MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Syracuse Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or Church, of America

HELD AT

HERRICKVILLE, PA., APRIL 7-12, 1908.

D. S. BEDFORD, President, M. D. WARBURTON, Secretary.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION SYRACUSE, N. Y.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—D. S. Bedford.

Vice-President:—J. S. Willett.

Secretary:—M. D. Warburton.

Treasurer:—L. A. Grant.

Tithing Secretary:—Earl E. Curtis.

Advisory Board:—J. S. Willett, Granville Draper.

Missionary Advisory Board:—D. S. Bedford, J. S. Willett,

F. L. Presley, E. G. Dietrich, D. G. Whitney.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Presidency:—D. C. Haven, L. A. Grant, M. D. Warburton, Granville Draper, H. I. Coleman.

Judiciary:—J. S. Willett, L. A. Grant, M. D. Warburton, A. A. Babcock.

Itinerancy and Orders:—M. D. Warburton, term expires 1909, D. C. Haven, term expires 1910; D. S. Bedford, term expires 1911. Publication of Minutes:—D. C. Haven.

Officers of Camp-Meeting Association:—President, L. A. Grant, Vice-President, Earl E. Curtis; Secretary, D. S. Bedford; Treasurer, D. C. Haven.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Elders on Stationed List.

A. A. Babcock, R. F. D., Stevensville, Pa.

D. S. Bedford, 602 Elm St., Rome, N. Y.

L. A. Grant, 316 E. Castle St., Syracuse, N. Y.

W. E. Green, North Pharsalia, N. Y.

Sarah A. Green, North Pharsalia, N. Y.

D. C. Haven, R. F. D., Lacona, N. Y.

*Thomas LaForte, R. F. D. No. 5, Syracuse, N. Y.

F. L. Presley, R. F. D. No. 13, Groton, N. Y.

A. A Rathbun, 720 E. Washington St., Syracuse, N. Y.

M. D. Warburton, Taylor, N. Y.

J. S. Willett, 316-318 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Elder on Superannuated List.

*H. Lounsbury, Tioga Center, N. Y.

Elders on Unstationed List.

*J. S. Fausey, ---

*T. C. Guernsey, R. F. D. No. 1, Great Bend, Pa.

*J. B. Knappenberger, 707 Midland Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

*E. Van Marter, R. F. D. No. 13, Groton, N. Y.

Licentiates on Stationed List.

Earl E. Curtis, R. F. D. No. 5, Mexico, N. Y. S. L. Burrows, R. F. D., LaFayette, N. Y. Carrie B. Warburton, Taylor, N. Y.

Lay Delegates.

Hattie Haven, R. F. D., Lacona, N. Y.
J. W. La Rue, R. F. D., Lacona, N. Y.
Achsa Young, R. F. D. No. I, Great Bend, Pa.
D. G. Whitney, Eastwood, N. Y.
Carrie B. Warburton, Taylor, N. Y.
Rose W. Presley, R. F. D. No. 13, Groton, N. Y.
H. I. Coleman, Herrickville, Pa.
*E. H. Gcodwin, Stevensville, Pa.
Granville Draper, Rome, N. Y.

IOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day. Evening Meeting.

The Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, convened for its fifty-sixth annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Herrickville, Pa., on Tuesday evening April 7, 1908, at 7:30, P. M. Conference called to order, Rev. W. P. French, President, in the chair. After singing, the conference was led in prayer by D. S. Bedford.

The roll was called.

The Secretary was elected Committee on Credentials.

A. A. Babcock, W. P. French and the delegate from Herrickville were made Committee on Religious Services.

Voted that morning meetings commence at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30; that afternoon meetings commence at 1:30 and close by vote.

^{*}Not present.

Rev. A. P. Gouthey led in prayer and Rev. Earl E. Curtis preached the opening sermon.

Second Day. Wednesday Morning.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Devotional service conducted by A. P. Gouthey.

The roll was called. Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the names of delegates as follows: Boylston, Hattie Haven; E. Randolph and Blatchley, Achsa Young; Texas, J. W. Le Rue; Eastwood, D. G. Whitney; Taylor, Carrie B. Warburton; Groton, Mrs. F. L. Presley; Herrickville, H. I. Coleman; Wyalusing, E. H. Goodwin; Rome, Granville Draper. Report adopted.

The following committees were constituted.

Pastoral Relations:—President of Conference, chairman; F. L. Presley, L. A. Grant, D. S. Bedford, H. I. Coleman, J. W. La Rue, Granville Draper.

Courtesy:-D. S. Bedford, A. A. Babcock.

Statistics:-D. S. Bedford, Granville Draper,

Resolutions:—F. L. Presley, D. S. Bedford, M. D. Warburton, D. G. Whitney, Granville Draper.

Examination of Character President of Conference, chairman; L. A. Grant, Carrie B. Warburton.

The President submitted his annual report. Report considered item by item. After some discussion concerning the tenth item, by common consent the President was allowed to change the same. The report was then adopted. See report.

Voted to have preaching services each day at 3 P. M.

It was made the order of the day to hear the report of the Tithing Secretary at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Committee on Publication of Minutes submitted report. J. S. Willett and D. G. Whitney were elected Auditing Committee. Report referred to Auditing Committee.

The bar of conference was fixed to include first four slips.

The time for the election of conference officers was fixed for Thursday morning following the reading of the minutes.

The following orders of the day were fixed:

To listen to the address of the Missionary Secretary on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Friday evening to be in the hands of the Conference Missionary Society.

To hear the Connectional Agent on Friday at 10 o'clock.

To hear President Bond of Houghton on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

L. A. Grant, Delegate to General Conference submitted report.
Report accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Voted that immediately following the election of conference officers, the time and place of our next annual session be fixed.

On motion the meeting of the Camp-Meeting Association was made the order of the day for this afternoon following the reading of the minutes.

Conference joined in singing "Coronation." Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by D. C. Haven.

Second Day. Wednesday Afternoon.

Conference convened at 1:30. W. P. French, President in the chair.

Devotional services led by L. A. Grant.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The meeting of the Camp-Meeting Association was held.

D. S. Bedford preached from John 9:5. A melting season of prayer followed. Adjourned by vote.

The evening service was in charge of J. S. Willett who preached from Genesis 6:3.

Third Day. Thursday Forenoon.

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional services conducted by M. D. Warburton.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Conference Treasurer submitted report. Report referred to Auditing Committee.

Conference proceeded to the election of officers. D. S. Bedford and D. C. Haven were appointed tellers.

- D. S. Bedford elected President on first ballot.
- J. S. Willett elected Vice-President on first ballot.
- M. D. Warburton elected Secretary on first ballot.
- L. A. Grant elected Treasurer on first ballot.
- D. C. Haven, L. A. Grant, M. D. Warburton, Granville Draper and H. I. Coleman were made Committee on Presidency.
- J. S. Willett, L. A. Grant, M. D. Warburton, and A. A. Bab-cock elected members of Judiciary Committee.

- D. S. Bedford was elected member of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.
- D. C. Haven was elected member of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders to fill vacancy to be caused by W. P. French transferring to another conference.
- J. S. Willett and Granville Draper were elected members of Advisory Board.
- J. S. Willett, F. L. Presley, E. G. Dietrich and D. G. Whitney were elected members of the Missionary Board.
- A. A. Babcock was elected to fill vacancy in Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The order of the day having arrived, Earl E. Curtis, Tithing Secretary, addressed the conference.

The time for holding our next annual session was fixed to be the Tuesday following the session of the Rochester conference in 1909. Boylston charge was chosen as the place.

- Rev. D. C. Haven was made a member of the Committee on Courtesy.
- J. S. Willett was elected to preach the opening sermon at our next session. D. S. Bedford elected reserve.

The character of A. A. Babcock was passed.

Granville Draper resigned from Committee on Statistics. D. G. Whitney elected to the same.

The characters of D. S. Bedford, L. A. Grant, Thomas La Forte and W. P. French were passed.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by G. H. Clarke.

Third Day. Thursday Afternoon.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services conducted by Earl E. Curtis.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, addressed the conference.

Rev. D. C. Haven preached from Matthew 5:20.

Auditing Committee submitted report.

Rev. G. H. Clarke, missionary to Africa, and Rev. A. P. Gouthey of the Champlain conference were introduced.

Report of Auditing Committee adopted.

Auditing Committee submitted additional report. Same adopted.

Voted to issue an order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$10 in favor of the Secretary.

A conference offering was taken amounting to \$4.50.

A recommendation that S. L. Burrows be received to travel under the direction of the conference was received from Wyalusing charge. It was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

A recommendation from Texas charge that Carrie B. Warburton be received to travel under the direction of conference was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Examination of character resumed. Names of Earl E. Curtis, F. L. Presley and A. A. Rathbun were called and characters passed.

Rev. Earl E. Curtis presented a request from Rev. G. W. Van Arsdale that he be received as an unstationed elder. Request referred to Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Communications from Revs. H. C. Shares and C. J. Sovocool

Rev. W. P. French requested a transfer to the Rochester conference at the close of this session. Request granted by vote.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by M. D. Warburton.

The evening services were in charge of Rev. G. H. Clarke who preached from Psa. 92:7, 12.

Fourth Day. Friday Forenoon.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services conducted by L. A. Grant.

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

D. C. Haven was elected Committee on Publication of Conference Minutes.

The Secretary was made a committee to present the standing resolutions of the conference for revision. The Secretary read the rules. Rule No. 3 was ordered published in the minutes.

The conference tent was left in the hands of the Missionary Board.

Rev. J. H. Bowen, Connectional Agent, introduced. The order of the day having arrived, Brother Bowen addressed the conference.

S. W. Bond, President of Houghton Seminary, introduced.

A resolution requiring members of conference to secure excuse before leaving the conference sessions was offered by L. A. Grant and adopted as a standing rule. The characters of D. C. Haven and M. D. Warburton were passed.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by W. P. French.

Fourth Day. Friday Afternoon.

Devotional services conducted by the President. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

- D. G. Whitney was elected to fill vacancy in the Committee on Pastoral Relations.
- D. G. Whitney asked and was granted leave to return home to-morrow morning.

Auditing Committee submitted report concerning the Treasurer's books. Report adopted.

Character of J. S. Willett passed.

On motion a standing rule was enacted that no moneys are to be loaned on security by the Treasurer without the full approval of the President and Secretary of the conference.

The character of H. Lounsbury was passed. The Secretary was instructed to write to Brother Lounsbury, conveying to him expression of our regard and prayers for God's blessing upon him.

Examination of character resumed. The names of J. S. Fausey, J. B. Knappenberger, T. C. Guernsey, E. Van Marter, W. E. Green and Sarah A. Green were called and characters passed.

F. L. Presley preached from Luke 12:32.

Adjourned by vote. Benediction by S. W. Bond.

The Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society had charge of the evening services. Rev. A. A. Rathbun presided. E. Teter and G. H. Clarke gave missionary addresses. A subscription was taken toward furnishing the Rest Cottage for missionaries to be built in Africa.

Fifth Day. Saturday Forenoon.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services conducted by S. A. Green. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The President of conference was made chairman of the Committee on Religious Services for our next annual session.

Treasurer submitted additional report. Same referred to Auditing Committee.

Statistical Report submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submitted and adopted. See reports.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders having referred the case of W. E. Green and Sarah A. Green back to the conference for its action, on motion their credentials were declared valid and their names were enrolled on the list of elders.

While the said motion was pending, the order of the day be ing called for, Professor Bond addressed the conference in behalf of our Educational interests, following which the time was extended to finish the business before the house.

On motion it was declared to be the sense of this body that every pastor in the conference endeavor to raise one dollar per member for the running expenses of our educational work.

Adjourned by limitation. Benediction by S. L. Burrows.

Fifth Day. Saturday Afternoon.

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional services conducted by W. P. French.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion it was decided that this conference continue the use of the Dollar Plan.

Voted that it be the sense of this conference that each pastor take a subscription for conference work during the first quarter of the year.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted and adopted. See report.

Committee on Resolutions submitted report. Report adopted.

A communication from Rev. J. S. French concerning the call for Missionary Labor Day was read.

The Secretary was made a committee to enroll the names of those who would pledge themselves to push the work of Labor Day for Missions on their charges.

Auditing Committee reported the books of the Treasurer correct. Report adopted. See reports.

On motion it was declared to be the sense of this conference that the price of the Wesleyan Methodist remain as it now is and that the pastors should put forth an especial effort to increase the circulation of the same.

M. D. Warburton preached from II. Timothy 1:7. The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned by vote. Remarks, prayer and benediction by the President.

The evening services were in charge of J. H. Bowen.

Sabbath Services.

A love feast was held on Sabbath morning in charge of J. S. Willett, and was followed by preaching by E. Teter from John 7:7, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper conducted by D. S. Bedford assisted by several other elders.

At 3 P. M. a children's meeting was held in charge of G. H. Clarke, at which time a Young Missionary Worker's Band was organized with forty-two members.

The evening service was in charge of S. W. Bond, who preached from I. Peter 4:8. A number came to the altar seeking salvation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report No. 1. President's Report April, 1907-April, 1908.

- Visited Fyler charge with view to locating resident pastor there: Brother Green went on trial; charge finally arranged with Brother Bowen to preach to them.
- Visited Lafayette and urged them to accept a pastor; unsuccessful.
- 3. Upon request granted Rev. John Lazarus a transfer to the Champlain conference.
- 4. Corresponded with the Pine Glen charge in reference to sending them a pastor. Brother Babcock finally engaged to supply them for the year.
- 5. Upon request granted Rev. C. J. Sovocool a letter of standing.
- 6. Received Rev. D. C. Haven upon letter of transfer from the Champlain conference.
- 7. Received Rev. J. S. Willett upon letter of transfer from the Lockport conference March 18.
- 8. Upon request granted Rev. G. N. Wyher letter of transfer to the Rochester conference.
 - 9. Received the resignation of F. L. Presley from the Com-

mittee on Itinerancy and Orders and appointed D. S. Bedford to fill the vacancy.

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W. P. French, President.

Note:—The tenth item of this report failed to reach the Secretary, hence is not published.

Report No. 2.—Treasurer's Report.

Receipts:—Received on Dollar Plan, \$87.50; Received from Eastwood for conference missions, \$8; Collection at conference, \$4.50; Cash on hand from 1907, \$3.51; Balance remaining of money raised for expenses of General Conference Delegates, \$4.89. Total receipts, \$108.40.

Disbursements:—Three-fourths Dollar Plan to J. H. Bowen, Agent, \$65.62; To M. D. Warburton, Secretary, \$10; To D. S. Bedford on Conference Minutes, \$7.95; Total disbursements, \$83.57; Cash on hand to balance, \$24.83.

Superannuated Ministers' Fund:—Total Assets, \$415.09.

L. A. Grant, Treasurer.

Report No. 3. Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Boylston, D. C. Haven. Eastwood, J. S. Willett. Fyler, In hands of President. Groton, F. L. Presley. Herrickville, A. A. Babcock. La Fayette, Supplied by S. L. Burrows. Orwell, In hands of President. Owego, Unsupplied. Prattham, Unsupplied. Rome, D. S. Bedford. Taylor, M. D. Warburton, Carrie B. Warburton, Assistant. Texas, Earl E. Curtis. Wyalusing, A. A. Babcock. East Randolph and Blatchley, In hands of President. Onondaga Reservation, Thomas La Forte. Missionary Evangelists: L. A. Grant, A. A. Rathbun.

To choose their own field of labor, W. E. Green, Sarah A. Green.

Superannuated: H. Lounsbury.

Unstationed Elders:—J. S. Fausey, T. C. Guernsey, J. B. Knappenberger, E. Van Marter.

Licentiates on Stationed List: Earl E. Curtis, S. L. Burrows, Carrie B. Warburton.

D. S. Bedford, Chairman; F. L. Presley, A. A. Babcock, L. A. Grant, G. Draper, H. I. Coleman, D. G. Whitney, Committee.

Report No. 4. Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders beg leave to submit the following report:

Earl E. Curtis has passed examination in Lee's Theology, 1st half, but lacks Robert's Rules of Order to complete the first year. We recommend that he finish the one subject in the first year and take the second year's work.

William E. Green and Sarah A. Green have completed the Disciplinary course of study. We refer them back to the conference.

We recommend that S. L. Burrows be received by the conference to travel under its direction and placed in the first year's course of study.

We recommend that Sister Carrie Warburton be received by the conference to travel under its direction and placed in the first year's course of study.

After considering the reference of the name of Brother Van Arsdale to the committee, we report no papers received hence nothing to consider.

D. S. Bedford, Chairman; M. D. Warburton, W. P. French, H. J. Coleman, Granville Draper, Committee.

Report No. 5.

Financial Report of L. A. Grant, Delegate to General Conference. Total cash receipts, \$49.45; Carfare to and from Fairmount, \$25.56; Paid for meals, etc., \$2.85; Paid on Publishing House boiler, \$15; Express on Conference Records, \$1.15. Total disbursements, \$44.56. Cash on hand, \$4.89.

Report No. 6. Report of Committee on Publication of Minutes.

Cost of publication, \$17. Receipts: Received from all sources, \$9.05; Amount to be raised, \$7.95. Disbursements: Paid to Publishing House, \$7; Amount due Publishing House, \$10.

D. S. Bedford, Chairman of Committee.

Report No. 7. Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, We have viewed with much interest and prayerful concern the conflict in the New York State Legislature concerning the abolition of race-track gambling,

Resolved, That we not only endorse most heartily the attitude of Governor Hughes in starting the fight against this particular line of gambling but we also place ourselves on record as opposed to every form of gambling from the Stock Exchange to the church parlor or the craps game of the street urchin.

Whereas, The past year has witnessed the greatest onward movement of the century in the fight against the legalized saloon;

Resolved, That we the members of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection do hereby reaffirm our conviction that the only consistent attitude of the Christian voter, with relation to the drink traffic is Prohibition and annihilation, local and national.

Resolved, We, the members of the Syracuse conference, wish to express our appreciation of the royal hospitality and Christian greeting accorded to us by the pastor and people of Herrickville and do hereby tender our thanks, praying for the richest of heaven's blessings in multiplying their material things and in the saving of their souls from all sin.

F. L. Presley, D. S. Bedford, M. D. Warburton, D. G. Whitney, Granville Draper.

Report No. 8. Report of Auditing Committee.

Partial Report No. 1.

Your Auditing Committee submits the following report:

After examining the acount of the Committee on Publication of Minutes, Rev. D. S. Bedford, we find the report correct. We further recommend that an order to the amount of \$7.95 be drawn

on the Conference Treasurer in favor of Rev. D. S. Bedford to finish paying for publication of Minutes.

Partial Report No. 2.

Your Auditing Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on raising Delegate's Expenses, as given by the Rev. L. A. Grant, submit the following report:

Having examined the accounts as presented by Brother L. A. Grant we find them correct.

Partial Report No. 3.

Your Auditing Committee to whom was referred the Conference Treasurer's report submits the following:

After examining the Treasurer's books and comparing them with items reported we find them correct.

Partial Report No. 4.

Your Auditing Committee to whom was referred the Conference Treasurer's books submit the following:

After carefully examining the Treasurer's books we find them correct. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Willett, D. G. Whitney, Auditing Committee.

Standing Rules Ordered Published.

Rule 3. That each member of this conference taking work be earnestly requested to report through the Wesleyan Methodist regarding his work at least once a quarter.

Rule 9. That no minister or delegate be excused from conference during its session, except a reasonable excuse such as sickness or death, except by vote of conference.

See Statistical Report on last page.

D. S. BEDFORD, President.

M. D. WARBURTON, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Charges. Pastors.	Tim emp	App'ments.	Mem. rec.d Discontin'd	Died.	Present Number.	Baptized. Unsta. Eld.	Licentiates. Wesleyan	Meth. taken S. S. Banner taken.	Lesson Helps taken	No. Sunday Schools.	No. of	Teachers.	Scholars. Books in	No. of Meeting Houses.	Value of	Parsonages.	Value of.	Pastors' Salary.	Evang'lists' Receipts.	Superan'ted Ministers.	Dollar Plan	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Conference Missions.	Education.	Sabbath Schools.	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Total.
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D. S. BEDFORD, D. G. WHITNEY, Committee.