

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF  
The Lockport Conference  
OF THE  
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,  
or Church, of America

HELD AT  
HOUGHTON, N. Y., APRIL 1-4, 1908.

Rev. C. H. DOW, President,  
Rev. WALTER READETT, Secretary.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR.

**President:**—Rev. C. H. Dow.

**Vice-President:**—Rev. E. W. Bruce.

**Secretary:**—Walter Readett.

**Assistant Secretary:**—Rev. F. S. Lee.

**Treasurer:**—Rev. H. W. McDowell.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Howard W. McDowell, term expires 1911.

Won S. Crandall, term expires 1911.

Clayton F. Ball, term expires 1911.

Herbert R. LaVere, term expires 1910.

Frank S. Lee, term expires 1910.

William S. Easton, term expires 1910.

Reuben F. Dutcher, term expires 1909.

Charles H. Dow, term expires 1909.

Henry R. Barnett, term expires 1909.

## CONFERENCE ROLL.

### Stationed List.

Name, Post-office Address, No. of meetings present at conference.

G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y., 2 meetings.

W. A. Hazlett, Houghton, N. Y., 4 meetings.

G. H. Clarke, Houghton, N. Y., 2 meetings.

C. H. Dow, Houghton, N. Y., 7 meetings.

W. Readett, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D., 8 meetings.

H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y., 3 meetings.

S. W. Bond, Houghton, N. Y., 4 meetings.

C. P. Sage, Hammond, Minn., — meetings.

H. R. LaVere, Eagle Harbor, N. Y., 8 meetings.

C. W. Smith, Machias, N. Y., 6 meetings.

N. E. Heald, Forestville, N. Y., 4 meetings.

E. W. Bruce, Houghton, N. Y., 7 meetings.

C. W. MacClinchey, R. F. D., Appleton, N. Y., 5 meetings.

F. E. Fitch, Steamburg, N. Y., 4 meetings.

A. C. Dow, Ransomville, N. Y., 5 meetings.

F. S. Lee, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 8 meetings.



### Supernumerary List.

R. F. Dutcher, Eagle Harbor, N. Y., —  
B. S. Laughlin, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., —  
J. D. Russell, Warrensburg, N. Y., —  
Robert McConnell, Houghton, N. Y., —  
J. E. Tiffany, Delevan, N. Y., 7 meetings.  
C. G. Wagoner, Houghton, N. Y., —  
H. J. Bullock, Cattaraugus, N. Y., —

### Superannuated List.

A. B. Chamberlain, Wyoming, N. Y., 3 meetings.  
I. Hodgkins, Steamburg, N. Y., —  
E. Fuller, Westons Mills, N. Y., —

### Licentiates on Stationed List.

F. C. Adams, Lockport, N. Y.  
H. C. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y.  
S. I. Smith, Houghton, N. Y.  
W. L. Braman, West Falls, N. Y., R. F. D.  
Wm. Osgood, Emporium, Pa., R. F. D.  
Geo. Bathurst, Olean, N. Y.,  
A. J. Straight, Holland, N. Y.  
G. F. Preston, Olean, N. Y.  
Anna Daley, Mahaffey, Pa.  
May Kierstead, Machias, N. Y.

### Delegates.

Name, Charge, Post-office, Meetings Present.

Leila Smith, Olean, N. Y., 7 meetings.  
Flora Baker, Allegany, Rushford, N. Y., 4 meetings.  
G. W. Hall, East Leon, Dayton, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
L. V. Cronk, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 6 meetings.  
W. S. Crandall, Fillmore, Fillmore, N. Y., 7 meetings.  
Bernice Moore, Cameron, Emporium, Pa., 8 meetings.  
George Dietrich, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 7 meetings.  
William Baker, Delevan and Machias, Machias, N. Y., 5 meetings.  
Barabara Vansickle, Hazelhurst, Smethport, Pa., 8 meetings.  
H. M. English, Huntley and Castle Garden, Driftwood, Pa., 8 meetings.

Edna Bumpus, Levant, Falconer, N. Y., R. F. D., 7 meetings.  
 H. R. Barnett, Chestnut Ridge, Lockport, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
 John McDonald, Houghton, Fillmore, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
 Wm. W. Crosby, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
 May Kierstead, Ransomville, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
 Verna Hanford, Hess Road, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.  
 Lillian A. Plummer, Eagle Harbor and Yates, Lyndonville, N. Y., 5 meetings.  
 James Frazier, Higgins, Centerville, N. Y., 7 meetings.  
 E. Benning, Hamburg, Orchard Park, N. Y., 5 meetings.  
 Ina P. Worthington, Wyoming, Bliss, N. Y., 1 meeting.  
 G. W. Deiter, Napoli, N. Y., 2 meetings.  
 C. M. Closser, Short Tract, Angelica, N. Y., 5 meetings.  
 Wm. Greenburg, Red House, Houghton, N. Y., 1 meeting.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

**On Presidency:**—Rev. E. W. Bruce, Rev. F. S. Lee, Rev. J. E. Tiffany, Won S. Crandall, George Dietrich.

**Advisory Board:**—Rev. E. W. Bruce, C. P. Lapham.

**Tithing Secretary:**—Rev. H. R. LaVere.

**Judiciary Committee:**—Rev. R. F. Dutcher, Rev. S. W. Bond, Rev. E. W. Bruce, Rev. R. McConnell.

**Missionary Board:**—Rev. H. W. McDowell, William S. Easton.

**Itinerancy and Orders:**—Rev. H. R. LaVere, First Year; Rev. C. H. Dow, Second Year; Rev. E. W. Bruce, Third Year.

**Camp-Meeting Committee:**—Rev. H. W. McDowell, Rev. H. C. Bedford.

**Publication of Minutes:**—The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

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Place for next Annual Session, Boardmanville, Olean, N. Y.



## JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

### First Day.—Wednesday Morning.

The Lockport Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its forty-seventh session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Houghton, Allegany Co., N. Y., April 1, 1908.

The conference was called to order at 9 A. M. by the President, Rev. C. H. Dow who also conducted the devotional exercises.

The roll was called and eleven elders responded.

G. H. Clarke and H. R. Barnett were elected a Committee on Credentials.

Said committee gave a partial report which was adopted and the names reported were placed on the roll of delegates.

By vote the bar of conference was fixed to include the first four seats.

The President gave his annual report which was adopted. See Report No. 1.

Committee on Credentials gave a further partial report. It was adopted.

The Rev. F. S. Lee, Rev. J. E. Tiffany and Rev. J. H. Bowen, the Connectional Agent, were formally introduced to the conference.

The following committees were elected:

On Ministerial Character:—H. W. McDowell, Won S. Crandall.

On Religious Services:—S. W. Bond, H. R. LaVere, Wm. W. Crosby.

On Boundaries:—E. W. Bruce, C. W. Smith, May Kierstead.

Committee on Credentials gave a further partial report which was adopted.

On Pastoral Relations:—H. R. LaVere, F. S. Lee, H. W. McDowell, George Dietrich, G. W. Hall, Lester Cronk.

On Statistics:—C. W. MacClinchy, William Baker.

On Presidency:—E. W. Bruce, F. S. Lee, J. E. Tiffany, Won S. Crandall, George Dietrich.

On Thanks:—N. E. Heald, Verna Hanford.

On Post-Office Addresses:—W. A. Hazlett.

By request of H. R. Barnett he was excused from the committee on statistics and the name of William Baker was substituted as a member of the committee.

On motion the time for opening and closing the meetings of the session was fixed as follows: Morning meeting to open at 8:30 and close at 11:30 A. M. Afternoon meeting to open at 1:30 and close by adjournment.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday at 10 A. M. to elect conference officers.

Conference voted that all visiting ministerial brethren be given an honorary seat within the bar of conference.

It was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon following the religious service to hear the Connectional Agent.

Conference adjourned by vote subject to the call of the chair.

After a brief adjournment conference was called to order and business was resumed.

The Committee on Ministerial Character reported the following names and their character passed: F. S. Lee, Gertrude F. Preston, H. W. McDowell, E. W. Bruce, F. C. Adams, C. W. MacClinchy; Robert McConnell, absent through sickness, reported through the delegate of East Leon charge.

Voted that the parsonage property of East Leon charge be valued at \$1,000 instead of \$500 as given in statistical report.

The names of N. E. Heald and Walter Readett were called and their characters were passed.

It was made the order of the day for Friday at 10 A. M. to hear our Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. Teter.

Rev. A. C. Dow and Rev. J. E. Tiffany reported and their characters passed.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

#### **First Day.—Wednesday Afternoon.**

Conference was called to order at 1:30 by the President and prayer was offered by F. S. Lee.

Roll was called and twenty-two responded.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

By call of the chair the conference suspended business for religious service. Rev. N. E. Heald preached from Matt. 25:10.

After the service the conference took up the routine of business.

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



A recess was taken for the Committee on Ministerial Character to transact business after which the committee reported the following names as having their characters passed: H. J. Bullock, not being present reported by communication; Samuel I. Smith, licentiate supplying Wyoming charge; Mrs. Anna Deley, supplying Hazelhurst charge; Huntley and Castle Garden charge had no pastor, the statistical report was read by the Secretary.

Conference adjourned by vote.

#### Second Day.—Thursday Morning.

Conference was called to order at 8:30 by the President.

Rev. J. E. Tiffany had charge of the devotional exercises.

Twenty-seven answered to the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials gave a farther partial report which was adopted.

A partial report was given by the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders which was also adopted. See Report No. 2. Item A.

The Committee on Credentials gave farther partial report. The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. T. Jennings, our Connectional Editor, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. W. L. Braman of the Rochester conference was also introduced to conference.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday afternoon following the religious service to hear our Connectional Editor, Rev. A. T. Jennings.

A recess was taken for the Committee on Ministerial Character to examine pastors' reports.

Order was called and a resolution was presented by F. S. Lee which was adopted. See Resolution No. 1.

It was voted that the action relative to hearing our Connectional Editor be rescinded.

It was also voted that it be the order of the day for Thursday afternoon following the religious service to hear Rev. S. W. Bond on the Educational interests.

The following names were called and their characters passed: F. E. Fitch, H. R. LaVere.

The valuation of the parsonage property at Eagle Harbor was fixed at \$1,000 instead of \$750 by vote of the conference.



Rev. C. H. Dow was called and his character passed.

William Greenburg was seated as delegate for Red House charge by vote of the conference.

Rev. C. W. Smith was called and his character passed.

Rev. I. Hodgkins, E. Fuller and R. F. Dutcher reported by communication and their characters passed.

It was voted that an appropriation for funds for E. Fuller and A. B. Chamberlain be referred to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

The President was requested by vote of the conference to write to Rev. E. Fuller and Rev. I. Hodgkins tendering the sympathy of the brethren of the Lockport conference for them in their affliction and also the goodwill and high esteem for their faithful labors and godly life.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to revise the resolutions of this conference as recorded in the journal and report the same for action. C. H. Dow, E. W. Bruce and Won S. Crandall were elected as that committee.

The order of the day was called for and the conference proceeded to elect its officers.

The chair appointed H. R. LaVere and Won S. Crandall as tellers.

The first ballot resulted in the election of C. H. Dow for President.

E. W. Bruce was elected Vice-President.

Walter Readett was elected for Secretary.

H. W. McDowell was elected as the Conference Treasurer.

In the election of trustees the results were as follows: On first ballot 33 votes were cast of which Howard W. McDowell received 31, Frank S. Lee 1, Herbert R. LaVere 1. Howard W. McDowell was declared elected trustee.

On second ballot 32 votes were cast of which Won S. Crandall received 31, George Dietrich 1. Won S. Crandall was declared elected trustee.

The third ballot showed 32 votes cast. Clayton F. Ball received 31, Silas W. Bond 1. Clayton F. Ball was declared elected trustee.

On fourth ballot there were 31 votes. Frank S. Lee received 20, Nathan E. Heald 4, Silas W. Bond 2, Erwin W. Bruce 2, Charles W. MacClinchy 2, Herbert R. LaVere 1. Frank S. Lee was declared elected trustee to fill the vacancy of John S. Willett.



E. W. Bruce and C. P. Lapham were elected as the Advisory Board.

H. R. LaVere was elected Tithing Secretary.

The following were elected the Judiciary Committee: R. F. Dutcher, S. W. Bond, E. W. Bruce, R. McConnell.

The Missionary Board was composed of H. W. McDowell and William S. Easton.

H. R. LaVere was re-elected on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Conference elected F. S. Lee and H. R. Barnett as an auditing Committee.

The financial report of the Camp-meeting Committee was submitted and adopted. See Report No. 3.

H. W. McDowell and H. C. Bedford were elected as the Camp-meeting Committee.

The committee elected at the last annual session to raise funds for the delegates' expenses to the General conference gave their report which was adopted. See Report No. 4.

F. S. Lee was appointed as the Assistant Secretary.

The names of G. H. Clarke and S. W. Bond were called and their characters passed.

The statistical report of the Levant charge was read by the Secretary.

Rev. W. A. Hazlett was called and his character was passed.

Conference adjourned by vote.

Benediction by F. S. Lee.

### Second Day.—Thursday Afternoon.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Rev. C. H. Dow. H. R. Barnett led in prayer.

Twenty-two answered to the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

Farther business was suspended and Miss Gertrude F. Preston preached from Heb. 2:1-3.

The order of the day was taken up and Rev. S. W. Bond gave an address on the Educational interests.

The name of G. W. Cooper was called and his character passed.

Rev. A. B. Chamberlain was called and gave a statement of his experience. His character was passed.

A resolution relative to pastor's financial support was presented by C. W. Smith. It was adopted. See Resolution No. 2.

Conference adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

### Third Day.—Friday Morning.

The conference was called to order at 8:40 by the President.

The religious services were conducted by W. L. Braman.

Thirty-three were present at the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was voted to set the time and place of the next annual session of conference.

Invitations for the next annual session were extended from the circuits of Olean and Castle Garden.

The vote was taken by roll call. Olean received twenty-nine votes and Castle Garden received five. Olean was declared to be the seat of the next annual session of the Lockport conference.

On motion the time of the next session was left with the Advisory Board.

Rev. F. S. Lee was appointed to preach the opening sermon at the next annual session. F. C. Adams was appointed as the alternate.

The report of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes of the last session was presented and adopted. See Report No. 5.

The conference Secretary reported an item of expense which was referred to the Board of Trustees. See Report No. 6.

It was voted that three hundred copies of the conference minutes be published and that a committee be appointed to attend to the publication and distribution. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were made that committee.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. E. Teter, our Missionary Secretary, addressed the conference on the missionary work.

Conference adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.



### Third Day.—Friday Afternoon.

The conference was called to order at 1:30 by Vice-President, Rev. E. W. Bruce.

Prayer was offered by F. S. Lee.

Twenty-five were present at the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

G. W. Deiter was excused from the conference by vote at his request.

Business was postponed and Rev. S. Bedford preached from Matt. 18:20.

The order of the day was taken up and Rev. J. H. Bowen, the Connectional Agent, addressed the conference on the Publishing interests of the Church.

Rev. B. S. Laughlin reported by communication and his character passed.

Buffalo Mission reported by communication.

A resolution relative to the price of the Wesleyan Methodist was presented by F. S. Lee and adopted. See Resolution No. 3.

On motion the conference adjourned.

### Fourth Day.—Saturday Morning.

Conference was called to order at 8:40. Rev. C. H. Dow in chair.

Devotional services were conducted by A. C. Dow.

Twenty-nine responded to the roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was given and adopted. See Report No. 7.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported through their Secretary. Said report was adopted. See Report No. 2. Item B.

The Committee on Thanks gave their report which was adopted. See Report No. 8.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

### Fourth Day.—Saturday Afternoon.

The President called the conference to order at 1:40.

Rev. E. W. Bruce led in prayer.

Twenty-four answered to the roll call.

Minutes were read and approved.



The Board of Trustees made their report through their Secretary. It was adopted. See Report No. 9.

The Committee on the Revisals of the Resolutions of the past sessions of the conference reported their findings which was adopted. See Report No. 10.

Business was suspended for preaching service and Rev. J. L. Benton preached from II. Peter 3:18.

Business was again resumed and the Treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society gave a financial report. See Report No. 11.

A petition presented by Miss Gertrude F. Preston was received and Sister Jennie Ayers was elected a member of the Missionary Board. See Report No. 12.

On motion Sister J. H. Bowen was also made a member of the Missionary Board.

The Conference Treasurer gave his annual report which was adopted and referred to the Auditing Committee. See Report No. 13.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given and adopted. See Report No. 14.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations presented their report which was also adopted. See Report No. 15.

The report of the Committee on Post-office Addresses was given and accepted. See Roll of Elders and Delegates pages 1-3.

On motion the resolution No. 3 relative to the price of the Wesleyan Methodist being fixed at one dollar a year was rescinded. See third day, Friday P. M.

It was voted that we recommend the Book Committee to fix the price of the Wesleyan Methodist at one dollar and a half a year.

A resolution relative to the Conference Treasurer's report was presented by C. W. Smith and adopted. See Resolution No. 4.

Minutes read and approved.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Bowen.

C. H. Dow, President; Walter Readett, Secretary.



## REPORT No. 1.—PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

In presenting our official report and statement of the work in the conference for the year, we are grateful to God for his guidance and watchcare.

While some of our most efficient pastors have been severely afflicted physically so that they have been obliged to cease from active pastoral work for a season, still death has not invaded our ranks and our numbers are unbroken.

We devoutly thank God for the spirit of brotherly love and fellowship so manifest among all our brethren, and the peace and harmony prevailing on all our charges so far as your servant is able to discern. The continuation of this precious unity must result in increased strength and efficiency.

The year has been marked by spiritual aggressiveness and evangelistic effort. Nearly all our pastors have held revivals on their charges that have resulted in the conversion of souls and members added to the churches.

Our great need to-day as in the past, is for more efficient pastors and evangelists to go into the unoccupied fields where they are calling for help.

Under the direction of the Conference Missionary Board, revival work was continued with the conference tent during the brief school vacation period, with the same band of consecrated workers we had in the field the previous year. Their labor was greatly blessed of God and most precious and effective revivals were the result. In view of the fact of the great success attending this work for the two past seasons, and the urgent calls that we are already receiving from many of the charges that they be given a meeting next season, we strongly urge the continuation of this line of work by this conference, and that if possible another tent be put in the field. We are receiving applications every few days from our best young men and ladies who are in training here in our school, and who are full of zeal for souls to go out with the tent in gospel work. We could easily secure workers to run two tents if we had them and the means to start them.

We are especially gratified to note the steady advancement of the church and work in Olean and the missionary spirit they are developing there. We believe the time has come when this conference should, in co-operation with its Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, make an earnest effort to establish a City Mis-



sion there. We urge that this conference fully consider the matter.

The report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations of our last session shows the following charges left in the hands of the President: Honeoye, Phillips Creek, Olcott, Westons Mills, Huntley and Castle Garden, Lewis Run, and Hamburg.

Honeoye, Phillips Creek and Olcott have had no pastor or preaching. Inasmuch as we have no church property and as far as we can learn the membership are all gone from Honeoye, we recommend that this charge be discontinued. We also advise the conference to make some disposition of the Phillips Creek charge as we have not sufficient membership and interest there to warrant us in carrying this work on our list of charges.

Westons Mills have had no preaching during the year. We trust they can be provided with preaching this year. Huntley and Castle Garden have been supplied a part of the year, under our direction, by Brother Maurice Gibbs, one of our students.

Lewis Run has been regularly supplied with preaching by students from Houghton, under our direction. We placed the Hamburg charge in the hands of Rev. H. J. Bullock soon after the rise of conference, and he has had charge of the work since.

The Rev. J. S. Willett having assumed a pastorate at Syracuse, N. Y., has been duly transferred to the Syracuse Conference; Rev. F. S. Lee has been received an elder into this conference on letter of transfer from the Rochester conference. Also, the Rev. J. E. Tiffany on letter of standing and transfer from the Susquehanna conference of the Free Methodist Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. H. Dow, President.

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## REPORT No. 2.—ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

### Item A.

In the case of Gertrude F. Preston who has passed a creditable examination in the first year's course of study, and part of the second: We recommend that she be continued to travel under the direction of conference and complete the second year's course of study and pursue the studies of the third year.



In the case of H. C. Bedford who has passed with high standing in the school the following studies of the course, Wayland's Moral Philosophy, Haven's Mental Philosophy, M'Ilvane's Christian Evidences, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, Walker, also Wesleyan Methodist Discipline by examination, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of conference and pursue the remainder of the course as his time shall permit.

In the case of A. C. Dow who has passed a very good examination in the full course of study and been duly recommended to this conference by his quarterly conference for elder's orders, we recommend that he be elected to the office of an elder.

In the case of William Osgood who has passed a creditable examination in the course of study, we recommend that he continue to travel under the direction of conference and pursue the course of reading as his time will permit.

#### **Item B.**

Recommendations to travel under the direction of the conference from their respective charges were received for the following persons; Samuel I. Smith, May Kierstead, George Bathurst.

In the case of F. C. Adams who has creditably passed the studies of the first and second years of the course except Homiletics, Church History and History of the Reformation, we recommend that he continue to travel under the direction of the conference, to finish the second and pursue the studies of the third year.

In the case of George Bathurst: We recommend that he be received to travel under the direction of the conference and pursue the first year's course of study.

In the case of Anna Daley, we recommend that she continue to travel under the direction of conference and pursue the studies of the first year of the course.

In the case of Warren L. Braman who came with a transfer from the Rochester conference and has passed the following studies of the course: Binney's Compend, Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline and Baptism of the Holy Ghost, we recommend that he be received to travel under the direction of the conference and continue the course of study.

In the case of Antoinette Braman who came with a transfer from the Rochester conference, we recommend that she be received to travel under the direction of the conference.



In the case of Samuel I. Smith and May Kierstead who have passed Binney's Compend and Wesleyan Discipline and are pursuing the studies of the course in the school, we recommend that they be received to travel under the direction of the conference.

In the case of A. J. Straight, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the conference.

Rev. Herbert R. LaVere, Rev. E. W. Bruce, Rev. C. H. Dow,  
William Crosby, Henry R. Barnett, Committee.

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### REPORT No. 3.—CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.

The Joint Camp-Meeting Committee of the Rochester and Lockport conferences would respectfully submit the following financial report.

**Receipts:**—Balance last report, \$110.12; Surplus from last year, \$48.22; Received on pledges and Sunday P. M. collection, \$246.17; Sale of song books, oil, etc., \$39.09; Contributions for workers and incidentals, \$110.32; Tent Rent and Transportation, \$100.25; Pasture, \$10; Lease of Lots, \$115. Total, \$779.17.

**Disbursements:**—For work, \$55.70; Printing Maps of ground, \$6.21; Interest, \$38.86; Paint for Auditorium roof, \$25.10; To Mrs. W. L. Braman, \$25; To Rev. A. J. Shea, \$45; Freight and express, \$21.97; Song books, \$26.55; Tent Rent, \$72.63; Incidentals, 46.93; Janitor, \$10; Lumber, \$68.25; Cement and other materials, \$23.25; Payment on mortgage, \$117; Cash to balance, \$196.72. Total, \$779.17.

A. W. Brim, Treasurer. Presented by Rev. H. W. McDowell.

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### REPORT No. 4.—DELEGATES' EXPENSES.

**Receipts:**—Allegany, \$4.10; Buffalo Mission, \$1.90; Cattaraugus, \$8.20; Chestnut Ridge, \$4.20; Delevan and Machias, \$2.70; Eagle Harbor and Yates, \$4.60; East Leon, \$4.50; Fillmore, \$5.10; Forestville, \$1.40; Hamburg, \$2.30; Hess Road, \$3.30; Hazelhurst, \$1.50; Huntley and Castle Garden, \$1; Higgins, \$3; Houghton, \$12.64; Levant, \$5.20; Lewis Run, \$1; Napoli, Red House and



Steamburg, \$2.80; Olean, \$3; Thort Tract, \$2.10; Ransomville, \$2.60; Westons Mills, .86. Total, \$78.

**Disbursements:**—To Rev. H. W. McDowell, \$21; Rev. C. H. Dow, \$20 C. Lindquist, \$20; E. G. Dietrich, \$17. Total, \$78.

Henry R. Barnett, Charles Lindquist, Committee.

Rev. F. S. Lee, H. R. Barnett, Auditing Committee.

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#### **REPORT No. 5.—PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.**

Your Committee on the Publication of Minutes beg leave to submit the following report:

Cost of publication of Minutes, \$25; Express on some to Secretary, .60; Cost of mailing to pastors, \$2.87. Total, \$28.47.

Amount received from all sources, \$28.80. Balance on hand .33.

Walter Readett, C. W. MacClinchy, Committee.

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#### **REPORT No. 6.—SECRETARY'S EXPENSES.**

Your Secretary wishes to submit the following report of expense: Express on Conference Journal to General Conference, .70; Cost of blanks for pastor's reports and conference preachers' licenses, \$1.50. Total, \$2.20.

Walter Readett, Secretary.

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#### **REPORT No. 8.—ON THANKS.**

Your Committee on Thanks begs leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, the work of preparing for and the entertaining of our annual conference has required long and faithful work; and

Whereas, the homes and hearts of the people of Houghton and vicinity have been so gladly and cordially opened to the kind entertainment and hospitality of the members of the Lockport conference and visiting friends; and

Whereas, great effort has been put forth to supply every need and secure our best comfort and happiness while among them, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Lockport conference in annual meeting assembled, extend to the pastor and his wife, to the membership of the Houghton church and to the people of the town and community our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the royal welcome we have received and the cordial way in which we have been entertained in their homes;

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God's richest blessing may rest upon them as a church, as a people and as a student body, and that their labors of love may be crowned with success in the salvation of the lost ones for whom Christ died;

Resolved, That a copy of this report be placed on our minutes and a copy sent to the "Spectator" and "Observer."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Rev. N. E. Heald, Miss Verna B. Hanford, Committee.

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#### REPORT No. 9.—BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees would report as follows:

1. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Secretary of the conference for the remainder of expense on Conference Journal to General Conference and for "Blanks" after applying the balance in Secretary's hands on printing of the conference minutes.

2. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund in favor of Rev. A. B. Chamberlain for \$25.

3. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund in favor of Rev. E. Fuller for \$50.

4. We recommend that the loans of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, and the bequest of Myra Linn made April 1, 1907, be renewed for one year from April 1, 1908.

5. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the President, Rev. C. H. Dow, for \$7.50 for traveling expenses and postage during the past year.

6. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$10 in favor of President Rev. C. H. Dow for postage and stationery during the coming year.



7. We recommend that the Secretary of the conference be authorized to purchase a new journal that will meet his approval and to draw an order on the Treasurer to cover the cost of the same.

8. We recommend that Susan Baker be authorized to negotiate a sale of the lease of the property on the Phillips Creek charge.

Rev. H. W. McDowell, Chairman; Rev. C. H. Dow, Rev. F. S. Lee, Rev. H. R. LaVere, Won S. Crandall, Henry R. Barnett, Secretary.

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#### REPORT No. 10.—REVISALS OF RECORDED RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Revisals of Resolutions as recorded in the Conference Journal beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We recommend that the conference vote to retain the following: Resolution No. 1, on Literature, page 42 of Journal; Resolution No. 2, on Sabbath Observance, page 42 of Journal; Resolution No. 5, on time for the Annual Missionary Meeting, page 44 of Journal; Resolution No. 2, On Church Membership of Elders, page 257 of Journal; Resolution under Report No. 8, On Appearing before Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, page 281 of Journal; Resolution No. 1, Board of Trustees' Report for final action, page 285 of Journal; Resolution No. 1, On Education, page 314 of Journal; Resolution No. 3, On Application to Board of Trustees for Funds, page 315 of Journal; Resolution No. 5, On Temperance, page 316 of Journal.

2nd. We recommend that the conference vote to rescind the following: Resolution No. 3, On Temperance, page 43 of Journal; Resolution No. 4, On The Reception of Members-Gold, page 43 of Journal; Resolution No. 2, On Temperance, page 74 of Journal; Resolution No. 3, On Ministerial Titles, page 109 of Journal; Resolution No. 4, On Recognition of Dollar Plan, page 109 of Journal; Resolution No. 1, On Examination of Characters, page 257 of Journal; Resolution No. 2, on Church Membership of Elders, page 257 of Journal.

C. H. Dow, E. W. Bruce, Won S. Crandall, Committee.



## REPORT No. 11.—MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society would submit the following report:

Balance on hand for the year ending April 6, 1907, \$265.87; Receipts for Foreign Missions, \$75.22; Receipts for Home Missions, \$58.27; Receipts for Conference Missions, \$96; Receipts for Education, \$10; Receipts for Membership Dues, \$7; Receipts for General Fund, \$116.59; Returned from Delegates' Expenses, \$8; Total receipts, \$636.95.

Disbursements for the year: To Rev. E. Teter for Foreign Missions, \$121.05; Rev. E. Teter for Home Missions, \$146.29; To Rev. J. H. Bowen for Education, \$10; To Rev. H. W. McDowell for Tent Work, \$165.79; By receipts of Miriam Churchill—Limbah Workers' Band, \$5.20; To L. H. Dow for Secretary's Expenses, .35; To Verna H. Smith for Treasurer's Expenses, .29; To L. H. Dow for Delegates' Expenses, \$25; To Mrs. Jennie Ayers for Delegates' Expenses, \$25; To Edgar Fuller, \$5; Total, \$498.68. Balance on hand, \$138.27.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Verna A. Smith, Treasurer.

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## REPORT No. 12.—PETITION OF WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Inasmuch, as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport conference has been so successful in the raising of funds for city mission work and other conference missions, we, the members of said society, do petition the Missionary Board of the Lockport Annual Conference that a woman represent us in that Board, and that the woman be Mrs. Jennie Ayers.

Philinda S. Bowen, Secretary *pro tem.*; Gertrude F. Preston, Committee.

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## REPORT No. 13.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer of the Lockport conference would submit the following report:

Home Missions:—Received from charges \$112.92; Paid to J. H. Bowen \$112.92.



Foreign Missions:—Received from charges, \$134.67; Paid to J. H. Bowen \$134.67.

For Education:—Received from charges, \$79.72; Paid to J. H. Bowen, \$79.72.

Superannuated Ministers:—Cash last report, \$109.65; Received from charges, \$76.84; Interest, \$19.32; Total, \$205.81. Paid to Rev. A. B. Chamberlain, \$25; Paid to Rev. E. Fuller, \$25; Loaned, \$59.65; Cash on hand, \$96.16; Total, \$205.81.

Conference Fund:—Cash last report, \$205.54; Receipts from tent meetings, \$45.78; Receipts from charges, \$123.79; From Mrs. Verna A. Smith, Treas., Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, \$165.79; Interest on loan of Myra Linn Fund, \$6.61; Total, \$547.51. Paid to Charles Sicard, deficit on Conference Minutes, \$1.67; Loan of interest of Myra Lynn fund, \$4.95; To J. M. English, for Driftwood church, \$25; Incidental expenses of tent meetings, \$41.83; To workers in tent meetings, \$150; To Maurice Gibbs for work under Conference President, \$21; Cash to balance, \$303.06; Total, \$547.51.

H. W. McDowell, Treasurer.

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#### REPORT No. 14.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee would respectfully submit the following report: Item A. The report of the Committee on Delegates' expenses to General Conference to our best knowledge and belief is correct.

Item B. After careful examination we find the books of the Treasurer correct to our best knowledge and belief.

F. S. Lee, H. R. Barnett, Committee.

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#### REPORT No. 15.—PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Pastoral Relations respectfully submits the following report:

1. Elders on conference roll, 26.
- 2, 3, and 4. Stationed list, Supernumerary list, and Superannuated list see Conference Roll, pages 1-3.
6. Withdrawn: By transfer, J. S. Willett to the Syracuse con-



ference; by letter of standing, S. W. Jennings to the Free Methodist Church.

7. Joined, by ordination: A. C. Dow; By transfer, F. S. Lee from the Rochester conference, J. E. Tiffany from the Susquehanna conference of the Free Methodist Church.

9. Licentiates reported from quarterly conference rolls, 20.

10. Licentiates on stationed list. See Conference Roll.

11. Work supplied as follows: Allegany, E. W. Bruce; Cameron, Wm. Osgood; Cattaraugus, F. S. Lee; Chestnut Ridge, F. C. Adams; Delevan and Machias, May Kierstead; Eagle Harbor and Yates, H. R. LaVere; East Leon, Walter Readett; Fillmore, H. C. Bedford; Forestville, N. E. Heald; Hamburg, W. L. Braman; Hess Road, C. W. MacClinchy; Houghton, C. H. Dow; Higgins, G. W. Cooper; Huntley and Castle Garden, In hands of President; Hazelhurst, in hands of President; Holland, A. J. Straight; Lewis Run, F. E. Fitch, conditionally; Napoli, supplied by Seth Bartlett of the Free Methodist church under direction of President; Red House, in hands of President; Ransomville, A. C. Dow; Steamburg, in hands of President; Short Tract, supplied by students from Houghton Seminary under the direction of President; Westons, George Bathurst; Wyoming, S. I. Smith; S. W. Bond, President of Houghton Seminary; H. W. McDowell, H. C. Bedford and E. W. Bruce, Teachers in Houghton Seminary; G. H. Clarke, Missionary elect to Africa; C. P. Sage, supplying South Troy charge in Iowa conference; W. A. Hazlett, general evangelist; C. W. Smith, conference evangelist; J. C. Irvine, withdrawn by serving a church of another denomination without the consent of the conference.

We recommend that Honeoye and Phillips Creek circuits be dropped from the list of charges.

Rev. C. H. Dow, Rev. H. R. LaVere, Rev. F. S. Lee, Rev. H. W. McDowell, George Dietrich, G. W. Hall, L. V. Cronk, Committee.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

### Resolution No. 1.—Reading of Statistical Report to Charges.

Resolved, That the conference request the charges at the last quarterly conference of the conference year to elect an Auditing Committee of two, whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in making out the statistical report of the charge.



Resolved, That we require the pastors or delegates of the charges to read the statistical report of the last year at a regular service as soon after the rise of the annual conference as convenient.

F. S. Lee.

#### **Resolution No. 2.—Ministerial Financial Support.**

Whereas, the need of our charges is better service from better pastors, and, whereas, enthusiastic house to house visitation proves an invaluable medium through which every department of church work is greatly increased, and the success of the church is seriously crippled when the pastor has to divide his attention between his ministry and secular employment for maintenance, and,

Whereas, the efficiency of our ministry depends upon more time for private devotion by prayer, reading, the study of God's Word and meditation, and, whereas, if the foregoing be true then, that more efficient work can be rendered, the imperative duty of the church is to render a financial compensation whereby the pastor is relieved from secular employment, and the pastor to devote his time exclusively to the work of his ministry, and,

Whereas, the wages of every profession save that of the ministry has greatly increased because of the advance cost of living. Be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that our pastors ought to receive an increase of twenty-five percent in salary, and be it further

Resolved, As an order of this conference that our pastors and delegates insist that each charge shall stipulate the amount of salary as may be agreed upon by pastor and charge, and that a pastor is justified in refusing to accept a call to any charge refusing to assume financial obligations.

C. W. Smith.

#### **Resolution No. 3.—Rescinded.**

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this conference that the price of the Wesleyan Methodist should remain at one dollar per year and that we require the pastors to do their utmost to collect arrearages and increase the subscription list of this paper on the various charges.

F. S. Lee.



Resolution No. 4.—Receipts.

Be it Resolved, That the pastors be instructed to secure receipts from all persons on their respective charges contributing toward educational, missionary work or otherwise and report the same in the statistical report to the conference.

C. W. Smith.



# STATISTICAL REPORT.

Charges.	Pastors.	Time Employed—Years.	Appointments	No. of Churches	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Present Number	Probationers.	Baptized	Licentiates	Wesley in Methodist Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Wesleyan Lesson Helps	No. of Sab. Schools	No. of Supt's	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	Books in Library	No. of Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Evan. Receipts	Superannuated Ministers	Foreign Mission	Home Missions	Conference Missions	Educational	Sabbath Schools	Bldg. and Repairs	Incidental Exp.	Other Benev. Objects.	
Allegany	C. W. Smith	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	37	1	1	1	21	30	45	1	1	8	60	250	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 250	\$ 370.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	
Buffalo Mission	C. R. Hawkins	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Cameron	A. C. Dow	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Cattaraugus	F. S. Lee	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Chestnut Ridge	F. C. Adams	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Delevan and Machias	J. E. Tiffany	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Eagle Harbor and Yates	H. R. LaVere	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
East Leon	R. McConnell	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Fillmore	E. W. Bruce	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Forestville	N. E. Heald	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Hamburg	H. J. Bullock	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Hazelhurst	Anna Daley	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Hess Road	C. W. MacClinchy	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Higgins	G. W. Cooper	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Houghton	C. H. Dow	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Huntley and Castle Garden	English	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Levant	A. D. Fero	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Napoli	F. E. Fitch	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Ransomville	W. Readett	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Red House	F. E. Fitch	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Short Tract	W. A. Hazlett	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Steamburg	F. E. Fitch	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	8	25	30	1	2	6	45	26	1	1000	1	1000	400.00	64.13	5.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	224.86	119.69	47.52		
Olean, G. F. Preston, 7 mo.	M. F. Lienard	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	3	2	2	7	15	30	1	1	6	30	1	1900	1	1900	160.00	24.00	2.37	18.87	17.52	5.00	5.00	17.00	18.81	18.81	5.00		
Wyoming	S. I. Smith	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	6	1	1	5	20	20	1	1	5	30	1	1500	1	1500	160.00	33.55	2.00	75.00	6.50	6.50	11.00	93.00	6.40	5.00			
Total		24	36	32	65	11	13	32	733	5	51	20	329	534	1046	24	24	115	980	592	24	34200	14	16150	7476.68	1043.10	76.69	931.07	216.83	233.93	6	3.79	536.70	4409.33	918.64	330.95

\*G. F. Preston, \$285.67, M. F. Lienard, \$264.66.

C. W. MAC CLINCHY, WILLIAM BAKER, Committee.