



Record of
SYRACUSE CONFERENCE
Third Session at

Camden
Oneida Couty N. Y.

Commenced April 19 & Adjourned April 21.
1855.

In the year of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of
AMERICA
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Marshall Frink
Secretary

Luther Lee
President

Morning Session first day 9 A.M.

Conference called to order by the President. Opening religious services reading Scripture, singing and prayer, by Bro. G. M. High.

Roll of Ministers and List of Stations called as follows.

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Stations</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Luther Lee p	Albion	
G. M. High p	Syracuse	G. Willcox
G. M. Jenks p	Reservation	
Marshall Frink p	Camden	H. H. Gifford
Calvin F. Hawley	Tioga & Athens	H. I. Fritcher
M. A. Fairchild	Candor	Davis Marshall
Wm. B. Halsey	Winsor	
Timothy Coggins	Apalachin	Morris Barton
Geo. Pegler p	South Auburn	
Wm Nipper	Florence	Clark Crawford
L. C. Matlack p	Orleans	
H. Benson	Ed & Agent	M Merrick
Isaac Sprague p	Fulton	
H. I. Inman	Antwerp	
A. Kelsey	Taylor	
Isaac Johnston p	Dryden & Freeville	
H. Lounsbury p	Green	
G. B. Mints p	State Road	
S. B. Loomis p	Fair Dale	Mathew [sic] McKibbey
Benj. Rider p	Litchfield	
B. F. Morse p	M.a.F. Settlement	
	Vienna	Daniel Waterman

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<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Stations</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Wm Dunham p	Palermo	
B. B. Palmer, Licentiate	Union	
	Clay & Hinmanville [sic]	
D. B. Douglass *	Texas	
W. B. Porter *	Frankfort	Philip Finster
I. W. Allen, Licentiate *	Watertown	Elam Holcomb
	Boylston	Aaron Wheeler
{Not all the Ministers}		
{marked P were present}		
{at the morning sesn}	Groton & Lansing	S. Silver - 13
{secy}		
	Pillar Point	{not all were present at the}

| {opening of Conference}
{Secy}

Conference voted now to proceed to the Election of President and Secretary.
On Motion voted that president appoint tellers.
Montgomery Merrick and G. M. High were appointed.
Tellers reported 18 ballots cast. 10 necessary to a choice.
Of which Luther Lee received 15 for President – 3 scattering
Marshall Frink 16 for Secretary 2 scattering
Voted to receive the Vienna Wesleyan Methodist church and place it on the list of stations.
Voted to appoint Pastoral Committee } See page 8
Voted a committee of 2 on Religious Services }

*Note of Secty = M. B. Porter ordained at this Conference. I. W. Allen. Licentiate recommended to be placed on Sta.d List

*Note of Secty = Ministers present are marked p. Stations represented have the names of the delegates written opposite. *D. B. Douglas received by transfer from Rochester Conference

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Voted that tomorrow at 9 ½ A.M. be fixed on to hear from every Charge represented in the Conference a brief statement of condition and prospects.

Voted That the president appoint the following Committees. On
Reforms – Missions – Statistics – Sunday Schools – Christian Union –
Periodicals. (See page 8 [sic: no close parenthesis])

Voted that the conference adjourn at 11 ½ O Clock A.M.

Moved & carried, to commence the Morning Sessions at 8. O'clock

Voted that conference commence its session this P.M. at 1 ½ O Clock

Voted to have preaching each P.M. after to day at 2. P.M.

Moved that case of Wm Honson be refered [sic] to the Quarterly Conference within the bounds of which he resides, and that the Secretary be required to inform Bro. Johnson of this action of the Conference. Motion Prevailed.

Voted to appoint committee on orders [see page 8]

Resolutions were presented by L. C. Matlack in relation to unstationed Ministers – Laid on table.

Conference adjourned by limitation prayer by Bro Pegler

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First day After-Noon Session 12 O'Clock

Conference opened by singing and prayer by Bro H Lounsbury.
Minutes of A.M. Session read and approved.

President [insert: announced] the appointment of committees.

Voted that the president be added to committee on Reforms as Chairman [Insert: See page 8]

Resolutions offered by L. C. Matlack relative to unstationed Ministers taken up amended and adopted, as follows.

Whereas the Discipline Specifies that of the ministers only the elders on the Stationed list compose the yearly conferences, and yet gives to the unstationed ministers a seat in the yearly conference as honerary [sic] members while they are amenable [sic] only to the quarterly conference within the bounds of which they reside

Therefore

Resolved that a list of the unstationed Elders as at present known to our records be published in the Wesleyan so that they may attach themselves to the quarterly conference in the vicinity of which they reside

Resolved that it is the duty of every unstationed minister to connect himself with some quarterly Conference – and that it is the duty

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Of each quarterly conference to take charge of all the unstationed ministers within its bounds.

Resolved that, each quarterly conference should report through its pastors or delegate to the yearly conference at each session the names of all the unstationed ministers within its bounds; and that this conference will hereafter recognize no others only such as are thus reported from year to year.

M. B. Porter, presented to conference for Elders Orders. Case refered [sic] to committee.

Davis Marshall presented to be employed as a Licenciante [sic] Case refered [sic] to committee on orders for examination.

Conference now voted that Bro Miles Fisk Agent of the Michigan Union College be heard relative to the intrests [sic] of the Institution he represents. At the close of his address the Conference

Voted to purchase a Schollar [sic] Shipe [sic] in said College. The vote was responded to in the payment of the first installment by the following persons in the sum of one dollar each. L. C. Matlack Luther Lee, Montgomery Merrick.

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Harvey Lounsbury, Marshall Frink, Grandison Willcox, Isaac Johnston, Elijah Gaylord I. W. Allen, Benjamin Rider.

Said Scholarship to be paid in five installments of \$10.00 each. The second due in 1856 the 3rd in 1857 the 4th in 1858 the 5th in 1859.

Voted at the session of the Syracuse Conference held at Blodgets [sic] Mills Apr. 1858
that the amt. now paid on the above named scholarship be given up as a donation to
the College & the note withdrawn. A.P. Burgess

Blodgetts Mills New York = Secty

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Voted to appoint a committee of 3 on education – See page 8.
Conference adjourned
Benediction by President

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Committees.

Pastoral.

Ministers

Luther Lee Chair=

E. M. High

H. Lounsbury

Laymen

H. I. Fritcher

Elam Holcomb

Religious Services.

G. M. Jenks

H. H. Gifford

Reforms.

Luther Lee Chair –

A. Kelsey

Isaac Sprague

G. Willcox

Missions.

George Pegler

E. Holcomb

L. C. Matlack

Statistics.

E. M. High

H. H. Gifford

I Johnson

Sunday Schools

S. B. Loomis

H. I. Fritcher

H Lounsbury

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Christian Union.

L. C. Matlack, M. Frink, M. Merrick.

Books & Periodicals.

Geo Pegler E. B. Mints S Silver

Education.

L. C. Matlack Geo Pegler C. Crawford

Examination & Orders.

L. C. Matlack
A Kelsey G. Willcox
Benjm Rider E. Holcomb

On Presidency.

D. B. Douglass M. Merrick M. Frink
Geo Pegler Thomas W. Chesebro

Committee on Course of
Study

L. C. Matlack L Lee
D. B. Douglass

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Second day Morning Session 8 o'clock

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. Fisk.

Roll Called, Minutes of last session read and corrected

Wm. B. Halsey transfered [sic] to the Illinois Conference.

B. B. Palmer Licenciate [sic]. transfered [sic] to Illinois Conference.

Committee on Examination and Orders – Reported M. B. Porter back to the Conference, to be disposed of as the conference may deem best.

Moved that he be elected to Elders orders. Motion prevailed.

Committee reported that Davis Marshall be placed on Stationed list as a Licenciate [sic]

Also I. W. Allen a Licenciate [sic] to be placed on Stationed list. Report of Committee adopted.

Calvin. F. Hawley Transferred [sic] to the Rochester Conference.

Business of the day fixed on at 9 ½ A.M. was taken up.

Albion the first station on the list was called No Report.

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Bro. Pegler said a few words favourable. [sic]

Syracuse. Bro Willcox delegate spoke of prosperity a number of conversions within the last six months. Much harmony prevailed between pastor and people.

Bro. Lee – Pastor spoke to the same effect. Was going away feeling deeply for their future prosperity.

Groton & Lansing – Bro Silver delegate stated that their prospects were better than they had been for some year. Bro S reported leave from Conference to return home – granted.

Reservation – Bro High Reported nothing special The Church in Reservation was only some 12 or 14 in number. The remnant of a once flourishing Reform Methodist Church.

Camden. Bro Gifford delegate reported they had previously hard struggling: but they had up to this time Sustained a pastor

The Church was firm in the principles and desired the prayers and Sympathies of the Conference that they might be enabled to maintain them to the last.

Bro G. M. Jenks corroborated [sic] the Statements of Bro Gifford.

Tioga & Athens. Bro H. I Fritcher delegate.

M. Frink Pastor. Reported No great

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Prosperity. Some hope of future success.

Candor. Bro Marshall delegate. Reported a good state of religious feeling and prosperity among the members.

Winsor. Bro Johnson – said there was nothing very encouraging – but they seemed still determined to maintain thier [sic] ground.

Apalachin. Bro. Morris Barton delegate The church has had severe trials but is still pressing on. And felt them selves [sic] able to sustain a Minister.

South Auburn. No representation
Bro Mints said that a part of the charge was prosperous.

Florence. Bro Crawford delegate Reported – Nothing new to tell – opposition Strong as ever to them as a denomination.

Bro Pegler pastor spoke of some prosperity a number of conversions from among themselves. Hard labour [sic] to supply them with preaching. Compensation small. Had laboured [sic] with some degree of acceptance felt blest in his own soul.

Orleans No Report

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Fulton. No Report

Antwerp. Isaac Sprague pastor reported a good degree of prosperity and Sabbath School on one part of the charge – the other part not so favourable. [sic]

Taylor. No pastor or delegate present. Bro Kelsey said that within two year past several of the Strongest Members had died had a good Sabbath School.

Dryden & Freeville. Bro Kelsy pastor It was a new charge Some prosperity.

Green. Bro Johnston pastor. An interesting state of things at one appointment. Prospects good for another year.

State Road. Bro Lounsbury pastor Reported – Considerable prosperity in revivals and additions to the churches. The Church in Towanda had doubled during the past year. 30 in all had been added to the churches during the year.

Fair Dale E. B. Mints pastor reported. Had nothing unfavourable [sic] to say of this charge a good degree of prosperity gave a brief outline of its history from commencement.

Litchfield. Bro Loomis pastor. Reported some conversions during the past year but had not

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Connected themselves with the church. The church sustained the reforms of the day

Union. No representation.

Manlius & Filer Settlement. No pastor or delegate present. Bro Rider had laboured [sic] there part of the year and Bro High a part.

Clay & Hinmanville. [sic] No report

Palermo. No representation.

Frankfort. Bro Finster delegate said they had not had a preacher for two years, but still they were living maintained prayr [sic] meetings. But were hungering and thirsting [sic] for the bread and water of life.

Watertown. Bro Holcomb delegate said they did not feel able to Support a pastor for the coming year.

Boylston. Bro A. Wheeler delegate. Bro Rider said they were much united on this charge.

Pillar Point. No Representation.

Committee on education asked

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leave to report. Pending presentation of said report Conference adjourned by limitation. Closed with benediction by President.

Third Day Morning Session. April 21. 1855.

Usual religious services by Bro Douglass. Order of the day report of committee on Education, laid on the table.

Case of Br M. Fisk in relation to his Membership. Appeal to Chair – Chair decided that the conference had no jurisdiction in the case.

Order of the day report of committee on Education taken up. Committee as follows.

The Success of “pure religion and undefiled before God,” will be greater, and its universal triumph more speedy as the influence of Sanctified learning becomes more general throughout the Christian Church. To the Ministry, intelligence is an indispensable [sic] qualification for a large and permanent Success. A full understanding and proper explanation of the sacred word cannot be obtained without the aid which the researches of Scientific and literary men afford the Student of the Bible.

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A defence [sic] of the truth against the assaults of infidelity is impossible with extensive reading and close study.

And the more enlarged and the more comprehensive the views of the people become respecting the origin, the philosophy and perfect adaptation of true religion, the greater will be the value they will attach to its institutions, and the zeal and sacrifice they will cheerfully exhibit in carrying forward the enterprise of revolutionizing the kingdoms of this world, so that they shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, over which he shall reign forever and ever.

The claims of literary institutions upon the Sympathies and Support of Christians are of the highest possible importance. The relations which religion and literature mutually sustain, are of the Most intimate character. The Bible itself, as we have it in the language of the common people, is the direct fruit of literary cultivation. Without the mental training that qualified men to uncover the hidden treasures of ancient wisdom and knowledge the word of God would have been a sealed book forever. Colleges and schools of learning are therefore closely identified with the verry [sic] sources of religious truth.

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With these view of the importance of general education, as an auxiliary to religion, and especially, as essential to the full qualification of the men of God who stand in the sacred place, to expound and enforce his holy word, we recommend the [insert: adoption of the] following resolutions.

1. Resolved, That we recognise [sic] with pleasure the Successful efforts of our western brethren in raising up with good promise of success, two institutions of learning – the Michigan Union College at Leoni and the Illinois Institute at Wheaton.

2. Resolved, That we recommend our bro Miles Fisk and the Michigan Union College for which he is agent, to our people, as worthy of their patronage, by the purchase of scholarships, and in donations in aid of the same.

3. Resolved, That this conference will become responsible for one Scholarship, to be made out in the name of the president, which shall be at the disposal of the Conference – The installments to be paid by a voluntary contribution from the members at each yearly session.*

On motion the report was adopted item by item.

*Before adopting this resolution the first installment was paid down by ten members of the Conference See page of journal 6. Secty.

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Committee on Missions Reported.

L. G. Matlack moved a division of the question and adoption of the first resolution as follows.

Your committee report that the Subject of Missions has been reported on yearly, and every variety of resolution have been passed and recorded. At our last [insert: session] the Conference constituted itself a Missionary Society, with a plan of

operations that we do not thin of improving at this time. We submit that report for your present consideration, as it provides for action that we should attend to at once.

(Last years [sic] report was quoted) In pursuance of this previous action we recommend the following resolutions.

1. That an hour be fixed on during the Conference to be occupied in receiving the Missionary Collections that have been taken up, and for doing such other business as the Conference may judge necessary in relation to missions.

Voted that the Conference now take up the items of this resolution.

The charges were called and only two responded. Viz.

Syracuse - \$ 8.00

Antwerp 2.00

Total \$10.00

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Voted to call the roll of conference for promissory notes at Six per cent [sic] per annum as pledges to a permanent fund.

The following members and other responded in the sums set opposite their names as signees to a promissory note as follows.

Promissory notes withdrawn by vote of Conf. Apr. 1858.

2. That we recommend the following plan for the establishment of a permanent fund for the support of Missions, viz. That pledges of Money be secured in the form of promissory notes on which the intrest [sic] only shall be collectable at the rate of six per cent [sic] per annum payable at the time of the sessions of the conference yearly. The vote to be after the following form.

I promise to pay yearly, six per cent in-

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terest on one hundred dollars, to the Treasurer of the Syracuse Missionary Society, provided that by giving notice at the time of paying up the yearly interest due, this note may be cancelled by the drawer or the death of the signer shall cancel the same.

On motion the entire report was unanimously adopted.

Committee on Books and Periodicals reported as follows.

Whereas the present is emphatically a reading age, and it is a well established maxim that the moral principles of a people are known by the character of their reading, and whereas, we as a Conference have always urged upon our people the duty of supplying themselves and families with reading matter Sound in theology, and pure in morals. Therefore,

Resolved, That we affectionately recommend to our brethren and friends to encourage the sale and use of those books on our catalogue which we have proved by experience are calculated to reform the life and lead the Soul to God.

Resolved, That we consider the Wesleyan and Juvenile Instructor as

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faithful auxiliaries to the Christian ministry, in their arduous and pleasing task of reforming and evangelizing the world, and we bespeak for those papers a circulation worthy of their character.

Resolved, That we approve of the reduction in the price of many of our Books and would recommend further progress in the same direction whenever it is compatible [sic] with the well being of the Book Concern.

George Pegler Chairman

Report was adopted

Committee on Reforms.

Reported. Report was unanimously adopted.

The Great Reforms.

The Committee on Reforms have had the Subject under consideration, and have selected such prominent items from the great whole, for brief remark as the limits of their report will allow.

Of Slavery. – WE can say of a truth and with practical consistency, that, “we are as much as ever opposed to the great evil of slavery.” It was opposition to this sin against God, and outrage upon humanity, that mainly contributed to give us an existence as a denomination, and especially to its practice by members of the professed Church of Jesus Christ. Had not Slavery been tolerated in the church of which most.

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of us were ministers and members we doubtless should have been members of that church still, and the Wesleyan organization would not now have existed.

We saw that must be right or wrong and that it was right, we felt assured was impossible while men were bound by the law which requires them to do unto others as they would they should do unto them.

And Slavery being wrong, and if wrong at all, a verry [sic] great wrong, we could not see why its perpetrators should be admitted to the fellowship of the church while others were excommunicated and driven from the altar for less offences. If a person is justly expelled from the church for wronging his fellow being out of the value of a days [sic] labour [sic], or for an assault upon his person, we were unable to see how it could be right to retain slaveholders in the church, who rob men of themselves, of all their time, of the right of husband and wife, of parents and children, and of all the social relations, and drive them to their unrequited toil by assaulting them with a bloody scourge until the opening grave furnishes an asylum to the sufferer. In a word we could

not see how it could be wrong to retain the dishonest, liars, drunkards and whore-mongers in the,

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Church, if it be right to retain slaveholders who practice what involves all these crimes, and every crime involved is a violation of the every commandment of the decalogue. Such were the impressions which compelled us to leave the church to which we belonged, when we found it so committed on the subject as to leave us no hope of getting Slaveholders put out. After the experience, labors and toils of twelve years, to support a Christian organization free from Slavery, we declare ourselves confirmed in the Christian duty of seceding and withholding our fellowship from all pro-slavery churches, and here we stand, and here we must stand until it can be proved that it is right to remain in Christian fellowship with men who justify and openly perpetrate the worst of crimes.

As it cannot be proved that it is right to allow the practice of one great wrong in the church, and wrong to tolerate another, The above conclusions rest upon the fact of the wrong of Slavery. And on this point there can now be no doubt, every years [sic] experience and every opening page in the history of this nation, flash with new light and add new proof of the enormity of slavery. The additional crimes which slavery has committed since we last spoke on this subject, furnishes new proofs, for they are seen and read of all men

It is only necessary to pledge ourselves

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to renewed and uncompromising hostility to slavery, in the church, and in the nation, in the use of all rightful means, both religious and political, in the pulpit and at the ballot box.

In the name of God, and in his Strength, we will oppose human bondage untill [sic] the last chain is broken, and universal emancipation shall bless the world; and if we are not allowed to see the final triumph we will teach our children to oppose it when we are dead, until the worlds [sic] Jubilee shall come.

Of Temperance. – The evils of intemperance are too great and too common and wide spread [sic] to be overlooked. No one pretends to deny that the evils are great and fearfully common; too many husbands, fathers and sons have been ruined, too many hearts have been made sad, and too many once happy fire sides have been rendered desolate and sorrowful by the rum plague to admit of its being unknown and unfelt.

But while the evils of intemperance [sic] are universally felt and acknowledged many justify the cause, and oppose an application of the only effectual remedy. It is now more than thirty years since the Temperance

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Reform first dawned upon this nation of drunkards. It is true the light was then small, and shown but dimly amid the mist of alcohol and clouds of error that hung as a veil [sic] over the entire land. It was at first believed by many that the rum devil could be chained within certain limits, so as to make him subserve the inerests [sic] of humanity, by supplying moderate drink without being exposed to his desolating fury.

Intoxicating drinks, as a beverage were admitted to be necessary to the health and happiness of mankind but it was contended that intemperance was an abuse of the good creature, and hence the remedy proposed was to restrain man by moral influence, and hold them within the circle of moderate drinkers.

It was however soon found that moderate drinking was the deep gushing fountain whence flowed all the streams of intemperance, rolling their waves of desolation and sorrow over the face of the land. The pledge of total abstinence from ardent spirit so called, was then adopted, nor was it dreamed that wine beer and cider must be abandoned. Increasing light however soon brought all honest temperance men to see that total abstinence from all that can intoxciate [sic], alone could reform the inebrate [sic] and secure the moderate drinker against the cal-

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amity of becoming a drunkard, and the pledge was accordingly changed and the battle renewed.

Still moral influence was the only force to be applied and many loud spoken temperance men deprecated any appeal to the civil power, for the suppression of the liquor traffic which sent forth such deadly streams upon the community. But the light was too glaring not to be seen, and the arguments were too plain and powerful to be long resisted by honest mind. The traffic in intoxicating drinks as a beverage was demonstrated to be a crime, and the absurdity of suppressing every other crime by penal enactments, while the crime of manufacturing drunkards was carried on under the sanction and protection of law, was made palpable, and the cry of prohibition was heard all along the line of the embattled temperance host. Here our temperance army took its last stand, here they fought and fought long and bravely for God and the weal of humanity. They were opposed by powerful foes.

A large portion of the pulpits dared not to speak, or were on the other side, wine bibbing Ministers, and rum-drinking Church members were among the foes; party politicians with their wire wrought machinery encompassing the entire land, plotted against the reform with all their love of party, love of office, and love of rum. But above all there were the rum-vendors great and small, with their immense [sic] Cap-

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ital employed, who poured out both money and liquor without measure. But the Temperance host pressed on, determined never to relax their efforts untill they should secure the enactment of a law which should pronounce the simple vending of intoxicating drinks as a beverage a crime. What law has at last been secured, it is now upon our statue book, good and strong and will come into full force upon the fourth day of July next, which will render that atleast [sic] a glorious Fourth.

Let the law we have secured by enforced, as we believe it will be, and glorious results will follow. Many desolate firesides will once more become cheerfull [sic] circles, sorrowful hearts will be made glad, deserted wives with open arms and throbbing hearts, will receive their returning husbands, worse than orphan children will again find themselves in the arms of redeemed fathers, lost sons will return to their father's house and fathers will rejoice over them, and mothers will weep tears, and tongues that have long been silent or been employed to moan, will sing the Temperance Jubilee.

Of War. – of the horrors of war, we will tell no story, the daily and weekly Journals, by publishing the news from the camp of the allied Powers, have done this work for as, they have told and are telling how dreadful is the scene where contending armies meet in deadly strife.

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Against such scenes we bear our testimony, and declare our belief that war is wrong, and as Christians, and Christian Ministers we will oppose war and preach against war, and pray for the coming reign of universal peace. And for our encouragement we find it written in the word of God, that, "he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people, and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more [sic]." It is the work of the Christian to labour [sic], pray and hope for that day.

There are other great evils to be corrected, and consequently, other branches of reform to be urged forward but we will not further specify.

Christianity is opposed to all sin, and hence, to preach the gospel in its purity and fullness, is to oppose every moral evil, and we believe, in proportion as those who profess Christianity get right, the gospel will develop [sic] its moral power, and the great work of moral reform will progress untill [sic] the curse of slavery, intemperance, war and kindred crimes shall nomore [sic] destroy the earth. May God hasten the day of the worlds [sic] Jubilee! Luther Lee Chairman

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Committee on order present the case of Mathew Presler for the action of the Conference.

Moved that he be elected to orders – Motion prevailed.

L. C. Matlack moved that a committee of five be appointed on Presidency.

Committee was appointed as follows.

S. B. Douglas

Montgomery Merrick

M Frink

Thomas W. Chesebro

Geo Pegler

Committee on Christian Union, Reported as follows.

Whereas the Subject of a union between the different religious [insert: denominations] of a reformatory character has been discussed by the correspondents of the Wesleyan and other Journals – and believing as we do that a cöoperative union on

the part of the United Brethren the Evangelical Association, the Free Presbyterians, the Free Will Baptists, the Wesleyans and others of like character, if effected would forward the cause of truth, and triumph of Christianity in the world. Therefor, [sic]

Resolved, That as a Conference we will cooperate with our fellow Christians in the good work of gathering in one the scattered flock of Christ, by uniting together in sustaining public worship and the general benevolent movements of the day,

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In our several localities, on such a plan as may be consistent with all parties.

2. That we hereby recommend to the next General Conference of the Wesleyan Connection that there be appointed a Standing Committee on Christian Union, with power to confer with Similar Committees from other Reformatory churches, and conjointly therewith to call a general connection for the discussion of a plan of Union, to be submitted for final adoption to the General Conference next ensuing

3. That we request Bro. L. C. Matlack to convey to the unofficial convention to be held at Dayton Ohio May 16 our expression of sentiment on this subject.

Report adopted.

Motion by L. C. Matlack – That each member pledged to the permanent Missionary Fund sign their names to the joint Note, with the privilege of withdrawing them at any time by paying the interest due.

Motion prevailed.

Conference extended session ten minutes to finish business – then adjourned by limitation.

Prayer by Bro. Marshall.

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Third Day P.M. Session

Usual Religious Services conducted by Bro. Sprague.

Conference ordered that the name of Bro Miles Fisk be recorded on the Conference Journal – Transferred to the Michigan Conference.

Committee on Statistics.
Report as follows – Report adopted.

[Note: Due to the number of boxes in the table, this report is divided into two parts.]

Charges	Members	Ministers	Licentiates	Sunday Schools	No of Teachers	Scholars	S. School Money
Onondaga. Res.	11			1	8	40	
H. Bridge & F. Settlement	24	1		1			
Apalachin	105		2	2		60	
Groton & Lansing	38		2	1	9	52	
Syracuse	119	2	1	1	6	40	
Tioga & Athens	64		1				
Florence	17						
Boylston	50		2	1			
State Road	130	1	6	2	9	58	
Taylor	32			1			
Dryden & Freeville	22						
Fair Dale	80		1				
Watertown	30	2	1	1	5	43	\$12.19
South Auburn	44						
Camden	35	1	2	1	4	25	
Union	30		1				
Condor	40		2	1	3	15	
Antwerp	30	2	1	1	6	24	.50
Fulton	30						
Vienna	21			1			
Total =	952	9	22	15	50	357	12.69

Charges	Miss Money	Lab of Gospel [note: punctuated as read]	Houses of Worship	Value/ Church Prop
Onondaga. Res.		\$.70,	1	\$1000, Debt
H. Bridge & F. Settlement		\$.70,50	2	"700 =100
Apalachin		\$.200,00		"
Groton & Lansing		\$.64,	1	"600
Syracuse	\$8	\$.560,	1	"3000 =400
Tioga & Athens		\$.225,		"
Florence		\$.48,		"
Boylston		\$.90,		"
State Road		\$.100,	1	"1300

Taylor		\$.65,40	1	"1500
Dryden & Freeville		\$.100		"5000 = 600
Fair Dale		\$.110	1	
Watertown		\$.100	1	
South Auburn		\$.102	1	
Camden		\$.180	1	"1200
Union		\$.125		
Condor		\$.225		
Antwerp	\$2	\$70,	1	"500
Fulton		\$600	1	"2400
Vienna				
Total =	\$10	\$2904	13	\$17200 = \$1100

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L. C. Matlack Chairman of Committee on Orders reported the following resolution.

That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a course of study to be pursued by those who present themselves as candidates for Elders orders – and that they publish a lit of books to be consulted, and prepare a series of questions on the various apartments of study specified which we recommend for publication in pamphlet form by the book Concern to be sold if possible at not more than 12 cents per copy.

The above resolution was adopted. And the following Committee appointed.

L. C. Matlack, L Lee, D. B. Douglass.

Montgomery Merrick Presented a Resolution on the use of Tobacco. After some discussion L. C. Matlack moved the following as a substitute.

Resolved, That we the Members of the Syracuse Conference, do by voting for this resolution pledge ourselves totally to abstain from chewing snuffing and smoking Tobacco. And that the vote be taken by yeas and nays.

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On vote being taken yeas as follows. Lee, High, Frink, Pegler, Matlack, Sprague, Johnston, Lounsbury, Mints, Rider, Dunham, Porter, Douglass, Ministers 14 Willcox, Gifford, Fritcher, Marshall, Crawford, Merrick, McKibby, Holcomb, Wheeler Laymen 9 = Honorary Members voting Presler, Gaylord, -- Ministers – Allen, Layman –

Absent of not voting Jenks, Kelsey, Loomis, Morse 4 Min. Barton, Waterman Finster. Laymen 3

S. Silver. Leave of absence.

Yeas by Members of Conference – 23

Yeas " Honerary [sic] Members – 3

Absent or not voting – 7.

Conference voted that the President conduct the ordination services to Morrow.
[sic]

Committee on Pastoral relations Reported. Report adopted = see Conference Questions.

Rising vote of thanks to citizens of Camden.
Conference adjourned Closing prayer by M. B. Porter.

Marshall Frink.	Luther Lee.
Secretary.	President

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Conference Questions.

1. Who have retired to the unstationed list? Henry Benson G. M. Jenks. M.A. Fairchild. Wm. Nipper.
2. Who ~~of the~~ of the Elders are on the Stationed list?
D. B. Douglass, L. C. Matlack M Frink, H Lounsbury Isaac Johnson M. B. Porter
T Coggins, G. Pegler, L Lee A Kelsey H. D. Inman, E. M. High E. B. Mints S. B. Loomis B. Rider, B. F. Morse. 16.
3. What Licentciates are on the Stationed List?
I. W. Allen. 1.
4. Who are on the reserve list?
Davis Marshall = Licentiate. A.
5. Who are on the Superannuated List? None.
6. Who have been deposed this year? None.
7. Who have withdrawn from the Conference this year? None.

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8. Who have joined the Conference this year? M. B. Porter. D. B. Douglass.
9. Who have died this year? None.
10. What has been contributed on the several circuits and stations for the support of Preaching on the same and for the support of Missions? \$2,914.
11. What numbers are in Connection?
12. How many Sunday Schools, Superintednetns, Teachers, and Scholars, are there connected with the several Circuits and Stations?

Schools = 15. Teachers 50. Scholars 357.

13. When and where shall our next Conference be held?
At Tioga Center N. Y. Commencing Third Thursday in April 1856. At 9 O'Clock A.M.

Who are the Unstationed Elders?

Elijah Gaylord, Mathew Presler, Daniel Calkings, Wm. Johnston, Wm Nipper
Henry Benson G. M. Jenks, M. A. Fairchild, Wm Dunham. Arthur Hughs, W. Wescott,
John Nayson Wesley Bailey. Levi Wheelock, D. L. Hollis H. L. Collins
Jacob Wince in deacons orders from M. E. Church = 1 16.

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14. How is the work Supplied

This Year.

	Circuits and Stations	Pastors
1	Editor & Agent	L. C. Matlack
2	Syracuse	D. B. Douglass
3	Reservation	---
4	Camden	---
5	Tioga & Athens	M. Frink
6	Candor	H Lounsbury
7	Winsor	Isaac Johnston
8	Apalachan [sic]	M. B. Porter
9	South Auburn	Timothy Coggins
10	Florence	Geo Pegler
11	Albion	---
12	Fulton	Luther Lee
13	Antwerp	---
14	Taylor	A Kelsey
15	Dryden & Freeville	H. D. Inman
16	State Road	E. M. High
17	Fair Dale	E. B. Mints
18	Litchfield	S. B. Loomis
19	F. Settlement & Manlius	---
20	Frankfort	I. W. Allen
21	Watertown	To be Supplied
22	Peruville [sic]	B. Rider
23	Pillar Point	---
24	Vienna	B. F. Morse
25	Union	To be supplied
26	Boylston	---

27	Green	---
28	Stockbridge	---

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<u>Stationed Elders</u>	<u>Unstationed Elders</u>
L. C. Matlack D. B. Douglall [sic] M. Frink H. Lounsbury Isaac Johnston M. B. Porter Timothy Coggins Geo Pegler Luther Lee A. Kelsey H. D. Inman E. M. High E. B. Mints S. B. Loomis Benj. Rider B. F. Morse = 16 Licentiates I. W. Allen sta. 	1. Elijah Gaylord 2. Matthew Presler 3. Daniel Calkings [sic] 4. Wm. Johnston 5. Wm. Nipper 6. Henry Benson 7. G. M. Jenks. 8. M. A. Fairchild 9. Wm Dunham 10. Aurther Hughes 11. Wm Wescott 12. John Nason 13. Wesley Bailey 14. Levi Wheelock 15. D. L. Hollis 16. H. L. Collins 17. Jacob Wince in} Deacons orders from} M. E. Church.} 18. Thomas Sims
Davis Marshall R. L.	
Wm. B. Halsey} <u>Transferred [sic] to Illinois Con.</u> } C. F. Hawley Transferred [sic] } <u>To Rochester Conference.</u> } B. B. Palmer Licentiate} <u>Transferred [sic] to Illinois Con.</u> }	