. Conf changed the provision of the Discipline in relation to the power of the Yearly Conference; in the matter of arrangements entered into between preachers and people; So as to put it out of the power of the Conference to interfere with these arrangements except for fault of one or both of the contracting parties,

"And whereas these changes make it impossible for the Yearly Conference to maintain the itinerant system;

"Therefore resolved that this action of the late General Conf. is a palpable violation of that restrictive rule which forbids that body in any of its acts to contravene the maintenance of an itinerant Ministry;

"Therefore Resolved, that this Conference does not recognize these changes as valid or binding and that in all our Conf. arrangements and business we will act as though no such changes had been made in the Book of Discipline."

[Margin: Character Bates & Donaldson Cases Action on]

The consideration of character was resumed for Philips called and passed.

The name of H Bates was called and his case referred to a committee of inquiry consisting of E Smith, A W Sanders and McCune;

Character of J.A. Preston was considered and passed. The name of A Donaldson was called voted that we refuse to pass his character and that he be notified to appear at next Conf to clear up certain objections which the President and Secretary are orderd to put in shape to enable him to answer. Stationing Com. Was made Com on [insert: Boundaries] Adjourned Prayer by C Woodruff.

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Friday Morning, Sept. 6th 1850

Conference met President in the chair Roll called minutes of the preious session read and approved.

Edwin Reston appeared and took his seat as Delegate from Plymouth ircuit.

Conference then took up the order of the day viz: the Preamble and resolution offered by R. McCune and Sanders.

By vote it was ordered that in this discussion of the question no member shall speak more than once until all others choosing to speak shall have spoken.

The Preamble and resolution were discussed until the hour of adjournment when Conference voted to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Brother Bether having the floor. Prayer by Wm McCullough.

3 o'clock P.M.

Conference met – Singing and Prayer by Bro. J A Preston The discussion was then resumed And at the close of the discussion it was ordered that in taking the vote the Ministers and Laymen should be counted separately and the various propositions of the Preamble and resolution be taken up separately.

[Margin: Action on Resolution offered by R. McCune in relation to changes of Discipline made by last General Conference see page 32]

The vote resulted as follows

1st Proposition

“Whereas the late General Conference authorized the Yearly Conference to lay aside the the [sic] three year limitation rule”

Ministers	Yeas 6	Nays 4
Laymen	7	Nays 1
Total	13 Yeas	5 Nays

2nd Proposition

“And allowed the Yearly Conference to permit preachers to remain in the same charges any length of time they and the charges they serve choose”

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Ministers	Yeas 8	Nays 1
Laymen	Yeas 9	Nays 0
Total	17	1

3rd Proposition

“And Whereas said Gen. Conf changed the provision of the Discipline in relation to the power of the Yearly Conferences in the matter of arrangements entered into between preachers and people so as to put it out of the power of the Conferences to interfere with the arrangements except for fault of one or both of the contracting parties”

Ministers	Yeas 5	Nays 6
Laymen	Yeas 8	Nays 2
Total	Yeas 13	Nays 8

[Margin: Action on resolutions offered by R. McCune in relation to certain changes of Discipline made by the last Gen Conf]

4th Proposition

“And whereas the changes make it impossible for the Yearly Conference to maintain the itinerant system”

Ministers	Yeas 5	Nays 6
Laymen	“7	“3
Total	Yeas 12	Nays 9

1st Resolution

“Therefore resolved that this action of the Gen Conf is a palpable violation of that restrictive rule which forbids that ... in any of its acts to contravene the maintenance of an itinerant ministry”

Ministers	Yeas 5	Nays 6
Laymen	Yeas 8	Nays 4
Total	13	10

2nd Resolution

“Therefore resolved that this conference does not recognize these changes as valid or binding and that in all our Conference arrangements, and business we will act as though no such changes had been made in the Book of Discipline”

Ministers	Yeas 5	Nays 6
Laymen	“ 7	“ 4
Total	Yeas 12	Nays 10

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[Margin: Final Vote]

The vote being taken on the final passage of the whole it resulted as follows

Ministers	Yeas 5	Nays 6
Laymen	" 7	" 4
Total	" 12	" 10

[Margin: Of S. Bloomer]

Inquiry was made as to the relation of S. Bloomer to this Conference who was recorded in last year's minutes as removed into the bounds of the Michigan Conf – voted inasmuch as Bro Bloomer has returned within our bounds and not having connected himself with any other Conference we recognize him as a member of this Conf and order the enrollment of his name accordingly. Adjourned
Prayer by Bro Kirkland

Saturday Morning Sept 7th

Conf met – President in the chair, singing and prayer by Bro Fairchild – Roll called and minutes of previous Session read and approved.

Bro Palmer appeared and took his seat as Delegate from Licking Circuit I place of D Hawly who is compelled to leave on account of ill health.

[Margin: Protest of A N Hamlin against action of Conf yesterday]

Bro Hamlin asked leave to enter the following protest against the action of the Conf in the adoption of the preamble and resolutions discussed and acted on yesterday. No insertion on the Journal was voted "I do hereby enter my solemn protest against the resolutions adopted yesterday by this Conf And that part of the Preamble which reads as follows 'And whereas these changes make it impossible for the Yearly Conferences to maintain the itinerant system' As it is the honest conviction of my heart that this part of the preamble and the first Resolution are untrue and the 2nd Resolution is revolutionary in its character" A N Hamlin

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[Margin: Reports of Committees]

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. Report accepted and laid on the table for future action. Committee on Book concern reported – report considered and adopted as follows

[Margin: Report on Book Concern]

"The Committee on Book Concern beg leave to report the following Resolutions;

"1st Resolved That we are highly gratified with the success of the Wesleyan Branch Book Concern in raising the means by which its establishment has been secured and that we approve its location (Mansfield) as being the very best place for it in the west.

"2nd Resolved that the Western Conference can and ought to raise [insert: by donations] \$2,500 for the Western Branch before the next General Conf; which would not be more than 25 cts per member; and we pledge ourselves as a Conference to raise our proportion of it and invite our sister Conferences to do the same.

"3rd Resolved that the prayers of the faithful are of very great importance to the success of every good undertaking, and we most earnestly desire the prayers of the

whole church for the success of our Book Concern: And as we cannot consistently pray for the aid of the Almighty on anything from which we withhold our own, to bless what we refuse to bless or even neglect to bless; when we have it in our power so to do; we will make a special effort to get every member to contribute something; as a means of securing the aid of their sympathy and prayers.

"4 Resolved That we have long felt the want of a Paper in the West as an organ to reflect on Community the light of the reformatory principles to which we as a church are pledged in the fullness which the wants of this age require and also the means of publishing tracts and Pamphlets adapted to the circumstances and wants of the Community in which we live. We would therefore recommend the establishment of a printing press by Joint Stock of \$10 shares The Press to be the property of the stockholders and placed in the hands of the Branch Agent to be used by him for the above purpose as we may find ourselves able to go into them. But the Gen Conf on the Book Committee for it, shall have power to take [insert: said press] from the Stockholders at any time by paying them their several shares.

"5th Resolved that in the event that a press be obtained we recommend the Branch Agent to publish such tracts as in his Judgment will be suitable; or may be ordered by societies as may hereafter be formed for that purpose.

"6th Resolved That this Conf approve of the formation of a Tract Society and that a Committee be appointed to form a constitution for the same. All of which is

Respectfully Submitted
Geo Richey, Chairman"

[Margin: On Preachers Aid Society]

The report of Committee on Preachers Aid Society was presented and adopted as follows: "The Committee to whom was referred the subject of forming a Preachers Aid Society have given the subject the attention their limited time would afford and beg leave to report that they regard this as one of the most important and worthy objects that could engross the attention of the Conference and recommend the formation of such a society To Facilitate which we report the following

"Constitution

"Article 1st This Society shall be called the Preacher's Aid Society of the

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"Zanesville Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion of America.

"Article 2nd The Officers of this Society shall be a President Vice President Secretary Treasurer and board of managers to be elected annually by the members of the society and shall continue in office until their successors are elected. These shall constitute a board of managers for the society a majority of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

"Article 3rd The object of this society is to raise a permanent fund to be invested or loaned at lawful interest on good security and the interest thereof applied as follows,

"To be divided among necessitous preachers on the stationed list of this Conference and the widows and children of preachers who died on said list who may be in necessitous circumstances; as the Board of Managers may judge proper; and also to aid in the education of such children when the funds of the society shall be sufficient.

"But not preacher shall be aided by this society who has not been a regular itinerant for 7 years (three of which shall have been in this connexion) in ours or some other Conference or in both nor shall the widows and children of any others be entitled to aid.

"Article 4th The officers of this society shall discharge the duties of their several office, according to the tenure of the same and the Treasurer shall give such security for any monies that may be in his hands, from time to time as the board of managers may require.

"Article 5th The Board of managers shall invest the funds of the Society in the Western Branch Book Concern so long as that Concern may want the same, or any part thereof and draw the interest Annually and apply it as provided for in Article 3rd of this Constitution. But should there be at any time, no cases calling for aid the interest shall be added to the principal or held over for one year as the Board may choose, and should the time come when the Western Branch Book Concern shall not want said fuds or any part of them, the Board shall loan them on good real estate security,

"Article 6 Any person paying 50 cts Annually shall be a member of this society and eligible to office in it, and any person paying ten dollars at one tie shall be a mbmer for life,

"Article 7th All preachers [insert: on the stationed list] shall be agents to raise funds for this society.

"Article 8 The Board of Managers shall make report of the state of the society Annually to the Conference at its yearly session ad of the persons aided also the amount of aid.

"Article 9 No Preacher shall be entittled to aid who is not a member of this society and a regular contributor to its funds.,

"Article 10th This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the society by a vote of two thirds of the members present."

After the adoption of the above Constitution Conference deferred the enrollment of members, election of officers &c until the afternoon session.

[Margin: Committee on reforms]

Voted to raise a committee on reforms Geo. Johnson, C Woodruff and Wm Smith were appointed said committee.

Adjourned to meet at 1 ½ o'clock P.M.

½ Past 1 o'clock P.M.

Conference met President in the chair,

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Singing and prayer by Bro Walker. Conference preceeded [sic] to enroll members for the Preachers Aid Society, after which the following officers were duly elected

[Margin: Enrollment of members of Aid Society Also Officers]

President -- Geo Richey

Vice President -- A W Sanders

Secretary -- R. McCune

Treasurer -- A.N. Hamlin

Managers – E Smith, Geo Paine, L McFarland, C. Stone, Geo McFarland

E Smith presented the credentials of James F McGaw; certifying his standing as a minister of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. By vote he was received as an elder on the unstationed list.

[Margin: Examination of Character]

Conference proceeded to the examination Licentates on trial and candidates for orders, D.L. Travis was examined and continued on trial. W Walke's case was taken up and partially considered when it was postponed for further examination. E Thomson's Character considered passed and he continued on trial. R. McCune presented the recommendation of Geo Paine as a suitable person to be received as a stationed preacher on trial. By vote he was received as a member on trial.

[Margin: Reception of G. Paine]

Bro Richey presented the credentials of R.J. Thompson certifying his standing as a Minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was received as an elder on the stationed list.

[Margin: Of R Horton]

Bro Richey also presented the application of R. Horton an Edler elect of the Methodist Protestant Church; to be received into this connection. It was voted that he be received into fill connection his name placed on the stationed list and that the President be instructed to ordain R. Horton by the laying on

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Of hands at any time during the year.

[Margin: Examining Com:]

The Character of W. Smith was considered and passed. It was ordered that the examining committee be instructed to continue the examinations of candidates for orders. E Wmth was chosen to act in the place of Bro Elliot and S Bloomer in place of W Sewell – declined

Leave of absence was granted to E Smith and W Smith

Adjourned Prayer Bro Fairchild

Monday, Sept 9th 1850 9 o'clock A.M.

Conference met President in the chair: Singing and prayer by Bro Paine; Minutes read and adopted.

[Margin: Report of Committee on W. Bates Case]

Report of Committee to whom was referred the case of Warren Bates was read and adopted as follows: "The Committee to whom was referred the case of W. Bates report that said Bates has been guilty of borrowing money and leaving his bail to pay the money; after a part of the amount borrowed had been raised by some of the Brethren, without his applying it to the debt which it was raised to pay: and that that [sic] there are also rumors on Strongsville circuit involving his moral character; which were not investigated in the former trial: and we are of opinion that there is some foundation for said rumors. We recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that Warren Bates' character do not pass and that some person be appointed to investigate the case; and the Conference will his expenses while he is doing the same: by collecting evidence making out charges and having the case

investigated or tried before some Elder and a committee unconnected with his former trial."

E. Smith}
A.W. Sanders}
R. McCune} Committee

R. McCune was appointed under the above resolution to investigate the facts, etc.

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Conference heard the report of the examining Committee to whom was re-committed the case of the Candidates for Elders Orders.

[Margin: Execution of E. Thompson G Paine of J. Bell of D.L. Travis of Character of S. Elliot of Character]

On recommendation of Committee Geo Paine and Evan Thomson received into full connection Elected to elders orders and their names entered on the Stationed list.

Bro J.M. Bell being recommended by the Mansfield circuit Quarterly Conf; as a suitable person to receive Elders Orders was recommended by the Committee. On motion he was received into full connection elected to Elders Orders and his name entered on the unstationed list.

The case of D. L. Travis acted upon on Saturday was reconsidered. On Motion received into full connection and elected to Elders Orders as an exception to the rule of this Conf: requiring Candidates to pass examination on the course of study. His name was entered on the Stationed list.

The case of Thomas Athey was then considered: On motion it was resolved that his character do not pass and that his case be referred to L. D. Jones for investigation accordind [sic] to the rules of discipline.

The name of Gershom Fairchild was called his character passed and he continued on the reser... list.

The credentials of J. R. Tallentire certifying his standing as a minister of the German Reformed Church, were presented. On motion he was received [insert: into full connection] and his name entered on the unstationed list.

Simon Elliot's name called: voted that his character do not pass and his case be referred to Bro. Sewell for investigation.

The characters of A Crooks J C Bacon W Anderson and S Bloomer severally considered and passed.

The characters of E Walker J Murrell Z[?] P Disbrow and A.M. Brown licentates

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On trial on the stationed list were severally considered and passed and their names continued on the ~~Stationed List~~ trial The name of A. M. Brown was placed on the reserve list.

[Margin: Of Character]

The Characters of Isaac Moore, Jm McCloud TH Boston and P Wilson Elders on the unstationed list were severally considered and passed.

The Character of Cornetius Woodruff was considered and passed.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1 ½ o'clock P.M. Prayer by C. Woodruff.

1 ½ O'Clock P.M.

Conference met President in the chair: Singing and prayer by Bro Richey:
Minutes of previous session read and approved;

The Treasurer of the Missionary funds reported his transactions as Treasurer and State of the Treasury. On Motion it was voted that the report be accepted and approved. It was ordered that the amount of money in the Treasury collected at this session of Conference for the use of General Missions be applied to Bro J.C. Bacon; and the remainder in the Treasury be divided equally between A. Crooks and E. E. Kirkland.

[Margin: Action on Report on Secret Societies]

The Conference then took up the report on Secret Societies which was adopted as follows

"Whereas we believe it to be our indispensable duty as the professed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ to unceasingly oppose anything contrary to the Spirit and letter of the Bible whether it exists in an individual or organized capacity; and endorsing the common adage 'in Union there is Strength' Consequently anti-Christian doctrines and sentiments are more effectually disseminated through the world by organizations that embrace sentiments which in their character and Spirit are diametrically opposed to the general tenor of the Gospel.

"It therefore devolves upon us, most stringently to bring every energy with our power

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To bear upon all sin than assumes an organized form; And whereas that organization known as the 'Sons of Temperance' has declared by its highest law-making department that they will not admit to membership among them any person possessing a sable hue; which must necessarily be antagonistic to the word of God inasmuch as that makes no distinctions not based on moral character. Therefore Resolved

"That we the members of the Zanesville Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan M Connection of America; regard the aforesaid Organization as being to all intents and purposes 'proSlavery': which fact alone most effectually debar every consistent Anti-Slavery man from having any Connection with them.

"Further Resolved That we advise all our Preachers and Members to have no fellowship with this unfruitful work of darkness but rather reprove it, be standing entirely aloof [sic] from and bearing a decided and unequivocal testimony against it upon all suitable occasions both in public and in private.

"Resolved That it is the firm and honest conviction of this conference the spread of the ever blessed principle of Temperance exclusively never was the primary object of this said organization; but in all probability was designed as a stepping stone to, and to have the way for the Spread of Free-Masonry and kindred ungodly and unchristian Associations.

"Resolved that this Conference recommend to the next General Conf of the Wesleyan M Connection an alteration in our rule governing Secret Oath Bound Societies.

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Viz! That the word oath bound in said rule be stricken out so that it shall read 'We will on no account tolerate our ministers and members in joining Secret Societies or holding fellowship with the, as in the judgment of this Connection it is inconsistent with our duties to God and our fellowmen to hold such connection.'

"Resolved That we rejoice that the short days of this Organization are well nigh numbered, and we hereby pledge ourselves, our influence and energies to carry on the work of its destruction by scattering light and truth on the subject untill [sic], in the providence of God, it with all other kindred Societies, shall be numbered with the things that were and are not."

"All of which is respectfully submitted

A.N. Hamlin, Chairman

[Margin: Report on Reforms]

The committee on Moral Reforms presented the following report which was considered and unanimously adopted –

"The Committee to whom was committed the subject of Reforms have given the subject the attention their limited time would allow and beg leave of offer the following report:

"While we remember that in this boasted land of liberty one sixth of its inhabitants are Slaves and that Slavery, the sin of this nation is also the sin of the Church, and the Church manufactures the moral sentiment of the nation, and she like 'Babylon of old trades in slaves and souls of men:'

"Therefore Resolved That this conf. pledge themselves anew to the sacred cause of pleading for the dumb and such as are appointed to destruction and that our motto now is and ever shall be 'No compromise with Slavery no fellowship with Slaveholders.'

"Further your Committee Believe [insert: turn over]

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All war either offensive or defensive to be contrary to the Gospel of Christ because the one requires at our hands what the other forbids; and whether it be right to obey God rather than men Judge yes. Therefore Resolved that we will not tolerate any of our members in going to war or joining any of the war preparations of the day; but recommend that they love their enemies, that by they may show that they are the children of their Father who is in heaven.

'Whereas Intemperance, Licentiousness, Covetousness and pride stand in opposition to the progress of truth and righteousness, in the Father; Therefore

"Resolved That as Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, the preaching which declares that without holiness no man shall see the Lord, with a firm reliance on his blessing, together with a holy walk and conversation before men, is the great instrumentality for the world's Salvation.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

Geo. Johnston, Chairman

[Margin: Report of Numbers in Connection]

Conference then called for the report of members in connection which appeared as follows

Leesville Circuit	101
Deersville Circuit	212
Woodsfield “	280
Plymouth “	130
Zanesville “	25
Licking “	64
Deleware “	144
Knox “	34
Mansfield “	55
Huntington “	<u>30</u>
	1075

Granger “	130
Strongsville “	80
Sandusky & Norwalk	66
Greenfield	38
Wayne	30
Guilford	450
Grayson	110
North Carolina Mission	40
Zanesville Mission	<u>3</u>
	947
	<u>1075</u>
Total	2022

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[Margin: Election of Officers]

A committee consisting of E Smith, A. W. Sanders and R. McCune were appointed to act during the Conference year as a committee on ways and means to provided for the support and relief of Bros Crooks, Bacon & McBride.

Conference proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows: Geo Richey President, R. McCune Secretary, and A. N. Hamlin for Missionary Treasurer; Wm McConnell, S. Bloomer, C. Woodruff Wm Marvin and R. Calland were appointed a committee on the presidency in case of vacancy.

Conference proceeded to fix the time and place for the next session of Conference.

The first Wednesday in September 1851 was fixed upon as the time, and the Wesleyan Chapel in Harrison in Licking Co., Ohio as the place. A Committee Consisting of E Smith R McCune, A. W. Sanders were appointed to revise the course of study for Candidates for the Ministry.

On Motion Seely Bloomer was appointed to fill the vacancy in the examining Committee occasioned by the expiration of S. Elliot's term.

[Margin: Report of Stationing Committee]

The Stationing Committee then reported as follows – report adopted

Geo. Richey, President
E Smith, Book agent

Middle District

Evangelist	W. McConnell
Leesburgh Circuit	Wm Smith
Deersville	R. Horton E. Thompson
Woodsfield	J McGaw R. J. Thompson
Zanesville	To be supplied
Plymouth	C Woodruff
Licking	To be supplied
Deleware	A.N. Hamlin, one to be supplied
Mansfield & Norwalk	R. McCune & Z. P. Disbrow; [insert: turn over]

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Marietta Mission S. D Jones

Northern District

Huntington & Strongsville A. W. Sanders, G. Paine

Canada Mission E. E. Kirkland

Southern District

Grayson, Va: J. C. Bacon

Guilford N.C. J McBride

North Carolina Mission A Crooks

Reserve List

S. Bloomer, G. Fairchild, J Murrel

Left without appointment at their own request – Geo Richey W. Sewell J.A. Preston

A.M. Brown E. Walker J Philips.

[Margin: Officers of Tract Society]

Conference proceeded to elect officers for the Conference Tract Society A.N Hamlin was chosen President, C. Woodruff vice President, R. McCune Secretary, D. McFarland Treasurer: E. Smith, G.McFarland, John Bell, M.B. Warner, A. W. Sanders, G. Paine and R. McCune – Board of managers.

[Margin: Resolution in relation to appearance of Candidates before Exam: Com:]

On Motion it was voted that hereafter, Licentates on trial and Candidates for Elders shall [insert: be required to] appear for examination on the course of Study on the first day of the Yearly Session of Conference, or the Conference will not feel itself bound to consider their case unless a satisfactory excuse be given.

R. McCune A. W. Sanders, G. Paine were appointed to make selections from the minutes for publication in True Wesleyan.

On motion it was resolved unanimously that we tender our thanks to the Citizens of Washington and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to us during our Stay among them.

After prayer by Bros Hamlin and Richey, Conference adjourned.

Geo Richey, President

R. McCune, Secretary