



Syracuse Annual Conference  
Eighth Session  
Comencing [sic]  
on Wednesday  
April fourth Eighteen Hundred Sixty  
and  
Ending on  
Saturday  
April seventh Eighteen Hundred Sixty

Syracuse Onondaga Co.

New York

Cyrus Prindle  
President

A. P. Burgess  
Secty

Conf.. Session Syracuse  
First Day.. 2 P.M.

The eighth Session of the Syracuse Annual Conference of the Wes. M. Connection of America was opened with a Sermon by Rev. J. T. Hewitt Pres. After which the roll of Ministers was called; & Bro= J. P. Betker. & E. Gaylord, were appointed a Com to recieve [sic] certificates from Delegates.. Names of Delegates recieved [sic] and the roll completed.. as follows.

	Ministerial	
C. Prindle		A. Ferris
J. T. Hewitt	4	C. P. Owen
H. Benson x	6	N. Bacon
I. Sprague	8	W <sup>m</sup> . L. Fessenden
J. D. Townsend	10	J. Palmer
W <sup>m</sup> . Dunham	12	E. Halsey
H. Lounsbury	14	S. Burgess
S. B. Loomis	16	John Nason
Tho <sup>s</sup> Simms	18	Wm Westcott
C. F. Barnet	20	Ja <sup>s</sup> Brown
M. Frink	22	W <sup>m</sup> Nipper
E. M. High	24	Wesley Bailey
Benj. Rider	26	Geo. Simms
Alvin Kelsey	28	W. Burt
E. B. Mintz	30	N. Shepherd
M. B. Porter	32	L. F. Bingham
T. Coggins	34	G. M. Hardy
E. Gaylord	36	J. M. Waite
M. Presler	38	A. C. Shepherdson
E. J. Burnham	40	A. P. Burgess
Tho <sup>s</sup> . Eastham	42	J. P. Bether
Ransom Osburn	46	J. H. Barnum
H. L. Collins	48	L. L. Gaskill

	Laymen	
W <sup>m</sup> . S. Tubbs		J. P. Pierce
Edward Doty		A. Cowan
D. W. Barton		H. W. Perry
W <sup>m</sup> Bell Jun		B. P. Drake
W <sup>m</sup> Day		John Watkins
H. H. Baker		G. Taylor
H A. Delameter		D. B. Gaylord
E. F. Willer/Willet		H. Havens
C. G. Case		C. Bell
G. A. Tuttle		A. Jones

Daniel Russel

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The Body then proceeded to a permanent organization: E. Gaylor, C. G. Case were appointed tellers. The ballot for President resulted as follows:

C. Prindle	27
J. P. Betker	1
H. Benson	1

C. Prindle declared elected.

For Secretary as follows:

A. P. Burgess	29
J. P. Betker	2
A. White	1

A. P. Burgess declared elected..

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Bro Hewitt on retiring from the Chair conveyed to the Conference an affectionate acknowledgement of indulgence & favors recieved [sic] &c during his three years service as Pres. Of Conf. The following Resolution was moved by Bro Prindle and adopted by the Conference vis:

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Resolved, That in the retirement of Bro. Hewitt from the office of Pres. Having served this body for the full constitutional term with entire acceptance, he carries with him our cordial wishes for his increased usefulness and our fullest confidence in him as a man of fidelity, integrity and brotherly affection..

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Bro. Prindle took the Chair and made some appropriate remarks suggesting the proper modes of Conf. Business, after which the following Committees were appointed

On Religious Services –

J. P. Betker                      Syrus Prindle

On S. Schools –

S. Burgess C. G. Case

On Book Concern –

Alanson White              J. T. Hewitt    E. Willett

On Pastoral Relations –

Min. J. P. Betker              J. T. Hewitt, Thos. Eastham

Lay. Wm. Bell,                  E. Willett              E Doty.

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Moved that B. Rider be considered as members of this body.

Pending at adjournment:

Prayer by Bro. E. Gaylord

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Eight P.M.

Opening services by Bro. S. Burgess. Roll called, and the case of Bro Rider put over for the present..

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Bro. Betker's certificate of transfer from the Alegheny [sic] Conference Voted to recieve [sic] and recognize him as a member of the Body..

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Voted to add two members to the Com on Orders and Itinerancy..

J. T. Hewitt & Wm. Bell were so added..

Certificates of candidates for Orders & Itinerancy.. and Licentiates to be put upon the Stationed List..called for.

The following persons were recommended as Licentiates

David Barton	}	For Orders
Alonzo Faccer	}	D. H. Hickok
J. P. Pierce	}	

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Bro. J. H. Bannon, comes with credentials & testimonials from the R. M. Church..

Voted to refer the case of Bro. B.—to the Com—on Orders & Itineracy.

Bro. L. L. Gaskill.. was transfered [sic] some five years ago from the Champlain Conf. His certificate, through mistake, was not given. Case refered [sic] to Com—on Orders and Itinerancy.

Voted To recall the case of Br. Rider which was pending at the close of last Session. Discussion pro. & Con.

Moved as an amendment that Bro Rider

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be required to return to this body the certificate of standing which he had recieved [sic] from the Pres. As a test of readmission.. Amendment withdrawn. Original question recurs.. Discussion – Bro. Rider returns the letter & the vote is carried & he is therefore recognized as a Member of this body.

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On being requested, the Pres. Gave us his opinion that Ministers holding certificates, of standing, are only Provisional Members of this body.

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Other committes [sic] were appointed as follows: On Stat & Fin—

L. F. Bingham      E. Gaylord

S. B. Loomis

On Missions

Examination of Ministerial Character commenced. Passed, as far as Bro. Wm. L. Fessenden, whose case Bro. Drake desired to be put over until [sic] he had a private interview with him.

D. Malpass brings a request that Pittston be recognized as part of this Conf. Voted that it be so recognized.

Voted that all Licentiates who fail to report themselves to the body without

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due excuse, either personally or by letter. Be dismissed from the Journal.

Examination suspended for the report by Com. On Reforms. C. Prindle

See Report No. 1

Chn.

Report received [sic], adopted and ordered published in the "Wes.."

Voted That when this Conference [sic] adjourn it be to meet at 3 o'clock.. P.M.

Examination of Character continued. Case of Bro. I. Sprague up when Conf. adjourned by limitation. Doxology Benediction by Pres..

Second Day.

3.. P.. M..

Religious Services by Bro. H. Lounsbury..

Case of Bro. I Sprague taken up. He is found to be acting as a Colporterus, under the American Tract Society..

Conf. adopted the following Res.. Resolved,, That as a Conf. we hereby do positively condemn, in our Ministers and others all connection with & support of the Am T. Society or any other establishment, not outspoken and decided in the Advocacy of a Reformatory [sic] Gospel and against American Slavery..

Voted That the Pres. Be requested to write an admonition letter to Bro. Sprague on this Subject..

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Voted That Bro. Sprague be returned to the Unstationed List.

Moved That the name of Wes. Baily [sic] be dropped from the minutes.

Withdrawn.

Voted,, That "Removed to Iowa" be written opposite the name of Bro.. Baily..

Examination of Character suspended for the Appointment of Missionary Meeting.  
Bros. Laporte & Billings from the On Mission introduced to the Conference.  
Voted To hold a Missionary Meeting tomorrow evening.  
Voted That a meeting for the relation of Ministerial Experience be held at two  
oclock [sic] tomorrow. P.M.  
Review of Character continued..

Bro S. B. Loomis asks for a letter of his standing in this Conference  
Moved That his request be granted: Discussion ensues.. Pending an  
adjournment.

Dismission by Bro. Hewitt..

Third Day 8.. A.M.

Opening services by Bro. A. Ferris:  
Roll called and minutes approved.  
Request of Bro. Loomis taken up After some discussion his request was granted  
and the Secretary designated to prepare for the Conference a testimonial of our high  
regard for Bro. S. B. Loomis on his withdrawal from this Body.

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Daniel Worth. An expression was taken touching the case of this Bro. who is now  
incarcerated in a South Carolina jail for Christ's sake.

See Report No. 2

The Committe [sic] on Book Concern report as follows:  
See Report No. 3

Alanson White  
Ch..

The Committe [sic] on the case of Bro. High appointed last year report as follows:  
See Report No. 4

C. Prindle Ch..

Voted that Bro Highs character be passed..

Committee on Orders & Itinerancy report as follows:  
See Report No. 5

H. Benson Ch—

Voted That a Com of three be appointed by Pres. For the purpose specified in  
the above report..

H. Benson. J. T. Hewitt, E.J. Burnham were thus appointed.

Voted that according to his request, Bor. A. White, have leave of a absence & to  
address the Conf. before leaving. Remarks interesting Many converted & added to the  
Church.

Adjourned: Benediction

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Conf. Session Third Day  
2 oclock P.M.

Pursuant to notice given, a meeting was held at two Oclock this afternoon for the recital of Ministerial Experience. Two hours & more were very pleasantly spent & a rich manifestation of the Divine Presence rested on the assembly – Accounts were generally good.

Third Day  
4 ½ P.M.

Conference assembled at the call of the President..

Com on S. Schools report as follows:

See Report No. 6

S. Burgess Chm.

Examination of Character completed.

Report of Com. On Course of Study recd. and adopted..& ordered published in the "Wes.." & recorded upon the Journal—

H. Benson, Ch—

See Report No. 7

Voted To now fix upon the time & place of holding the next Session of this Conf. Proposals received from Camden & Blodgetts Mills.

Blodgetts Mills chosen as the place for next Session.

Voted that it be opened on the first Wed. of Apr. 1861 at 11 oclock by a sermon from the President.

Voted that case of Bro. Fessenden be up

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tomorrow morning..

Adjourned.. Benediction by Pres.

Fourth Day  
A.M. Session 8 oclck

Opening services by Bro. Gaskell..

Roll called= Minutes read and approved.

Partial Report from Com. on Finance and Statistics

Left to be completed..

L. F. Bingham  
Ch.

Remaining Committees appointed as follows..

On Presidency 5

J. T. Hewitt..

C. G. Case

J. P. Betker

M. Merrick

Benj. Rider

Orders & Itinerancy 5

J. T. Hewitt                      E. F. Willet  
E. J. Burnham                  B. Rider  
M. C. Wire

Voted That Bro. H. Benson at his request have a letter of his standing in this Conf. & that we confer on him a Special testimonial of our esteem for him as a Christian man and an able Minister..

Case of Bro. H. Fessenden taken up.. Resolutions touching his case & advising the publication of his life

Res<sup>s</sup> tabled===

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Committee on Statistics & Finance made in full their report. L. T. Bingham  
See Report No. 8 Chn

Voted That we now proceed to elect delegates to the next General Conf. to be held at Fulton in Oct. 1860.

J. P. Betker & C. G. Case ap, tellers..

Voted that the three names to which we are numerically entitled be put upon the same vote.

While the tellers are counting the Editor & Agent has leave to make his report..  
Oral. Report adopted  
Condition of Book Concern much improved &c.

Vote announced as follows

Votes cast	27
Necessary to a choice	14
C. Prindle recieved [sic]	27
J. T. Hewitt    “	26
J. P. Betker    “	15
Others Scattering..	

Elected Ministerial

C. Prindle  
J. T. Hewitt  
J. P. Betker

Ballot for Lay Delegates as follows:

C. G. Case..	22
E. F. Willet	14
M. Merrick	14

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Elected                      Lay



C. G. Case  
E. F. Willet  
M. Merrick

Reserves as follows:

Ministerial  
Benj. Rider

Lay  
B. Doty

Com. on Pastoral Relations report Amended and Adopted

C. Prindle  
Chm.

See Report No. 9

The following Resolutions were offered by E. Gaylord.

1 That we feel an increasing interest in the Wesleyan, and greatly desire, and hereby pledge our efforts to secure an enlarged subscription to our periodicals & sale of our Books.

2 That we do cordially approve the very able management and appreciate the embarrassments & excessive labors of our Editor & Agent. Adopted.

Voted That two Committees, one for the Northern & the other for the Southern section of the Conf. of three each be appointed to get up Camp Meetings for the Conference during the year.

Com for the Northern Section  
Benj. Rider H. Lounsbury  
A. P. Burgess

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Com. for the Southern section  
Seth Burgess Marshall Frink  
L. F. Bingham

Conference adjourned, and Miss. Soc hold a meeting:

Subject of Missions taken up:

Constitution read & officers re-elected as follows:

J. T. Hewitt	Pres.
Benj. Rider	Vice Pres.
C. Prindle	Treas.
John Bird	Secty.

Board of Managers

Wm. Day	S. T. Fyler	Chas Clark
J. P. Betker	E.J. Burnham.	

Voted That E. J. Burnham have \$175.00 for his salary as Missionary for the year past, & the same for the year to come if the requisite funds be in the hands of the Treasurer.

Voted that C. P. Owen have \$25.00 for the year to come, on the same condition.

Voted That if the funds now on hand C. P. Owen now have \$10.00 & E. J. Burnham the remainder; -- the \$10.00 to apply on the salary of Bro. Owen for the year to come.

Voted That Bros. Burnham & Owen be required to make a quarterly report of their Missionary doings through the Wesleyan Miss. Society adj.

Conference Session resumed.—

Voted That we request our Ministers &

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Churches to cooperate [sic] as far as practicable with the American Missionary Society.

Voted That at our next session we hold a S. School Anniversary. Adjourned  
Prayer by C. Prindle.. Pres..

A. P. Burgess, Secty.

#### Report No. 1..

##### On Reforms

Reforms to be enduring must originate in our moral convictions and be founded upon the express precepts of the Word of God or be clearly implied in its teachings. In this age of experiments we have see the rise and fall of what have pretended to be reforms; but originating in mistaken apprehensions and having for their end personal aims they have lived hardly long enough to secure a historic record And this will always be the result of experiments not founded upon the plain teaching of the Word of God..

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the house of God the pillar and ground of the truth. And in this Church are all the elements of instruction and reformation. If remedial influences can favorably affect any class in community these are to be found within the Church of the Redeemer.. There may be outside influences that do good – are of great advantage and should be fostered and encouraged. But still we are satisfied, that all those influences outside of the Church, if in all cases not

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borrowed from the Church, are not to be found in this pale and might be used by her members as efficiently, if not more so in connection with her than as an outside measure.

The virtues of Freedom Temperance Benevolence and mutual assistance, are not in the Church if they are in the world. They may not be made as active and prominent at all times as they should be, but it is a fact that the truly represented Church of Christ contains in her resources all the agencies for promoting human reformation, that exist in the world. And these agencies can be as well used in connection with the church as anywhere else to say the least. And we think in nearly all cases they can be used here much better, because they stand associated with a class of influences that give to them greater moral force.

For instances; -- A man wishes to become a consistent temperance man: And in order to this he comes into the Church. He not only enjoys all the help here that he could elsewhere but he finds himself surrounded by a whole class of influences that must greatly strengthen this particular purpose of his mind. Here is the Word of God; the Gospel preached: Prayer – Christian ordinances and associations; -- weapons of strength that cannot be found anywhere else. How often are these plain facts overlooked, ignored or forgotten, amid the pomp and show of banners regalia and music. Almost equal to that in the plain of Susa when all but a few Jews surrendered themselves to that worship which was degrading and which left the heart unchanged and unsubdued—

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There may be cases where we may go outside the church carrying our religious agency with us for the purpose of temporarily aiding others – crying to those in the wilderness [sic]; -- But for ourselves and also for others to render reforms deep, abiding and God-approved, there is not relation, no association and no agency that can be equal to those in the Ch. Of the Lord Jesus Christ. If men cannot be reformed by these they cannot be reformed at all. And taking the mildest view we can – to go into organizations made up of worldly men, to effect reforms, when the Truth of God is the greater instrument ordained for this end, is leaving the stronger help and going to the weaker; a course that an scarcely fail to be met with disappointment. For if we cannot succeed [sic] by the stronger means, how slender is our hope of success when we rely upon the weaker.

Now if these views be sound & we think there will scarcely remain a doubt of their soundness we are conducted to a practical conclusion: viz – what to rely upon organizations outside of the Church to promote anti-slavery sentiments, temperance habits, -- offices of benevolence and mutual aid is to make our dependence upon the weaker & less promising instrumentalities to promote our aims, which we might just as well and in many instances much better employ those more mighty and divine – we submit if this is good policy; if it is right –

But should it be objected that some Churches will not favor Anti-Slavery, Temperance, Mutual Assistance &c therefore there is a justifica-

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-tion in uniting with these outside organizations such as Anti-Slavery Unions, and Secret Societies of the various kinds we have only to say: -- Let all such Churches be abandoned if they cannot be reformed and new ones created, that will represent the true Christian sentiment upon these as well as kindred themes..

The non-use, or even abuse of talents is no reason why they should not be brought into use Let them be taken from the unfaithful and placed where they will be fulfilling their appreciated mission: If this course be not adopted, a course for which we can plead the living example and sanction, we impliedly say, there these human outside agencies, are more to be relied upon than our Heaven-revealed & Christ-sanctioned

Christianity, which is the power of God. Shall we make the impression? Ought we to do it – Dare we?

We recommend for adoption as the sence [sic] of this Body, the following resolutions: --

1 Resolved, That as Godliness is profitable unto all things, therefore we will take it as our great instrument of power to reform ourselves and others.. being assured that if we fail in its use, we certainly cannot succeed in the employment of means less efficient and Divine.

2 That as the Word of God teaches that enslaving an innocent human being is the crime of man-stealing, which God ordained should be purchased with death, -- That we are to be temperate in all things living soberly, righteously & godly in this present evil world. That to do good and communicate to the necessities of the needy, so made so

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distinct a duty upon us still if we see our brother have need & shut up our bowels of compassion from him, we cannot have the love of God in us; -- There fore we can see no necessity for Christians to unite with any other organization for reformatory purposes than the Church of Christ any more than their having a plurality of Mediators between them & God when the one is all-sufficient.

3 In view of the reasons herein set forth we counsel all our brethren, to abstain from uniting with Secret Societies, or maintaining connection with them 1. Because they are unnecessary; 2. Because they are expensive; 3. Because we think all their good can be found in the society of God's people and more than can be found in them; 4. Because for Christian brethren to unite with these societies is a source of grievance and pain to a large portion of the followers of the Redeemer whom we should not make sad by any unnecessary act.

4 In view of the extent and unredeeming [sic] execrableness of slavery and Intemperance, the one blotting our every right of humanity from four millions of beings for whom Christ died, and the other training up hundreds of thousands every year, to rob, destroy & murder, imposing the great majority of taxation upon the temperate and industrious, we repledge ourselves to continued hostility to those wrongs. We intend to preach against them – pray against them – and vote against them as the incarnation and principality of the Devil whose agencies we are determined to oppose to the end.

C. Prindle, Chm

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#### Report No. 2. Daniel Worth

Whereas our beloved brother Daniel Worth, has been shut up in a prison in North Carolina, for the imputed offence of preaching deliverance to the captives, the essence of the mission of our blessed Redeemer when he was upon earth and selling or loaning an Anti Slavery book well adapted to administer a timely warning to those who are upholding the system of American Slavery. Therefore; --

1 Resolved. That, as a Conference we are not ashamed of our Bro. in bonds and will not cease to join our hearts sympathies [sic] with his, in this the day of his trial.

2 Resolved. That the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to write a letter of condolence to our imprisoned brother Worth, assuring him that we weep with him pray for him & rejoice with him in all his consolation, and shall not fail to do all we can to bear with him his burdens & so fulfill the law of Christ.

### Report No. 3.. Book Concern

Whereas, believing as we do that the circulation of our books and periodicals is an essential element of our success – and being conscious of the paramount importance of extending the interests of Messiah's kingdom through the circulation of a pure and wholesome literature, -- we therefore recommend for the adoption of the Conf. the following resolution, namely..

Resolved That the course pursued by our able & efficient Editor and Agent (the Rev. C. Prin-

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dle) in the management of the Book Concern and more particularly in his talented and able editorial management, of the Wesleyan, meets with our cordial and hearty approval and that our excellent Editor may see and feel that has not only our sympathy but our efficient cöoperation [sic], we hereby pledge ourselves to use every legitimate means within our power to extend its circulation believing that we shall thereby not only aid our Connection Funds; but confer also a permanent blessing upon community.

Alanson White..Chm.

### Report No. 4.. Case of Bro. High

The Committe [sic] in the case of Bro. E.M. High committed to them for decission [sic] on charges and specifications, presented by N.P. Weard accompanied with a mass of testimony carefully prepared and arranged, have given their prayerful consideration to this whole subject and unanimously decide as follows Viz.—

1<sup>st</sup> That this case having run through the lapse of several years, and as it appears from the evidence became one of great interest to the community and as is generally the case in similar instances, become one in which feeling has controlled, the testimony of different individuals equally entitled to credibility, when refering [sic] to the same incident, widely diverge = so that it is nearly or quite impossible to determine the exact state of some of the facts as they occurred, we thin, the witnesses themselves could hardly be trusted

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to settle these points: after being under the influence of the long and wide spread [sic] excitement which has prevailed; going as it must have done to mould [sic] and fix their sentiments as well as that of the community; This is one of the infirmities of human nature in all similar cases.

2<sup>nd</sup> It seems to the Committee that other influences outside of those contained in the express charges and specifications have largely interwoven themselves into this case rendering it the more complex and difficult to understand and decide and upon this ground they can find reasons for the variations and discrepancies in a large part of the testimony which has been brought before them.

3<sup>rd</sup> The Com think there was not such an agreement for the house from L. Humphrey, on the part of Bro. E. M. High, as to constitute a legal claim for the collection of the rent and in this respect think the decision [sic] of the court such as it should have been under the circumstances; Nevertheless, we think there was a reasonable expectation created, on the part of the owners of the house that Bro. High would occupy it as his home evinced, by the manner in which he talked to them about it, and the fact that they put workmen to repairing & refitting it a work to which they were evidently prompted by the expectation of its occupancy by Bro. High.

But the evidence before them does not justify the belief in the minds of your Com that Bro High intentionally committed a wrong in not occupying said house finally but we think it was unfortunate in him to

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for the peace of all concerned that he did not go himself to the parties owning the house when he had determined to lease another, and frankly and distinctly stated to them the facts and reasons as they existed, determining him in his final purpose. We believe such a course would have settled this matter at the time and saved all this amount of feeling & discord growing out of the affair.

4<sup>th</sup> In relation to the other matters contained in the bill of charges and specifications as they mainly grow out of the house difficulty, such is the character of the testimony, that the Com are not able to see that any thing [sic] is settled criminating Bro High and we are therefore compelled to dismiss them.

And in conclusion the Committee [sic] would say to all concerned in this affair that they are not able to see from the evidence before them that there exist causes of sufficiently grave importance to create disruption of feeling among them on such estrangement from each other, as has evidently been cherished. And as mediators between all parties having no personal feelings but those of good will to all we give it as our most deliberate judgement, that all parties should under enlightened, and Bible views & purposes, go to the very verge of possibilities on confessing their faults, and indiscretions [sic] and seeking in all possible ways to restore [insert: peace] & confidence in the community which has been so long torn by these troubles. And we believe those will exhibit the more

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Christlike tempers and spirit, who are first to move in this direction. And we shall add our prayers that such may be the final conclusion of these troubles which we are sure all parties will welcome as a relief to their own feelings.

Cyrus Prindle

Syracuse N. Y.     }  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1859     }

John P. Betker  
A. Kelsey  
S. T. Fyler  
M. Merrick

Voted, That this report be amended as follows: Resolved That it is the sense of this Conference that bro. High ought either to leave disannulled the contract for the house or else have paid the stipulated rent.

#### Report No. 5 Itinerancy & Orders

Your Committee beg to report the following cases which have been brought upon them, with their decisions [sic] – as follows:

1.. D. L. Hickok

Recommended by the Candor & Syracuse charge for Elders Orders.

2.. J. P. Pierce

Recommended by the Groton L. M. to be employed by the Conf. as a Licentiate..

3.. David Barton

Recommended by the Apalachin Circuit to be employed as a Licentiate under the direction of this Body.

Your Com recommends that these Brethren remain in their present relation another year to supply them an opportunity for more extended reading

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and mental culture, and if it would not appear disorderly, they would further suggest to these brethren the prosperity of giving some attention to the study of English Grammar, Sacred and Profane History, Moral & Int. Philosophy & Logic, &c.

J. H. Barnum

This Bro comes before us as a member of the N. Y. Reformed Methodist Conf. Has Parchments & letters of credit and his examination is satisfactory, and he is hereby recommended for admission to the Body.

Alonzo Faucet

Recommended to the Dryden Charge to be employed as a Lic. Under the direction of this Conference. It is recommended that this Bro. be continued in his present relations another year & the Com would suggest in his case a careful study of theology, especially in relation to the Inspirations of the Bible; the evidences of Christianity, History, Grammar Mental and Moral Science, Logic &c &c

John. D. Whipple

Comes as a properly accredited Minister of the Christian Order, and asks admission through his papers into this Conference. The Comee would respectfully recommend that he remain in his present relation another year so that each party may possess a more mature acquaintance and thereby be prepared to act more understandingly.

S. L. Gaskill

Asks admission to this Conf. under the follow-

ing circumstances. He was ordained by the Champlain Conf<sup>e</sup> at Ferrisburgh Vt. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1853. Was transfered [sic] to the Syracuse Conf<sup>e</sup> in May 1857.. But did not receive his transfer. The Act of Transfer was published in the Minutes of said Conf and was before us.

He recieved [sic] a Certificate of Christian & Ministerial standing from the Orleans Charge Dec. 1858. In March 1860, he recieved [sic] a second Cert from said Church signed.. John Simpson In April 1860 a letter was addressed to this Body, testifying to his reputation and acceptable labours [sic] among them, and stating also the consummation of arrangements between them and him for the next year.

The Comee deem it best to present these facts before you and forbear the responsibility of assuming to direct this Body by any recommendation they might suggest but would prefer leaving the entire disposition of the case with the Conference

Roger Spicer

We do not recognize this case as coming within the jurisdiction of the Conference

Your Com<sup>ee</sup> ask the indulgence of the Conf<sup>e</sup> and their attention to a suggestion it wishes to make as a future Basis of Ministerial Qualifications in this Body, applicable to persons seeking admission therein.

The inconvenience of our present system or rather want of systems in relation to the Annual examination of candidates for Elders Orders

and Licentiates has been painfully evident. Your Com<sup>ee</sup> feel that not only have they been subject to extreme and unnecessary embarrassment in this important department of Conf duties, but it must ever continue and increase so long as our present course is perpetuated.

Your Com<sup>ee</sup> would further express the conviction that the intelligence of the age demands a higher order of Pulpit power. And imposes upon us as a Body the necessity of increasing the Intellectual merit of our Pulpit Ministrations.

Therefore Resolved,

That a committee of 3 be appointed by this Body, whose duty it shall be to take this matter into the most mature consideration and their judgement may be deemed most effeciant [sic], Which course shall be published in the "Wes." And entered upon the journal of this Conf – subject always to such improvements as may be suggested by the wisdom & necessity of a tried Experience.

All of which is most respectfully submitted

H. Benson,--Ch<sup>m</sup>

#### Report No. 6 S. Schools

In the judgement of our Comee the importance of S. Schools demands our renewed and increasing effort to make them what they should be the "Nursery of the Church."



If we would redeem the world from the reign of Error & Tyranny and bring fallen Humanity

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back to God, -- we must rely upon the power of Divine Truth for success and we must commence with the children by giving them a sound Christian Education.

If we would have our sanctuaries filled with devoted worshipers our pulpits with Ministers whose hearts are baptized with the spirit of Truth, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and filled with the light and glory of Christ, there is no field in which we as Christians and Christian Ministers can labor more successfully than in the S. School. Therefore

1 Resolved, That it is the duty of every minister of Jesus Christ to see that S. Schools are organized in every congregation and do all in their power to make them a means of salvation to the rising generation and thus show ourselves approved of God workmen that need not be ashamed,

2 That every Christian ought to feel him or herself ordained of God to labor in this Mission field, and to go out into the highways and hedges and gather up the poor and the neglected and bring them into the Sunday School & teach them the world of Life both in its letter as in its Spirit..

S. Burgess Ch<sup>m</sup>

#### Report No 7 Course of Study

Candidates preparing for admission into the Syracuse Conf and for Ordination, will be examined on the following subjects, viz:

1<sup>st</sup> Theology

Text Books

{Bible Lees Theology

{ Wesley Watson

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2<sup>nd</sup> Church Government

{Bible, -- Lee's Polity

3<sup>rd</sup> Eccl History

{Mosheim [Note: Henry? Kling?]

{Neander..

4<sup>th</sup> Int. Science

{Wayland

{Abercrombie..

5<sup>th</sup> Moral Science

{Wayland

6<sup>th</sup> Analogy of Religion

{Butler

7<sup>th</sup> Human Rights

{Cheevers Bible Argument

Against Slavery.. Lee's The.

8<sup>th</sup> Grammar, Writing

{Text Books, such as

Reading & Arithmetic

are in common use.

9<sup>th</sup> Discipline

{Book of Discipline, Bible

It is understood that a proper examination of Theology are included all the fundamental principles of the Natural Sciences.

The Com<sup>ee</sup> recommend the Pamphlet published by the Champlain Conf. As Suggestive of many valuable points to the Student. H. Benson, Ch<sup>m</sup> of Com—

### Report No. 8<sup>th</sup> Statistics and Finance

[Note: This report is broken into two parts in order to fit in the space.]

*	Mem.	E.s	L.s.	Sal.	S.S.	Sup.s	T.s	Sc's
Fulton	90		1	205	1	1	11	90
Hin. & Lamp.	33			162	2	2	9	84
Os. & Vi-a-	84	1	1	226	3	3	16	96
Warren & Orwell	100			175	2	2	12	70
Rush. & Fair-e	40			90				
Flor. & Wt. Cand.	30			160	2	3	12	75
Pine Meadow	21			82	1	1	7	24
Onon. Miss	40		2	138	1	1		15

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	Mem.	E.s	L.s.	Sal.	S.S.	Sup.s	T.s	Sc's
Dryden & Harford	69	2	2	210				
Wt. Verona	26			83	1			20
Ith. Mission	21			26				
Candor & Spencer	72	2	3	189	1	1	6	30
Boylston	42		3					
Blodgetts Mills	60			153	1	1	8	40
Groton & Locke	70		1	217	1	2	10	40
Montezuma	57		1	250	1	1	6	60
Albion	29	1	2	96				
Chenango	29	1		147	2	1	6	52
Prattville & Rich	41	3		300	2	3	11	45
Windsor	46		1	225	1	1		25
Taylor	24			174	1	2	5	20
Towanda	15		2		1	1	2	16
Pillar Pt.	18							
Tioga & Athens	24							
Appalachin	45		2	31	1	1	6	
State Road	75	1		40				
Watertown	15	1						
Oswego & Un.	25							
Syracuse	127	2	1	594	1	1	10	72
Fyler Set.	28			70	1	1	9	36
Total	1396							

\*[Note: "Members," "Elders," "Licentiates," "Salary," "Sunday Schools," "Superintendents," "Teachers," "Scholars."]

[Part Two]

**	Vols.	Juv.	Wes.	Miss.
Fulton	100	57	14	
Hin. & Lamp.	82	7		
Os. & Vi-a-	214	26	12	3.97
Warren & Orwell				
Rush. & Fair-e				
Flor. & Wt. Cand.	160		4	11.33
Pine Meadow	94		1	
Onon. Miss	1	1	1	

	Vols.	Juv.	Wes.	Miss.
Dryden & Harford	160	6	30	10.50
Wt. Verona				
Ith. Mission		1	4	
Candor & Spencer	100	2	18	
Boylston		8	13	
Blodgetts Mills	261	31	18	
Groton & Locke	100	26	24	
Montezuma	100		15	
Albion		2	4	
Chenango	150		9	
Prattville & Rich	200	10	20	9.00
Windsor		10	14	2.00
Taylor	50	15	8	2.31
Towanda	250	6	2	
Pillar Pt.				
Tioga & Athens				
Appalachin				
State Road			3	
Watertown				
Oswego & Un.				
Syracuse		60	20	
Fyler Set.	95	10	5	

\*\*[Note: "Volumes (in library)," "Juvenile Instructors," "The Wesleyan," "Missions (giving)"]

Syracuse

Report No. 9 Pastoral Relations  
J. P. Betker

Fulton  
Camden & Vienna  
Hinmanville & Lamp.  
Wt. Warren & N. Orwell  
Florence & Wt. Camden  
Pine Meadows & Amboy  
Onondaga Mission  
Dryden Peruville and Harford

J. T. Hewitt  
H. Lounsbury  
Sup. By J. D. Whipple  
E. M. High  
E. Gaylord  
J. M. Waite  
E. J. Burnham  
Thos. Eastham

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Wt. Verona  
Ithica Mission  
Candor & Spencer  
Spragues Crs.  
Boylston  
Blodgetts Mills  
Groton & Locke  
Montezuma  
Albion  
Chenango  
Pratte Ville  
Smiths Mills  
Windsor  
Taylor  
Towanda  
Richland  
Pillar Point  
Tioga & Athens  
Apalachin  
State Road  
Watertown  
Owego & Union  
Fyler Set.  
Orwell Pa.  
Pittston  
Home Mission  
Orl. Charge & Alex. Miss.  
Eveland Settlement  
Fairdale  
Editor & Agent  
Superannuated

A. Ferris  
C. P. Owen  
Wm. L. Fessenden  
Sup. By S. H. Foster  
To be supplied  
Seth Burgess  
L. F. Bingham  
Alanson White  
H. Vanhoisen Lic.  
A. C. Shepherdson  
A. P. Burgess  
Sup. By. A. P. Burgess  
To be Supplied  
J. H. Barnum  
S. Cooper  
Wm. Dunham  
To be Sup.  
To be Sup.  
N. Bacon  
D. W. Barton  
To be Sup.  
To be Sup.  
To be Sup.  
M. Frink  
D. Malpass  
M. Pressler  
L. B. Gaskill  
R. Osburn  
E. B. Mintz  
C. Prindle  
Walter Burt

Without appointment at their own request.—El Halsey..A Kelsey.

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Reserve List			
B. Rider	J. A. Palmer	D. H. Hickok	
Unstationed List			
Tho <sup>s</sup> Sims	C. F. Barnet	Ja <sup>s</sup> . Brown	
T. Coggins	H. L. Collins	Geo Simms	
John Nason	W <sup>m</sup> . Westcott	I Sprague	
W <sup>m</sup> . Nipper	Wes. Bailey	N. Shepherd	
J. D. Townsend	M. B. Porter		
Wes. Bailey..	Removed to Iowa		
W <sup>m</sup> . Nipper..	Gone to England		
Withdrawn== S. B. Loomis, H. Benson by letter			
Joined this year –	J. P. Betker	J. H. Barnum	L. L. Gaskill
Deposed – None -- Died.. – <u>None</u>			
Coms for the year as follows:--			
On Campmeetings [sic]			
Northern Sec.	B. Rider	H. Lounsbury	A. P. Burgess
Southern Sec.	S. Burgess	M. Frink	L. F. Bingham
On Presidency			
J. T. Hewitt	J. P. Betker	Benj. Rider	
C. G. Case	M. Merrick		
On Stn. & Orders			
J. T Hewitt	B. Rider	E. J. Burnham	
G. F. Willet	M. C. Wire		
On Missions			
E. Gaylord	C. G. Case	Wm. Dunham	
Delegates to Gen. Conf.			
Min..	C. Prindle	J. T. Hewitt	J. P. Betker
Lay..	C. G. Case	E. F. Willet	M. Merrick
Reserve	<u>Min..</u> B Rider..	<u>Lay..</u> B..Doty..	

There was a Miss Meeting held of which J. T. Hewitt was Pres. & A. P. Burgess Sec.  
 Proceeds about \$125.00  
 A. P. Burgess, Sect<sup>y</sup> C. Prindle, Pres.

# Disciplinary Recapitulation

- 1 Who of the Elders are on the Stationed List?  
 [Erased: Who have retired] See Report No. 9 P. 29
- 2 Who have retired to the Unstationed List?  
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- 8 Who have Joined this year?  
See Report No. 9 P. 29
- 9 Who have died this year?  
See Report No. 9 P. 29
- 10 What has been contributed &c?  
See Report No. 9 P. 29
- 11 What numbers are in Connection?  
See Report No 8 P. 28
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At Blodgetts Mills on the first Wed of April at Eleven oclock A.M.  
A. P. B. Sec.

The End

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