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OF THE
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Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT

LEVANT, N. Y.,
APRIL 6—10, 1927.

JAMES A. BAIN, President.

FRANCIS B. MARKELL, Secretary.

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Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you; I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Our Honored Dead

Name and Date of Decease.	Name and Date of Decease.
J. Locke .....1867.	E. J. Pope .....1899.
Southworth Phinney .....1867.	J. A. Thomas .....1901.
Henry Norton .....1869.	Willard C. Boardman,
J. Beadle .....1870.	Africa .....1902.
E. Bishop .....1870.	P. M. Humphrey .....1903.
Jonathan Sibley .....1872.	George W. Steele .....1906.
J. M. Thorp .....1873.	Reuben Dutcher .....1908.
E. Biglow .....1876.	Alonzo B. Chamberlain ...1909.
David R. Douglas .....1881.	George W. Sibley .....1914.
J. R. Jones .....1881.	Edgar Fuller .....1914.
Z. T. Petty .....1884.	Henry True Bessie .....1914.
Emory Jones .....1886.	Erwin W. Bruce .....1916.
Daniel W. Ball .....1886.	George W. Cooper .....1918.
Thomas Osgood .....1890.	Robert C. McConnell ....1919.
J. D. Townsend .....1890.	Nathan E. Heald .....1919.
James Ireland .....1894.	John L. Benton .....1919.
Willard J. Houghton .....1896.	C. W. Swift, Date Unknown.
Anna Perring Clarke,	Alison Bixby, Date Unknown.
Africa .....1896.	N. F. Robb .....1921.
George F. Porter .....1898.	W. A. Hazlett .....1924.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8: 38, 39.

For though from out the bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Tennyson.

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President	Rev. James A. Bain.
Vice-President	Rev. Noah R. Shaffer.
Secretary	Rev. Francis B. Markell.
Assistant Secretary	Rev. O. G. McKinley.
Treasurer	Rev. George H. Clarke.
Sunday School Secretary	Rev. Chauncey I. Armstrong.
Tithing Secretary	Rev. M. A. Bateman.
Statistical Secretary	Rev. John E. Bruce.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. Joseph R. Pitt	Term expires 1928
Rev. James A. Bain	Term expires 1928
Mr. Orval Howard	Term expires 1928
Rev. Noah R. Shaffer	Term expires 1929
Mr. Henry R. Barnett	Term expires 1929
Mr. Clayton F. Ball	Term expires 1929
Rev. Walter Readett.....	Term expires 1930
Rev. LeRoy C. Mattoon	Term expires 1930
Mr. Ernest B. Houghton	Term expires 1930

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHESDA RESCUE HOME.

President	Charles H. Mosher, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Secretary and Treasurer ...	Henry R. Barnett, Houghton, N. Y. William L. Norton, Forksville, Pa. Albert A. Egger, Driftwood, Pa. Alonzo VanSickle, Smethport, Pa.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board—	Rev. Noah R. Shaffer, Ernest B. Houghton.
Judiciary Committee—	James A. Bain, J. H. Woodhouse, Walter Readett, L. C. Mattoon.
Missionary Board—	President of the Conference, President of the W. H. & F. M. Society, C. I. Armstrong, Mrs. Flora Peck, Miss Anna Freeman.

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STANDING COMMITTEES—Continued.

Committee on Presidency—G. H. Clarke, H. H. Schoonover, G. B. Baker, Mrs. Francis E. Gentle.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders—A. O. Northrup, first year; J. R. Pitt, second year; L. C. Mattoon, third year; Walter Readett, fourth year.

Sunday School Board—C. I. Armstrong, Mildred Gillett, George Clement, John E. Bruce.

Statistical Reports—J. S. Luckey, C. L. Horton.

Religious Services—Conference President and the Pastor and Delegate where Conference is held.

Committee on Evangelism—A. O. Northrup, N. R. Shaffer, M. A. Bateman, Dr. J. A. Lockwood.

Recommendations—1. That the Conference at its present session elect a preacher and an alternate for the opening service of the coming year. 2. That the Conference President some time during the day meetings of the next session of Conference preach a special sermon to the people of the Conference.

Rev. H. H. Schoonover was elected to preach the opening sermon at the next session of Conference, and Rev. C. L. Horton was elected as the alternate.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Stationed List.

Anderson, David Houghton, N. Y.
Armstrong, C. I. Bradford, Pa., 65 Interstate Parkway.
Bain, James A. Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Bathurst, G. E. Lyndonville, N. Y.
Backus, W. A. Jamestown, N. Y., 1420 Washington St.
Bruce, J. E. Lockport, N. Y., R. D. 7.
Bateman, M. A. Orchard Park, N. Y.
Clarke, G. H. Houghton, N. Y.
Dudley, C. M. Houghton, N. Y.
Elliott, James Pittsford, Vt.
Elliott, Edward L. .. Falconer, N. Y.

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CONFERENCE ROLL—Continued.

Gifford, Louise Olean, N. Y., 401 4th Ave.
Mattoon, L. C. Houghton, N. Y.
Markell, Francis B. . Driftwood, Pa.
McKinley, O. G. Houghton, N. Y.
Mann, J. A. Houghton, N. Y.
Northrup, A. O. Appleton, N. Y.
Pitt, J. R. Houghton, N. Y.
Shaffer, Noah R. Fillmore, N. Y.
Shaffer, Mae K. Fillmore, N. Y.
Schoonover, H. H. .. Forestville, N. Y.
Woodhouse, J. H. ... Batavia, N. Y., 311 West Main St.

Superannuated List.

Dow, C. H. Moore Haven, Fla.

Supernumerary List.

Bullock, H. J. Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Babcock, J. R. Ashville, N. Y., R. D. 63.
Dudley, C. M. Houghton, N. Y.
Readett, Walter Olean, N. Y., 1002 Brook St.
Rolf, W. W. Chapel Cottage, Isle of Wight, England.
Roth, W. J. Canadea, N. Y.
Laughlin, B. S. Burt, N. Y.
Woodhead, C. E. Houghton, N. Y.

Conference Preachers on Stationed List.

Clement, George Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Horton, C. L. Freedom, N. Y.
Mann, Mina Houghton, N. Y.
Mead, Dorothy Bradford, Pa., Euclid Ave.
McClintock, Joseph . Houghton, N. Y.
Rees, David Onondaga Reservation, N. Y.
Tanner, Lulu Kamabai, Sierra Leone, West Africa.
Yorton, Florence Olean, N. Y., 1002 Brook St.

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ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Allegany	Howard Luce, Absent.
Ashwood	
Bradford	Daisy Morris.
Batavia	Albert Amsdill.
Cattaraugus	E. B. Houghton. S. G. Dietrich.
Chestnut Ridge	H. R. Barnett.
Driftwood	Joseph Newton.
East Leon	Floyd Hull.
Ellicott	Mrs. Fred Clarke.
Forestville	Mrs. Ella Jones.
Fillmore	Mildred Burgess. Mildred Gillett. Glenn E. Burgess, Absent.
Higgins	Nathan Miller.
Hess Road	William Kahler.
Houghton	James S. Luckey. Charles Slade. Josephine Rickard.
Levant	Harry Morley.
Machias	William Baker, Absent.
Olean	Bertha Simmons. G. B. Baker.
Ransomville	Mrs. F. E. Gentle. Amy Demning.
Wyoming	
North Main Extension	

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JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection or Church of America convened for its sixty-sixth annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Levant, N. Y., at 9:00 A. M., on Wednesday, April 6, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. James A. Bain, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. A. Backus.

The roll was called and thirteen Pastors and ten Delegates were marked present.

The President made a few pertinent and suitable remarks in appreciation of the faithful co-operation of pastors and people through the year and requested much prayer for God's blessing upon the present session.

On motion the first six rows of seats across the body of the Church was made to constitute the Bar of Conference.

The Committee on Temporary Organization submitted its report, which was considered item by item and adopted as a whole after a few corrections. See Report No. 1.

The following persons were introduced to Conference and made a few remarks: Rev. Thomas Struthers of the Allegheny Conference, Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B., and President Luckey of Houghton College.

On motion all persons introduced to Conference were given an honorary seat within the bar of Conference, with the right to speak.

The Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Bethesda Home submitted his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. See Report No. 2.

On motion the time for opening and closing the sessions of Conference was fixed as follows: Morning sessions to open at 8:30, to close at 11:30. Afternoon sessions to open at 1:30 and to close by vote of Conference.

On motion all special orders were referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

The election of Conference Officials was made the Orders of the Day for Thursday morning at 9:30. The election of Delegates to the General Conference to immediately follow.

The Conference voted a recess for committee work.

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The Conference was called to order by the President at 11:11 and a resolution relating to the Home Missionary Budget was read and the matter laid upon the table.

The Auditing Committee having O. K.'d the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Bethesda Home, submitted the same. The report was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer's report above audited was adopted.

An oral report relative to the developments regarding Bethesda Home as authorized by the Conference of 1926 was made by Rev. C. I. Armstrong and on motion the matter was referred back to the committee for further action.

Adjourned on motion, the benediction being given by Rev. W. A. Backus.

Afternoon Session, April 6, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John E. Bruce.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion the resolution regarding the Home Missionary Budget as read and laid on the table in the morning session, was taken from the table, reread, and referred to the Committee on Budget. N. R. Shaffer was associated with the committee.

A letter from Rev. C. H. Dow was read, his character passed and the item referring to financial aid referred to the Conference Board of Trustees.

The Conference adjourned for committee work.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 3:15, and the following names were called and characters passed: J. H. Woodhouse, N. R. Shaffer, Mae K. Shaffer, A. O. Northrup, M. A. Bateman, J. E. Bruce, George Clement, J. R. Pitt, W. A. Backus.

Adjourned on motion, Rev. George Clement pronouncing the benediction.

Morning Session, April 7, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. A. Bateman.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved as corrected.

On motion Miss Mildred Gillett was seated in Conference as a Delegate from the Fillmore charge to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Miss Olive Wiles.

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On motion the name of S. G. Dietrich was added to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The following persons were introduced to Conference: Rev. A. A. Hickok of the Allegheny Conference, Rev. Price Stark, pastor of the Wyoming charge.

By Conference action Miss Josephine Rickard was seated in Conference as a Delegate from the Houghton charge to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Alex Steese.

On motion a matter relating to the Superannuated Minister's Fund was referred to the Committee on Budget with the authorization to incorporate in their report a recommendation governing the raising of the same.

On motion Rev. Walter Readett was authorized to choose two assistants to work with him in making out a revised list of the Standing Rules of the Conference.

The following names were called and their characters passed: J. A. Mann, H. H. Schoonover.

The time for the orders of the day having arrived, the President called upon Rev. A. A. Hickok to offer prayer for divine direction. Following this he appointed Rev. L. C. Mattoon, Harry Morley, A. O. Northrup and S. G. Dietrich as Tellers, and the Conference proceeded with the election of Conference Officials.

On the first ballot Rev. James A. Bain received 32 of 37 votes cast and was declared elected Conference President.

On first ballot for Vice-President, Rev. Noah R. Shaffer received 32 of 37 votes cast and was declared elected.

On first ballot for Secretary, Rev. Francis B. Markell received 40 of 41 votes cast and was declared elected.

The Secretary nominated Rev. O. G. McKinley as Assistant Secretary and the nomination received the endorsement of the Conference.

On first ballot for Treasurer, Rev. George H. Clarke received 33 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected.

On motion the election of Sunday School Secretary was done by ballot. On the first ballot Rev. Chauncy I. Armstrong received 30 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected.

On motion Rev. M. A. Bateman was elected Tithing Secretary, and Rev. John E. Bruce Statistical Secretary.

On the first ballot for ministerial member of the Board of Trustees Rev. Walter Readett received 21 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected.

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Rev. L. C. Mattoon received 20 of 37 votes cast and was declared elected as second ministerial member of the Board of Trustees.

Ernest B. Houghton received 38 of 41 votes cast and was declared elected Lay member of the Board of Trustees.

The election of Delegates for the General Conference resulted as follows:

The first Ministerial Delegate is Rev. James A. Bain, he having received 21 of 38 votes cast and was declared elected.

The second Ministerial Delegate is Rev. Noah R. Shaffer, who received 28 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected.

Ernest B. Houghton received 30 of 40 votes cast and was declared elected first Lay Delegate. LeVay Fancher received 25 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected second Lay Delegate.

On motion in the election of Alternate Delegates it is understood that the first Alternate Delegate elected is to fill the first and any vacancy that may arise. The second to follow in respective order.

The time for voting was extended until 11:50, and the following Alternate Ministerial Delegates were elected: First, Joseph R. Pitt, who received 33 of 39 votes cast and was declared elected. Second, Francis B. Markell, who received 20 of 37 votes cast and was declared elected.

Adjourned on motion, the benediction being given by Rev. LeRoy C. Mattoon.

Afternoon Session, April 7, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John H. Woodhouse.

The roll was called. The minutes read and approved.

On motion a matter relating to the Conference membership of Rev. C. W. Smith was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The Conference proceeded with the unfinished business of the election of General Conference Delegates.

On the ballot for first Alternate Lay Delegate Clayton F. Ball received 16 of 25 votes cast and was declared elected.

On ballot for second Alternate Lay Delegate G. W. Hall received 16 of 25 votes cast and was declared elected.

The Conference voted a recess for committee work.

The Conference was called to order at 4:40 and the request of Rev. E. H. Johnson for a letter of transfer to the Rochester Conference was granted.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations, to whom was referred

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the matter of the Conference relationship of Rev. C. W. Smith, submitted its report. The report was adopted. See Report No. 3.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders submitted a partial report, which was adopted. See Report No. 4.

The Conference Treasurer submitted his report and recommended a draft on the Home Mission Fund to apply on the deficit on Conference Budget. The recommendation and report were both adopted. See Treasurer's Report No. 5.

On motion it was recommended that the entire amount of the Conference Minutes be paid from the Conference Treasury and that the Budget Committee be authorized to include the price of the minutes in the Conference Budget. The money received from the sale of the minutes by the pastors to apply on said Budget.

By Conference action the Conference Budget was fixed for one dollar and fifty cents per member, for the coming year.

The Committee on Budget was authorized to confer with Rev. J. S. Willett on the budget for Marion College and to apportion the same to the charges.

Adjourned on motion, the benediction being given by Rev. J. R. Pitt.

Morning Session, April 8, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Pitt.

The roll was called and the minutes read, corrected and approved.

The following names were called and characters passed: James A. Bain, G. E. Bathurst, E. H. Johnson.

The following persons were introduced to Conference and made a few remarks: Rev. J. S. Willett, Connectional Agent; Rev. W. H. Marvin, President of the Allegheny Conference.

The Committee on Religious Services, to whom was referred all special orders, submitted the following report: The Connectional interests will be presented by Rev. J. S. Willett this afternoon from two till three o'clock. The Educational interests to be presented by President J. S. Luckey from ten to eleven A. M. Saturday.

The report from the Machias Charge was read by the Secretary owing to the absence of the pastor.

The following names were called and characters passed: Louise Gifford, Francis B. Markell, C. I. Armstrong, L. C. Mattoon, C. L. Horton, C. W. Smith, Walter Readett, G. H. Clarke.

Letters were read from Rev. David Anderson and Rev. James Elliott and their characters were passed.

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The report from the Wyoming charge was read by the pastor, Rev. Price Stark.

A healing service was held at this time, during which the following persons were prayed for and hands of the elders laid upon them: Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Horton and Mrs. Joseph Newton. Prayer was offered for the following persons who were absent: Rev. Louise Gifford, Myrtle Northrup, and Mina Mann.

On motion Rev. C. W. Smith was excused from Conference after the morning's session.

Time was extended ten minutes to consider a matter relative to the entertainment of the General Conference, and on motion an apportionment to the charges of fifteen cents per member was made to cover the General Conference expenses. Said money to be paid into the Conference Treasury not later than June the first.

Adjourned on motion, the benediction being given by Rev. M. A. Bateman.

Afternoon Session, April 8, 1927.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George Clement.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion the matter of nominating the Standing Committees was referred to the Committee on Temporary Organization.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of greeting and sympathy to Rev. Louise Gifford, who is now in the hospital undergoing treatment.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, Rev. J. S. Willett addressed the Conference on the Connectional Interests.

The Committee on Temporary Organization, to whom was referred the work of nominating the Standing Committees, submitted its report, which was considered item by item and adopted. See Report No. 6.

The President nominated the following persons as his Advisory Board: Rev. Noah R. Shaffer and E. B. Houghton. The nominations received the endorsement of the Conference.

The following names were called and their characters passed: O. G. McKinley, C. M. Dudley, E. L. Elliott, Mina Mann.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

Morning Session, April 9, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Thomas Struthers.

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The roll was called and the minutes approved as read.

The President called Rev. Noah R. Shaffer, the Vice-President to the chair and submitted his annual report. His official acts were considered item by item, the financial item being referred to the Auditing Committee. This was audited and presented as correct by the Committee and the entire report adopted. See Report No. 7.

The Committee on Thanks submitted its report, which was adopted and requested read in the Sunday morning's service. See Report No. 8.

The Board of Trustees submitted a partial report, which was considered item by item and their recommendation was acted upon, by which the Secretary of the Board of Trustees submitted the minutes of the various meetings of the Board in their deliberations upon the work and building at Batavia and some discussion followed.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, the above matter was postponed and the Educational interests were presented by President James S. Luckey, Rev. Noah R. Shaffer and Miss Josephine Rickard.

The financial statement of the Batavia Church was read and further consideration was made the Orders of the Day for the afternoon session following the devotional exercises.

Conference voted a recess for committee work.

Afternoon Session, April 9, 1927.

The session was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. O. Northrup.

The roll was called and the minutes approved as read.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, the financial statement of the Batavia work was again considered and a loan on the Batavia Church property was recommended by Rev. J. R. Pitt and duly seconded by Rev. Noah R. Shaffer and after some discussion the recommendation and full report of the Board of Trustees was adopted. See Report No. 9.

The Committee on Budget submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 10.

The annual report of Bethesda Home was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. See Report No. 11.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees submitted his annual report, which was adopted, having formerly been audited. See Report No. 12.

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The Committee on Statistics submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 13.

The Sunday School Secretary submitted his annual report. The financial item was referred to the Auditing Committee. See Report No. 14.

On motion President James S. Luckey was excused from Conference.

On motion it was decided that the 70 per cent of the Home Missionary Budget was to be spent under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of the W. H. & F. M. Society for their co-operation with the Conference in their financial problems.

A resolution relating to the reading of the Statistical reports was read by N. R. Shaffer and adopted. See Report No. 15.

An amendment was made in the matter of loans from the Extension Fund to the effect that the interest shall be made payable on January first and July first.

A letter was read from Rev. J. R. Babcock and his character passed.

Conference voted a recess for committee work.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the Auditing Committee reported the financial items of the report of Bethesda Home and Sunday School Secretary correct. The reports were adopted.

A partial report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders was read and adopted. Incorporated in Report No. 4.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted its report, which was referred back to the Committee.

Recess was voted until 5:45.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 16.

An additional item to the report of the Board of Trustees was read and adopted.

The matter of locating a place for the next annual session of Conference was left in the hands of the President and his Advisory Board.

The Secretary was ordered to have printed 200 copies of the Conference Minutes, to be sent pro rata to the various charges.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned subject to the call of the chair, the benediction being given by Rev. C. I. Armstrong.

FRANCIS B. MARKELL, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report No. 1.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

Committee on Ministerial Character—A. O. Northrup, Harry Morley.

Committee on Boundaries—Walter Readett, L. C. Mattoon, William Kahler, Floyd Hull.

Committee on Statistics—C. I. Armstrong, C. L. Horton.

Committee on Pastoral Relations—President, ex-officio; J. H. Woodhouse, N. R. Shaffer, John E. Bruce, E. B. Houghton, H. R. Barnett, S. G. Dietrich.

Committee on Auditing—M. A. Bateman, Mildred Gillett.

Committee on Budget—J. S. Lúckey, O. G. McKinley.

Committee on Post Office Addresses—Daisy Morris.

Committee on Thanks—Mildred Burgess, Mrs. Fred Clarke.

Committee on Courtesies—J. R. Pitt, N. R. Shaffer.

Recommendation—We recommend that the Committee on Pastoral Relations constitute the Committee on Traveling Presidency.

Signed by

N. R. SHAFFER,
J. H. WOODHOUSE,
HARRY MORLEY.

Report No. 2.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHESDA RESCUE HOME.

Assets.

Property	\$6000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	500.00	
Rev. C. P. Sage note	40.00	
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Total		\$6540.00
Net assets, 1926	\$5540.00	
Net assets, 1927	6540.00	
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Gain in assets		\$1000.00
Gain due to increase in value of real estate.		

HENRY R. BARNETT, Treasurer.

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Report No. 3.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON STANDING OF REV. C. W. SMITH.

Seeing there was some misunderstanding both by the Conference and Rev. C. W. Smith as touching his standing in the Conference, we as a Committee recommend that he be reinstated in good standing upon his acknowledgment of said misunderstanding. Motion made by H. R. Barnett, seconded by N. R. Shaffer and passed by the committee.

Report No. 4.

THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

We beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the examination papers of M. A. Bateman on Miley's Theology, Vol. 2, be re-examined by the Committee.
2. That the following persons be granted Authorization Papers in accordance with the Discipline: Lulu Tanner, Florence Yorton, George Clement.
3. That C. L. Horton be granted Authorization Papers as soon as he shall have passed the required examinations in the Course of Study.
4. That Dorothy Meade continue to travel under the direction of the Annual Conference.
5. That Mina Mann continue to pursue the Course of Study, and travel under the direction of the Conference.
6. That Anna Freeman continue to travel under the direction of Conference and pursue the Deaconess Course of Study.
7. That Theron Wilder be received to travel and pursue the Course of Study under the direction of Conference.
8. That in the matter of the subject on the Course of Study which the Conference of last year required that he should pass as the condition of his ordination, M. A. Bateman complete the said examination before June 1, 1927.
9. That C. L. Horton be allowed the first and second year's English on the Course of Study in view of his having completed two years in the high school course.
10. That A. Amsdill be received to study preparatory to travel under your direction.

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Again we call attention of the candidates to the previous rule of taking the full course year by year as presented in the Discipline, also that candidates must take their examinations before the nearest elder.

A. O. NORTHRUP,
J. R. PITT,
L. C. MATTOON,
WALTER READETT,

Committee.

Report No. 5.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash on Hand	Cash Received	Total Cash Credits	Disbursements	Balance on Hand
Home Missions ..	\$ 469.04	\$ 830.02	\$1299.06	\$ 233.51	\$1065.55
Foreign Missions	178.85	823.77	1003.62	538.85	463.77
Conf. Budget	216.64	1499.90	1716.54	1836.38	
Education	99.52	253.06	352.58	352.58	
Superannuated ..	535.32	115.82	651.14	100.00	551.14
Marion Deficit ..	88.25	110.00	198.25	198.25	
Totals	\$1587.62	\$3632.57	\$5220.19	\$3259.57	\$2080.46
Less Conference Budget Dr.					119.84
					\$1960.62

GEORGE H. CLARKE, Conference Treasurer.

Report No. 6.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

See front of Minutes.

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Report No. 7.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the members of the Lockport Annual Conference, Greeting in Jesus' precious name! Through the kind providence of God we have arrived at our sixty-sixth milestone in the history of our Conference. We have felt keenly our responsibility to the sacred trust that God and the Church has put upon us. In trying to carry forward the plans and programs of the Conference, we have always endeavored to be faithful by setting aside our own program that the will of God and the Conference might be accomplished. The past year has not been without its problems and trials, but under God we have done our best to meet and solve them according to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and our best judgment, and for the glory of God. We have not done all that should be done, but we are conscious of having done the best we could with the care of a charge on our hands. We have been much encouraged in our work by the hearty co-operation of our brethren in the Conference, for they have stood loyally by us in the aggressive work of the Conference.

A year of responsibility has passed into history. A year of opportunity is before us with its unfoldings. Loyalty, aggressiveness and spirituality should be the watchword of the new day we are entering upon. The whitened harvest fields are before us. There are many open doors on every hand. The world needs our Church, her doctrines and standards. In these days of unbelief and modernism only a consecrated and sanctified ministry can accomplish the gigantic task of bringing God's message of a full Gospel to a lost world. May God favor our beloved Zion with a real revival of the grace of God that will get men to take the path of real consecration, where we will cease to dictate to God or to question the Spirit's leading, but in humility will submit to every process which leads to the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church. Brethren, let us not seek to change our rules nor to lower our standards, but pray that we may see things in God's light where there is no darkness at all. May we with unity of program push forward into all the opportunities which are ours.

Official Acts.

1. On April 27 we received Rev. Edward L. Elliott, an Elder in good standing, by letter of transfer from the Champlain Conference.
2. During the month of May we went to Bradford to attend to

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the renewing of the mortgage on the Bradford Church. The people at Bradford are making good progress in lifting the mortgage.

3. During the month of June we held the first quarterly meeting for Brother Pitt, pastor of the Houghton Charge. The service was attended by much of the blessing of God. We found the charge prospering under the ministry of Brother Pitt.

4. During the month of October we spent four days in Batavia with Brother McKinley, canvassing for the new Church building.

5. October 31 we attended the opening and dedication of our new Church in Batavia. This field is very promising for a strong Church.

6. December 4. We held the third Quarterly Meeting for the Bradford Charge. This service was marked by the blessing of God. The work on this Charge is prospering under the labors of the pastor, Brother Armstrong.

7. On March 6 we held the fourth Quarterly Meeting for the Driftwood Charge with the pastor, Brother Markell. This meeting was indeed a season of refreshing and uplift to the Church. Two were converted during the meeting.

8. On March 19 and 20 we held the fourth Quarterly Meeting for the East Leon Charge. God graciously blessed the services in the building up of the saints. This Charge is prospering under the ministry of Brother Clement.

JAMES A. BAIN, President.

Report No. 8.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the members of the sixty-sixth session of the Lockport Conference, extend to the Church people of Levant, also those of the surrounding community, our sincere thanks for their generous hospitality and kindness to us at this our Annual Conference.

Signed,

MRS. FRED CLARKE,
MRS. MILDRED BURGESS.

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Report No. 9.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America met in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Levant, N. Y., April 8, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Conference, Rev. James A. Bain, who was on motion elected President of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Noah R. Shaffer was elected Vice-President; Rev. Joseph R. Pitt, Secretary; and Rev. Walter Readett, Treasurer.

The Executive Board was filled by the election of Rev. James A. Bain, Rev. Joseph R. Pitt, and Ernest B. Houghton.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees was authorized to use the Conference seal on all legal papers, and an adjournment was made to meet at the call of the Chair.

The Board was again called together by the Chairman at 4:15 P. M., April 8, 1927, and after considering the data regarding the financial situation of the Batavia work, the Board adjourned to meet at 6:15 P. M.

A meeting was called pursuant to the motion at 6:15 P. M., April 8, 1927, and the following recommendations were carried on motion:

1. That Mrs. J. L. Benton receive the sum of fifty dollars from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
2. That Rev. C. H. Dow receive the sum of one hundred dollars from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
3. That the rentals from the Batavia Parsonage be forwarded by the pastor of the charge to the Conference Treasurer.
4. That the salary of the pastor of the Batavia Church be twelve hundred dollars for the coming year.
5. That the Conference Secretary and Treasurer each receive thirty dollars from the Conference Treasury for their services.
6. That the Conference hear at this time a report of the actions of the Board of Trustees and of their Executive Board in their relation to the Batavia work.

Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Trustees Relative to the Work in Batavia.

Olean, N. Y., May 11, 1926. The Board of Trustees of the Lockport Annual Conference met in the Olean Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage May 11, 1926, with the following members present:

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Ernest B. Houghton, Clayton F. Ball, Joseph R. Pitt, LeRoy C. Mattoon, Henry R. Barnett, James A. Bain, Noah R. Shaffer. Absentees, Orval H. Howard and Walter Readett.

Noah R. Shaffer was elected Secretary pro tem.

A letter from Rev. O. G. McKinley regarding a building proposition was read.

Motion was made by Henry R. Barnett and seconded by Clayton F. Ball that the Board of Trustees ratify the action of the Executive Board of April 20, 1926, in the purchase of property in Batavia, West Main St., for church building, the purchase price being five thousand two hundred (\$5,200.00) dollars.

Motion made by Joseph R. Pitt, seconded by Henry R. Barnett, that when Rev. O. G. McKinley shall occupy the parsonage on the Batavia property the rental from his use of the house shall apply on his salary at the rate of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per month, and that he shall have the privilege of sub-letting any part of the parsonage as seems best, the receipts from same to apply on his personal subscription to the Church building.

Motion made by Clayton F. Ball, seconded by LeRoy C. Mattoon, that the Board of Trustees secure a loan of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars to pay on the Church property in Batavia and that the Board of Trustees do not sanction the building of the Church basement until two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or more has been raised by bonafied subscriptions payable within one year, by the people of Batavia.

Signed by Noah R. Shaffer, Secretary pro tem.

Transcribed by Walter Readett, Secretary.

Batavia, N. Y., October 21, 1926.

The Board of Trustees being duly notified of a meeting to be held in the parsonage at Batavia, N. Y., on October 21, 1926, at 10:00 A. M., were called to order at 10:20 A. M. A letter from Rev. Walter Readett was read stating his reasons for absence.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Noah R. Shaffer.

Rev. Noah R. Shaffer was appointed Secretary pro tem.

William H. Burr, Treasurer of the Batavia work, also a member of the Building Committee, gave a financial report, which was adopted.

Adjourned by vote to meet at 1:15 P. M.

Meeting was called to order at 1:15, and the minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

After an extended discussion of our financial problem, the fol-

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lowing was passed: That we borrow a sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars from Ernest B. Houghton in two notes of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars each for a period of six months. The above sum to be used to complete the Church and parsonage property. The Church building to be completed first and made ready for dedication on October 31, 1926. And the necessary work on the parsonage to be done as rapidly as possible.

It was voted that Rev. Joseph R. Pitt forward the bill of traveling expenses to Rev. Walter Readett, Treasurer, for himself and three other members of the Board.

Adjourned by vote.

Signed by Noah R. Shaffer, Secretary pro tem.
Transcribed by Walter Readett, Secretary.

Appendix.—A note signed by the members of the Board of Trustees present, was given to Ernest B. Houghton for a loan of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars to the Batavia Church until the Annual Session of the Lockport Conference, when a second mortgage on the Batavia Church property for the above amount will be accepted by him.

Walter Readett, Secretary.

Olean, N. Y., January 18, 1927.

The Board of Trustees met in the Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage at Olean, N. Y., on the above date. The following were the members present: James A. Bain, LeRoy C. Mattoon, Joseph R. Pitt, Noah R. Shaffer, Orval H. Howard, Ernest B. Houghton, Clayton F. Ball, Henry R. Barnett. Absentee, Walter Readett.

Meeting was opened by the President, James A. Bain.

Prayer was offered by Orval H. Howard.

Rev. Noah R. Shaffer was elected Secretary pro tem.

After remarks by the President, Rev. James A. Bain, regarding the outstanding bills of the Batavia Church as revealed by the letter from Rev. O. G. McKinley, it was voted that Rev. O. G. McKinley be instructed to cease all building or improvements involving expenditure of money, except by direct authorization of the President of the Board of Trustees.

Voted that Rev. O. G. McKinley submit to the Conference Board of Trustees, within thirty days, a full itemized account of receipts from all sources, also expenditures of Church and parsonage. This report to be brought up to date.

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Voted that the expenses of the members of the Board of Trustees be paid out of the Conference Fund on application.

Adjourned by vote.

Signed by Noah R. Shaffer, Secretary pro tem.

Transcribed by Walter Readett, Secretary.

We beg leave further to submit the following resolutions:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, duly called and held on the 8th day of April, 1927, the following resolution was offered by Henry R. Barnett, duly seconded and unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, That the said Conference hereby authorize the securing of a loan of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars on the property situated at 311 West Main Street, in the city of Batavia, N. Y., and that we hereby appoint Rev. Joseph R. Pitt, one of our Board, to act for us in the premises, and hereby authorize and empower him and the officers and trustees of this Conference to execute all legal papers and to do and perform all necessary acts and things in order to carry this resolution into effect.

Signed by,

James A. Bain, President,
Joseph R. Pitt, Secretary,
Noah R. Shaffer, Vice-President,
Walter Readett, Treasurer,
Clayton F. Ball,
Ernest B. Houghton,
Henry R. Barnett.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution passed by the said Board of Trustees at the meeting duly called and heard, on the eighth day of April, 1927.

Signed by Francis B. Markell.

The following resolution was also offered and accepted by vote of Conference:

That whereas Brother Ernest B. Houghton has offered the use of his truck to move the effects of Rev. J. H. Woodhouse to Batavia, N. Y., and those of Rev. O. G. McKinley to Houghton, N. Y., for the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, we recommend therefore, that the offer of Brother Houghton be accepted and paid from the Conference Treasury.

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Report No. 10.

ON BUDGET.

1. The part of the Budget for Education is \$1,335, and all money paid for current expenses of Houghton College, all money on L. S. U. pledges for Houghton College and all interest (but not principle) paid on Educational notes for Houghton College, and all money raised on Educational Day by the Y. M. W. B. and on Harvest Day by the W. H. & F. M. Society may count toward this Budget.

2. The part of the Budget for Foreign Missions is \$2,221, and all money paid for current expenses for Foreign Missions, all money appropriated for this purpose by the W. H. & F. M. Society, and all money paid by the Y. M. W. B. may count toward this Budget.

3. We recommend that the part of the Budget for Home Missions be \$1,335, and all money paid for Home Missions, and all money appropriated for this purpose by the W. H. & F. M. Society may count toward this Budget; also money paid for work authorized by the Conference Missionary Board may count toward this Budget, and this work may include tent work, building churches, organizing Sunday Schools in unoccupied territory, and strengthening and building up of work already established, but not self-supporting. However it is understood that thirty per cent of the total Conference apportionment for Home Missions must be paid in cash to the Connectional Home Missionary Treasury.

4. We recommend that the part of the Budget for Conference be \$1,335 and that nothing but cash may count toward this Budget.

5. The part of the Budget for Marion deficit is \$315.

6. The part of the Budget for Superannuated Ministers' Fund is \$472.

7. We recommend that no Charge shall receive credit on its Budget except for cash or receipts sent to the Conference Treasury.

8. We recommend that the pastors shall include in their Statistical Reports these items: Total Budget Assigned, Total Budget Raised; that the second item shall not be filled in until the pastor has settled with the Conference Treasurer, and that the account placed in the second item be the amount reported to the pastor by the Conference Treasurer.

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9. We recommend that the Conference authorize each pastor to hand to the Budget Committee at the next Annual Conference a list of the members on his charge under sixteen years of age, provided he declares that he knows personally each one on the list is under sixteen. This list shall then be deducted from the number determining Budget apportionment on that charge.

10. We recommend that Batavia, Machias, Napoli, North Main, and Wyoming be rated at one-half membership.

Budget Apportionment.

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Conference	Marion	Superannuated Ministers' Fund
Allegany	\$ 57.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00
Ashwood	79.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	11.00	17.00
Batavia	31.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	7.00
Bradford	116.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	16.00	15.00
Cattaraugus	279.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	40.00	60.00
Chestnut Ridge	42.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	6.00	9.00
Driftwood	71.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	10.00	15.00
East Leon	146.00	88.00	88.00	88.00	21.00	31.00
Ellicott	82.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	12.00	17.00
East Aurora						
Fillmore	167.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	24.00	35.00
Forestville	128.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	18.00	27.00
Hess Road	128.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	18.00	27.00
Higgins	90.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	13.00	19.00
Houghton	392.00	230.00	230.00	230.00	55.00	82.00
Levant	132.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	19.00	28.00
Machias	23.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	3.00	5.00
Napoli	12.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	3.00
North Main	23.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	3.00	5.00
Olean	116.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	16.00	25.00
Ransomville	87.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	12.00	19.00
Wyoming	20.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	3.00	4.00

Signed,

JAMES S. LUCKEY,
O. G. MCKINLEY,
N. R. SHAFFER.

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Report No. 11.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BETHESDA HOME.

Cash Received.

From County Commissioners	\$1013.51	
Conference Treasurer	175.92	
Girls' Board	106.00	
Cash donations	28.10	
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Total		\$1323.53

Disbursements.

Provisions	\$ 708.70	
Worker's salary	372.00	
Gas	142.35	
Telephone	35.45	
Electricity	28.96	
Water	16.04	
Plumbing	1.50	
Miscellaneous	18.53	
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Total		\$1323.53
From the Community Chest, City of Bradford .	\$ 430.00	
From Kalamazoo, Mich.	50.00	
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Total		\$ 480.00

Used From This Fund.

Rugs and carpets	\$ 102.45	
Tank for kitchen and plumbing	60.00	
Curtains	5.88	
Paint, varnish, repairing stove	33.71	
Oil cloth, dishes, etc.	13.75	
Paper and paper hanging	34.16	
Repairing lights, electric iron	14.00	
Mattresses, springs, upholstering couch	106.00	
Repairing porch	7.50	
Miscellaneous	50.40	
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Total		427.85
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In treasury April, 1927		\$ 52.15

ANNA M. FREEMAN, Acting Matron.

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Report No. 12.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Receipts.

April 9, 1926—From H. R. Barnett, principal and interest	\$ 102.50
April 9, 1926—From H. R. Barnett, principal and interest	250.00
Nov. 9, 1926—From H. R. Barnett, principal and interest	276.15
From Olean Church	12.50
Amount in treasury April 3, 1926	3979.05
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Total receipts	\$4620.20

Disbursements.

April 12, 1926—L. C. Mattoon, traveling expenses	\$ 2.94
April 26, 1926—A. C. Harris, joint note	500.00
April 26, 1926—Batavia loan	100.00
May 17, 1926—J. A. Bain, Batavia loan	1700.00
May 24, 1926—J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses	8.88
May 31, 1926—J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses	5.00
May 31, 1926—Howard Luce, Allegany Charge	1500.00
June 14, 1926—Clayton F. Ball, traveling expenses	3.00
October 18, 1926—J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses	16.00
November 8, 1926—A. C. Harris, joint note	500.00
January 17, 1927—Box rent, Exchange National Bank	2.50
January 17, 1927—Insurance on Weston's Church Building	3.75
February 7, 1927—G. H. Clarke, traveling expenses	6.50
February 7, 1927—Clayton F. Ball, traveling expenses	3.00
March 21, 1927—E. B. Houghton, traveling expenses	41.40
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Total disbursements	\$4392.97
Total receipts	4620.20
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Balance on hand	\$ 227.23

WALTER READETT, Treasurer.

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Report No. 13.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals.

	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Inter. Scholar's Quarterly	Junior Scholar's Quarterly	Home Department Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart
Allegany—E. H. Johnson	12	1	1	4	15	7	10	10	10	4	5	5	5	5	1
Ashwood—C. M. Dudley	10	1	1	8	25	10	7	35	8	15	6	10	10	12	1
Batavia—O. G. McKinley	12	1	1	9	24	15	6	15	8	15	20	15	25	1	1
Bradford—C. I. Armstrong	12	1	1	13	40	30	10	35	30	20	40	15	35	35	1
Cameron—															
Cattaraugus—J. A. Bain	12	1	1	30	90	40	12	75	20	20	10	30	30	30	1
Chestnut Ridge—John E. Bruce	12	1	1	5	8	5	2	8	5	5	4	5	5	6	1
Driftwood—F. B. Markell	12	1	1	23	25	25	8	40	24	16	15	5	5	5	1
East Leon—John Clement	12	1	1	25	25	18	18	25	15	10	1	18	6	6	1
East Aurora, Ellicott—M. A. Bateman	12	2	2	14	32	10	8	35	6	10	11	12	12	12	1
Fillmore—N. R. and Mae K. Shaffer	12	1	1	20	35	7	55	25	12	7	10	15	10	10	1
Forestville—J. H. Woodhouse	12	2	1	8	35	8	25	25	10	10	7	10	15	10	1
Hess Road—A. O. Northrup	12	1	1	10	45	8	8	25	10	16	18	30	25	25	1
Higgins—C. L. Horton	11½	1	1	7	30	12	6	30	15	20	12	12	20	20	1
Houghton—J. R. Pitt	12	1	1	170	26	19	170	6	26	15	25	6	25	1	1
Levant—Edward Elliott	12	1	1	23	45	25	9	35	20	20	30	25	12	12	1
Machias—G. E. Bathurst	12	1	1	4	10	4	12	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	1
Napoli															
North Main															
Olean—Louise Gifford	12	1	1	6	55	45	25	25	25	25	8	25	40	40	1
Ransomville—H. H. Schoonover	12	1	1	11	30	7	20	25	25	20	7	5	8	8	1
Wyoming—Price Stark	10	1	1	3	25	3	25	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	1
Totals	213½	21	20	223	764	276	194	700	195	268	169	179	165	255	11

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Item III. Membership.

	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Allegany	14	...	1	1	...	46	18	30	...	12	...	...	...	...	6
Ashwood	2	...	3	...	...	33	33	32	1	...	...	...	...	1	9
Batavia	19	...	...	...	...	5	5	24	...	19	9	3	...	...	12
Bradford	3	...	...	1	1	41	40	41	...	...	24	...	...	1	25
Cameron .....	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cattaraugus	3	...	...	2	...	97	98	99	...	1	5	16	1	1	30
Chestnut Ridge .....	...	...	2	1	4	22	22	15	7	...	...	1	...	...	9
Driftwood .....	...	...	...	...	1	26	26	25	1	...	9	3	...	1	15
East Leon	3	...	...	...	...	55	55	58	...	3	...	9	...	3	20
East Aurora, Ellicott	2	...	...	2	1	31	30	29	1	...	2	...	...	1	16
Fillmore	13	...	...	1	3	56	56	65	...	9	9	10	...	...	...
Forestville	3	...	2	...	3	53	48	45	6	...	3	...	...	1	23
Hess Road	1	...	...	...	...	44	45	45	...	1	2	8	...	1	13
Higgins .....	...	...	1	...	...	35	33	32	3	...	2	12	...	...	...
Houghton	6	...	1	1	2	145	145	147	...	2	3	6	1	6	71
Levant	7	...	...	4	4	44	44	47	...	3	...	3	...	2	16
Machias	1	...	1	1	4	20	20	15	5	...	...	1	...	...	6
Napoli .....	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Main .....	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Olean	5	...	...	...	...	36	36	41	...	5	5	10	1	...	17
Ransomville	7	...	6	...	2	32	32	31	1	...	9	2	...	...	14
Isolated .....	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	1	9	12	13	...	1	2	6	2
Jamestown Mission	8	8
Totals	90	...	17	10	25	882	850	886	25	56	84	90	3	19	295

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Item IV. Sunday Schools.

	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teacher's Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library
Allegany	1	15	5	35	...	...	35	25	4	4	...	...	...	...
Ashwood	1	6	5	49	6	...	55	38	...	2	2	...	5	50
Batavia	1	2	5	45	...	...	45	30	8	8	4	...	...	...
Bradford	1	11	7	75	40	26	141	42	6	1	5	8	2	60
Cameron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cattaraugus	1	12	10	133	10	28	165	85	4	1	4	5	45	120
Chestnut Ridge	1	3	2	20	...	3	23	14	1	...	2	...	...	37
Driftwood	1	13	6	54	32	16	102	42	3	...	2	...	...	132
East Leon	1	16	6	75	1	12	88	55	5	3	3	...	6	10
East Aurora, Ellicott	2	14	7	53	...	...	53	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fillmore	1	7	7	77	7	13	97	...	2	11	3	...	2	...
Forestville	2	12	8	80	...	14	94	60	2	...	4	15	4	30
Hess Road	1	...	8	132	7	7	146	71	1	1	3	...	5	200
Higgins	1	4	6	87	...	18	105	50	1	...	2	...	...	...
Houghton	1	11	15	209	11	26	241	151	...	1	6	...	...	...
Levant	1	6	8	114	30	30	174	70	6	5	4	...	1	132
Machias	1	4	4	38	...	3	41	7	...	1	...	...	...	...
Napoli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Main	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Olean	1	12	8	100	3	15	113	54	12	6	3	25	2	35
Ransomville	1	5	7	71	20	11	112	46	13	7	5	...	4	50
Short Tract	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	1	2	3	35	35	20	6	1
Totals	21	155	127	1482	167	216	1865	890	74	52	52	53	76	856

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Item V. Church Property.

	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Allegany	1	\$1500.00	.....	1	\$2000.00	.....	\$1123.72
Ashwood	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Batavia	1	10000.00	\$7000.00	1	10000.00	\$7635.87	24.35
Bradford	1	12000.00	3550.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00
Cameron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus	1	10000.00	3200.00	1	2000.00	.....	.....
Chestnut Ridge	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Driftwood	1	3500.00	.....	1	2000.00	.....	8.50
East Leon	1	1200.00	.....	1	900.00	.....	.....
East Aurora, Ellicott	2	5300.00	313.00	1	1200.00	.....	65.00
Fillmore	1	1500.00	.....	1	2500.00	.....	.....
Forestville	1	1800.00	.....	1	2500.00	208.00	.....
Hess Road	1	4000.00	.....	1	5000.00	.....	110.00
Higgins	1	3000.00	.....	1	600.00	.....	.....
Houghton	1	2500.00	.....	1	3500.00	.....	9.00
Levant	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Machias	1	1300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Napoli .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Main .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olean	1	5000.00	1000.00	1	5000.00	2100.00	.....
Ransomville	1	3500.00	.....	1	3500.00	.....	.....
Short Tract
Wyoming	1	1200.00
Totals	20	\$79300.00	\$15063.00	16	\$49700.00	\$9943.87	\$1358.57

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Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor.

	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Allegheny	\$404.00		\$33.00	\$12.00	\$449.00
Ashwood	590.00	\$150.00	5.00	5.00	750.00
Batavia	1285.00	300.00	18.00	25.00	1628.00
Bradford	1004.00	360.00	72.00	135.00	1571.00
Cameron					
Cattaraugus	1300.00	200.00	78.00	305.00	1883.00
Chestnut Ridge	800.00	240.00	18.00	177.00	1235.00
Driftwood	800.00	120.00	22.75	61.55	1004.30
East Leon	792.00	75.00	5.00	148.25	1020.25
East Aurora, Ellicott	817.00	100.00		313.07	1230.07
Fillmore	1300.00	180.00	133.50	110.50	1724.00
Forestville	780.00	75.00	30.00	408.00	1293.00
Hess Road	800.00	125.00	60.00	415.00	1400.00
Higgins	496.00	48.00	10.00	150.00	704.00
Houghton	1508.00	300.00		15.00	1823.00
Levant	1040.00	100.00	15.00	300.00	1455.00
Machias	723.00	216.00	25.00	62.00	1026.00
Napoli					
North Main					
Olean	780.00			28.00	808.00
Ransomville	780.00	240.00		85.00	1105.00
Short Tract					
Wyoming	245.13			25.00	270.13
Totals	\$16244.13	\$2829.00	\$525.25	\$2780.37	\$22378.75

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church.

	Conference President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Allegany		\$57.91	\$21.46	\$520.28	\$14.30	\$613.95
Ashwood		10.00	44.50	36.00	97.00	187.50
Batavia		134.48	45.09	1155.75	174.92	1510.24
Bradford	\$10.00	170.00	164.00	679.00	291.00	1314.00
Cameron						
Cattaraugus		225.00	189.00	690.00	450.00	1554.00
Chestnut Ridge		120.00	21.00	62.00	86.00	289.00
Driftwood	22.00	240.00	125.10	601.05	131.00	1119.15
East Leon	71.80	395.08	89.77	85.00	50.00	691.65
East Aurora, Ellicott		26.82	108.03	382.84	141.00	653.69
Fillmore		185.00	83.00	61.00	129.00	468.00
Forestville		40.00	64.42	42.00	62.00	208.42
Hess Road		42.00	127.00	500.00	125.00	794.00
Higgins		45.00	55.00	140.00	68.00	308.00
Houghton		265.00	205.00	715.00	542.00	1727.00
Levant		125.00	99.00	69.00	160.00	453.00
Machias			11.00		34.50	45.50
Napoli						
North Main						
Olean		112.50	172.00	2561.18	461.96	3307.64
Ransomville		67.00	120.00	620.00	115.00	922.00
Short Tract						
Wyoming		70.00	25.00		5.00	100.00
Totals	\$103.80	\$2330.79	\$1769.37	\$8920.10	\$3137.68	\$16266.74

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Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences.

	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Connectional uSunday School Work	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolences	Marion Raised
Alleghany	\$61.34	\$58.37	\$35.10	\$2.00	.....	\$12.52	\$169.33	.....
Ashwood	105.01	64.16	22.00	.....	.....	16.00	207.17	.....
Batavia	30.00	11.00	12.00	4.00	.....	.....	57.00	.....
Bradford	289.45	65.00	67.00	5.00	\$5.00	135.00	546.45	.....
Cameron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus	315.15	602.50	453.00	22.00	5.90	175.00	1573.55	.....
Chestnut Ridge	68.00	156.00	100.00	3.00	.....	387.00	714.00	.....
Driftwood	151.70	134.75	57.50	7.00	2.25	106.00	459.29	.....
East Leon	201.34	84.43	91.80	4.50	.....	166.00	564.07	\$16.00
East Aurora, Ellicott	321.96	49.00	127.00	.....	.....	74.20	583.66	11.00
Fillmore	495.97	88.17	92.75	7.00	3.85	432.25	1119.99	.....
Forestville	141.61	84.00	84.00	4.85	.....	70.49	384.95	.....
Hess Road	251.00	131.00	71.00	4.00	5.00	265.00	727.00	.....
Higgins	146.00	55.00	41.24	2.27	10.48	49.86	304.85	.....
Houghton	1397.59	1143.41	228.00	27.00	.....	255.00	3051.00	.....
Levant	443.05	77.55	70.00	16.20	3.50	125.00	735.30	.....
Machias	82.50	3.50	40.00	2.00	.....	5.00	133.00	.....
Napoli .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Main .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olean	161.67	44.50	40.00	.....	.....	50.00	296.17	.....
Ransomville	150.07	61.75	66.00	5.00	.....	50.00	377.82	.....
Short Tract .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$4813.41	\$2914.09	\$1698.39	\$115.82	\$35.98	\$2374.32	\$12004.60	\$27.00
				Marion			27.00	
							\$12031.60	

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Item IX. Totals.				
	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Alleghany	\$449.00	\$613.95	\$169.33	\$1232.28
Ashwood	750.00	187.50	207.17	1144.67
Batavia	1628.00	1510.24	57.00	3195.24
Bradford	1571.00	1314.00	546.45	3431.45
Cameron				
Cattaraugus	1883.00	1554.00	1573.55	5010.55
Chestnut Ridge	1235.00	289.00	714.00	2238.00
Driftwood	1004.30	1119.15	459.20	2582.65
East Leon	1020.25	691.65	564.07	2275.97
East Aurora, Ellicott	1230.07	653.69	583.66	2467.42
Fillmore	1724.00	468.00	1119.99	3311.99
Forestville	1293.00	208.42	384.95	1886.27
Hess Road	1400.00	794.00	727.00	2921.00
Higgins	704.00	308.00	304.85	1316.85
Houghton	1823.00	1727.00	3051.00	6601.00
Levant	1455.00	453.00	735.30	2643.30
Machias	1026.00	45.50	133.00	1204.50
Napoli				
North Main				
Olean	808.00	3307.64	296.17	4411.81
Ransomville	1105.00	922.00	377.82	2404.82
Short Tract				
Wyoming	270.13	100.00		370.13
Totals	\$22378.75	\$16276.74	\$12004.51	\$50650.00

Conference *\$1135.00.

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Item X. Budget.

	Missions Assigned	Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Conference Assigned	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised	Mission Raised
Allegany	\$146.00	\$61.34	\$55.00	\$58.37	\$55.00	\$35.10	\$256.00	\$154.81	.....
Ashwood	138.00	105.01	52.00	49.16	52.00	22.00	242.00	176.17	.....
Batavia	30.00	30.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	52.00	53.00	.....
Bradford	107.00	289.45	65.00	65.00	65.00	67.00	237.00	421.45	.....
Cameron	30.00	30.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	52.00	53.00	.....
Cattaraugus	387.00	315.50	153.00	153.00	153.00	153.00	693.00	621.15	.....
Chestnut Ridge	67.00	68.00	33.00	33.88	33.00	63.25	133.00	165.13	.....
Drittwood	109.00	151.73	41.00	73.28	41.00	59.50	191.00	284.51	.....
East Leon	201.00	201.34	76.00	84.43	76.00	91.80	369.00	393.57	\$16.00
East Aurora, Ellicott	130.00	328.46	49.00	49.00	49.00	127.00	269.00	515.46	11.00
Fillmore	214.00	507.30	88.00	88.17	88.00	82.75	390.00	678.22	.....
Forestville	222.00	198.10	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	390.00	366.10	.....
Hess Road	167.00	258.35	63.00	71.15	63.00	71.00	293.00	400.50	.....
Higgins	146.00	146.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	41.24	256.00	242.24	.....
Houghton	378.00	1397.85	228.00	228.00	228.00	228.00	834.00	1853.85	.....
Levant	185.00	443.05	70.00	77.55	70.00	70.00	340.00	605.60	15.00
Machias	47.00	82.50	18.00	3.50	18.00	40.00	83.00	125.00	.....
Napoli .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Main .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olean	94.00	161.67	57.00	44.50	57.00	40.00	208.00	246.17	.....
Ransomville	135.00	150.07	51.00	61.75	51.00	66.00	237.00	277.82	.....
Short Tract .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming
Totals	\$2933.00	\$4925.72	\$1260.00	\$1301.74	\$1260.00	\$1365.64	\$5525.00	\$7633.75	\$42.00

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Report No. 14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Greetings in Jesus' name:

We believe this has been a year of progress in Sunday School work over the Conference. A definite program was outlined to this Conference last year by your Sunday School Secretary. This program was adhered to with very little variation. The pastors and the Sunday School Workers of the several charges have given us whole-hearted co-operation, and this, with God's blessing, accounts for the measure of progress realized.

We visited ten charges soon after the rise of last Conference session, and spoke in each place in the interests of the Sunday School work. Then with your co-operation we held a gracious convention at Olean, June 18, 1926. This convention closed with several people seeking the Lord. The Northern District met with the Chestnut Ridge Church, June 22nd. The Lord gave us a blessed time there also. The Higgins Charge entertained the Fillmore District Convention, with good results. The Annual Conference wide convention was held at Cattaraugus, September 15 and 16. This was truly a climax of all the conventions. Two of our Connectional officials, Revs. I. F. and Clara McLeister, were with us all through. President Luckey, members of the Houghton College faculty and student body added much to the inspiration and interest of this convention. The lectures, sermons and musical selections given were of a high order.

Hess Road Charge having the highest per cent in the Sunday School Efficiency Standard for the past year, will therefore receive the Conference Banner for the coming year. Other schools ranking high and in the order of their rating are as follows: Cattaraugus, Bradford, Houghton, Ransomville and Levant.

Great things are in store for us if we keep the vision. Jesus is coming soon. Let us press the battle.

Financial Report.

Received:

Driftwood, Pa.	\$ 4.00
Levant	3.05
Olean	2.00
Cattaraugus	7.00
Hess Road	1.71

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Ransomville	4.19	
Fillmore	2.05	
Olean Convention	21.77	
Chestnut Ridge Convention	17.12	
Ball Hill	5.10	
Higgins Convention	10.00	
Annual Sunday School Conven- tion at Cattaraugus	36.30	
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Total		\$ 114.29

Disbursements:

Postage	\$ 3.40	
Telephone calls	1.20	
Railroad and traveling expense of Secretary and convention speakers and printing	90.75	
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Total		95.35
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Balance in Treasury		\$ 18.94

Yours and His,

CHAUNCEY I. ARMSTRONG, S. S. Secretary.

Report No. 15.

RESOLUTION REGARDING READING OF STATISTICS.

Resolved, That in the consideration of the pastor's Statistical Reports, only the Budget items shall be read in open conference. The above reports to be in the hands of the Statistical Committee not later than noon on Thursday of the week of Conference.

Report No. 16.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

How many Elders are on the Conference Roll? 28.

Who of the Elders are on the Stationed List? David Anderson, C. I. Armstrong, J. A. Bain, G. E. Bathurst, W. A. Backus, J. E.

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Bruce, M. A. Bateman, G. H. Clarke, C. M. Dudley, James Elliott, Edward L. Elliott, Louise Gifford, L. C. Mattoon, Francis B. Markell, O. G. McKinley, J. A. Mann, A. O. Northrup, J. R. Pitt, N. R. Shaffer, Mae K. Shaffer, H. H. Schoonover, J. H. Woodhouse.

Who of the Conference Preachers are on the Stationed List? George Clement, C. L. Horton, David Rees, Lulu Tanner, Florence Yorton, Mina Mann, Dorothy Mead, Joseph McClintock.

Who of the Elders are on the Supernumerary List? J. R. Babcock, H. J. Bullock, C. M. Dudley, Walter Readett, W. W. Rolf, W. J. Roth, B. S. Laughlin, C. E. Woodhead.

Who of the Elders are on the Superannuated List? C. H. Dow.

Who of the Elders have withdrawn this year? By transfer, E. H. Johnson to the Rochester Conference. By letter of standing, A. J. Taylor to the Allegheny Conference.

How is the work supplied? Allegany, M. D. Warburton; Ashwood, G. E. Bathurst; Bradford, C. I. Armstrong; Batavia, J. H. Woodhouse; Cameron, in the hands of the President; Cattaraugus, J. A. Bain; Chestnut Ridge, J. E. Bruce; Driftwood, Francis B. Markell; East Leon, George Clement; Ellicott and East Aurora, M. A. Bateman; Fillmore, Noah R. Shaffer and Mae K. Shaffer; Forestville, to be supplied; Higgins, C. L. Horton; Hess Road, A. O. Northrup; Houghton, J. R. Pitt; North Main Extension, W. A. Backus; Levant, Edward L. Elliott; Machias, Price Stark; Napoli, in the hands of the President; Olean, Louise Gifford; Ransomville, H. H. Schoonover; Wyoming, Price Stark; G. H. Clarke, employed by the Connectional Missionary Board; L. C. Mattoon, to choose his own field of labor; James Elliott, serving the Chittenden Charge in the Champlain Conference; Lulu Tanner and Florence Yorton, missionaries to West Africa; Anna Freeman, Deaconess; C. W. Smith, serving the M. E. Church, Ellicottville, N. Y.; General Evangelists, O. G. McKinley and J. A. Mann.

Directory of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

- President—Mrs. Mae K. Shaffer, Fillmore, N. Y.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Secretary—Mrs. Flora Peck, Houghton, N. Y.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nettie Readett, 1002 Brook St., Olean, N. Y.
Organizer—Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, Houghton, N. Y.
Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Miss Martha Parker, Appleton, N. Y.
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LOCAL SOCIETIES.

(Charge, President and Address.)

- Allegany—Mrs. Myrtie Luce, Caneadea, N. Y.
Ashwood—Mrs. I. A. Verbridge, Lyndonville, N. Y.
Cameron—
Cattaraugus—Mrs. Mercie Dietrich, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
Chestnut Ridge—Mrs. Clara Aiken, Lockport, N. Y., Route 8.
Driftwood—Mrs. Beulah Markell, Driftwood, Pa.
East Leon—Mrs. Geneva Howard, Cattaraugus, N. Y., Route 2.
East Aurora—
Ellicott—Mrs. Ella Bateman, Orchard Park, N. Y.
Forestville—Mrs. Mary Wolf, Forestville, N. Y., Route 7.
Fillmore—Mrs. Marian Miller, Fillmore, N. Y.
Higgins—Mrs. Mary E. Horton, Freedom, N. Y.
Houghton—Mrs. Ruth Ries, Houghton, N. Y.
Hess Road—Mrs. Myrtle Northrup, Appleton, N. Y.
Levant—Mrs. Kathryn Pocock, Falconer, N. Y.
Olean—Mrs. Zada Huff, 107 Indiana St., Olean, N. Y.
Ransomville—Mrs. Beatrice Schoonover, Ransomville, N. Y.

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Daily Proceedings.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference convened for its thirty-fifth annual session in the basement of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Levant, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon, April 7, 1927, with the President, Mrs. Shaffer, in the chair. In a few brief words she expressed her gratitude to God for His blessing which has rested upon us as a Society during the past year, and to the women for their co-operation, also urged us to a greater devotion to God this coming year than ever before. She then read a few verses from the third chapter of First Peter and offered prayer. All joined in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The session was called to order. The President appointed Mrs. Bateman Committee on Credentials and Mrs. Clement Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Clement, pastor's wives, and Miss Yorton, our Missionary from Africa, were seated with the delegates.

Mrs. Benjamin and Mrs. Peck were appointed Committee on Temporary Organization.

Mrs. Ella Slade, Matron of McConnell Hall, gave her report which was adopted. See Report No. 1.

Miss Yorton was introduced and made a few remarks.

On motion the election of officers was made the order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

The following Societies gave their statistical reports: Olean, Houghton, East Leon, East Aurora, Ellicott, Forestville, Hess Road, Chestnut Ridge, Driftwood, Ransomville, Cattaraugus.

Motion made and carried that greetings from this Society be sent to Sister Dora Sicard.

Adjourned on motion. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Readett.

Thursday Afternoon.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Mrs. Effie Bard of the Allegheny Conference conducted devotionals.

Roll was called. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

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The Committee on Temporary Organization reported as follows:

Auditing—Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Eva Dietrich.

Statistics—Mrs. Mercie Dietrich, Miss Katz.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ethel Bullock.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Nettie Readett, Mrs. Martha Benjamin.

Addresses—Mrs. Alice English.

Needs of Bethesda Home—President of Conference Society.

Hephzibah Orphanage—Mrs. Peck.

Solicitor for Missionary Magazine—Mrs. Ella Bateman.

Mrs. Hodges from Olean was seated as a delegate.

Mrs. Bateman was appointed Committee on Courtesies to act during the absence of the duly elected committee.

Mrs. Effie Bard from the Allegheny Conference and Mrs. Horton of the Lockport Conference were introduced and spoke a few words of encouragement.

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the President appointed as tellers Mrs. Stadler, Miss Yorton. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Mae K. Shaffer.

Vice-President—Mrs. Ethel Bullock.

Secretary—Mrs. Flora Peck.

Treasurer—Mrs. Nettie Readett.

Organizer—Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke.

Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Miss Martha Parker.

Matron of McConnell Hall—Mrs. Ella Slade.

Delegate to General Conference—Mrs. Flora Peck.

Reserve Delegate for Mrs. Shaffer—Mrs. Ethel Bullock.

Reserve Delegate for Mrs. Peck—Mrs. Mercie Dietrich.

The following Societies reported: Fillmore, Higgins, Levant and Bellville.

Motion made and carried that this Society send greetings to Sister Babcock.

Some Missionary Literature was presented by Mrs. Clarke and remarks relative to it were made by her.

On motion we are to continue the clothing of the two boys in Hephzibah Orphanage. Sisters Clarke and Bateman gave very interesting accounts of their visits to the Orphanage.

The President appointed Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Mercie Dietrich a Committee to confer with President Luckey regarding the entertainment of General Conference, to be held at Houghton, N. Y. this coming summer.

Motion made to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Mary L. Clarke.

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Friday Morning.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Verna Smith.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Entertainment of General Conference reported.

See Report No. 2.

President Luckey came before the Society and spoke briefly of his appreciation for the co-operation of the women on Harvest Day. He also brought to our attention Rally Day, after which he enlarged upon the report of the Committee on Entertainment for General Conference stressing the necessity of marking indelibly all the bedding which is loaned.

On motion each member of the local Societies be asked to give twenty-five cents (\$.25) to help defray expense of entertainment for General Conference. This money to be paid to the local treasurers who will forward same to Mrs. Nettie Readett, our Conference Treasurer.

Motion made and carried that the sheets, pillow cases and comforts loaned for use during General Conference be sent by and returned to the Presidents of the Societies. All communications and goods to be sent to President J. S. Luckey, Houghton, N. Y.

Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Peck were elected caretakers of dormitories on camp ground.

The Treasurer read her report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned on motion.

Prayer by Mrs. Anna Elliott.

Friday Afternoon.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Singing, "Blessed Assurance."

Devotionals were led by Miss Yorton.

Roll call. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter of greeting was read from our General Conference President, Mrs. Clara McLeister. She included in her letter a suggestion regarding some furnishings for the Reception Hall in the Ladies' Hall at Houghton. Action was taken concerning this and the ladies were requested to hand their money to Mrs. Elliott.

Motion made and carried that any Society that can shall send a rug or a picture for the Girls' Dormitory at Central, S. C., such articles to be addressed to the President, Rev. J. J. Coleman.

Adjourned by motion. Prayer by Mrs. Peck.

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Friday Evening.

A public Missionary meeting was held Friday evening with the President, Mrs. Shaffer, in the chair.

The congregation joined in singing, after which Mrs. Clarke read the Scripture and prayer was offered by Rev. G. H. Clarke. Miss Mildred Gillette and Rev. C. I. Armstrong rendered two solos. The President then introduced Miss Florence Yorton, our Missionary from Africa, who gave the address of the evening, bringing a wonderful message regarding the school work. She gave some very encouraging incidents resulting from this branch of the missionary work, at the close of her remarks Rev. J. S. Willett, in his charming and forceful manner presented the financial need for the salary and transportation of Miss Yorton, to which the congregation responded in their usual liberal manner, giving in cash and pledges \$945.

Benediction by Rev. J. A. Bain.

Saturday Morning.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Prayer by Mrs. Peck.

Roll call. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report was adopted. See Report No. 3.

Committee on Plan of Work reported was adopted. See Report No. 4.

Report of Committee on Addresses was adopted. See Directory for report.

Auditing Committee reported. Report was adopted. See Report No. 5.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. See Report No. 6.

The Statistical report was read and adopted. See Report No. 7.

The Committee for the Missionary Magazine reported nine renewals and eleven new subscriptions. Report was adopted.

Motion made and carried that a letter of sympathy be sent to Rev. C. H. Dow, enclosing a check for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from this Society as a small token of appreciation.

Motion made and carried that the Ruth Ernest School Fund be kept as a fund to help some worthy boy or girl through school.

Motion made and carried that the entire amount of our Home Missionary money now in the hands of Brother Clarke, the Conference Treasurer, be given to the Conference, the pastors having received credit for it on their annual report.

Adjourned by motion. Prayer by Mrs. Bullock.

FLORA PECK, Secretary.

Reports.

Report No. 1.

MATRON OF MCCONNELL HALL, HOUGHTON CAMP GROUND.

Since the last annual session McConnell Hall has been given two coats of paint with three coats on the new part. The roof should be painted this spring as it leaks in one place, if the money could possibly be raised.

Our needs for furnishings this year are four (4) stand spreads, eighteen inches (18) wide, one and one quarter (1¼) yards long, and some new matting for the hall down stairs.

April 1, 1926, we had in the bank \$35.03, since then have received \$73.15, total \$108.18. Disbursed during the year \$98.73, having on hand at present time \$9.45.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELLA SLADE, Matron.

Report No. 2.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

Dormitory needs for General Conference. Eight (8) comforters, eight (8) sheets, four (4) pair pillow slips. Address packages plainly and send to President Luckey.

MARY L. CLARKE,
ETHEL B. BULLOCK.

Report No. 3.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, extend to the pastor and people of this community our sincere appreciation for their cordial welcome and generous hospitality.

ETHEL BULLOCK.

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Report No. 4.

PLAN OF WORK.

In order to render efficient service in any work, information and preparation is essential, for this reason we urge our women, first of all to faithfulness in mission study, and in earnest intercessory prayer for missions.

1. Our Conference Society has assumed the privilege of Miss Yorton's support for another year. Each local Society will want a share in this privilege.

2. Bethesda Home still needs our contributions of canned fruit and vegetables. Let each local Society remember this need.

3. Hephzibah Orphanage at Macon, Ga., with its more than sixty fatherless and motherless children merits our help, we are to continue providing clothing for two of its boys.

4. Observing Harvest Day will give opportunity to materially assist in our Educational work.

5. Each local Society is requested to appropriate one half the amount of their membership dues for the General Conference Treasurer, this amount to provide for the Mountain work.

6. Once in four years it becomes our duty to help defray expenses of entertaining General Conference. This year each local Society is asked to contribute an amount equal to the sum of twenty-five (\$.25) cents per member for this purpose.

MARTHA BENJAMIN,
NETTIE READETT,

Report No. 5.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Treasurer and find them correct and in fine shape.

ELLA SLADE,
EVA L. DIETRICH.

THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE

Report No. 6.

**LOCKPORT CONFERENCE W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY ANNUAL
REPORT, APRIL 6, 1927.**

	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Balance.
General Fund	\$50.72	\$19.76	\$30.96
McConnell Hall	75.15	75.15	
Ruth Ernest School Fund	82.92		82.92
Education	363.05	363.05	
General Conference Treasurer	111.91	111.91	
Home Missions	247.48	247.48	
Conference Budget	71.00	71.00	
Bethesda Home	150.50	150.50	
Hephzibah Orphanage	102.50	102.50	
Marion Deficit	26.00	26.00	
Local Church Work	300.07	300.07	
Other Benevolences	415.04	415.04	
	\$1996.34	\$1882.46	\$113.88
Foreign Missions—			
Yorton Salary	\$502.50	\$502.50	
Japan	15.00	15.00	
Unspecified Foreign	155.14	155.14	
Medical	29.60	29.60	
	\$702.24	\$702.24	
Y. M. W. B.—			
Foreign	\$3149.30		
Educational ...	208.40		
	\$3357.70	\$3357.70	

NETTIE READETT, Treasurer.

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Report No. 7.

W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Date of Organization	Active Members	Honorary Members	Gain	Loss	Regular Meetings	Special Meetings	Missionary Programs	Cash on Hand From 1926-1927	Receipts, Dues	Offerings
Allegheny	25	4	...	6	12	...	No	\$3.50	\$29.00	\$31.85	
Cattaraugus	1904	43	13	2	...	12	2	Yes	7.82	49.50	120.54
Chestnut Ridge	1919	17	...	2	...	12	9	No	3.60	15.00	137.62
Driftwood	1908	18	10	...	2	...	1	No	11.45	28.00	53.60
Ellicott, East Aurora	1923	9	1	1	...	12	2	No	6.37	21.00	35.32
East Leon	1894	23	10	9	...	11	6	No	...	33.00	41.78
Fillmore	1901	19	2	...	...	10	5	No	3.89	9.40	84.31
Forestville	1899	38	14	5	2	12	...	No	31.17	23.90	46.50
Hess Road	1920	40	12	1	...	12	1	No	7.10	52.00	82.07
Higgins	1923	18	1	5	...	18	...	No	18.11	16.50	31.89
Houghton	1904	35	9	...	...	22	1	Yes	11.65	44.00	142.60
Levant	1893	37	10	4	...	12	5	Yes	1.60	30.00	123.23
Olean	1905	22	3	...	...	11	5	No	.69	25.00	16.59
Ransomville	1912	15	1	...	1	11	3	Yes	1.83	16.00	57.20
Totals	359	90	29	12	207	31	\$108.78	\$392.30	\$1065.10

Ashwood and Cameron Societies sent no reports.

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Labor	General Fund	Other Sources	Total	Unspecified Missions	Home	City	Foreign
Allegany	\$12.50			\$76.85	\$10.00	\$6.00		\$19.75
Cattaraugus			\$32.00	209.86		26.00	\$42.00	81.58
Chestnut Ridge				156.22		118.40	7.00	10.00
Driftwood	82.55			175.40	15.34	21.85	16.00	10.00
Ellicott, East Aurora	6.62			69.31		17.50		23.50
East Leon	16.19		68.27	159.24		54.00	7.00	20.00
Fillmore	19.00		155.38	271.98	18.00	61.46		137.38
Forestville	37.42			138.99		39.00	19.80	34.00
Hess Road	86.80		162.87	390.84	7.14	26.98		25.00
Higgins	34.00			100.50		21.00		16.00
Houghton	10.15		189.00	429.75	10.75	58.00	28.00	89.50
Levant	10.22			165.05	20.17	15.00	59.00	20.00
Olean	16.09	\$9.26		67.63		35.00		
Ransomville	26.90	2.00	40.79	144.72		8.60	18.40	15.00
Totals	\$367.44	\$11.26	\$638.31	\$2561.34	\$81.40	\$508.79	\$198.20	\$486.71

Ashwood and Cameron Societies sent no reports.

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W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

	Medical	Education	General Fund	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	No. of Wesleyan Missionary Magazines	Total
Allegany		\$28.15	\$1.02			\$8.50	\$3.43	...	\$76.85
Cattaraugus	\$15.20	21.57	2.00	\$6.50		2.20	12.81	20	209.86
Chestnut Ridge				6.20		13.38	1.24	3	156.22
Driftwood	5.00	31.80	2.00	61.28		11.96	.17	6	175.40
Ellicott, E. Aurora				6.77	21.00	1.25	4.29	5	69.31
East Leon		56.23	1.00	10.96	10.00		.05	8	159.24
Fillmore		32.55	1.00	14.55	3.74		3.30	6	271.98
Forestville				31.46			14.73	2	138.99
Hess Road		59.15	1.00	14.60	6.37	240.06	10.54	4	390.84
Higgins		12.20		5.30		44.56	1.44	2	100.50
Houghton	5.00	56.60	21.50	100.00	13.00	42.40	5.00	...	429.75
Levant	5.00	14.25	2.00	10.00	18.80	1.00	5.83	15	165.05
Olean		12.50	1.00	1.00	15.00	3.00	.13	5	67.63
Ransomville		29.75	2.00	30.91	15.00	22.90	2.16	...	144.72
Totals	\$30.20	\$354.75	\$34.52	\$300.53	\$95.91	\$391.21	\$65.12	76	\$2561.34

Ashwood and Cameron Societies sent no reports.

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Report No. 8.

Y. M. W. B. STATISTICS.

Bands.	Education.	Amount Raised.
Ashwood	\$2.86	\$56.62
Ball Hill	25.00	37.62
Belleville	14.22	25.31
Batavia .....		.87
Bradford		274.45
Burt		2.26
Cattaraugus	24.21	180.39
Chestnut Ridge	2.88	18.88
Driftwood	19.98	115.71
East Aurora	5.00	61.16
East Leon	6.80	96.14
Ellicott	5.00	115.76
Fillmore Juniors	11.31	105.23
Fillmore Seniors	11.31	182.95
Fink Hollow	1.00	45.50
Hess Road	2.00	220.76
Higgins	6.50	33.27
Houghton Church	12.27	206.89
Houghton Seniors	12.27	888.00
Levant	21.80	361.85
Machias		30.00
Olean	5.50	106.17
Portville		14.04
Randolph		15.00
Ransomville	15.00	119.07
Red House		5.00
Smethport		10.00
Wolf Run		2.85
Wales		1.47
Wango	3.49	39.48
Total Membership		1283
Offerings for Missions		\$3164.30
Offerings for Education		208.40
Total for Conference		\$3372.70

Respectfully,
MRS. MERCIE DIETRICH,
MARIE KATZ.