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Sixteenth Yearly Session

OF THE

Rochester Conference,

Held at

Seneca Falls, N.Y., April 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 1860

First Day, A.M. Session

April 25, 1860

The Ministers and Delegates, constituting the Rochester Yearly Conf. of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, assembled, pursuant to adjournment, for their Sixteenth Annual Session, at Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., New York, on Wednesday, April 25, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Conf.  
Opens by  
President

The President, M.Q. McFarland, conducted the opening exercises, by giving out the 326<sup>th</sup> Hymn, reading the Scriptures, and inviting Bros. Norton and Sniffen to lead in prayer.

Roll  
Called  
by  
Secretary

The Conf. was then called to order for business, when the Secretary, H. B. Knight, called the Roll of Ministerial members, after which the Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, as follows:

Delegates  
present  
their  
Credentials

That of Joseph Metcalf, from Seneca Falls; A. H. Thompson, from North Bradford; Daniel W. Ball, from Forrestville; E. P. Burdick, from Jaspar, Chester Tinney, from Jerusalem; W<sup>m</sup> Tracey, from Napoli; Levi Rogers, from Elkland; S. Brink, from Millport; H. C. Morgan, from Catharine; Moses Dudley, from Howard; Myron H. Burr, from Granger; Charles Shultz, from Lent Hill; R. E. Harwood, from Olcott; John M. Swick, from Hector; Joseph Benson from Orange; received, and seats awarded.

Comm on  
Religious  
Services

On motion, H. B. Knight, B. F. Bradford and Joseph Metcalf, were appointed a Committee on Religious Services, during our Session

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The following Committees were then Ordered; On "Reforms," to consist of three; On "Statistics", one; On "Sabbath Schools," three; On "Book Concern," three

Comm  
on  
Presidency

On motion, P.S. Slauson, H. B. Knight, S. A. Leonard, Joseph Metcalf and Moses Dudley, were appointed a Committee on the Presidency, to fill the vacancy if such should occur.

Comm  
On  
Missions

Special  
sessions  
Ordered

Change  
of time for  
Conf.  
considered

The Conf then ordered the "Committee on orders and Itinerary," for next year

Voted, that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 1 ½ o'clock, this P.M. Also, that our daily sessions begin at 8 A.M. and close at 12 M.

Ordered that a "Committee on Missions", be hereafter constituted, and also one of five, on "Revision of Discipline" to be recommended to the Gen. Conf.

On motion, Voted that we hold three sessions, in "Committee of the Whole", to consider the subjects of Slavery, Temperance, and Sabbath Schools; the times for so doing to be fixed upon by the "Committee on Religious Services."

The "Bar" of the house was fixed at the fifth Seat from the Altar.

Bro Trembly moved that we change the time of holding our Yearly Session, to the Fourth Wednesday in March. Lost.

Adj. by expiration of time. Prayer by Bro Leonard.

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First Day, P.M. Session

Wednesday, April 25, 1860

Conf. met at 1 ½ o'clock, President in the Chair. Opening exercises conducted by Bro Trembly.

The Roll was then called, the Minutes of the A.M. Session, read and approved.

The names of Willard Houghton, as Delegate from Alleghany Circuit, Guy Butters, from Red Chalk;

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Hernando Vredenburg, from Erin; Asa Sanford, from Eagle Harbor and Yates, were reported and enrolled.

Proceeded to election of the Officers of the Conference, for coming year, Bros. Bradford and Inman, being appointed to act as Tellers.

Bal=  
lottings  
for  
President

Bro. Geo Dunkle, as Delegate from Hopewell; Chas. Hathaway, from Farmington; Edmund Cooley, from Ward and Sullivan; L. Hayden, from Hopewell and Cheshire were reported and enrolled.

On canvassing the votes for President, the whole No cast was 40; necessary to a choice 21; No one having a majority, there was no election.

Second ballot; 40 votes cast; necessary to a choice 21; no election

Third ballot: 53 votes cast; necessary to a choice 27; no election

C. W. Swift presented his certificate as Delegate from Lyndon Ct, and took his seat.

Fourth ballot for President, same as third and hence no election

On motion, further balloting [sic] for President, was postponed until to-morrow morning,

Sec.  
Elected

Proceeded to election of Secretary: 51 Votes were cast; necessary to a choice 26; H. B. Knight had 47 of this number, and was declared elected.

Trembly  
made  
S. S. Agent

Bro Trembly moved that we elect a Sabbath Agent, to travel through our bounds, waking up the attention of our people, on behalf of Sabbath Schools, their multiplication, and more efficient maintenance. Carried.

Bro Trembly was then nominated as such Agent, and his election was without dissent.

Conf. proceed' to fill up the Committees ordered this Morning.

Committees

On "Reforms" – John Johnston, B. F. Bradford, and Asa Sanford, were elected.

On "Statistics" – Alanson Bixby

"Sabbath Schools" – S. D. Trembly, M. H. Burr, and L. P. Atwood.

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Committees

"Book Concern" – H. Gregory, H. Norton and Geo. Dunkle.

"Missions" – P. S. Slauson, R. E. Harwood, and R<sup>d</sup> Britton.

"Revisions of Discipline" – John S. Bush, H. D. Inman, Joseph Metcalf, Geo Pegler, and Jno M<sup>c</sup>Nall

"Order and Itinerary" – H. B. Knight, M. Q. M<sup>c</sup>Farland, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Johnston.

Course of  
study fixed  
on

Bro Johnston made Some remarks in regard to the "Course of Study," and moved that the one gotten up by the Champlain Conf. be adopted for this Conf. until further order. Carried.

After giving out "Notice," Conf adjourned to 8 o'clk to-morrow [sic] Morning

Prayer by Bro Slauson

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Second Day, A.M. Sess.  
Thursday, April 26, 1860

Conf. met at 8 o'clock, President in the Chair; opening exercises by Bro Chapman.

Roll called, and Minutes of yesterday P.M. Session, read approved.

Hardy  
received

On motion, Galen M Hardy was received by transfer from the Syracuse Conf. as a stationed Elder among us.

John McNall, as Delegate from Chesnut [sic] Ridge and Royalton, and Wesley Doty, from Canadice, presented their Certificates, and were enrolled as members of this body.

Comm.  
On  
"Orders,"  
Report

The Committee on "Orders and Itineracy," reported in part; Report received and [insert: acted upon] ~~adopted~~ item by item as follows:

1 That Benjamin D. Sniffin, late an Elder in the Meth. Epis. Ch., be recognised [sic] as an Elder among us, on the Stationed List. Adopted, and he so recognised [sic] and admitted

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Report of Comm. on "orders," &c.

2 That Geo. S. Lewis, recommended by the Q.M. Conf. of Lent Hill charge, be elected and ordained an Elder: Adopted, and he elected.

3 That Levi M. Wright, recommended by Q. M. Conf. of Sheridan charge, be elected and ordained an Elder; Report adopted, & he elected

4 Phillip Kirk, recommended by Q. M. Conf. of Catharine charge, for Elders Orders, be recommended to pursue his Studies another year. Adopted.

5. Wm G. Woodruff, recommended for Elder's Orders, by Red Chalk Circuit, be recommended to pursue his Studies another year. Adopted.

Sidney Mesick, delegate from Howard Circuit, presented his Certificate, and name enrolled.

Took up the order of the day, the election of President; Bradford & Inman, Tellers.

Election  
of  
President

Proceeded to Ballot; 61 Votes were cast; necessary to a choice, 33; John Johnston had 45 and was declared elected, and took the chair.

Bro Burgess, of the Syracuse Conf. was here introduced to the Conf, and invited to an honorary Seat with us.

Bro Prindle then addressed the Conf. in regard to the Book Room interests & prospects.

Book  
Room Note  
given up

Bro M<sup>c</sup>Farland then moved, that the Note given this Conf. for Missionary Money borrowed of it, by L. C. Matlack, while agent of the Book Concern, April 1855, be given up to the present agent, as a donation. Adopted.

Took up the 1<sup>st</sup> Question – “Who of the Elders are on Stationed List?” – Peter Norris, Selah Paine, character passed, and their relation continued; Nelson Fessenden, John Thompson, Samuel Gale, characters passed and relation continued

Henry Norton, Geo Pegler, M.Q. McFarland, A. N. Hudson, Geo. L. Paine, names called, and characters passed

Moved that when we adjourn, it be to

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to meet again at 3 o’clk, this P.M. Carried

Doxology was then Sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

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Second Day, P.M. Session

Thursday, April 26, 1860

Conf. met at 3 o’clock, President in the Chair. Opening exercises by Bro. Douglass.

Roll called, Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

John Ferguson, delegate from South Bradford, Ct. appeared and took his seat.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on “orders and Itineracy”:

Chamber=  
lain elected  
Elder

Item 6 -- Case of L. S. Chamberlain applicant for Elder’s Orders – lacked a Q. M. Conf. recommendation, this mistake as to its need – he was elected to office of an Elder.

Field  
elected

7. O.D.Field – recommended for Elders Orders. by Q. M. Conf of Ward and Sullivan charge – Committee favored his election. Adopted

Bacon  
elected to  
Orders

8. Hosea Bacon – Late a Deacon in the Meth. Prot. Church, recommended for Elders Orders by Q. M. Conf, of the charge with which he had been connected. Comm. favored his election. He was elected.

Licentiates  
received

9 Moses S. Harkness, recommended by the Pleasant Valley charge for admission to travel as a Licentiate, and for Elder’s Orders. As he had passed but one examination, Conf received him to travel as a Licentiate, deferring his election to Orders till another year.

10. Wm. L. Warner, recommended by the Q. M. Conf. of Olcott & Ransomville Ct; John M. Swick, that of Hector; Asahel Staples, that of Ransomville & Olcott; Arden W. Staples, Ditto; E. P.

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Burdick, that of Jasper: were severally approved of by the Committee to be received to travel under the direction of the Conf. as Licentiates.

Report adopted & they received

1<sup>st</sup>  
Question

Resumed consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Question: B. F. Bradford, S. Phinney, P. S. Slauson, John Johnston, F. Strang, S. D. Trembly, C. C. Reynolds, S. Adams, D. B. Douglass, Jona. Sibley, H. B. Knight, E. P. Barnes, John Broadhead, Alanson Bixby, names called and characters passed.

Greensword  
received

The transfer of M. P. Greensword, from the New York Conf, was received and accepted, and he received as an Elder on the Stationed List.

Voted to go into the election of Delegates to the Gen. Conf. to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clk

Comm  
on  
Fessenden's  
manuscript

Bros. H. Norton, M.Q.McFarland and Geo Dunkle, were made a Committee to examine a manuscript autobiography of Bro Fessenden, with the view of recommending its publication, if judged worthy.

On motion, Conf adjourned, after Singing, prayer, and the benediction.

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## Third Day – Morning Session

Friday, April 27, 1860

Conf. met at 8 o'clk, President in the Chair. Opening exercises conducted by Bro Curtis.

Roll was called, and the minutes of the previous Session, read and approved.

Bro  
Palmiter  
[sic] speaks

Bro. Prindle then introduced to the Conf. Bro Parmeter, a fraternal Delegate from the Genesee Annual Conf. of the Meth. Prot. Church, who made some salutatory remarks.

Ray  
received  
by Conf.

Case of Wm P. Ray, late a member of the Champlain Conf. was presented; and on motion, he was admitted a member among us, and his name put upon stationed List.

Benson  
received

Henry Benson, on motion, was recognised [sic] by transfer from the Syracuse Conf, as an Elder on

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the Stationed List, in this Conference.

Mission  
at  
Tonawanda

Bro. Prindle then introduced the subject of establishing a Mission among the Tonawanda Indians, who live within the bounds of this Conf.:

And, on motion, Bros. M<sup>c</sup>Farland, Pegler and Dunkle, were made a Committee to take this subject into consideration, and Report thereon.

Statistics

The Committee on "Statistics" then made a Report, in part: to wit, that the membership within our bounds, was 3823.

Voted to extend the time for constituting the Electoral College, in order to complete the preliminaries thereto pertaining.

The President announced that this body was entitled to 7 ministerial, and 7 lay delegates to the next Gen. Conf.

Moved that we now organise [sic] the Electoral College.

Carried

Voted that the Officers of the Conference, be the officers of the College.

Bros. Bradford and Inman, were appointed Tellers, during the Canvas. [sic]

Moved that we elect the Ministerial delegates first. Carried.

On canvassing the first ballott,[sic] it appeared that the whole number of Votes cast, was 74; necessary to a choice, 38; Henry Norton had 60, and was elected; Geo. Pegler, 68; elected; John Johnston 66, elected; D. B. Douglass, 40 elected; S. D. Trembly, 40, elected.

There remaining two to elect, the College proceeded to a Second ballotting. [sic] 72 votes were cast; necessary to a choice 37; no one having this number, no election was declared;

Proceeded to a third ballotting; [sic] during the pendency of its canvass, College adj to 1 ½ o'clock P.M. Prayer by Bro. [blank]

Organization of Elections of Electoral  
College

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Third Day, P.M. Session

Friday, April 27, 1860

College assembled at 1 ½ o'clock, p.m. President in the chair. Opening exercises conducted by Bro May.

Roll called, minutes of the morning session of the College, read and approved.

Tellers reported the result of the third ballot; viz that 68 Votes were cast; necessary to a choice 35; H. D. Inman had 35, and was declared elected.

Fourth ballott; [sic] no election. Fifth ballott [sic] taken, but no election

Election of Delegates to  
Gen. Conf.

Sixth ballott; [sic] whole number of votes cast 69; necessary to a choice 35; M.Q. M<sup>c</sup>Farland had 39, and was declared elected.

Proceeded to ballott [sic] for three Reserve Ministerial delegates. 66 votes were cast; Jon a, Sibley [sic] had 46, and was elected; Harry Gregory, 35, and was elected; Geo L Paine 34, elected.

College then ballotted [sic] for Lay Delegates; 68 votes were cast, 35 necessary to a choice; Moses Dudley had 55, and was elected; Geo. Dunkle, 42, elected; Asa Sanford 44, elected.

Proceeded to a second ballott; [sic] P. S. Slauson taking Bro Bradford's place, as Teller. Whole No of Votes cast 59; necessary to a choice, 30; W<sup>m</sup>. S. Briggs, had 30, and was elected; Joshua W. Wright, 33, elected; John Ferguson, 34, and was elected.

On the third ballott [sic], 52 votes were cast; necessary to a choice, 27; J. B. Nessel had 38, and was elected.

The Delegation, therefore, as a whole, consists of

|                              |      |                            |     |
|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----|
| Henry Norton,                | Min. | Moses Dudley,              | Lay |
| John Johnston,               | "    | Geo. Dunkle,               | "   |
| George Pegler,               | "    | Asa Sanford,               | "   |
| D. B. Douglass,              | "    | W <sup>m</sup> . S. Briggs | "   |
| S. D. Trembly,               | "    | Joshua W. Wright           | "   |
| H. D. Inman,                 | "    | John Ferguson              | "   |
| M. Q. M <sup>c</sup> Farland | "    | J. B. Nessel               | "   |

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Education

The College then listened to remarks from different brethren, on the subject of Education and a collection of \$15.88 was taken up for Bro Nelson, a student at Adrian, Mich.

Br. White, of the Syracuse Conf. presented the claims of "Crusoe Island, for our pastoral oversight, and for Ministerial labor. And

Tonawanda  
Indian  
Mission

Bro. Billings, an Onondaga Indian, plead the case of his Tonawanda brethren, commencing them to our regard and watch care, asking that a Missionary be sent among them.

College the proceeded to elect three Lay Reserve delegates to the Gen. Conf.

Whole No of Votes cast 40; necessary to a choice, 21; W. H. Thompson had 38, and was elected; John M<sup>c</sup>Nall, 33, elected; Nathan Shelly, 26, elected

Reserve  
Delegates  
to  
Gen. Conf.

The Reserve Delegation, therefore is as follows

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| Jon a, Sibley, | Min. | } | W. H. Thompson,          | Lay |
| Harry Gregory  | "    | { | Jno. M <sup>c</sup> Nall | "   |
| Geo. L. Paine  | "    | } | Nathan Shelly            | "   |

Bro Thompspon was to Substitute Bro Ferguson; and the others, ministerial and Lay, to be called upon, in order of their election.

On motion, College [insert: rose and] adjourned, after doxology was Sung, & Prayer by Bro Billings.

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Fourth Day, A.M. Session

Saturday, April 28, 1860

Conf. assembled at 8 o'clock, President in the chair.

Opening exercises conducted by Bro. Rider

Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's Session, read and approved

Bros. Trembly and Vredenburg asked and obtained leave of absence

Kirk's  
Case

On motion re-considered that portion of the Report on "Itineracy and Orders," applying to Bro

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Kirk. Conf. decided to election to Elder's Orders.

Sab. Schols.

The Committee on "Sabbath Schools," then made their Report, which was received and adopted. (See p. 15, Appendix).

Tonawanda  
Mission

Bro. Pegler, on behalf of the Comm. on the Tonawanda Mission, made a Report. Adopted. (See p. 15, appendix)

H.M.  
Booth's  
case

The Comm. in case of H. M. Booth, reported the [sic] he no longer desired the consideration of the question of his restoration to the ministry among us. Comm, were discharged, and he left in his expelled relation.

Braine

Committee in case of Bro Braine, reported no cause of action against him, and were discharged.

Fessenden's  
Autobio-  
graphy

Comm. in reference to Bro Fessenden's Autobiography, asked to be discharged from its further consideration. Granted.

Comm. on  
Revisions

Comm. on "Revisions of Discipline" to be recommended to the next Gen. Conf. made a Report. Received and laid on the Table.

1<sup>st</sup> Question  
considered

Resumed the consideration of "1<sup>st</sup> Question." G. W. Scudder, Jno. L. Bush, D. E. Baker, Waldo Curtis, Z. T. Petty, R. L. Ward, S. D. Prentice, Joseph Lott, Amos Chapman, J. W. Allen, Harry Gregory, L. P. Atwood, S. A. Leonard, Enos Perry, G. M. Hardy, B. D. Sniffin, Geo. S. Lewis, Levi M. Wright, O. D. Field, L. S. Chamberlain, M. P. Greensword, W. P. Ray, Henry Benson, W. G. Woodruff, names called and characters passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question

Took up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Question – "Who of the Elders are on unstationed List? – This List was called over, and Revised. See Disciplinary Recapitulation, on p [blank] of Appendix.

Licentiates  
on Sta. List

Ques 3d – “what Licentiates on Stationed List?” H. W. Bixby, named [sic] called & character passed; Wm Wing ditto; (For full answer, See “Dis. Recapit” p [blank] Appendix)

On motion, Bro Chapman’s name was transferred to the Superannuated List.

H.  
Thompson  
withdrawn

In calling over the Disciplinary questions, Hiram Thompson was reported as with drawn. [sic] Voted this name be returned as with drawn, [sic] while charges were pending against him.

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On motion the President was directed to demand Bro Thompson’s parchment.

Request for  
a new  
Conference

Bro Chapman moved, that the next Gen. Conf. be requested to organise [sic] an Annual Conf, out of the Southern portions of this and the Syracuse Conference. Carried.

Seat of next  
Conference

Proceed to fix the Seat of our next Conf: When, on motion, Yates Church, on the Eagle Harbor & Yates, may be fixed upon.

Adj. by expiration of time, prayer by Bro. Paine.

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Fourth Day, P.M. Sess.

Saturday, April 28, 1860

Conf. assembled at 1 ½ o’clock, President in the Chair; opening exercises by Bro Reynolds:

Roll called, Minutes of the morning Session read and approved.

Delegates to  
Genesee  
M.P. Conf.

On motion, Bros. McFarland, Pegler, Shelly, and Gaunt, were appointed a Fraternal Delegation to visit the Genesee Conf of the M. P. Church.

Conf. fixed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in April 1861, as the time of our next Yearly Session.

Book  
Concern.

Comm. on “Book Concern,” made their Report, which was rec & adopted. (See p. 16. App)

Reforms

Bro Bradford, on behalf of the Comm. on “Reforms,” made a Report, which was received, and adopted, item by item. (See p 16, appendix [sic])

Missions

The Comm on “Missions” made their Report, which was rec & adopted (See p 17, App)

1<sup>st</sup>  
Question

Took up 1<sup>st</sup> Question, when the names of W. S. May & H. D. Inman, were called and their characters passed

Adj. to call of President – Benediction pronounced after Singing Doxology

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Fourth Day – Evening Session

Saturday, April 28, 1860

Conf. assembled at the call of the President. The Minutes of the P.M. Session read and approved.

On motion, Bro. May was granted a Transfer to the Syracuse Conf.

Comm  
on  
Revisions

Took up Report of Comm. on “Revisions” to be recommended to next Gen. Conf. Adopted it by 21 Ayes to 13 Nays. Afterwards, Conf reconsidered such vote, and the report was laid on the table.

Action on  
Miss.  
Monies

On motion, the Missionary monies in the hands of the Treasurer, ~~was~~ were to be held subject to an order from the President, to be applied to the Tonawanda Mission

Moneys for  
Necessitous  
Cases

The monies collected for necessitous cases, amounting to \$14.30, was voted to be disbursed by the President and Secretary; which was afterward done, Bro Fessenden receiving \$7.15, and Bro Thomspen \$7.15; Sharing equally.

Bro. Geo. Pegler, on motion, had a Transfer voted him, to Syracuse Conf.

Secret  
Society  
Action

The Comm, on “Reforms”, reported several items on “Secret Societies”, which in part were adopted, Afterward, by reconsideration, these were laid on the Table, and all action relating there to, expunged from the Journal

Collection  
for  
Fessenden

On motion, the Secretary was authorised [sic] to publish such portion of our proceedings as he might judge of public interest,

A collection was then taken up for Bro Fessenden, amounting to \$7.35, which was paid over to him, with his thanks.

Statistics

The Comm. on “Statistics” made his full Report. Adopted. (See p 18, Appendix)

Bro Bradford offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted: viz

“1 That we, the members of the Rochester Conf. take great pleasure in expressing our thanks

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to the people of this Village, for the generous hospitality extended, to them, during our session

Vote  
Of  
thanks  
to  
Trustees  
&c  
Seneca Falls  
Church  
  
Bradford to  
Estimate Ex.  
Gen. Conf.

2. Also to the members and Trustees of this Church, for the use of their neat and commodious house of worship, in which to hold the session of the Conf.

3 Also, to the President and secretary for the able and efficient manner, in which they have discharged their laborious and perplexing duties."

4 That the first of these be read from this pulpit tomorrow, [sic] and published in the Village paper."

On motion, Bro Bradford was appointed a Comm, to estimate the expenses of the Delegates to the Gen. Conf. and assess the same to the Churches.

The Comm. on "Pastoral Relations" made their Report, which was read and adopted; for which see p 19 of Appendix,

The Sec. was authorised [sic] to place on the Reserve List, all names of stationed men, not found among appointments

On motion, adj. sine die.

H. B. Knight  
Secretary

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Sabbath  
Services

Note – On Sabbath, after an appropriate sermon, by the President, Hosea Bacon, Geo. S. Lewis, Levi M. Wright, L. S. Chamberlain, Oliver D. Field, and Wm G. Woodruff, were ordained to the office and work of Elders.

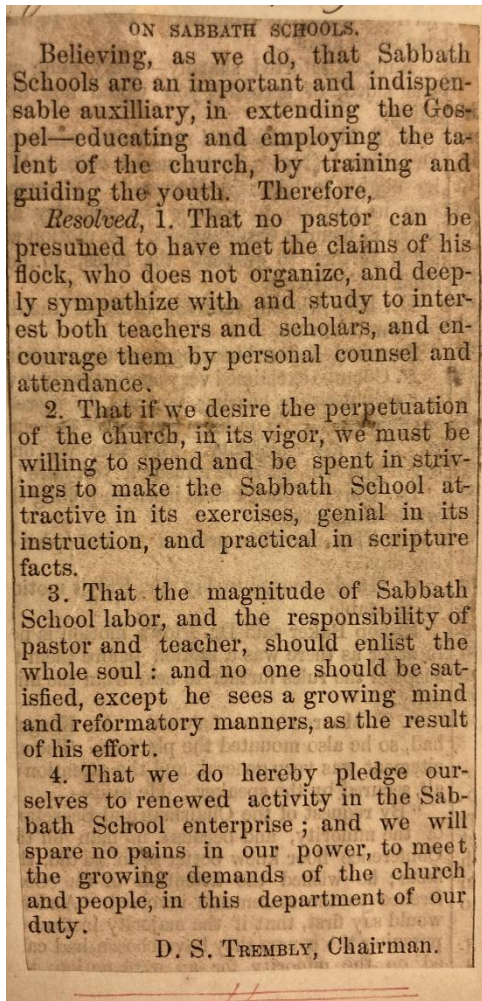
Secretary.

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End of Journal. For 1860

Doc. No 1. – referred [sic] to on page 11, of Conf. proceedings:

[Note: the newspaper articles on the following pages were pasted into the Minutes.  
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#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Believing, as we do, that Sabbath Schools are an important and indispensable auxilliary [sic], in extending the Gospel – education and employing the talent of the church, by training and guiding the youth. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That no pastor can be presumed to have met the claims of his flock, who does not organize, and deeply sympathize with and study to interest both teachers and scholars, and encourage them by personal counsel and attendance.

2. That if we desire the perpetuation of the church, in its vigor, we must be willing to send and be spent in strivings to make the Sabbath School attractive in its exercises, genial in its instruction, and practical in scripture facts.

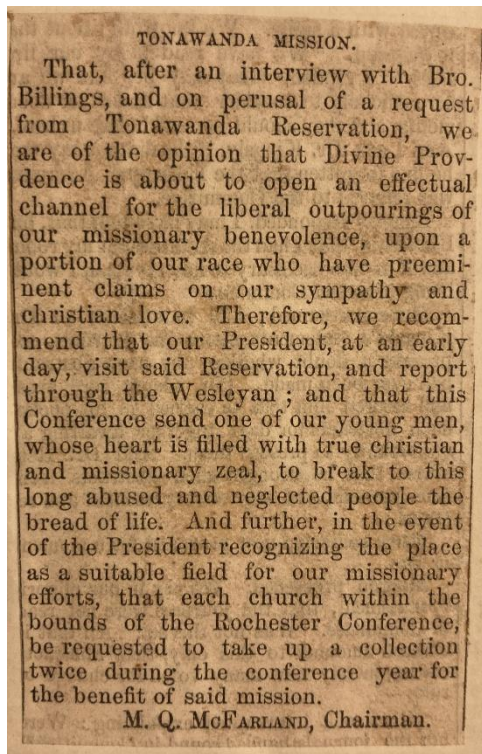
3. That the magnitude of Sabbath School labor, and the responsibility of pastor and teacher, should enlist the whole soul: and no one should be satisfied, except he sees a growing mind and reformatory manners, as the result of his effort.

4. That we do hereby pledge ourselves to renewed activity in the Sabbath School enterprise; and we will spare no pains in our power, to meet the growing demands of the church and people, in this department of our duty.

D. S. TREMBLY, Chairman.

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#### TONAWANDA MISSION.

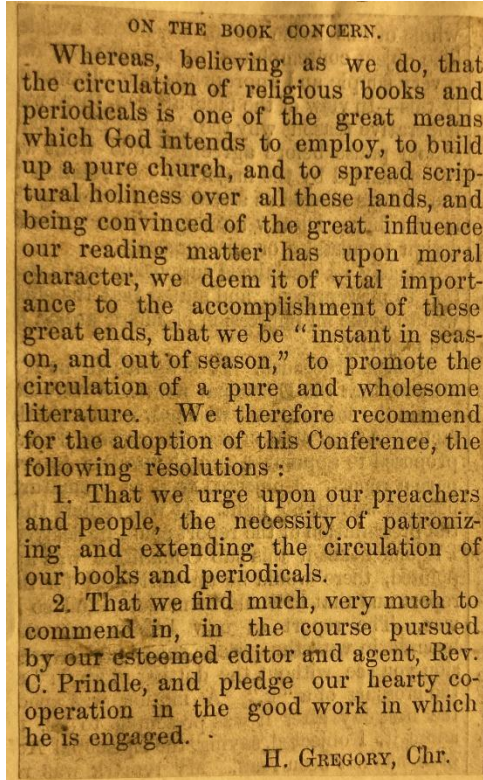
That, after an interview with Bro. Billings, and on perusal of a request from Tonawanda Reservation, we are of the opinion that Divine Providence is about to open an effectual channel for the liberal outpourings of our missionary benevolence, upon a portion of our race who have preeminent claims on our sympathy and christian [sic] love. Therefore, we recommend that our President, at an early day, visit said Reservation, and report through the Wesleyan; and that this Conference send one of our young men, whose heart is filled with true christian [sic] and missionary zeal, to break to this long abused and neglected people the bread of life. And further, in the event of the President recognizing the place as a suitable field for our missionary efforts, that each church within the bounds of the Rochester Conference, be requested to take up a collection twice during the conference year for the benefit of said mission.

M.Q. McFARLAND, Chairman.

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16<sup>th</sup> Session at Seneca Falls, N.Y. 1860.

Doc. No. 3 – referred to on page 12, Conf. proceedings:



#### ON THE BOOK CONCERN.

Whereas, believing as we do, that the circulation of religious books and periodical is one of the great means which God intends to employ, to build up a pure church, and to spread scriptural holiness over all these lands, and being convinced of the great influence our reading matter has upon moral character, we deem it of vital importance to the accomplishment of these great ends, that we be "instant in season, and out of season," to promote the circulation of a pure and wholesome literature. We therefore recommend for the adoption of this Conference, the following resolutions:

1. That we urge upon our preachers and people, the necessity of patronizing and extending the circulation of our books and periodicals.
2. That we find much, very much to commend in, in the course of pursued by our esteemed editor and agent, Rev. C. Prindle, and pledge our hearty cooperation in the good work in which he is engaged.

H. GREGORY, Chr.



[Note: This next article extends through two columns on two pages.]

Doc. No. 4. – referred to on page 12, Conf. proceedings:

#### ON REFORMS.

We hold that, American Slavery as a system, involves a complete immolation upon the altar of selfishness and lust all rights sacred to a human being, rendering existence upon the earth a living curse. The tendency of such a system is to degrade, and dehumanize its victims, and must therefore be in direct conflict with the

principles of natural justice, and those of Revealed Religion.

In view of some of the more recent and startling developments of the slave power, and its strides toward the assumption of absolute and despotic sway, over not only four millions of imbruted [sic] slaves, but over all that claims to be free in this country. In its attempts to plant itself on free territories – to reopen the diabolic slave trade with all its untold horrors – to muzzle the

press, and hush the voice of free speech and the pulpit, in the imprisonment of the venerable Worth and the banishment of Fred Douglass – and finally in its attempts to crush out the last vestige of sympathy in the bosom of the North, on behalf of the sighing bondman, as seen in the legal murder of Brown and his friends, and also in the banishment from the South of all who receive as truthful the Declaration of Independence, and the principles of the Christian religion – Therefore

Resolved 1, That as ministers of the church of God, and of the true gospel, we would re-affirm the sentiments ever held by this Connection, slavery as not only a relic of barbarism, but a system theoretically, practically, and essentially atheistic. All therefore who fellowship it in church, or apologize for it in the nation, give their influence, we fully believe, to sustain a system of Atheistic Barbarism.

Resolved 2, Our only hope for the slave, as also for the redemption of the

race, is based upon the gospel, embodied in, and expounded by a pure church. The church, with an intelligent and truthful ministry, in connection with her moral forces and appliances, is God's ordained agency for the extermination of the reign and works of the Devil, and the ushering in of the reign of Christ, the triumph, of truth and holiness.

Resolved 3, We will continue to declare the whole counsel of God upon

this, and all other subjects, until the American government, and church, with all other governments and churches, shall spue out of their mouths and hurl back to its native hell, this hideous [sic] and horrid monster, SLAVERY – and the bright day be ushered in, when "liberty shall be proclaimed throughout all lands, to all the inhabitants thereof."

Resolved 4, This Conference approves fully of the unbending Christian integrity of the Revs. Daniel Worth, John G. Fee and their associates, and assure them of our entire Christian sympathy, and pledge the our unceasing prayers, that the God of Peter may sustain them in their imprisonment, banishment, and persecutions, and finally deliver them from the power of ungodly and oppressive men.

We would farther suggest the propriety of setting apart the fourth Sabbath of June, as a day of prayer in their behalf, where their cases shall be presented by our brethren in the ministry to their several churches, and collections be taken for their benefit.

Resolved 5, As a connection of Christian churches, we reiterate our ever avowed principles upon the inhuman system of war. We regard it to be in direct conflict with the first principles of Revealed Religion – as having its origin in selfish, lustful, and revengeful passions – a relic of a barbarous age, and the strong hold of despotism and slavery.

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Doc. No. 4. "On Reforms," continued – See page 12. Conf. proceedings:

sympathy and fellowship with the philanthropic work of Moral Reform. Those, therefore, to whom God in his Providence has given the more especial supervision of this Christian enterprise,

have our active co-operation, and earnest prayers, that unbounded success may attend their labors, till the last wretched one be raised to purity, respectability, happiness and heaven.

Resolved 7: We hail as a hopeful indication all manifest tendencies to Union among real Christians. We pray that the day may be hastened, when the hosts of God shall be fully and publicly identified in their opposition to all sin and in their full advocacy of the whole truth.

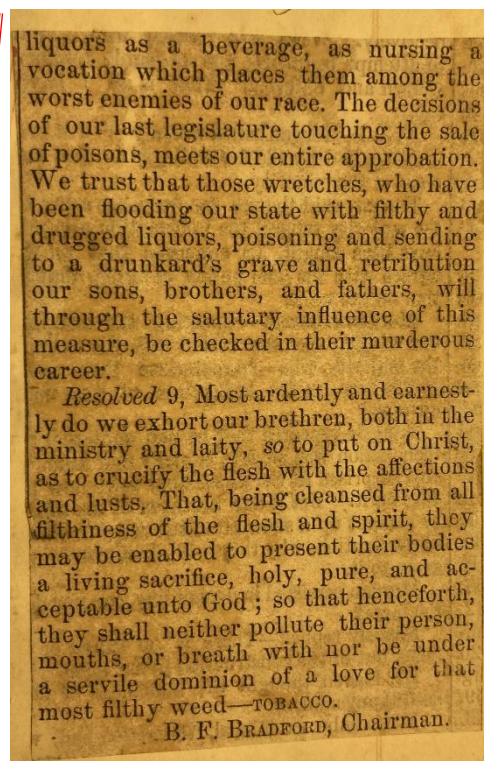
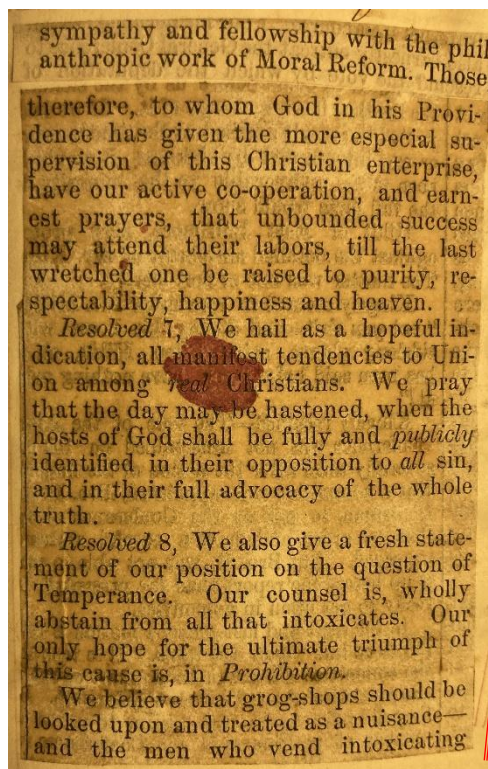
Resolved 8, We also give a fresh statement of our position on the question of Temperance. Our counsel is, wholly abstain from all that intoxicates. Our only hope for the ultimate triumph of the cause is, in Prohibition.

We believe that grog-shops should be looked upon and treated as a nuisance – and the men who vend intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as nursing a vocation which places them among the worst enemies of our race. The decisions of our last legislature touching

the sale of poisons, meets our entire approbation. We trust that those wretches, who have been flooding our state with filthy and drugged liquors, poisoning and sending to a drunkard's grave and retribution our sons, brothers, and fathers, will through the salutary influence of this measure, be checked in their murderous career.

Resolved 9, Most ardently and earnestly do we exhort our brethren, both in the ministry and laity, so to put on Christ as to crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts, that being cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, they maybe enabled to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pure and acceptable unto God; so that henceforth, they shall neither pollute their person, mouths, or breath with nor be under a servile dominion of a love for that most filthy weed – TOBACCO

B. F. BRADFORD, Chairman



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Doc. No. 5. – “On Missions, “ referred to on page 12:

The Comm. report that there was raised for Missionary purposes, on South Bradford Ct. \$2.30; and on Jerusalem Ct. \$1.50 = total \$3.60; and that the Same was paid over to Bro. Prindle, for the “Worth Fund.”

Also, that there had been raised at Seneca Falls, for “Necessitous Cases,” of \$12.00; elsewhere of \$14.21 = total \$26.21, and paid over to Bro. Fessenden.

Also, that \$5.53 “Missionary money,” had been put into their hands; \$1. From Austin Davis, Napoli Ct. Sent to Conf.: and that there was in Treasury, from last year, \$2.67 – total, \$10.20 on hand, which we pay over to the Treasurer, H. B. Knight.  
Jon a. Sibley, Ch’n.

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Missionary Account.

|                                                       |           |     |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------|
|                                                       | Treasurer | Dr. |         |
| May 1. 1860. To cash of comm.                         |           |     | \$10.20 |
| July 9. Cr. By paid C. Prindle, order of J. Johnston. |           |     | 5.00    |
| Aug. 15, Cr by paid C. Prindle, for Billings          |           |     | 5.00    |

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Doc. No. 6. – Report on “Statistics” – referred page 13:

[Note: table inserted for clarity.]

| Charges                          | Members | Salary | Schls | Supt | Schol. | Teach           | Miss            |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ransomville & Olcott      //-    | 108     | 410    | 1     | 1    | 35     | <del>8.00</del> | <del>3.00</del> |
| North Bradford              //-  | 154     | 334    | 2     | 2    | 60     | 12              |                 |
| South Bradford              //-  | 80      | 330    | 2     | 2    | 40     | 13              | 2.30            |
| Alleghany                    //- | 66      | 100    | 1     | 1    | 30     |                 |                 |
| Phillipsville                //- | 75      | 200    | 1     | 1    | 25     | 10              |                 |
| Penn Yan                         | 127     | 425    | 1     | 1    | 90     | 10              | 8.00            |
| Jerusalem                        | 65      | 100    | 1     | 2    | 36     | 8               | 1.32            |
| Seneca Falls                     | 200     | 500    | 1     | 3    | 100    | 12              |                 |
| Orange                           | 19      | 50     |       |      |        |                 |                 |
| Chesnut Ridge & Royalton         | 99      | 300    | 2     | 4    | 90     | 26              |                 |
| Westfield & Clymer               | 70      | 100    |       |      | 20     |                 |                 |
| Haskinville                      | 75      | 120    | 3     | 3    | 75     |                 |                 |
| Hopewell & Cheshire              | 87      | 250    | 1     | 1    | 33     | 6               | 12.00           |
| Williamson                       | 60      | 230    | 2     | 2    | 30     | 8               |                 |
| Eagle Harbor Yates               | 130     | 550    | 2     | 2    | 60     | 10              | 30.00           |
| Napoli & Ellington               | 52      | 220    | 1     | 1    | 20     | 4               |                 |
| Elkland                          | 65      | 50     | 2     | 2    | 45     |                 |                 |

|                    |     |     |   |   |     |    |      |
|--------------------|-----|-----|---|---|-----|----|------|
| Naples             | 32  | 230 | 1 | 1 | 25  | 4  | 5.00 |
| Lent Hill          | 60  | 410 | 1 | 1 | 38  | 6  |      |
| Sparta & Canadice  | 35  | 205 |   |   |     |    | 3.62 |
| Forrestville       | 53  | 100 | 2 | 2 | 33  | 8  | 2.92 |
| Granger            | 100 | 225 | 2 | 2 | 108 | 34 |      |
| Hector             | 84  | 260 | 1 | 1 | 35  | 9  |      |
| Howard             | 63  | 170 | 3 | 3 | 96  | 15 |      |
| Catharine          | 128 | 350 | 2 | 2 | 50  | 8  | 8.62 |
| Erin               | 27  | 36  |   |   |     |    |      |
| Jasper             | 105 | 243 | 4 | 4 | 95  | 10 |      |
| Charleston         | 50  | 140 |   |   |     |    |      |
| Lyndon             | 130 | 125 | 1 | 2 | 20  | 4  |      |
| Farmington Mission | 25  | 230 | 1 | 1 | 15  |    |      |
| East Springwater   | 8   | 130 | 1 | 1 | 25  | 6  |      |
| Ward & Sullivan    | 25  | 65  | 2 | 2 | 40  | 10 |      |
| Sheriden           | 25  | 53  | 2 | 4 | 99  | 15 |      |
| Millport           | 60  | 350 | 2 | 4 | 60  | 12 | 9.00 |
| Red Chalk          | 15  | 60  | 2 | 4 | 90  | 12 |      |
| Havanna & Watkins  | 17  | 150 |   |   |     |    |      |

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| <u>Charges</u>        | Members | Salary | Schls | Supt | Schol. | Teach | Miss  |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| Eagle and Centerville | 24      | 100    | 1     | 1    | 30     | 5     |       |
| East Ashford          | 39      | 58     |       |      |        |       | 1.00  |
| Pleasant Valley       | 25      | 72     |       |      |        |       |       |
| Jamestown             | 122     |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| Franklinville         | 40      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| Hornby                | 41      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| Pultney               | 13      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| Centerville           | 21      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| North Almena          | 30      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
| Grove Center          | 40      |        |       |      |        |       |       |
|                       | 2969    | 8011   | 51    | 63   | 1648   | 277   | 81.78 |

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Doc. No. 7. – Report on “Pastoral Relations”, referred to p. 14. Of the Journal of Conf. proceedings

John Johnston, President

H. B. Knight, Secretary  
Ransomville, D. B. Douglass  
Olcott and Hess Road, Henry Norton  
North Bradford, G. L. Paine  
South Bradford, G. M. Hardy.  
Alleghany, S. Phinney.  
Phillipsville Sup by C. W. Swift  
Penn Yan, B. F. Bradford  
Jerusalem, M. Q. M<sup>c</sup>Farland  
Seneca Falls, H. B. Knight  
Watkins and Orange, W. G. Woodruff  
Chesnut Ridge and Royalton, Jno Johnston  
Westfield and Clymer, S. A. Leonard, O. D. Field  
Haskinville G. W. Scudder  
Hopewell and Cheshire, C. C. Reynolds, M. P. Greensword  
Williamson and New Salem, Jona. Sibley  
Eagle Harbor and Yates, P. S. Slauson.  
Napoli, R. D. Ward  
Elkland and State Line, W<sup>m</sup>. S. Warner  
Franklinville and Ashford, A. Staples.

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Naples, S. Adams.  
Jamestown, H. Benson  
Prattsburg, [sic] Geo. S. Lewis  
Sparta & Canadice, E. P. Barnes  
Forrestville, [sic] John Broadhead  
Granger, A. Bixby.  
Hector, D. E. Baker, J. ~~W~~. [Insert: M] Swick  
Howard, A. W. Staples.  
Catharine, J. S. Bush.  
Erin & Vanettenville, [sic] W<sup>m</sup>. P. Ray  
Hornby, H. W. Bixby  
Pleasant Valley, M. S. Harkness  
Elkland & Centreville, Supplied  
Jasper, S. D. Prentice, E. P. Burdick  
Charleston & Delemar, [sic] F. Strang  
Lyndon, A. N. Hudson  
Potter Mission, Sup. by F. Strang  
Millport & Havanna, H. D. Inman  
East Springwater, Waldo Curtis  
Blossburg, [sic] Supplied by P. Tipple  
Pultney, Supplied

Ward & Sullivan, Sup, by G. M. Hardy  
Sheriden, L. M. Wright  
Crusoe Island, Sup. by C. R. Tripp  
Red Chalk, Sup by W. G. Woodruff  
Birdsall, L. M. Chamberlain  
North Almond, S. D. Trembly  
Grove Centre Sup by F. Closser  
Cayuta [sic] Mission, B. D. Sniffin.

Geo. Pegler and W<sup>m</sup>. S. May, transferred to the Syracuse Conference.

Reserve List. – Z. T. Petty, Joseph Lott, Jno. W. Allen, Harry Gregory, L. P. Atwood, Enos. Perry, Elders; William Wing, Licentiate, Enos Perry, Elder

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Doc. No. 8. – “Disciplinary Recapitulation.”

1. Elders on “Stationed List”? For answer see pp. 19. 20
2. Elders on “Unstationed List”? – Answer, John Beedle, Cyrus Gregg, Valentine Lewis, Geo. Riley, C. R. Tripp, Wallace Lock, J. Bartholomew, ~~Stephen Salisbury~~, Willard Chase, ~~Solomon Bentley~~, [insert: Sup] Oliver Secoy, S. W. Parks, Thos. W. Cheeney, ~~Abram Jones~~, [insert: Sup] Frederick Closser, W<sup>m</sup> Braine, Thos. Osgood, Elijah Bishop, Peter Tipple, Austin Davis.
3. Licentiates on “Stationed List”? – William Wing, Moses S. Harkness, W<sup>m</sup>. S. Warner, John M. Swick, Asahel Staples, Arden W. Staples, E. P. Burdick, Henry W. Bixby,
4. Who on the “Reserve List”? – See previous page
5. Superannuated Elders? – Peter Norris, Selah Paine, Nelson Fessenden, Jno. Thompson, Samuel Gale, Amos Chapman. Willard Chase, Jno. W. Allen, Valentine Lewis, Abram Jones. Solomon Bentley
6. Who deposed? – None.
7. Who withdrawn? – Hiram Thompson, while charges were pending against him.
8. Who joined Conf. this year? – Henry Benson and Galen M. Hardy, by transfer from Syracuse Conf.: W<sup>m</sup> P. Ray, late of the Chaplain Conf. by recognition as within our bounds; Benj. D. Sniffen, by recognition as an Elder, from the M. E.

Church; O. D. Field, L. S. Chamberlain, Levi M. Wright, Geo. S. Lewis, W<sup>m</sup> G. Woodruff, by ordination.

9. Who died? – Homer Blake.

10. Contributed for support of preaching, &c? – For answer See Report on “Statistics”, pp. 18, 19.

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11. Numbers in Society? – Ans. 2969.

12. How many Sabbath Schools, &c? – For answer See Report on “Statistics,” pp 18, 19

13. When and where next Conference? – On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in April, 1861, at Yates, Orleans Co., N.Y, com at 9 o’clk a.m.

14. How is the work supplied? – For answer see the Report on “Pastoral Relations,” pp. 19.20.

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Committees holding Over. – H. B. Knight, John Johnston, M. Q. McFarland, on “Orders and Itinerary.”

P. S. Slauson, H. B. Knight, S. A. Leonard, Joseph Metcalf, and Moses Dudley, “On the Presidency.”

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“Conference Roll,” for 1861:

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| Peter Norris<br>Selah Paine<br>Jno. Thompson<br>Samuel Gale<br>N. Fessenden<br>Henry Norton<br>Jno. Johnston<br>M. Q. M <sup>c</sup> Farland<br>A. N. Hudson<br>Geo. L. Paine<br>S. Phinney<br>B. F. Bradford<br>H. B. Knight<br>P. S. Slauson<br>Francis Strang<br>S. D. Trembly<br>C. C. Reynolds | Elders | S. Adams<br>D. B. Douglass<br>Jon. Sibley<br>E. P. Barnes<br>Jno. Broadhead<br>Alanson Bixby<br>D. E. Baker<br>G. W. Scudder<br>Jno S. Bush<br>Waldo Curtis<br>Z. T. Petty<br>S. D. Prentice<br>R. L. Ward<br>H. D. Inman<br>Joseph Lott<br>Amos Chapman<br>Jno W. Allen |
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Attest

H. B. Knight

Seneca Falls, N.Y.

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