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A
RECORD
Of The
FIRST MEETING
Of THE
Rochester Conference at Owego, **NY**.
FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION.
COMMENCED
APril [sic] 26th.
and
ENDED
May 1st.
1848.

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First day Morning session

The fourth annual meeting of the Rochester yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist connection of America Commenced its session in the Wesleyan Hall in the village of Owego Tioga Co N. Y. on wednesday [sic] at 9 o'clock A.M. April 26th. 1848.

The President called the conference to order and conducted the opening services by reading the Scriptures singing and prayr, [sic] followed by Benj Rider and John Watson

The roll of Ministers being called the following persons were present.

Benj Rider

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B. F. Bradford

E. M. High

Geo Willson
 Saml Salisbury
 J Sibley
 S Phillips
 J Watson
 A Hughes
 M Dunbar
 J. R. Spoor
 Wm Danforth

Asa Warren
 Geo Pegler
 F. R. Mastin
 Peter Norris
 R L Ward
 A.R Pamer
 S. D. Tremley
 M Frink
 W Chase

S Hall
 Wm Bruin
 D. E. Baker
 J Kitchel = 25

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The following persons presented their credentials and were admitted as Lay Delegates. = From.

Clay & Hinmanville =	A Dunham			S. H. Norris
Orleans =	A Sanford	Arkport	=	A Woodward
Syracuse =	E Hunt	Alleghany	=	J Covell =
Hector =	D Adamy			C. Gregg
Seneca Falls =	C. R Tripp	West Bradford	=	L Furgerson
Sparta =	A Bixby	Owego	-	H. L Fretcher
Addison =	A.C. Bancroft	East Solon		A Wire
Hopewell =	D Carlough	Peruville		J Youngs
Pen Yan =	P.S. Slosson	Elkland		J Malyneaux
Howard =	J Pluistered.	State Road		M.B. Porter = 20

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Conference voted to commence each morning Session at 9 A M & adjourn at 12.

Conference resolved now to proceed to the election of President & Secty.

B Rider S Phillips & D Carlough were appointed tellers.

Resolved that the action of the Conference on the business now before it be suspended till a resolution offered by M Dunbar be disposed of, prohibiting the election of any member president two years in succession.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost

G Pegler moved an amendment so as to include chairmen of districts.

The resolution passed in its amended form

The conference now resumed the business before it, and proceeded to the election of President and secty.

On the first balloting A Warren received 19 votes for presd = S Phillips 4 J Watson 7 Benj Rider 7 W Chase 1

Whole number of votes cast 38

Necessary to a choice 20

M Frink received 16 votes for secty – S Phillips 11 = B. F. Bradford 3 = J Watson 2 = M Dunbar 1

Whole number of votes cast for secty 33

necessary to a choice 17

Whereupon the tellers anounced [sic] no election of either prest or secty.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the conference agreed to meet at half past one P.M.

Concluding prayer by
F R Mastin

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Afternoon Session.

Religious services conducted by E M High

The Conference took up the unfinished business of the forenoon session.

The roll being called the members deposited their votes for Presd^t & Secty the second time

The presdt A Warren received 23 votes

Benjamine Rider 12 J Watson 3 S Phillips 2

Whole number of votes cast for Presdt. 40

Necessary to a choice 21

For secty Marshall Frink received 25 Votes

J Watson & S Phillips 5 each B F Bradford 3 W Chase & Miles Dunbar one each.

Whole number of votes for secty 40

Necessary to a choice 21.

Whereupon the tellers anounced [sic] to the conference that Asa Warren was duly elected president and Marshall Frink secretary for the present Con year

The president made a short and appropriate address to the conference, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The conference now proceeded to the appointment of the standing committees.

Committee on Religious services.

Marshall Frink = Wm Bruin = H. J. Fritcher.

Stationing Committee.

Samuel Phillips

Benj Rider

Peter Norris

A Sanford

H. J. Fritcher

J Covell

Committee on Statistics.

Geo Pegler = D. B. Duglass = A. C. Bancroft

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Committee on Reforms.

John Watson.
Arthur Hughs.

P.S. Slosson.
A Dunham.

John Fergerson.

Committee on Discipline.

F. R. Maston.

S. Salisbury.

E Hunt.

Committee on Written Communications.

S Salisbury. A Wire.

B. F. Bradford

Committee on Ministerial Character.

J Sibley
A Hughs
A.R. Palmer

P.S. Slosson.
A Sanford
D Adamy

Cyrus Prindle to the agent of the Wesleyan Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and invited to a seat in the conference. and informed that to morrow [sic] Morning at 11 o'clock the conference would hear his report.

Resolved = That we have a conference prayer Meeting to commence at 8 A.M. each morning during the session of the conference

The conference now resolved to proceed to the examination Ministerial character.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered by F. R. Mastin, and adopted.

Resolved – by the Rochester conference now assembled that in the examination of character each preacher be asked in regard to his views on Slavery Secret Societies Drunkenness or the use of Liquors as a beverage, and whether he has used all lawful measures during the year now past for the overthrow of them, And how many members if any are pro-Slavery voters or belong to secret Societies in their several charges, also how many are known if any that use intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

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The conference now proceeded to the examination of character by asking the questions contained in the resolution and many other questions on other subjects.

The following names were called and passed.

Members in full Connection

<u>Benjamin Rider</u>	=	present	his	character	passed
<u>B. F. Bradford.</u>	=	"	"	"	"
<u>E. M. High.</u>		"	"	"	"
<u>Geo Willson.</u>		"	"	"	"
<u>Samuel Salisbery.</u>		"	"	"	"
<u>J. Sibley.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Samuel Phillips.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>John Watson.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Arthur Hughs.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Miles Dunbar</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>J. R. Spoor.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Wm Danforth.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Asa Warren.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Geo Pegler</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>F. R. Mastin.</u>	-	-	-	-	-

Conference adjourned to meet to morrow [sic] morning.

Concluding prayer by Arthur Hughs.

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Second day Morning session

The President opened the conference with the usual religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions, were read and approved.

The examination of character being the order of the day it was suspended, and on motion of M Frink the resolution of yesterday offered by F. R. Mastin on the examination of character was recinded. [sic]

The following resolution was offered by Benj Rider

Resolved = That this conference shall not control the elective franchise of its members.

After considerable debate it was refered [sic] to the committee on reforms

At the request of M Frink, he was released as one of the Committee on examination and orders and B. F. Bradford appointed in his place.

The hour having arrived fixed upon yesterday, for the agent of the book concern to make his report, he proceeded in substance as follows = That the report he now makes is to a considerable extent founded upon data furnished him by the late Agent, one year since, the correctness of which he has no reason to doubt in its general features. The agent states that the concern is in a state of prosperity, increasingly hopeful – The agent thinks the concern already worth \$7000 beyond its liabilities. The subscription list of the True Wesleyan is increasing, and with the continual patronage of its friends in general, the concern is in a fair way of winning upon the public confidence and performing its mission of contemplated usefulness

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the conference dispensed with an afternoon session and agreed to meet to morrow [sic] morning.

Closing prayer by
Selah Payne

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Third day morning session

D. B. Douglass conducted the religious services.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee on reforms reported in part as follows = Whereas Slavery was one of the principle reasons of our secession, and the organization of the Wesleyan Methodist connection = Therefore

Resolved = That it is the duty of every Wesleyan Methodist having the elective franchise, to use it only for such men as are a terror to evil doers and a praise to them that do well.

Benjamin Rider requested to be released from the stationing Committee. His request was granted, and A Hughs appointed to take his place.

A certificate of the transfer E. E. Kirkland to this conference was presented, from the New York conference signed by the presidents of both the conferences.

Cyrus Prindle in his case stated that the New England Conference had undertaken the oversight and support of the Mission in Cannada [sic], with which E E Kirkland was connected.

The conference therefore resolved, = its willingness to concur in the transfer of E. E Kirkland to the New England conference

At the request of A Hughs he was released from the committee on character and J. R. Spoor appointed in his place.

Voted = That when the conference, adjourn, [insert: it adjourn] to meet at 3 P.M.

The unfinished business of the conference was now taken up and the examination of character resumed.

E E Kirkland = absent – his chara^t passed,, and he was transfered [sic] to the New England conference to be employed as teacher in the Canada Mission.

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Members in full connection.

	<u>Peter Norris</u>	Present	his	character	passed
	<u>R. L. Ward</u>	"	"	"	"
	<u>A. R. Palmer</u>	"	"	"	"
absent =	<u>P. A. Johnson</u>	– refered [sic] to the committee on character			
	<u>S D Tremley</u>	= present = his character passed			
absent =	<u>H. M. Booth</u>	his character passed returned to U.S.L.			
absent =	<u>D. W. Marvin</u>	"	"	"	"

absent =	<u>S Phinney</u>	his	character	passed	
	<u>M Frink</u>	present	"	"	"
	<u>W Chase</u>	"	"	"	"
	<u>S Hall</u>	"	"	"	"
	<u>Wm Bruin</u>	"	"	"	"
	<u>D. E. Baker</u>	"	"	"	"
absent =	<u>S. W. Pearson</u>	"	"	"	"
"	<u>Thomas Burrows</u>	"	"	"	"
	<u>J Kitchel</u>	present	"	"	"
On trial x	<u>T Osgood</u>	x his char passed – at his own request R to the U.S.L			
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absent	<u>Wm W Harrison</u>	his char passed	"	"	"
"	<u>J Broadhead</u>	"	"	"	"
"	<u>C Hudson</u>	"	"	"	"
"	<u>G. F. Needham</u>	referred [sic] to the com on char			
"	<u>S Bentley</u>	his char passed R. to the U.S.L.			
"	<u>J. A. Parcell</u>	referred [sic] to the com. on. Char.			
"	<u>S Gale</u>	"	"	"	"
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Preachers on trial	
Present	Absent
S Adams char passed	S Crawford char passed R to the U.S.L.
D. B. Duglass " "	N. A. Spooner " "
H. D. Inman " "	P. Parselo " "
Wm. B. Halsey " "	Tho Osgood " " " " "
Z. T. Pettey " "	F E.C. Cowles discontinued = 10

Conference adjourned

Closing prayer by J Willcox

F withdrawn from the connection

x should have been placed with the preachers on trial

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Third day evening session 3 P.M.

Religious services by A Hughs.

Committee on examination and orders – asked [sic] leave to report in part report accepted

Richard Williams = was recommended to the committee for Elders orders
committee report him deficient =

Motion to elect him to Elders orders was lost.

David Codding = was also recommended to the com for Elders orders
com report him deficient

Motion not to elect him to elders orders was carried.

Cyrus Gregg = recommended for Elders orders and trial
committee report favourable [sic]

Motion to Elect him to Elders orders was carried

John Gray = was recommended to the com to be admitted on trial in the conference
Motion to admit him was lost

C. R. Tripp was recommended to the com for Elders orders committee report favourable

Motion to elect him was carried

Sylvester Adams = a Member of conference on trial, come before the com for full membership & Elders orders

Motion to continued him on trial prevailed

Z. T. Pettey - a Member of con on trial was before the committee for full membership and elders orders

Motion to Elect him to full mem & Elders orders carried

M. Q. Mc'Farland an Elder from M. P. Church came before the for full membership in conference

Motion to admit him was carried

Nelson Fessenden an Elder from the Baptist church came before the com for full membership in conference

Motion to admit him was carried

H.D. Inman a Member of conference on trial, committee recommend him for Elders orders & full membership

Motion to elect him to eders orders & full Mem was carried

E. P. Rowe an Elder from the Reformed Methodist church

On trial committee recommend him to be received and and [sic] placed on the stationed list.

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the com carried

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Wm Haslett an elder from the M. P. church
com recommend him to be received as an Unstationed Minister

Voted to adopted [sic] the recommendation of the com.

Alanson Bixby the committee recommend him to be received on trial

Voted to receive him into the conference on trial

Con adjourned prayer by S. D. Tremley

Fourth day Morning session

opening religious services by Geo Willson

Conference took up the unfinished business of yesterday, and the committee on examination and orders continued their report.

Albon Woodard the com recomend [sic] him for trial

Motion to receive him on trial was carried

Levi Rogers came before the committee recommended for trial

The committee do not report him deficient but no feild [sic] of labour [sic] presenting itself for him they do not at present recommended him.

The conference adopted the report of the committee in his case

Order of the day suspended –

S Phillips & P Norris request to be excused from the committee on examination & orders, Their request was granted and E. M. High & Simeon Hall elected to fill the vacancy.

Order of the day resumed and the committee continued their report.

Philemon Prindle the committee recommend him for trial

Motion to receive him was carried

John Watson offered the following resolution

Resolved = That we deem it improper for our Ministers or people to call upon or encourage expelled Ministers or members to preach or take a part in our meetings until the difficulties for which they have been expelled are removed = adopted.

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Voted = To appoint a committee of six one from each district, to nominate Members to the general conference.

Committee

C. R. Tripp

A Hughs

P Norris

A Sandford

H. J. Fritcher

Z. T. Pettey

Voted – To suspend the rule upon the examination of the Unstationed Ministers.

Conference adjourned to meet at 3 P.M.

Concluding prayer by C. R. Tripp

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Fourth day afternoon session

Religious services by Samuel Phillips

Committee on Discipline asked leave to report

Report received, Conference Voted its adoption item by item.

1 = Resolved. That we recommend to the General Conference an alteration in Section 7 of our Discipline relative to the election of delegates to the annual conference, so as to read, provided preachers shall not be eligible. Also in Sec 10 in reference to District Meetings, providing preaches shall be eligible.

Motion to adopted [sic] was voted down.

2. Resolved - That we recommend to the General Conference a clause in our Discipline, providing that each preacher shall bring to his annual Conference, a certificate of his character and usefulness from the last Quarterly Meeting Conference of the circuit or station where he has laboured. [sic]

It was moved that this item of the report be laid on the table – Carried.

3 = Resolved = That we recommend to the General conference to take the constitutional steps, for incorporating an items in the general rules prohibiting our Ministers and Members being connected with secret societies, whether oath-bound or otherwise

Motion to adopted [sic] was carried.

4 = Resolved = That we recommend in Sec 6 paragraph 3 the insertion of the following after the word complaint provided that where there is but one church on a charge the District Meeting shall appoint said committee from an adjoining charge.

Motion to adopt prevailed.

5 Resolved that this conference concur with the Illinois Conference in recommending the General Conference to repeal that clause in the general rules relative to the buying and selling of goods that have not paid the duty. See con cor No 1.

The conference does not concur.

All of which is respectfully submitted

R. R. Mastin Chairman

Owego April 29th. 1848.

A communication from the Alleghany Conference, containing a resolution on peace and another on sanctification, requesting the concurence [sic] of this conference in said resolutions was taken up. See conc. Cor. No 2.

After some discussion, a vote was taken to concur. And lost.

Committee on Ministerial character reported in the Case of P. A. Johnson. that his character pass,* and he be returned to the Unstationed List.

Report adopted.

Committee in the Case James A Parcell report to the conference that he be expelled.

Report adopted.

= S. D. Tremley obtained leave of absence =

*a mistake of secty he is not returned to the U. L.

Committee on ministereal [sic] character report on the case of Samuel Gale no information and recommend that his character pass – Report adopted –

G. F. Needham committee report no further information on his character.

Conference refered [sic] his case to the preacher in charge on the Orleans circuit.

Committee on examination and Orders, asked leave to complete their report.

E. B. Mints. the committee recommend him for elders orders

Motion to elect him was carried

C. F. Barnett committee recommend him for Elders orders
 He was elected.
Tru Willcox a Minister from the M E Church the com recommend him to
 full membership in con
 Voted to receive him into full membership in con.
 The committee here suspended their report.
 Geo Pegler – offered the following resolution
Resolved that the next General Conference be requested to enact a rule making
 Unstationed Ministers amenable to the Quarterly Conference for their Moral & official
 character. Adopted.
 Committee on examination and orders resumed their report
B Fairchild came before the committee for Elders orders
 Do not recommend him to be elected.
 Report of the committee adopted
Wm Johnson. Committee would not advise his ordination at present.
 Motion to elect him was lost.
J. G. Crane. came before the committee for Elders orders.
 his name was withdrawn before the committee made any further report,

 The conference took no action in his case.
John R Smith came before the com to be received as an Unstationed
 Minister = from the M. P. Church.
 Committee report that he not received = Report adopted

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Committee on Members reported as follows
 [Note: table inserted for clarity.]

<u>Circuits & Stations</u>	Members	Elders	Preachers	<u>Circuits & Stations</u>	Members	Elders	Preachers
Syracuse	96	3	1	Hector	80		
Clay & Hinmanville	52	1	1	Addison	69	2	
Onondaga	55			West Bradford	75	3	
Manlius & Oran	57		1	Elkland	86	2	4
Peruville	37	1	1	Pike & Herrick	51		4
Cicero	31	1	1	Orange	52		
Youngstown & Ransom ^[ville]	65	2		Wyoming	41		1
Chestnut Ridge & Royal ^[ton]	130	1		Winsor & Triangle	87		3
Orleans	50	2	4	Corning	12	1	

Sweden & Byron	38	2		East Solon	54		1
Oak orchard	28				607	9	13
Tonawanda	43				2109	92	29
Seneca Falls & Tyre	96				2716	31	42
Hopewell	61	1			73		
Geneva	18			Members of Confer	52		
Butler & Rose	52			Total	2841		
Palmyra & Williamson	100			The report was received corrected and adopted.			
Rochester	51		3				
Pen Yan	70		3				
Clyde	16						
Portland	106	1	1				
Jamestown & Harmony	219						
Napoli	63	1	2				
Wales & Boston	51	2					
Concord	50	1					
Alleghany	112	1	1				
Sparta	41		1				
Howard	50	1	2				
Prattsburg	97		1				
Arkport	48	1	2				
Wirt & Olean	12						
Owego	114		4				
	2109	22	29				

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Committee on Reform reported, the report was read and received.
A Motion to adopt it as a whole prevailed.

Slavery.

Whereas the system of American Slavery is essentially and inherently sinful – being a violation of the law of God – contrury [sic] to the spirit and principles of the Gospel, and the best interests of humanity – denying as it does the universal Brotherhood and equality of man, consigning him to moral and mental ignorance, denying the Slave even the right to learn to read [insert: the name of] toe God that made him, -- Therefore

Resolved 1st. That the practice of slaveholding is inconsistent with a credible profession of christian [sic] faith, and that churches and Ministers are bound to treat it, as they [insert: do] all other flagrant and aggravated sins, in their religious teachings, and Membership – their religious cooperation and fellowship.

Resolved 2nd. That we desire, with and intend to labour, [sic] prudently, and perseveringly for the disenthralment, [sic] and elevation of our brethren in bonds, untill [sic] liberty shall be proclaimed throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof.

War.

Whereas, War in all its forms is admitted to be contrary to the peaceable gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore,

Resolved, that it is the duty of christians [sic] and philanthropists to hear testimony against it, and to endeavour [sic] so to instruct the rising generation as that the spirit of war may not be cherished among them: -- and thus prepare the way for the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom among mankind, and the nations learn war nomour. [sic]

Temperance.

Whereas intemperance is the cause of innumerable evils among mankind and ruinous both to their souls and bodies, therefore

Resolved, That it is our duty in every consistent, moral and lawful way to endeavor to arrest its progress.

Resolved 2^d. That temperance being one of our fundamental principles to administer or partake of fermented wine at the Lord's table is inconsistent with our profession – is a violation of our rules of discipline and an obstacle in the way of the temperance reformation.

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Secret Societies.

Resolved, That while we admit that some honest and well meaning men, may have been induced to unite with secret societies, yet we neverthe less [sic] consider them of evil and dangerous tendency; and that this Conference instruct the delegates whom it may elect to attend the next General Conference to request that body, so to amend the rule in our discipline upon this subject as that it shall prohibit all who belong to the Wesleyan Methodist Connection from belonging to any secret combination of men, whether bound by oath or otherwise.

The Sabbath.

Resolved, That while light and knowledge are spreading and improvements are being made in the arts and sciences, that it is lamentable to behold the increasing desecration of the Holy Sabbath, especially along the Canals, railroads and thoroughfares throughout this nation – thus turning these improvements into curses, and calling down the dis pleasure [sic] of Almighty God upon this nation.

Resolved 2d. That it is the duty of all christians [sic] strictly to observe the keeping of the Lord's day and of ministers to instruct the people in regard to the due observance of it.

Moral Reform

Resolved, That licentiousness is a sin of awful magnitude degrading to human nature, and exposing those guilty of it, to the just displeasure of a Holy and a righteous God, in time and in eternity.

Resolved, 2d. That we highly approve of the course pursued by the Moral Reform Society in regard to the Suppression of this destructive vice, and that we endeavor to encourage them in the promotion of this great object.

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Free Seats.

Whereas the house of God is designed to be "a house of prayer for all people,"

Resolved, Therefore, that we not only disapprove of the negro pew, but also of the selling or renting of seats in houses of worship.

The Elective Franchise.

Whereas, The question has been proposed to this conference, whether they hold jurisdiction over the exercise of the elective franchise, and whereas it is desirable to act with as much uniformity in imparting our views upon this matter as may be, as well as in the practical exercise of this investment Therefore, --

Resolved, That while we as a conference disclaim the right authoritatively to require its members to exercise the elective franchise, much less to designate any political parties in reference to whom such franchise should be exercised -- nevertheless, by the terms of our organization, we believe that we are all solemnly bound, when public elections take place, to vote for such men for office, if we vote at all, and such only, as answer the requirements of the word of God, and who will be his ministers, and a terror to evil doers.

Resolved 2d. Tha [sic] while we confess that this subject is attended with no small difficulties, when we attempt to adopt specific rules of conduct in the exercise of the elective franchise, still we should aim to instruct the people in the knowledge of the great principles laid down in the word of God that such men should be chosen to civil office, as will rule in the fear of God, and that this power which we possess for good or evil, should be exercised to glorify God, and promote the interests of human society; and to their principles, and measures, do we consider our selves [sic] pledged as a body of Christians, and christian [sic] ministers. Con adjourned to meet on Monday morning May 1st a [sic] 8 o clock A.M.

Fifth day. Morning Session, May 1st 8 o'clock A.M.

Usual religious services by B. F. Bradford.

Minutes of the last two day's sessions read, Corrected and approved.

On motion it was voted to organise [sic] the conference into a Missionary Society, and that a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution.

Benj. Rider, F. R. Mastin, and P. S. Slosson, were appointed said committee.
Voted to appoint a committee on the Presidency

Samuel Salisbury, Geo Pegler, M Frink* H. I. Fritcher and E Hunt. were appointed said committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Ministers and churches of Owego who had opened their houses of worship to the Conference, and also, to the people of Owego and vicinity who had extended their kindness and hospitality to the members of the conference during its session.

The committee appointed at the last conference on a division, reported.

The Committee recommended [sic] a division, by a line North & South through Seneca Lake.

And that the Western part be called, or retain the name of the Rochester Conference.

And the Eastern division Syracuse.

Voted, That the report be adopted, and in case the General Conference should make a division it is resolved – To hold the next session of the Rochester Conference at Jamestown – and the first session of the Syracuse conference at Syracuse.

Voted, That if the conference shall not be divided then the Conference shall set at Seneca_Falls.

Voted, That the time, of holding sd conference or conferences be left to the delegates, to the General conference providing the time shall not vary more than one week from the 4th Wednesday in April 1849

*was afterward, released in consequence of a transfer and A Hughs appointed in his place.

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Missionary Society Committee Reported.

A motion to adopt the report item by item was made, and carried.

Report.

1 = This society shall be called the Home Missionary Society of the Rochester Conference.

2 = Any person may become a member of this Society on the payment of one dollar annually.

- 3 = Any person may become a life member of this Society on the payment at one time of the sum of five dollars \$5,00
- 4 = Societies formed [insert: on] circuits or stations shall be auxiliary [sic] to the conference society
- 5 = The officers of this society shall consist of President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasure, [sic] and a Managing Committee.
- 6 = The funds of this society shall be applied to the support of a Missionary or Missionaries within the bounds of this Conference as the Conference shall direct, provided that no Missionary shall receive more than disciplinary allowance, all Missionaries employed to be members of the Society.
- 7 = The annual meeting of this society to be held during the session of the annual Conference.
- 8 = This constitution may be amended by a majority of its memebbers, [sic] at any regular meeting of the Society.

The following officers were appointed for one year.

Samuel Salisbery. Prsd ^t --	Geo Pegler Vice. Presd ^t
<u>Asa Warren</u> Treas ^{er}	<u>Samuel Phillips</u> . Secty
Managers.	
<u>A.Sanford.</u>	<u>J. Metcalf.</u>
<u>E. Hunt.</u>	<u>A.R.Palmer.</u>
<u>Wm Bruin.</u>	<u>and Thomas Burrows.</u>
*Forty two pledge one dollar each	\$42,00
Rev. Wm Danforth Life Member	5,00
Mrs. Laura Jane Norton Life Member	5,00
	\$52 00

*The secty of the Miss Society took the names, and the account of what was paid.

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Conference voted a Committee on a course of study, examination and Orders.
Committee

A Hughs	J Watson
B F Bradford	<u>J Sibley</u>
and the chairman of each district	

The committee on the debt of G F Needham contracted in consequence of his sickness at Eagle Harbour [sic] reported said debt to be \$40 – and that they had made an apportionment to each charge in the conference. Whereupon the Secretary was ordered to call the names of the circuits and stations. The charges were called, the claim upon each met, and the debt discharged.

A Sanford	}	
J,R, Spoor	}	Committee
<u>D Adamy</u>	}	

Instructions to the delegates to the General Conference

Resolved, That, the delegates of this conference to the General Conference be, and are hereby instructed to use their influence in opposing any alteration in the discipline in Section 11, namely that no preacher shall remain in the same station or circuit in any case more than three years successively.*

Note = *For further instructions to General Conference delegates See Report of Committee on discipline, and action of Conference on the Resolutions from the III & Alleghany Conferences 14 Page and the Resolution offered by G Pegler 15 page

Voted that the Secretary purchase a trunk in which to deposit the Records of the Conference the expense not to exceed \$250. [sic] Money was collected and handed to Secty.

Conference adjourned to 1.o'clock P.M.

Prayer by S D. Tremley.

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Fifth day afternoon Session

Religious services by George Pegler
Committee on the nominations of delegates to the General Conference reported ___ and were discharged from further action.

Voted that the conference now proceed to the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Voted That Geo Pegler and E Hunt officiate as tellers of the election.

*On the first ballot.

[Note: table inserted for clarity.]

<u>Ministers</u>	1 st .B.	2 nd .B	3 rd .B.	<u>Laymen</u>	1 st .B.	2 nd .B.	3 rd .B.
A Hughs	5	1		*J Ferguson	21.		
G Pegler	15	11	7	T Smith	1	1	1
#S Phillips	18	16	17.	S Happen	1		
*S Salisbery	31.			M Merrick	16	7	6
J Watson	6	4		A Jones	8	1	
B Rider	7	5	3	A Sanford	16	16	6
M Frink	13	9	6	P.S.Slosson	8	5	2
+A Warren	14	19.		+G Dunkle	9	18.	
H Norton	1			#N Shelley	8	11	15.
S.D. Tremby [sic]	1	1		D Carlough	4		
F,R, Mastin	1			H, I, Fritcher	13		
P Norris	1	3		J Metcalf	4		
W Chase.	1	1		G Willcox	2		

			J Covell	2		
			M Brandage	1		
			<u>T Northrop.</u>	1		

+ On the second ballot.

On the third ballot.

The Conference appointed the following persons Reserve delegates

Ministers.

Laymen

A Hughs.

M Merrick

B Rider

H. I. Fritcher

M Frink.

A Sanford.

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Expenses of delegates to the General Conference

Voted = That, a collection be taken up at all the appointments throughout the conference, sometime in the month of August and the money forwarded to the president to be distributed among the several delegates.

Stationing Committee Reported

Report received, amended, and adopted as follows

Syracuse District.

Syracuse – to be supplied (P,M,Way)	Onondaga M. Z. McFarland
Clay & Hinmanville E. M. High	Peruville & Harford H. D. Inman
East Solon to be supplied (H Benson)	Sullivan A Hughes
Manlius & Olean Miles Dunbar	Apalia B F Bradford

Niagara District

Youngstown }	Orleans S Salisbury
& } to be supplied (H.Norton)	Sweden [&] }
Ransomville }	Byron } J Sibley
Chestnut Ridge }	Oak Orchard }
[&] Royalton } Asa Warren	Tonawanda } N. A. Spooner

Geneva District

Seneca Falls S Phillips	Palmyra & }
Hopewell [&] }	Williamson } J. R. Spoor
Geneva } J Watson	Rochester }
Butler [&] }	Mission } B Rider
Rose } to be supplied	Clyde – to be supplied
Penn Yan & Jerusalem D. B. Duglass	

Jamestown District

Jamestown Geo Pegler	Concord } Thomas Burrows
Harmony & }	Sayer Grove J Broadhead

Portland R,L, Ward
Napoli Z, T, Petty

Wales & }
Boston } J Kitchel

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Steuben District

Allegheny S Phinney }
P Norris }
Sparta A Bixby
Howard P Prindle
Pratsbury [sic] A,R, Palmer

Arkport S D Trembey
Wirt &
Olean – to be supplied
Wyoming C Gregg
South Dansville A Woodard

Susquehanna District.

Owego Geo Willson
Corning – to be supplied
Winsor &
Triangle Tru Willcox
Hector W Chase }
F.R. Mastin }

Addison Wm, B, Halsey.
West Bradford, S. Adams
Elklund Wm Bruin
State Road N Fessenden
Orange D.S. Baker
Speedville E.Rowe

Marshall Frink, transferred to the St. Lawrence Conference and stationed at Fulton.
William Danforth left without an appointment at his own request.
Selah Payne at his request was placed upon the Reserve List.

The following chairmen were appointed by the several Districts

Syracuse - M Q Mc'Farland.

Jamestown _ J Broadhead.

Niagara Asa Warren.

Steuben A,R, Palmer.

Geneva J, R, Spoor.

Susquehanna Wm Bruin.

Reserve List.

Selah Payne.
Samuel Gale.
D.W.Marvin R to the U.L.
C Hudson

Simeon Hall.
P Parselo
S,W,Pearson
G F Needham
S Crawford

Conference Questions.

1. What Preachers are admitted on trial?

Alanson Bixby
Cyrus Gregg

Philemon Prindle
Albon Woodard – 4

2. Who remain on trial?

D, B, Duglass
N A Spooner
P Parselo

Wm, B, Halsey
S Adams
Seth Crawford – 6

3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Z, T, Petty
H,D, Inman
E,P, Rowe

M,Q, Mc'Farland
Nelson Fessenden
Tru Willcox 6

4. Who are the superanuated [sic] preachers?

None.

5. Who have been expelled from the connection this year? James A Parcel.
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6. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year? None.
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7. Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversate

They were strictly examined in conference and their characters passed.

8. What numbers are in the connection? 2841.
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9. What has been contributed for the support of benevolent purposes such as
Bibles _ Miss Trusts Sunday Schools Anti Slavery Education &c.
No report

10. Where are the Preachers Stationed this year?

See report of Stationing committee on the 24 & 25 pages.

11. Who have died this year? None.

12. Who are on the reserve List?

Selah Payne – Simeon Hall – Samuel Gale
C Hudson – S, W, Pearson – G F Needham –
P Parselo Seth Crawford P.A. Johnson. 8

13. Who are on the Unstationed List? No reported 31
Names not furnished to Secty

14. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year

C, R, Tripp. Z, T, Petty. H, D, Inman. E, B, Mints.
Cyrus Gregg. C F Barnett. 6

15. When, and where shall our next conference be held
If divided the Rochester Conference at Jamestown N. Y.
And the Syracuse in the City of Syracuse “ “
If not divided at Seneca Falls “ “
The time is left with [sic] the Gen Con Delegates.
Minutes of to days [sic] session read and approved.
A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the president.

and the Conference adjourned sine die.

Closing Prayer by Wm Danforth.

Marshall Frink
Secty.

Asa Warren
President.

Owego May 1st.
1848.

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Roll.

Of members present

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Laymen</u>
E M High	A Dunham
Miles Dunbar	E Hunt
M,Q,Mc'Farland	D Adamy
H,D, Inman	A.C. Bancroft
Arthur Hughes	P,S, Slosson
B F Bradford	S, H, Norris
Asa Warren	J Covell
Samuel Salisbury	J Pluistead
J Sibley	J Furgerson
Samuel Phillips	H, I, Fritcher
John Watson	J Youngs
J,R, Spoor	J Malyneaux
Benj Rider	M, B, Porter
Geo Pegler	A Wire
Tho Burrows	D Carlough
J Broadhead	A Sanford
R,L, Ward	C, R, Tripp
Z,T, Petty	A Bixby
John Kitchel	Cyrus Gregg
S Phinney	A Woodard
Peter Norris	
A,R, Palmer	
S,D, Tremley	
Geo Willson	
Ira Willcox	
Willard Chase	
F,R, Mastin	
Wm Brain	
N Fesenden [sic]	

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Ministers

D, E, Baker
E, P, Rowe
Wm Danforth
Selah Payne
Simeon Hall
Samuel Gale
Clark Hudson
S, W, Pearson
G F Needham
P, A, Johnson.
W. W. Harrison

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Members on Trial

Alanson Bixby
Cyrus Gregg*
Philemon Prindle
Albon Woodard
D, B, Duglass
N, A, Spooner*
P Parselo*
Wm B Halsey
Sylvester Adams
Seth Crawford.

10.

Circuits & Stations

Syracuse
Clay & Hinmanville
East Solon
Manlius & Oran
Onondaga
Peruville & Harford
Sullivan
Apalia
Youngstown & Ransomville

Chestnut Ridge & Royalton
Orleans
Sweden & Byron
Oak Orchard & Tonawanda
Seneca Falls
Hopewell & Geneva
Butler & Rose
Rochester Mission
Clyde
Penn Yan & Jerusalem
Jamestown
Harmony & Concord
Sugar Grove
Portland
Napoli
Wales & Boston
Alleghany
Sparta Howard
Prattsbury
Ark Port
Wirt & Olean
Wyoming
South Danville
Owego
Corning
Winsor & Triangle
Hector
Addison
West Brdford [sic]
Elkland
State Road
Orange
Speedville
Palmyra & Williamson 44.

*Elders