

Eighteenth Session
of the
Rochester Yearly Conference
held at
Odessa, Schuyler Co. N.Y.
April 23-28,
1862.

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The Eighteenth Session of the Odessa, Schuyler Co, New York, Wednesday, April 23rd 1862, at 9 O'clock A.M.

Opening
Services

The President M. Q. McFarland conducted the opening exercises by reading the 2nd Chapter of the 2nd Epistle to Timothy, giving out the 326 Hymn and calling upon Bos Reynolds and Sniffen to lead in prayer.

Bells
name
enrolled

The Secretary, H. B. Knight, then called the Roll of Ministerial members, when the President announced that he had received Wm. S. Bell by Transfer from the New York Conference whose name was ordered enrolled.

Slauson
received

P.S. Slauson presented a certificate of ministerial Standing in the Lockport Conference, and on motion he was received as a member among us, and his name enrolled.

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Delegates
enrolled

Certificates of Delegates were called for when the name of Walter Degraw [sic] from Catharine Charge, Chas H. Potter from North Bradford, G. C. Whitney from Hornby, W. W. Jennings, Naples, were reported and enrolled.

Com'tts how
appointed

On Motion the president was requested to appoint all committees not required to be otherwise appointed by the Discipline.

G. L. Paine and Walter Degraw [sic]
were constituted the committee on Religious Services during our
Session.

Comm's
ordered

A Committee on the "State of the Country" to consist of three, was
ordered: also one of one on "Statistics." Three on "Reforms" three on
"Book and Periodicals" – two on "Sunday School" – three on "Missions"

On Motion of Bro Bell, Conference adjourned to half past one O'clock
this P.M. Prayer by Wm. S. Bell

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First Day P.M. Session.

Wednesday April 23. 1862

Conf assembled at 1 ½ O'clock, the President in the chair, --
Opening exercises conducted by Bro Adams.

Roll called, minutes of the morning
session, read and approved.

Delegates
enrolled.

Certificates of Delegates were then called for and the name of Cyrus
McDougal, from Millport: Chester Tinney from Jerusalem: Geo Dunckle
[sic] from Hopewell: Richard Britton and Danforth

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Delegates
enrolled

Booth, from Williamson and New Salem: Wm H. McPherson, from
Jasper: Hiram Hurd and Joseph Benson from Orange, were reported
and their names enrolled.

On motion,
proceeded to the election of Officers – Bros Gregory, and Britton as
Tellers.

Election
of President

The vote for
President wase [sic] and canvassed with the following result:

Whole number of vote cast 27: necessary to a choice 14: of this
number Brother McFarland had 20, and was declared elected.

Election of
Secretary

On canvassing the vote for Secretary, it appeared that
30 votes were case: necessary to a choice 16: of the number H. B.
Knight had 27: and was declared elected.

Ass't
Secretary

Bro Knight
then nominated as assistant Secretary Bro W S. Bell which nomination
was confirmed by the Conf.

The name of Albert Bebee was then reported as Delegate from
East Little Lake and his name was enrolled.

1st
Question

Took up the 1st Question – Who of Elders are on the stationed list? M. Q. McFarland, H. B Knight, H. D. Inman – Asahel Staple, C. C. Reynolds, B. D. Sniffen – S Adams G. W. Scudder, John M. Swick – A. W. Staples Geo L Paine, W S Warner, E. B Barnes D. E. Baker, Harry Gregory, S. D. Prentice names called and character passed.

5th Question

Quest 5 “Who are the Superannuated Elders?”
N. Fessenden, Francis Strang, Waldo Curtis, Peter Norris, Selah Paine Amos Chapman, Willard Chase, John W. Allen, Valentine Lewis names called, characters passed & relations continued.

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Bro Miles Fisk of the Michigan Conf and Bro Johnson of the Lockport, being present were invited to honorary seats with us.

1st
Question

Quest 1st resumed. S. A. Leonard, A. W. Hudson – Geo S Lewis – G. M. Hardy, names called and characters passed.

Perry
&
Field

Enos Perry name called character passed, and name transferred to unstationed List. O. D. Field’s character passed and his name returned as connected with the Army, with the approbation of the Conf.

High

E. M. High of the Syracuse Conf was here introduced to the Conf. and voted an honorary seat in the body

Committees Appointed

The President announced the following Committees: --

On “Reforms” – W. S. Bell – Asahel Staple and W Degraw.

On “Books and Periodicals” H. D. Inman, Geo Dunkle, H. Gregory.

On “State of the Country” – H B Knight A. W. Staple, Chas H Potter.

On Sabbath Schools – B. D. Sniffen W. W. Jennings.

On “Missions” P. S. Slauson, G. W. Scudder, R Britton

On “Statistics” W. L. Warner

On Pastoral Relations. – M. Q. M^cFarland

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(Ex-officio) D E Baker, E P Barnes, C. C. Reynolds C. Tinney, H Hurd, Albert Beebe.

Comm.
on
Presidency

The Conf proceeded to constitute the committee on the Presidency as follows: H. D. Inman, D. E Baker, C. C. Reynolds, Geo Dunkle and Richard Britton.

Comm. on
Itin. & Ord.

On "Itinerancy and Orders", namely, H. B. Knight, M. Q. McFarland, W. S. Bell, and two laymen to be appointed by the charge within whose bounds the Conf may sit next year.

2^d
Question

Took up the 2nd Quest. "Who are Elders on the unstationed List" – For Answer see Disciplinary Recapitulation.

13th
Question

Quest 13th Where and when shall our next Conf be held? Question [sic] discussed, but on motion its further consideration was post-poned. [sic] Conf. voted that the hour for commencing our daily morning Sessions be 8 ½ O'clock and that of 12 M, that of closing.

On motion, voted that Religious Services be held every P.M. at 2 O'clock, consisting of preaching or a prayer meeting, or both, as may be though best.

After giving out notices, Conf adjourned prayer by Bro High.

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Second Day. A.M. Session

Thursday April 24 1862.

2^d day

Conf assembled at 8 ½ O'clock, President in the chair, -- Opening religious exercises conducted by Bro Johnston of the Lockport Conf— Roll called, Minutes of yesterday's P.M. Session read and approved.

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Delegates
Enrolled
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Bro Daniel Shattuck, as Delegate ~~as Delegate~~ from Howard Charge. Wesley Doughty from Wayland and Candice [sic] and Philip Remer, from Hornby were reported and enrolled.

Bro
Fessenden
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On motion Bro Fessenden was voted the usual Letter of standing and commendation.

1st
Question
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Took up the 1st Ques. – "Elders on the Stationed List" – J L Bush H W Bixby Joseph Lott. Wm S Bell Peter S. Slauson, names called and characters passed.

13th
Question
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Took up the 13th Ques "When and where shall our next Conf be held" Answer – Time the Fourth Wednesday in April 1863 commencing at 9 O'clock, A.M. The question of Place was postponed until Saturday by request of Bro Warner.

Camp
Meetings

On motion of Bro G L Paine the Conf resolved to hold two ~~høl~~ Camp Meetings this year – one in June and one in September. Bros G. L.

to be
held- 2

Paine, M Q M^cFarland H D Inman, Geo Dunckle, [sic] R Britton were constituted a Committee to fix on day and place and generally superintend said meetings.

Conf then adjourned to meet again at the call of the of [sic] Pres, who named One O'clock this P.M. as the hour to meet. Notices were given out when the session was concluded with prayer by Bro Warner

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Second Day P.M. Session

Thursday April 24th 1862

Conf assembled at 1 O'clock, pursuant to appointment of the chair. Religious exercises conducted by Bro Prindle.

Roll called, minutes of

A.M. Session read and approve.

On motion, Bro G. M. Hardy was added to the committee on Sabbath Schools

The name of Robert P Smith, as Delegate from H[ector] Hornby charge, was reported and enrolled.

Reports being called for, the Committee on "Interacy [sic] and Orders" submitted theirs as follows: --

1 That Geo C Whitney, recommended therefor by the Quarterly Conf. of Hornby Circuit be admitted to travel under the direction of the Conf as a Licentiate adopted.

2 That Wm Jennings, recommended therefor by the Quarterly Conf of Naples Circuit be admitted to travel under the direction of this body. Adopted.

3 That Nathaniel M. Wheeler recommended therefor by the Quarterly Conf of Orange Circuit, be elected and ordained an Elder: he having been a Licentiate for more than two years and passed two several examinations. The motion to adopt this item was amended so as to read "recognized as an Elder among us", instead of "elected and ordained an Elder" he having been ordained to said office in the M E Church of which he was at one time a member and minister

Report of "Comm. on Itinerary & Orders."

w. M. Wheeler. // Jennings // Whitney

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During the pendency of the item as amended the hour of preaching arrived and Conf took a recess therefor and listened to a Sermon from Bro E M High of the Syracuse Conf.

At 3 ½ O'clock Conf resumed its sitting, and was addressed by Bro C Prindle on behalf of the Book Concern.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on "Itinerary and Orders" Item 3, case of N. M. Wheeler being before us, said item as amended was adopted and Bro Wheeler was recognized as an Elder among us.

Item 4 – That John Payne recommended therefor by the Quarterly Conf of Williamson and New Salem Circuit be elected and ordained an Elder – he having been a Licentiate for more than two years, and passed two several examinations. Adopted.

Item 5. Levi Rogers recommended therefor by the Quarterly Conf, of Elkland circuit be elected ordained an Elder: he having been a Licentiate for more than two years, and passed two several examinations – adopted.

The Committee further reported that the recommendation of S J Lackey for admission to travel under the direction of the Conf as a Licentiate was before – them, but not the brother.

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On motion the Conf admitted Bro Lackey to travel under its direction. After giving out Notices, Conf adjourned with prayer by Bro Fisk.

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Third Day A.M. Session

Friday April 25, 1862.

Conf Assembled at 8 ½ O'clock the President in the chair – Opening religious exercises conducted by Bro Barnes.

Roll called, minutes of yesterday P.M's session read and approved.

On motion, Bro John Ferguson of South Bradford Charge was invited to an honorary seat with us.

The Committee on "Itinerary and Orders" made a further and final report as follows: --

Item 7. Your Committee would further report that D. V. Owen and Peter Swick recommended by the

Cases of
Owen and
Swick

Catharine Charge, for Elders Orders, were before them for examination:
And while the committee are happy to perceive progress since their
previous examination they nevertheless refer their cases to the Conf

Report received and Committee discharged

On motion the cases Bros Owen and Swick were laid over
for one year, they being recommended to pursue their studies in the
mean time.

“State of
Country”
&
Report
thereon

The Committee on the “State of the Country” made
their Report as follows. (See Doc No 1) Received and adopted. See
page 14.

In connection
with the adoption of the report, on suggestion [sic] of Bro Prindle, prayer
was offered for the Divine interposition toward our country

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and thanksgivings for progress in National Freedom.

On Motion adjourned to the call of the chair which he named
as 1 O'clock, P.M.

Adjourned

Notices were given out and the Session
[insert: closed] adjourned with prayer by Bro. Hardy.

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Third Day A.M. Session

Friday, April 25 1862

Conf assembled at 1 O'clock pursuant to the call of the chair
– Religious exercises conducted by M.Q. McFarland and prayer by Bro
Fessenden

Roll called, minutes
of the morning Session read and approved.

Lounsbury

On Motion of Bro Adams Bro H.
Lounsbury was voted an honorary seat in this body.

Case of
Father S.
Payne – a
collection for
him --\$5.03

Father Selah Paine
on invitation of the President, addressed the Conf, expressing the fear
that it might be his last opportunity, such was his age and infirmities.

A collection was
then taken up on his behalf amounting to \$5.03 which was paid over to
him with his thanks.

1st Question

Took up the 1st Question – “Elders on the Stationed List?” –
B. F. Bradford named- called and character passed
L. P. Atwood name, called, when a letter was read from him
requesting that his name be returned as withdrawn.

Granted.

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On motion Conf took a recess until after preaching by Bro Bell.

3 ½ o'clock, PM. Conf. resumed its sitting, President in the chair.

On motion of Bro Sniffen, the name of Levi Rogers was placed on the Reserve list.

Knight has
leave of
absence
&c

Bro. Knight asked and obtained leave of absence after present session; and that his name be returned on our Minutes as supplying the 1st Church in Albany, within the bounds of the New York [sic] Conf. which was also granted.

Case of L. P.
Atwood

On motion, Bro Atwood's name was returned as withdrawn in good standing, in order to connect with the Congregationalists, the President having given him a letter for this purpose, per his request.

Comm. on
Books, &c

Bro. Inman, on behalf of the Committee on "Books and Periodicals," Submitted a Report, which was read and adopted. (See Doc. No 2, Appendix, page 14.)

The Conf. then adjourned to give the Committees an opportunity to meet, and perfect their work

Notices were given out, and Conf. closed its sitting with prayer by Bro Slauson.

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Fourth Day, A M Session
Saturday, April 26, 1862

Conf assembled at 8 ½ o'clock, President in the chair.
Religious exercises by Bro. McFarland and Father Paine

On motion, Bro. Bradford, at his own request, was voted a Transfer to the Champlain Conf.

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Sab. Schl.
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Reforms
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Bro. Sniffin submitted a Report on "Sabbath Schools," which was read and adopted. (See Doc. No 3, page 15

Bro. Bell also submitted one on "reforms". Read and adopted. (See Doc. No 4, page 15. Appendix.)

A letter was then read from Bro. L. A. Leonard, who declines taking a field of labor this year.

Thanks to
People of
Odessa.

On motion of Bro Bell, a Vote of thanks was tendered to the church and community of this place, for the cheerful and Christian manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conf. during its session

Barnes
withdraws.

Evangelist
appointed

Comm on
"Pastoral
Relations"

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13th
Question

Voted that the above Resolution be read in both of the churches of this Village to-morrow. [sic]

Bro~~s~~. E. P. Barnes desired to withdraw from the Connection. Granted, and a letter of his good standing was voted him.

It was voted to have a Conf. Evangelist, and Bro. M^cFarland was nominated and confirmed such,

Conf. then took a recess of ½ hour, to give Committee on "Pastoral Relations" opportunity to perfect their Report.

Conf. resumed its sitting at 10 ½ o'clock, Comm, on "Pastoral Relations" submitted their report through Bro. M^cFarland, which was read and adopted. (See Doc No 5, appendix, p. 16

Took up 13th Quest – "Where shall our next Conf. be held"? Answer at Millport, Chemung Co. Ny. Time previously decided; see page 6.

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The Comm on "missions" not being prepared to report was discharged

Sec. to
publish proc.

On motion of Bro. Bell it was Voted that the Secretary, H. B. Knight, publish such portions of the Minutes as he deems best, in the "American Wesleyan."

Bro. Warner submitted his Report on "Statistics." Adopted. (See Doc. No 7, Appendix, page 18.)

A vote of thanks was tendered the President and Secretaries, for their Valuable Services.

Voted to take up a collection for Bro. Fessenden, this Evening.

Adjourned to meet again, (D. V.) at Millport, Chemung Co. N.Y. the 4th Wednesday in April, 1863.

Bro. M^cFarland then made some encouraging and closing remarks.

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Sabbath
Services

On Sabbath, Bro. [blank] preached in the morning at 10 ½ o'clock, after which Levi Rogers and John J. Paine were set apart for the work and office of Elders in the church of God, by prayer and imposition of hands.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

}}☞ For "Documents" see next pages. Attest.

H. B. Knight,
Secretary

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Appendix, &c.

[Note: These reports, pages 14-16, were newspaper columns pasted in. The columns were clear and readable. See scans of original journal.]

Doc. No. 1. – Report on “State of the Country.”

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

H. B. KNIGHT, Ch’n.

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Doc. No. 2. – “Books and Periodicals.”

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

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“Books & Periodicals – continued

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

H. D. Inman, Ch’n

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Doc. No. 3. – “Sabbath Schools.”

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

B. D. SNIFFIN, Ch’n.

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Doc. No 4. – “Reforms.”

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

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“Reforms.” – continued

[See scanned pages for printed report.]

W. S. BELL, Ch’n.

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Doc. No. 5. – “Pastoral Relations.”

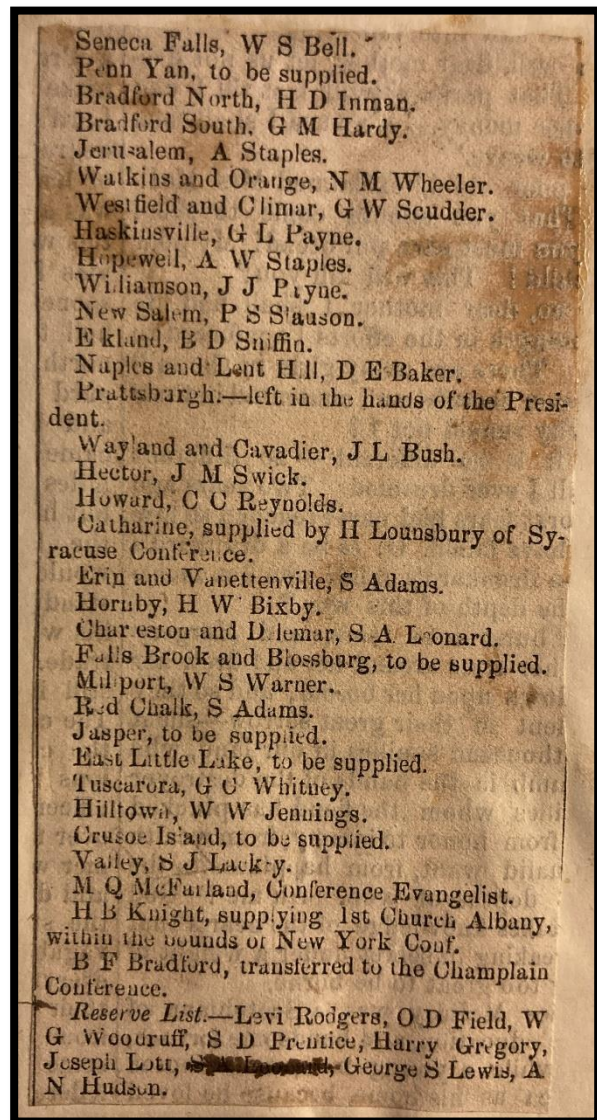
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M. Q. McFarland, President
H. B. Knight. Secretary.

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Penn Yan, to be supplied.
Bradford North, H D Inman



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Bradford South, G M Hardy.
Jerusalem, A Staples.
Watkins and Orange, N M Wheeler.
Westfield and Climar, G W Scudder.
Haskinsville, G L Payne.
Hopewell, A W Staples.
Williamson, J J Payne.
New Salem, P S Slauson.
Elkland, B D Sniffin.
Naples and Lent Hill, D E Baker.
Prattsburgh:—left in the hands of the President.
Wayland and Cavadier, J L Bush.
Hector, J M Swick.
Howard, C C Reynolds.
Catharine, supplied by H Lounsbury of Syracuse Conference.
Erin and Vanettenville, S Adams.
Hornby, H W Bixby.
Charleston and D lemar, S A Leonard.
Falls Brook and Blossburg, to be supplied.
Millport, W S Warner.
Red Chalk, S Adams.
Jasper, to be supplied.
East Little Lake, to be supplied.
Tuscarora, G C Whitney.
Hilltown, W W Jennings.
Crusoe Island, to be supplied.
Valley, S J Lackey.
M Q McFarland, Conference Evangelist.
H B Knight, supplying 1st Church Albany, within the bounds of New York Conf.
B F Bradford, transferred to the Champlain Conference.
Reserve List.—Levi Rodgers, O D Field, W G Woodruff, S D Prentice, Harry Gregory, Joseph Lott, ~~S D Prentice~~, George S Lewis, A N Hudson.

Conference.

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[Insert, in margin: Reserve List. }}☞--] *Reserve List.* – Levi Rodgers, O D Field, W G Woodruff, S D Prentice, Harry Gregory, Joseph Lott, ~~S A Leonard~~, George S Lewis, A N Hudson.

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Doc. No. 6. – “Recapitulation.”

1 Elders. on the “Sta List” – See Report on “Pastoral Relations.”

2 “Unstationed List.” -- ✓C. R. Tripp, ✓J. Bartholomew, ✓Wm. Braine, ✓Peter Tipple,
✓M. P. Greensward, ✓Enos Perry.

3 “Licentiates and Sta. List.” – G. C. Whitney, W. W. Jennings, S. J. Lackey.

4 “Reserve List.” – See Doc No. 5, p 16

5 “Superannuated.” – N. Fessenden, ✓Fr. Strang, ✓Waldo Curtis, ✓Peter Norris,
✓Selah Paine, ✓Amos Chapman, ✓Willard ✓Chase, ✓John W. Allen,
[insert: dd] ✓Valentine Lewis.

6 “Deposed.” – None.

7 “Withdrawn.” – L. P. Atwood, E. P. Barnes.

8 “Joined this Year.” – G. C. Whitney, W. W. Jennings, S. J. Lackey, as Licentiates;
N. M. Wheeler, by Recognition; J. J. Paine, Levi Rogers, by Ordination;
W. S. Bell, P. S. Slauson, by Transfer.

9 “Died” – None.

10, 11, 12, Answered by Report on “Statistics” next page.

13 Next Conference to be held at Millport, Chemung Co., N.Y., 4th Wednesday in
April, 1863, at 9. A.M.

14 “Work Supplied” – See Report on “Pastoral Relations.” on page 16.

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Doc. No. 7. – “Statistics.”

[Note: table inserted for clarity.]

	Members	Salary	S.S.	Supt.	Tea	Schol.	Miss. Inc.	Value Ch. Prop.
Seneca Falls.	200	500	1	2	23	116		6,000
Howard	59	250.	2	2	10	60	3.00	
Jerusalem	35	215.	3	3	20	68	2.00	
Hopewell & Cheshire	70	200.	1	1	5			15.00
East Little Lake	11	22,	1	1	4	12		
Watkins & Orange	35	65,	1	1	7	40		
Valley (new)	19	55,	1	1	6	30		
Williamson & New Salem	74	265,	1	1	4	25		1,000
Elkland,	71	250,	1	1	8	30		2,00
South Bradford	80	240,	3	3	420	120		
Catharine	122	230,	4	4	420	120		
Hornby	38	75	2	3	16	80		
Millport	32	160	1	1	13	127	3.50	
Jasper	90							
Penn Yan	130	500.	2	2	12	60		4,000
North Bradford	168	352.	3	3	20	90		
Westfield & Clymer	100	170.	3	3	10	60		
Haskinville	80							
Naples & Lent Hill	70	140.	4	2	40	100		1,000
Prattsburgh	28	124.	1	1	6	40		
Wayland & Canadice	41	370.	4	8	24	120		
Hector	77	149.						
Tuscarora (new)		73.						
Red Chalk	15		2	2	8	30		
Erin & Van Etenville,	10	10						
Fall Brook & Blossb'gh	30							
Crusoe Island	10							
Charleston & Delemar	50	140						
East Springwater	00	Lockport Conf.						
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This being first Report after division of Conference, the increase, if any, cannot be estimated, except by comparison with "Lockport Conf."

Secretary.

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Doc. No 8. – "Conf. Roll" for 1863.

M. Q. McFarland
H. B. Knight.
Wm. S. Bell
H. D. Inman
Galen M. Hardy
Asahel Staples
N. W. Wheeler,
Geo. W. Scudder
Geo. S. Paine
Arden W. Staples
John J. Payne
Peter S. Slauson
Benjamin D. Sniffen
D. E. Baker
Jno. L. Bush,
Jno. M. Swick
Peter Norris
Selah Paine
Amos. Chapman

C. C. Reynolds
S. Adams
H. W. Bixby
S. A. Leonard.
Wm. L. Warner
Levi Rodgers
O. D. Field
W. G. Woodruff
S. D. Prentice
Harry Gregory
Joseph Lott
Geo. S. Servis
A.N. Hudson
N. Fessenden
Fr. Strang
Waldo Curtis
Willard Chase
Jno. W. Allen
Valentine Lewis

}} Licentiates – 1863.

G. C. Whitney
W. W. Jennings
S. J. Lackey.

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Committees holding Over

On "Presidency." – H. D. Inman, D. E. Baker, C. C. Reynolds, Geo. Dunckle,[sic] Rich^d Britton,

On "Itinerary & Orders." – H. B. Knight, M. Q. M^cFarland, Wm. S. Bell, and two laymen residing on charge were Conf. sits

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H. B. Knight,
Sec'y.

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Your Committee on "the State of the Country" would respectfully report :

That they believe the present to be a time above all times, in the history of this Government, when those who have enjoyed its immunities and privileges, should express and avow their loyalty to, and admiration of, the truths underlying our political fabric. And as the Southern Rebellion progresses and culminates, we are more than ever impressed with the truth that as between Freedom and Slavery there is an "irrepressible conflict," and in the language of President Lincoln, that these United States "cannot endure half slave and half free"—that either the free or the slave element must finally dominate and prevail.

As patriots, Christians, and Christian ministers, therefore, we not only sympathize with, but would and will sustain the Government, with our prayers, our substance, and our efforts, in crushing out the rebellion. And this not only for the perpetuity of the Union, as our fathers gave it to us, but for the reason that in suppressing the rebellion we behold the sure overthrow of the Slave power, so long a usurper, a dictator, and a disturber of our National peace and pros-

perity. We offer for adoption by this Conference, the following resolutions :

1. That in the late acts of Congress, by which our army and navy officers have been prohibited from returning Fugitive Slaves—the bill abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia, thus making our National Capital Free Territory—and the Resolution of Congress inaugurating Emancipation in such States as would enter upon measures therefor—we perceive the sure presage of the time for which we have so long prayed and labored, viz., that of our country's deliverance from the thralldom of the Slave Oligarchy, and of the day of Jubilee to the bound.

2. That the touching request of our Chief Magistrate, to his friends, when leaving his home to assume his duties at Washington—"friends, pray for me"—finds a response in our hearts for him, his Cabinet, all in official relations to the Government, our soldiers in the field, and even for our enemies, that God may give these last "repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth, that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil," doing as they are his work by rebellion.

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our power for doing good, and fulfilling our appointed mission.

Your committee recommend to the Conference, the adoption of the following resolutions, as expressive of their views of this body.

1. Resolved, That in these times of trial, operating so disastrously to many engaged in the business departments of our country, we gratefully accept it as a token of the gracious favor of our Heavenly Father, that our Book Room affairs are so hopeful and promising.— And we should construe it into an assurance, that our labor in promoting its increased vigor, will not be in vain in the Lord.

2. Resolved, That we feel a deep and lively interest in the Press and Office enterprise, now being prosecuted with such cheering prospects of success; and we send our Christian congratulations to our brethren all through the Connection, and ask their co-operation in completing this enterprise at an early day; a measure that cannot fail to exert a healthful, and largely in-

Press and Office enterprise, now being prosecuted with so much pleasantness and success. In this enterprise, we learn from the Agent, that there is universal concurrence in view and feeling, both as to the *expediency* and *necessity* of this measure; and that most unexpectedly, instead of procuring the necessary outfit for a Printing Office, by the aid of *loans*, our people in all parts of the connection, are rivalling each other, in cheerful donations and free will offerings, for this purpose. Your committee cannot doubt, but such spontaneousness of action as is now being exhibited in this direction, will be most grateful to the feelings of this body, giving evidence as it does, that our people are determined to serve the cause of God with their *means*, as well as their hearts. And we trust in God, that this union of *heart* and *purse*, now

so cordially joined, will never be divorced from each other. It is one of the surest proofs, that personal religion is reaching a deeper part in the soul, making a brighter day in our history and prospects.

In this work, which is enlisting the sympathies and benefactions of our brethren and sisters, and even the children, we recognize the especial agency of Divine influence, moving to these results. For, let it be remembered, that no Agent has gone abroad as is usual in similar enterprises, and indeed usually deemed indispensable; but the facts in relation to its necessity, and the plan for carrying into effect this enterprise, have been brought before the people through our weekly journal, and responses have come from every part of the Connection, until considerably more than one half of what is necessary for the outfit is already pledged in the shape of gratuity. Considering the youth of our religious organization, and the times, we doubt whether anything more creditable has been done in any religious body in the land.

Your committee are clearly convinced, that what has already been done, demonstrates that the whole amount now called for, viz \$2,500, can be raised with far greater ease, than it has cost to raise the amount already secured. And it is earnestly to be hoped, that the Rochester Conference, will, by practical example, invite her sister Conferences go heartily into the work of *finishing this work so nobly* begun, and to such an extent prosecuted. Let us be able to say to the world, that the Wesleyan Methodists of America have a Printing Office of their own, from whence those truths may come forth which have so potently wrought upon the public conscience in the last nineteen years. And may such an appendage to our organization, be a bond of union among us, largely to increase

vigorating influence upon our usefulness and prosperity.

3. Resolved, That the publication of the American Wesleyan, and Juvenile Instructor, in the judgment of this Conference, were never more needed, to purify the sentiments of society than at the present time. We are happy to know that they have been, and are still highly valued visitants in the family and Sabbath Schools; and that the mission of usefulness they have performed in past years, endears them to thousands of hearts, who are pledged to give them such a support as that they may still go on and prosper in their work of enlightenment and salvation, until *Slavery, Intemperance* and worldliness, shall give place to *Freedom, Temperance* and benevolence, to secure which, we hope all our friends will give to these publications a generous and steady patronage.

Your Committee on Reforms beg leave to report as follows:

We have no disposition to recant or modify our oft-repeated expressions of condemnation and opposition to the crime of American Slavery. We regard it now as we have always done in the past, an awful sin against God, and a barbarous crime against man. And we hail with joy and delight, the omens of good that now appear—for the silver linings that gild the dark clouds; for

ties in which they have lived; and by their examples and Christian efforts, they serve as beacon lights to the children who sit in darkness. They also point the benighted to the Lamb of God, and to eternal life.

It is believed that the good resulting from the Sabbath School enterprise, is but beginning to be developed. But so soon as all the children shall be brought to participate in its benefits, then may we hope that the long-looked for day of Millennial Glory has dawned. When we realize that the mind of a child may be moulded for good or evil at will, how important that all our communications with them should be seasoned with grace. Knowing the capabilities of children to receive instruction, which lead to right

principles and correct habits, they become fit associates of Christians in this world, and of angels in the world to come. But if by improper instruction and bad example, they are led in a wrong direction, or by criminal negligence they live in the dark, and die in that state at the end to be shut up in outer darkness, how terrible the result. But woe to the delinquent watchman, when he is called to respond before his judge. We offer the following resolutions:

1. That the Sabbath School, under proper regulations, accompanied with the co-operation of the Church, is one of the greatest agencies in bringing the rising generation of children to a knowledge of the truth, and thereby teaching them their obligations to their Creator, the value of their own souls, and of the souls of others.

2. That it is the sense of this Conference, that all Elders and Licentiates belonging thereto, should be requested to introduce this Sabbath School enterprise to every family, as far as possible, within their charges; and that they preach at least one discourse at every appointment, and recommend such books and periodicals of our own publication, as are designed to promote the great reforms of the day

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we are rejoicing in the hope that the day of Jubilee is drawing near for the millions of the downtrodden of our country. Praise the Lord for what our eyes now see, and our ears hear. For the God who led Israel out of bondage still lives, and reigns, and delivers the oppressed of every nation.

We feel more than ever, if possible, the holiness of our cause; for it is "our cause" in proportion to our unity and oneness with Christ. We know the

truthfulness of our principles, and we feel like making stronger resolves and greater sacrifices than ever, that the cause of reform may move on until neither rebel, nor slave, shall be found on American soil. Yet above and beyond these worthy considerations, we feel like looking with all faith and confidence to God, in this matter, that He may guide and rule to his own glory. For in the judgment of your committee, the great revolution that is now in progression in the land, is not a casual or accidental affair, but rather the direct result of the leavening truth and superintending providence of Almighty God. And in this we behold that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," and may all the people say Amen. And in the event of the downfall of Slavery we feel that, as a reformatory denomination, we have still a great work

to do by promulgating saving truth, in opposition to all kinds of error and sin. For we do not think as some vainly talk, that if slavery were gone, our mission as a denomination would be ended. Our field is wide as the world, and the harvest is now ripe, and we hope by the grace of God to hold a place in his moral vineyard, as long as sin remains.— Therefore in conclusion, be it resolved, briefly, That we are as much, if not more than ever, opposed to all kinds of oppression whether in Church or State; and also to all kinds of intemperance whether consisting in the use of rum or tobacco; and also to all organizations which are in spirit endeavoring to supplant the worship of the living God, as secret oath-bound societies are.

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