

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**LOCKPORT CONFERENCE**  
**OF THE**  
**Wesleyan Methodist Connection,**  
**or Church, of America**  
**HELD AT**  
**CATTARAUGUS, N. Y.,**  
**APRIL 4—9, 1928.**

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**JAMES A. BAIN, President.**

**FRANCIS B. MARKELL, Secretary.**

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**Gloria in Excelsis, Glory to God in the Highest.**

# 1928

The gates of life swing either way,  
On noiseless hinges, night and day.  
One enters through the open door,  
One leaves us to return no more;  
And which is happier, which more blest,  
God KNOWETH BEST.

## Our Honored Dead

### Name and Date of Decease.

J. Locke .....	1867
Southworth Phinney .....	1867
Henry Norton .....	1869
J. Beadle .....	1870
E. Bishop .....	1870
Jonathan Sibley .....	1872
J. M. Thorp .....	1873
E. Biglow .....	1876
David R. Douglas .....	1881
J. R. Jones .....	1881
Z. T. Petty .....	1884
Emory Jones .....	1886
Daniel W. Ball .....	1886
Thomas Osgood .....	1890
J. D. Townsend .....	1890
James Ireland .....	1894
Willard J. Houghton .....	1896
Anna Perring Clark, Africa .....	1896
George F. Porter .....	1898

### Name and Date of Decease.

E. J. Pope .....	1899
J. A. Thomas .....	1901
Willard C. Boardman, Africa .....	1902
P. M. Humphrey .....	1903
George W. Steele .....	1906
Reuben Dutcher .....	1908
Alonzo B. Chamberlain .....	1909
George W. Sibley .....	1914
Edgar Fuller .....	1914
Henry True Bessie .....	1914
Erwin W. Bruce .....	1916
George W. Cooper .....	1918
Robert C. McConnell .....	1919
Nathan E. Heald .....	1919
John L. Benton .....	1919
C. W. Swift, Date unknown.	
Alison Bixby, Date unknown.	
N. F. Robb .....	1921
W. A. Hazlett .....	1924

## Life

Let me but live my life from year to year  
With forward look and unreluctant soul,  
Not hastening to nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear  
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils, but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To youth, and age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,  
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,  
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

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## CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President .....	Rev. James A. Bain.
Vice-President .....	Rev. Noah R. Shaffer.
Secretary .....	Rev. Francis B. Markell.
Assistant Secretary .....	Rev. Chauncey I. Armstrong.
Treasurer .....	Rev. George H. Clarke.
Sunday School Secretary .....	Rev. Chauncey I. Armstrong.
Tithing Secretary .....	Rev. M. A. Bateman.
Statistical Secretary .....	Rev. John E. Bruce.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. Noah R. Shaffer .....	Term expires 1929
Mr. Henry R. Barnett .....	Term expires 1929
Mr. Clayton F. Ball .....	Term expires 1929
Rev. Walter Readett .....	Term expires 1930
Rev. LeRoy C. Mattoon .....	Term expires 1930
Mr. Ernest B. Houghton .....	Term expires 1930
Rev. Joseph R. Pitt .....	Term expires 1931
Rev. James A. Bain .....	Term expires 1931
Mr. Orval H. Howard .....	Term expires 1931

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

### Advisory Board—

Judiciary Committee—James A. Bain, ex-officio; J. H. Woodhouse, Walter Readett, George E. Bathurst.

Missionary Board—President of the Conference, ex-officio; President of the W. H. & F. M. Society, Edward Elliott, Mrs. Edward Elliott, George Clement.

Committee on Presidency—George H. Clarke, Walter Readett, Mrs. F. E. Gentle, Bertha Grange.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Edward Elliott, first year; A. O. Northrup, second year; J. R. Pitt, third year; N. R. Shaffer, fourth year.

Statistical Reports—J. S. Luckey, C. L. Horton.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES—Continued.

- Sunday School Board—C. I. Armstrong, George Clement, M. D. Warburton, John Bruce, W. L. Fancher, M. E. Cornelius.
- Committee on Religious Services—Conference President and the Pastor and Delegate where the Conference is held.
- Committee on Evangelism—A. O. Northrup, General Chairman; J. H. Woodhouse, Chairman of Northern District; N. R. Shaffer, Chairman of Central District; C. I. Armstrong, Chairman of Southern District; Albert Amsdal, J. A. Lockwood.
- Recommendations—1. That there be an hour of each afternoon set aside for religious services. 2. That the Rev. Walter Readett preach the opening sermon of the next Conference session with Rev. John E. Bruce as the alternate.

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### CONFERENCE ROLL.

#### Stationed List.

Armstrong, C. I. .... Bradford, Pa., 65 Interstate Parkway.  
Bain, J. A. .... Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
Bathurst, George E. ... Lyndonville, N. Y.  
Backus, W. A. .... Jamestown, N. Y., 1420 Washington St.  
Bruce, J. E. .... Lockport, N. Y., R. D. 7.  
Bateman, M. A. .... Orchard Park, N. Y.  
Clarke, George H. ... Houghton, N. Y.  
Elliott, Edward .... Falconer, N. Y.  
Gifford, Louise .... Olean, N. Y., 451 Prospect Ave.  
Hickok, A. A. .... Forestville, N. Y.  
Markell, Francis B. ... Driftwood, Pa.  
Mattoon, L. C. .... Houghton, N. Y.  
McKinley, O. G. .... Houghton, N. Y.  
Mann, J. A. .... Belfast, N. Y.  
Northrup, A. O. .... Appleton, N. Y.  
Pitt, J. R. .... Houghton, N. Y.  
Readett, Walter .... Ransomville, N. Y.  
Shaffer, N. R. .... Fillmore, N. Y.  
Shaffer, Mae K. .... Fillmore, N. Y.  
Schoonover, H. H. .. Ransomville, N. Y.  
Smith, C. W. .... Farmersville, N. Y.  
Woodhouse, J. H. ... Batavia, N. Y., 311 West Main.

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### CONFERENCE ROLL—Continued.

#### Superannuated List.

Dow, C. H. .... Moore Haven, Fla.  
Laughlin, B. S. .... Burt, N. Y.

#### Supernumerary List.

Bullock, H. J. .... Fillmore, N. Y.  
Babcock, J. R. .... Ashville, N. Y., R. D. 63.  
Dudley, C. M. .... Houghton, N. Y.  
Rolf, W. W. .... The Hollies, Rookley, Isle of Wight, England.  
Roth, W. J. .... Caneadea, N. Y.  
Woodhead, C. E. .... Houghton, N. Y.

#### Conference Preachers.

Clement, George .... Orchard Park, N. Y.  
Horton, C. L. .... Freedom, N. Y.  
Mann, Mina .... Belfast, N. Y.  
Tanner, Lulu .... Kamabai, Sierra Leone, West Africa.  
Wilcox, Sarah .... Fergus Falls, Minn.  
Yorton, Florence .... Kamabai, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

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### ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Allegany .....	Howard Luce.
Ashwood .....	Arthur Young.
Bradford .....	Anna Freeman.
Batavia .....	Richard Grise.
Cattaraugus .....	E. B. Houghton.
	Lewis Dietrich.
	F. L. Pickup.
Chestnut Ridge .....	H. R. Barnett.
Driftwood .....	Anna Jordan.
East Leon .....	Olen Harmon.
Ellicott .....	Minnie Underhill.
Forestville .....	Hugh Newcomb.
Fillmore .....	E. A. Purdy.
	Forest Sprowel, Absent.
	Crystal Rork.
Higgins .....	Nathan Miller.
Hess Road .....	Mildred Strong.
Houghton .....	James S. Luckey.
	Bértha Grange.

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### ROLL OF DELEGATES—Continued.

Levant .....	Harry Morley.
Machias .....	William Baker.
Olean .....	Bertha Simmons.
	Guilford B. Baker.
Ransomville .....	Franc E. Gentle.
Wyoming .....	
North Main .....	

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### LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

ALLEGANY—Ellsworth Baker, Canadea, N. Y.  
ASHWOOD—George Sadler, Lyndonville, N. Y.  
BATAVIA—Albert Amsdell, 25 Lyon St., Batavia, N. Y.  
BRADFORD—W. J. Burlingame, West Branch, R. F. D., Bradford, Pa.  
CATTARAUGUS—E. C. Isbell, Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
CHESTNUT RIDGE—W. F. Barnett, Lockport, N. Y., R. D. 7.  
DRIFTWOOD—Leslie English, Driftwood, Pa.  
EAST LEON—Orval H. Howard, Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
EAST AURORA AND ELLICOTT—Elmer Hudson, East Aurora, N. Y.; M. A. Bateman, East Aurora, N. Y.  
FILLMORE—E. A. Purdy, Fillmore, N. Y.  
FORESTVILLE—Edwin Butcher and Clyde Padgett, Forestville, N. Y.  
HESS ROAD—Ralph Mohler, Appleton, N. Y.  
HIGGINS—Ed. Wolfer, Hume, N. Y.  
HOUGHTON—G. H. Clarke, Houghton, N. Y.  
LEVANT—Victor Hubbard, Falconer, N. Y., R. D. 71.  
MACHIAS—William Baker, Machias, N. Y.  
OLEAN—Howard Eyler, King St., Olean, N. Y.  
RANSOMVILLE—W. J. Ricker, Ransomville, N. Y.  
WALES CENTER—Mrs. Neal Kerr, East Aurora, N. Y.  
WYOMING—Jasper Buck, Bliss, N. Y., R. D.

C. I. ARMSTRONG, Conference Sunday School Secretary.

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## JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Cattaraugus, N. Y., for its sixty-seventh annual session, April 4, 1928, at 9:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached the previous evening by Rev. C. L. Horton, pastor of the Higgins charge.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. James A. Bain, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John E. Bruce.

The roll was called and 18 ministers and 19 delegates were marked present.

Following the calling of the roll, a few hearty words of greeting and welcome were given by the President and the Conference was opened for business.

On motion the Bar of Conference was fixed for the first six rows of seats across the body of the church.

The Committee on Temporary Organization submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and after a few minor changes was adopted. See Report No. 1.

On motion the time for opening and closing the sessions of Conference was fixed as follows: Morning sessions opening at 8:30, closing at 11:30; the afternoon session opening at 1:30, and closing by vote of Conference.

All special orders, by Conference action, were referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

The election of Conference Officials was made the order of the day for Thursday morning at 9:30.

Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B., was introduced to Conference and made a few remarks.

An oral report was made by H. R. Barnett relative to the Bethesda Home of Bradford, Pa. The report was adopted.

The following names were called and characters passed: Francis B. Markell, Noah R. Shaffer, M. A. Bateman, Walter Readett, C. I. Armstrong, J. E. Bruce, J. H. Woodhouse and J. R. Pitt.

On motion the name of Walter Readett was substituted on the Committee on Statistical Reports to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of President J. S. Luckey until he arrives.

Letters from Revs. O. G. McKinley and B. S. Laughlin were read, their characters passed, and the request of Rev. B. S. Laughlin to be placed on the Superannuated List was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

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By a vote of 19 to 7 the action of the Conference of 1927 limiting the reading of the pastor's statistical reports to the Budget Item of his report was rescinded, and on motion it was made obligatory to read items 3, 9 and 10 of their reports.

Letters from Revs. W. W. Rolf and C. H. Dow were read and their characters passed.

A letter was read from Sister Sarah Wilcox, a former member and pastor in the Lockport Conference, and her request for Conference membership was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The following persons were introduced to Conference: R. C. Nelson and M. E. Cornelius, assistant city clerk of Bradford. Both these brethren are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of that city.

A motion prevailed calling for religious services to be held each afternoon of Conference from 2:30 to 3:30. The Committee on Religious Services may use this hour for special orders if they so desire.

Adjourned by limitation of time, the benediction being given by Rev. Walter Readett.

### Afternoon Session, April 4, 1928.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George Clement.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved, as corrected.

A motion was made and duly seconded to rescind the former action of this Conference limiting the Conference President's term of office to a period of four consecutive years. The motion prevailed by a vote of 33 to 2.

The Conference Treasurer submitted his report, which was adopted. See Report No. 2.

If there are sufficient funds left in the Home Missionary Budget the Treasurer of the Conference is hereby authorized to turn over 70% to the Conference Budget for Conference use.

On motion the orders of the day with regard to religious services were waived for this afternoon to continue present business.

The following names were called and characters passed: A. O. Northrup, Edward Elliott and G. E. Bathurst. The report of the Higgins charge was read by M. A. Bateman on account of the illness of the pastor, C. L. Horton, and said pastor's character was passed.

On motion the matter of nominating the Standing Committees was referred to the Committee on Temporary Organization.

A report of the Judiciary Committee relative to the case of Rev. H. H. Schoonover was read by Rev. Walter Readett and referred to a Committee of Review for further consideration and report to this



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Conference. Said Committee to meet at the call of the Chairman. The following persons were made to constitute the Committee: J. A. Bain, J. R. Pitt, J. H. Woodhouse, A. O. Northrup, E. B. Houghton, N. R. Shaffer, C. F. Ball, Lewis Dietrich, Walter Readett, Harry Morley, Edward Elliott, G. H. Clarke.

Adjourned for Committee work, to meet at the call of the Chair.

The Conference was called to order at 4:45, and adjourned on motion.

### Morning Session, April 5, 1928.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. E. Bathurst.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Temporary Organization to whom was referred the matter of nominating the Standing Committees submitted its report, which was considered item by item. The item relative to the Committee on Evangelism was referred back to the Committee for further consideration and the balance of the report was adopted. See Report No. 4.

On motion a Committee was elected to divide the Conference into Districts for the purpose of drafting resolutions for aggressive evangelistic effort. A. O. Northrup, C. I. Armstrong, F. B. Markell, J. H. Woodhouse and Edward Elliott were elected as the Committee.

The Auditing Committee having O. K.'d the reports of the Conference Treasurer, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and the financial report of the Conference President submitted a partial report, which was adopted.

The Conference President submitted his report, which was considered item by item. Before the completion of its consideration the time for the orders of the day arrived and the orders were postponed pending a full consideration of the report. The report was adopted. See Report No. 5.

The Conference proceeded with the election of Conference officials, which resulted as follows:

The first ballot was declared to be an informal ballot by vote of Conference.

On the first ballot for President, Rev. James A. Bain received 35 of 41 votes cast and was declared elected.

On the ballot for Vice-President, Rev. Noah R. Shaffer received 27 of 41 votes cast and was declared elected.

On first ballot for Secretary, Rev. Francis B. Markell received 40 of 41 votes cast and was declared elected. The Secretary on motion

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was authorized to nominate his assistant. Rev. C. I. Armstrong was nominated, and the action was sustained by vote of Conference.

On first ballot for Treasurer, Rev. George H. Clarke received 36 of 40 votes cast and was declared elected.

On first ballot for Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Chauncey I. Armstrong received 22 of 36 votes cast and was declared elected.

On motion Rev. M. A. Bateman was elected Tithing Secretary and Rev. John E. Bruce was elected Statistical Secretary.

The election of Trustees resulted as follows:

On first ballot for ministerial member of the Board of Trustees Rev. Joseph R. Pitt received 33 of 38 votes cast and was declared elected.

Rev. James A. Bain was elected as the second ministerial member of the Board of Trustees by a ballot of 35 of 39 votes cast.

For lay member of the Board of Trustees Orval H. Howard received 35 of 38 votes cast and was declared elected.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees submitted his report, which was adopted. See Report No. 6.

The following persons were introduced to Conference and made a few remarks: Rev. E. F. McCarty, Connectional Foreign Missionary Secretary; President J. S. Luckey, of Houghton College.

Adjourned by limitation of time, the benediction being given by Rev. J. H. Woodhouse.

### Afternoon Session, April 5, 1928.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. A. Backus.

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

On motion the Conference Board of Trustees was made to constitute the Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location as required by the last Discipline, page 77, paragraph 137.

The following persons were introduced to Conference and made a few brief remarks: Rev. R. J. Smeltzer, Pastor of the Lynndon Park Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Professor C. A. Ries, of Houghton College.

The following names were called and characters were passed: A. A. Hickok, George Clement, Louise Gifford, W. A. Backus.

The report of the Machias and Wyoming charges was read by the pastor, Price Stark.

On motion the Conference Sunday School Secretary was authorized to bring in a list of the Sunday School Superintendents of the various charges in the Conference, the same to be printed in the Conference Minutes.

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A matter relative to the apportioning to the various charges of the Conference the amount of 15 cents per member to help defray the expenses of Annual Conference entertainment was referred to a Committee for consideration and report to Conference. The following persons were elected as the Committee: Harry Morley, C. I. Armstrong and James S. Luckey.

The time for the Orders of the Day having arrived, Rev. E. F. McCarty brought to the Conference an inspirational message of truth from God's Word. Text, Romans 12:1.

The Conference was called to order at 3:35 and adjourned for Committee work.

### Morning Session, April 6, 1928.

The session was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Pitt.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee to which was referred the matter of apportioning to the charges the amount of their financial support for the Annual Conference entertainment submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 7.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of dividing the Conference into districts for the purpose of aggressive evangelistic effort and the holding of Holiness Conventions submitted its report. The report was adopted. See Report No. 8.

A partial report of the Committee on Budget was submitted by President J. S. Luckey and adopted.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to order printed 200 copies of the Conference Minutes, the same to be paid for from the Conference treasury. The money received from the sale of these minutes by the pastors is to apply on the Conference Budget.

It was moved and seconded that the Conference elect a Committee to consider a plan for the distribution of the Home Missionary Budget. The motion was carried and the following persons were elected on the Committee: Edward Elliott, J. S. Luckey and Bertha Grange.

Adjourned for fifteen minutes for Committee work.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the Connectional Interests were presented by Rev. E. F. McCarty.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 11:12 and the report of the Allegany charge was read by Mrs. M. E. Warburton.

The time was extended from 11:30 to 11:55 and the Conference adjourned for Committee work.

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### Afternoon Session, April 6, 1928.

The Conference was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Woodhouse.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Letters from the following persons were read and their characters were passed: Rev. L. C. Mattoon, Rev. J. A. Mann, Mina Mann and Rev. C. M. Dudley.

Rev. Thomas Slocum, a superannuated minister in the Free Methodist Church, was introduced to Conference.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Statistical Committee be authorized to retain on the statistical report the following charges and their rating of membership: Cameron, with 8 members; Napoli, with 6; North Main, with 7; Isolated, 10. Jamestown Mission to be dropped from the list of charges.

On motion a matter relative to the Chestnut Ridge charge was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The following persons were elected on the Sunday School Board: Prof. LeVay Fancher and M. E. Cornelius.

The name of H. H. Schoonover was called and his case was referred to the Committee of Review.

The Orders of the Day relative to a Religious Service were suspended for this afternoon and the Conference adjourned for Committee work.

### Morning Session, April 7, 1928.

The session was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Francis B. Markell.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Temporary Organization, to whom was referred the renomination of the Committee on Evangelism, submitted its report, which was adopted.

The Budget Committee submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 9.

The report of the Committee on Thanks was read by Miss Bertha Grange and adopted. See Report No. 10.

Having O. K'd the books of the Conference President and found them correct, the Auditing Committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted.

The name of Rev. C. W. Smith was called, his character passed and his request to continue on his present field of labor was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations. He was also excused from the Conference after this afternoon.

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The Committee on Review, to which had been submitted the case of Rev. H. H. Schoonover, submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 11.

Moved and duly seconded that the President investigate a matter relative to a Church at Kattanning, which is seeking admission into the Lockport Conference and act according to his own best judgment.

The Conference President nominated Rev. Edward Elliott and Mr. E. B. Houghton as the members of his Advisory Board and the action was endorsed by vote of Conference.

On motion the Committee on Statistics was instructed to read items 3, 9 and 10 only of the Statistical Report. The report was then submitted by the Committee and adopted. See Report No. 12.

The following persons were introduced to Conference and made a few remarks: Rev. E. J. Cook, pastor of the Cattaraugus Free Methodist Church, and Mrs. Clara Stoddart, a former pastor in the Lockport Conference. The case of Mrs. Stoddart, who desires membership in this Conference, was referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

The report of the Sunday School Board was submitted and adopted. See Report No. 13.

Rev. C. I. Armstrong, Conference Sunday School Secretary, submitted his annual report, which was adopted. See Report No. 14.

On account of the absence of Rev. J. R. Pitt, who was called home on account of sickness, Rev. H. J. Bullock was elected on the Committee of Pastoral Relations.

On motion the matter of ordering the Conference stationery was left in the hands of Rev. G. H. Clarke.

The following names were called and their characters passed: H. J. Bullock and Mae K. Shaffer. A report for Sisters Lulu Tanner and Florence Yorton was made by Mrs. Hubbard and their characters were passed.

The time for the presentation of the Educational Interests having arrived, this subject was presented by President J. S. Luckey, assisted by Miss Crystal Rork.

The Conference was called to order at 11:00 o'clock and the Committee to whom was referred the matter of outlining a plan for the distribution of the Home Missionary Budget, submitted its report, which was adopted. See Report No. 15.

The Report of Bethesda Home was submitted by the Acting Matron, Miss Anna Freeman, and was adopted. See Report No. 16.

On motion the Conference voted to extend to the members of the Community Chest of Bradford, Pa., a vote of thanks for their financial aid in supporting Bethesda Home.

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On motion Edward Elliott, Bertha Grange and James S. Luckey were elected a Committee to confer with the members of the W. H. & F. M. Society relative to the securing of their co-operation in disbursing the Home Missionary money.

Rev. C. I. Armstrong, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bradford, Pa., extended to the Conference an invitation to hold the next Annual Session of Conference in said Church. The invitation was accepted.

Adjourned by limitation of time, the benediction being given by Rev. C. I. Armstrong.

### Afternoon Session, April 7, 1928.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. W. Smith.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved as corrected.

On motion A. O. Northrup and W. A. Backus were excused from Conference after 3:00 P. M.

C. I. Armstrong tendered his resignation from the Missionary Board and the vacancy was filled by the election of George Clement.

The time for the Religious Service having about arrived, and on account of a lack of business at this time, the Committee of Pastoral Relations withdrew for Committee work, and a religious service was held in the body of the church. A message was preached from Galatians 5:22. God honored His people by a good refreshing shower of grace, especially during the testimony service which followed.

The Conference was called to order by the President at 4:20 and the Committee on Pastoral Relations submitted its report, which was considered item by item. In the case of the name of Rev. Sarah Wilcox being placed on the Superannuated List the matter was referred to the Conference Board of Trustees, and after a few minor corrections the report was adopted. See Report No. 18.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders submitted its report which was adopted. See Report No. 19.

On motion the request of C. I. Armstrong to be excused from Conference was granted.

Conference adjourned until 6:30.

The Conference was called to order and the Report of the Board of Trustees was submitted, and after some consideration was adopted. See Report, No. 20.

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The names of J. R. Babcock, W. J. Roth and C. E. Woodhead were called. No Report.

The report of the Committee on Post Office Addresses was read and adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned on motion subject to the call of the chair.

JAMES A. BAIN, President.

FRANCIS B. MARKELL, Secretary.

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## REPORTS.

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### Report No. 1.

#### TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

Committee on Ministerial Character—Rev. M. A. Bateman, Mr. Nathan Miller.

Committee on Boundaries—Rev. Walter Readett, Rev. John E. Bruce, Henry R. Barnett, Louis Dietrich.

Committee on Statistics—Rev. John E. Bruce, Rev. C. L. Horton, Harry Morley.

Committee on Pastoral Relations—President, ex-officio; Rev. J. H. Woodhouse, Rev. J. R. Pitt, Rev. C. E. Bathurst, Mrs. F. E. Gentle, Mr. Harry Morley, Mr. E. B. Houghton.

Committee on Auditing—Rev. A. O. Northrup, Mrs. Minnie Underhill.

Committee on Budget—President J. S. Luckey, Rev. N. R. Shaffer.

Committee on Post Office Addresses—Mr. Arthur Young, Mr. Hugh Newcomb.

Committee on Thanks—Miss Bertha Grange, Mrs. Bertha Simmons.

Committee on Courtesies—Rev. C. I. Armstrong, Rev. George Clement.

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### Report No. 2.

#### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash on hand at Beginning of Year	Cash Receipts	Total Cash Credits	Disbursements	Balance
Home Missions ...	\$389.72	\$592.14	\$981.86	\$389.72	\$592.14
For. Missions .....	463.77	403.71	867.48	473.77	383.71
Conf. Budget ....	555.99	1,268.50	1,824.49	1,940.74	Dr. 116.25
Education .....		288.53	288.53	288.53	
Superannuated Fd.	551.14	282.04	833.18	150.00	683.18
Marion Fund .....		60.00	60.00		60.00
Totals .....	\$1,960.62	\$2,894.92	\$4,855.54	\$3,242.76	\$1,729.03
Less Conference Budget, Dr. ....					116.25

\$1,612.78

Signed, GEORGE H. CLARKE, Treasurer.

### Report No. 3.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

(See front of Minutes.)

### Report No. 4.

#### JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

(Omitted from publication.)

### Report No. 5.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Lockport Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church: Greeting.

Another year has rolled around, which brings us to the Sixty-Seventh Anniversary in the history of our Conference and work. As President, at the rise of the Conference last year we committed our-



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selves to the plan and program of the work for which we were responsible. The problems have been much care. Prayer and effort have been necessary to solve them aright. In all our work we have been careful not to act selfishly or partially, but in the fear and will of God that the best solution of the problem might be reached. We have surely appreciated the trust and co-operation of our Conference brethren in all we have undertaken to carry out. Surely, God did come to our rescue in the hour of difficulty when it seemed there was no way out. To Him be all the glory.

In reviewing the past, I believe I can safely say, God has given us a year of progress, as a number of the circuits have had successful revivals. These have meant much in building up the spiritual life of the 'Church and in encouraging the hearts of the faithful in Christ Jesus. As we turn our eyes toward the future, we feel as never before that our Church and program of work are much needed in the great harvest field of a needy world. In all our churches let us maintain high standards of spiritual living, for in this is our success. In this age of indifference and modernistic thought we need those who will hold true to the Bible standard instead of bringing God's standards down to the level of the world system. I am praying that God will give us, as a Church and a Conference, a full realization of our possibilities in the realm of divine grace that we may be able in God to meet our responsibility to a lost world. Brethren, bear with me in this I am about to say. The greatest need in our churches is the real experience of heart holiness. The possession of this grace would give us a real inspiration and faith for a program of aggressive evangelism. Oh, the need about us, the open doors on every hand, with men and women ready to receive our Gospel message and to know its divine power. To the work! to the work, in the whitened harvest fields, forgetting self and ease. May we not commit ourselves to the task of soul winning, which, after all is the greatest work in all human life?

### Official Acts.

1. Granted Authorization Papers to the following: George Clement, Lulu Tanner, Florence Yorton.
2. Received by Letter of Standing Rev. A. A. Hickok an Elder from the Allegheny Conference.
3. Granted Joseph McClintock a Letter of Transfer to the Rochester Conference.
4. Granted a Letter of Transfer to Rev. James Elliott to the Rochester Conference.
5. In July we held a meeting of the Judiciary Committee of the Conference at Ransomville, N. Y., to investigate a complaint against the pastor, at which meeting he was placed under censure until the

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meeting of the Annual Conference. As President, I accepted his resignation as pastor of the Ransomville Charge, and appointed Rev. Walter Readett as pastor in charge for the balance of the year.

6. In the month of January we held the third Quarterly Meeting for the Driftwood Charge, which was attended by much spiritual blessing. Brother Markell is doing efficient work on this charge.

7. On March 11, 12, we held the fourth Quarterly Meeting for the Elliott charge with the pastor, Rev. Bateman. It was a season of refreshing.

8. Granted a Letter of Transfer to the Rev. David Anderson to the Allegheny Conference.

9. On March 24, 25, we held the fourth Quarterly Meeting for the East Leon charge. Although the roads were almost impassable, a good crowd was present.

10. By order of the Conference Board of Trustees, as President, assisted by the pastors, Shaffer, Pitt, Northrup, Woodhouse and Markell, we sold \$9,985.00 worth of bonds to cover the indebtedness on the Batavia Church.

### Financial Report.

Received from G. H. Clarke for time spent and other expenses:

May 2, 1927 .....	\$10.00
May 24, 1927 .....	16.00
July 2, 1927 .....	12.00
December 2, 1927 .....	40.85

Total .....	\$78.85
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Received from the charges:

Driftwood, Pa. ....	\$25.00
Ellicott .....	16.00
East Leon .....	25.50

Total .....	\$66.50
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Total from all sources .....	\$145.35
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For Pulpit Supply .....	\$8.00
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Postage .....	2.00
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Time spent .....	15.00
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Balance due .....	\$25.00
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JAMES A. BAIN, Conference President.

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### Report No. 6.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

##### Receipts.

Balance in Treasury reported April, 1927 .....	\$227.23
Total bank interest to December 31, 1927 .....	34.40
Total receipts .....	<u>\$261.63</u>

##### Disbursements.

April 9, 1927, L. C. Mattoon for traveling .....	\$2.44
June 30, 1927, Walter Readett, Treasurer's book ....	1.35
April 30, 1927, J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses .....	10.00
July 18, 1927, Walter Readett, traveling expenses ...	5.59
July 30, 1927, J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses .....	7.00
Nov. 3, 1927, J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses .....	12.00
Nov. 3, 1927, Walter Readett, traveling expenses ....	5.00
Nov. 3, 1927, N. R. Shaffer, traveling expenses .....	8.00
Nov. 25, 1927, Walter Readett, traveling expenses ...	10.00
Dec. 6, 1927, J. R. Pitt, traveling expenses .....	16.00
Dec. 6, 1927, Walter Readett, traveling expenses ....	9.00
Jan. 19, 1928, Box rent, Exchange National Bank ....	2.50
Feb. 8, 1928, Albert Eggler, traveling expenses .....	29.00
Feb. 8, 1928, Rufus B. Stone, attorney .....	42.50
Total disbursements .....	<u>\$160.38</u>
Total receipts .....	<u>\$261.63</u>
Balance in Treasury .....	<u>\$101.25</u>

Signed,      WALTER READETT, Treasurer.

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### Report No. 7.

#### CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

We recommend that fifteen (15c) cents per member be raised for Conference entertainment, and that it be included in the report of the Budget Committee.

Signed,

HENRY MORLEY, Chairman,  
C. I. ARMSTRONG,  
J. S. LUCKEY.

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### Report No. 8.

#### DISTRICTING OF THE CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Conference plan for all-day Holiness Meetings working by districts as already designated for Sunday School work. The Northern District shall include Chestnut Ridge, Hess Road, Ransomville, Batavia, Ashwood, Ellicott and East Aurora. The Chairman to be Rev. John H. Woodhouse. The Central District shall include Houghton, Fillmore, Higgins, Wyoming, Machias and Allegany. The chairman to be Rev. Noah R. Shaffer. The Southern District to include Bradford, Olean, Driftwood, Cattaraugus, East Leon, Forestville, Levant. The chairman to be Rev. C. I. Armstrong. These chairmen may work with the Committee on Evangelism for the promotion of revivals and the opening up of new work within the boundaries of the Conference.

Signed by the Committee,

A. O. NORTHRUP,  
C. I. ARMSTRONG,  
E. L. ELLIOTT,  
J. H. WOODHOUSE,  
F. B. MARKELL.

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### Report No. 9.

#### ON BUDGET.

1. The part of the Budget for Education is \$1,319, and all money paid for current expenses of Houghton College, all money on L. S. U. pledges for Houghton College, and all interest (but not principle) paid on Educational notes for Houghton College, and all money raised on Educational day by the Y. M. W. B. and on Harvest Day by the W. H. & F. M. Society may count toward this Budget.

2. The part of the Budget for Foreign Missions is \$2,193, and all money paid for current expenses for Foreign Missions, all money appropriated for this purpose by the W. H. & F. M. Society, and all money paid by the Y. M. W. B., may count toward this Budget.

3. We recommend that the part of the Budget for Home Missions be \$1,319, and all money paid for Home Missions, and all money appropriated for this purpose by the W. H. & F. M. Society, may count toward this Budget; also money paid for work authorized by the Conference Missionary Board may count toward this Budget, and this work may include tent work, building churches, organizing Sunday

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Schools in unoccupied territory, and strengthening and building up of work already established, but not self-supporting. However, it is understood that thirty per cent of the total Conference apportionment for Home Missions must be paid in cash to the Connectional Home Missionary Treasury.

4. We recommend that the part of the Budget for Conference be \$2,193, and that nothing but cash may count toward this Budget. This Budget shall be distributed as follows:

2% for Connectional Sunday School Work.

6% for Conference Entertainment.

12% for Marion No-Retreat Fund.

20% for Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

60% for Conference Work, including the cost of Conference Minutes.

5. We recommend that no Charge shall receive credit on its Budget except for cash or receipts sent to the Conference Treasury.

6. We recommend that the pastors shall include in their Statistical Reports these items: Total Budget Assigned, Total Budget Raised; that the second item shall not be filled in until the pastor has settled with the Conference Treasurer, and that the account placed in the second item be the amount reported to the pastor by the Conference Treasurer.

7. We recommend that the Conference authorize each pastor to hand to the Budget Committee at the next Annual Conference a list of the members on his charge under sixteen years of age, provided he declares that he knows personally each one on the list is under sixteen. This list shall then be deducted from the number determining Budget apportionment on that charge.

8. We recommend that Batavia, Cameron, Machias, Napoli, North Main and Wyoming be rated at one-half membership.

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### Budget Apportionment.

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Conference
Allegany .....	\$80.00	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$80.00
Ashwood .....	85.00	51.00	51.00	85.00
Batavia .....	40.00	24.00	24.00	40.00
Bradford .....	117.00	70.00	70.00	117.00
Cameron .....	11.00	7.00	7.00	11.00
Cattaraugus .....	287.00	172.00	172.00	287.00
Chestnut Ridge .....	40.00	24.00	24.00	40.00
Driftwood .....	59.00	35.00	35.00	59.00
East Leon .....	138.00	83.00	83.00	138.00
East Aurora & Ellicott ..	88.00	53.00	53.00	88.00
Fillmore .....	157.00	94.00	94.00	157.00
Forestville .....	128.00	77.00	77.00	128.00
Hess Road .....	112.00	67.00	67.00	112.00
Higgins .....	85.00	51.00	51.00	85.00
Houghton .....	361.00	217.00	217.00	361.00
Levant .....	141.00	85.00	85.00	141.00
Machias .....	56.00	34.00	34.00	56.00
Napoli .....	8.00	5.00	5.00	8.00
North Main .....	11.00	7.00	7.00	11.00
Olean .....	106.00	64.00	64.00	106.00
Ransomville .....	64.00	39.00	39.00	64.00
Wyoming .....	19.00	12.00	12.00	19.00
	\$2,193.00	\$1,319.00	\$1,319.00	\$2,193.00

Signed,

JAMES S. LUCKEY,  
N. R. SHAFFER.

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### Report No. 10.

#### COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Lockport Conference, extend our thanks and appreciation to the churches of Cattaraugus and East Leon for their cordial reception of guests into their homes, and for their abundant and splendid entertainment at the dining hall.

Signed,

BERTHA A. GRANGE,  
BERTHA E. SIMMONS.

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### Report No. 11.

#### COMMITTEE ON REVIEW.

The Committee on Review appointed to examine the findings of the Judiciary Committee at the meeting held July 20, 1927, was called to order by the Conference President, Rev. James A. Bain, at 2:30 P. M. Friday, April 6, 1928.

After the examination of all the evidence in the case of Rev. H. H. Schoonover, and upon his pledge of submission and loyalty to all the requirements of his Conference, according to the Discipline, the Committee recommend that he be reinstated into the fellowship and confidence of the Lockport Conference, and that his name be referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations for employment.

Signed by the Committee,

JAMES A. BAIN,  
E. L. ELLIOTT,  
GEORGE H. CLARKE,  
A. O. NORTHRUP,  
WALTER READETT,  
N. R. SHAFFER,  
J. H. WOODHOUSE,  
E. B. HOUGHTON,  
C. F. BALL,  
L. C. DIETRICH,  
J. R. PITT,  
HENRY MORLEY.

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## Report No. 12.

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

### Item I. Pastor's Labors.      Item II. Periodicals.

Charges and Pastors.	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart
Allegheny—M. D. Warburton .....	12	1	1	4	15	7	10	10	...	10	...	10	...	12	...
Ashwood—G. E. Bathurst .....	12	1	1	7	36	12	7	45	12	12	...	12	12	12	1
Batavia—J. H. Woodhouse .....	12	1	1	32	24	15	6	15	8	15	12	1	25	15	1
Bradford—C. I. Armstrong .....	12	1	1	35	50	55	16	43	30	20	40	15	...	35	1
Cattaraugus—J. A. Bain .....	12	1	1	25	75	44	12	60	15	14	10	...	...	30	1
Chestnut Ridge—J. E. Bruce .....	12	1	1	4	7	5	3	6	...	5	...	5	5	6	1
Driftwood—F. B. Markell .....	12	1	1	18	36	20	8	32	...	25	18	18	5	15	1
East Leon—George Clement .....	12	1	1	20	20	20	7	30	15	25	1	6	...	8	1
East Aurora, Ellicott—M. A. Bateman...	12	2	2	13	44	...	9	26	30	...	...	40	5	39	4
Fillmore—Noah R. and Mae K. Shaffer	12	1	1	22	55	16	7	55	...	16	8	8	...	10	...
Forestville—Aaron Hickock .....	12	2	1	13	120	...	64	85	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hess Road—A. O. Northrup .....	12	1	1	16	55	30	11	80	4	45	10	...	15	15	...
Higgins—C. L. Horton .....	12	1	1	10	36	15	6	40	15	18	...	...	14	48	...
Houghton—J. R. Pitt .....	12	1	1	48	150	20	15	125	30	20	10	24	...	24	1
Levant—E. L. Elliott .....	12	1	1	20	50	25	9	55	16	30	25	25	...	20	...
Machias—Price Stark .....	12	1	1	8	15	20	2	10	15	...	...	...	...	20	...
Olean—Louise J. Gifford .....	12	1	1	12	60	40	26	25	30	...	8	25	...	40	1
Ransomville—H. H. Schoonover .....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walter Readett .....	9	1	1	7	20	4	3	...	30	15	15	5	5	6	1
Wyoming—Price Stark .....	9	1	...	...	15	...	2	10	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals .....	225	21	19	312	883	343	223	742	281	314	157	194	84	334	14



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### Item III. Membership.

Charges.	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Loss	Gain	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Membership Tithing
Allegany .....	1	...	...	1	...	30	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Ashwood .....	4	...	2	2	...	32	32	32	...	...	...	7	...	2	16
Batavia .....	18	...	12	...	...	24	24	30	...	6	10	2	...	1	10
Bradford .....	11	...	5	1	2	41	41	44	...	3	22	16	...	...	35
Cameron .....	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cattaraugus .....	12	...	1	1	1	99	99	108	...	9	12	8	1	1	32
Chestnut Ridge .....	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Driftwood .....	1	...	4	...	...	25	25	22	3	...	2	2	...	1	...
East Leon .....	...	...	...	...	1	58	58	57	1	...	...	...	...	3	20
East Aurora, Ellicott .....	4	...	...	1	...	29	29	33	...	4	2	6	...	1	16
Fillmore .....	...	...	2	...	4	65	65	59	6	...	4	2	...	...	15
Forestville .....	5	...	2	...	...	45	45	48	...	3	...	1	...	2	...
Hess Road .....	...	...	...	2	1	45	45	42	3	...	7	6	4	1	12
Higgins .....	1	...	...	1	...	32	32	32	...	...	2	1	...	...	...
Houghton .....	6	...	6	2	9	147	147	136	11	...	4	...	1	4	65
Levant .....	6	...	...	...	...	47	47	53	...	6	...	5	...	2	44
Machias .....	6	...	...	...	...	15	15	21	...	6	6	...	...	...	4
Napoli .....	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Main Ext. ....	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Olean .....	1	...	1	...	1	41	41	40	1	...	6	3	1	...	25
Ransomville .....	...	...	6	1	...	31	31	24	7	...	1	...	...	...	10
Isolated .....	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming .....	1	...	...	...	...	13	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Jamestown Mission .....	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals .....	79	...	41	12	19	886	886	870	53	37	78	59	7	18	322

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### Item IV. Sunday Schools.

Charges.	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Main School	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	No. in Teacher's Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library
Allegany .....	1	7	4	30	...	...	30	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashwood .....	1	5	5	70	...	6	76	40	...	2	1	...	3	50
Batavia .....	1	6	6	58	...	15	73	40	14	9	4	...	1	...
Bradford .....	2	18	12	110	40	32	182	81	10	6	6	...	4	67
Cattaraugus .....	1	4	9	112	10	20	142	72	17	12	4	...	...	15
Chestnut Ridge .....	1	3	3	17	...	3	20	14	...	...	2	...	...	37
Driftwood .....	1	16	5	55	33	22	110	39	...	...	2	...	2	132
East Leon .....	1	16	6	75	1	10	88	45	10	...	3	...	6	10
East Aurora, Ellicott .....	3	15	8	...	...	...	70	50	2	2	...	...	...	...
Fillmore .....	1	7	7	77	7	20	104	...	...	1	3	...	...	...
Forestville .....	2	7	6	60	...	15	75	45	...	...	2	...	...	49
Hess Road .....	1	12	10	126	8	12	146	75	6	5	3	...	6	20
Higgins .....	1	5	6	88	...	15	103	48	4	...	1	...	...	...
Houghton .....	1	7	12	248	10	17	275	139	...	...	6	...	12	...
Levant .....	1	4	10	130	25	19	174	97	...	6	4	...	1	135
Machias .....	1	4	2	34	...	...	34	20	7	6	...	...	...	...
Olean .....	1	12	7	90	8	17	115	62	...	...	3	...	2	...
Ransomville .....	1	8	7	64	15	12	91	41	...	...	2	...	...	50
Wyoming .....	1	2	3	20	...	...	20	15	...	1	...	...	...	...
Totals .....	23	158	128	1464	157	245	1918	947	70	50	46	...	37	565

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### Item V. Church Property.

Charges.	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Allegany .....	1	\$1500.00	.....	1	\$2000.00	.....	.....
Ashwood .....	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Batavia .....	1	10000.00	\$7500.00	1	10000.00	\$7500.00	.....
Bradford .....	1	12000.00	3100.00	.....	.....	.....	\$30.00
Cattaraugus .....	1	10000.00	2500.49	1	2000.00	.....	.....
Chestnut Ridge .....	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Driftwood .....	1	3500.00	.....	1	2000.00	.....	.....
East Leon .....	1	2000.00	.....	1	1000.00	.....	.....
East Aurora and Ellicott .....	2	6000.00	800.00	1	1200.00	.....	.....
Fillmore .....	1	1500.00	.....	1	2500.00	.....	.....
Forestville .....	1	1800.00	.....	1	2500.00	144.00	.....
Hess Road .....	1	3500.00	.....	1	4500.00	.....	125.00
Higgins .....	1	3000.00	.....	1	700.00	.....	.....
Houghton .....	1	2500.00	.....	1	3500.00	.....	.....
Levant .....	1	4000.00	.....	1	3000.00	.....	.....
Machias .....	1	1300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olean .....	1	5000.00	1207.00	1	6000.00	2100.00	.....
Ransomville .....	1	3500.00	.....	1	3500.00	.....	250.00
Wyoming .....	1	1200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	19	\$47900.00	\$15107.00	16	\$51400.00	\$9744.00	\$405.00

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### Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor.

Charges.	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Allegany .....	\$600.00	\$84.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$703.00
Ashwood .....	640.40	150.00	37.00	131.25	1018.65
Batavia .....	1200.00	300.00	8.00	209.00	1717.00
Bradford .....	1290.00	360.00	85.00	110.00	1845.00
Cattaraugus .....	1300.00	200.00	53.00	300.00	1853.00
Chestnut Ridge .....	800.00	240.00	15.00	144.00	1199.00
Driftwood .....	816.00	120.00	6.00	110.00	1052.00
East Leon .....	780.00	75.00	12.00	63.75	930.75
East Aurora and Ellicott .....	722.10	100.00	70.00	480.57	1357.57
Fillmore .....	1300.00	180.00	144.00	232.50	1856.50
Forestville .....	709.75	75.00	.....	150.00	934.75
Hess Road .....	832.00	125.00	75.00	228.00	1260.00
Higgins .....	624.00	60.00	29.00	264.00	977.00
Houghton .....	1450.00	300.00	15.00	.....	1765.00
Levant .....	1040.00	100.00	6.00	160.00	1306.00
Machias .....	679.31	.....	10.00	56.25	745.56
Olean .....	867.00	60.00	.....	.....	927.00
Ransomville .....	*705.00	180.00	.....	20.70	905.70
Wyoming .....	122.29	.....	.....	.....	122.29
Totals .....	\$16477.00	\$2709.00	\$574.00	\$3137.00	\$22493.00

\*H. H. Schoonover, \$150.00; Walter Readett, \$555.00.

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### Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church.

Charges.	Conference President's Salary	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Total for Church
Allegany .....		\$20.00	\$22.00	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$222.00
Ashwood .....		115.00	69.17		39.30	223.47
Batavia .....		475.87	61.15	387.78	1048.50	2240.72
Bradford .....		300.00	193.00	644.00	979.00	2116.00
Cattaraugus .....		465.00	407.18	677.00	100.00	1649.18
Chestnut Ridge .....		43.00	20.00	38.00	63.00	164.00
Driftwood .....		145.00	155.60	300.00	118.60	719.20
East Leon .....	\$25.50	386.00	86.43	180.00	50.00	727.93
East Aurora and Ellicott .....	17.00	273.40	128.00	100.00	309.45	828.91
Fillmore .....		177.60	69.79	229.13	117.60	594.12
Forestville .....		247.00	34.00	40.00	5.00	326.00
Hess Road .....		90.00	115.00	200.00	140.00	545.00
Higgins .....		283.00	68.00	100.00	49.00	500.00
Houghton .....		340.00	169.53	490.99	784.25	1784.77
Levant .....		195.00	227.00	500.00	250.00	1172.00
Machias .....		110.00	18.31		40.41	168.72
Olean .....		76.00	220.74	395.50	375.79	1068.03
Ransomville .....			100.81	131.56	96.48	328.85
Wyoming .....			10.00	110.00	26.00	146.00
Totals .....	\$43.00	\$3742.00	\$2048.00	\$4650.00	\$13377.00	\$15525.06

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

### Item VIII. Amount Contributed for Benevolences.

Charges.	Missions	Education	Conference Work	Superannuated Ministers' Fund	Connectional Sunday School Work	General Conference Delegates	Other Benevolent Objects	Marion Raised	Total for Benevolences
Allegheny .....	\$91.68	\$56.50	\$30.52	\$5.00	.....	.....	\$11.00	.....	\$194.70
Ashwood .....	79.42	10.84	13.00	2.00	.....	.....	39.35	.....	144.61
Batavia .....	64.21	40.00	32.00	7.00	\$2.00	.....	24.00	\$5.00	174.61
Bradford .....	335.00	70.00	70.00	15.00	7.00	.....	190.00	.....	587.00
Cattaraugus .....	351.10	172.01	116.75	16.55	.....	.....	35.00	12.00	703.41
Chestnut Ridge .....	24.00	19.00	33.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.50
Driftwood .....	130.75	123.90	53.00	15.00	3.00	.....	65.00	10.00	400.65
East Leon .....	172.60	88.46	71.98	9.00	.....	.....	107.00	.....	449.04
East Aurora, Ellicott ..	211.72	65.45	75.75	17.00	.....	\$4.85	80.00	16.00	352.53
Fillmore .....	351.13	104.00	100.00	35.00	3.86	9.75	300.00	.....	903.73
Forestville .....	156.84	81.00	68.00	13.15	.....	3.50	66.77	.....	389.26
Hess Road .....	228.00	100.00	76.00	4.00	5.00	.....	375.00	.....	793.00
Higgins .....	113.60	43.65	35.00	6.00	.....	.....	139.75	.....	338.00
Houghton .....	1670.00	696.46	230.00	82.00	.....	.....	78.00	.....	2756.46
Levant .....	563.49	80.68	85.00	28.00	.....	.....	43.00	19.00	819.17
Machias .....	106.50	14.50	6.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00	130.50
Olean .....	142.00	28.00	49.00	6.00	.....	.....	56.55	.....	281.60
Ransomville .....	151.44	86.04	56.85	5.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	310.33
Totals .....	\$4944.00	\$1881.00	\$1205.00	\$269.00	\$21.00	\$19.00	\$1621.00	\$63.00	\$9806.00

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Item IX. Totals.				
Charges.	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Allegany .....	\$703.00	\$222.00	\$194.70	\$1129.70
Ashwood .....	1018.65	223.47	144.61	1386.73
Batavia .....	1717.00	2240.72	174.21	4131.93
Bradford .....	1845.00	2116.00	587.00	4548.00
Cattaraugus .....	1853.00	1649.18	703.41	4205.59
Chestnut Ridge .....	1199.00	164.00	76.50	1439.50
Driftwood .....	1052.00	719.20	400.65	2171.85
East Leon .....	930.75	727.93	449.04	2107.72
East Aurora and Ellicott .....	1357.57	828.91	352.53	2539.01
Fillmore .....	1856.50	594.12	903.73	3354.35
Forestville .....	934.75	326.00	389.26	1650.01
Hess Road .....	1260.00	545.00	793.00	2598.00
Higgins .....	977.00	500.00	338.00	1815.00
Houghton .....	1765.00	1784.77	2756.46	6306.23
Levant .....	1306.00	1172.00	819.17	3297.17
Machias .....	745.56	168.72	130.50	1044.78
Olean .....	987.00	1068.03	281.60	2276.63
Ransomville .....	905.70	328.85	310.33	1543.88
Wyoming .....	122.29	146.00	.....	268.29
Totals .....	\$22493.00	\$15525.00	\$9806.00	\$47824.00

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

### Item X. Budget.

Charges.	Missions Assigned	Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Conference Assigned	Conference Raised	Total Assigned	Total Raised
Allegany .....	\$96.00	\$91.68	\$39.00	\$56.50	\$39.00	\$35.50	\$194.00	\$183.70
Ashwood .....	126.00	59.42	47.00	12.00	51.00	15.00	224.00	86.71
Batavia .....	51.00	64.21	20.00	40.00	20.00	44.00	194.00	148.21
Bradford .....	186.00	265.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	85.00	326.00	436.00
Cattaraugus .....	447.00	351.10	168.00	99.01	168.00	120.00	823.00	598.66
Chestnut Ridge .....	67.00	24.00	25.00	19.00	25.00	33.50	132.00	76.50
Driftwood .....	113.00	130.75	42.00	55.40	52.00	63.00	207.00	249.15
East Leon .....	234.00	172.60	88.00	88.46	88.00	80.98	462.00	342.04
East Aurora, Ellicott ..	131.00	211.72	49.00	65.45	49.00	92.75	229.00	380.92
Fillmore .....	267.00	451.13	100.00	104.00	100.00	135.00	502.00	690.13
Forestville .....	204.00	156.84	76.00	81.00	76.00	81.15	401.00	318.99
Hess Road .....	204.00	223.84	76.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	356.00	375.84
Higgins .....	145.00	113.60	55.00	43.65	55.00	41.00	274.00	198.25
Houghton .....	622.00	1670.60	230.00	233.99	312.00	312.00	1164.00	2216.59
Levant .....	132.00	563.49	80.00	80.68	80.00	132.00	419.00	776.17
Machias .....	37.00	106.50	14.00	14.50	14.00	6.00	73.00	130.50
Olean .....	186.00	142.05	70.00	28.00	70.00	40.00	351.00	225.05
Ransomville .....	140.00	151.44	53.00	70.54	53.00	41.25	246.00	263.23
Totals .....	\$3388.00	\$4949.97	\$1335.00	\$1341.00	\$1398.00	\$1434.13	\$6121.00	\$7691.78



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### Report No. 13.

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We, your Sunday School Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that the Conference Sunday School Secretary shall arrange for at least one District Sunday School Convention on each District of the Conference, and for one Conference-wide convention during the coming year. Further, that the matter of speakers and programs be left in the hands of the Conference Sunday School Secretary.

We also recommend that the Conference Sunday School Secretary travel the Conference as much as possible, holding services in the interest of this department, and that he be privileged to appoint others to speak at such services where he is unable to attend, and that offerings shall be raised on each charge where meetings are held to defray expenses incurred.

Signed,

GEORGE CLEMENT,  
J. E. BRUCE,  
C. I. ARMSTRONG.

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### Report No. 14.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

Greetings in our Lord: Two years ago a definite program was outlined by your Sunday School Secretary to the Conference. That program was adhered to with very little variation. The year just closed has been one of disappointment both to the Sunday School Secretary, and we are sure to the pastors and charges as well. The plans made one year ago by this department had to be cancelled owing to circumstances which were unavoidable, and over which none of us had any control.

While disappointed, we are in no wise discouraged. Instead, we feel like pressing into the work committed to our care as never in the past. Our greatest opportunities are just ahead. We plan, with God's help, to carry out the program of the Sunday School Board for the ensuing year, as already reported to this body.

Yours for a year of great victories,

C. I. ARMSTRONG, S. S. Secretary.

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### Report No. 15.

#### REPORT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOME MISSIONARY MONIES.

Inasmuch as it is the plan of the Home Missionary Secretary that 70% of money raised on the Home Missionary Budget be retained in the Conference and 30% be sent to the Home Missionary Secretary, and, inasmuch as it is the plan of this, the Lockport Conference, to give credit on its Home Mission Budget for money contributed by the W. H. & F. M. Society for Home Missions, and, inasmuch as the present plan of gathering this Budget makes impossible the above stated plan of division of the Home Mission Budget, be it resolved, that we petition the Conference W. H. & F. M. Society to co-operate with the Conference in this matter by sending money intended for this Budget to the Conference Treasurer.

Signed,

E. L. ELLIOTT,  
BERTHA GRANGE,  
J. S. LUCKEY.

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### Report No. 16.

#### BETHESDA HOME.

##### Cash.

Left in bank from Community Chest at last Conf.	\$52.15
From County Commissioners .....	679.86
From Elk County .....	49.13
From Conference Treasurer .....	35.15
From Girl's Board .....	78.27
Cash donations .....	14.25
From Community Chest .....	500.00
Total .....	\$1,408.81

##### Disbursements.

Provisions .....	\$782.23
Worker's salary .....	360.00
Gas .....	128.94
Electricity .....	33.13
Telephone .....	36.40
Water .....	16.04

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Plumbing .....	6.30
Incidentals .....	45.19
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Total .....	\$1,408.23
Balance in bank .....	.58
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Signed, ANNA K. FREEMAN.	

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### Report No. 17.

#### CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, met in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Cattaraugus, N. Y., April 6, 1928, at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Conference, Rev. James A. Bain, who on motion was elected President of this Board of Trustees. On motion the following other officers were elected: Vice-President, Rev. Noah R. Shaffer; Secretary, Rev. J. R. Pitt; Treasurer, Rev. Walter Readett. The Executive Board was filled by the election of Rev. James A. Bain, Rev. Joseph R. Pitt, and Earnest B. Houghton.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees was authorized to use the Conference seal on all legal papers, this to be a standing rule of the Board of Trustees.

We recommend the following:

1. That Mrs. J. L. Benton receive the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.
2. That Rev. C. H. Dow receive the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.
3. That the Conference Secretary and Treasurer each receive the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for their services, to be paid from the Conference Treasury.
4. That the twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) deficit on the Conference President's salary be paid from the Conference Treasury.
5. That the salary of the pastor of the Batavia Church be \$1200.00, and that the Conference shall be responsible for \$600.00 of this amount, the pastor also to have the use of the parsonage (exclusive of the three rented rooms) and the use of one stall in the garage.
6. That the rental from the rooms in the parsonage and the two stalls in the garage be deposited in the Genesee Bank of Batavia to the credit of the Board of Trustees of the Lockport Conference, and that a statement of each deposit be sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

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7. That the three trustees who hold in trust the Bethesda property at Bradford, Pa., be instructed to re-insure said property to the amount of the present insurance before the 18th day of July, 1928, and that the bill from said insurance be paid from the Conference Treasury.

8. That the record of the bonds, and all matter pertaining to the payment of interest, also the redemption of said bonds, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

9. That the name of Sarah Wilcox be placed on the Licentiates List, and that an appropriation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be made from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

10. That the interest on the notes from the Olean Church up to June 1, 1928, be considered paid.

11. That an appropriation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per quarter be made from the Home Missionary Fund toward the salary of the pastor of the Ransomville charge.

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### Report No. 18.

#### COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS.

How many Elders are on the Conference Roll? 30.

Who of the Elders are on the Stationed List? C. I. Armstrong, J. A. Bain, Geo. E. Bathurst, J. E. Bruce, M. A. Bateman, W. A. Backus, G. H. Clarke, Edward Elliott, Louise Gifford, A. A. Hickok, Francis B. Markell, O. G. McKinley, J. A. Mann, L. C. Mattoon, A. O. Northrup, J. R. Pitt, Walter Readett, N. R. Shaffer, Mae K. Shaffer, C. W. Smith, H. H. Schoonover, J. H. Woodhouse.

Who of the Conference Preachers are on the Stationed List? George Clement, C. L. Horton, Mina Mann, Lulu Tanner, Florence Yorton.

Who of the Elders are on the Supernumerary List? H. J. Bullock, J. R. Babcock, Clarence Dudley, W. W. Rolf, W. J. Roth, C. E. Woodhead.

Who of the Elders are on the Superannuated List? C. H. Dow, B. S. Laughlin.

Who of the Elders have withdrawn this year? By letter or transfer. David Anderson to the Allegheny Conference. James Elliott to the Rochester Conference.

How is the work supplied? Allegany, M. D. Warburton; Ashwood, Geo. E. Bathurst; Bradford, C. I. Armstrong; Batavia, J. H. Woodhouse; Cameron, in the hands of the President; Cattaraugus, J. A. Bain; Chestnut Ridge, John E. Bruce; Driftwood, Francis B. Markell; East Leon, to be supplied; Ellicott and East Aurora, George Clement;

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Fillmore, N. R. Shaffer; associate pastor, Mae K. Shaffer; Forestville, A. A. Hickok; Hess Road, A. O. Northrup; Higgins, C. L. Horton; Houghton, J. R. Pitt; Levant, E. L. Elliott; Machias, Price Stark; Napoli, in the President's hands; North Main, Edward Elliott; Olean, Louise Gifford; Ransomville, Walter Readett; Short Tract, in the president's hands; Wyoming, Price Stark. George H. Clarke, employed by the Connectional Missionary Board; L. C. Mattoon, to choose his own field of labor; M. A. Bateman, W. A. Backus, O. G. McKinley, H. H. Schoonover, general evangelists; J. A. and Mina Mann and C. W. Smith, serving churches of another denomination; Lulu Tanner and Florence Yorton, missionaries to West Africa.

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### Report No. 19.

#### COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS.

We recommend:

1. That George Clement and C. L. Horton be continued to travel under the direction of the Conference, and to pursue the course of study, and that they be granted Authorization Papers.
2. That Miss Lulu E. Tanner and Miss Florence Yorton be continued as Conference Preachers, and that they be granted Authorization Papers.
3. That in the case of Hugh Newcomb, who comes recommended from the Ball Hill charge (Forestville), he be received to study preparatory to travel under the direction of Conference.
4. That in the case of Arthur Miles, whose recommendation has been received from the Church at Ashwood, N. Y., he be received to study preparatory to travel under the direction of Conference.
5. That Brothers Hugh Newcomb and Albert Amsdill continue to pursue the Course of Study under the direction of Conference.
6. In the case of Dorothy Mead's not being recommended by her Quarterly Conference, the disciplinary requirement is that she be returned to her Quarterly Conference. (Conference Secretary.)
7. Clara Stoddart comes from the Free Methodist Church with her letter of membership to be placed in the Cattaraugus church. We recommend that upon condition of her so uniting with the Church she be received to travel under the direction of Conference, and to pursue the course of study for deaconess.

## Directory of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

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### OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Mae K. Shaffer, Fillmore, N. Y.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Ethel Bullock, Houghton, N. Y.  
Secretary—Miss Anna M. Freeman, 29 Boylston St., Bradford, Pa.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Nettie Readett, Ransomville, N. Y.  
Organizer—Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, Houghton, N. Y.  
Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Anna Elliott, Falconer, N. Y.

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### LOCAL SOCIETIES.

(Charges, Presidents and Addresses.)

Allegany—Mrs. Carrie Warburton, Caneadea, N. Y.  
Ashwood—Mrs. Arthur Young, Lyndonville, N. Y.  
Batavia—Mrs. John Woodhouse, 311 Main St., Batavia, N. Y.  
Bradford—Mrs. C. I. Armstrong, 65 Interstate Parkway, Bradford, Pa.  
Cattaraugus—Mrs. Marcia Dietrich, Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
Chestnut Ridge—Mrs. Clara Aiken, R. D. 2, Lockport, N. Y.  
Driftwood—Mrs. George English, Driftwood, Pa.  
East Leon—Mrs. Carrie Harmon, Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
East Aurora—  
Ellicott—Mrs. Ella Bateman, Orchard Park, N. Y.  
Forestville—Mrs. Alice Hickock, Forestville, R. D. 7, N. Y.  
Fillmore—Mrs. Mildred Burgess, Fillmore, N. Y.  
Higgins—Mrs. Mary Horton, Freedom, N. Y.  
Houghton—Mrs. Ruth Ries, Houghton, N. Y.  
Hess Road—Mrs. Myrtle Northrup, Appleton, N. Y.  
Levant—Mrs. Kathryn Pocock, Falconer, N. Y.  
Olean—Mrs. Zada Huff, R. F. D. 2, Olean, N. Y.  
Ransomville—Mrs. Nettie Readett, Ransomville, N. Y.

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### Daily Proceedings.

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#### Wednesday Afternoon.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference convened for its thirty-sixth annual session in the Sunday School room in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Cattaraugus, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 1928, with the President, Mrs. Shaffer, in the chair. She very appropriately spoke of the goodness of God to us during the past year and gratefully recognized the co-operation of the women. She read several passages on prayer, after which she offered prayer.

The session was called to order. The President appointed Miss Duncan as a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, Mrs. Readett, Mrs. Warburton and Mrs. Bateman were seated as delegates without credentials.

Mrs. Verbridge was appointed a Committee on Courtesies.

The following Societies gave their statistical reports: Allegany, Ashwood, Cattaraugus, Chestnut Ridge, Driftwood, East Aurora, Ellcott, Forestville, Hess Road, Levant, Olean, East Leon and Ransomville.

Adjourned by motion. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clarke.

#### Wednesday Evening.

Meeting was called to order by the President. Singing "Rock of Ages" and devotions led by Mrs. Carrie Warburton.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Roll was called.

Motion made and carried that the delegate from Fillmore be seated without credentials.

The Committee on Temporary Organization reported as follows:

Auditing—Miss Rork, Miss Jordan.

Statistics—Mrs. Bateman and Miss Duncan.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hickok, Mrs. Pocock.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Nettie Readett, Mrs. Hubbard.

Addresses—Mrs. Louise Moran.

Needs of Bethesda Home—Miss Anna Freeman and Mrs. Bullock.

Solicitor for Missionary Magazine—Mrs. Har and Mrs. Mee.

Hephzibah Orphanage—Mrs. Peck.

Fillmore and Houghton Societies reported.

The report of Matron for McConnell Hall was read and adopted with thanks. See Report No. 2.

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The General Conference Delegates' Report was read and adopted, and a motion made that it be printed in the Missionary Magazine. See Report No. 1.

On motion it was made the order of the day to meet at 6 P. M. Thursday for election of officers.

Adjourned by motion to meet at 1 P. M. Thursday. Prayer by Mrs. Readett.

### Thursday Afternoon.

Meeting called to order by the President. Singing "Wonderful Love." Devotions were led by Mrs. Hubbard. Roll call.

Minutes read corrected and approved.

Bradford and Higgins Societies reported.

The Organizer reported two new Y. M. W. B.'s and two Woman's Societies during the year.

Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary, was presented and made some remarks relative to the Foreign work, and also highly commended the women for their co-operation in the Missionary work.

Motion made that we continue the clothing of the two boys in the Hephzibah Orphanage.

Adjourned by limitation of time.

### Thursday Evening.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ethel Bullock. Roll call and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, the President appointed Mrs. Verbridge and Miss Rork as tellers. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Mae K. Shaffer.

Vice-President—Mrs. Ethel Bullock.

Secretary—Miss Anna M. Freeman.

Treasurer—Mrs. Nettie Readett.

Organizer—Mrs. Mary L. Clarke.

Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. Anna Elliott.

Matron of McConnell Hall—Mrs. Ella Slade.

The Auditing Committee reported. Report was adopted. See Report No. 3.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted with a rising vote of thanks for the splendid work she is doing. See Report No. 7.

Adjourned to meet at 1 P. M. Friday. Prayer by Mrs. Maus.



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### Friday Afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Devotionals were led by Mrs. Louise Moran. Roll call. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Statistical report was read and adopted. See Report No. 8.

President J. S. Luckey was introduced to the Society and spoke briefly on Educational Rally Day and Harvest Day, also asked that each Society furnish one pair of pillows, pillow slips, pair of sheets, quilt or blanket and spread for one bed for the new Hospital. Motion made and carried that each Society do this.

Mrs. Stoddard was introduced to the Society and made some helpful remarks on Personal Work.

Motion made and carried that one-tenth of the dues from the W. H. & F. M. Society be sent to the General Treasurer.

The Committee for the Missionary Magazine reported two new subscriptions and two renewals. Report was adopted.

Adjourned by motion. Prayer by Mrs. Flora Peck.

### Friday Evening.

A public Missionary Meeting was held Friday evening with the Vice-President, Mrs. Ethel Bullock, in the chair.

The congregation joined in singing a couple of rousing Missionary songs, after which Rev. Carrie Warburton read the Scripture and offered prayer. Mrs. Hubbard and Miss Bertha Grange sang a duet. Then Mrs. Bullock introduced Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary, who gave a most interesting address on India, which held the undivided attention of the large audience. Cash and pledges to the amount of \$740.68 was received, which goes to support Miss Florence Yorton, one of our Missionaries in Africa. The service closed with "My Sheep Know My Voice," rendered by a mixed quartet composed of Rev. C. I. Armstrong, Mrs. Junia Hubbard, Mrs. M. A. Bateman and Rev. G. H. Clarke. Benediction by Rev. E. F. McCarty.

### Saturday Morning.

Meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, the President being sick. Devotionals were led by Rev. Louise Gifford. Roll call. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on Plan of Work reported and was adopted. See Report No. 4

Conference engaged in a lengthy discussion of the Southern work, also of the work of the Local Societies.

Committee on Resolutions reported and adopted. See Report No. 5.

Voted to take a recess until 1 P. M.

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### Saturday Afternoon.

Meeting was called together at 1 P. M. by the Vice-President.

Motion made and carried that each Local Society elect some one to get subscriptions for the Wesleyan Missionary.

Report of the Committee on Addresses was adopted. See Directory for report.

Mrs. Anna Elliott, returned Missionary and now Conference Y. M. W. B. Superintendent was introduced to the Society and made brief remarks.

Report on the needs of Bethesda Home was made and adopted. See Report No. 6.

Motion was made and carried to pay the \$7.50 for paint and labor on McConnell Hall, also to pay the amount due the President and former Secretary.

Adjourned by motion Prayer by Mrs. Nettie Readett.

ANNA M. FREEMAN.

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## Reports.

### Report No. 1.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE'S REPORT.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lockport Conference:—Greetings in the name of Him who has promised to us "the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possession."

May I here express my appreciation to this body of women for the unmerited honor conferred upon me a year ago, when you elected me your delegate to the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. It was a wonderful privilege, which if once enjoyed will never be forgotten. The inspiration received from mingling with and listening to that body of consecrated women still lingers.

Tuesday evening, June 21st, an informal reception was held in the High School study hall of Houghton College, where a short program was enjoyed, after which a receiving line was formed in the transit to the library and each had opportunity to meet the General Conference Officers and returned missionaries.

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A sweet spirit of fellowship prevailed as old acquaintances were renewed and a general good time was enjoyed.

With the co-operation of the students and faculty the College Study Hall was converted into a delightful resting place, and here were displayed the curios from our foreign mission fields.

The business sessions were held in the High School Study Hall.

Each branch of the Missionary work was presented in such an interesting and forceful manner that we are sure the hearts of the listeners were stirred to their very depths, and will result in deeper devotion to God and His service.

To give the daily proceedings is unnecessary, as you have this in the Wesleyan Missionary; but may I say, that we as members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society should count ourselves privileged to have such efficient Spirit-filled women as are our General Officers, modest and unassuming, but with a vision and a spirit which counts no sacrifice too great that the missionary work shall be advanced. Rarely, if ever, would you find in any quadrennial session, of whatever denomination, a more devoted company of Christian women than met in Houghton in 1927.

It is beyond our ability to give a comprehensive report of that session, but oh, that you might get a glimpse of the devotion and self-sacrificing spirit exhibited by the fifteen or sixteen returned missionaries, who were presented and spoke with hearts too full for words.

Miss Florence Yorton was only a few months home from Africa and the burden she carries on her heart over there was still hers, even though back in her native land. As she recited incidents from the field the hearts and heads of her hearers were humbled, especially when she asked if we thought we put too much money into Africa, as she has sometimes heard it said.

The thought was brought to us, "that we are in great danger of letting unimportant things in life take so much of our time that we let opportunities go past for helping to save the lost." Much time spent in prayer will help us not to fail in our duty.

Dr. Ruby Paine stressed this same thought—the need of prayer to settle all problems that confront us in the homeland as well as on the foreign fields. May we not pray out some consecrated young men and women, prepared, or who will prepare for medical work on our Foreign fields? At the present time we are without a doctor at any of our mission stations. Brother Birch made a striking statement, well worth the thought of every Christian: "Some one must take the way of the cross if souls are saved."

Our hearts were assured as the other missionaries from Africa brought their messages, that their interests too are largely in the land

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to which God once called them. We believe none of those lately returned carry the work of the African field today more deeply on their hearts than do our Brother and Sister Clarke, who have spent so many years over there and who now, in the homeland, are so efficiently superintending the work of the young people.

Sister Ina Gaines gave us this good thought: "Not to be so taken up with the means employed in carrying on our work, as to lose sight of the goal." She spoke very highly of the good work that Mrs. Nancy Barts Willis is doing in the South as Organizer.

The work in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Alabama Mission School was brought to us by Miss Leila Hughes and Rev. Lon Gillam. Many and varied are their problems and the privilege of praying for them and their needy fields is ours.

Brother Will French presented the Oregon work and pressed the need of evangelists on the coast. Real pioneer workers are needed, who count no sacrifice too great that souls may be saved.

Rev. C. B. Harvey, Rev. and Mrs. Morris and Arthur Doty, son of our missionaries, brought inspiring messages from India. Brother Harvey spoke of the great responsibility that rests upon the people of the United States to carry the Gospel to those who sit in darkness, now that the law has shut out the browns and blacks from our shores.

Our Foreign Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. F. McCarty, spoke encouragingly of our work in Japan. The Japanese church has a membership of 140 and is rapidly becoming self-supporting. May we not pray that God shall so fully restore Sister Gibbs to health that this consecrated family may return to carry on the work, or that other workers shall feel the call to that land.

The interests of the Home Missionary work were well presented by Rev. T. P. Baker, our Home Missionary Secretary. He urged us to remember that it is the regular contributions of the people that make it possible to enter the open doors. Let us not fail in praying for the Home work and give as God has prospered us.

Sisters, the last Quadrennium is history today, but the fields at home and abroad are still white for the harvest, waiting for the laborers to go forth and the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," still stands. What is your part and mine in the gathering in of the lost of earth? Can we in any degree become lax in our prayer life for every field? Can we withhold our tithes and offerings? Can we cease to say, "Here, Lord am I," or "Here are those whom Thou hast given me; use all to Thy glory and to the up-building of Thy cause," and be free from the blood of souls?

Shall we not take as our slogan for the coming years the words used by our President, Mrs. Clara McLeister, in her reply to the wel-

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come given, "Advance, but advance on our knees," and let us make the following lines our daily prayer:

"Stir me, O stir me, Lord. I care not how,  
But stir my heart in passion for the world;  
Stir me to give, to go—BUT MOST TO PRAY.  
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled  
On lands that still in heathen darkness lie,  
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high,  
O Lord, stir into flame."

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA PECK.

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### Report No. 2.

#### MATRON OF McCONNELL HALL, HOUGHTON CAMP GROUND.

As agreed upon at the last session of the Conference, we engaged Mr. L. E. Crouch to paint the roof of the Hall. When he looked at the roof he found it in need of some repairs before it could be painted. For the paint and work he charged \$22.50. At camp meeting time I paid him \$15.00; still owe him \$7.50.

From the different Societies for supplies for McConnell Hall we received \$13.50. With this Mrs. Nettie Readett purchased muslin for eight sheets and tubing for five pair pillow slips. These were marked McConnell Hall and ready for use at the General Conference. Beside this we had sent to us three new comforts, four towels, one wash cloth and seven cakes of soap.

Needs of the Hall: Three table spreads, 18 by 40 in.; two spreads, one yard square, and a strip of carpet or matting to reach from front to back door of McConnell Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELLA SLADE, Matron.

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### Report No. 3.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Auditing Committee wish to report that they have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct and in good order.

CRYSTAL RORK,  
GRACE JORDAN.

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### Report No. 4.

#### PLAN OF WORK.

Realizing somewhat the desperate need of vision, means and capable consecrated workers to carry on our Missionary program, we urge, first of all, intercessory prayer, that our Missionary work be aggressive to the point of SACRIFICE, and that our Societies meet our duty and privilege toward all Missions and Missionaries everywhere.

Let special prayer also be offered for the faculties and Christian students at our various schools; that they maintain an increasingly high standard of Christian life; that workers for every needy field may respond to God's call, and that parents shall give cordial consent to their children responding to God's call.

As in recent years, we are, first, to consider the support of Miss Florence Yorton, Missionary in Africa; second, fruit and vegetables for Bethesda Home; third, support of two children at Hephzibah Orphanage; fourth, observe Harvest Day for Houghton College; fifth, make a real effort to increase and advance our Home Mission Work among the mountain whites and cotton mill workers; sixth, that we work for the ten points of efficiency as set forth by the General Conference.

NETTIE READETT,  
JUNIA HUBBARD.

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### Report No. 5.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. E. C. Isabel, because of her illness at this time and commend her to the One who doeth all things well, who is a very present help in time of trouble, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her at this time.

Be it further resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy and prayer to the family of Mrs. Helen Washbon, who was an active member of our Society at Houghton. Our loss is her gain and we submit to the Divine will. "Death doth hide, but not divide."

Be it further resolved, That we extend to the pastor and people of Cattaraugus and East Leon and surrounding community our sincere appreciation of their cordial welcome and generous hospitality.

ALICE HICKOK,  
CATHERINE POCOCK.

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### Report No. 6.

#### NEEDS OF BETHESDA HOME.

These to be supplied by the Local Societies: Kitchen towels, one dozen hand towels, three pair large sheets, five pair three-quarter sheets, eight pair pillow slips, eight aprons for kitchen wear, canned fruit and vegetables.

ANNA FREEMAN,  
ETHEL BULLOCK.

### Report No. 7.

#### LOCKPORT CONFERENCE W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT, APRIL 3-8, 1928.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Balance.
General Fund .....	\$53.50	\$40.20	\$13.30
McConnell Hall .....	42.50	42.43	.07
Ruth Ernest School Fund .....	87.00		87.00
General Conf. Entertainment ...	67.10	67.10	
Education .....	177.23	177.23	
Dues, General Treasurer .....	35.00	35.00	
Undivided Budget .....	56.91	56.91	
Home Missions .....	345.34	345.34	
Conference Fund .....	5.00	5.00	
Bethesda Home .....	90.35	90.35	
Hephzibah Orphanage .....	18.10	18.10	
Marion Deficit .....			
Local Church Work .....	195.13	195.13	
Other Benevolences .....	668.48	668.48	
	<u>\$1841.64</u>	<u>\$1741.27</u>	<u>\$100.37</u>
Foreign Missions—			
Yorton salary .....	\$587.48	\$587.48	
Japan .....			
Unspecified Foreign .....	19.60	19.60	
Medical .....	37.40	37.40	
	<u>\$644.48</u>	<u>\$644.48</u>	
Y. M. W. B.—			
Foreign .....	\$3377.57 }		
Educational .....	200.11 }	\$3577.68	
	<u>\$3577.68</u>	<u>\$3577.68</u>	

NETTIE READETT, Treasurer.

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## Report No. 8.

### W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT.

Charges.	Date of Organization	Active Members	Honorary Members	Gain	Loss	Regular Meetings	Special Meetings	Missionary Programs	Cash on Hand 1927-1928	Receipts, Dues	Offerings
Allegany .....	.....	32	4	7	.....	12	.....	No	\$1.10	\$36.00	\$25.56
Ashwood .....	.....	15	4	.....	3	12	1	No	4.40	9.00	6.59
Batavia .....	1928	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bradford .....	1928	20	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus .....	1904	38	10	.....	8	12	3	Yes	12.81	42.50	144.23
Chestnut Ridge .....	1919	12	.....	.....	5	10	.....	No	1.24	10.00	22.00
Driftwood .....	1908	19	8	.....	1	35	1	No	.17	27.00	45.02
Ellicott, East Aurora .....	1901	20	.....	2	1	21	2	No	2.29	15.00	21.57
East Leon .....	1894	25	7	.....	1	12	4	No	.05	32.00	10.13
Fillmore .....	1901	22	2	.....	1	10	5	No	3.89	13.00	47.06
Forestville .....	1899	33	18	10	6	12	2	No	14.73	34.50	58.63
Hess Road .....	1920	37	6	.....	9	12	3	No	10.54	43.00	42.00
Higgins .....	.....	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	No	1.44	16.40	30.64
Houghton .....	1904	41	10	.....	.....	9	11	No	5.00	51.00	81.91
Levant .....	1893	42	12	5	1	12	.....	Yes	5.53	36.40	49.26
Olean .....	.....	21	5	3	.....	10	5	No	.13	26.00	5.01
Ransomville .....	1912	10	.....	.....	5	10	.....	No	2.16	10.00	8.88
Totals .....		405	89	27	41	190	37	2	\$65.48	\$401.80	\$598.49



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## W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Charges.	Labor	General Fund	Other Sources	Total	Unspecified Missions	Home	City	Foreign
Allegany .....				\$67.26	\$36.91	\$2.00		\$2.00
Ashwood .....	\$10.16	\$1.00	\$10.00	65.96		6.00		10.00
Batavia .....								
Bradford .....								
Cattaraugus .....	105.44		45.00	349.97		101.62	\$16.62	70.45
Chestnut Ridge .....			85.40	118.64		55.00	36.40	8.19
Driftwood .....	15.00		27.99	115.18		20.00		25.00
Ellicott, East Aurora ..	7.00		13.30	50.87	6.64	60.00		25.00
East Leon .....	22.17		58.10	126.70		45.00	15.25	20.00
Fillmore .....	11.00		49.90	124.85		26.00		45.00
Forestville .....	20.74	4.50	31.20	164.30		40.00		25.00
Hess Road .....	7.90	14.35	353.14	471.39		27.84	14.35	25.00
Higgins .....	2.00		25.40	75.88		10.00		37.60
Houghton .....	17.00	35.00	127.55	317.46	26.04	69.00		85.00
Levant .....			83.00	174.19	5.00	12.00	12.00	82.00
Olean .....	19.80		16.00	69.25	9.00	34.00		
Ransomville .....	15.25	1.00	74.84	112.13		10.00	16.85	5.00
Totals .....	\$253.46	\$55.85	\$1000.82	\$2404.03	\$83.59	\$518.46	\$111.47	\$465.24

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## W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

Charges.	Medical	Education	General Fund	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	No. of Wesleyan Mission-ary Magazines	Total
Allegany .....		\$14.75	\$1.00			\$15.20			\$67.26
Ashwood .....	\$20.00		1.00	\$17.21		7.60	\$4.15		65.96
Batavia .....								5	
Bradford .....								10	349.97
Cattaraugus .....	14.40	24.90	2.00	77.50		32.76	9.72	3	118.64
Chestnut Ridge .....						9.81	9.24	6	115.18
Driftwood .....	5.00	13.65	2.00	10.18		39.34	.01	7	50.87
Ellicott, East Aurora .....					\$7.00	2.00	2.56	8	126.70
East Leon .....	1.00		1.00		5.00	11.90	.05	6	124.85
Fillmore .....		27.55				25.20	3.89	2	164.30
Forestville .....	3.00	28.00	1.00	5.86		50.91	10.53	5	471.39
Hess Road .....		27.70	1.00	12.84		354.94	7.72	2	75.88
Higgins .....		8.65	1.00	3.80		14.48	35.00	12	317.46
Houghton .....	10.00	27.55	2.00	35.00	16.00	30.00	16.87	15	174.19
Levant .....	5.00	20.64	2.00		4.00	30.75	.80	5	69.25
Olean .....		16.00			5.00	5.25		3	112.13
Ransomville .....		25.60	1.00	31.44		11.00	1.24		
Totals .....	\$58.40	\$259.99	\$15.00	\$193.83	\$37.00	\$641.14	\$101.78	89	\$2404.03

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### Y. M. W. B. STATISTICS.

Bands.	Missions.	Education.	Amount Raised.
Ashwood .....	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.29	\$ 7.29
Ball Hill .....			30.00
Batavia .....	12.61	6.00	18.61
Bellville .....	59.42	15.53	74.95
Bradford .....	195.44	15.65	61.65
Cattaraugus .....	148.35	16.41	164.76
Driftwood .....	103.76	18.25	122.01
East Aurora .....	35.46	4.20	39.66
East Leon .....	77.60	8.25	85.85
Ellicott .....	39.00	24.70	63.70
Fillmore Juniors .....	143.83	12.50	156.33
Fillmore Seniors .....	162.30	12.50	174.80
Fink Hollow .....			78.50
Hess Road .....			142.71
Higgins .....			1.00
Houghton Juniors .....	241.89	17.77	259.66
Houghton Seniors .....	1272.71	17.02	1289.73
Levant .....	398.01	16.04	414.05
Machias .....			50.00
North Main .....			50.00
Olean .....	108.05	7.00	115.05
Ransomville .....	111.44	5.00	116.44
Randolph .....			10.00
Red House .....			7.50
Wolf Run .....	5.52	1.00	6.52
Wango .....			17.84
Wales Center .....			19.07
Totals .....	<u>\$3527.01</u>	<u>\$200.11</u>	<u>\$3727.12</u>