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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Lockport Conference
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT
HOUGHTON, N. Y.,
APRIL 1 - 5, 1913.

REV. C. W. SMITH, President.
REV. H. C. BEDFORD, Secretary.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

The Lockport Conference

Conference Officers.

President: Rev. C. W. Smith.
Vice-President: Rev. Charles Sicard.
Secretary: Rev. H. C. Bedford.
Assistant Secretary: Won S. Crandall.
Treasurer: Rev. H. R. LaVere.
Sunday School Secretary: Prof. R. E. Rindfusz.
Tithing Secretary: Henry R. Barnett.

Board of Trustees.

Charles Sicard, Term expires 1916.
Herbert R. LaVere, Term expires 1916.
Henry R. Barnett, Term expires 1916.
Clarence W. Smith, Term expires 1915.
Harry J. Bullock, Term expires 1915.
Ernest B. Houghton, Term expires 1915.
Won S. Crandall, Term expires 1914.
Clayton S. Ball, Term expires 1914.
Howard W. McDowell, Term expires 1914.

Standing Committees.

Advisory Board: E. B. Houghton, H. W. McDowell.

Judiciary Committee: H. J. Bullock, H. W. McDowell, D. S. Bedford, Charles Sicard.

Missionary Board: F. E. Gentle, Flora Crandall, H. J. Bullock, D. S. Bedford.

Committee on Presidency: Walter Readett, H. C. Bedford, H. R. LaVere, W. S. Crandall, C. W. Hall.

Committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders: Charles Sicard, 1st year; C. W. Smith, 2nd year; H. R. LaVere, 3rd year.

Committee on Religious Services: H. W. McDowell, D. S. Bedford, and the pastor where the next Conference is held.

Sunday-School Board: R. E. Rindfusz, Charles Sicard, J. S. Luckey.

Camp-Meeting Committee: Charles Sicard, H. J. Bullock.

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CONFERENCE ROLL.

Stationed List.

Name, Address, and Attendance:

- G. H. Clark, Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa, absent.
H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.
H. R. LaVere, Ransomville, N. Y., 8 meetings.
C. W. Smith, Appleton, N. Y., 8 meetings.
Charles Sicard, Falconer, N. Y., R. D. No. 71, 8 meetings.
Ralph Davy, Delaware, Ohio, absent.
H. C. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.
Gertrude F. Preston, Kunso, Sierra Leone, W. Africa, absent.
H. J. Bullock, Forestville, N. Y., 8 meetings.
C. Leslie Smith, 12 Bushnall St., Bradford, Pa., 8 meetings.
Walter Readett, Eagle Harbor, N. Y., 6 meetings.
C. B. Whitaker, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.
D. S. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., 3 meetings.

Supernumerary List.

- G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y., 1 meeting.
N. E. Heald, Forestville, N. Y., 6 meetings.
W. A. Hazlett, Houghton, N. Y., 3 meetings.
Robert McConnell, Houghton, N. Y., 1 meeting.
J. E. Tiffany, Clifton Springs, N. Y., absent.

Superannuated List.

- E. Fuller, Westons Mills, N. Y., absent.
N. F. Robb, Cattaraugus, N. Y., absent.

Licentiates on the Stationed List.

- Wm. Donaldson, West Falls, N. Y., 8 meetings.
F. H. Wright, Hume, N. Y., 2 meetings.
A. J. Taylor, Lockport, N. Y., R. D. 7, 8 meetings.
E. E. Cookson, Fillmore, N. Y., 3 meetings.
Isabella Willahan, Driftwood, Pa., 5 meetings.
Alonzo VanSickle, Smethport, Pa., R. D. No. 4, 6 meetings.
G. E. Bathurst, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 7 meetings.

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Roll of Delegates.

Charge, Delegate, and Attendance:

Cattaraugus, E. B. Houghton, 6 meetings.

Houghton, W. W. Crosby, 5 meetings.

Allegany, G. A. Washbon, 7 meetings.

Chestnut Ridge, H. R. Barnett, 8 meetings.

Delevan, Lillie Tiffany, 8 meetings.

Houghton, H. R. Smith, 7 meetings.

Houghton, J. S. Luckey, 8 meetings.

Levant, Clayton Ball, 7 meetings.

East Lynn, C. W. Mosher, 7 meetings.

Cattaraugus, L. B. Dietrich, 6 meetings.

Forestville, Nancy Heald, 5 meetings.

Hamburg, Sarah Donaldson, 8 meetings.

Castle Garden, Bert Smith, 7 meetings.

Hess Road, E. L. Carnahan, 8 meetings.

Eagle Harbor and Yates, Geo. Allbone, 7 meetings.

Cameron, Chas. Barr, 8 meetings.

Bradford, Grace E. Cole, 8 meetings.

Ransomville, May L. LaVere, 5 meetings.

Olean, A. C. Harris, 8 meetings.

Forestville, Wm. Wright, 5 meetings.

Houghton, J. R. Crawford, 2 meetings.

Higgins, James Frazier, 6 meetings.

Smethport, Barbara VanSickle, 6 meetings.

Fillmore, W. S. Crandall, 5 meetings.

Olean, Geo. Moore, 6 meetings.

Napoli, C. Boardman, 3 meetings.

Short Tract, Mrs. Frank Scott, 3 meetings.

Wyoming, Geo. Francis, 3 meetings.

Fillmore, Milton Cronk, absent.

Houghton, Mrs. Flora Peck, absent.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or Church, of America convened for its fifty-second annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Houghton, Allegany Co., N. Y., April 2, 1913, at nine o'clock A. M. The previous even-

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ing a farewell meeting was held for Sisters Hattie Crosby and Florence Yorton, outgoing missionaries to Africa.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. C. W. Smith.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. H. J. Bullock and Rev. H. C. Bedford.

The roll was called and ten elders and four licentiates responded to their names.

The Committee on Credentials was constituted as follows: J. E. Bathurst, Clayton Ball.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report. The report was adopted and the names were ordered placed on the roll.

The bar of the conference was fixed for the first four seats in front of the pulpit.

Rev. C. B. Whitaker, of the Indiana Conference, and pastor of Houghton charge, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. J. Coleman, of the Indiana Conference, and Professor of Theology in Houghton Seminary, was introduced to the Conference.

Miss Gladis Gates and Miss Mable Morris, of the Olean Mission, were introduced to the Conference.

The Rev. F. S. Lee resigned as Secretary. On motion the Conference proceeded to elect a Secretary. The President appointed W. A. Hazlett and E. L. Carnahan as Tellers. The Conference proceeded to ballot for Secretary. The whole number of ballots cast was twenty-seven, of which H. C. Bedford received twenty-four, C. L. Smith received two, H. W. McDowell one. H. C. Bedford received a majority and was declared Secretary.

Rev. T. S. Simpson, pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Rushford, was introduced to the Conference.

The time for the opening and closing of the conference was fixed as follows: The morning session to open at eight-thirty and close at eleven-thirty; the afternoon session to open at one-thirty and close by motion.

The Conference authorized the President to appoint the Committee on Boundaries. H. J. Bullock and Henry R. Barnett and F. S. Lee were made such committee.

The Committee on Ministerial Character was constituted as follows: H. W. McDowell, E. B. Houghton and President ex-officio.

Committee on Credentials made further partial report and the name was ordered placed on the Conference roll.

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The Committee on Statistics was constituted as follows: A. J. Taylor, Prof. H. R. Smith.

Committee on Pastoral Relations was constituted as follows: E. B. Houghton, E. L. Carnahan, H. J. Bullock, F. S. Lee, Charles Sicard, Geo. Washbon and President ex-officio.

Committee on Thanks was constituted as follows: Isabelle Willahan, L. B. Dietrich.

Miss Grace E. Cole was made a Committee to get the addresses of the members of the Conference.

The time for hearing the Connectional officers was referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

The order of the day for ten o'clock Thursday morning was made the election of Conference officers.

The Auditing Committee was constituted as follows: C. Leslie Smith, Bert Smith.

The character of J. F. Wright was passed.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

April 2, 1913. First Day, Afternoon Session.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. Walter Readett.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

President J. S. Luckey, Chas. Sicard, C. W. Smith, E. L. Carnahan, H. J. Bullock, were elected a Committee on Budget.

Rev. M. D. Warburton, of the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced.

Rev. A. E. Moses, of the Champlain Conference, was introduced.

The character of G. H. Clark was passed.

The President made his annual report.

The Conference proceeded to adopt the President's report item by item. Item one was passed, item two was referred to the Missionary Board, item three adopted, item four adopted, item five adopted. Official acts, items one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine approved. The President's financial report was referred to the Auditing Committee and to the Board of Trustees. On motion the President's report was adopted as a whole. See report No. 1.

On motion the ladies were excused to attend the W. H. and F. M. meeting.

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The matter of a testimony meeting on the budget plan was referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

The Conference adjourned by motion.

April 3, 1913. Second Day, Forenoon Session.

President called the Conference to order.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. G. E. Bathurst.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made further partial report and the names were ordered placed on the conference roll.

The Committee on the Budget made partial report. The report adopted. See report 2.

Committee on Credentials made further partial report and the names were ordered placed on the conference roll.

The Committee on Religious Services reported as follows: Thursday at 2 P. M., religious service; Friday at ten-thirty A. M., Educational service; Friday at one-thirty P. M., testimony meeting on the budget and tithing service; Saturday at two P. M., religious service.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees made his report. Report referred to Auditing Committee. See report No. 3.

The following characters were passed: H. W. McDowell, H. R. LaVere, F. S. Lee.

Prof. Wm. Frazier and Rev. F. L. Presley, of the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference, were introduced.

The orders of the day were taken up, which was the election of Conference officers.

The Conference proceeded to the election of President. W. A. Hazlett and E. L. Carnahan acted as tellers.

The whole number of ballots cast for President was thirty-nine, C. W. Smith receiving twenty-one, Charles Sicard fifteen, H. W. McDowell two, H. C. Bedford one. C. W. Smith received a majority and was declared elected.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Vice-President. Whole number of ballots cast thirty-seven, Chas. Sicard receiving thirty-three, H. C. Bedford two, H. J. Bullock one, F. S. Lee one. Chas. Sicard received a majority and was declared elected.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Secretary. Whole number of votes cast thirty-four, H. C. Bedford receiving thirty-

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two, F. S. Lee one, C. L. Smith one. H. C. Bedford received a majority and was declared elected.

The Conference through its Secretary cast the ballot for W. S. Crandall for Assistant Secretary. W. S. Crandall was declared elected.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for the Treasurer. Whole number of ballots cast thirty-five, H. R. LaVere receiving thirty-four, E. B. Houghton one. H. R. LaVere received a majority and was declared elected.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Sunday School Secretary. Whole number of votes cast, thirty-three. R. E. Rindfusz thirty-two, J. S. Luckey one. R. E. Rindfusz received a majority and was declared elected.

The Conference through a teller cast its ballot for Henry R. Barnett for Tithing Secretary.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for a Conference Trustee for three years to succeed Frank S. Lee, whose term of office expires. Whole number of votes cast thirty-seven, Chas. Sicard receiving thirty-four, D. S. Bedford one, H. C. Bedford two. Chas. Sicard received a majority and was declared elected for three years.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Trustee for three years to succeed Herbert R. LaVere, whose term expires. Whole number of votes cast thirty-four, Herbert R. LaVere receiving twenty-seven, Dean S. Bedford six, Walter Readett one. Herbert R. LaVere received a majority and was declared elected a Trustee for three years.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Trustee for three years to succeed Henry R. Barnett, whose term expires. Whole number of votes cast thirty-six, Henry R. Barnett receiving thirty-two, Chas. Sicard one, W. S. Crandall one, Ernest Houghton two. Henry R. Barnett received a majority and was declared elected for three years.

The President's Advisory Board was constituted as follows: E. B. Houghton, H. W. McDowell.

The Judiciary Committee was constituted as follows: H. J. Bullock, H. W. McDowell, Dean S. Bedford, Charles Sicard.

The Missionary Board was constituted as follows: F. E. Gentle, Flora Crandall, H. J. Bullock, Dean S. Bedford.

The Committee on Presidency was constituted as follows: Walter Readett, H. C. Bedford, H. R. LaVere, W. S. Crandall, G. W. Hall.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was constituted as

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follows: Chas. Sicard was elected for three years, C. W. Smith second year, H. R. LaVere third year.

The Committee on Religious Services was constituted as follows: H. W. McDowell, D. S. Bedford and pastor on the charge where conference is held.

The Sunday-School Board was constituted as follows: R. E. Rindfusz, Chas. Sicard, J. S. Luckey.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

April 3, 1913. Second Day. Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotions were conducted by F. H. Wright.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved

Rev. J. F. Wright was granted a transfer to the Champlain Conference.

The following characters were passed: F. H. Wright, Walter Readett, Chas. Sicard, H. C. Bedford, D. S. Bedford, H. J. Bullock, Gertrude F. Preston, C. Leslie Smith, N. E. Heald, J. E. Tiffany, E. Fuller.

The order of the day was taken up. Rev. J. J. Coleman preached an excellent sermon.

The report of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the financial report of the President also the Treasurer's report of the Board of Trustees, was adopted.

Rev. Johnson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fillmore, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. R. Jeffrey, Protestant Chaplain at Sonyea, N. Y., was introduced to the Conference.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees regarding the Bethesda Home was adopted. See report No. 3.

On motion a committee of five was elected to consider the matter of inviting the next General Conference to Houghton, N. Y. J. S. Luckey, Chas. Sicard, H. W. McDowell, H. R. Smith, H. J. Bullock were made such committee.

The President was instructed to send a communication to the Rev. E. Fuller conveying the sympathies and fellowship of the Conference.

Conference adjourned by motion.

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April 4, 1913. Third Day. Morning Session.

The President called the Conference to order.

The Rev. Wm. Donaldson conducted devotional exercises.

The roll was called.

The minutes read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made partial report and the names ordered placed on the roll.

The following characters were passed: G. E. Bathurst, Wm. Donaldson, A. J. Taylor, E. E. Cookson, C. W. Smith, R. McConnell, C. B. Whitaker, N. F. Robb.

Rev. S. Bedford, President of the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced.

The Conference Sunday-School Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Lee, made report. Report adopted. See report No. 4.

By common consent Mrs. F. S. Lee was permitted to speak on the value of Decision Day in the Sunday-School.

Committee on Credentials made further partial report and the names were ordered placed on the roll.

On motion the President was instructed to write a letter to Rev. N. F. Robb expressing the greetings of the conference.

By motion the orders of the day were taken up. Professor McDowell was in charge of the Educational services. President J. S. Luckey, H. C. Bedford, H. W. McDowell spoke.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

April 4, 1913. Third Day. Afternoon Session.

The Conference was opened with prayer by the Secretary.

The roll was called.

The minutes read, corrected and approved.

The orders of the day were taken up.

On motion the time was extended sufficiently to give the Tithing Secretary an opportunity to give his report. Report adopted. See report No. 5.

The orders of the day were taken up which was a meeting under the auspices of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

Conference adjourned by motion.

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April 5, 1913. Fourth Day. Morning Session.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The Rev. D. S. Bedford conducted the devotional service.

The roll was called.

The minutes read and approved.

The following characters were passed: Alonzo VanSickle, Isabelle Willahan, W. A. Hazlett.

On motion Rev. F. S. Lee was granted a transfer to the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference to take effect at the end of this session of Conference.

Rev. F. S. Lee was excused.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of inviting the next quadrennial session of the General Conference made report. Report adopted. See report No. 6.

Committee on credentials made further partial report and the names were ordered placed on the Conference roll.

On motion the Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

Treasurer of the Campmeeting made report. Report referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Campmeeting Committee made a report. Report adopted. See report No. 7.

On motion a committee was formed to prepare a new statistical blank and to mail a copy and a letter of instructions to each pastor. Committee constituted as follows: J. S. Luckey, Chas. Sicard.

Conference adjourned by limitation of time.

April 5, 1913. Fourth Day. Afternoon Session.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the President.

The roll was called.

The minutes read and approved.

The Auditing Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report of the Campmeeting Association made report. Report adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Camp-meeting Association was adopted. See report No. 8.

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Rev. M. D. Warburton made report for Delevan and Machias Charge.

On motion the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was given space in the Conference minutes. The Society is to bear the expense of publication.

Miss Grace E. Cole gave report of the Bethesda Home and her personal account as matron. Report and personal account was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Conference Treasurer made his report. The report having been previously audited was adopted. See report No. 9.

On motion the personal account of Miss Grace E. Cole, matron of Bethesda Home, was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The Auditing Committee to whom was referred the report of Miss Grace E. Cole on Bethesda Home and personal account made report. Report adopted.

The report of Miss Grace E. Cole on Bethesda Home and personal account was adopted. See report No. 10.

Mable E. Morris made a report of the White Dove Mission.

Report of the White Dove Mission was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Elders Orders made their report. Report adopted. See report No. 11.

The report of the White Dove Mission, having been approved by the Auditing Committee, was adopted. See report No. 12.

The report of the White Dove Mission was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The matter of fixing the place for holding the next session of the Annual Conference was left with the President and his Advisory Board.

The Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

On motion an Examining Committee was formed whose duty it is to examine the statistical reports of all the pastors and O. K. them before the passage of their characters. Chas. Sicard, J. S. Luckey, H. C. Bedford were made such Committee.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that it is the sense of the Lockport Conference that all of the Sabbath-schools within its bounds be and are hereby requested to take an offering on April 13th or 20th for the purpose of assisting toward the expenses of the proposed trip of Prof. J. S. Luckey to the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich. All amounts collected are to be sent at once to Prof. Rindfusz, Houghton, N. Y.

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Committee on Pastoral Relations made report. Report adopted. See report No. 13.

Committee on Post-Offices made report. Report adopted. See report No. 14.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Board made her report. The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to have three hundred copies of the minutes printed for distribution pro rata in the Conference. Twenty copies are to be reserved for Conference use.

The report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board having been approved by the Auditing Committee was adopted. See report No. 15.

The Committee on Statistics made report. The report of the Committee was referred back with instructions to add footnotes giving membership of charges not reporting.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was adopted. See report at the back of these minutes.

On motion a committee was formed to draw up resolutions expressing the sympathies and our appreciation of this Conference for the Editor, Rev. A. T. Jennings, who has recently resigned.

A motion was made that the conference pay its Secretary and Treasurer ten dollars each for services. An amendment was made that this matter be referred to the Board of Trustees. The amendment was carried. The motion as amended was carried.

On motion Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

The Conference was called to order at seven-fifteen P. M. by the President.

Committee on Thanks made report. Report adopted and ordered read in the public service Sunday morning. See report No. 16.

The Committee on Editor made report. The report was adopted. One copy ordered sent to the Rev. A. T. Jennings and one copy published in the Wesleyan Methodist. See report No. 17.

Committee on Budget made report. Report adopted. See report No. 18.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees made report. Report adopted. See report No. 19.

Minutes read and approved.

The Conference adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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REPORTS.

Report No. 1.—The President's Report.

Dear Brethren and members of the Lockport Conference:—Through the kind providence of God we are permitted to assemble in the fifty-second annual session of Conference. Harmony and peace reign supreme among us. To the God of all grace be-
longeth the praise. While death has not invaded the ranks of the ministry yet a great loss has been sustained by the Church in the death of Sister Minnie McConnell, wife of the Rev. R. McConnell.

Sustaining as we do a pastoral relation we have felt it our duty to confine ourselves more to pastoral work than during the previous year hence we have not been in as close personal contact with the charges and cannot report as fully from observations, but through the correspondence good work has been done by the pastors, several of whom have had excellent additions to their churches. All reports indicate that a deeper type of spiritual preaching has been presented and its effects are being manifest in the churches. More than ordinary efforts have been put forth during the year by the pastors for the salvation of men which in most instances have been attended with visible results. In our annual report of last year your attention was called to the pressing need of efficient evangelism. We are yet confronted with this serious problem, not that we do not have men of the right type and ability, but the need of pastors is so great that our ministers are held by pastoral relations which forbid outside evangelistic work only in a limited sense.

In these days of worldliness, apostasy and lack of church attendance one of the greatest dangers lies in the lack of fullest co-operation on the part of our people in the maintenance of church attendance. Lack of interest at this point means a depreciation along all other lines of Church activity. In consideration of the needs herein stated it is fitting that we renew the Apostolic covenant that "We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word," praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his vineyard.

The work of the year and the general condition of the Conference is as follows:

1. In reference to the tent meetings, only one was held in which the results were very gratifying. The conference not having

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an evangelist in the field and the Missionary Board not being able to secure more than one (the Rev. D. H. Scott, singing evangelist) we had to dispense with further meetings.

2. The Missionary interests of the Conference are in an encouraging condition. Under the faithful labors of the Rev. C Leslie Smith and wife the city missionary work in Bradford is in the best condition we have known. Bethesda Home was reopened in June and under the faithful labors of the matron, Miss Grace Cole, is receiving the attention and co-operation of the people of the city. In our judgment conditions warrant the addition of an assistant matron in the Home which until now the Missionary Board has not been able to secure. With the addition of an assistant we believe the work can be made nearly if not quite self supporting outside of the salaries of the workers. Under the consecrated efforts of Miss Stella Crosby the Olean Mission has maintained its interests. The Missionary Board were fortunate in securing the services of the Misses Mable Morris and Gladis Gates, who came to us highly recommended and have done excellent work. At a proper time the missionary interests of the Conference will be presented by the workers.

3. The Camp-meeting interests have had unusual consideration by our people and the largest attendance in recent years. We advise special consideration be given this part of our work at the time the Camp-meeting Committee reports.

4. Referring to the duplex envelope system for Church finance which was adopted at the last session of the Conference, we beg leave to report, that as far as we have been informed the charges using the same have been highly gratified with the results. We strongly advise all of our charges to use it the coming year. If properly worked we believe the annual obligations of the charges for all purposes will be raised in full.

5. While we cannot, previous to the Treasurer's report, state the financial condition of the Conference, yet we have sought to care for the Conference as economically as possible and confidently report that instead of an annual deficit there will be an excellent balance on hand.

Official Acts:

1. Having complied with the disciplinary requirements relating to the course of study Geo. Bathurst, Wm. Donaldson, F. H. Wright, E. E. Cookson, A. J. Taylor, Isabelle Willahan were authorized to administer the sacrament and solemnize matrimony.

2. On request the Rev. Ralph Davy was granted a letter of

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standing. Recently the same was returned with a request that the certificate of standing be renewed for one year. We recommend that the request be granted.

3. The Rev. A. C. Dow, pastor of the Delevan and Machias charge, left the work, which necessitated the securing of a pastor. Recently in conjunction with the Advisory Board we appointed the Rev. M. D. Warburton pastor.

4. On request the Rev. A. C. Dow was transferred to the Champlain Conference.

5. On request the Rev. B. S. Laughlin was given a letter of standing.

6. On request the Rev. W. A. Backus was given a letter of standing.

7. On request the Rev. I. Hodgkins was given a letter of standing.

8. At the request of Miss Stella Crosby her resignation as Superintendent of the Olean Mission was accepted.

9. We have received by transfer from the Indiana Conference the Rev. C. B. Whitaker.

Report No. 2. Report of Committee on Budget.

Your Committee on Budget makes the following partial report:

We recommend that the items: Conference Budget raised in cash, Educational Budget raised in cash, Missionary Budget in cash, be placed in the Statistical reports of the ministers for 1912-13.

J. S. Luckey,
C. Sicard,
E. L. Carnahan,
H. J. Bullock,
C. W. Smith,
Committee.

Report No. 3. Treasurer's Report of the Board of Trustees Bethesda Rescue Home.

Received: Cash on hand April 1, 1912, \$1.51; J. R. Jeffery, note, \$25.00; J. R. Jeffery, interest, \$.45; C. P. Sage, interest, Sept.

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23, 1913, \$5.00; J. C. Snider, April 1, 1912, borrowed to pay balance on contract, \$500.00; G. W. Hall, note, \$25.00; W. W. Crosby, note, \$25.00; G. W. Hall, interest, \$.12; A H Smith, note, \$25.00; H. W. McDowell, note, \$50.00; H. W. McDowell, interest \$3.18; W. S. Crandall, note, \$25.00; Total \$685.26.

Paid: James George, attorney for services in incorporation, \$92.45; Kate Sheehan, interest, \$3.75; Kate Sheehan, balance on contract, \$500.00; Henry K. Barnett, interest on mortgage, \$39.00; William H. Snider, Admr. of estate of J. C. Snider, interest on notes (\$925.00) to April 1, 1913, \$37.00; Water tanks and repairs, \$10.00; Cash on hand April 1, 1913, \$3.06; Total \$685.26.

Assets: Property, \$4000.00; Pledges secured by notes--A. H. Smith, \$25.00; G. W. Hall, \$25.00; H. C. Shares, \$100.00; C. P. Sage, \$100.00; H. W. McDowell, \$25.00; W. W. Crosby, \$25.00; Pledges--Edgar Holden, \$100.00; H. B. Dietrich, \$75.00; J. N. Bedford, \$25.00, Furniture and fixtures, \$500.00; Cash on hand, \$3.06; Total assets, \$5103.06.

Liabilities: Henry R. Barnett, mortgage, \$1300.00; William H. Snider, Admr. of estate of J. C. Snider (notes), \$925.00; Superannuated ministers' fund and Myra Linn bequest, \$421.95; Interest on mortgage from Oct. 4, 1912, \$39.00; Total liabilities, \$2685.95; Net assets, \$2417.11; Total \$5103.06.

Net assets 1912, \$2561.50; Net assets 1913, \$2417.11; Losses on net assets, \$144.39. Accounted for as follows: Paid interest and cost of incorporation, repairs, etc., in excess of receipts from pledges.

Henry R. Barnett, Treasurer.

Report No. 4. Conference Sunday School Secretary.

The work of the Sunday School Secretary is wholly initiative. We hoped to bring to you a complete statistical report, gleaned from it interesting facts as to the largest school in enrollment and average attendance, also school doing the best work as presented by reports. You can find out all this by the conference statistical report, so I must refer you to it, no blanks having been sent out by the denominational secretary and only a few pastors responding to my letter for reports.

Let us emphasize Sunday School work. If the young people of our Church, congregation, and community are not in-

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terested or are more so in another Sunday School than in our own, the future of our Church is in jeopardy and the result easily foretold.

We have too long neglected the methods of up-to-date Sunday School workers and are glad that our denomination is urging upon us the organization of our schools to conform to the plan presented.

A few of the churches of our conference are paying especial attention to their Schools. At Hess Road the School has been graded into the different departments with added interest and increased attendance. Houghton has greatly increased the attendance, and also efficiency, special attention being given to getting the scholars to be on time.

Cattaraugus has also increased in membership and is striving for the "Front Line" standard as outlined by the State S. S. Association and hopes to receive in June at the State Convention a certificate.

May God bless every effort put forth to increase the efficiency of our Sabbath Schools and the coming year be a most successful one, as the result of co-operation between the pastors and superintendents of the Lockport Conference.

Permit me to offer the following suggestions:

1. That a sufficient appropriation be made to provide blanks for statistical reports and necessary expense of the secretary.

2. That a uniform Teacher's Training course be adopted for the conference. I would recommend the following course:

Outline Studies in the Old Testament, Outline Studies in the New Testament, by Jesse L. Hurlbut, D.D.; Primer on Teaching, Sabbath School Methods, One to Twenty-one.

3. That a time be set apart during the annual campmeeting for the presentation and discussion of Sunday School interests; the program to be arranged by the conference Sunday School Board.

4. That we earnestly urge all pastors and Superintendents to bring the Sunday School to the standard as outlined in the discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Edith F. Lee.

Report No. 5. Tithing Secretary.

(Name of Charge, Local Tithing Secretary, Number Tithing.)

Allegany, Lottie Baker, 9; Bradford, 8; Cameron, 1; Cattaraugus,

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Jennie Moore, 21; Chestnut Ridge, W. F. Barnett, 17; Delevan and Machias 10; Eagle Harbor and Yates, 8; East Lynn, Beulah Pickup, 26; Fillmore, W. S. Crandall, 18; Forestville, 11; Hamburg, Jessie Benning, 11; Hess Road, Marion Hanford, 17; Higgins, Earl Miller, 7; Houghton, Flora Peck, 37; Huntley and Castle Garden, Blanch Daugherty, 11; Levant, Kate Pocock, 18; Napoli, 2; Olean, Nettie Smith, 26; Ransomville, Celie Curtis, 20; Smethport, 5; Short Tract, 2; Total, 285.

Henry R. Barnett, Secretary.

Report No. 6. Committee on inviting the next General Conference.

Report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of preparing a memorial to the Eastern Conferences relating to the extending of an invitation to the next General Conference to hold its quadrennial session at Houghton, N. Y.:

Whereas the sessions of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church have been held for the last thirty years within the bounds of the Western Conferences; and whereas the facilities at Houghton, N. Y., for an assembly room, for committee rooms, for dining rooms and for dormitories are exceedingly good; and whereas Houghton is nearly, if not quite, as conveniently situated for the Southern delegates as any place in the West; therefore the Lockport Conference and the W. H. and F. M. Society of the Lockport Conference invite the Allegany Conference, the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference, the Champlain Conference, the Canada Conference and the W. H. and F. M. Societies of these Conferences to unite with the Lockport Conference and the W. H. and F. M. Society of the Lockport Conference in inviting the General Conference to hold its next quadrennial session at Houghton, N. Y.

This invitation to the Conferences and Missionary Societies is made with the understanding that each Conference and Missionary Society accepting the same agrees to the following conditions:

1. Each Conference and Missionary Society agrees to pay toward the entertainment of the General Conference the difference in expense between sending its delegates to Houghton, N. Y., and to Fairmount, Ind.
2. The Lockport Conference agrees to the first condition and also to provide for any deficit that may arise in entertaining the General Conference after the Conferences have met their apportionment.

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3. If each Conference and Missionary Society accepts this invitation of the President of the Lockport Conference, the pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church and the President of Houghton Seminary are authorized to present the invitation of the Eastern Conferences to the next annual meeting of the Book Committee for the General Conference to hold its next quadrennial session at Houghton, N. Y.

J. S. Luckey,
H. W. McDowell,
H. J. Bullock,
Charles Sicard,
H. R. Smith, Jr.,
Committee.

Report No. 7.

To the Lockport and Rochester Conferences:

Your Campmeeting Committee beg leave to submit for your consideration the following recommendations and petition:

First, at its first meeting on Oct. 1, 1912, your committee canvassed thoroughly the question of organization, ways and means in relation to the success of our annual camp-meetings. The situation in the judgment of the committee revealed the need of immediate and definite action which is embodied in the following recommendations: 1st. That the Lockport and Rochester Conferences discontinue their present method of electing a campmeeting committee and that in its place a Campmeeting Association with suitable constitution and by-laws shall be organized and incorporated. This organization to take place at the time of the annual campmeeting of 1913. 2nd. That the above named conferences petition the Connectional Wesleyan Educational Society to deed to the Campmeeting Association provided for in the above recommendations the camp-ground property at Houghton, N. Y., now held by it in trust, when such association shall have been properly organized and incorporated. All expenses involved in this transfer to be borne by the Campmeeting Association.

Petition.

We, the Lockport and Rochester Conferences, hereby petition the Connectional Wesleyan Educational Society to deed to the Campmeeting Association provided for in the above recommenda-

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tions the Campground property at Houghton, N. Y., now held by it in trust when such Association shall have been properly organized and incorporated.

H. C. Bedford,
M. D. Warburton,
H. J. Bullock,
Chas. Sicard,
Committee.

Report No. 8. Treasurer's Report of the Rochester and Lockport Conference Camp-meeting Association.

Receipts: Cash on hand April 1, 1912, \$135; Received by collections, Aug. 13 to 22, \$188.61; Received for oil, \$1.70; Received for tent rent, \$49.00; Received for song books, old, \$.75; Received for song books, new, \$8.05; For taking down tents, \$2.75; Howden reunion, \$1.00; Received from D. A. Houghton, \$4.00; Sale of leases, \$90.00; From pledges, \$87.50; Total, \$434.71.

Disbursements: Driving posts, \$1.20; W. Francis, repairing roof, \$2.00; Express on song books, \$.75; Washing seats, \$.90; Crowell and Borst, \$12.45; D. C. Lynde, \$1.95; Wire fencing, \$3.40; D. H. Scott, for singing, \$28.50; Rev. R. H. Warren, \$50.00; Rev. J. A. Bain, \$50.00; Room rent for Evangelists, \$3.00; Mrs. Miles, \$8.50; H. C. Bedford, boarding Evangelists, \$7.00; C. W. Smith, for use of lamps, \$5.00; Robert Presley for work, \$5.00; H. C. Bedford, expenses in interest of camp-meeting, \$10.00; Tent rent, \$35.06; Freight on tents, \$9.44; a Treasurer's book, \$.25; H. C. Bedford and man for work, \$3.00; H. C. Bedford, for boarding house deficit, \$10.00; Crowell and Borst, on last year's account, \$7.64; Dynamite, \$6.50; Note at State Bank of Fillmore, \$90.50; Work on grounds, \$2.60; Note at State Bank of Fillmore, \$48.36; Cash to balance, April 1, 1913, \$31.71; Total \$434.71.

Charles Sicard, Treasurer.

Report No. 9. The Conference Treasurer.

Conference Funds.—Budget.

Receipts:—Cash on hand at last report, \$171.63; Offering the last night of conference, \$118.54; From City Mission fund, \$91.85;

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From Conference Sinking fund, \$3.04; From Expense fund for General Conference delegate, \$1.39; From Treasurer of Woman's Conference Missionary Society, \$152.75; From sale of Conference minutes, \$48.22; Cash received from the charges, \$675.66; Received by receipts, \$102.94.

Disbursements: L. E. and C. E. Fenton, deficit on salary, \$317.94; Rev. E. E. Cookson, work at the Olean Mission, \$80.00; Mrs. F. E. Gentle, expense in missionary work, \$14.68; Mrs. Minnie McConnell, expense in missionary work, \$5.30; Rev. C. W. Smith, traveling expenses, etc., \$41.32; Rev. F. S. Lee, for conference blanks, \$1.35; Conference Treasurer, checks, drafts, postage, etc., \$3.80; Rev. W. J. Seekins, printing Conference minutes \$54.48; Grace E. Cole, deficit on salary, \$53.00; Grace E. Cole, for Rescue Home work, \$120.00; Stella A. Crosby, Olean Mission, \$140.65; Mable E. Morris, Olean Mission, \$50.00; By receipts, as above, \$102.94; Cash to balance, \$380.56; Total, \$1366.02.

Assets of Conference Fund: Loan on Myra Lynn bequest, \$140.70; Cash in treasury, \$380.56; Total assets, \$521.26.

Superannuated Ministers' Fund: Cash on hand last report, 130.92; From payment of loans, \$110.00; Received from the Charges, \$61.96; Total, \$302.88.

Disbursements: Rev. Edgar Fuller, \$50.00; Rev. N. F. Robb, \$10.00; Cash to balance, \$242.88; Total \$302.88.

Assets of Superannuated Minister's Fund: Loan, \$281.25; Cash in treasury, \$242.38; Total assets, \$524.13.

Connectional Budget: Cash from the Charges, \$680.60; From Rev. G. W. Cooper, \$10.00; From the Treasurer of the Woman's Conference Missionary Society, \$236.10; Received by receipts, \$517.54; Total, \$1444.24.

Disbursements: Rev. H. W. McDowell, Miss. Budget, \$331.38; Rev. H. W. McDowell, Ed. Budget, \$368.31; Rev. W. J. Seekins, Miss. Budget, 94.86; Rev. W. J. Seekins, undivided Budget, \$121.15; Mrs. E. G. Harston, Y. M. W. B., \$11.00; By receipts as above, \$517.54; Total, \$1444.24.

Church Extension Fund: Cash received from the charges, \$100.

H. R. LaVere, Conference Treasurer.

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Report No. 10. Grace E. Cole's Report of the Bethesda Home.

Receipts: Lockport Conference by Treasurer and otherwise, \$182.55; Cash donations from Bradford, \$36.99; Other cash donations, \$12.38; Board and maintenance, \$36.31; Personal loan, \$22.00; Total, \$290.23.

Disbursements: Provisions, \$119.72; Taxes, \$5.03; Telephone, \$23.05; Fuel and lights, \$50.40; Salary, \$20.00; Incidentals, \$54.71; Total, \$272.91.

Cash on hand, \$17.32.

Bradford donations, groceries, etc., \$77.58; Vegetables, canned fruit, valued at \$79.97; Clothing received, four barrels; Miscellaneous donations valued at \$19.90. Garments given out, 570; shoes, 37 pairs.
Grace E. Cole, Matron.

Personal account of Grace E. Cole, Matron of Bethesda Home.

Dr. To Grace E. Cole: June 10, 1912, salary to June 30, inclusive, \$7.00; July 1, 1912, salary to March 31, inclusive, \$90.00; Oct. 15, loan, \$3.00; Nov. 15, loan, \$3.50; Dec. 9, loan \$15.00; Jan. 10, 1913, loan, \$5.00; Total, \$123.50.

Cr.: July 31, 1912, by cash, \$10.00; Sept. 28, 1912, by cash, \$10.00; Nov. 15, by cash, \$3.50; Dec. 9, by cash, \$1.00; Balance due, \$99.00; Total, \$123.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Cole.

Report No. 11. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders begs leave to submit the following report:

1. In the case of David H. Scott, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and pursue the first year of the course of study.

2. In the case of E. E. Cookson, who has passed a good examination, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and pursue the first year of the course of study.

3. In the case of Wm. Donaldson, who has passed a good examination in Christian Perfection and the Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, we recommend that he be continued to travel

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under the direction of the Conference and complete the first year of the course of study and to pursue the second year of the course of study.

4. In the case of A. J. Taylor, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and complete the first year of the course of study and to pursue the second year of the course of study.

5. In the case of G. E. Bathurst, who has completed the first year of the course of study, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and to pursue the second year of the course of study.

6. In the case of Alonzo VanSickle, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and pursue the first year of the course of study.

7. In the case of Isabelle Willahan, we recommend that she be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference and complete the last year of the course of study.

C. W. Smith,
H. R. LaVere,
Chas. Sicard,
J. S. Luckey,
W. S. Crandall,
Committee.

Report No. 12. White Dove Mission, Olean.

Receipts: Collections, \$127.15; Gifts and pledges, \$276.61; Conference Treasurer, \$163.65; Miscellaneous, \$195.83; Total, \$763.23.

Disbursements: Groceries, \$44.65; Rents, \$396.00; Salaries, \$190.34; Miscellaneous, \$132.24; Total, \$763.23.

Obligations unpaid April 1, 1913: H. R. Barnett, \$50.00; Salaries, \$7.09; Total, \$57.09.

Estimated values of vegetables, canned fruits, etc., \$47.07.

Mable F. Morris,
Gladis E. Gates.

Report No. 13. Committee on Pastoral Relations.

1. How many Elders are on the Conference roll? 20.

2. Who of the Elders are on the stationed list? G. H. Clark.
H. W. McDowell, H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, Chas. Sicard, H. C.

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Bedford, Gertrude F. Preston, H. J. Bullock, C. L. Smith, Walter Readett, C. B. Whitaker.

3. Who of the Elders are on the Supernumerary List? G. W. Cooper, N. E. Heald, W. A. Hazlett, R. McConnell, J. E. Tiffany, D. S. Bedford.

4. Who of the Elders are on the superannuated list? E. Fuller, N. F. Robb.

5. Who of the Elders have been deposed this year? None.

6. Who of the Elders have withdrawn this year? By transfer: J. F. Wright and A. C. Dow to the Champlain Conference, F. S. Lee to the Central New York and Pennsylvania Conference. By letter of standing: Ralph Davy, W. A. Backus, B. S. Laughlin, I. Hodgkins.

7. Who have joined the Conference this year? By ordination? None. By transfer? C. B. Whitaker, from the Indiana Conference. By letter of standing from some other religious body? None.

8. Who of the Elders have died this year? None.

9. Who of the Licentiates are on the stationed list? A. J. Taylor, Wm. Donaldson, G. E. Bathurst, E. E. Cookson, Isabelle Willahan.

10. How is the work supplied? Allegany, D. S. Bedford; Bradford, C. L. Smith; Cameron, in the hands of the President; Cattaraugus, in the hands of the President and Committee on Pulpit Supply; Chestnut Ridge, A. J. Taylor; Delevan and Machais, supplied by M. D. and Carrie Warburton; Eagle Harbor and Yates, Walter Readett; East Leon, Geo. Bathurst; Fillmore, E. E. Cookson; Forestville, H. J. Bullock; Hamburg, Wm. Donaldson; Hess Road, in the hands of the President and Committee on Pulpit Supply; Higgins, Clarence White; Holland, in the hands of the President; Houghton, C. B. Whitaker; Huntley and Castle Garden, Isabelle Willahan; Levant, Chas. Sicard; Napoli, in the hands of the President and Committee on Pulpit Supply; Olean, in the hands of the President and Committee on Pulpit Supply; Ransomville, H. R. LaVere; Short Tract, in the hands of the President; Smethport, in the hands of the President; Wyoming, supplied by pastor from Higgins; Olean Mission, Mable Morris and Gladis Gates; Superintendent of our work in Africa, G. H. Clarke; teachers in Houghton Seminary, H. W. McDowell and H. C. Bedford; Missionary in Africa, Gertrude F. Preston.

C. W. Smith, E. B. Houghton, F. S. Lee, Chas. Sicard, H. J. Bullock, Geo. Washbon, E. L. Carnahan, Committee.

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Report No. 14. Committee on Post-office.

Elders on the Stationed List.

Geo. H. Clark, Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y.
H. R. LaVere, Ransomville, N. Y.
C. W. Smith, Appleton, N. Y.
J. F. Wright, West Chazy, N. Y.
F. S. Lee, Rome, N. Y.
Chas. Sicard, Falconer, N. Y.
Ralph Davy, Delaware, Ohio.
H. C. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y.
Gertrude F. Preston, Kunso, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
H. J. Bullock, Forestville, N. Y.
C. Leslie Smith, 12 Bushnall St., Bradford, Pa.
Walter Readett, Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
C. B. Whitaker, Houghton, N. Y.

Supernumerary List.

G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y.
N. E. Heald, Forestville, N. Y.
W. A. Hazlett, Houghton, N. Y.
R. McConnell, Houghton, N. Y.
J. E. Tiffany, Clifton Springs, N. Y.
D. S. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y.

Superannuated List.

E. Fuller, Westons, N. Y.
N. F. Robb, Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Licentiates on the Stationed List.

Wm. Donaldson, West Falls, N. Y.
Frank H. Wright, Hume, N. Y.
A. J. Taylor, Lockport, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 7.
E. E. Cookson, Fillmore, N. Y.
Isabelle Willahan, Driftwood, Pa.
Geo. E. Bathurst, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D.

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Delegates.

E. B. Houghton, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Wm. Crosby, Houghton, N. Y.
G. A. Washbon, Houghton, N. Y.
H. R. Barnett, Houghton, N. Y.
H. R. Smith, Houghton, N. Y.
J. S. Luckey, Houghton, N. Y.
Lillie Tiffany, Machias, N. Y.
Clayton Ball, Falconer, N. Y.
Chas. Mosher, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D.
L. B. Dietrich, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D.
Nancy Heald, Forestville, N. Y.
Sarah M. Donaldson, West Falls, N. Y.
Bert Smith, Driftwood, Pa.
E. L. Carnahan, Appleton, N. Y.
Geo. Allbone, Lyndonville, N. Y.
Chas. Barr, Emporium, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.
Grace E. Cole, 29 Boylston St., Bradford, Pa.
May L. LaVere, Ransomville, N. Y.
A. C. Harris, 1303 Goodrich Ave., Olean, N. Y.
Wm. Wright, Forestville, N. Y.
James Frazier, Centerville, N. Y.
Barbara VanSickle, Smethport, Pa.
W. S. Crandall, Fillmore, N. Y.
Geo. Moore, 319 North 12th St., Olean, N. Y.
Mrs. Flora Peck, Houghton, N. Y.
J. R. Crawford, Houghton, N. Y.
Milton Cronk, Fillmore, N. Y.
C. Boardman, Napoli, N. Y.
Geo. Francis, Centerville, N. Y.
Frank Scott, Fillmore, N. Y., R. F. D.

Report No 15. Treasurer of the Missionary Board.

Cash on hand for Bethesda Home furnishings, \$253.49.

Disbursements: Aug. 5, 1912, loaned the W. H. and F. M. Society, \$100.00; Mar. 13, 1913, A. G. Gentle and Co., \$62.00; Mar. 13, 1913, Wm. Henger Co., \$21.54; Cash in treasury, \$69.95; Total \$253.49.

Mrs. F. E. Gentle, Treasurer.

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Report No. 16. Committee on Thanks.

Resolved: That we, the members of the Lockport Annual Conference and the visiting friends, extend our many thanks to the pastor and wife, members of the church of Houghton, N. Y., and to all our kind friends who have participated in making us so welcome and providing so amply for our every need.

May great grace be upon you during the coming year.

Isabelle Willahan,

L. V. Dietrich,

Committee.

Report No. 17. Committee on Resolution to the Editor.

For more than a score of years the Rev. A. T. Jennings has ably edited our denominational literature. During these years his Conference visitations and his work in campmeetings have been of unmeasured value to the Church. His exceptional ability as an editor and writer, his rare power as a preacher of the Gospel, and his strong and winning personality have won the highest esteem from our people and have made for him a host of friends in other denominations. We therefore deeply deplore the fact that his physical condition has necessitated his resignation from the position which he has so long and so ably filled. We hereby extend to him and his family our sincere sympathy and assure him that our prayer will be for his speedy recovery to health and for many added years of service to the Church.

H. W. McDowell,

J. S. Luckey,

Committee.

Report No. 18. Committee on Budget.

1. The Connectional budget for education is \$825, and all money paid for current expenses of Houghton Seminary, all money paid on Educational pledges, and all interest (but not principal) paid on Educational notes may count towards this budget.

2. The Connectional budget for Home and Foreign Missions is \$825, and all money paid for the current expenses of Home and Foreign Missions, all money appropriated to this purpose by the W. H. & F. M. Society, and all money paid by the Y. M. W. B. may be counted toward this budget.

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3. We recommend that the amount of the Conference budget be \$1000, that nothing but cash may count toward this budget, and that this amount shall cover all Conference expenses except the fund for superannuated ministers.

4. We recommend that the charges shall raise all three budgets as a whole, that this total budget shall be raised and paid over quarterly, that for all money not paid to the Conference treasurer, a duplicate receipt shall be given, which receipt shall be given to the Conference treasurer, that it shall be optional with each charge to divide this total budget or to pay it over undivided, and that undivided parts must be paid to the Conference treasurer.

5. If a charge divides its total budget, we recommend that this rule be followed: all money designated by the donor shall be placed in the fund designated, but all money not designated by the donor shall be so distributed that, as far as possible, each fund, including the sums designated for that fund, shall have the same per cent of its apportionment. This rule shall apply till each fund is complete; after that the charge may divide as it shall see fit.

6. We recommend that the Conference treasurer shall place all money designated and all the receipts in the fund designated, and that at the end of each quarter all undivided money shall be so distributed that each fund, including the sums designated for that fund, shall have the same per cent of its apportionment.

7. We recommend that the Conference treasurer shall pay to the proper persons at the end of each quarter all Connectional funds in his possession.

8. We recommend that no charge shall receive credit on its budget except for cash or receipts sent to the Conference treasurer.

9. We recommend that each pastor shall include in his statistical report these items: Total Budget Assigned and Total Budget Raised, that the second item shall not be filled in till the pastor has settled with the Conference treasurer, and that the amount placed in this second item shall be the amount reported to the pastor by the Conference treasurer.

10. We recommend that Bradford be excused from all apportionment, that Cameron, Delevan and Machias, Higgins, Short Tract, Wyoming and Holland be rated at half membership, and that the total budget be then apportioned pro rata. On this basis the apportionment is as follows:

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Charge	Miss. Budget	Edu. Budget	Conf. Budget	Total Budget
Allegany	\$41 00	\$41 00	\$40 00	\$131 00
Cameron	11 00	11 00	14 00	36 00
Cattaraugus	90 00	90 00	109 00	289 00
Chestnut Ridge	37 00	37 00	45 00	119 00
Delevan and Machias	14 00	14 00	16 00	44 00
Eagle Harbor and Yates	49 00	49 00	59 00	157 00
East Leon	54 00	54 00	65 00	173 00
Fillmore	61 00	61 00	74 00	196 00
Forestville	37 00	37 00	45 00	119 00
Hamburg	30 00	30 00	36 00	96 00
Hess Road	39 00	39 00	48 00	126 00
Higgins	21 00	21 00	26 00	68 00
Holland	8 00	8 00	9 00	25 00
Houghton	112 00	112 00	136 00	360 00
Huntley and Castle Garden	37 00	37 00	45 00	119 00
Levant	50 00	50 00	61 00	161 00
Napoli	18 00	18 00	21 00	57 00
Olean	58 00	58 00	70 00	186 00
Ransomville	31 00	31 00	37 00	99 00
Short Tract	16 00	16 00	20 00	52 00
Smethport	11 00	11 00	14 00	36 00
Wyoming	10 00	10 00	12 00	32 00
	<u>\$835 00</u>	<u>\$835 00</u>	<u>\$1011 00</u>	<u>\$2681 00</u>

Report No. 19. Board of Trustees.

1. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. F. S. Lee, Conference Secretary, for \$3.00 for Conference blanks, etc.

2. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$21.51 in favor of Rev. C. W. Smith for traveling expenses.

3. We recommend that an advance appropriation be made from the Conference Treasury in favor of Rev. C. W. Smith for traveling expenses, etc., to the amount of \$20.00.

4. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer from the Superannuated Minister's fund for \$50.00 in favor of Rev. E. Fuller.

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5. We recommend that an appropriation of \$25.00 for Rev. N. F. Robb be made from the Suprannuated Ministers' Fund.

6. We recommend that the Missionary Board be authorized to draw money from the Conference Treasurer in the interim of the Annual Conference as the need of the work may require.

7. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$99.00 in favor of Grace E. Cole.

8. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$57.09 in favor of Mable E. Morris to pay deficit at the White Dove Mission, Olean.

9. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$10.72 in favor of Mrs. F. E. Gentle for traveling expenses in connection with the Missionary Board.

10. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$39.00 in favor of H. R. Barnett, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, to pay the interest on the mortgage on Bethesda Rescue Home, Bradford, Pa.

Howard W. McDowell, Clarence W. Smith, Herbert R. LaVere, Harry J. Bullock, Charles Sicard, Won S. Crandall, Ernest B. Houghton, Clayton F. Ball, Henry R. Barnett, Board of Trustees.

President's Financial Report.

Approved by the Trustees.

Traveling expenses, \$15.00; Stationery, \$5.65; Postage, \$8.00; Typewriter ribbon, \$1.00; Telephone and telegraph, \$4.10; Legal papers, \$.77; Pulpit supply, \$5.00; Total, \$40.51.

Received by cash, \$20.00.

Balance due, \$20.51.

C. W. Smith, President.

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DIRECTORY.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Forestville, N. Y.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ada Coleman, Houghton, N. Y.
Secretary—Mrs. Flora Peck, Houghton, N. Y.
Treasurer—Mrs. Flora Crandall, Fillmore, N. Y.
Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Dora Sicard, Falconer,
N. Y., R. F. D.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Charge, Presidents and Addresses.

Allegany, Mrs. Hugh Barber, Caneadea, N. Y.
Cameron, Mrs. Jennie Craven, Emporium, Pa.
Cattaraugus, Mrs. Rachel Angove, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Eagle Harbor, Mrs. Chas. Bennett, Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
East Leon, Mrs. Anna Hall, Dayton, N. Y.
Ellicott, Mrs. Samuel Ellis, West Falls, N. Y.
Fillmore, Mrs. Dell Gillett, Fillmore, N. Y.
Houghton, Mrs. Ada Coleman, Houghton, N. Y.
Forestville, Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Forestville, N. Y.
Huntley and Castle Garden, Mrs. Ben Smith, Driftwood, Pa.
Levant, Mrs. W. V. Grover, Falconer, N. Y., R. F. D.
Olean, Mrs. Nettie Smith, Olean, N. Y., R. F. D.
Ransomville, Mrs. May LaVere, Ransomville, N. Y.
Hess Road, Mrs. Verna Smith, Appleton, N. Y.

Superintendents Y. M. W. B.

Cattaraugus, Mrs. Rena Horth, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D.
Ellicott, Mrs. Flora Barber, West Falls, N. Y., R. F. D.
East Leon, Mrs. Mabel Mosher, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Emporium, Mrs. Nellie Danforth, Emporium, Pa.
Fillmore, Miss Lena Wiles, Fillmore, N. Y.
Forestville, ———.
Huntley and Castle Garden, Miss Isabelle Willahan, Driftwood, Pa.
Higgins Mills, Nellie Ackerman, Centerville, N. Y., R. F. D.
Houghton, Mrs. Flora Peck, Houghton, N. Y.
Hess Road, Miss Marion Hanford, Appleton, N. Y., R. F. D.
Levant, Mrs. Bessie Willett, Jamestown, N. Y., R. F. D.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference convened for its twenty-first annual session at Houghton, April 3, 1913, with the Vice-President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Lee.

After a few remarks by the Vice-President the roll was called.

Minutes of last meeting, held at conference last year, read and approved.

Minutes of meetings held during campmeeting last year were read.

Moved and carried that the minutes be adopted item by item.

Minutes adopted as a whole. (See minutes of special meetings.)

By vote the President was requested to appoint the Committee on Credentials. Mrs. Gentle and Mrs. Tiffany were appointed.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report, which was adopted and the names ordered placed on the roll.

On motion Miss Willahan was seated without credentials.

Adjourned by motion.

A public missionary meeting was held in the church Tuesday evening. Mrs. Peck read the Scripture and prayer was offered by Mrs. Lee.

The foreign work was presented by Miss Yorton and Miss Crosby.

Appropriate music was rendered. An offering was taken for the foreign work amounting to \$34.23. After the exercises, farewells were said to the out-going missionaries.

Thursday Afternoon.

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

Singing, "Work for the night is coming."

Mrs. Bullock read the nineteenth Psalm. Prayer by Mrs. Bathurst.

Roll call.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

By vote the President was requested to appoint committees.

Committees:

Revision of the Roll—Mrs. Ball, Mrs. LaVere.

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Membership—Mrs. Tiffany.

Auditing—Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Lee.

Statistics—Mrs. Sicard, Mrs. LaVere.

Courtesies—Mrs. Sicard, Mrs. Coleman.

Resolutions—Mrs. Gentle, Mrs. Sicard, Mrs. Lee.

Moved and carried we proceed to the election of officers.

Mrs. Bathurst and Mrs. Solverson were appointed tellers.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Ethel Bullock; Vice-President, Mrs. Ada Coleman; Secretary, Mrs. Flora Peck; Treasurer, Mrs. Flora Crandall; Superintendent of Y. M. W. B., Mrs. Dora Sicard.

On motion, the President to have the privilege of acting as Organizer for both the Missionary Society and Y. M. W. B.

A motion was made to elect a Superintendent of the Limba Workers Band. Miss Willahan was elected as Superintendent.

A letter from Mrs. Francene McMillan, President of the General Conference W. H. & F. M. S., was read, in which she extended to this Society her sympathy in the loss of our beloved and efficient President, Mrs. Minnie McConnell, and her appreciation of the faithful work done by this society.

A letter from the Snyder Hill Missionary Society was read announcing their desire to disband and unite with the East Leon Society.

On motion the action of this society be adopted.

Mrs. Sicard tendered her resignation as a member of the Statistical Committee; Miss Willahan was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following societies reported: Allegany, Cameron, East Leon, Cattaraugus, Eagle Harbor, Ellicott, Forestville, Houghton, Levant, Ransomville, Fillmore, Olean, Hess Road.

On motion a Memorial Fund was created for Mrs. Minnie McConnell, the money to be used in paying for the Dormitory on campground.

The following committee was elected to have charge of the fund: Mrs. F. E. Gentle, Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Mrs. Flora Crandall.

The Treasurer read a partial report.

On motion two report blanks be sent to each local society with the executive letter.

Adjourned by motion.

A public missionary meeting was held in the church Friday afternoon. Devotions were led by Miss Willahan; Miss Cole presented the work of the Rescue Home in Bradford; Miss Morris spoke on the mission work in Olean; Miss Sloan gave a reading;

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Mr. C. Leslie Smith presented the mission work in Bradford; Miss Newton gave an interesting talk on her work in Kentucky. Special music was rendered.

Saturday Morning.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

Prayer offered by Mrs. Coleman.

Roll call.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Upon request, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Gentle were excused from the Committee on Resolutions. Mrs. Heald and Mrs. Ball were elected to fill the vacancies. On motion this committee to report to the executive board for adoption.

Professor Luckey presented a resolution of the conference to our Missionary Society asking our co-operation with them in inviting the General Conference to meet in Houghton for its next quadrennial session.

The resolution was adopted. (See resolution in Conference minutes.)

The Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. reported and read a very interesting letter from Mrs. Hartson. The report was adopted.

On motion money be drawn from treasury to pay for blanks to report Y. M. W. B. work.

Committee on Courtesies read her report. It was adopted by a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 2.)

Mrs. Coleman presented some of the needs in the dormitory on the camp-ground. On motion the local societies are requested to contribute one dollar each to meet these needs.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee reported. Report adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Roll was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Memorial Fund reported. The report was adopted.

On motion we sustain the answer of Mrs. McConnell to Mr. Barnett. (See report.)

On motion we have our minutes printed.

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On motion the Society voted \$5.00 from its treasury to Rev. Edgar Fuller.

On motion adjourned to the call of the next annual conference.

Sunday Afternoon.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Minnie McConnell was held at the home of Mrs. Waldorf, at which the Crobsy sisters sang a duet and Mrs. C. W. Smith offered prayer. A letter from Mrs. Easton was read and several ladies made brief remarks. Resolutions were read.

Dismissed with prayer by Miss Cole.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

August 17th.

The missionary meeting was called to order by the President. "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. McConnell.

The Building Committee reported through the Treasurer, Mrs. Crandall.

The contract was given to Mr. Francis of Houghton.

The building was put up for \$825, Mr. Francis donating the \$25. The money was loaned without interest by different persons giving notes for various sums of money amounting to \$600.

The building was completed and presented to the ladies.

The report was adopted.

On motion the committee be continued and a final report made to the annual meeting.

The Societies furnished the bedding. 24 shades adorn the windows, donated by Houghton and Levant Societies.

Mr. Lynde donated 10 dozen hooks, Mr. Crowell donated lamp, basin, and slop jar for each room.

The matter of renting the rooms left with the Building Committee.

On motion the amount to be charged for transients be left with Executive Committee.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. McConnell for her work and attention to detail.

Adjourned by motion.

August 20th.

Missionary meeting called to order by President.

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Singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The first verse of the 91st Psalm was repeated by all. Prayer by Mrs. George Clark.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

On motion Brother Barnett's offer of \$100 toward the dormitory on camp-ground, providing the building be turned over to the Campmeeting Association, was not accepted.

On motion the Campmeeting Association pay the full price of room for the Evangelist until the building is free from debt, then the room be furnished free of charge.

On motion Mr. Francis was given a rising vote of thanks.

Adjourned by motion.

Report No. 1. Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, April 6, 1912		\$213 43
Home Missions	\$27 60	
Foreign Missions	148 50	
Medical Missions	111 19	
City Missions	26 75	
General Fund	17 92	
Tent Work	5 00	
Dormitory Fund, cash and loans	877 00	
Y. M. W. B.	345 05	1559 01
Total		\$1772 44

Disbursements.

Home Missions	\$27 60	
Foreign Missions	148 50	
Medical Missions	137 19	
City Missions	26 75	
General Fund	84 67	
Bethesda Home	1 00	
Tent Work	5 00	
Southern Home	80 03	
Dormitory Fund	872 00	
Y. M. W. B.	345 05	1727 79
Cash to balance		44 65
Total		\$1772 44

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Assets.

Dormitory on Houghton Camp-ground	\$850 00
Furniture and Fixtures	250 00

Liabilities.

Loans payable	\$550 00
Net Assets	550 00

Totals \$1100 00 \$1100 00

Mrs. Flora Crandall, Treasurer.

Report No. 2. Courtesies.

We, your Committee on Courtesies, beg leave to submit the following:

We are under special obligation to Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Whitaker for their kindness in giving us the use of their home for our Missionary Society meetings during this annual conference session. Therefore, Resolved that we extend to them our thanks, and assure them of our hearty appreciation of their kindness and care.

Dora Sicard, Ada C. Coleman, Committee.

Resolutions.

Whereas, in the loving providence of God our beloved President and Sister, Minnie McConnell, has been called from earth to heaven, and

Whereas in her devotion to God and Christian service, official and otherwise, she was so sincere, unselfish, persevering and successful,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference, now gathered in annual session, hereby express our deep sorrow and consciousness of loss in her departure.

We also extend our sympathy to our esteemed Brother, Rev. Robert McConnell, in this hour of grief and irreparable loss.

Be it further resolved, that these resolution be spread on the minutes of this society, a copy sent to Brother McConnell, and also sent to the Wesleyan Methodist for publication.

Dora W. Sicard, Nancy Heald, Lizzie C. Ball, Committee.

Flora Peck, Secretary.

Statistical Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference

SOCIETY	Date of Organization	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Members	Membership Fee	How Much	Free Will Offering	Regular Meetings	Special Meetings	Public Meetings	Total	Do You Use Miss. Program?	Cash Receipts	Goods, Value of	Total Receipts	Miss. Boxes Sent	Value of	Local Disbursements	Rescue Home Disbursements	City Mission Disbursements	Home Mission Disbursements	Foreign Mission Disbursements	Tent Work Disbursements	General Fund Disbursements	Medical Mission Disbursements	Disbursements for Other Work Not Mentioned	Total Disbursements	No. Members Y. M. W. B.	Amount Raised Y. M. W. B.	Limbah Band
Allegany	2/23/1901	16	0	16	Yes	\$1.00	Yes	12	...	...	12	No	\$17.69	...	\$17.69	...	...	...	...	...	\$8.84	\$8.85	...	...	...	\$2.50	\$17.69	23	\$11.95	...
Cattaraugus	3/16/1904	19	0	19	Yes	1.04	Yes	10	1	1	12	Yes	32.02	\$100.16	132.18	1	\$25.00	\$77.84	\$25.40	...	...	4.42	...	\$16.92	\$10.00	1.78	132.18	50	31.00	...
Cameron	1906	29	0	29	Yes	1.00	No	22	1	...	23	No	45.10	...	45.10	...	...	8.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.10	...	...	...	...
Eagle Harbor	1901	18	0	18	Yes	.50	Yes	9	2	1	10	No	22.00	12.12	34.12	3	12.12	...	12.12	...	...	6.00	...	...	5.00	34.12	...	6.14	...	...
East Leon	1894	18	0	18	Yes	1.00	Yes	12	6	...	18	No	53.80	10.39	64.19	2	19.40	...	9.30	\$7.00	5.00	15.00	...	12.89	10.00	5.00	64.19	50	34.17	...
Ellicott	1901	11	0	11	Yes	1.00	No	11	...	...	11	No	21.00	25.25	46.25	2	16.00	...	...	2.50	...	7.50	...	...	5.25	46.25	16	11.00	...	...
Fillmore	2/ 4/1901	24	6	30	Yes	.60	Yes	11	...	...	11	No	43.94	73.00	116.94	3	63.00	5.00	...	...	10.00	10.00	...	...	10.00	12.11	110.11	19	10.27	...
Forestville	4/15/1899	31	8	39	Yes	.60	Yes	12	2	...	14	No	70.46	11.50	81.96	2	11.50	10.00	11.50	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	...	5.00	14.34	58.84	10	7.93	\$5.20
Houghton	2/18/1904	30	0	30	Yes	.60	Yes	9	6	1	16	Yes	101.61	18.59	120.20	5	17.34	1.25	14.90	2.44	...	25.00	...	...	15.19	6.23	121.40	36	22.31	...
H. & C. Garden	8/19/1908	12	1	13	Yes	1.00	Yes	15	2	...	17	No	40.00	16.30	60.03	5	16.30	40.00	10.28	9.75	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	45	55.30	...	...
Hess Road .....	...	6	0	6	Yes	30	Yes	3	...	...	3	No	5.00	...	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	5.00	25	16.20	...	...
Levant .....	...	33	3	36	Yes	.60	Yes	12	...	...	12	No	75.49	34.50	109.99	...	...	5.28	21.10	20.08	5.00	32.20	...	...	10.00	7.50	109.99	112	95.27	5.20
Olean	7/ 4/1905	15	0	15	Yes	1.00	No	8	10	...	18	No	20.35	10.00	30.35	...	...	...	...	3.00	...	3.45	...	...	10.00	...	30.35	10	5.25	...
Ransomville	4/23/1912	11	1	12	Yes	.60	Yes	12	1	1	14	No	22.21	15.00	37.21	2	12.50	6.00	...	9.00	...	10.00	...	...	5.00	53.50	...	2.08	...	...
Snyder Hill	5/ /1905	3	4	7	Yes	1.00	Yes	7	...	...	7	No	11.73	10.05	21.78	...	...	...	...	5.05	...	5.73	...	1.00	5.00	5.00	21.78	...	...	...
		276	23	299				163	31	4	198		\$582.40	\$336.86	\$922.99	25	\$193.16	\$153.55	\$104.60	\$61.82	\$38.26	\$135.73	\$5.00	\$30.81	\$100.19	\$69.71	\$835.51	396	\$309.87	\$10.40

Church offering, \$34.23. Total receipts with Y. M. W. B., Limbah Band and Conference Collection (\$34.23), \$1,277.49.

MAY LAVERE,
ISABELLE WILLAHAN,
Committee.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Pastor's Salary

•••••	\$400.0
•••••	296.3
•••••	459.5
•••••	500.0
•••••	101.1
•••••	602.5
•••••	402.1
•••••	377.4
•••••	450.0
•••••	325.0
•••••	428.1
•••••	250.0
•••••	575.8
•••••	212.0
•••••	625.4
•••••	500.1
•••••	444.0
•••••	1.1
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•••••	\$6950.9

NOTE.—The following charges did not make a report, but their membership as taken from the statistical report of 1912 is as follows: Cameron, 18; Holland, 13; Napoli, 14; Wyoming, 16.

CONNECTIONAL, BENEVOLENCES

A. J. TAYLOR,
H. R. SMITH,
Committee