#### Minutes of

The

Sixth Yearly Session of the

SYRACUSE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BLODGETT'S MILLS, N.Y.

Commencing

on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1858, and holding till, Saturday April 24 1858

John T. Hewitt, President.

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> First Day Morning Session

Pursuant to appointment the Syracuse Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America – commenced its session in the Chapel at Blogets [sic] Mills Cortland Co. New York –

Monday Apr 21st 1858

The Conf. opened by a sermon from the President followed by the Lords [sic] Supper –

The President then took the Chair & E. J. Burnham was elected Secretary Pro-Tem

The Roll of the Conf was then called as follows H. Lounsbury A. Kelsey M. Frink EJ. Burham M. B. Porter John T. Hewett E.M. High E. Gaylord M-P-Presler Thomas Sims E-B-Mints B. Rider Cyrus Prindle H. B. Knight S. B. Loomis Thomas Eastham E.J. Burnham Henry Benson Wm Dunham Ransom Osburn H. L. Collins. Ambrose Ferris C-P- Owens Nathan Bacon – Ministerial Members.

M-B- Smith Lewis Lownsbury D-D-L-Earl – Wm Right S-S-Howard – David W-Barton Geo H-Blatchley Calvin C. Prosser – J-P- Pierse Wm Day G.W. Davy (Res. Del.) Geo Danforth Joel Robinson- M-C-Wire

E.J. Burnham was appointment [sic] a committee on Religious Service Moved that our daily sessions commence at 8 and conclude at 12 N—

Moved that when we adjourn it be till 2 O'Clock Adjourned Benediction by
<u>President</u>
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First Day Afternoon Session

Conference met at 2 P-M- according adjournment President in the Chair Religious Service Conducted by Bro Thomas Eastham

Roll was called – Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved Proceeded to perfect the roll by calling for the credentials of lay delegates— Several were presented and their names added to our list –

Rev. A Kelsey moved that Rev. N- Bacon be recieved [sic] as a member of this Conference and a minister among us –

His case was refered [sic] to the Committee on Orders & Itinerancy = Said Committe [sic] was was [sic] then elected as follows = Wm Dunham – A-Kelsey- Wm Right

The election of permanent Officers of the Conference was postponed untill [sic] tomorrow Morning Adjourned Benediction by President.

Second Day Morning Session

Conference met according to adjournment at 8 o-clock = President in the chair. Religious Services conducted by Bro H-B-Knight—

Roll- Called = Minutes of yesterday afternoon, read and approved – Voted that A Kelsey E. B. Mints E-J-Burnham. D. D. L Earl be a committee to whom shall be refered [sic]

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All correspondence shall be refered [sic] by the Conf.

Proceeded to election of permanent Officers of the Conference – Wm Day and H Lounsbury action as Tellers =

On Canvassing the votes therefor [sic] John T. Hewitt was found to have recieved [sic] 17 out of the 19 votes cast and was declared elected.

For secretary there were 19 votes cast of which H. B. Knight recieved [sic] 17 & was declared elected =

The names of Calvin Prosser as delegate from Fyler Settlement charge J-P-Pierce from Groton – G-H-Blatchly from Windsor S. S. Howard from Owego & Viena [sic], and David W. Barton from Apalachin Charge were reported & their seats granted them =

The Committee on Orders and itinerancy reported the name of Nathan Bacon late an Elder in the Reformed Methodist Connection as a proper person to be recieved [sic] as an Elder among us Report recieved [sic] and adopted

Bro Rider asked and recieved [sic] a letter of his standing in the Conference as an Elder =

Proceeded to appoint Conference Committes [sic] = J.T. Hewitt (Ex Officio) E.J. Burnham H Lounsbury A Kelsey (ministers) Wm Day G. H. Blanchard M. C. Wire = (laymen) were made the committe [sic] on Pastoral Relations = Committe [sic] on Reforms

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Cyrus Prindle – Wm Dunham & Wm Wright
Committee [sic] on Missions
C- Prindle E-J- Burnham – Wm Day – C. C. Prosser
Committe [sic] on Books & Periodicals

Cyrus Prindle – J-T-Hewitt Wm Day
Committe [sic] on Presidency
A Kelsey Wm Dunham E.J. Burham
Joel Robinson Wm Wright
Committe [sic] on Finance and Statistics H. Lounsbury – E. J. Burnham, Stephen

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Committe [sic] on Education

J. T. Hewett [sic] H-B-Knight D. D. I=Earl

Took up the Question

Who of the Elders are on the stationed list"? Called the names of H Lounsbury J-T-Hewett [sic] E-J-Burnham M-Frink Whose characters passed – The Committe [sic] on Pastoral Relations were instructed to return Bro Frinks name without an appointment as his own request – thus retaining his name on the stationed list

E. B. Mints Ambrose Ferris Benjamin Rider Wm Dunham A Kelsey – <u>Characters</u> Pass

H. Bensons name was called and it being suggested that objections existed with regard to his Pastoral labors with the Church at Heinmanville [sic], his case was refered to a Committe [sic] as follows C Prindle H. B. Knight and C-C-Prosser =

E-M-High Cyrus Prindle H-B-Knight Characters Passed

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H. B. Knight was excused from service on the Committe [sic] in the case of Bro Benson and Bro H-S-Collins was appointed in his stead =

The recommendations for Elders Orders of Edward Halsey G. W. Beardsly I-R-Brodnack and Wm Fessenden were recieved [sic] and refered [sic] to the Com – on Orders and Itinerancy:

Moved to have an afternoon session to commence at 2 oclock [sic] P-M-Adjourned. Prayer by Bro Halsey

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference Assembled at 2 oclock -

President in the chair: Religious Services conducted by Bro Burgess – Minutes of morning session read & approved: Took up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Question "What Licentiates are on the stationed List"?

W. A. Wagoner, character passed and his relation to the conf- continued, with the understanding that the Sec- correspond with hi in reference to his willingness to take work –

D-H-Hickock – Character passed, and his relation continued; Wm Fessenden Character passed and relation continued

Wm. E. Bogart reported as having moved within the bounds of Champlain Conf. and his relation to this Conf. voted discontinued. J-C-Thayer, reported

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as having withdrawn and his name was discontinues [sic] = D. C. Marshall also reported as having withdrawn and his name ordered withdrawn. G-M-Hardy- character passed & his relation continued. A-C. Shepherdson character passed & relations continued. A. P-Burgess, character passed and relation continued.

The comittee [sic] on the case of Bro Benson, through their Chairman Bro Prindle made their report as follows=

That when Bro. Benson went to Hinmanville [sic], had had no direct encouragement from the Wesleyan Church in that place, to resussitate [sic] them: and that any want of Denominational Zeal on his part, finds an excuse in this circumstance It was also stated that Bro Benson was engaged to serve said church, during the year to come and to promote its interests in connection with general ministerial service in that community: Bro Bensons character was thereupon passed—

H. B. Knight, offered the following Resolution which was adopted- to-wit—"That it is the sense of this Conference that no minister belonging to the same meets the first expectation of the Dicipline [sic] in the matter of pastoral Labor – who consents to preach in a given locality where there is a Wesleyan Church and at the same time disregard the existence and wants

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And wants [sic] of such Church in the matter of Pastoral care, by seeking aditions [sic] thereto & otherwise promoting its influence, and growth, to the extent of their power

The committee on Orders and Itinerancy have leave to retire for a session Took up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Question "who have retired to the unstationed list"? E. Gaylord M-P-Presler Thomas Sims Ransom Osborn: H-L-Collins William Westcott Nathan Bacon James Brown Cha's F. Barnet Jeremiah Palmer M. B. Porter Timothy Coggins Wm Nipper Wm Mason,, A letter was recieved [sic] from A Colored Church in Ithica N-Y- certifying to their having adopted our Dicipline [sic] and asking to be recognized as a Wesleyan Church in Connection with this Conference: They were so recognized & are to be so returned on the Minutes:

Bro C-P-Owen has his relation changed to the stationed list in order to be placed as pastor of said charge:

On motion adjourned benediction by Bro Cyrus Prindle =

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Third Day. Morn. Sess.
April 23 1858.
Conference met at 8 oclock, President in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by Bro Rice

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of yesterday afternoon, read and approve.

Roll was called, and the Minutes

The committe [sic] on Orders and Itineracy, made their Report, as follows: That Isaac R. Bradnack, recommended by the Fulton Quarterly Conference, be elected and ordained to the office of an Elder: Report adopted, Bro. Bradnack was so elected, ad admitted to the Itineracy.

William S. Fessenden, recommended by the Dryden and Harford Qr. Conference; The committee recommended his election as an Elder; report adopted.

Edward Halsey, recommended by the Qr. Conference of Richland Circuit. The committee reported favorably his election; he was elected and admitted to the Itineracy.

Bro Hewitt, moved the following Resolution: That the examining committee for 1859, be appointed at this Conference, and that they be, and hereby are requested to publish in the Wesleyan, the outline of a course of Study for the candidates to be examined next year; and that they be requested to meet the candidates one day previous to the sitting of the Conference. The President was authorised [sic] to fill any vacancy that may occur by sickness or death during the year.

Bro Prindle had leave, and addressed the Conference in regard to the condition and prospects of the Book Concern.

The Committee on Education, through their chairman, J. T. Hewitt, reported as

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follows; which was received, and after a statement from Bro. S.P. Rice, Agent of the Michigan Union College, concerning the Origin, history and prospects of said Institution, was unanimously adopted, to wit:

"That whereas the cause of Education is taking deep hold on the public mind, and by the various Denominations of professing Christians is made to subserve their interests in their efforts to to [sic] accumulate strength and influence; and in fact does yield to a power second to none, save the Grace of God; and whereas those denominations which refuse to co-operate in this great work, neglecting to furnish the most ample educational advantages to the youth under their care, must necessarily fall far behind the progressive spirit of the age, and deteriorate rather than advance in all that is noble and elevating to humanity, and useful to the church of God;

Therefore, Resolved, First, That this Conference expresses its great pleasure and satisfaction in the effort put forth in the Wesleyan Connection to permanently

establish and endow the Michigan Union College at Leoni Michigan and will hail with gratitude every indication of Success that may mark its progress and success from time to time:

Resolved Secondly That the interest thus manifested shall not be that of feeling and sympathy only; but such as shall secure to the funds of the College the more material and permanent aid of

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Dollars and cents, marked with the greatest liberality, such as is demanded at our hands in our high and holy position as Wesleyan Methodists and lovers of Education

Resolved Thirdly, That each ministerial member of this Conference be and hereby is earnestly urged to bring the subject of Education and especially the claims of the College before their several Congregations once at least during the Conference year take up a collection and forward the amount taken up to the treasurer of the College at Leoni =

Resolved, Fourthly, That all our members as well as ministers be urged to receive the regularly appointed Agent of the College favorably and aid in canvassing for the sale of Scholarships, and the most liberal donations;

All of which is respectfully submitted

John T. Hewitt Chairman

Bro. Prindle from the Committee on Reform made a report as follows: That; Whereas the times in which we live are marked with aggressions upon the interests of society by the defiant and outrageous demands of the slave-power in Church and State, as well as by the corrupting traffic in intoxicating beverage and other kindred evils, we as a Conference repledge ourselves to the continued warfare against principalities and powers in resisting their encroachments upon the dearest rights of our fellow men –

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### Resolved Secondly

We tender our cordial sympathy and cöoperation [sic] to our Christian brethren of other Denominations who are engaged with us in resisting the outrages of the slave power and despotism in general; and we will not fail to offer our prayers to Almighty God – that they and we may ultimately stand upon the ground of <u>freedom</u> to <u>all</u> and <u>Right universal</u> = Adopted;

Took up the 13<sup>th</sup> Question: "When and where shall our next Conference be held"? Answer: At Pratt-ville Oswego Co N-Y- the first Thursday of Apr- 1859 to commence at 10 oc-l-k-

Moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet again at 3 o'clock P-M- Carried The Committe [sic] on the Book Concern through J-T-Hewitt their chairman made their report as follows which was unanimously adopted = to-wit =

Whereas this Conference having heard from the Rev. Cyrus Prindle the Report of the Book Concern and believing that the circulation of our Books and Periodicals is a very essential means of diffusing the light of the Gospel and one the Wesleyans as a body can by no means dispense with: and rejoice in the prospects however distant of freeing the concern from debt – Therefore Resolved

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I That we as a Conference hail with pleasure the improved appearance of our Hymn and other Books, and we pledge ourselves to use our utmost effort to extend the sale thereof.

II Resolved That as a Conference we highly approve of the Course pursued by our excellent Editor and Book both as it respects his duties as an Editor and the economy with which he conducts the General Concern.

III Resolved That as Wesleyan Ministers we believe the circulation of our Denominational Papers – particularly the "Wesleyan" is an essential element of our success and we individually and collectively pledge ourselves to double if possible the List of subscribers In our various charges –

IIII That as a Conference we highly appreciate the tallent [sic] and ability with which the business of the Book Concern has been conducted by Bro Knight and while we regret to lose his valuable services – we hope his removal will eventuate in his increased happiness and usefulness!

All of which is Respectfully submitted.

J. T. Hewitt Chmn

The Following Committee on Itinerancy and Orders were announced: J-T-Hewitt H-Benson E-I-Burnham Tho-W-Cheesebro [sic] and Daniel D. T. Earl—adopted

Voted that we surrender our Conference Scholarships in the Michigan Union College, donating what has been paid thereon to the Institution accepted by the agent= S-B-Rice

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A Collection was ordered to be taken up for the benefit of said College in the public congregation this evening.

Committe [sic] on Statistics & Finance made their Report which was under discussion when the Conference adjourned by [insert: limitation] Benediction by Bro-Prindle

Third Day Apr.23<sup>d</sup>
Afternoon Session

Conference met at 3 oclock pursuant to adjournment.. Pres-in the chair:
Religious services conduced by Bro Lounsbury The Report of the Committe [sic]
on Statistics and Finance was resumed: The Chairman read the same itim [sic] by itim
[sic] when it was corrected and adopted as a whole =

(See Report No 1.. Appendix)

Voted that hereafter every pastor or Church bring or send to Conference a full written report of their Statistics and Finances – The Committe [sic] on Pastoral Relations made their Report which was discussed, & amended but before, its consideration was concluded it was on motion laid on the table =

Rev H-B-Knight asked and had voted him a transfer to the Rochester Conf – Bro Rider asked & obtained leave of absence after present session On motion adjourned: Benediction by Pres=

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# Fourth Day Apr 24 Morning Session

Conference met at 8 oclk: President in the Chair: Religious services conducted by Bro. Dunham: Roll called Minutes of Yesterday P-M- read and approved: ¶ Resumed from yesterday: the report on Pastoral Relations: The remaining itims [sic] were read and approved and the report as a whole adopted:

Took up the Question of Missionary dues: Wm Day paid \$6 G-Willcox \$6 and J. T. Hewett & 5 in all \$17

Bros Mintz Knight and Prosser had leave of absence given them: The thanks of Conf- were tendered to Bro Knight for his services as Secty-

¶ Voted that the request of the Towanda Church That \$25 be paid to Bro Frink their pastor from the Missionary treasury for the Southern Dist of of [sic] the Conf- as follows \$8.40 balance in Treasury \$12.00 due on Note for 3 years past..4.60 ballance [sic] of the funds of the Conf – Due the Southern Dist =

Voted to donate to the Ithica [sic] Church from the Missionary Fund \$25 at the close of the present year: if the funds are on hand at that time: Recapitulation of Disciplinary Questions:

- Who of the Elders on the Stationed List?
  For answer see Report No..2.. Page 19
- II Who have retired to unstationed List?

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See Report No. 2. Page 19

III What Licentiates are on the Stationed List?

Answer: G. M. Hardy..A. C. Shepherdson Wm A-Waggoner= D.H. Hickok
..A P Burgess..

IIII Who are on the reserve list? None

V Who are the Superanuated [sic] Elders

Answer: W. Burt-

VI Who have been deposed? None

VII Who have withdrawn? None

VIII Who have joined this year? Isaac R. Bradnack..Edward Halsey Wm L.

Fessenden. Seth Burgess by ordination N-Bacon by recognition..

- IX Who have died None
- What has been contributed for the support of the Gospel?
   For answer see Report No. 1 Page 18
- XI What are the Nos-= See Report No-1-" "
- XII How many S-S- &c See Report No-1-" "
- XIII When and where shall next Conf- be held? At Prattville Oswego Co-N-Y- on the first Thurs- of Apr 1859..at 10 a-m-
  - XIV How is the work supplied this year For Answer See Report No-2-Page 19

The case of Seth Bargess [sic] was brought before the Conf- by E-J-Barnham S-Burgess has been a Deacon in the M-E-Ch= ceceded [sic] in /44 & is willing to become a candidate for Elders Orders: Voted that J-T-Hewett Pres examine said Burgess upon Doctrine and Discipline in Open Conference:

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Voted That – his case be recieved [sic] by the Conference: Voted to recieve [sic] him to the Conf & Elect to Elders Orders =

Voted that at some time during the next session of Conf a Missionary Meeting be held and a collection be taken up Adjourned Sine Die Prayer by Bros Shepherdson & Day..

Benediction by Bro Hewitt Pres=

H-B-Knight Secty APBurgess Asst-

## Adenda [sic] and Summary

From the Missionary Fund were paid to Bro Benjamin Rider Conf Evangelist \$17 as given below

J-T-Hewitt Pres-

A.P. Burgess Secty

Promissory Note List .. Session 1855

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 Recd from
 Wm Day
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 \$ 6.00

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 G-Willcox
 6.00

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 John T. Hewitt
 5.00

 Total
 \$17.00

\$17 Paid to B. Rider Con Evangelist according to act of Conf by order of Pres-J-T-Hewitt

A.P. Burgess = Secty-

Conf- Session Blodgetts Mills Apr-1858

Report No. 1..Finance and Statistics
[Note: Report divided for width and readability]

	Mem.	Min.	Lic.	S.S.	T.r.s.	Scrs=
Syracuse	118	2	1	1	8	50
Tioga and Athens	63	2	1	1	8	54
Candor and Spence	70		1	4	16	110
Windsor	25					
Apalachin	68					
Fulton	108			1	12	90
Taylor	23					
Dryden and Harford	40					
State Road	100					
Towanda	20			1	2	25
Rushville & Susq. Miss=	47			1	5	
Fair Dale	20					
Peruville	35		1	1	9	50
Vienna	20			2	10	50
Watertown	18					
Owego & Union	21			2		
Camden	42		1	1	6	80
Florence	20					
Albion	30		1	1		
Filer Settlement	20			1	6	30
Pillar Pt. & Orleans	15					
Boylston	30		1			
Richland	47			2	12	40
Blodgetts Mills	50			1	8	40
Lampsons & Hinmanville	30			2	12	80
Litchfield	No	Re	Port			
Orwell- Pa-	21					
Chenango Miss	14			1	4	25
South <sup>n</sup> Dis <sup>t</sup> Evans <sup>t</sup>						
North <sup>n</sup> Dis <sup>t</sup> Evan <sup>t</sup>						
Ithica NY Colored Ch	17			1		
Summary Total =	1132		7	24	118	724

[Note: Report continued next page]

	Spt.	Miss \$	Periods.	Libris.	
Syracuse	\$225.00		80	1	
Tioga and Athens	156.68	6		2	
Candor and Spence	90.00		25	3	
Windsor	12.00				
Apalachin	75.00				
Fulton	400.00	44	50	1	
Taylor	127.61	30	6	1	
Dryden and Harford	104.90				
State Road					
Towanda	25.00				
Rushville & Susq. Miss=	3.00				
Fair Dale	28.00				
Peruville	80.16		47	1	
Vienna	140.00	11	40	1	
Watertown					
Owego & Union					
Camden	150.00		8	1	
Florence	60.00				
Albion					
Filer Settlement	40.00				
Pillar Pt. & Orleans					
Boylston	60.00		8		
Richland	220.00		22	2	
Blodgetts Mills	90.00	30	38	1	
Lampsons & Hinmanville	225.00			11	
Litchfield					
Orwell- Pa-					
Chenango Miss	54.00				
South <sup>n</sup> Dis <sup>t</sup> Evans <sup>t</sup>					
North <sup>n</sup> Dis <sup>t</sup> Evan <sup>t</sup>	111.00		Missionary Fund		
Ithica NY Colored Ch	25.00				
Summary Total =	2,502.35	121	345	14	

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Report No. 2. On Pastoral Relations Syracuse "Benj. Ride Benj. Rider..G M Hardy Lic

To be Supplied Tioga & Athens Candor & Spencer, Thomas Eastham—

Windsor.. A Kelsey Apalachin--E.M. High Fulton --J-T-Hewitt Taylor -- E-J-Burnham
Dryden and Harford Wm L- Fessenden

State Road -- H Lounsbury

Towanda -- Supplied by – Rev. Solomon Cooper

Rushville & Susz. Mission To be supplied E. B. Mintz
Groton and Lansing-- S. F. Bingham S. D. Townsend Litchfield-- S-B-Loomis Usaac Sprague

Owego & Union Ransom Osburn. One to be sup.

Florence To be supplied
Albion-- John Waite
Antwerp & Rossie Jeremiah Palmer

Fyler Settlement Sup- by Cyrus Prindle

Pillar Point & Orleans to be supplied Boylston Edward Halsey

Smiths Mills Sup by Edward Halsey

Richland Wm Dunham

Blodgets Mills To be Sup- Seth Burgess

{Hinmanville-- Henry Benson} {Lamsons-- <u>To be sup</u>} Orwell-Pa- To be sup

Chenango Miss- A-C-Shepherdson

Ithica Mission C-P-Owen
Bristol Hill I-R-Bradnack=

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Pratte Ville-- A-P-Burgess Lic-

New Ohio A Kelsey

<u>Cyrus Prindle</u> <u>Editor & Book Agt-</u> Transfered [sic]

H-B- Knight to Roch-Conf-H-D-Inman to Roch Conf-P.A-Field to Champlain Con—

Superannuated Walter Burt

## Marshal Frink= without an ap. At his request

**Unstationed List** 

E-Gaylord Wm Westcott
M-P-Bresler Nathan Bacon
H-L-Collins James Brown
Chas F Barnet M-B-Porter

Timothy Coggins Wm Nipper Wm Nason Tho Sims

Wesley Bailey Licentiates

A.P. Burgess A-C- Shepherdson Galen M Hardy W A Wagoner

D-H-Hickok

Committees that hold to next Conf.

On PresidencyMissionsReformsA KelseyC. PrindleCyrus PrindleWm DunhamE. J. BurnhamWm DunhamE. J. BurnhamWm DayWm WrightJoel RobinsonC C Prosser

Wm Wright

J-T-Hewitt Orders And Itinerancy
H-Benson

E-J-Burnham Tho. W. Cheesbro

Daniel D-T- Earl