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A
RECORD
Of the
First Meeting
Of the
ROCHESTER or WESTERN
New-York Conference
Of the
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of
America:
held in Seneca Falls, N. Y., commencing
April 30th, ending May 5th.
1845.
P. R. Sawyer.
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First day. Morning Session.

The first session of the Rochester Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, commenced Wednesday, April 30th 1845 at 10 A.M., in the new brick meeting house of the Wesleyan Church in Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Geo. Pegler, being appointed by the General Conference, President pro tempore, called the meeting to order.

The opening religious services were conducted by Ralph Bennett, Samuel Phillips also joining in prayer.

The Chairman stated, that according to common usage, P. R. Sawyer, the former Conf. Secretary, (previous to the division of the New York Conf.) would continue in office if there were no objections, until the Conf. should make choice of its officers.

Voted, That the Lay delegates now present their credentials to the President. Whereupon, credentials were presented as follows: -- The persons taking seats as Lay Members.

From	Seneca Falls, Syracuse, Conquest, Penn Yan, Orleans, Youngstown and Ransomville, Chestnut Ridge, Sweeden [sic] & Byron, Jamestown, Palmyra and Williamson, Portland, Wales, Allegheny Geneva & Hopewell, Rochester, Urbana, Howard,	Joseph Metcalf, Grandison Wilcox, Samuel Barney, Peter S. Slawson, Lewis W. Crandle, Thera B. Cook, Edgar M. High, John Sylvant Ira Hewes, Jr. James Wells, John Willard, Samuel Baird, Clark Hudson, (certf. kept.) Ransom H. Jenison, Robert Sanders, John Pinkney, Peter McConnell, S. H. Norris,
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Cohocton, Orange, Windsor, Tioga, Hornly, [sic] Solon, Newfield & Hector, Clay & Hinmanville [sic] West Bradford, Pike, Addison	W. H. Hull, W ^m . G. Woodruff, Frederick Judd, Stephen A. Leonard, J. M. Gorton, Gardner Crum, Cyrus Wire, John Moore Nathan Paddock, Volentine Lewis, Thomas Tomlinson, Asa C. Bancroft,
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Voted, That the daily sessions commence at 8 A.M., and close at 12 M.

Voted, That A. Hughes, Peter S. Slawson, Joseph Metcalf, and Geo. Pegler, be a Committee on conducting Religious Services.

Voted, That Saml. Salsbury, Asa Warren, Ralph Bennett, Joseph Metcalf, & James Wells be a committee of five to Nominate Committees for the Conference.

Voted, That they nominate a com. on Books & Periodicals.

Voted, That all motions and resolutions be presented in writing, when requested by the Secretary.

Moved, That we now proceed to the election of President and Secretary. Motion withdrawn.

Voted, To have an afternoon session, commencing at 2 o'clock.

Voted, That Leander Pound, a preacher on Trial, have a certificate of his standing in our body, as he desires to go West.

Voted, To adjourn.

Closing prayer by A. Hughes.

First day, Afternoon Session.

Opening religious services by J. E. Lee.

Roll called. A quorum being present, conf. proceeded to business.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected, & adopted.

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Committee on Nominations reported names for the following Committees. Report accepted and adopted. For

Stationing Committee.

Geo. Pegler, Chairman,
J. Broadhead,
B. Rider,
Saml. Salisbury,
Gardner Crum,
Peter S. Slawson,
John Sylvant.

Orders and Itinerancy.

R. Bennett,
A. Warren,
J. Watson,
P. Norris,
S. Phillips,
P. A. Johnson.

Books and Periodicals.

George Pegler,
Joseph Metcalf,
Robert Sanders.

Sabbath Schools.

J. E. Lee,
Saml. Baird,
W^m. G. Woodruff.

Voted, That we now proceed with the examination of ministerial character; and that the Secretary call the roll, reading each name twice, when if there are no objections, their characters shall pass.

Roll called, Wm. Braine's character arrested by objection.

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Voted, That the chair appoint a Standing Committee of three, to whom all cases of objection to character may be referred. Chair appointed as follows:--

Com. on Objections to Ministerial Character.

B. Rider,
C. Wire and
J. Watson.

J. E. Lee, and L. D. Ketcham's characters wer [sic] arrested

Voted, That the com. on objections to character have leave to retire.

H. H. Johnson, and J. A. Ormsbee's characters were arrested by objections.

Voted, That a special committee be appointed on the cases of L. D. Ketcham and H. H. Johnson. A rising vote was taken and stood 17 to 17. The chair decided in the affirmative. R. Bennett, G. Wilcox, and P. Norris were appointed.

Standing Com. on Obj. to Min. character reported, that from the evidence in the case of Wm Braine, sufficient reason exists for Conf. action. Report accepted & adopted.

Voted, That if objections to the characters of Ormsbee, and Braine be offered, they shall be presented in writing.

Certificates of lay delegates presented.

Voted, to adjourn.

Conf. Closed with the Benediction.

Second day, Morning Session.

Seneca Falls, Thursday, May 1st 1845.

Conf. assembled at the hour appointed. Opening religious Services by H. M. Booth.

Roll called – a quorum present – Conf. proceeded to business.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Voted, the Com. on Orders and Itinerancy leave to retire for the purpose of conducting their examinations.

The Secretary read a communication from the president of the New England Conference, (Jotham Horton) transferring

G. F. Needham from that body to this: also a communication from Bro. G. F. Needham desiring to be so received.

Voted, That G. F. Needham be received as a ministerial member of this Conference.

Voted, That the minutes from the several districts be referred to the Stationing Committee.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the General Conference, (R. McMurdy) transmitting to this body a copy of the amendments to Discipline, which were adopted at their late session, and forwarded to the Rochester Conference for concurrence.

Voted, That said paper lay on the table for the present.

A few minutes were spent in listening to Song of Zion.

W^m. M^cCoon proposed for ministerial membership in Conference. It being 10 o'clock, it was

Voted, That the order of the day be suspended until the disposition of Bro. W^m. M^cCoon's case.

Moved, That Bro. M^cCoon's recommendation be received. The chairman refused to put said motion, on the ground, that the brother did not receive a recommendation, by any formal act of any official body. Whereupon, it was

Moved, That it is the Sense of this Conference, that Bro. M^cCoon has virtually received a recommendation. A vote being taken on the motion it was decided by the chair to be negatived; a rising vote being called for, the motion was again put and lost. Ayes 8, Nays 24.

The order of the day was then resumed. W^m Braine's character being before the Conference, the following charges were preferred against him: -- (preferred by J. A. Ormsbee, Secy. Thinks)

First charge, for Slander.

1st Specification, publishing in the True Wesleyan of Feby. 1st 1845, certain things derogatory to the character of Br. J. A. Ormsbee.

2nd do. Saying to Br. James Lieber, of East Solon, that Br. Ormsbee's character was bad in the M. P. Church.

Second Charge, for noncompliance with an agreement.

1st Specification, by agreeing with Brother Kelsey to

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cease with his charge, and to treat Br. Ormsbee more kindly; and the next Sabbath assailing his character violently before a public congregation.

2nd Specification, for exhibiting a certain paper that he had no right to exhibit, unless he complied with the above. -- All within the past year.

Evil speaking generally to different individuals.

April 30th 1845.

Voted, That a committee of seven be appointed to try the case of W^m. Braine according to provisions of Discipline. The following persons were appointed.

S. Salisbury, J. Broadhead, P. Ferris, Simeon Hall, Nathan Paddock, Saml. Barney & P. S. Slawson.

Voted, That we have an afternoon session commencing at 2 o'clock, for the purpose, among other things, of electing a president and Secretary.

The chairman read a communication on Books, &c., from O. Scott, Agent.

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to purchase a book for the Conference records, the cost of which shall not exceed five dollars.

A certificate was presented, from the Reformed Methodist Church of Onondaga Reservation, appointing Mile [sic] Richardson as their lay delegate to the Roch. Annl. Conference.

Voted, That M. R. be admitted to a seat in the Conf. as an honorary member.

Voted, That a com. be appointed on the expenses of delegates to the late General Conference. The com. were Saml. Baird, Joseph Metcalf, Grandison Wilcox.

Rev. P. Roberts, an aged minister, of the M. E. C., introduced to the Conf.

Time of adjournment arrived,

Closing prayer by W^m. Braine.

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Second day, Afternoon Session.

Commenced 15 minutes after the time appointed. Religious services conducted by Thos. Burrows.

Minutes of morning Session read and approved.

The order of the day arrived, and was postponed to allow the Com. on Orders and Itinerancy now to report, which they did by recommending persons as follows. – The conf. acting on each case separately.

Lyman Lovell, from the Presbyterian Church, recommended by com. for membership in Conf. and admitted.

Thomas Tomlinson, from Meth. Prot. C., recommended to Elders' orders and admission to Conf. membership. – Elected and admitted.

Joshua Ainsworth, an Elder from the M. P. C., recommended and admitted to membership.

Miles Dunbar, an Elder, recommended to full memb.

Voted, That the case of M. D. lay on the table.

Marshall Frink, recommended to Elder's orders and to membership – Elected and admitted.

J. R. Spoor recommended to orders and membership. Elected and admitted.

Saml. W. Barlow recommended to orders and membership. Elected and admitted.

Dnl. E. Baker recommended to orders and membership. Elected and admitted.

Saml. W. Pierson, an elder, recommended to membership and admitted.
John Gray recommended to orders and membership. Elected and admitted
John Johnston, recommended to orders and to full membership. Elected and admitted.

Arthur Hughes, an Elder, recommended to conf. membership and admitted.

Jas. A. Parcell, an Elder, recommended and admitted to membership.

Clark Hudson recommended, and elected to orders and to membership in Conf.

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Saml. Gail, an Elder, recommended and admitted to full membership.

Abel R. Palmer, an Elder, recommended and admitted to Conf. or full membership.

Geo. Wilson, recommended to orders and to membership. Elected and admitted.

Truman Hendryx, an elder from the Baptist Church, next presented. Some doubt existing in relation to his views on infant baptism, it was

Voted, That his case lay on the table for the present.

The order of the day (the election of President & Secretary) was now taken up.

Voted, That the chair appoint two tellers. P. R. Sawyer and R. Bennett appointed.

Roll called.. The members present came forward as their names were read, and deposited their votes.

Ballot declared closed.

Tellers reported as follows: --

For President, there were in all 66 votes. There were necessary to a choice 34.

Geo. Pegler had 43

Saml. Salsbury had 18

Scattering votes 5

For Secretary, 64 votes in all were reported. Of these P. R. Sawyer had 64. Whereupon it was announced, that George Pegler was duly elected President, and P. R. Sawyer Secretary of the Rochester Annual Conference for the ensuing year.

Nominating Com. reported the following nomination for Com on Education, which was confirmed.

Lyman Lovell, R. Bennett, Joseph Metcalf.

Voted, That John R. Willard have leave of absence from conference.

Voted, That Thomas Burrows have leave of absence from Conference.

Com. on Ministerial character reported, that in their opinion sufficient reason existed for Conference action

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in the case of J. A. Ormsbee. Their report was received and adopted.

Voted, That J. A. Ormsbee's case be referred to the Judiciary com. of Seven on the case of Wm. Braine.

Notices announced.

Voted, That we now adjourn.

Closing prayer by Asa Warren.

Third day, morning session. Friday

Seneca Falls, May 2nd 1845

Conference met at the stated hour. Opening services led by W^m Danforth. A quorum not being present, a few moments were spent in waiting. A quorum soon arriving, Conf. proceeded to business.

Certificate received from lay delegate of High Bridge Church.

Mr. J. H. Green, a reformed Gambler, was introduced to conf. and welcomed by the usual courtesies.

Voted, That Mr. G. have the use of this house this evening to deliver a lecture against Gambling.

Miles Dunbar's recommendation taken up for consideration.

Voted, that M. D. be admitted to membership in this Conf.

The case of Truman Hendryx being taken up for consideration, it was

Voted, That in the discussions on the case of T. H. each speaker be limited to ten minutes time, and no one shall speak more than once, until all others wishing to speak shall have spoken.

Bro. T. Hendryx was objected to on the ground of his unwillingness to baptise [sic] adults by any other mode than immersion, and on account of his unwillingness to baptise [sic] infants.

Bro. H. being interrogated in reference to his views, stated his perfect willingness to accommodate the conscientious scruples of those brethren and sisters who might wish their children or themselves baptised, [sic] by his exchanging with a minister who would administer

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the ordina[n]ce agreeable to their wishes. Whereupon, it was moved by the Secretary, and seconded by a number of voices, That Truman Hendryx be admitted to full membership in the Roch. Conference.

Bro. Secretary, Asa Warren, P. Ferris, L. Lovell, and John Johnston spoke in favor of his admission. And J. Watson, B. Rider, Bro. President, (B. Rider in the Chair) H. M. Booth, M. Dunbar, W^m Danforth, A. Hughes, and S. Baird opposed the motion.

Motion to admit L. H. to full memb. Withdrawn.

Voted, that Truman Hendryx be received on Trial.

Com. on Education, of last conf year, reported in reference to the purchase of the Royalton Academy buildings.

Rochester Conf. Com. on Educa. Reported on the same Subject. Their report was received.

Voted, To adopt the first item – on our obligation as a conf. to indemnify the purchasing committee.

Voted That the Second item read, be adopted. It refers to the amount of funds to be raised.

Voted, To adopt the third item, which refers to the presentation of the subject to the people by the preachers.

Voted, That item fourth be adopted, referring to the appointment of three agents to collect funds for the cancel of debt contracted in the purchase of Acad. Building.

Voted, To adopt the remainder of the report.

Com. on case of Wm Braine, reported, that he is guilty of imprudence, in their opinion, and recommended that he should be admonished by the President.

Voted, That the report be adopted. The president accordingly rose and admonished Bro. Braine.

Voted That Bro. W^m Braine's character pass.

Voted, That leave of absence be granted to J. Johnston and S. Bentley.

Voted, That the Stationing Com. be a Com. on Boundaries.

Hour of adjournment arrived. Prayer by S. Gale. [sic]

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Fourth day, morning session.

Seneca Falls, Saturday, May 3^d 1845.

Conference assembled at the stated hour, opening religious services conducted by J. Johnston. A quorum being present, Conf. proceeded to business.

Minutes of previous session, read, corrected & approved.

Com. on Edu. Reported nominations of B. Rider, H. M. Booth, and L. Lovewell to act as Agents in collecting funds for the Royalton Academy.

Voted, That the ordination of those elected to elder's orders take place to-morrow, [sic] at such time as the president shall direct.

Com. on Orders and Itinerancy reported as follows:

Gardner Crum recommended to Elders orders and admission to membership in Conf. Objections being offered, it was

Voted, That the case of G. C. be referred to a special com. of three, to be appointed by the chair.

M. Dunbar, John Sylvant and S. Barney appointed.

Edgar M. High, recommended to Elders' orders and to Conf. membership. Elected and admitted. It is his expressed purpose to labor among the German population.

Seth Howe recommended to orders and elected.

Steven A. Leonard recommended and elected to elders' orders.

Volentine Lewis recommended and Elected to Elders' orders

W^m Johnson recommended to Elders' orders. He not being proposed according to rules of Discipline, it was

Voted, That W^m. J's recommendation lie on the table.

Voted, To re-consider [sic] the vote to lay on the table, to allow the recommendation to be withdrawn. Leave being granted, the recommendation of W^m. Johnson was withdrawn.

W^m. W. Harrison recommended and admitted on Trial.

Danl. W. Marvin, formerly of the M. P. C., (a deacon) recommended to elders' orders and to membership in Conf. – Elected and admitted.

Com. on the cases of L. D. Ketcham, and H. H. Johnson, reported that sufficient ground of complaint existed for

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conf. action.

Voted, That the name of H. H. Johnson be returned on the Minutes as having withdrawn while under censure.

Voted, That the case of L. D. Ketcham be referred to the Judiciary Com. of Seven for Trial

Com on the case of G. Crum reported, that in their opinion, the objections to his ordination and admission to conf. were not valid.

Objections to G. C. were still urged – discussion ensued. Pending this discussion, the

Rev. Mr. Vail, a Presbyterian minister, was introduced to Conference, and received by the rising of the members. [Bro. Secy. Did not rise, not knowing whether Mr. V. was an Anti- or a Pro-Slavery minister.]

The recommendation of G. Crum for Elders' orders, withdrawn.

Judiciary Com. of Seven, reported on the case of J. A. Ormsbee, that he not having had ten days notice, and as they believe his case is provided for in said disciplinary rule, that [insert: they] could not in their opinion force him to trial, and consequently took no further action in the case.

Moved, to refer the case of J. A. Ormsbee to the preacher; who may have the pastoral charge of the station where he resides, to be acted on as soon as practicable after the rise of Conf.

Moved, to lay the motion to refer on the table. Motion to lay on the table lost; whereupon the motion to refer prevailed.

The com. on the travelling expenses of delegates to Gen. Conf. reported resolution as follows: Rept. rvd. and adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of forty nine ^{18/100}dollars, (the total amount due yet to the attending delegates to Gen. Conf.) be equally divided among the several circuits and stations composing the Rochester Annual Conf.; and that each circ. And sta. be requested to take up a collection for the purpose of paying the said sum, between this and the 1st of June 1846, and forward it as early as possible to the President, and he

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to distribute the same to the claimants according to their several deficiencies or claims. S. Baird.

The claimants were R. Bennett, deficient \$8,33, George Pegler, \$14.35; Saml. Salsbury, \$5,50; J. Watson, \$10,00; and H. I. Fritcher \$11,00.—

Time of adjournment arrived. The doxology, com. "Praise God from whom" &c. was sung, the Benediction pronounced and conf. dismissed.

Fifth day, morning session.

Seneca Falls, Monday, May 5th 1845.

Conf. assembled at the stated hour. Opening services by A. Hughes.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved.

Voted, That L. Lovewell have leave of absence.

Voted, That our next Annual Conf. be held in Penn Yan, commencing on the 4th Wednesday in April 1846. Vote counted; ayes 32, nays 24.

Voted, that S. Salsbury be excused from further on the Nominating Com.

Com. on the case of J. E. Lee, reported that the charges against him were not sustained. Report accepted and adopted, and J. E. Lee's character passed.

Voted, Leave to the Judi. Com. to retire on the case of L. D. Ketcham

Voted, That Saml. W. Barlow be transferred to the Wisconsin Conf. at his request.

The Secretary offered the following resolution, which, for want of time, was not pressed by the mover.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Rochester Annual Conf. of the Wes. Meth. Con. of America, no person should be admitted to membership in a Christian Church, either on probation or otherwise, who does not give satisfactory evidence of a change of heart. And we advise all our churches and ministers to carry these views into practice, in receiving persons to church membership. This resolution was laid on the table.

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Voted, That John Watson be transferred to the Wisconsin Conf. at his own request.

The following resolve was presented and adopted.

Whereas, a number of German Methodists desire to have our Discipline printed in their language. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the Book Agent to procure a German translation of our Discipline for the use of the German population, if a sufficient number of copies are taken [ordered] to cover the expenses.

Voted, That we now proceed to consider the Amendments to discipline adopted at the General Conference and sent to the several annual conferences for their concurrence.

The First Amendment to Discipline, proposed by the late Gen. Conf., was introduced accordingly, and is as follows: To insert among the articles of faith, this article on "Sanctification."

"Sanctification is the renewal of our fallen nature by the Holy Spirit, whereby we are delivered from the pollution and reigning power of Sin, and are enabled to love God with all our hearts, and walk in his holy commandments blameless through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Conference concurred. Ayes 58, nays, none.

The Second Amendment proposed being next considered, is as follows: -- To insert in Article 2nd Section ii, page 11, after the words "and buried", the words, "To

reconcile his father to us", and to retain the remaining words of the Article, with the exception of these: -- "And to reconcile us to God," which words are (by the amdt. Proposed) to be erased.

Voted, That the Roch. Conf. do not concur. Ayes 56, nays, 3. As follows J. A. Ormsbee, Volentine Lewis, Darius Northrup.

Amendment third being next proposed, is as follows: --

To add to the "Restrictive Rules", 5th item. Of Section viii, page 40 of Discipline, (1st Edition 1843) the words: "Nor shall they adopt any rule which establishes a new test of membership."

Voted, That the Roch. Con. do not concur, Ayes 35, Nays 22.

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The vote on the 3d proposed amendment was as follows:

Ayes P. R. Sawyer, B. Rider, Wm Braine, H. M. Booth, R. Bennett, S. Salsbury, A. Warren, J. Watson, S. Hall, S. Bentley, P. Ferris, Thos. Tomlinson, J. R. Sppor, S. W. Pierson, A. Hughes, C. Hudson, S. Gail, M. Dunbar, D. W. Marvin, O. G. Secor, S. Barney, J. Metcalf, P. S. Slawson, S. W. Crandle, J. Sylvant, Ira Heeves, Jr., Jas Wells, S. Baird, R. H. Jenison, R. Sanders, W. H. Hull, C. Wire, J. Moore, E. M. High T. B. Cook = 35.

Nays. Geo. Pegler, J. Broadhead, J. E. Lee, Wm Danforth, S. D. Trembley, P. A. Johnson, P. Norris, S. Phillips, J. Kitchel, J. A. Ormsbee, J. Ainsworth, M. Frink, J. A. Parcell, G. Wilson, G. Wilcox, P. McConnell, S. H. Norris G. Crum. N. Paddock, D. Northrup. Volentine Lewis, S. A. Leonard = 22.

Judiciary Com. reported on the case of L. D. Ketcham, that in their opinion, the charge and specifications against him for immorality were fully sustained; and they would recommend his expulsion from the Wes. Meth. Con. of America. Their report was accepted, adopted, and L. D. Ketcham expelled

Voted, To have an afternoon Session, commencing at 3 o'clock.

Moved by A. Warren and

Voted, That no member of this Conf. shall be permitted to labour as a missionary so as to interfere with other regular charges.

Roderick Chapin, an Elder from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, proposed for admission to the W. M. C. of A. as an unstationed minister.

Voted, That R. C. be so recognised. [sic]

Simeon Austin, an Elder, presented for admission as an unstationed minister.

Moved, to lay the subject of S. A's. admission on the table. Vote taken and lost; ayes 22, nays 29.

Voted, To extend the session 15 minutes.

Moved, To admit Simeon Austin – motion put and lost.

The following resolve was offered by J. Watson, and

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adopted.

Resolved, That this Conf. deem it improper and inconsistent with our views of Christian duty and propriety for any Wesleyan Methodist to give his suffrages to debate slaveholders or their apologists to offices.

Voted, That the chair appoint a com. on orders and Itinerancy, with instructions to publish at their earliest opportunity a list of studies to be pursued by candidates for Elders' orders, or membership in the Rochester Conference.

Voted, leave of absence to Saml. Gail and C. Hudson.

Time of adjournment arrived.

Conf. closed with a Benediction.

Fifth day, Afternoon Session.

Afternoon Session commenced at the time appointed. Opening religious services by J. M. Field.

Chair announced the Com. on Orders and a Course of Study as follows: --

P. R. Sawyer,
S. Salsbury,
A. Warren,
S. Phillips,
B. Rider.

Voted, That M. Barnum, an elder formerly in the Reformed Meth. Church, be admitted on Trial.

Voted, That the President, G. Pegler, be authorized to travel through the bounds of Conf. the ensuing year.

Nominating Com. reported the following nominations, which report was accepted, the nominations confirmed.

Com. on Statistics.

P. A. Johnson,
Edgar M. High,
Truman Hendryx.

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Com. on Moral Reforms.

P. R. Sawyer,
Joseph Metcalf,
Dnl. W. Marvin.

Com. on Missions.

John Watson,
John Kitchel,
Lewis W. Crandle.

Standing Com. on the Presidency. (To fill vacancies.)

Ralph Bennett,

John Broadhead,
Peter Norris,
J. Metcalf,
Ira Hewes, Jr.

Voted, That the Com. on Moral Reforms, and also the Com. on Missions, be instructed to make their reports through the columns of the True Wesleyan, at their earliest opportunity.

The Secretary offered the following resolve, which was adopted.

Whereas, In the judgment of this Conf. too little care is used in many cases, to keep improper person from insinuating themselves into the Christian Ministry: therefore

Resolved, By the Rochester Annual Conf. of the W. M. C. of Am., that we advise all our churches, quarterly conferences, and ministers, to recommend no person for Elders' orders, or for admission to ministerial membership in this body, whom they would not be willing to receive as their pastor.

Voted, That we have an evening session, Commencing at 7 ½ o'clock.

Conf. Questions called over in order and answered. See 24.

Voted, To G. Wilcox and D. Northrup leave of absence from Conference. Voted, To adjourn. Benediction pronounced.

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Fifth day, Evening Session.

Conf. assembled agreeably to adjournment. Opening religious Services by R. Bennett.

The following resolve adopted by a rising voted.

Resolved, By the Rochester Annual Conf. That we hereby tender our grateful acknowledgements to the citizens of Seneca Falls for their kind hospitalities to its members during the conf. sessions.

Seneca Falls, May 5th 1845.

Voted, That should an objection be made to any appointment reported by the Stationing Committee, that the case be recommitted, without debate, to the com. whence it came.

Stationing Com. reported appointments for the ensuing year.

Ralph Bennett objected, Whereupon leave was granted to the Sta. Com. to retire
Com. on Statistics reported their report accepted and adopted.

Voted, to suspend the action of the vote on objections to appointments.

Report from the Stationing Com. again presented, accepted, and adopted. ☞ See page 22.

Moved, That P. A. Johnson be appointed evangelist for the Susquehanna and Steuben Districts.

Moved, To lay the motion on the table – lost. Whereupon the motion to appoint P. A. J. prevailed.

Voted, That P. Ferris have a transfer to the Wisconsin Conf.

Voted, That we have a German mission, and that O. G. Secor be the missionary.
Voted, That Joseph Metcalf, S. Barney and P. S. Slawson be an estimating com.
on the President's Salary.

Voted, To have camp meetings on the Geneva and the Niagara Districts, to be
appointed by the chairmen of said districts.

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Voted, That the Evangelist for the Susquehanna and Steuben Districts, be
instructed to hold a camp meeting at such time and place as he may deem advisable.

Com. on President's Salary, reported That the full allowance of the president,
excepting for travelling expenses, be two hundred and fifty dollars for the Conf. year.

Report accepted and adopted. [~~\$~~\$250,00, was the prest's own offer P.R.S.)

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to publish such extracts and resolutions
in addition to the appointments as he may think advisable.

Voted, To adjourn Sine die.

Sung a parting hymn and closed
With the Benediction.

Geo. Pegler.

President.

P. R. Sawyer.

Secretary.



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Appointments.

President, G. Pegler. To travel through the Conf.

Secretary, P. R. Sawyer, Left without an appointment,
at his own request.

Syracuse District -- B. Rider, Chairman.

Syracuse -- Benj. Rider.

Clay and Hinmanville, [sic] -- John Kitchel.

East Solon, -- Willard Chase.

Manlius, -- Marcellus Barnum.

Onondaga, -- B. F. Bradford.

Conquest, -- Arthur Hughes.

Geneva District, -- Saml. Salsbury, Chairman.

Seneca Falls and Tyre, -- S. Salsbury.

Hopewell and Geneva, -- Wm. Braine.

Butler and Rose Mission, -- To be supplied.
Palmyra and Williamson, -- Thos. Burrows.
Rochester, -- H. M. Booth.
Penn Yan, -- Asa Warren.

Niagara District, -- R. Bennett, Chairman.

Youngstown and Ransomville, -- John Johnston.
Chestnut Ridge and Royalton, -- L. Lovewell.
Orleans, -- Ralph Bennette, Wallace Lock, J. R. Spoor.
Sweden and Byron, -- J. E. Lee.
Buffalo, -- G. F. Needham.

Jamestown District, -- John Broadhead, Chairman.

Jamestown, -- Geo. Wilson.
Napoli, -- Jas. A. Parcell.
Portland and Harmony, -- J. Broadhead, T. Hendryx, F. R. Mastin.
Wales, -- Clark Hudson.
Cattaraugus Mission, -- J. M. Field

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Steuben District – S. D. Trembley, Chairman.

Allegany. – S. W. Pierson, R. L. Ward.
Lester, -- D. W. Marvin.
Prattsburg [sic] and Sparta, -- S. D. Trembley. P. Norris.
Howard. – S. Finney, Justus Bartholomew.

Susquehanna District. – S. Phillips, Chairman.

Elkland, -- Simeon Hall.
Windsor, -- Dnl. E. Baker.
Tioga. – To be supplied (S. A. Leonard.)
Hornby, -- S. Phillips.
Orange, -- To be supplied from Hornby.
Herrick and Pike, -- Wm. W. Harrison.
West Bradford, -- J. Ainsworth.
Elmira, -- Thomas Tomlinson.
Newfield and Hector, -- M. Frink
Addison. – A. R. Palmer.
German Mission – O. G. Secor.
Evangelist for Steu. And Susque. Dists. – P. A. Johnson.

Agents for Royalton Academy.

East of Cayuga Lake, -- B. Rider.
Between Cayuga Lake and Genessee River, -- H. M. Booth.
West of Genessee River, -- L. Lovewell.



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Roll.

Of members present.

Ministers.

P. R. Sawyer,
B. Rider,
Wm. Braine,
Geo. Pegler,
H. M. Booth,
L. Burrows,
R. Bennett,
Saml. Salsbury,
Asa Warren,
J. Broadhead,
J. E. Lee,
John Watson,
Wm. Danforth,
S. D. Trembley,
Simeon Hall,
Parmenas A. Johnson,
Peter Norris,
Saml. Phillips,
J. Kitchel,
Salmon Bentley,
Philo Ferris,
J. A. Ormsbee,
Lyman Lovewell,
Thos. Tomlinson,
Joshua Ainsworth,
Marshall Frink,
J. R. Spoor,
Saml. W. Barlow,
Dnl. E. Baker,

Laymen.

Saml. Baird,
Asa C. Bancroft,
Saml. Barney,
Theran B. Cook,
Lewis W. Crandle,
Gardner Crum,
Ira Hewes, Jr.
W. H. Hull,
R. H. Jenison,
Fredk. Judd,
Peter McConnell,
John Moore,
S. H. Norris,
Joseph Metcalf,
J. M. Gorton, not present
Darius Northrup,
Nathan Paddock,
Robt. Saunders,
Peter S. Slawson,
John Sybrant,
James Wells,
Grandison Wilcox,
John Willard,
Cyrus Wire,
W^m. G. Woodruff. – 25

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Saml. W. Pierson,
John Gray,

Ministers Absent.

John Johnston,
 Arthur Hughes,
 Jas. A. Parcell,
 Clark Hudson,
 Saml. Gail,
 Abel R. Palmer,
 Geo. Wilson,
 Miles Dunbar,
 Dnl. W. Marvin
 Oliver G. Secor. – 41

J. Sibley,
 A. C. Delap,
 G. F. Needham,
 H. H. Johnson,
 L. D. Ketcham. – 5



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Conference Questions.

1. What preachers are admitted on Trial?

Truman Hendryx, *
 W. W. Harrison,
 Marcellus Barnum.* -- 3.

2. Who remain on Trial?

Justus Bartholomew,*
 B.F. Bradford,
 Willard Chase,
 Thos. Crouchen,
 Jermanicus M. Field,
 Southworth Finney,*
 Wallace Lock,*
 F. R. Mastin,
 John Pinkney,
 Edw^d Root,*
 Rich^d. L. Ward. – 11.
 (*) Elders.

3. Who are admitted in full?

Joshua Ainsworth,
 Dnl. E. Baker.
 Saml. W. Barlow,
 Miles Dunbar,
 Marshall Frink,
 Saml. Gail,
 John Gray,
 Clark Hudson,
 Arthur Hughes,

John Jonston,
 Lyman Lovewell,
 Dnl. W. Marvin,
 G. F. Needham,
 Abel R. Palmer,
 James A. Parcell,
 Saml. W. Pierson,
 Oliver G. Secor,
 J. R. Spoor,
 Thos. Tomlinson,
 George Wilson. – 20.

4. Who are the Superannuated preachers? Ans. None.

5. Who have been expelled?

L. D. Ketcham.

6. Who have withdrawn?

H. H. Johnson, while under censure.

7. Were all the preachers' characters examined?

This was strictly done.

8. Who have died this year?

Ans. None.

9. What numbers are reported?

[Note: table inserted.]

Ans.	Min	Mem.
Clay and Hinmanville	1	81
Prattsburg and Sparta,	1	125
Rochester,		36

Youngstown & Ransomville	2 1	72
Portland	1	195
Penn Yan,		74
Wales.		23
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Ans.	Min	Mem.
Brot over	5	606
Syracuse,	2	56
Butler and Rose,	2	20
Seneca Falls and Tyre,	1	74
Palmyra and Williamson,	3	127
Hopewell and Vienna	2	78
Lester,	2	42
Elkland,	2	76
Windsor,		30
Hornby,	3	70
Newfield and Hector		107
Addison,	2	54
Herrick,		56
West Bradford,	2	77
Elmira,		46
Tioga,	3	33
Urbana,		35
Jamestown,	4	172
Ashford,		20
Allegany,	1	168
Orleans,		140
East Solon,		33
Conquest,		32
Buffalo,		15
Sweden and Byron,	2	53
Chesnut Ridge and Royalton,	2	140
Howard,	1	56
Lay members,		2416
Unsta. Ministers,		39
Memb of conf. and on Trial		58
Total		2513

10. What has been contributed for the support of Benevolent objects?

Ans. No report made.

11. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

See pages 22, 23.

12. Who are on the reserve list?

Saml. W. Barlow,
Salmon Bentley,
Thomas Crouchen,
W^m. Danforth,
Miles Dunar,
Saml. Gail,
John Gray,
J. A. Ormsbee,
John Pinkney,
Edward Root,
J. Sibley. – 11.

13. Who are on the unstationed list?

No list prepared.

14. Who were elected and ordained elders?

Danl. E. Baker,
Saml. W. Barlow,
Marshall Frink,
John Gray,
Edgar M. High,
Seth Howe,
Clark Hudson,
John Johnston,
Ste. A. Leonard,
Volentine Lewis,
Danl. W. Marvin,

O. G. Secor,
J. R. Spoor,

Thos. Tomlinson,
Geo. Wilson. – 15

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15. Who were transferred?

Saml. W. Barlow,
Philo Ferris,
John Watson, all to the Wisconsin
Conference at their own request.

16. Where and when shall our next Conf.
be held?

In Penn Yan, N. Y., commencing on
the 4th Wednesday in April 1846.



Stationing Committee.

Geo. Pegler, Chairman.
J. Broadhead,
B. Rider,
S. Salsbury,
G. Crum,
P. S. Slawson,
J. Sylvant.

Com. on Education.

L. Lovewell,
R. Bennett,
J. Metcalf.

Com. on Statistics.

P. A. Johnson,
Edgar M. High,
Truman Hendryx.

Com. on the Presidency.

R. Bennett,
J. Broadhead,
P. Norris,
J. Metcalf,
Ira Hewes, Jr.

Com. on Orders and Course of Study.

PR Sawyer,
S. Salsbury,
A. Warren,
S. Phillips,
B. Rider.

Com. on Moral Reforms.

PR Sawyer,
J. Metcalf,
D. W. Marvin

Com. on Missions.

J. Watson,
J. Kitchel,
L. W. Crandle.

Com. on Sabbath Schools.

J. E. Lee,
Saml. Baird,
W^m. G. Woodruff