

# MINUTES

OF THE

## FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE,

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.



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# ORGANIZATION.

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PRESIDENT—R. E. JOHNSON.

SECRETARY—E. MATTHEWS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—T. W. JACKSON.

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ITINERACY AND ORDERS—T. W. Jackson, J. Blanchard,  
E. Trowbridge.

PASTORAL RELATIONS—R. E. Johnson, F. L. Wright, D. T.  
Monroe, W. S. Hathaway, \*G. Boice, \*C. E. Larabee,  
\*C. C. Churchill.

JUDICIARY—J. Quay, N. Wardner, J. G. Hull, \*J. J. Shedd,  
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STATISTICS—C. G. Buck, E. Trowbridge, \*J. J. Shedd.

MISSIONS—J. Lazarus.

REFORMS—E. E. Curtis, \*G. W. Cobb.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—E. Matthews.

EDUCATION—C. G. Buck.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. Blanchard.

TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT IN CASE OF VACANCY—T. W. Jack-  
son, N. E. Jenkins, E. Matthews, \*A. C. Cook,  
\*C. E. Larabee.

CAMP MEETINGS—S. A. Warner, S. B. Town, \*H. C. Phelps.

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ROLL OF MEMBERS WITH THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.

J. Blanchard,.....	Bakers Mills,	New York
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S. Bills,.....	"	"
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W. L. Combs,.....	Warrensburgh,	"
E. E. Curtis,.....	Brookdale,	"



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O. L. Doolittle, . . . . .	Pope's Mills,	"
G. W. Ellis, . . . . .	South Albany,	Vermont
S. C. Fox, . . . . .	Parishville Centre,	N. Y.
J. G. Hull, . . . . .	Cook's Corners,	"
W. S. Hathaway, . . . . .	Forestdale,	Vt.
T. W. Jackson, . . . . .	Lisbon Center,	N. Y.
O. Jaquith, . . . . .	Pope's Mills,	"
R. E. Johnson, . . . . .	West Plattsburgh,	"
N. E. Jenkins, . . . . .	Morley,	"
J. Lazarus, . . . . .	Crown Point Centre,	"
E. Matthews, . . . . .	Mooers,	"
D. T. Monroe, . . . . .	Creek Centre,	"
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J. D. Russel, . . . . .	Thurman,	"
R. Shaw, . . . . .	Long Lake,	"
S. B. Town, . . . . .	Adirondack,	"
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E. Trowbridge, . . . . .	Readsboro,	Vt.
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J. Dayton, . . . . .	Corinth,	New York
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## UNSTATIONED ELDERS.

S. S. Brown,.....	Wick,	New York
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A. H. Hancock,.....	Not known,	
E. Robbins,.....	Readsboro,	Vt.

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M. N. Lord,.....	Brattleboro,	Vermont
C. W. Lord,.....	"	"
W. Rist,.....	Creek Centre,	N. Y.

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J. G. Myers,	J. J. Shedd,
Jason Ellis,	A. C. Cook,
C. L. Riggs,	W. Booth,
C. E. Larabee,	M. Southworth,
J. Wescott,	O. E. Boyden,
C. W. Howe,	G. Boice,
J. D. Russel,	J. J. Wood,
Harriet W. Wetmore,	B. J. March,
C. C. Churchill,	G. W. Cobb,
B. Huntley,	H. Rising,
J. Smith.	S. Clothier.



ABSTRACT  
OF  
DAILY PROCEEDINGS.  
CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE  
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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**FIRST DAY.**

OPENING SESSION.

The Champlain Annual Conference, of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, convened in their Forty-fourth session, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Forestdale, Vt., on Tuesday evening, April 28th, 1885, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Jackson, from Hebrews 9th chapter and 14th verse.

At the closing of the sermon, the President, Rev. R. E. Johnson, gave a short exhortation, after which he announced that the opening business session would commence at 9 A. M., to-morrow morning.

The services were then concluded with the benediction by the President.

## SECOND DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by the President.

Roll called and corrected.

The Chair appointed as Committee on Credentials, J. Blanchard and C. E. Larabee.

While the Committee were preparing their report in order to our organization, the Conference were edified and entertained by spiritual songs.

The Committee then reported the names of J. G. Myers, J. J. Shedd, Jason Ellis, A. C. Cook, C. L. Riggs, W. Booth, C. E. Larabee, S. H. Miller, J. Westcott, M. Southworth, J. D. Russel, O. E. Boyden, Mrs. C. W. Howe, G. Boice, Mrs. Harriet Wetmore, C. C. Churchill, Lay-delegates.

The report was adopted, and their names ordered on the roll.

On motion, it was ordered that the fourth tier of slips be the bar of the Conference.

The following brethren were then presented to the Conference and received its greeting: Revs. D. P. Rathbun, of the Syracuse Conference, and E. Trowbridge, of the M. P. Church.

Brother Trowbridge brought credentials from said body with a view of uniting with the Conference.

On motion, the credentials of E. Trowbridge were referred to the following Committee: J. Quay and C. E. Larabee.



Conference ordered that all christians who are in sympathy with our book of Discipline, be invited to honorary seats.

On motion, it was ordered that the morning session shall commence at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and close at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Voted, that we have an afternoon session commencing at 1:30 P. M.

On motion, it was ordered that the committees usually filled by the President, be again referred to the Chair.

The Committee on the credentials of brother Trowbridge reported. On motion, it was ordered that his credentials be accepted, and he received as a member of the Conference.

A paper from the church at Chittenden was offered, recommending G. W. Newman to elders' orders.

On motion, said paper was referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Also a similar paper was presented from the South Warrensburch Circuit recommending W. L. Combs to elders' orders, which, by vote, was referred to the above Committee.

Also a paper from the Thurman church recommending J. D. Russel to elders' orders, which was referred as above.

The Chair added the names of sisters C. W. Howe and H. W. Wetmore to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

On motion, E. Matthews was appointed a committee to correspond with Licentiates in the Conference with a view of aiding them in their studies.



Conference now proceeded to the examination of character. J. Blanchard was called.

The Chair appointed as Committee on Statistics, C. G. Buck, E. Trowbridge and J. J. Shedd.

The character of J. Blanchard was passed.

The following brethren were also called and their characters passed: J. Bartman, C. G. Buck and C. Conger.

The Chair appointed as Committee on Religious Services, J. F. Wright, J. J. Shedd and Harriet W. Wetmore.

Resumed examination of character. E. E. Curtis and R. DeLarm called and their characters passed.

Brother DeLarm is in failing health, and has been compelled to retire from active labor.

A touching letter from sister D. was read, speaking of our brother's christian hope and resignation, and asking the prayers of the Conference.

A few brief remarks were made by the President, expressive of sympathy with our dear brother and his family, after which the Conference united in earnest prayer to God on his behalf.

The following brethren were called and their characters passed: G. W. Ellis, T. W. Jackson, O. Jaquith, R. E. Johnson, D. T. Monroe.

Conference appointed as the order of the day, for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, the election of permanent officers.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

Benediction by J. Lazarus.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by E. E. Curtis.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

Examination of characters was resumed.

The names of O. F. Putnam, J. Quay, J. F. Wright, J. Tripp, J. B. Whitney, F. L. Wright, B. W. Sherwood, E. Trowbridge and W. H. Flansburgh were called, and passed.

Voted, to adjourn this session at 4:30 P. M.

The examination of character was resumed, and the following names were called and passed: O. Newton, L. Prindle, J. Scott, M. Sisco, H. W. Stewart, S. S. Brown, J. A. Gibson, A. H. Hancock, E. Robbins, M. N. Lord, C. W. Lord, W. L. Combs, J. D. Russel, S. C. Fox, G. W. Newman, W. S. Hathaway.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by the President.

### THIRD DAY.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by B. W. Sherwood.

Roll called.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The order of the day was called for, and Conference proceeded to the election of permanent officers.

N. Wardner and J. F. Wright were appointed tellers.

On the fourth ballot for President, R. E. Johnson was declared elected.

On motion, N. Wardner was instructed to cast one



vote for E. Matthews as Secretary, after which formality his election was declared.

On motion, T. W. Jackson was appointed Assistant Secretary.

A collection of \$4.14 was then taken for the benefit of the Secretary, which was duly acknowledged.

Rev. W. J. Houghton, agent for the W. M. Seminary, at Houghton, was presented to the Conference and received its greeting.

A motion was made, providing that the order of the day for 9 A. M., to-morrow, be the report of brother Houghton.

An amendment was finally voted fixing 2:30 P. M., to-morrow, as the hour of this order, and also that if Rev. D. S. Kinney, our Connectional Agent, be present at that time, his report shall immediately precede that of brother Houghton.

On motion, it was ordered that this afternoon session shall commence immediately after the funeral services to be held in this church, commencing at 1:30 P. M.

The Committee on Reforms reported. (See report No. 2).

A motion was made looking to its adoption.

Brethren Rathbun, Wardner and others made addresses on the report.

Pending its discussion, a motion to adjourn was carried.

N. Wardner had the floor at the adjournment.

Benediction by N. Wardner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2:25 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Hathaway.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. U. D. Lathrop, of the Illinois Conference, and agent of the W. M. Seminary at Wheaton, was introduced to the Conference and received its greeting.

On motion, it was ordered that brother Lathrop have time to present the interests of Wheaton at 10:30 A. M., to-morrow.

N. Wardner then took the floor and continued his speech in reference to the report on reforms.

On motion, the report was adopted.

It was then voted to adjourn the present session at 4:30 P. M.

A resolution was offered by E. Matthews providing that Rev. N. Wardner be a committee to draft resolutions touching the so-called "freedom of worship" bill now before the New York State Legislature. (See resolution No. 1).

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that a copy of said resolutions be forwarded to the said Legislature.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by O. Newton.

## FOURTH DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by C. G. Buck.

On motion, a former report of the Committee on Credentials in relation to the name of S. H. Miller, of Lake George Charge, was reconsidered.



Said Committee then reported the names of J. Smith, from Creek Center, and H. Rising, from Lake George.

The report was adopted, and their names entered on the roll.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. Levington, Evangelist of the Michigan Conference, was presented, and exchanged greetings with the Conference.

On motion, brethren Levington and Lathrop were specially invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.

On motion, E. Matthews was appointed a committee to take steps in view of publishing the Minutes of this annual Conference.

The Committee on Education reported. (See report No. 2).

After moving its adoption, several speeches were made to the question pending its discussion.

The order of the day for 10:30 was called for, viz: the report of the agent of Wheaton Theological Seminary.

Brother Lathrop, said agent, immediately took the floor and made an earnest and forcible appeal on behalf of the Seminary, and opened a subscription in its interest.

A motion was now made providing for an afternoon session at 3 o'clock.

Voted, as an amendment, that our afternoon session commence at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. U. D. Lathrop.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. J. Houghton.

Conference dispensed with calling the roll.

On motion, it was ordered that 9 A. M., to-morrow, be the time for holding the annual meeting of the S. P. R. Association.

On motion, E. Matthews was continued as the agent of the Tracy legacy.

The hour of 2:30 having arrived, agreeable to previous motion, Rev. D. S. Kinney, Connectional Agent, made his report.

In his opening remarks, brother Kinney referred, in touching language, to the sad affliction of sister Kinney, who is now suffering from a painful and fatal disease; yet he spoke of her Christian hope and resignation, as also of the divine benefits of affliction. Speaking of the cause of missions, he regretted that we, as a Conference, had done so little for that glorious and worthy enterprise: and he also stated that new openings for mission work are continually occurring in the east as well as the west—even in the great business centres and eastern cities. He also warmly advocated the immediate establishment of a foreign mission in Africa. He then urged the importance and consistency of exclusively patronizing our own Publishing House in purchasing our Sunday-school supplies and other publications. He then stated that our subscription list for the *WESLEYAN METHODIST* was growing, and also that several hundreds of dollars were in the treasury, and he hoped that as better times should come, all branches of our business would



be marked by healthy increase. He took a collection on behalf of the Donation Fund, whereby, he said, several poor widows and other indigent friends of the cause were getting the WESLEYAN METHODIST free. In closing his report, brother Kinney spoke of his early return home on account of his domestic affliction, and begged the prayers of the Conference on behalf of his family.

Rev. N. Wardner then offered a resolution expressive of our sympathy with dear brother Kinney and his family, (see Res. No. 2) which was adopted by a rising vote.

The certificate of S. Clothier, from the Corinth charge was read and his name ordered on the roll.

Brother W. J. Houghton then took the floor and presented the interests of our seminary at Houghton, and opened a subscription on its behalf.

Conference now ordered to adjourn, and the President pronounced the Benediction.

## **FIFTH DAY.**

### **MORNING SESSION.**

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by W. Rist.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The time having arrived, Conference adjourned to give place to the annual meeting of the S. P. R. Association.

Conference was called to order by the President and ordinary business resumed.

The discussion of the report on Education, which was pending on the adjournment of yesterday morning's session, was continued.

The Committee accepted some criticisms, and the report was adopted.

On motion, Conference ordered that the name of H. C. Hutchins, of Mooers, N. Y., be suggested to the Judge of the Court of Probate, of the District of Chittenden, Vt., as a trustee of the Tracy legacy in the place of N. Arnold, (deceased).

On motion, it was recommended that on the first Sabbath of January, 1886, all pastors of this Conference take collections for the cause of missions; also, that the first Sabbath of October, 1885, be the time for taking collections for the S. P. R. A., of this Conference.

It was suggested, in connection with the foregoing motions, that the respective secretaries of these associations write notices thereof to the WESLEYAN METHODIST a few weeks previous, calling attention of pastors to these orders.

Voted, that hereafter the characters of those ministers who shall have failed to take a collection during the year for superannuated ministers, (when passed) such ministers shall be reprimanded by the President, unless a reasonable excuse be given.

On motion, the hour of three this afternoon was given to the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes of this Conference.

Conference proceeded to the examination of character. The following brethren were called and their characters passed:—N. Wardner, E. Matthews.

O. L. Doolittle, jr., was called.

Conference passed the following motion, viz: That the case of brother Doolittle be left in the hands of the President for the passage of his character, when



he shall be assured that brother Doolittle fulfills the terms of a written agreement to cease the use of tobacco, signed by him and entered upon the Journal of the Conference.

A communication from the Vermont Bible Society being read, the Conference voted unanimously as follows:—We receive with pleasure the communication from Rev. L. H. Elliot, secretary and agent of the Vermont Bible Society, and tender him and the American Bible Society our sympathy and support in the work in which they are engaged; and we give assurance that our churches are open for Bible society agents whenever it shall be their pleasure to visit our charges.

On motion, it was ordered that Res. No. 3 of our last Conference be re-affirmed.

Examination of characters resumed.

The following names were called and passed:—S. Bills, J. Lazarus, R. Shaw, S. B. Town.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders reported. (See Report No. 4). Pending the report we were adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by J. G. Hull.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. G. Hull.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The President appointed the following committees, viz: To elect a President in case of vacancy, T. W. Jackson, E. Matthews, N. E. Jenkins, A. C. Cook,

C. E. Larabee; On Camp Meetings, S. A. Warner, sister H. C. Phelps, S. B. Town.

The report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders was taken up. Voted, that speeches to this report be limited to two minutes each.

Two brethren who were candidates for ordination were requested to give to the Conference a written assurance that they would henceforth forever abstain from the use of tobacco, which they had previously used.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report No. 4).

The following motion was passed unanimously :— That all parties recommended to this Conference to be received on trial or for ordination, who shall up to that time have used tobacco, shall be required to sign a written pledge to cease the use thereof from that time forward.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to publish the Minutes of the Conference.

A resolution on the entertainment of the Conference was offered by E. E. Curtis. (See Res. No. 3). The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools reported. (See Report No. 5). The report was adopted.

The Committee on Missions reported. (See Report No. 6). Report was adopted.

On motion, N. Wardner was appointed a committee to disburse current funds of the S. P. R. A.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations reported. (See Report No. 7). The report was adopted.

On motion, the Tuesday nearest to May 1st, 1886,



was appointed as the time of holding our next Annual Conference.

On motion, the W. M. Church at Lisbon, N. Y., was appointed as the place of holding our next Annual Conference.

E. Trowbridge was elected a member of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders (in the place of R. E. Johnson) for three years.

On motion, E. Matthews was appointed to preach the opening sermon at our next Annual Conference and N. E. Jenkins his alternate.

N. Wardner offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Conference:—1. In reference to the visit of brethren Levington, Lathrop and Houghton. (See Res. No. 4). 2. In reference to the services of the President and Secretary. (See Res. No. 5).

J. Blanchard offered a resolution in reference to the severe affliction of sister Walton of the church at Forestdale. (See Res. No. 6). The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Statistics reported. (See Report No. 8). On motion, the report was left in the hands of the Secretary for completion.

N. Wardner offered a resolution in reference to the death of the widow of the late Rev. J. Croker, formerly of this Conference, which was adopted. (See Res. 7).

C. G. Buck offered a resolution in reference to our new Hymnal, which was adopted. (See Res. 8).

N. Wardner offered a resolution in reference to the death of the late G. G. Niles and his wife, who were members of the church in this place; brother Niles

having been a local preacher. The resolution was adopted. (See Res. No. 9).

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the respective railroad companies for their favors to the Conference, and the Secretary instructed to forward these expressions to these Companies.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Conference adjourned subject to a call from the Chair.

Benediction by the President.

R. E. JOHNSON, President.

E. MATTHEWS, Secretary.



## RESOLUTIONS.

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No. 1.—Be it resolved, that Rev. N. Wardner, editor of the *WESLEYAN METHODIST*, be a committee to draft resolutions expressing the sentiments of this Conference in reference to the *so-called* Freedom of Worship bill, now before the New York State Legislature.

No. 2.—That we, as a Conference, deeply sympathize with Rev. D. S. Kinney, our Connectional Agent, in the deep affliction through which he is called to pass, in the sad and protracted illness of his faithful and devoted wife. We most devoutly pray that especial grace may be given him in this hour of severest trial.

No. 3.—That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of Forestdale and vicinity for their liberal hospitality and kind attention to us during our sessions.

No. 4.—That it has been a source of much pleasure and profit to this Conference that we have had the privilege of a visit from Revs. J. Levington, U. D. Lathrop, D. P. Rathbun and W. J. Houghton. We highly appreciate their presence and counsel, and devoutly pray that the choicest blessings of Heaven may rest upon them in their several relations of duty and labor.

No. 5.—That we are greatly indebted to the officers of this Conference—our beloved President, Rev. R. E. Johnson, and E. Matthews, Secretary—for the able manner in which they have discharged their respective duties. We hereby tender them our

grateful appreciations, and pray the benedictions of Heaven upon them.

No. 6.—That we, the Champlain Conference of the W. M. Connection, convened at Forestdale, Vt., do deeply sympathize with our beloved sister Walton in the severe affliction through which she has been called to pass in the recent death of her husband and daughter.

No. 7.—That we learn with stricken hearts that sister Croker, the widow of Rev. John Croker, who was so long a loved and venerated member of this Conference—is dead. Precious to our memories is the life devotion and labor of the veterans who have finished their work and gone on before. We tender all surviving kindred and friends our warmest sympathies.

No. 8.—That it is the sense of this Conference that our churches owe it to our Publishing Association to buy and use in their church services our new Hymnal, and that speedily.

No. 9.—That since our last annual gathering, Rev. G. G. Niles and wife have passed Death's flowing river and stand to-day upon the shining shore. We are stricken in our spirits and warned that life is uncertain, and we consecrate ourselves anew to the cause that so enlisted the hearts and hands of our dear brother and sister.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### REPORT NO. 1.—CREDENTIALS—(See Roll).

### REPORT NO. 2.—REFORMS.

To reform is to change or make over. The only object of reform is to make better. To reform that which cannot be made better would be unwise; it is equally so to allow that which can be to remain as it is if the benefit is commensurate to the expense.

In a moral sense, to reform is to change that which is morally wrong to that which is morally right. In financial matters we



may change for the better at too great a sacrifice, but morally speaking, no sacrifice is too great as to make reform unwise.

As Wesleyan Methodists, we claim to be reformers; if we fall below this, our professed standard, there is no need of our continued existence as a denomination. We stand out to the world as opposed to secret conclaves and associations. We are on record as opposed to the use of tobacco in any form; but, as reformers, we need to reform. We believe our book of discipline to be the best rule of faith and practice ever given outside the Bible, but we regret to say that we are sadly deficient in carrying out its principles. We regret the growing tendency to superfluities in dress—both with the laity, the ministry and their families;—also the failing to keep our principles on secret societies, tobacco, plainness of dress, etc., in the foreground. We lament the growing tendency to Sabbath desecration, even among our own church members. We regard the patronage of butter and cheese factories on the Sabbath as inconsistent and opposed to the Fourth Commandment, and enter our earnest protest against our members taking milk to such factories on God's holy Sabbath day. We regret the withdrawal of the candidate of the American party, in the late Presidential campaign, in favor of those favoring secret societies, and the voting for one great evil in order to combat another unwise; and while we favor the strongest opposition against intemperance by voice, vote or influence, we advise our members to withhold their votes from those who belong to or favor secret societies.

Finally, we re-affirm and re-pledge our strongest opposition to sin of every form, whether in Church or State, whether in secret or in open daylight.

E. E. CURTIS, Committee.

### REPORT NO. 3.—EDUCATION.

Education is the drawing forth and cultivation of the human faculties, and includes the whole course of training,—Moral Physical and Intellectual. Since the theme is inexhaustible, we shall

offer only a few principal suggestions, as they present themselves, from a Christian stand-point.

While convinced, as never before, of the absolute necessity of education, in order to the fullest development of these faculties, we are also persuaded that much that passes for education is comparatively worthless, if not absolutely injurious; especially, when the moral and physical branches are so neglected, and pupils so exposed by pernicious association that only moral excrescences and physical wastes follow, as they do in too many instances.

One of the inspired writers said: "Get wisdom;" yet we have already learned that few passages are more perverted than this one. In order to a better understanding of the subject, we will notice, briefly, what *is not* education.

First, then, a mere knowledge of the rudimentary branches is not education; neither is a smattering of French and music, with, perhaps, a little German and physiology, in the fullest sense, education. One may have all these, and even a diploma from some college, and still be sadly defective in the superior branches. "What shall we, then, say to these things?" Surely, we are forced to this conclusion, viz: That all education which neglects the moral and physical nature of the pupil is dangerous, having neither foundation, beginning nor end; for it is written, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and "The conclusion of the whole matter" is "Fear God and keep his commandments." We may not conclude without lifting our voice in warning and exhortation, first, to gospel teachers. Do not get less in the heart than in the head. Experience in your own soul all you attempt to teach others. A mere head theory will never reach souls, *which to save* should be your one business. Secondly, your commission enjoins "the perfecting of the saints." In order to this, you must yourself be perfect in heart, in love, and according to the Word of God. Lastly, we notice that a blow has been struck at our national system of education, which renders it unsafe, viz: The exclusion of the Bible, to a large extent, from our schools. Thus the moral education of our youth is neglected, and the pas-



sions become a prey to many popular vices. As a remedy, we would earnestly exhort every follower of our Lord Jesus to see to it, so much as in them lies, that Christian teachers, who will read and pray with and for the children, are employed in the public schools.

But, furthermore, we need distinctive Christian schools that are such in very deed. These we have, to a limited extent, in our own denomination; and we praise the Lord for Wasioja, Wheaton, Purdy and Houghton. Having observed the methods of the latter school, we desire to bear personal testimony to the fact that teachings are made a specialty there which would have saved us hours of pain and remorse could we have had this blessed privilege in our youth.

Let all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and appreciate superior education for our youth, do all in their power to sustain these eminently Christian schools by their prayers, their children and their money.

C. G. BUCK, Committee.

#### REPORT NO. 4.—ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

Your Committee, to whom was intrusted the examination of candidates for Elders' orders, also to travel under the direction of the Conference, respectfully submit the following report:

1. Upon careful examination, we consider the following brethren fit persons to be ordained Elders in the Church of God, viz:—  
G. W. Newman, J. D. Russel, W. L. Combs and S. C. Fox.

2. We also recommend W. Bills to be admitted on trial in the Conference.

R. E. JOHNSON,	} Com.
T. W. JACKSON,	
J. BLANCHARD,	
C. W. HOWE,	
H. W. WETMORE.	

## REPORT NO. 5.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

MR. PRESIDENT:—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report the following as their views on this important subject:

We deeply regret the almost universal neglect, on the part of parents and others having charge of children, of the all-important duty of instructing them in the truths of the Word of God. And this universal neglect has left a large majority of the children destitute of any religious training; even in Christian families this is true to an alarming extent.

To meet this want, it has pleased God to inspire His Church to establish the Sabbath-school, and the blessing of God has so rewarded the labor of the earnest teacher that we have come to recognize it as truly the nursery of the Church, through which thousands of earnest, intelligent men and women have become successful workers in the Church. Therefore, it is the belief of your Committee, that the ministers and members of every Wesleyan Church should seek to advance the interests of the Sabbath-school,

1st, By giving it their earnest labor, time and thought.

2nd, By placing such inducements before the children as to stimulate them to constant attendance.

3rd, By giving them sound, healthful reading to counteract the baneful literature of the times.

4th, By earnest, affectionate entreaty and example to win them to Christ.

This, in the belief of your Committee, is the great object of the Sabbath-school; and we are thankful to Almighty God for the general prosperity of the Sabbath-schools of the Wesleyan Connection especially. And we, the ministers and delegates forming this Conference, do pledge ourselves to encourage and support, to the extent of our ability, every department of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your indulgent consideration.

JOHN BLANCHARD, Committee.



## REPORT NO. 7.—PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Albany, South, Vt., J. F. Wright.  
Barrowsville, Mass., left in the hands of the President.  
Brandon and Goshen, Vt., W. S. Hathaway.  
Brasher, N. Y., supplied from Stockholm.  
Chateaugay and Burke, N. Y., S. A. Warner.  
Chester and Horicon, N. Y., S. B. Town.  
Chittenden, Vt., G. W. Newman.  
Corinth, N. Y., supplied from Hadley.  
Creek Centre, N. Y., D. T. Monroe and W. Rist.  
Crown Point and Hammondville, N. Y., J. Lazarus.  
Dickenson, N. Y., to be supplied.  
Ellenburgh, N. Y., supplied from Chateaugay.  
Fort Covington and Westville, N. Y., J. G. Hull.  
Fowlers Mission, N. Y., to be supplied.  
The Glen, N. Y., J. Tripp.  
Hadley and Edinburgh, N. Y., D. T. Monroe and W. Rist.  
Johnsburgh, N. Y., J. Blanchard.  
Lake George, N. Y., J. Quay.  
Lewis and North Hudson, N. Y., D. Fish.  
Lisbon, N. Y., T. W. Jackson.  
Long Lake, N. Y., left in hands of the President.  
Mooers, N. Y., E. Matthews.  
Morley, N. Y., N. E. Jenkins.  
Morristown and Macomb, N. Y., O. L. Doolittle.  
Newcomb, N. Y., to be supplied.  
North Elba, N. Y., to be supplied.  
Parishville, N. Y., S. C. Fox.  
Readsboro, Vt., E. Trowbridge.  
Stockholm, N. Y., E. E. Curtis.  
Spragues Corners, N. Y., to be supplied.  
Sheffield, Vt., to be supplied.  
Thurman, N. Y., J. D. Russel.  
Vermontville, N. Y., M. Sisco.

Warren, Vt., J. B. Whitney.

West Chazy, N. Y., supplied under direction of President.

West Plattsburgh, N. Y., R. E. Johnson.

Wilmington, N. Y., to be supplied.

Weybridge, Vt., F. L. Wright.

South Warrensburgh, N. Y., W. L. Combs.

Transferred to New York Conference—C. G. Buck.

Connectional Editor—N. Wardner.

Left without an Appointment at their own Request—J. Bartman, O. Jaquith, S. Bills, O. F. Putnam, G. W. Ellis, R. Shaw and B. W. Sherwood.

Superannuated Elders—J. Dayton, R. DeLarm, W. H. Flansburg, L. Prindle, J. Scott, O. Newton and H. W. Stewart.

Unstationed Elders—S. S. Brown, C. Conger, J. A. Gibson, O. H. Hancock and E. Robbins.

Licentiates—M. N. Lord, C. W. Lord and W. Rist.

Received on Trial—W. Rist.

Received by ordination—S. C. Fox, W. L. Combs, J. D. Russell and G. W. Newman.

Received by letter from the M. P. Church—E. Trowbridge.

Expelled—J. H. Morris.

R. E. JOHNSON,	} Com.
D. T. MONROE,	
G. BOICE,	
F. L. WRIGHT,	
W. S. HATHAWAY,	
C. E. LARABEE,	
C. C. CHURCHILL,	



# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE FOR 1885.---REPORT NO. 8.

CHARGE.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Time Employd.	No. of Appointments.	No. of Churches.	No. Members receiv'd.	Expelled or discount'd.	Died.	Removed.	Withdrawn.	Present Number.	Baptized.	Unstationed Elders.	Licentiates.	No. Wesleyans taken.	No. Bible Stand's t'k'n	No. Banners taken.	No. Good Words t'k'n	No. of Schools.	No. of Superintend'ts.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No Books in Library.	No. Meeting Houses.	Value of.	No of Par-ouages.	Value of.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Evangelist.	Building and Repairs.	Sunday Schools.	Missions.	Superan't'd Ministers.	Other Benevolent Objects.
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Chittenden,.....	G. W. Newman,.....	1 do	1	1	8	...	1	...	...	32	2	...	...	12	15	15	1	1	5	30	150	1	500	...	...	265 28	8.00	6.00	42 00	10 00	1.25	...	...	
Crown Point,.....	W. S. Hathaway,.....	1 do	4	1	4	3	...	1	...	54	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	1	5	30	130	1	1,300	...	...	350 00	5 00	10 00	...	8.00	...	...	...	
Creek Center,.....	O. L. Doolittle,.....	1 do	7	2	5	...	2	...	...	43	3	...	1	10	...	...	2	2	8	45	...	1	1,500	1	\$750	425 00	...	...	227.00	14 00	...	...	...	
Chester and Horicon,.....	S. B. Town,.....	1 do	4	2	14	...	3	1	...	92	13	1	...	16	...	...	2	2	8	40	...	1	600	...	...	400.00	...	6 00	...	...	5 06	...	...	
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Lake George,.....	J. Quay,.....	1 do	4	1	6	1	2	4	...	75	4	...	...	13	1	10	10	3	3	12	75	50	1	2,000	1	500	463.19	30.00	18.19	50.00	20 78	...	...	5.00
Johnsburgh,.....	J. Blanchard,.....	1 do	4	2	11	...	...	...	...	59	4	2	2	4	...	...	2	1	10	50	+	1	1,000	1	500	175.00	10 00	20.00	...	10 00	...	...	...	
Long Lake,.....	John Lazarus,.....	1 do	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	1	...	8	40	40	2	2	9	47	300	1	1,100	...	...	220.00	...	...	...	...	7 25	...	...	
Readsboro,.....	C. G. Buck,.....	1 do	3	1	11	3	1	1	...	48	4	2	1	22	7	17	17	1	1	5	50	240	1	1,500	...	...	220.00	...	...	...	12 64	2 00	\$1 00	34 50
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Stockholm,.....	F. L. Wright,.....	1 year	3	3	5	...	1	...	...	77	3	...	...	26	2	...	2	2	9	55	...	2	1,500	1	800	275 00	10.00	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	...
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Edinburgh and Hadley,.....	.....	1 year	4	2	1	2	...	2	1	18	2	1	...	8	...	...	4	4	10	100	100	1	800	...	...	164 93	...	...	...	10 00	...	...	...	...
Morley,.....	E. E. Cartis,.....	1 do	3	1	...	...	3	...	1	88	...	...	...	23	1	50	50	2	2	12	80	...	1	3,000	1	800	482.00	52 00	20.00	...	34 00	12 00	6.35	...
Lisbon,.....	T. W. Jackson,.....	1 do	1	1	17	...	...	...	...	55	2	...	...	17	2	25	25	...	2	10	30	...	1	1,000	1	700	675 00	30.00	...	...	15 00	7 16	...	40.00
Moore,.....	E. Matthews,.....	1 do	6	1	1	...	1	2	...	123	1	...	...	18	...	...	5	5	19	225	...	1	3,000	1	800	520.00	...	8 60	25 00	70 00	50 00	1.00	...	...
South Albany,.....	R. E. Johnson,.....	11 mo.	1	1	8	...	...	...	...	83	8	...	...	14	40	40	1	2	10	75	85	1	500	...	...	300 00	20 00	35 00	...	50 00	2 50	2 50	72.00	
Morristown and Macomb,.....	No Report,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ellenburgh,.....	G. W. Ellis,.....	11 mo.	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	64	...	...	...	10	40	...	4	4	15	130	200	1	1,600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Chazy,.....	M. R. Buldrige,.....	11 mo.	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	59	...	...	...	13	17	...	2	1	9	50	150	1	2,500	1	1,000	300 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corinth,.....	No Report,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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