

1857.

RECORD,  
Of  
SYRACUES CONFERENCE,

Fifth Session. at

SYRACUSE NEW YORK.

Commenced April 21. 1857. And

Adjourned April 26.

In the year of the

WESLEYAN METHODIST

CONNECTION

Of

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Marshall Frink.  
Secretary.

John T. Hewitt.  
President.

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First day – 2 O’Clock P.M. The Conference assembled in the Wesleyan Chapel City of Syracuse NY. When according to a vote of last Conference a sermon was delivered and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper administered. – After which the Conference was called to order by the president when the Secretary not being arrived J. T. Hewitt was elected Secretary protem. [sic]

It was moved that when the conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 8 o’clock to-morrow [sic] morning.

Bro. H. B. Knight was received from the Miami Conference by transfer.

Bro Cyrus Prindle was received from the New England Conference by transfer.

The following Lay-Delegates presented their credentials, and were received.

<u>Candor</u>	=	Joel Robinson
<u>Vienna</u>	=	Lorenzo Clemmens
<u>Dryden</u>	=	H. A. Dalamater

<u>Groton &amp; Lansing</u>	=	C. V. Owen
<u>Spencer</u>	=	Ransom Osborn
<u>Camden</u>	=	H. H. Gifford
<u>Fulton</u>	=	Thomas W. Chesbro
<u>Fyler Settlement</u>	=	Silas T. Fyler
<u>Taylor</u>	=	Martin C. Wire.
<u>Blodgets' [sic] Mills</u>	=	Joel Lewis

Bro. A. Kelsey Moved, that Bro. E. J. Burnham be received as a member of this Conference. When after some discussions it was moved to lay Motion on the table till to-Morrow [sic] morning at 10 O'Clock which motion prevailed.

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The Conference then adjourned to meet to-Morrow [sic] Morning at 8 O'Clock. [sic]  
J. T. Hewitt  
Secretary protem [sic]

#### Second Day Morning Session 8. A.M.

Conference opened with usual religious services. By Bro H. Lounsbury.

Roll Called and answered as follows.

Ministers		Laymen
Samuel Salsbury	P = Ex.	Joel Robinson
Harvey Lounsbury	P.	Lorenzo Clemmons
A. Kelsey	P.	H. A. Dalamater
M. B. Porter	A.	C. V. Owen
John T. Hewitt	P.	H. H. Gifford
H. D. Inman	P.	T. W. Chesbro
E. M. High	A.	S. T. Fyler
P. A. Field	P.	M. C. Wire
Elijah Gaylord	A.	Joel Lewis
Mathew Presler	A.	H. G. Lawrence
Thomas Sims	A.	M. Merrick
E. B. Mints	A.	Wm Roberts
Benj. Rider	P.	Wm P Bogart
M. Frink	P.	Ransom Osborn
Cyrus Prindle	A.	Philo Manwarren
H. B. Knight	P.	Alanson Dunham
S. B. Loomis	A.	

Voted = That the Conference now proceed to the Election of President and Secretary.

Marshall Frink & Montgomery Merrick were appointed tellers.

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First ballot 20 ballots cast eleven necessary to a choice. Of which John T. Hewitt received 18 for President and was elected

M Frink received 17 for secretary and was elected.

The President made a few appropriate remarks to the Conference and took the Chair.

The Conference Evangelist Rev. B. Rider made a report. On Motion it was referred [sic] to the Committee on Missions.

Conference Voted. To make a special Committee of 5 to report to the Conference on to be preferred [sic] against Ministerial members of this Conference. The following Committee was appointed. [Note: Transcriber believes there were some words left out of this last part. See page 8.]

Ministers	Laymen
H. Lounsbury	T. W. Chesbro
J. T. Hewitt	S. T. Fyler
Montgomery Merrick	

M Frink & Charles Merrick. Were appointed a committee on Religious services during the Conference.

The Conference voted the appointment of the Following Committees.  
Pastoral Relations.

Ministers	Laymen
P. A. Field	Thomas W. Chesbro
S. B. Loomis	Wm. P. Bogart
H. D. Inman	S. T. Fyler
J. T. Hewitt Presd of Conference	
Chairman of Committee	

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On Reforms.

This Committee to report to the next Conference.

Ministers	Laymen
Cyrus Prindle	
H. B. Knight	Montgomery Merrick

On Missions.

See conference records of last session page 17.

Committee on Examination and  
Elders Orders.

Ministers	Laymen
M. Frink	
H. B. Knight	H. H. Gifford

Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Ministers	Laymen
John T. Hewitt.	
T. W. Chesbro	Layman

H. D. Inman.

On motion the Conference voted that the cases of E L. Burnham Thomas Eastham Ransom Osborn & Ambrose Ferris, be refered [sic] to Committee on Examination & Elders Orders.

Voted = Case of Bro Parker A. Burgess be laid on the table.

Conference Voted = That, Wm. E. Bogart A. C. Sheperson & Wm A Waggoner be received as Licenciates [sic] to be placed on the Stationed List.

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### Committee on Presidency.

Ministers

M. Frink.

C Prindle.

H. B. Knight

Laymen

Charles Merrick

Joel Robinson

Conference Voted, That = Gabn M Hardy & Wm Fessenden be received as licenciates [sic] to be placed on the Stationed list.

Committee to examine Licenciates. [sic]

Ministers

H. Lounsbury

B. Rider

Laymen

M. Merrick

Conference adjourned by limitation.

Prayer by Rev. P. A. Field

No. P.M. Session.

Third day Morning Session.

Conference assembled at 8 o'clock

P. A. Field conducted opening religious services.

Roll called and corrected Minutes from commencement of Conference read  
Corrected and approved

The following committees were announced by the Chair.

On Finance

Ministers

P. A. Field

Laymen

H. H. Gifford

Joel Robinson

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### Committee on Statistics

Ministers

Harvey Lounsbury

Laymen

Wm. E. Bogart

S. T. Fyler

### Committee on Missions

Cyrus Prindle

H. B. Knight

M. Frink Secty of

M. Merrick

Thomas W. Chesbro

J. T. Hewitt Presd of

Conference Secretary  
& Treasurer   ☞ See Second Session of  
Conference Records  
Jour = Page 21.

Conference Chairm

Henry Benson by vote of Conference was recognized as a Member.  
Wm. Dunham was also recognized as a member.

Special Committee to report on charges prefered [sic] against any member of the Conference.

Said Committee made the following report.

Your Committee unanimously report on the charges of Bro. Rider against Bro H. D. Inman in the following Restolution

Resolved, That in the opinion of your Committee The citation to Trial and ultimate suspension of B. Rider by H. D. Inman inconsistent with the Discipline of the W. M. Connection. The said Inman had no jurisdiction in the case and

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that they consider the whole affair injurious in its tendency to Bro Rider's character, and reputation as a Christian Minister.

Motion to adopt report of committees was carried.

The following resolution was offered by M. Merric

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, Retraction or Confession on the part of Bro Inman is due to Bro Rider in this matter; and we respectfully request the parties, Bros Rider & Inman that they become reconciled to each other.

Resolution adopted.

Voted, That when the Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 2 P.M.

The following report of Committee on Examination and Orders was submitted.

Case of Edwin J. Burnham a Minister from Reformed Methodist Church was recommended to be recognized as an Elder in our Connection.

Ransom Osborn Recommended for Elders Orders

Ambrose Ferris also recommended for Elders Orders

Report of Committee was adopted item by item.

Motion to excuse Committee from examination of Licenciates [sic] pending  
[insert: action] Conference adjourned by limitation

Prayer by Bro Gifford

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Third Day P.M. Session

Religious services conducted by Rev. A. Kelsey

Following Resolution moved by Benjamine Rider

Resolved that in the Opinion of this Conference it would best promote the interests of our Missionary cause to divide the Conference into two Districts by a line East and West on the hight [sic] of land near Tully, and that the money subscribed in each Missionary District be appropriated with in their respective limits.

Resolution Adopted.  
Rev. H. D. Inman Transferred to the Rochester Conference.  
Recommend from Quarterly Conference of Charles Owen for Elders Orders was  
referred [sic] to Committee on Orders.  
D H Hickok was received as a licenciante. [sic]  
Motion pending when A M Session of Conference adjourned was withdrawn.  
[sic]  
Circuits & Stations Called and corrected as follows = (see next page)  
Voted that the Ordination Services be Conducted to Morrow [sic] commencing at  
2 ½ P.M.  
Communication from Orwell Church referred [sic] to Special Committee.  
Consisting of Bros B Rider M Merrick and S Filer.

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### Circuits & Stations

Syracuse  
Candor & Spencer  
Winsor  
Apalachin  
Fulton  
Taylor  
Dryden & Freeville = Changed to Dryden & Harford  
State Road & Towanda = Separated = Towanda Station  
{Orwell Separate} =  
Montrose & Rushville = Separated  
Peruville [sic]  
Vienna  
Frankfort  
Watertown  
Owego & Union  
Reservation  
Camden  
Florence  
Albion  
Antwerp  
Fyler  
Pillar Point  
Boylston  
Stockbridge  
Richland  
Bodgetts Mills [sic]  
Hinmanville [sic] & Lampons [sic]  
Susquehanna Miss connected with Rushville  
A. P. Burgess was received as a Licenciante [sic]

Motion by H. B. Knight –

That it is the sense of this conference, that Bro Inman though proposing to labour [sic] within the bounds of the Rochester

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Conference is not thereby obliged to take a transfer to said Conference. Carried

Rev H. B. Knight Agent of Wes M Book Concern made Statement of condition of said concern to the Conference

Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals [sic] submitted a report as follows.

Resolved 1 That we rejoice in the Continued Editorial ability of our honored organ the “Wesleyan” as also that of the Juvenile Instructor and most heartily recommend them to our people, as an healthful and appropriate medium of religious and moral instruction.

2 That we would not forget in this connection the improved appearance typographical of the “Wesleyan” and trust its improved face will win increasing friends, and a wide circle of readers.

3 That in view of the unparalleled [sic] prosperity and increase of our youthful Connection, propriety to ourselves, as well as justice to our Book Concern demand a more strenuous and persistent effort to increase the circulation of these papers, and we pledge ourselves anew to this work.

4 That as a Conference we have the fullest confidence in the ability of our able and effi-

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cient Agent, and pledge ourselves to sustain him in his efforts to extricate the Book Concern from its heavy embarrassments by every means within our power.

Conference adjourned by limitation

Benediction by A. B. Knight

#### Fourth Day Morning Session.

Religious services conducted by Rev. Thomas Eastham.

Roll Called = Minuets [sic] of previous session read, corrected and approved.

Special Committee on the case of Orwell Church reported.

Report amended and adopted as follows – “The Conference will sanction a reunion of Orwell & State Road in one charge if the two charges will agree to a reunion.”

Committee on Examination and Orders Reported on the Case of Charles P. Owen favorable to election for Elders Orders.

Motion to Elect was carried.

Committee on Reforms.

Reported as follows.

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The Committee on Reforms respectfully ask leave to report as follows.

Your Committee, conscious [sic] of the exigencies of the day in which we live, are fully convinced that the Present is not the time for any relaxation of effort in stemming [sic] the tide of moral evil which is now rolling so madly around us.

When justice and right are openly set at defiance – when ruffianism is allowed to reign and rule, not on our borders only but in our Legislative halls:

When despotism marches, with hedious [sic] form and hasty strides, upon free territory, and is threatening [sic] to invade our altars and our homes:

When political demagogues approach the sanctuary of the Lord of Hosts, and attempt to sear the lips and enchain the tongues of Christ's Ministers:

When unjust judges dare to rob [sic] our fellow-men of their God-given and inalienable rights, and because the Almighty, in his infinite [sic] wisdom has seen fit to clothe them with a colored skin, on that account to deprive them of the common rights of citizen-ship [sic] – reducing God's image to chattelism [sic] – thus enacting and enforcing laws that utterly contravene the laws of God:

And when the church, whose ministers ought ever to be the standard bearers of truth – supporting the weak and befriending the oppressed, shrinks from the performance of her duty – and lends her aid to bolster up and defend the wickedness

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and weakness of the State: When the sanctity of the Sabbath is profaned – When the name of God is blasphemed – when licentiousness [sic] and polygamy are winked at – and when the laws of God, founded by unerring wisdom, inflexible justice, immutable equity, and boundless benevolence, are openly set at defiance, and that to by the very [sic] highest authorities in the nation, surely it is not time for Christian Reformers to falter in their efforts to stem the tide of moral evil, that now threatens to sweep away all that is excellent in morals, and pure and holy in religion. It is therefore

Resolved, 1. That come what will, we will not relax our efforts, or fail to utter out remonstrances, or cease [sic] to offer our prayers, until [sic] Slavery with all its filthy abominations, is completely uprooted from our soil.

2. That we will never lend our influence directly or indirectly – at the ballot-box or anywhere else, to that individual [insert: or] party, that is known to be in favor of extending or perpetrating a system, that is so directly repugnant to all righteousness, and that so utterly contravenes the Holy Law of God.

3. That as a Conference we will never be parties to the burning disgrace of legalizing the traffic in rum, but we hereby pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to increased exertions, in order to obtain a righteous prohibitory liquor law.

4. That we are directly and absolutely opposed to all systems of legalized

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murder, adultery; and licenciousness [sic] in all their varied forms and modifications, Whether they are called border ruffianism, war, Mormanism, [sic] or known by any other name, believing that all such abominations are as much opposed to the law of a Holy God as they are to the true spirit of our national institutions.

5. That having withdrawn all connection with pro-Slavery Churches, men-stealers, and their abettors, and every beat of the electric telegraph on the subject from the South, East, North, and West, but convinces that we are in the way, of Christian duty, therefore we are more than ever convinced of the criminality of such connections.

All of which is respectfully

Submitted

John T. Hewitt

Chair<sup>m</sup>

Report adopted; unanimous.

Voted = That the next session of Conference be held at Blodgetts Mills. Cortland Co. N.Y. To commence 3 Wednesday in April 1858.

To open with sermon by the president, followed by  
Sacramental services.

Voted to pay B. Rider Conference Evangelist \$15 from Missionary Funds.

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Treasurer of Missionary Society made report as follows.

Amount in Treasury current year \$72,10

Amount paid by Treasurer to

B. Rider Con Evangelist \$75,00

The balance of interest on Missionary Notes ~~excepting \$15~~ was paid Evangelist; by other persons, directly = it did not come into the hands of the Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Secretary Called the list of Missionary Notes and there was paid in as marked opposite Missionary Notes = Third Session of Conference page 19 = colume [sic] dated 1857. Amount \$45.

Committee on Statistics Reported

See next page 19

Committee on Finance, were released without report.

Ques 5. Of Discipline was answered as follows = Thomas Sims

Ques 6. None

Ques 7. None

Ques 8. Rev. E. L. Burnham from Reformed Methodist Church Thomas Eastham, Ransom Osborn Ambrose Ferris, Charles P. Owen. By Ordination = 4.

Licenciates [sic]. W. E. Bogart, Wm A. Waggoner, A. C. Sheprson [sic] D. H. Hickock, A P Burgess, G M Hardy Wm Fesenden [sic] 7.

Conference adjourned to meet immediately after ordination services Prayer by  
Bro Fyler

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Ordination Services were conducted by President.  
Thomas Eastham                      Ambrose Ferris  
Ransom Osborn and                  Charles P. Owen  
Were ordained Elders.

Fourth Day P.M. Session  
Conference convened Rev. H. B. Knight in the chair.

Committee Reported on Pastoral Relations = see page 20 =

Report of Committee on Statistics was adopted see page 19.

Report of Pastoral Committee [sic] was adopted as amended by the Conference.  
= See page 20 =

Conference adjourned  
Sine die  
Benediction by H. B. Knight.

Marshall Frink  
Secretary

John T. Hewitt  
President

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Report of Committee on Statistics  
[Note: due to the number of columns, this report has been divided into half.]

Circuits and Stations.	Members	Ministers	Licenciates [sic]	S. Schools	Teachers	Scholars
Syracuse	115	1	1	1	6	40
Tioga & Athens	55		1			
Candor	44	1	3	2	7	55
Winsor						
Apalachin	130	1	1	1	8	54

Fulton	82	1	1	1	10	150
Dryden & Harford	25	1	1			
State Road						
Towanda	23	1	1	1	6	17
Fairdale	80					
Rushville	29			1	5	25
Vienna	21			1	8	40
Frankfort						
Watertown	18	1		1	4	15
Owego & Union	25		1	1	4	25
Reservation	10					
Camden & Florence	55		1	1	5	21
Albion						
Antwerp						
Filer Settlement	31					
Pillar Point						
Boylston						
Stockbridge						
Orwell & Susquehanna Mission	21			1	5	53
Highbridge	12					
Richland	30	1	1			
Blodgetts Mills	50	1		1	8	35
Hinmanville & Lampsons	32		1			
Taylor	24	1				
Peruville	36	0	2	1	10	50

[Part two, below. \*Note: in the "Support of Gospel" and "Missions" columns, "00" were added to help the dollar amounts line up.]

Circuits and Stations.	Support of Gospel*	Missions*	Periodicals	Libraries
Syracuse	\$500.00	842.00	80	1
Tioga & Athens	60.00		2	1
Candor	100.00			2
Winsor				
Apalachin	150.00		2	1
Fulton	400.00	52.00	62	1
Dryden & Harford	40.00		25	
State Road				
Towanda	40.00			1
Fairdale	80.00	3.00		1
Rushville	50.00			1
Vienna	150.00	8.90	16	1
Frankfort				
Watertown				1
Owego & Union	125.00		3	1
Reservation				
Camden & Florence	68.00	6.52		
Albion				
Antwerp				
Filer Settlement		46.00	7	
Pillar Point				
Boylston				
Stockbridge				
Orwell & Susquehanna Mission	60.00		7	
Highbridge				

Richland				
Blodgetts Mills	82.00		13	1
Hinmanville & Lampsons	55.00		7	1
Taylor	76.75	16.00	3	1
Peruville	60.00		16	1

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### Report of Pastoral Committee

#### Names of Circuits and Stations

Syracuse	Sup from B Room
Tioga & Athens	✓ H. Lounsbury
Candor & Spencer	✓ Thos Eastham
Winsor	Wm A Waggoner = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
Apalachin	D. H. Hickok = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
Fulton	✓ J T Hewitt
Taylor	E I/L Burnham
Dryden & Harford	Wm Fessenden = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
State Road	To b Sup <sup>d</sup>
Towanda	M Frink
Rushville & Susquehanna Miss.	E B Mints
Montrose	Wm E Bogart = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
Fairdale	To be Sup <sup>d</sup>
Peruville	To be Sup <sup>d</sup>
Vienna	Ambrose Ferris
Frankfort	To be Sup <sup>d</sup>
Watertown	Sup <sup>d</sup> I. C. Thayre <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
Owego & Union	D. C. Marshall = <u>Lic<sup>d</sup></u>
Camden	Gabn M Hardy = <u>Lic<sup>d</sup></u>
Florence	To be Sup <sup>d</sup>
Albion	Sup John Wate <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
Antwerp}	
Filer Settlement}	Sup by Benjamine Rider
Pillarpoint}	Evangelist of
Boylston}	Northern District
Stockbridge}	
Richland	Wm Dunham {A P Burgess = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
	{E Halsey = <u>Lic<sup>e</sup></u>
	{Supply
Blodgetts Mills	✓ A. Kelsey
Lampsons & Hinmanville	✓ H. Benson one to be sup
Litchfield	S B Loomis

Orwell  
 Chenango  
 Freewill Baptist Church }  
     Warren Pa.}  
 Northern District  
 Southern District  
 Editor of Wesleyan  
 Agent of W. M. B. C.  
 H. D. Inman supplying a charge in  
 The Rochester Conference.

To be Sup.  
 A. C. Sheperson Lic<sup>d</sup>  
 Sup  
 E M High  
 B Rider Evangelist  
 P A Field Evangelist  
 Cyrus Prindle  
 H B Knight

Committees Standing over till next Session of Conference.

On Presidency.

Min M. Frink  
 C Prindle  
 H. B. Knight

Laymen  
 Montgomery Merrick  
 Joel Robinson

On Reforms

Min Cyrus Prindle  
 H. B. Knight

Layman  
 Montgomery Merrick

On Missions

Min Cyrus Prindle  
 H B Knight

Thom W Cesbro [sic] Lay  
 M Merrick

Marshall Frink  
 Secretary of Conference }  
     Secty & Treasurer }

} John T. Hewitt Presd  
 } of Conference Chairman

{Meeting of Miss Committee  
 {See next page.

Committee on Missions met at the House of Rev. Cyrus Prindle Syracuse on the evening of the 25 ~~the~~ April 1857.

And by vote appropriated the balance of funds on hand paid in from the Northern District to the Evangelist = Benj Rider

The amount being	\$21.60
1* The Con previously voted him	<u>15.00</u>
2* Northern District	\$36,60

Amount paid in full from	
3* Southern District	\$ 8,40
4* Treasury overdrawn 1856	\$ 2,90
Amount in Treasurer	
Hands, unappropriated	
Belonging to Northern District	\$ 5,50

Marshall Frink Sect & Treas of Miss S. of Syr Con.

Syracuse April 25. 1857.

- 1\* See Bottom 16 page Conference Journal
- 2\* See Miss Notes Column dated 1857
- 3\* See Miss Notes Column dated 1857
- 4\* See Con Journal page 17. Top of page