

The Sixteenth
Session
Of the
Syracuse Annual Conference.
Of the
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of
America

Held its sessions in the W. M. Church at Filers settlement the first Wednesday of April 1868.

Conf. was opened by the reading of 2 Cor IV chap and prayer.

Business commenced by making out a new roll and presentation of certificates [sic] of delegates.

The Pres. fixed bar of Conference. And appointed committee on religious services of H. Loundsbury and R. Burlingham.

The ministerial roll was called and the disciplinary questions were profounded. [sic]

Time for opening and closing of sessions was fixed.

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A motion pending to let Rev. A. P. Burgess name stand as it is on the roll conf. adjrd.

Afternoon Session.
1st Day.

Rev. A. S. Wightman opened the exercises with prayer.

Roll called and corrected. And minutes read and approved.

After lengthy discussion it was voted lay Bro. A. P. Burgess case on the table until a future day.

Rev. R. Benton was voted a letter of his standing.

A. S. Wightman and L. N. S. [insert: were] appointed a committee to draught resolutions of sympathy for the Taylor church.

Election of officers fixed for the following ~~de~~ morning.

Bro. Fassetts name was continued for the year to come in present relation.

After announcements house adjourned.

Morning Session Second Day.

Rev. J. Nason opened the meeting with prayer.
Roll called & minutes approved.
Election of officers pending Rev. E. Gaylord was chosen President and Rev. A. N. Stratton. Secretary.

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On motion of Bro. Hardy a committee was appointed on Sabbath Observance.
Committee on Pastoral Relations appointed consisting of Rev. E. Gaylord. H. Loundsbury G. N. Hardy, R Osborne. M. Merrick. E. F. Willett & M Smith.

A Com. on Presidency was appointed consisting of Wightman, Hardy, Prosser. H. M. Merrick, A. E. Kinnie.

A Committee on fraternal greetings to Free Meth Conf. was appointed consisting of L. N. S. & A. S. Wightman, to go if the money is raised to defray expenses.

A. Com. was appointed to inquire into the cases of N. B. Porter and E. B. Mintz, as to whether they desire to continue their relation to us and what they expect to do. H. Loundsbury and T. Eastham committee.

Report of Sympahy for Taylor charge was read adopted and ordered printed.

First morning hour tomorrow was fixed as time for deciding next place of meeting.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders filled by adding Wightman, Nason, Owen Merrick and Wire.

Announcements, benediction & adjournment.

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Afternoon Session Second Day

Rev. J. Nason conducted opening services.

Discussions on Pastoral Visiting were taken up and engaged in by Brethren Stratton, Nason, Owen, Hardy, Wightman, Eastham, Bingham, Gaylord.

Question of Personal Piety was discussed by Brethren Jones, Simms, Pierce Cook, Willett, Bingham, Fancher, Eastham, Gaylord, Stratton.

It was voted that each speaker confine himself to the limit of five minutes.

Moral Reform was discussed by Brethern Loundsbury, Wightman, Merrick, Fyler, Nason.

After announcements

Adjourned.

Morning Session 3d Day.

Rev. A. S. Wightman opened Conf. with religious services.

Roll called minutes read and approved

The first Wed in April, 1869 was fixed as the time and Syracuse the place for holding the next annual Conf.

Rev. A. P. Burgess was case was taken up and it was voted that his name

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be continued on the Roll with the understanding that he return the transfer given him by the Pres. of this Conf.

Rev. S. Burgess was placed upon the Reserve List

D. Malpas left without appointment at his own request.

It being reported that W. Griswold had left this body, and as he had not reported himself to this body for two years, the Sec. was instructed to write him and learn his denominational standing.

"How to Promote Revivals," was opened and discussed by Wightman, Crooks &c.

Com. Reported favorably [sic] in case of the ordination of Zechariah Tyler. to Elders Order. Accepted and Adopted.

Afternoon Session 3d Day.

Rev. T Eastham opened Conf. with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

A. S. Wightman read report on Sab. Schools discussed by Hardy and Crooks. & adopted.

G. N. Hardy presented report on Education. Accepted and adopted ordered printed.

Rev A Crooks gave statement of standing of Book Concern matters.

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Rev. A. Crooks delivered an address upon denominational perpetuity to which he was appointed last year.

L. N. S. read an address on Homiletics or Science of Preaching. Conf asked it for publication

After Prayer by Z. Tyler
Conf Adjourned.

Morning Session

4th Day

Prayer was offered by Bro. Ferris.

Roll called and minutes approved

Brethren Eastham and Simms Nason, M. Smith, Cooper, and Brown asked leave of absence.

A delegation to attend the Pittsburg Anti-Secret Society was decided upon and Rev. A. Crooks and L. N. Stratton were chosen and money pledged for defrayment (in part of) expenses. A. S. Wightman was chosen alternate.

A motion was unanimously sustained that the president of Conf enforce the usual parliamentary rules.

A committee was appointed to of L. N. S. to draft a resolution as expressive of our views on

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the Secret Society question.

Roll was called to learn how many childrens banners can be pledged for.

Committee for 1869 was appointed consisting of A. S. Wightman, J. Nason J. D. Prosser, and Delegates from Syracuse and pastors and delegate from Blodgetts Mills.

Rev. J. Nason was excused from reporting on "Christian Doctrine" until next year.

Com on Statistics through H. Lounsbury Reported. Adopted.

Report on missions by E Gaylord adopted and ordered printed.

On motion of R. Merrick Rev. G. N. Hardy was elected Evangelist

The following resolution was adopted.

Res. That as we have elected to the office of Conf. Evangelist Rev. G N. Hardy, that Bro. Hardy make report of all support received from those with whom he may labor, and that the Missionary Board be requested to add thereto, such amount as shall afford him a reasonable compensation ~~for his~~, and that said board advance him \$25. to enable him to commence his labors.

After prayer by Bro. Bingham house adjourned.

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Afternoon Session

4th Day

Session opened with prayer by -- -- -- --

Bro Hardy was given time to mature and report on Sabbath Observance.

Report on pastoral relations amended and approved.

The following list of subjects for next year was made out and names added respectively viz.

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Reforms and State of Country,
Education,
Missions,
Sabbath-Schools,
Book Concern and Publishing Interests

A. S. Wightman.
L. N. Stratton.
H. Lounsbury.
C. P. Owen.
J. Nason.

The Conference also, ~~at its last session~~, had reported to it by committe [sic] the following sub-persons whose names ar appended to the respective subjects were apponited [sic] to lead by essay or address when their subjects are called.

Christian Doctrine,	J. Nason.
Personal Piety,	J. P. Pierce.
How to promote Revivals,	J. D. Prosser.
Pastoral Visiting.	R. Osborn.
Office of Justification,	A. Ferris.
Office of Sanctification,	E. Gaylord.
Pastoral Theology,	G. M. Hardy.
Christian Oratory,	A. S. Wightman.
Homiletics,	L. N. Stratton.

A Com consisting of A. S. Wightman & M. Merrick was apponited [sic] to express the minds of this body in favor of the impeachment of A. Johnson.

Question. Of Church Activity was then presented by J. P. Pierce and L. N. Stratton and C. P. Owen.

A. S. Wightman presented report on impeachment of A. Johnson Rep. Adopted.

L. N. S. presented Res. And Sec Societies.

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After arrangements were made for the missionary meeting this evening and remarks by Rev. E. Gaylord

Conf. Adjourned.