

MINUTES

of the

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Champlain Conference

of the

Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church)
of America

which convened at

MOOERS, N. Y., APRIL 23-28, A. D. 1901.

"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."—
Acts xvii: 6.

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Names.	P. O. Addresses.
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*Atwood, W. B.,	Wynooski, N. Y.
Benton, J. L.,	West Chazy, N. Y.
Bruce, P. W.,	Bakers Mills, N. Y.
*Cahee, C. E.,	Readsboro, Vt.
Carpenter, E. D.,	Lisbon Center, N. Y.
Curtis, E. E.,	Popes Mills, N. Y.
Davison, J. J.,	Mooers Forks, N. Y.
Fox, S. C.,	Warrensburgh, N. Y.
Hill, C. C.,	Burke, N. Y.
Hill, C. E.,	Forestdale, Vt.
Hobbs, H. A.,	Vermontville, N. Y.
House, A. A.,	Lisbon Center, N. Y.
Moses, A. E.,	Chestertown, N. Y.
Moses, T. A.,	Chestertown, N. Y.
Partridge, L. C.,	Hague, N. Y.
*Powley, M. G.,	De Peyster, N. Y.
Putnam, O. D.,	Readsboro, Vt.
*Quay, J.,	Stony Creek, N. Y.
Rist, W.,	Newcomb, N. Y.
Shares, H. C.,	Plattsburgh, N. Y., (R. F. D. No. 4.)
*Shaw, R.,	Long Lake, N. Y.
*Sutton, G. T.,	Not Known.
Trowbridge, E.,	South Albany, Vt.
Wagar, W. A.,	Hadley, N. Y.
Warner, S. A.,	Crown Point, N. Y.
Wright, F. L.,	Morley, N. Y.
Wright, J. F.,	Mooers, N. Y.

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*Combs, W. L.,	Warrensburgh, N. Y.
*Sherwood, B. W.,	Warrensburgh, N. Y.

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Allen, J. H.,	Fullerville Iron Works, N. Y.
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Fox, C. E.,	Long Lake, N. Y.
Lord, C. W.,	Brattleboro, Vt.
*Perry, W. E.,	Chestertown, N. Y.
Putnam, E. R.,	Holden, Vt.
Stokes, S. H.,	Cooks Corners, N. Y.
Wood, F. E.,	Brookdale, N. Y.

LAYMEN.

Ackerman, E. T.,	Hague, N. Y.
*Allen, F.,	Bakers Mills, N. Y.
Armour, H.,	Macomb, N. Y.
Atwood, J. M.,	West Chazy, N. Y.
Carpenter, Ruth L.,	Lisbon Center, N. Y.
*Churchill, W.,	Forestdale, Vt.
*Cook, A. C.,	Brookdale, N. Y.
Cook, Olive L.,	Crown Point, N. Y.
*Davis, Adeline,	Fullerville Iron Works, N. Y.
*Elliot, H. B.,	Holden, Vt.
Hill, Addie,	Burke, N. Y.
*Lockwood, C.,	Morley, N. Y.
Mattoon, G. H.,	Plattsburgh, N. Y., (R. F. D. No. 1.)
*Prouty, M.,	Chestertown, N. Y.
Putnam, L. A.,	Readsboro, Vt.
Richardson, Addie,	West Chazy, N. Y.
*Sheldon, N.,	Lisbon Center, N. Y.
Smith, J.,	Corinth, N. Y.
Southworth, Earla,	Cooks Corners, N. Y.
Terrill, J.,	Mooers, N. Y.
Trowbridge, Theoda,	South Albany, Vt.
Wilcox, J.,	Newcomb, N. Y.
*Williams, Myrtle,	South Albany, Vt.

*Absent.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Evening Meeting.

The Champlain Annual Conference, of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, convened for its sixtieth annual session, at Mooers, Clinton Co., N. Y., April 23rd, A. D., 1901, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Called to order by the President, O. D. Putnam. Opening sermon preached by E. D. Carpenter. Text, Acts 1:8. President announced 9 o'clock as the hour of morning meeting.

Adjourned by benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Meeting.

Conference convened, as per adjournment at 9 o'clock. Religious services conducted by O. D. Putnam. Secretary C. E. Hill having resigned, explained that it was from ill health. W. A. Wagar was chosen Secretary pro tem. Roll called.

Voted J. L. Benton, Committee on Credentials. Report adopted as per Conference Roll. Bar of Conference fixed at fifth tier of seats. Voted F. L. Wright, Committee on Courtesy. H. A. Hobbs late of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, A. J. Shea and J. A. McIntosh of the Canada Conference were introduced. H. A. Hobbs' credentials and recommend were presented and referred to special committee consisting of J. L. Benton and E. D. Carpenter.

Voted that visiting members of our own, or other orthodox denominations, not members of any secret society, be invited to honorary seats.

President O. D. Putnam reported his official action in the interim of Conference sessions, in employing J. L. Benton as Conference Evangelist: consenting to the engagement of W. H. Dickens as pastor by the Macomb charge; his fruitless effort to supply Cadyville and Ellenburg respectively with pastors; releasing J. Edgerly from obligation to serve East Warren; appointing C. E. Hill to look

after legacy of Mrs. Ann Sturtevant of Weybridge, Vt.; changing time and place of Annual Conference session and approving the action of Conference Evangelist in organizing a Wesleyan Methodist church at Corinth, N. Y. Voted to ratify the action of the President in these particulars. C. E. Hill presented a resolution on order in religious meetings, which was unanimously adopted. (See Resolution No. 1.)

Time of forenoon and afternoon meetings fixed by vote as follows:--Open at 9 A. M., close 11:30. Open at 1:30 P. M. and close by vote. A vote of thanks was extended to C. E. Hill our retiring Secretary.

Election of Conference officers was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon following opening exercises. J. L. Benton presented preamble and resolution on decorum which was unanimously adopted. (See Resolution No. 2.) Transfer of E. E. Curtis from Syracuse Conference read and voted that he be received into this Conference. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made partial report touching the case of Almonson J. Allen, and the report was unanimously adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by S. A. Warner.

Afternoon Meeting.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Religious services conducted by C. E. Hill. Roll called. Minutes read and approved. Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made further report, which was corrected by vote and adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

S. C. Fox and J. Terrill were made Committee on Religious Services. Voted A. J. Allen and E. R. Putnam Committee on Statistics. E. D. Carpenter, L. C. Partridge, C. E. Hill, J. M. Atwood, E. T. Ackerman, John Smith were made Committee on Pastoral Relations.

J. L. Benton, S. A. Warner, E. D. Carpenter, F. L. Wright were constituted the Judicial Committee. T. A. Moses was made Committee on Resolution of Thanks. Voted that this conference purchase a complete set of the books of the Course of Study, for the use of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Several brethren

offered to donate books, and the Committee was instructed to avail itself of this generosity.

F. L. Wright, Committee on election, work and salary of Conference Evangelist, reported a line of important suggestions which were discussed at length.

Voted that the whole matter be referred to a special committee consisting of O. D. Putnam, E. D. Carpenter and C. E. Hill, who shall formulate a specific report to present during this session.

A. W. Hall, Connectional Agent and Secretary, was introduced. Voted that it be the order of the day Friday 2 P. M. to hear his report.

E. E. Curtis introduced and welcomed as a member of this body, his transfer having preceded him.

S. W. Bond, President of Houghton College was introduced and the time fixed to hear his address was, to follow the election of Conference officers.

S. H. Stokes, of Canada, was also introduced.

Moved by C. E. Hill that we grant C. E. Fox while at Long Lake, the privilege of solemnizing matrimony, the administration of the Lord's Supper and baptism. Ruled out of order.

Began the examination of ministerial character:—J. L. Benton, J. Quay, R. Shaw, S. A. Warner, S. Bills, W. B. Atwood, B. W. Sherwood, W. L. Combs, W. Rist names called and characters passed.

Voted that Committee on Statistics refer to last year's reports to render present report as perfect as may be.

Voted to now adjourn.

Benediction by E. E. Curtis.

Evening service: sermon by A. J. Shea, of Canada Conference. Text, II. Cor. 4:2.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Meeting.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock. Religious services conducted by J. Blanchard. Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved. Committee on Credentials made further report and the

names of G. H. Mattoon and Earla Southworth were added to the roll of delegates.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made further report recommending S. H. Stokes to travel under the direction of conference, he to transfer his membership within the bounds of this conference. Report adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

Committee on Evangelist reported and report unanimously adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

A. J. Allen read an essay on "How to evidence fidelity to our reform principles" which was approved by vote.

J. L. Benton presented preamble and resolutions of Condolence which were unanimously adopted. (See Resolution No. 3.)

P. W. Bruce elected on Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Voted the next annual session of Conference be held at Hague, N. Y., April 22, 1902, at 7:30 P. M. W. A. Wagar chosen to preach the opening sermon. A. E. Moses alternate.

S. C. Fox's name called and character passed by vote, on account of neglect of superannuate collection.

W. H. Dickens' name called and character passed.

Order of the day fixed at 10 o'clock to-morrow for the session of the Superannuated Ministers' Relief Association; to be followed by a session of the Champlain Conference Incorporate.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by J. L. Benton.

Afternoon Meeting.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Religious services conducted by C. C. Hill. Roll called. Minutes read and approved. The Order of the day called which was the election of Conference officers. F. L. Wright and John Smith were appointed tellers. After a succession of ballots O. D. Putnam was declared elected President. On motion of E. D. Carpenter the vote was made unanimous. The President-elect made touching remarks and tendered his resignation. On motion of J. L. Benton voted that we request him to withdraw his resignation and resume the duties of the office, which he did. On first ballot for Secretary W. A. Wagar was de-

clared elected. Collection taken for Secretary's incidentals of \$5.

After several ballots were taken for Conference Evangelist, J. L. Benton received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected. Vote was made unanimous. He made remarks and stated he would make his decision to the Committee on Pastoral Relations. Voted that the Treasurer elected by the Incorporate body be the Conference Treasurer.

Order of the day called and Prof. S. W. Bond, of Houghton College, addressed the conference, seconded by remarks by A. W. Hall in an appeal in behalf of the Endowment fund. Pledges were made aggregating \$395.00.

H. C. Shares, of the Syracuse Conference, was introduced, his letter of standing was read and he was received as a member of this conference.

Voted to now adjourn.

Benediction by H. C. Shares.

Evening services: William Rist preached from John 19:30.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning Meeting.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock. Religious services conducted by A. E. Moses. Roll called. Minutes read and approved. Olive L. Cook was received as delegate from Crown Point charge.

J. M. Atwood excused from Conference and his place filled on Committee on Pastoral Relations by the election of Olive L. Cook. John Smith excused and his place on the same committee filled in the election of T. Trowbridge.

Resumed the examination of character:—A. A. House, A. J. Allen, F. L. Wright names called and character passed.

Voted to now adjourn to give place for the session of the Superannuated Ministers' Relief Association.

Afternoon Meeting.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Religious services conducted by J. J. Davison. Roll called. Minutes read and approved. Committee on Pastoral Relations called up the report on Evangel-

ist, and it was revised to read as it now appears elsewhere in these Minutes.

Voted E. D. Carpenter, E. E. Curtis, W. A. Wagar Committee on Apportionment. Order of the Day called, and A. W. Hall, Connectional Agent, made his report which was very encouraging. Adjourned as per Order of the Day, in favor of Incorporate body.

Evening services: L. C. Partridge preached from Rom. 5:10.

FIFTH DAY.

Morning Meeting.

Conference convened as per schedule at 9 o'clock.

Religious services conducted by S. A. Warner. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Apportionment made its report which was discussed and adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

The matter of the publication of the Conference Minutes was urged by J. L. Benton. He was made committee to raise funds for that purpose and in a short time reported ample cash and subscription to cover the cost of publication and distribution of three hundred copies. The report was adopted and cash and subscription to the amount of \$24.50 was turned over to E. D. Carpenter, Conference Treasurer. Committee on Presidency constituted consisting of E. E. Curtis, C. E. Hill, E. D. Carpenter, J. M. Atwood, E. D. Ackerman. Advisory Board was chosen consisting of J. L. Benton, G. H. Mattoon. Resumed the examination of character:—E. Trowbridge, C. E. Cahee, J. F. Wright, J. J. Davison, G. T. Sutton, L. C. Partridge, C. E. Hill names were called and characters passed. W. E. Perry's name called and in view of failure in taking collection for Superannuated Ministers' Relief Fund, and leaving his work a month before the year closed, without permission, a vote of conference was required to pass his character, which in view of some relieving conditions was given. Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by S. A. Warner.

Afternoon Meeting.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Religious services conducted by W. A. Wagar. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Tithing secretary reported roll of names. Voted that the Tithing Secretary correspond with the tithing secretaries of the churches, urging them to report in person or by letter their roll of membership and other data of interest, to a tithing service to be held during the next conference session. W. A. Wagar elected Tithing Secretary; resigned and P. W. Bruce was chosen instead.

Resumed the examination of character:—E. D. Carpenter, O. D. Putnam, M. G. Powley names were called and characters passed. M. G. Powley's request for letter of standing was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to write him that his letter leaves him a member of conference, until used to join elsewhere, with permission to serve in present pastorate for the year. P. W. Bruce, W. A. Wagar, C. C. Hill, T. A. Moses, G. W. Ellis, J. Blanchard, C. Conger, J. Bartman, S. S. Brown, C. W. Lord, E. R. Putnam, J. H. Allen, F. E. Wood names called and characters passed.

Voted that pastors are hereby directed to instruct their respective quarterly conferences, that in case a delegate cannot attend the Annual Conference a letter be written involving the necessary reports, and adopted by the church before being sent to conference.

Resolution of Thanks presented by T. A. Moses and adopted and ordered read by Secretary on the Sabbath. (See Resolution No. 4.)

Committee on Pastoral Relations reported and report adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

J. L. Benton was elected to edit Conference Minutes.

Report on "Our Law of Raising Funds and its Enforcement," was presented by J. L. Benton, freely discussed, amended and adopted by two-thirds vote. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

C. G. Buck asked for new credentials on larger parchment. Voted to grant his request with the provision he destroy the old one.

Report of the retiring Conference Treasurer read and adopted. (See Report Eo Nomine.)

Connectional Agent presented an old bill against the Annual Conference of \$33.00. President gives satisfactory evidence that it was long ago paid in full.

Voted to now adjourn. President made brief and appropriate

address and closed the annual session by prayer in behalf of ministers, churches and their work.

O. D. Putnam, President.

W. A. Wagar, Secretary.

Evening services: Preaching by O. D. Putnam, text John 21:17.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The day was one of beauty, "a gem in the necklace of the year." Plans had been laid that services at the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches should catch the overflow from the conference crowds, hence C. E. Hill, C. G. Buck and A. J. Allen consented to wield the sword of the Spirit at these services morning and evening.

The day's public worship opened in the Conference Auditorium with a lovefeast at 9 A. M., led by S. A. Warner, but run for two hours by the Holy Ghost. From the crowds that packed the building an offering of above thirty dollars was taken to reimburse, in a measure, the pastor who had fed the swarms at the parsonage "hive." Following this, Connectional Agent A. W. Hall, preached one of his glowing discourses from John 7:37. Then the President with his chosen board of elders, set apart by the imposition of hands and prayer, Almanson J. Allen to "the office and work of an elder in the Church of God." At 2:30 P. M. T. A. Moses preached to the young people from Psa. 25:21. Following this by request, A. W. Hall gave a reading and lecture of special interest on "Fulfillment of Prophecy." In the evening, J. L. Benton, given the task of calling the surfeited multitude from the revel of reason and the rapture of Transfiguration, to the Plain of tested faith and service, spoke from James 1:12. Thus closed what many regard the best session of this conference held for years.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1.—ON ORDER IN WORSHIP.

Resolved that it is the sense of this body, that the unfortunate custom of controversy and contention now in vogue in our religious meetings, is detrimental to the cause we seek to advance;

and that each unkind and uncharitable reflection upon any brother's mental, moral or religious attainments or experience, is alike unkind and unchristian and should not be tolerated by this body.

No. 2.—DECORUM.

Whereas our annual sessions are supposed to be representative gatherings, and should be instructive to our own people and to visitors, who judge of us largely by the spirit, principle and ability exhibited in our deliberations and worship. And whereas any laxness in administration of discipline or breach of Parliamentary law must redound to our harm, and reproach the cause we represent, therefore Resolved 1. That as our Discipline is accepted as the exponent of our faith, and Robert's Rules of Order as the guide in Parliamentary usage, the presiding officer of this conference is requested to maintain the dignity of his office and the honor of the body, by according the floor to no member who shall not have first addressed him by his official title: Mr. President, as he is not the chairman of a convention or of a debating club.

Resolved 2. That we will sustain him in following the Parliamentary and Disciplinary law, and request that no breach of the former be passed over, and that no motion be entertained which is clearly a violation of the latter.

No. 3.—CONDOLENCE.

Since it hath pleased the Father of mercies, infinite and inscrutable in wisdom, to give renewed proof of the martyr spirit of his people, even in these last days in permitting the massacre in Armenia, and the savage butchery of missionaries in China; and assured by our confidence in his wisdom, power and holiness that he designs by this impressive object lesson, to illustrate the glory of his saving grace and wisdom, the zeal and love of the living; and whereas our brother Elder L. C. Partridge, a member of this conference had a beloved daughter, Miss Mary L. Partridge among the slain at Taiku, province of Shansi, China: and has still a son, Elder Ernest C. Partridge at Siras, Turkey in Asia, laboring among the blackened ruins of the homes and churches of the massacred Armenians, therefore

Resolved 1. That we the members of the Champlain Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America in view of these occurrences bow in submission to the infinite wisdom which afflicteth us, even to the choosing of the faithful "to the fellowship of his sufferings."

Resolved 2. That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to our Brother L. C. Partridge and his family in this great bereavement, imploring the consolations of divine grace upon them, assuring him that we appreciate the honor Heaven confers upon him as the father of a Christian martyr.

Resolved 3. That these resolutions of condolence be engrossed in the Conference Journal and that a copy be presented to the sorrowing family.

No. 4.—ON THANKS.

We the members of the Champlain Annual Conference assembled, tender our sincere thanks to the people who have so kindly received us, for their hospitality and bountiful entertainment.

REPORTS

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Receipts.

Received on Dollar Plan as follows:—Morley, \$44.89. Brookdale, \$27.51. Lisbon, \$22.00. M. G. Powley and Wife, \$20.00. South Albany, \$25.50. West Chazy, \$17.29. Chittenden, \$16.00. Forestdale, \$16.00. Readsboro, \$11.00. Hadley and Corinth, \$9.00. Long Lake, \$7.75. Lisbon Center, \$6.00. West Plattsburg, \$6.00. O. D. Putnam, \$2.00. Burke and Chateaugay, \$1.00. P. W. Bruce, \$1.00. Over from last year, \$1.00. Total, 233.94.

Received on Home and Foreign Missions as follows:—Mooers, \$10.00. Chester and Horicon, \$6.70. Newcomb, \$2.00. Lisbon, \$1.00. C. E. Fox, for Long Lake, \$4.00. Bakers Mills, \$5.00. Total, \$28.70.

Received for Conference Mission Work as follows:—Burke and Chateaugay, \$5.00. Crown Point, \$2.40. Bakers Mills, \$5.00. Total, \$12.40.

Received for Houghton, \$5.00. Sent A. W. Hall, Jan., 1901, \$5.00.

Collection for Secretary's incidentals, \$5.00.

In treasury at last report, \$36.39. Total receipts, \$337.43.

Disbursements.

To A. W. Hall, Treasurer, from Dollar Plan,	\$175.45
A. W. Hall, Home and Foreign Missions and Houghton,	33.70.
W. A. Wagar on Secretary's Incidentals,	5.00.

	Total,	214.15.
Balance in treasury,		123.28.
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		\$337.43.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. Wagar, Treasurer.

ON CASE OF ELDER H. A. HOBBS.

Your committee to whom was referred the case and credentials of Elder H. A. Hobbs, beg leave to report that we find him duly accredited, and avows himself in perfect accord with the doctrines and distinctive principles of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, and ready to take work in the conference; therefore we recommend that he be received as an elder in this conference, his parchment be put on file and a new one be given him according to form on page 85 of our book of Discipline. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. BENTON,

E. D. CARPENTER, Committee.

CONFERENCE MISSION APPORTIONMENT.

Bakers Mills, \$14.00. Brookdale, \$9.29. Burke and Chateaugay, \$7.00. Chittenden, \$7.00. Cooks Corners, \$7.57. Creek Center, \$8.30. Crown Point, \$4.52. Chester and Horicon, \$24.35. Forstdale, \$15.45. Hague and Ticonderoga, \$11.00. Lisbon, \$8.00. Lisbon Center, \$7.50. Long Lake, \$15.00. Hadley and Corinth, \$9.00. Macomb, \$10.00. Mooers, \$19.82. Morley, \$20.00. Newcomb, \$8.50. Pitcairn, \$2.20. Readsboro, \$5.00. South Albany, \$4.50. West Chazy, \$14.00. West Plattsburg, \$19.00. Total, \$250.00.

E. D. CARPENTER,

E. E. CURTIS,

W. A. WAGAR, Committee.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of employment of Conference Evangelist report as follows:

1. We recommend the employment by this conference of a Conference Missionary Evangelist.

2. We recommend that the election of said Evangelist be by ballot at the time of the election of conference officers.

3. Defining duties.—(1) To look after the weak fields, if any there be which shall not have been furnished pastors by the conference. (2) To open up new fields where reasonably favorable

indications of permanency of the work are shown, preference being given to cities and towns. (3) To render help on the charges already established if at liberty to do so, said help to be rendered only when requested by pastors in charge. (4) To report occasionally his work through the columns of the Wesleyan Methodist; also to report his work to conference President at least once a month.

4. Salary.—We recommend that the salary of the Missionary Evangelist be fixed at five hundred dollars including traveling expenses, one-half to be raised by apportionment to the charges, the one-fourth raised on Dollar Plan to apply on apportionment. (2) Said salary to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer upon the order of the President. (3) Said Missionary Evangelist is to raise what money he can for this conference missionary work in the field, and forward the same to Conference Treasurer. (4) If the above be adopted, we recommend that each pastor within thirty days after arriving on his field of labor be required to present the need of this line of work being done in the conference: also the need of the established charges standing back of it, and begin the collection of his apportionment forwarding the same to the Conference Treasurer as early as possible.

O. D. PUTNAM,
E. D. CARPENTER,
C. E. HILL, Committee.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submit the following report:—

1. As Brother A. J. Allen has completed the course of study and in every way met the requirements of Discipline we recommend that he be elected to Elder's Orders.

2. Brother J. H. Allen has passed a satisfactory examination in the Course of Study, but not knowing exactly his ability in pastoral work, we therefore recommend that his ordination be deferred at least one year.

3. We also recommend that Brethren E. R. Putnam, C. E. Fox, J. D. Edgerly, F. E. Wood and W. E. Perry be continued in the traveling relation.

4. We also recommend that William H. Dickens be received to travel under the direction of conference.

5. We recommend that Henry Armour be received as the prospective student to Houghton College and that the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders examine him in the preliminary studies ac-

cording to Disciplinary requirements.

6. We further recommend that S. H. Stokes coming recommended to us from Houghton church, be received to travel under direction of Conference.

P. W. BRUCE,
O. D. PUTNAM,
E. D. CARPENTER,
JOHN TERRILL,
J. M. ATWOOD, Committee.

OUR LAW FOR RAISING FUNDS AND ITS ENFORCEMENT.

In view of the church craze of our times in raising money by the sale of indulgence, and bribes in entertainments, fun and frolic; the legislative body of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, has wisely enacted a law, prohibiting the invasion of the sacred precincts of benevolence and religious privilege, with the revel of feasting and merriment and the clamor of buying and selling, thus making "the house of God a house of merchandise." Instead, we as a denomination accept and adopt the gospel system of finance, and cheerfully follow its methods. 1. The gospel spirit begotten in human hearts, makes it a pleasure to communicate of our substance to the advancement of the cause of Christ in the earth. And as he hath declared:—"Freely ye have received, freely give." "God loveth a cheerful giver." So we respond: "It is more blessed to give than to receive. "We keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous." "His yoke is easy and his burden is light." Hence, we need no bribes to induce us to support the cause we love. 2. The Lord recognizes the certain return of blessing and heart development as the result of generous impulses, and will have all of his people thus refreshed and inspired, hence, the duty of generosity is enjoined upon all: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." So every Wesleyan Methodist vows to recognize, his "obligation to God and the Church, and to contribute as the Lord hath prospered him of his means for the support of the gospel." 3. The Lord knowing the natural selfishness and greed of the unregenerate heart, and the need of means to carry forward his work among men, advances his kingdom here upon the spoil system, changing the hearts of all who enter his ranks, so that they cheerfully and voluntarily contribute, from their incomes to render the work of the Church prosperous. So we as Bible Christians fall into harmony with the Spirit, and advance our work upon the voluntary contri-

butions of the people. 4. Lest the diversity of judgment as to the amount we should contribute to the cause should burden the most benevolent, or leave a shortage in the treasury, the Lord has enacted a law to equalize the burden, as he said: "I mean not that other men may be eased and ye burdened, but, by an equality." Hence, he has enjoined upon all men, saved and unsaved, ministers and laymen, rich and poor, that they return to the treasury of God one-tenth of their income. This law enacted and operative in the patriarchal dispensation, is continued in binding force in the Mosaic, prophetic and Christian dispensations; hence, the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline affirms: "The law of tithing is Scriptural and God requires all his people to pay him the tenth of all their increase." 5. This law scrupulously followed furnishes an easy solution to the financial problem in church work, as free will offerings, after the debt of the tithe is paid, will augment receipts, insuring abundant means for every branch of gospel work in a legitimate and Scriptural way, burdening no one, but, conducive to financial prosperity, increased usefulness and certain growth in grace. 6. This system adopted by the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, and urged upon our people, leaves no room for the worldly, pernicious, degrading methods of the age, in which the Lord and owner of the universe and his suffering cause are insulted by a pretence of generosity; when paraded before their enemies as paupers, and his servants as mendicants beg for a pittance doled out from poverty socials, cheap theatricals, social clap-traps for amusement, or rummage sales, where out of abundant means, cast-off clothing and refuse is given to God, in a hypocritical pretense of love for his cause. Hence, the Discipline enjoins upon stewards the following:—"They shall not hold or sanction the holding of church fairs, festivals, play parties or other ungodly methods to raise funds for the support of the gospel or building of churches. Any church or member thereof, whether layman, licentiate or elder, who shall attempt to or succeed in raising means contrary to the above shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor." 7. Assured of the sacredness of our vows to Christ and his church, to observe the rules of the church of our choice, and convinced of the loss in spirituality from such worldly gatherings, we deplore the laxness of some of our pastors and people in conforming to these rules in conducting their finances. 8. In view of these delinquencies and to avoid the inconsistency of conflicting methods, we as a Conference vow allegiance to the letter and spirit of our Discipline, and declare that socials, suppers or any gatherings where amusements are held, or refreshments are sold at a stipulated price as an inducement to the raising of funds for church

purposes, the law of Discipline is violated; and any minister or preacher of this Conference found guilty of sanctioning or receiving means from such gathering, comes under the charge of misdemeanor.

J. L. BENTON, Committee.

PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Bakers Mills, N. Y.,	P. W. Bruce.
Brookdale and Buckton, N. Y.,	F. E. Wood.
Burke and Chateaugay, N. Y.,	C. C. Hill.
Chittenden, Vt.,	E. R. Putnam.
Chester and Horicon, N. Y.,	A. E. and T. A. Moses.
Cooks Corners, N. Y.,	S. H. Stokes.
Crown Point, N. Y.,	J. D. Edgerly.
East Warren, Vt.,	To supply themselves.
Ellenburg, N. Y.,	Supplied by J. J. Davison.
Forestdale and Goshen, Vt.,	C. E. Hill.
Hadley and Corinth, N. Y.,	W. A. Wagar.
Hague and South Ticonderoga, N. Y.,	L. C. Partridge.
Lisbon, N. Y.,	A. A. House.
Lisbon Center, N. Y.,	E. D. Carpenter.
Long Lake, N. Y.,	C. E. Fox.
Macomb, N. Y.,	E. E. Curtis.
Mooers, N. Y.,	J. F. Wright.
Morley, N. Y.,	F. L. Wright.
Newcomb, N. Y.,	Wm. Rist.
Pitcairn, N. Y.,	Under supervision of Conference Evangelist.
Readsboro, Vt.,	O. D. Putnam.
South Albany, Vt.,	E. Trowbridge.
Stony Creek, N. Y.,	J. Quay.
Vermontville, N. Y.,	H. A. Hobbs.
West Chazy, N. Y.,	A. J. Allen.
West Plattsburg, N. Y.,	H. C. Shares.
Conference Missionary Evangelist,	J. L. Benton.
In evangelistic work,	S. A. Warner.

To Seek Their Own Field of Labor.

W. B. Atwood, C. A. Cahee, S. C. Fox, R. Shaw, G. T. Sutton.

In mission work,

Prospective student at Houghton College

Granted Letter of Standing,

Joined this Year.

By ordination, A. J. Allen. On credentials from Methodist Episcopal Church, H. A. Hobbs. By transfer from Syracuse Con-

ference, E. E. Curtis. On letter of standing from Syracuse Conference, H. C. Shares.

Received to Travelling Relation.

Henry Armour, W. H. Dickens, S. H. Stokes.

Superannuated Elders.

J. Bartman, J. Blanchard, S. S. Brown, C. Conger, G. W. Ellis.

Unstationed Elders.

S. Bills, W. L. Combs, B. W. Sherwood.

Licentiate List.

J. H. Allen, H. Armour, W. H. Dickens, J. D. Edgerly, C. E. Fox, C. W. Lord, W. E. Perry, E. R. Putnam, S. H. Stokes, F. E. Wood.

O. D. PUTNAM,

E. D. CARPENTER,

C. E. HILL,

L. C. Partridge,

E. T. ACKERMAN,

T. TROWBRIDGE,

O. L. COOK,

Committee.

STATISTICS.

Bakers Mills: J. J. Davison, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; received 2; discontinued 4; died 3; present number 69; baptized 1; licentiate 1; Wesleyan Methodists taken 10; Iconoclast Helps 100; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 5; scholars 100; meeting houses 2; value \$2,000; parsonage 1; value \$600; pastor's salary \$458.91; evangelist \$9.61; superannuated ministers \$3.16; missions \$2; education \$1; Dollar Plan \$20; Sunday school \$5; building and repairs \$10; incidentals \$10; other benevolences \$10.

Brookdale and Buckton. F. L. Wood, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 2; churches 2; received 9; discontinued 2; died 4; letter 1; present number 42; baptized 7; Wesleyan Methodists taken 6; Iconoclasts 60; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 4; scholars 60; books 230; meeting houses 2; value \$1,500; parsonage 1; value \$700; pastor's salary \$344.36; evangelist \$27.25; superannuated ministers \$9.79; Dollar Plan \$27.51; Sunday school \$10; building and repairs \$5; incidentals \$25.

Burke and Chateaugay. C. C. Hill, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; present number 35; baptized 3; Wesleyan Methodists taken 5; Iconoclasts 30; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 4; scholars 42; books 45; meeting houses 1; value

\$600; parsonage lot 1; value \$50; pastor's salary \$201.61; superannuated ministers \$2.30; missions \$5; Dollar Plan \$1; Sunday school \$6.55; building and repairs \$7.

Chittenden. E. R. Putnam, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 2; churches 1; died 2; present number 33; licentiate 1; Wesleyan Methodists 3; C. B. 15; G. W. 15; E. S. 15; T. P. 15; Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 8; scholars 50; books 50; meeting house 1; value \$1,000; parsonage 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$245.66; evangelist \$1; superannuated ministers \$1.40; Dollar Plan \$16; Sunday school \$30; building and repairs \$7.

Chester and Horicon. P. W. Bruce, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 3; received 16; died 3; present number 136; baptized 8; unstationed elder 1; licentiate 1; Wesleyan Methodists 9; Iconoclasts 25; Sunday schools 3; superintendents 3; teachers 12; scholars 108; books 50; meeting houses 1 1-3; value \$1,500; parsonage 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$405; evangelist \$3.59; superannuated ministers \$2.10; missions \$6.70; dollar plan \$1; Sunday school \$18.11; building and repairs \$293.41; incidentals \$20; other benevolences \$5.

Cooks Corners. W. E. Perry, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 2; churches 1; present number 35; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 4; scholars 40; meeting houses 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$253.56; Sunday school \$12.61; incidentals \$40.74.

Crown Point. S. A. Warner, pastor; time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; discontinued 1; present number 25; licentiates 1; Wesleyan Methodists 4; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 2; scholars 12; meeting houses 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$193.20; superannuated ministers \$1.35; missions \$2.40; Sunday school \$5; building and repair \$5; other benevolences \$5.

East Warren. No pastor and no report.

Ellenburg. No pastor, partial report. Churches 1; present number 10; meeting houses 1; value \$1,200; evangelist \$3.19.

Forestdale and Goshen. C. E. Hill, pastor; time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; received 2; present number 59; baptized 3; Wesleyan Methodists 8; C. B. 20; G. W. 20; E. S. 20; T. P. 20; Iconoclasts 62; Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 3; scholars 75; books 200; meeting houses 2; value \$2,000; parsonages 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$485; superannuated ministers \$1.50; education \$2; Dollar Plan \$16; Sunday school \$40; building and repairs \$40; incidentals \$35.00; other benevolences, \$8.

Hadley and Corinth. W. A. Wagar, pastor; time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 3; received 14; discontinued 4; present num-

ber 45; baptized 5; licentiates 1; Wesleyan Methodists 16; Iconoclasts 30, Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 6, scholars 40; meeting houses 3; value \$2,500; parsonages 1; value in church; pastor's salary \$315.05; evangelist \$53.62; superannuated ministers \$5.25; Dollar Plan \$9; Sunday school \$6.20; building and repairs \$29; incidentals \$47.60; other benevolences, \$1.

Hague and South Ticonderoga. L. C. Partridge, pastor. Time 1 year; apportionments 4; churches 1; received 2; died 1; letter 1, present number 39; baptized 1; Wesleyan Methodists 4; Sundays schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 7; scholars 50; meeting houses 1; value \$1,000; parsonage 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$525; evangelist \$16.77; superannuated ministers \$1; missions 35; education \$5; Sunday school \$35; building and repairs \$100; incidentals \$75; other benevolences \$15.

Lisbon. A. A. House, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 2; churches 1; received 2; died 2; letters 3; present number 34; baptized 3; Wesleyan Methodists 10; C. B. 15; G. W. 15; E. S. 15; T. P. 15; Iconoclasts 75; Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 7; scholars 80; meeting houses 1; value \$1,200; parsonage 1; value \$600; pastor's salary, \$435.28; evangelist \$22; superannuated ministers \$1.75; missions \$1; Dollar Plan \$22; Sunday school \$15; incidentals \$65.

Lisbon Center. E. D. Carpenter, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; received one; died 2; letter 1; present number 32; baptized 1; Wesleyan Methodists 6; C. B. 15; G. W. 15; E. S. 15; T. P. 15; Iconoclasts 40; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 3; scholars 30; meeting houses 1; value \$3,000; pastor's salary \$404.44; evangelist \$5; superannuated minister \$1.05; Dollar Plan \$6; Sunday school \$11.02; building and repairs \$40; incidentals \$93.70; other benevolences \$6.25.

Long Lake. C. E. Fox, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; received 38; present number 65; baptized 38; licentiates 2; Wesleyan Methodists 6; C. B. 10; G. W. 10; E. S. 10; T. P. 10; Iconoclasts 25; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 3; scholars 40; meeting houses 1; value \$1,000; parsonages 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$500; evangelist \$8; missions \$4; dollar plan \$7.75; building and repairs \$365; incidentals \$20.

Macomb. W. H. Dickens, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 3; present number 48; baptized 2; licentiates 1; Wesleyan Methodists 11; C. B. 10; G. W. 10; E. S. 10; T. P. 10; Iconoclasts 24; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 3; scholars 33;

meeting houses 2; value \$2,500; parsonages 1; value \$450; pastor's salary \$417.04; evangelist \$4.21; Sunday school \$3.

Mooers. S. C. Fox, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; present number 85; baptized 4; licentiates 1; Wesleyan Methodists 8; C. B. 10; G. W. 10; E. S. 10; T. P. 10; Iconoclasts 35; Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 6; scholars 60; books 150; meeting houses 1; value \$1,800; parsonages 1; value \$800; pastor's salary \$468.55; evangelist \$74.68; missions \$10; education \$5; Sunday school \$10; building and repairs \$73.85; incidentals \$25; other benevolences \$2.

Morley. F. L. Wright, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 1; received 1; discontinued 1; died 1; present number 57; baptized 2; Wesleyan Methodists 15; C. B. 35; G. W. 35; E. S. 35; T. P. 35; Iconoclasts 100; Sunday schools 3; superintendents 3; teachers 15; scholars 130; books 85; meeting house 1; value \$2,000; parsonages 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$500; evangelist \$62; superannuated minister \$6; Dollar Plan \$44.89; Sunday school \$77; building and repairs \$50.25; incidentals \$122; other benevolences \$15.

Newcomb. Wm. Rist, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; died 1; letter 2; present number 37; Wesleyan Methodists 3; C. B. 6; G. W. 6; E. S. 6; T. P. 6; Iconoclasts 56; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 5; scholars 40; books 100; meeting houses 1; value \$1,000; parsonages 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$475; evangelist \$15; superannuated ministers \$2.06; missions \$2; Sunday school \$15.43; building and repairs \$20; incidentals \$25; other benevolences \$5.

Pitcairn. J. H. Allen, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; discontinued 8; died 1; letters 2; present number 34; licentiates 1; Wesleyan Methodists 5; C. B. 12; G. W. 12; E. S. 12; T. P. 12; Iconoclasts 35; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 2; scholars 30; pastor's salary \$62.51; evangelist \$10.63; superannuated ministers .88; missions \$1.18; Sunday school \$15.50.

Readsboro. O. D. Putnam, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; received 1; died 2; letters 2; present number 28; licentiates 2; Wesleyan Methodists 4; C. B. 15; G. W. 15; E. S. 15; T. P. 15; Iconoclast 25; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 3; scholars 27; books 132; meeting house 1; value \$1,000; parsonage 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$326.66; evangelist \$26.08; superannuated ministers \$3.30; Dollar Plan \$13; Sunday school \$15.57; building and repairs \$19; incidentals \$31.

South Albany. E. Trowbridge, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 1; churches 1; discontinued 2; letter 1; present number 25;

Wesleyan Methodists 7; C. B. 8; G. W. 8; E. S. 8; T. P. 8; Iconoclasts 26; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 3; scholars 25; meeting house 1; value \$800; parsonage 1; value \$500; pastor's salary \$297.79; evangelist \$20; superannuated ministers \$2.25; missions \$6.50; education \$13; Dollar Plan \$25.50; Sunday school \$7; incidentals \$12.81; other benevolences \$5.

Stony Creek. J. Quay, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 5; churches 1; present number 38; baptized 1; Wesleyan Methodists 8; C. B. 20; G. W. 20; E. S. 20; T. P. 20; Sunday schools 3; superintendents 3; teachers 13; scholars 80; books 100; meeting houses 1; value \$1,500; parsonage 1; value \$600; pastor's salary \$300; evangelist \$20.36; superannuated ministers \$2.50; Sunday school \$20; building and repairs \$5; incidentals \$20; other benevolences \$5.

Vermontville. No pastor and no report.

West Chazy. A. J. Allen, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 2; churches 1; received 12; died 2; letters 3; present number 59; baptized 1; Wesleyan Methodists 7; Sunday schools 1; superintendents 1; teachers 7; scholars 88; books 50; meeting houses 1; value \$1,500; parsonages 1; value \$1,000; pastor's salary \$523.15; evangelist \$41.40; superannuated ministers \$3.31; education \$10; Dollar Plan \$17.29; Sunday school \$19.96; building and repairs \$6.60; incidentals \$51.06.

West Plattsburgh. J. F. Wright, pastor. Time 1 year; appointments 3; churches 2; died 1; present number 100; baptized 2; Wesleyan Methodists 12; C. B. 20; G. W. 20; E. S. 20; T. P. 30; Iconoclasts 40; Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 6; scholars 70; meeting houses 2; value \$1,600; parsonage 1; value \$800; pastor's salary \$400; evangelist \$19; superannuated ministers \$2.33; missions \$51; education \$25; Dollar Plan \$6; Sunday school \$12; building and repairs \$16; incidentals \$20; other benevolences \$25.

Summary. Time employed 23 years; appointments 55; churches 32; received 100; discontinued 22; died 25; letters 21; present number 1,170 (two charges not reported); baptized 82; unstationed elders 3; licentiates 11; Wesleyan Methodists 157; Sunday school papers each 211; helps 788; Sunday schools 39; superintendents 39; teachers 129; scholars 1,310; books 1,698; meeting houses 28; value \$35,200; parsonages 19; value \$11,600; pastors' salaries \$8,538.37; evangelist \$190.18; superannuated ministers \$55.28; missions \$129.25; education \$61; Dollar Plan \$364.75; building and repairs \$1,086.11; incidentals \$779; other benevolences \$99.25.

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