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THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—Rev. C. W. Smith.

Vice-President:—Rev. Charles Sicard.

Secretary:—Rev. F. S. Lee.

Assistant Secretary:—Rev. Walter Readett.

Treasurer:—Rev. H. R. LaVere.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Herbert R. LaVere, Term Expires 1913.
Frank S. Lee, Term Expires 1913.
Henry R. Barnett, Term Expires 1913.
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Harry J. Bullock, Term Expires 1912.
William W. Crosby, Term Expires 1912.
Won S. Crandall, Term Expires 1911.
Clayton F. Ball, Term Expires 1911.
Howard W. McDowell, Term Expires 1911.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President:—Mrs. Jennie Ayers.
Secretary:—Mrs. Elizabeth Dow.
Treasurer:—Mrs. Won S. Crandall.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Presidency:—F. S. Lee, E. W. Bruce, J. E. Tiffany, Won S. Crandall and W. S. Easton.

Advisory Board:—H. W. McDowell and C. P. Lapham. Judiciary Committee:—Charles Sicard, E. W. Bruce, H. W. McDowell and J. E. Tiffany.

Missionary Board:—C. W. Smith, H. J.Bullock, George Washbon and Jennie Ayers.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders:—Charles Sicard, first year; C. W. Smith, second year; H. R. LaVere, third year.

Religious Service:—E. W. Bruce, C. W. Smith, and the pastor where the conference is to be held.

Camp-Meeting Committee: H. W. McDowell and H. C. Bedford.

Tithing Secretary:-Walter Readett.

Licentiates on Stationed List.

Name. Address. Meetings present.

H. C. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., not present.

G. E. Bathurst, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 4 meetings.

Frank H. Wright, Houghton, N. Y., 7 meetings.

A. J. Taylor, Forestville, N. Y., 4 meetings.

Levi E. Fenton, Bradford, Pa., 40 Hobson Place, 4 meetings.

Clara E. Fenton, Bradford, Pa., 40 Hobson Place, 4 meetings.

William Donaldson, Lockport, N. Y., R. F. D., 7 meetings.

E. E. Cookson, Olean, N. Y., not present.

Alonzo VanSickle, Smithport, Pa., not present.

List of Delegates.

Name. Charge. Address. Meetings present.

Won S. Crandall, Fillmore, Fillmore, N. Y., 6 meetings.

Barbara VanSickle, Comes, Smithport, Pa., 7 meetings.

Emma Ellis, Hamburg, West Falls, N. Y., 6 meetings.

C. P. Lapham, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.

Christian Rappold, Hess Road, Appleton, N. Y., R. F. D.

No. 3, 7 meetings.

W. S. Easton, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 8 meetings.
Edna Bedford, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 6 meetings.
Edna Smith, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 7 meetings.
H. R. Barnett, Chestnut Ridge, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.
Dell Smith, Castle Garden, Castle Garden, Pa. 8 meetings.
Beulah Pickup, East Leon, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 6 meetings.
Lillie M. Tiffany, Delevan and Machias, Machias, N. Y.,
7 meetings.

Carlos Hadley, Wyoming, Bliss, N. Y., 7 meetings. Flora Baker, Allegany, Rushford, N. Y., 6 meetings. Leila Smith, Olean, Olean, N. Y., 30 Sec. Ave., 7 meetings. Charles Barr, Cameron, Emporium, Pa., 6 meetings. Salome Closser, Bradford, Bradford, Pa., 304 S. Ave. 2 meetings.

Ray Sellman, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 7 meetings.
William Wright, Forestville, Forestville, N. Y., 4 meetings.
Charles Lindquist, Levant, Falconer, N. Y., 4 meetings.
Wm. H. Bennett, Eagle Harbor and Yates, Eagle Harbor,
N. Y., 5 meetings.

THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE ROLL.

Stationed List.

Name. Address. Meetings present.

G. H. Clarke, Kunso, West Africa, not present.

H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y., 5 meetings.

H. R. LaVere, Eagle Harbor, N. Y., 7 meetings.

C. W. Smith, Appleton, N. Y., R. F. D., 8 meetings.

E. W. Bruce, Houghton, N. Y., 8 meetings.

A. C. Dow, Ransomville, N. Y., 2 meetings.

F. S. Lee, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 8 meetings.

W. A. Backus, Holland, N. Y., R. F. D., 8 meetings.

J. F. Wright, Rushford, N. Y., 8 meetings.

J. E. Tiffany, Ceres, N. Y., 8 meetings.

Charles Sicard, Falconer, N. Y., R. F. D., 5 meetings.

Ralph Davy, Houghton, N. Y., not present.

F. C. Adams, West Falls, N. Y., 3 meetings.

Walter F. Hall, Emporium, Pa., 7 meetings.

S. I. Smith, Driftwood, Pa., 5 meetings.

Walter Readett, Houghton, N. Y., 4 meetings.

William N. Osgood, Dixonville, Pa., 7 meetings.

D. S. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y., not present.

Supernumerary List.

Name. Address. Meetings present.

G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y., not present.

J. D. Russell, Warrensburg, N. Y., not present.

C. G. Wagoner, Houghton, N. Y., not present.

N. E. Heald, Forestville, N. Y., I meeting.

W. A. Hazlett, Houghton, N. Y., 5 meetings.

B. S. Laughlin, Burt, N. Y., not present.

Robert McConnell, Houghton, N. Y., not present.

H. J. Bullock, Cattaraugus, N. Y., 5 meetings.

C. H. Dow, Houghton, N. Y., 5 meetings.

Gertrude F. Preston, Houghton, N. Y., 5 meetings.

Superannuated List.

Name. Address. Meetings present.

I. Hodgkins, Randolph, N. Y., not present.

E. Fuller, Westons Mills, N. Y., not present.

Lizzie Roggers, Holland, Holland, N. Y., 6 meetings. James S. Luckey, Houghton, Houghton, N. Y., 2 meetings. Mrs. W. M. Ray, Ransomville, Ransomville, N.Y., 4 meetings.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day. Morning Meeting.

The Lockport conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, convened for its forty-ninth annual session in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Cattaraugus, N. Y., April 6, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon was preached the previous evening by the Rev. H. C. Shares.

The conference was called to order by the President, the Rev. C. H. Dow.

The devotional services were conducted by J. E. Tiffany. The roll was called and II elders answered to their names.

C. W. Smith and H. R. Barnett were made the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report. The report was adopted and the names ordered placed on the roll.

On motion Won S. Crandall was seated as delegate from the Fillmore charge.

The bar of the conference was fixed for the four seats, including side seats.

The time for opening and closing the meetings of the conference was fixed as follows: the morning meetings to open at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30. The afternoon meetings to open at 1:30 and close by vote.

The President made his annual report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Charles Sicard and W. S. Crandall were made the Committee on Ministerial Character, the President chairman exofficio.

- H. W. McDowell, C. W. Smith and C. P. Lapham were made the Committee on Boundaries.
- E. W. Bruce, H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, W. S. Easton, Flora Baker and H. R. Barnett were made the Committee on Pastoral Relations. The President chairman ex-officio.
- W. A. Hazlett and Ray Sellman were made the Committee on Statistics.

- F. S. Lee, E. W. Bruce, J. E. Tiffany, Won S. Crandali and W. S. Easton were made the Committee on Presidency.
- E. W. Bruce and Ray Sellman were made the Committee on Thanks.

Edna Bedford was made the Committee to secure the post-office addresses of the members of the conference.

The Rev. W. J. Seekins, the Connectional Agent, was introduced to the conference.

The Rev. E. D. Carpenter, Financial Secretary of Houghton Seminary, was introduced to the conefrence.

The Rev. R. N. Stubbs, pastor of the local M. E. church, was introduced to the conference.

The Rev. J. F. Wright, pastor of the Allegany charge, was introduced to the conference.

The Rev. H. C. Shares, a member of the Syracuse conference, was introduced to the conference.

On motion all visiting brethren were made honorary members of the conference, and invited to a seat within the bar.

The order of the day for Thursday afternoon immediately following the religious services was made to hear the Financial Secretary, the Rev. E. D. Carpenter, with others, in the interest of Houghton Seminary.

Charles Sicard read a report from the Levant charge concerning the Lyndon Park church matter, which was referred to charge last conference. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

I. E. Tiffany and W. S. Easton were made the Committee on Memorials, the President chairman.

The order of the day for Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. was made the election of conference officers.

The order of the day for this afternoon immediately following the religious services, was made to hear the Connectional Agent, the Rev. W. J. Seekins.

The conference took a recess to the call of the Chair.

The President called the conference to order and business was resumed.

Sister Anna Kahle was introduced to the conference, and reported a gracious revival at Willow Creek, a place just out of the city of Bradford, Pa.

The name of Noah Shaffer was called. He has been transfered to the Allegheny conference. The delegate read the statis-

tical report from his charge, Delevan and Machias.

The name of May Shaffer was called. She has been transfered to the Allegheny conference. She was associate pastor of the Delevan and Machias charge.

The characters of William Donaldson and W. F. Hall were passed.

On motion the conference adjourned.

First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The religious services consisted in preaching by J. F. Wright.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up which was the report of the Connectional Agent, the Rev. W. J. Seekins.

On motion the pastor of the Cattaraugus church was associated with the Committee on Religious Services.

The following characters were passed: J. F. Wright, William N. Osgood, H. R. LaVere, S. I. Smith and F. S. Lee.

In the absence of Ralph Davy, pastor of the Fillmore charge, the statistical report was read by the delegate, W. S. Crandall. His character was passed.

On motion the pastors were instructed in making out their statistical reports to make a seperate item at the bottom of the blank of wedding and funeral fees, and presents.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Second Day. Forenoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The devotions were conducted by G. E. Bathurst.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made farther partial report. The report was adopted and the names were ordered placed on the roll.

In the absence of the pastor the statistical report from the Houghton charge was read by the delegate, C. P. Lapham.

The matter of the transfer of the church property on the Alleghany charge, from the local trustees to the conference, was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a partial

report. The report was adopted, and in adopting the report Walter F. Hall, Frank C. Adams and Samuel I. Smith were thereby elected to Elder's Orders.

President J. S. Luckey, of Houghton Seminary, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. A. E. Ashton, missionary from India, was introduced tothe conference.

The Rev. P. B. Campbell, President of the Allegheny conference, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. William Manning, of the Free Methodist Church, was introduced to the conference.

The following characters were passed: Gertrude F. Preston and G. E. Bathurst.

The Rev. T. S. Simpson, District Elder of the Allegheny district, Genesee conference, of the Free Methodist Church and Rev. L. F. Clark, of the local Free Methodist church, were introduced to the conference.

The order of the day was taken up which was the election of conference officers.

W. S. Crandall and Ray Sellman were appointed tellers.

The first ballot for President was made informal.

The informal ballot resulted as follows: whole number of votes cast, 35, of which W. H. McDowell received 3, H. J. Bullock 2, C. W. Smith 11, E. W. Bruce 5, Charles Sicard 11, H. R. LaVere 3.

The formal ballot resulted as follows: whole number of votes cast 37, of which E. W. Bruce received 1, H. W. McDowell 2, Charles Sicard 14, C. W. Smith 20. C. W. Smith received a majority and was declared elected President.

On motion the vote for C. W. Smith for President was made unanimous.

The conference proceeded to ballot for Vice-President. Whole number of votes cast 35, of which H. J. Bullock received 1, Charles Sicard 14, C. W. Smith 20. C. W. Smith received a majority and was declared elected Vice-President.

The conference proceeded to ballot for Secretary. Whole number of votes cast 36, of which Charles Sicard received 2, H. R. LaVere 2, F. S.Lee 32. F. S. Lee received a majority and was declared elected Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the con-

ference for H. R. LaVere as Treasurer. The ballot was cast and he was declared elected Treasurer.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for Walter Readett as Assistant Secretary. The ballot was cast and he was declared elected Assistant Secretary.

The conference proceeded to ballot for Trustee for three years to succeed Herbert R. LaVere, whose term of office expires. Whole number of votes cast 31, of which Herbert R. LaVere received 30, Charles Sicard 1. Herbert R. LaVere received a majority, and was declared elected Trustee for three years to succeed himself.

The conference proceeded to ballot for Trustee for three years to succeed Frank S. Lee, whose term of office expires Whole number of votes cast 31, of which Charles Sicard received 6, Frank S. Lee 25. Frank S. Lee received a majority, and was declared elected Trustee for three years to succeed himself.

Henry R. Barnett and George Washbon were placed in nomination for Trustee for three years to succeed William S. Easton whose term of office expires. Whole number of votes cast 31, of which Henry R. Barnett received 16, George Washbon 15. Henry R. Barnett received a majority and was declared elected Trustee for three years to succeed William S. Easton.

The Advisory Board was constituted as follows: H. W. Mc-Dowell and C. P. Lapham.

The Judiciary Committee was constituted as follows: Charles Sicard, E. W. Bruce, H. W. McDowell and J. E. Tiffany.

The Missionary Board was constituted as follows: C. W. Smith, a member ex-officio; H. J. Bullock, George Washbon, and the President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Jennie Ayers.

The Auditing Committee was constituted as follows: Charles Sicard and Charles Lindquist.

Charles Sicard was made a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders for three years to succeed C. H. Dow.

The Committee on Religious Services was constituted as follows: E. W. Bruce, C. W. Smith, and the pastor of the church where the conference is to be held.

The conference adjourned by limitation.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The religious services were conducted by H. W. McDowell. The order of the day was taken up which was the presenting of the interests of Houghton Seminary by Prof. H. W. McDowell, President J. S. Luckey and the Financial Secretary, the Rev. E. D. Carpenter.

The unfinished business was taken up.

The Camp-Meeting Committee was constituted as follows: H. W. McDowell and H. C. Bedford.

Walter Readett was made the Tithing Secretary.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Third Day. Forenoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. P. B. Campbell.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made farther report. The report was adopted and the names were ordered placed on the roll.

The Rev. P. B. Campbell, President of the Allegheny conference, presented for the consideration of the conference a memorial to amend Section XXX of the Discipline by striking out the words, "Most earnestly" and the last four lines of the section, and substituting the word "require" for the word "request."

A motion was made to accept the proposed amendment, and the vote was taken with the following result: yeas 34, nays 1.

On motion the conference ordered that the vote on the amendment, by the charges, be taken in the month of June next.

The conference adjourned by limitation.

Third Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President. F. H. Wright conducted the Devotional services.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following characters were passed: W. A. Backus and A. J. Taylor.

The order of the day was taken up which was the annual meeting of the conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The following characters were passed: A. C. Dow, Charles Sicard and C. H. Dow.

The matter of the deficit in the President's salary and traveling expenses was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The Camp-Meeting Treasurer made his report. The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

A resolution was presented to the conference in reference to the Lyndon Park church. The resolution was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Beulah Pickup was associated with the committee to secure the post-offices addresses of the members of the conference.

Charles Lindquist offered his resignation as a member of the Auditing Committee which was accepted. Walter Readett was elected to fill the vacancy.

H. J. Bullock was elected a member of the Committee on Pastoral Relations to fill the vacancy caused by the election of C. W. Smith to the Presidency.

A resolution was offered concerning the employment of H. C. Shares as conference Evangelist for the coming year. The resolution was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

H. J. Bullock, Charles Sicard and J. F. Wright were made a committee to devise means to raise the salary and traveling expenses of the conference Evangelist.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Fourth Day. Forenoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The devotions were conducted by F. C. Adams.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following characters were passed: H. C. Bedford, C. W. Smith, Harold H. Hester, J. E. Tiffany, W. A. Hazlett, H. W. McDowell, F. H. Wright, I. Hodgkins, E. Fuller, G. W. Cooper, B. S. Laughlin, J. D. Russell, R. McConnell, C. G. Wagoner, H. J. Bullock, N. E. Heald, Walter Readett, F. C. Adams, Levi E. Fenton, Clara E. Fenton, E. W. Bruce and G. H. Clarke.

The committee appointed to devise means to raise the salary of the conference Evangelist made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

The Committee on Boundaries made a partial report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

The matter of the Willow Creek Mission was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Pending the discussion of the matter of founding a Rescue Home the conference was adjourned by limitation.

The President called the conference to order at 11:38 a. m., April 9, 1910.

The unfinished business concerning founding a Rescue Home taken up.

H. J. Bullock, C. H. Dow and Charles Sicard were made a committee to devise means to open a Rescue Home in the city of Bradford, Pa.

This committee were also authorized to confer with the Rochester and Allegheny conferences, seeking their co-operation in the matter.

On motion the conference adjourned.

Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The devotions were conducted by Walter Readett.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

The conference at this time listened to an address by the Rev. A. E. Ashton on mission work in India,

The Treasurer made his annual report. The report was refered to the Auditing Committee.

A resolution was read concerning statistical reports. The resolution was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

The conference took a recess.

At the call of the President the conference resumed business.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made their report.

The report was adopted and in adopting the report William N.

Osgood was elected to Elder's Orders. (See Report No. 6.)

The Board of Trustees made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

The committee on plans for founding a Rescue Home made

their report. The report was adopted. The committee also made report concerning the mission workers dress. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

The Committee on Boundaries made their report. The last item recommended was stricken from the report. The report was then adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

The Committee on Pastoral Relations made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The place for holding the next conference was left with the President and the Advisory Board.

On motion the Secretary is to request the Allegheny conference to change the time of the meeting of their conference to the last week in March.

On motion the time for holding the next conference was fixed for the first Tuesday in April 1911.

The Committee on Statistics made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report at back of minutes.)

The committee to secure the addresses of the members of the conference made their report. The report was adopted. (See the conference roll in front of minutes.)

The Auditing Committee made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

The report of the Camp-Meeting Treasurer was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

The report of the conference Treasurer was adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

The Secretary was ordered to have 300 copies of the minutes printed for distribution pro rata in the conference, twenty copies to be reserved for conference use.

H. J. Bullock was appointed to raise the sinking fund for the Evangelist's salary to-night.

The Committee on Memorials announced that memorial services would be held for the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain on Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

The Committee on Thanks made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

The minutes were read and approved.

The conference adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The following paper was adopted:

We, the members of the Lockport conference would not be

unappreciative of any man's work; Therefore we would express to our esteemed brother, the Rev. C. H. Dow, our hearty appreciation for the excellent work performed by him as the President of the conference for so many years.

We pray that God's mighty grace may be his portion; also that he may be restored to complete health.

Memorial.

Memorial services were held in honor of the late Rev. A. B. Chamberlain, on Sunday afternoon as per order of the conference. He was a man of sterling worth and character; a man devoted to truth and righteousness. His death was triumphant in the faith by which he had lived, and fought the battles incident to life. He joined the conference by ordination at Fillmore, N. Y., in April, 1865, and remained until his death a loyal member. May God bless the memory of the Fathers.

Rev. C. H. Smith, President. Rev. F. S. Lee, Secretary.

Report No. 1.-President's Report.

The Infinite God who has so graciously kept the Lockport conference under His watchful eye and guiding hand for the past forty-eight years, still abides with us and has made the year one of the very best in all the history of the conference; giving most gracious revivals on nearly all our charges and great success in our City Mission work.

It has seemed good to our Divine Master to call from a long life of labor and faithful service to glorious and eternal reward, our beloved brother and father in the Gospel, the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain, to whom suitable tribute will be observed by this body.

We have received during the year on letters of transfer the Rev. Charles Sicard and the Rev. Ralph Davy from the Rochester conference and the Rev. William Donaldson, a licentiate, from the Canada conference. These brethren have been received subject to the acceptance of this report.

We have granted letters of transfer to the Allegheny conference to Rev. Noah Shaffer and his wife, Rev. May Shaffer.

The charges "In the care of the President" have been cared for as follows: Chestnut Ridge, Rev. William Donaldson was appointed, he has served the work faithfully and has accepted

the call to remain another year. Holland, the Rev. W. A. Hazlett was appointed. Napoli, was supplied a part of the year by Mrs. Emma Newton. Red House, was served a part of the year by the Rev. W. A. Backus, but was unable to maintain regular services as the membership is nearly extinct. No members or services at Steamburg. We recommend that it be discontinued from the list of charges. We gave Westons Mills into the care of the Rev. W. A. Backus, who has held a few services there. There has been no preaching at Olcott. We have a good church building there that the few remaining members desire to re-deed to the Lockport conference. We have the old deed to deliver to our corporate body, and we recommend that they immediately take up this matter, secure an order from the court, and transfer the property title.

The Board of Trustees authorized the President to negotiate the sale of the Phillips Creek church property. We have been unable to effect a sale as there is no demand for the property up to this time.

We were authorized at our last session to co-operate with adjoining conferences for the purpose of founding a Rescue Home. We sent a message to the committee of the Allegheny conference through the Rev. H. T. Besse. He reported to us by letter that the Allegheny conference desired such a home in the bounds of their conference and maintained by their own conference. We have confered somewhat with the President of the Rochester conference but have taken no definite steps as yet.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Dow, Conference President.

Report No. 2.-Lyndon Park Church.

Whereas the Allegheny conference has organized and received a church known as the Ashville church, located within the bounds of the Lockport conference, without the consent of the said conference, and whereas the Allegheny conference has organized a second church known as Lyndon Park church within the bounds of the Lockport, and there is evidently a desire to receive this church also into the Allegheny conference, be it resolved: That we, the Lockport conference, hereby notify the Allegheny conference that it must refrain from receiving the Lyndon Park church and also from organizing or receiving any

other church within the bounds of the Lockport conference pending a decision of our coming General Conference specifically defining what constitutes conference boundaries.

Report No. 3.-Employment of Evangelist.

Whereas it has become apparent that to conserve the best interests of our conference aggressive and intelligent evangelistic work should be carried on, be it resolved: That it is the sense of this conference that Rev. H. C. Shares be employed to act as conference Evangelist, under the direction of the President and his Advisory Board, at a salary of \$500 and traveling expenses.

Report No. 4.-Evangelist's Salary.

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of providing a plan by which to raise the salary and expenses of the conference Evangelist, beg leave to submit the following report:

- 1. We recommend that his salary and expenses be raised by collections taken and paid to him weekly by the pastors on the charges where he shall labor.
- 2. We recommend that to meet a possible deficit which may occur from time to time, that the conference proceed to raise a sinking fund of \$100. This amount to be deposited with the conference Treasurer and drawn upon quarterly as the case may demand.
 - H. J. Bullock, J. F. Wright, Charles Sicard, Committee.

Report No. 5.-Pastor's Statistical Reports.

Resolved: That it shall be required that all pastors make out a duplicate statistical report and this shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Statistics not later than the second day of the annual conference. These statistical reports shall be kept on file for two years by the Secretary.

Report No. 6.-Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

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

- I. In the case of H. C. Bedford we recommend that he continue to travel under the direction of the conference and complete the course of study as his time will permit.
- 2. In the case of Walter F. Hall who came duly recommended for Elder's Orders, having passed the course of study and showing satisfactory standing from the Elementary Theological Department of Houghton Seminary, we recommend that he be and hereby is elected to Elder's Orders.
- 3. In the case of F. C. Adams who has passed the full course of study with good standings and comes duly recommended for Elder's Orders, we recommend that he be and hereby is elected to Elder's Orders.
- 4. In the case of S. I. Smith who has taken the Theological course of study in the school and comes duly recommended for Elder's Orders, we recommend that he be and hereby is elected to Elder's Orders.
- 5. In the case of Mrs. Anna B. Smith (now a missionary in Africa traveling under the direction of another board) who requests that her relations with this conference continue as they now stand. We recommend that the request be granted.
- 6. In the case of William Donaldson, a licentiate from the Canada conference, who has been received by transfer by the conference President, having been duly recommended by his quarterly conference and has passed a high examination in the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline and Binney's Compend. We recommend that he be received to travel under the direction of the conference and complete the first and pursue the second year's course of study.
- 7. In the case of Noah and May Shaffer we recommend that their names be stricken from the roll of licentiates, they having been transferred to the Allegheny conference.
- 8. In the case of George E. Bathurst who has passed a creditable examination in Binney's Compend and the Discipline, we recommend that he be received to travel under the direction of the conference and complete the first and pursue the second year's course of study.
- 9. In the case of William N. Osgood who comes duly recommended for Elder's Orders, we recommend that he be and hereby is elected to Elder's Orders.
- 10. In the case of Harold H. Hester, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the conference.

- 11. In the case of Levi E. and Clara E. Fenton, we recommend that they be continued to travel under the direction of the conference and pursue the course of study.
- 12. In the case of A. J. Taylor who comes duly recommended by his quarterly conference, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the conference and pursue the course of study.
- 13. In the case of Alonzo VanSickle, a licentiate, we recommend that he be received to travel under the direction of the conference.
 - C. H. Dow, C. W. Smith, H. R. LaVere, W. S. Easton, Beulah M. Pickup, Committee.

Report No. 7 .- Trustee's Report.

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The Board of Trustees beg leave to submit the following report:

- 1. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$2.50 in favor of Rev. F. S. Lee for blanks, etc., for conference use.
- 2. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Superannuated Minister's Fund in favor of Mrs. A. B. Chamberlain for \$25.
- 3. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Superannuated Minister's Fund in favor of Rev. E. Fuller for \$50.
- 4. We recommend that the resolution passed by the last annual conference appropriating an amount not to exceed \$5 to the Rev. F. S. Lee to secure a case for the conference records be renewed.
- 5. We recommend that the loans of the Superannuated Minister's Fund, and the bequest of Myra Lynn made April 1. 1907, be renewed one year from April 1, 1910.
- 6. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Luella Crosby for \$7 deficit on salary at Olean Mission.
- 7. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of L. E. Fenton for \$16 deficit on salary at Bradford Mission.
- 8. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of C. H. Dow for \$20.19 deficit on President's salary.

- We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Edward Elliott for \$15 deficit on salary at Olean Mission.
- 10. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the President, Rev. C. W. Smith, for \$10 for postage and stationery during the coming year.
- 11. We recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Secretary, Rev. F. S. Lee, for \$10 for clerical work and postage.
- 12. We recommend that C. W. Smith and H. R. Barnett be a committee to secure the deeds to the conference of the Olcott and Allegany church property.
- 13. We recommend that, when published, an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Secretary of the conference to pay for the publication of the minutes, and that it be returned by the pastors to the Treasurer as fast as received from the sale of the minutes.
- 14. We recommend that the President, Rev. C. W. Smith, be permitted to draw on the Treasurer an amount not to exceed \$25 for the necessary traveling expenses in superintending the work.
 - H. W. McDowell, Chairman; H. R. Barnett, Secretary; F. S. Lee, H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, Won S. Crandall Clayton Ball, H. J. Bullock, W. W. Crosby, Board of Trustees.

Report No. 8.-Plans for Rescue Home.

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of presenting plans for the establishing of a Rescue Home beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the immediate demand is that we should have a Rescue Home at Bradford for the accommodation of Olean and Bradford City Missions, Be it resolved:

That the Lockport conference through its Conference Missionary Board proceed at once to rent a suitable building at Bradford, Pa., and devise methods for providing for the same financially.

And whereas the need for a general Rescue Home is not so immediate, be it resolved, that the matter of securing the co-

operation of the Rochester and Allegheny coferences be deferred until such time as the occasion may require.

The Committee also farther reports:

Whereas it has been suggested by the Chief of Police of the city of Bradford that our city mission workers would receive better protection and be admitted to places of service not otherwise open to them unless a uniform is adopted, and whereas the black bonnet and white ties constitute the uniform of the Deaconesses and to adopt their uniform subjects them to the accusation of trespass, be it resolved that we authorize our own workers to adopt the navy blue bonnets and white ties.

C. H. Dow, Charles Sicard, H. J. Bullock, Committee.

Report No. 9.-Boundaries.

Your Committee have in their hands a petition from the Bradford Mission, now under the supervision and care of Brother and Sister Fenton, which reads as follows: We, the undersigned members of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission of Bradford, Pa., do hereby request admission to the Lockport conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Your Committee would recommend that the request be granted.

Your Committee begs leave also to report farther: In consideration of the work of Anna Kahle at Willow Creek, Pa., near Bradford,, who desires to give herself and work to our Church. We recommend that the work be received and hereby known as Willow Creek Mission.

C. W. Smith, C. P. Lapham, Committee.

Report No. 10.-Pastoral Relations.

- I. How many elders are on the conference roll? 28.
- 2. Who of the elders are on the stationed list? G. H. Clarke, H. W. McDowell, H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, E. W. Bruce, A. C. Dow, F. S. Lee. W. A. Backus, J. F. Wright, J. E. Tiffany, Charles Sicard, Walter F. Hall, Samuel I. Smith, F. C. Adams, William N. Osgood, Ralph Davy, Walter Readett.
- 3. Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? G. W. Cooper, J. D. Russell, C. G. Wagoner, N. E. Heald, W. A. Hazlett, B. S. Laughlin, Robert McConnell, H. J. Bullock, C. H. Dow, Gertrude F. Preston.

- 4. Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? I. Hodgkins, E. Fuller.
 - 5. Who of the elders have been deposed this year? None.
- 6. Who of the elders have withdrawn this year: (1) By transfer? None. (2) By letter of standing? None. Noah and May K. Shaffer, licentiates, were transfered to the Allegheny conference.
- 7. Who have joined the conference this year: (1) By ordination? Walter F. Hall, Samuel I. Smith, Frank C. Adams, William Osgood. (2) By transfer? Ralph Davy and Charles Sicard from the Rochester conference; William Donaldson. a licentiate, from the Canada conference. (3) By letter of standing or credentials from some other religious body? None.
- 8. Who of the elders have died this year? A. B. Chamber-lain.
- 9. How many licentiates are reported from the quarterly conference rolls? 20.
- 10. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? H. C. Bedford, G. E. Bathurst, F. H. Wright, A. J. Taylor, L. E. Fenton, Clara E. Fenton, William Donaldson, Alonzo VanSickle.
- 11. How is the work supplied? Allegany, J. F. Wright; Bradford church and mission, L. E. and Clara E. Fenton; Cameron, W. F. Hall; Cattaraugus, F. S. Lee; Chestnut Ridge, William Donaldson; Comes, In the hands of the President; Delevan and Machias, Walter Readett; Eagle Harbor and Yates, H. R. LaVere; East Leon, G. E. Bathurst; Fillmore, Ralph Davy; Forestville, A. J. Taylor; Hamburg, F. C. Adams; Hess Road, C. W. Smith; Higgins, F. H. Wright; Holland, W. A. Backus; Houghton, D. S. Bedford of the Syracuse conference; Huntley and Castle Garden, S. I. Smith; Levant, Charles Sicard; Napoli, In the hands of the President; Olean, E. E. Cookson, a licentiate in the Kansas conference; Ransomville, A. C. Dow; Short Tract, Supplied by David Scott, a student in Houghton Seminary; Westons Mills. In the hands of the President; Wyoming, In the hands of the President; G. H. Clarke, Missionary to Africa; H. W. McDowell, H. C. Bedford, E. W. Bruce, teachers in Houghton Seminary; 'Tiffany, General Evangelist; W. N. Osgood, serving Dixonville charge, Allegheny conference.

Your Auditing Committee to whom was referred the report of the Camp-Meeting Treasurer and the report of the conference

Report No. 11.-Auditing Committee.

Treasurer, have examined the said reports and find them correct to their best knowledge and belief.

Charles Sicard, Walter Readett, Committee.

Report No. 12.—Camp-Meeting Treasurer's Report.

Receipts—Cash on hand, \$2.80; Rent and transportation of tents, \$73; Sale of song books, oil, etc., \$20.57; Collections, \$124.95; For pasture, \$13.40; On old subscriptions, \$123.50; On new subscriptions, \$409. Total, \$767.22.

Disbursements:—Rent on tents, \$55.45; Freight, \$13.67; Dishes, \$25.70; Oil, etc., \$9.24; Song books, \$9.75; To workers, \$70; For board of workers, \$16.50; To balance on enclosing auditorium, \$39.60; For work on grounds, \$17.40; Straw for 1910, \$6; For stove, \$4; Janitor, \$10; To H. R. Barnett, interest, \$45.75; To H. R. Barnett, on principal, \$400; Cash to balance, \$44.16. Total, \$767.22.

C. H. Dow, Treasurer.

Report No. 13.-Treasurer's Account.

Conference Funds:—Cash on hand last report, \$128.12; From Treasurer of Woman's Conference Missionary Society, \$101; From sale of conference minutes, \$25; From collections in tent meeting, \$87.84; From interest on loan, \$6.95; Received from the charges, \$33.40; Received from other sources, \$6. Total, \$388.31.

Disbursements:—To Rev. C. H. Dow, postage, etc., \$17.83; Rev. W. J. Seekins, printing conference minutes, postage, etc., \$30; Salaries of workers in tent meetings, \$163.66; Incidental expenses in tent meetings, \$41.97; Cash to balance, \$134. 85. Total, \$388.31.

Assets of Conference Fund:—Loan of Myra Linn Bequest, \$138.97; Cash in treasury, \$134.85; Total, \$273.82.

Superannuated Minister's Fund;—Cash on hand last report, \$119.95; Interest from loan, \$19.32; Received from the charges, \$89.79; Total, \$229.06.

Disbursements:—Paid to Rev. E. Fuller, \$50; Paid to Mrs. A. B. Chamberlain, \$25; Cash to balance, \$154.06. Total, \$229.06.

Assets of Superannuated Minister's Fund:—Loan, \$386.42;: Cash, \$154.06; Total, \$540.48.

City Missions:—Cash on hand last report, \$41.54; Received from Treasurer of Woman's Conference Society, \$184.79; Received.

from charges, \$23.90; Eagle Harbor Missionary Society, 15; Individual gifts, \$16; Total, \$281.23.

Disbursements:—Paid workers in Olean Mission, \$40; Paid workers in Bradford Mission, \$169; Paid Rev. C. H. Dow, traveling expenses in conference mission work, \$2.71; Paid H. W. McDowell car fare to and from Olean, \$1.70; Cash to balance, \$67.82. Total, \$281.23.

Home Missions:—Cash received from the charges, \$44.60; Received by receipts, \$21.80; Total, \$66.40.

Disbursements:—Paid to Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Treasurer, \$44.60; Paid by receipts, \$21.80. Total, \$66.40.

Foreign Missions:—Cash received from charges, \$63.53; Received from the Y. P. F. M. S. of Houghton Seminary, \$70; Received by receipts, \$17.77; Total, \$151.30.

Disbursements:—Paid cash to Rev.W. J. Seekins, \$133.53; Paid by receipts, \$17.77. Total, \$151.30.

Educational:—Cash received from the charges, \$21.25; Received by receipts, \$155.50; Total, \$176.75.

Disbursements:—Cash paid to Rev. W. J. Seekins, \$21.25; Paid by receipts, \$155.50. Total, \$176.75.

Church Extension Fund:—Cash received from the charges, \$1. H. R. LaVere, Treasurer.

Report No. 14.-Thanks.

Resolved, That the heart-felt thanks of this conference, be and hereby is, extended to the pastor and members of the Cattaraugus Wesleyan Methodist church, and the people of the village for the excellent hospitality that has been extended to the members of this body and visiting friends.

E. W. Bruce, Ray Sellman, Committee.

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Membership Dues:—Cash on hand, \$46.75; Receipts, \$9.50; Total cash, \$56.25.

Tent Work:—Cash on hand, \$16.08; Receipts, \$71.69; Total, \$87.77.

Disbursements:—\$84.69; Cash to balance, \$3.08; Total, \$87.77. Home Missions:—Receipts, \$42.90.

Disbursements, \$42.90.

City Missions:—Cash on hand, \$104.69; Receipts, 91.10; Total, \$195.79.

Disbursements:-\$195.79.

Foreign Missions:-Receipts, \$52.11.

Medical Missionary:—Receipts, \$17.50.

Disbursements:—\$17.50.

General Fund:—Cash on hand, \$79.80; Receipts, \$47.20; Total, \$127.

Disbursements:—\$124.31; Cash to balance, \$2.69; Total, \$127. Totals:—Cash on hand at beginning of conference, \$247.32; Total cash received during conference, \$332; Total received, \$579.32.

Total disbursements, \$465.19; Total balance on hand, \$114.13; Total, \$579.32.

Gertrude F. Preston, Acting Treasurer.

Tabulated Report of W. H. & F. M. S.

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W. A. HAZLETT, RAY A. SELLMAN, Committee.