

MINUTES
OF
THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
The Lockport Conference
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America
HELD AT
CATTARAUGUS, CATTARAUGUS CO., N. Y.,
APRIL 2 to 7, 1907.

REV. C. H. DOW, President,
REV. WALTER READETT, Secretary.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

President:—Rev. C. H. Dow.

Vice-President:—E. W. Bruce.

Secretary:—Walter Readett.

Treasurer:—H. W. McDowell.

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Herbert R. LaVere, Term Expires 1910.

John S. Willett, Term Expires 1901.

William S. Easton, Term Expires 1910.

Reuben F. Dutcher, Term Expires 1909.

Charles H. Dow, Term Expires 1909.

Henry R. Barnett, Term Expires 1909.

Howard W. McDowell, Term Expires 1908.

DeForest Crowell, Term Expires 1908.

Clayton F. Ball, Term Expires 1908.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders on the Stationed List:—G. W. Cooper, W. A. Hazlett, S. W. Jennings, G. H. Clarke, C. H. Dow, Walter Readett, H. W. McDowell, Robert McConnell, S. W. Bond, J. S. Willett, C. P. Sage, H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, N. E. Heald, C. G. Wagoner, E. W. Bruce, C. W. MacClinchy, H. J. Bullock, F. E. Fitch.

Elders on the Supernumerary List:—R. F. Dutcher, B. S. Laughlin, J. C. Irvine and J. D. Russell.

Elders on the Superannuated List:—A. B. Chamberlain, I. Hodgkins, E. Fuller.

Licentiates on the Stationed List:—F. C. Adams, A. C. Dow, C. R. Hawkins.

Delegates:—Edward Tunmore, Charles Bauer, Mrs. Elizabeth Schouten, Charles P. Lapham, A. F. Plummer, Wm. S. Easton, Mrs. A. S. Powell, Clayton F. Ball, Charles Lindquist, John McDonald, Mrs. Helen Washbon, Mrs. Pauline Warren, Mrs. Jennie Ayers, Miss Verna Hanford, Mrs. C. M. Closser, H. R. Barnett, Mrs. Angie Daniels, Leroy Peasley, Mrs. Mary Howard, Albert Stoddard, Mrs. Anna Daly, Mrs. Emma Ellis, Mrs. Jennie Crowell.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day. Wednesday Morning.

The Lockport Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection or Church of America, held its forty-sixth session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., at 9 o'clock A. M., April 3, 1907.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Vice-President, the Rev. E. W. Bruce.

The Committee on Credentials were elected as follows:—Rev. G. H. Clarke and Rev. W. A. Hazlett.

The Committee on Credentials gave a partial report and the names of delegates from the various charges were added to the roll.

On motion it was decided that the first four slips, including side seats, constitute the bar of conference.

The following committees were elected:

On Religious Services:—Charles Sicard, Henry R. Barnett, E. W. Bruce.

On Boundaries:—S. W. Bond, R. F. Dutcher, Charles Lindquist.

On Pastoral Relations:—R. F. Dutcher, H. R. LaVere, Verna Hanford, Jennie Ayers, C. W. MacClinchy, A. F. Plummer.

On Statistics:—W. A. Hazlett, Charles Lindquist.

On Presidency:—S. W. Bond, G. H. Clarke, Clayton Ball.

On Thanks:—J. S. Willett, Charles Lindquist.

On Post-Office Addresses:—Verna Hanford.

On Memorial to General Conference:—H. W. McDowell, William Easton, E. W. Bruce.

On motion the time for the opening and closing the meetings of conference session was fixed as follows: Morning meeting to open at 8:30 A. M. and close at 11:30 A. M. Afternoon meeting to open at 1:30 P. M. and close by adjournment.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday at 10 A. M. to elect conference officers.

By call of the conference the President, Rev. C. H. Dow, read his annual report which was adopted. See Report No. 1.

Rev. William Manning of the Free Methodist church was introduced to the conference by the President.

By vote, all visiting ministerial brethren were given an honorary seat within the bar of the conference.

Rev. E. N. Askey of the Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. A. D. Fero of Allegheny conference were introduced by the President.

The Committee on Boundaries gave a partial report which was adopted. See Report No. 2, Item A.

A partial report by the Committee on Credentials was given and adopted. Names added to roll.

The conference then proceeded to examine ministerial characters.

The names of S. W. Bond, G. H. Clarke, R. F. Dutcher, W. A. Hazlett, S. W. Jennings, C. W. MacClinchy were called and their characters passed.

The name of Rev. Robert McConnell was called and the passing of his character was deferred by his request until the arrival of the delegate.

Rev. H. W. McDowell was called and made statement of his work as Professor in Houghton School. His character passed.

The conference adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Tiffany.

First Day. Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotional exercises were in charge of S. W. Jennings.

Thirty responded to the roll call.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. A. T. Jennings, Connectional Editor, Rev. J. L. Benton of Champlain conference, and Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, were introduced to the conference.

On motion it was made the order of the day for Thursday at 2 P. M. to hear the Connectional Editor, Rev. A. T. Jennings.

A partial report was given by the Committee on Credentials and adopted.

By vote it was made the order of the day for Friday at 10 A. M., to hear our Field Secretary, Rev. J. L. Benton.

It was made the order of the day for Rev. E. Teter to address the conference on Thursday afternoon immediately after the address of Rev. A. T. Jennings.

On motion the order of the day was fixed for Saturday 10 A.

M., to hear Rev. E. Teter, representing the Connectional Agent.

Owing to the death of G. W. Steele a Committee on Memorial Services was appointed as follows: R. F. Dutcher, R. McConnell, G. W. Cooper.

The examination of ministerial character was then resumed.

The following names were called: Walter Readett, J. S. Willett, E. W. Bruce, C. H. Dow, H. R. LaVere, Charles Sicard, G. W. Cooper and also Robert McConnell whose delegate had arrived. The character of each was passed.

The following names reported by communication: B. S. Laughlin, J. D. Russell, J. C. Irvine and their characters passed.

Other ministers not being present for examination the names of the following charges were called: Cameron, reported through its pastor, A. C. Dow, whose character was passed. Delevan and Machias reported through Rev. J. E. Tiffany, who has supplied the work. Huntley and Castle Garden reported through Ettie Hayward by communication, she having supplied the work. Honeoye reported through the President, Rev. C. H. Dow. Levant reported through Rev. A. D. Fero of Allegheny conference who has supplied the work. Wyoming reported through its pastor, F. C. Adams, whose character was passed. Buffalo Mission reported through its pastor, C. R. Hawkins, whose character was passed.

Rev. F. E. Fitch was introduced to the conference.

Adjourned by motion.

Benediction by R. F. Dutcher.

Second Day. Thursday Morning.

The conference was called to order and Rev. R. F. Dutcher conducted the devotional exercises.

Twenty-eight responded to the roll call.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented a partial report which was adopted and names placed on the roll.

The Committee on Campmeeting gave their financial report which was adopted. See Report No. 3.

The examination of ministerial character was taken up and the name of Rev. A. B. Chamberlain was called who reported by communication. His character passed.

On motion the consideration of an appropriation for Rev. A. B. Chamberlain from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The name of Rev. G. W. Steele was called. The President, Rev. C. H. Dow, gave report of his death. The Napoli charge which he served reported, by communication.

The names of C. W. Smith, Edgar Fuller were called and their characters passed.

Rev. C. P. Sage reported by communication. His character passed.

The order of the day was called for and the conference proceeded to the election of its officers.

The president appointed as tellers: J. S. Willett and Clayton Ball.

Voted that the first ballot be informal.

Rev. C. H. Dow was elected for Conference President.

Rev. E. W. Bruce was elected Vice-President.

The ballot resulted in the election of Walter Readett for Secretary.

On motion of Charles Sicard J. S. Willett was elected as Assistant Secretary.

Rev. H. W. McDowell was elected for Conference Treasurer.

The conference then proceeded to the election of the Conference Trustees and the ballots resulted as follows: On first ballot the whole number cast was thirty-three of which Herbert R. LaVere received thirty-two. Silas W. Bond one. Herbert R. LaVere was declared elected.

On second ballot the whole number cast was thirty-seven of which John S. Willett received thirty-six. Silas W. Bond one. John S. Willett was declared elected.

On third ballot the whole number cast was thirty-three of which William S. Easton received thirty-three and was declared elected.

By vote of the conference Rev. E. W. Bruce was elected as the ministerial member of the Advisory Board.

C. P. Lapham was elected as the lay member of the Advisory Board.

The vote for Tithing Secretary resulted in the election of Rev. H. R. LaVere.

For members of the Judiciary Committee the conference voted as follows: Rev. R. F. Dutcher, S. W. Bond,, E. W. Bruce, Robert McConnell.

Rev. H. W. McDowell and W. S. Easton were elected as the Missionary Board.

Rev. C. H. Dow was re-elected as a member of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Conference adjourned by vote.

Benediction by G. H. Clarke.

Second Day. Thursday Afternoon.

Conference convened at the appointed hour and Rev. C. W. MacClinchy took charge of the devotional exercises.

In response to the roll call thirty-five were present.

The minutes of the forenoon meeting were read and approved.

Committee on Credentials made a farther partial report. It was adopted.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. A. T. Jennings, Our Connectional Editor, gave us a very inspiring report relative to the interests and conditions of the Connection.

Also Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, followed with some convincing remarks showing the successful propagation of the gospel in the southern field, and also the prospects for the future under missionary effort.

The transfer of Rev. H. J. Bullock from the Rochester conference to the Lockport conference was duly received.

A petition to the General conference relative to the union of the Lockport and Rochester conferences was presented by Rev. H. W. McDowell and after some debate was decided against by a vote of the conference.

Adjourned by vote.

Benediction by Rev. E. W. Bruce.

Third Day. Friday Morning.

The President called the conference to order and Sister Jennie Ayers conducted the devotional exercises.

The number present at the roll call was thirty-two.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A collection was taken for the President, Rev. C. H. Dow, to defray his expenses of stationery and postage.

Rev. G. D. Marks of the Free Methodist church was introduced to the Conference by the President.

The examination of ministerial character was continued.

Rev. W. A. Backus reported by communication and his character passed.

On motion the request of Rev. W. A. Backus for a transfer

from the Lockport conference to the Allegheny conference was granted.

The name of Rev. N. E. Heald was called and his character passed.

By vote of the conference Albert Stoddard was excused according to his request.

Invitations for the next session of the annual conference were given by Fillmore and Houghton charges.

By roll call Houghton received 34 votes and Fillmore 3.

It was voted that the Secretary be requested to write a letter, signed by the President, to the Brethren of the Rochester Annual Conference assuring them of the love and fellowship of the Brethren of this conference although it is thought best under present conditions not to unite as one conference or body.

All ministerial characters having been examined the following charges reported: Hamburg through its pastor, Gertrude F. Preston, whose character passed. Westons and Olean through M. F. Lienard who acted as supply.

A collection was taken for the Secretary amounting to \$8.08.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. J. L. Benton, Field Secretary, gave a stimulating report of our educational interests and as Wesleyan Methodists urged upon us to properly attend to the training of our young people by sending them to our own schools to prepare them for future usefulness to the interest of the gospel as it is preached and sustained in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Tiffany.

Third Day. Friday Afternoon.

Conference called to order by the President.

The roll was called and twenty-seven were present.

The minutes were read and approved.

Conference adjourned by vote subject to the call of the chair for the annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Fourth Day. Saturday Morning.

The conference opened at the appointed hour and Rev. M. F. Lienard conducted the devotional exercises.

Twenty-nine responded to the roll call.

The report of the Committee on Thanks was given and adopted. See Report No. 4.

The acceptance of the credentials of Rev. F. E. Fitch as an Elder was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The petition of the Boardmanville church as presented was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Rev. H. R. LaVere and J. S. Willett were appointed as the Auditing Committee.

The request of C. P. Lapham to be excused from the conference was granted.

It was voted that the time of the next session of the Annual Conference be left to the Advisory Board.

John McDonald was excused from the conference by his request.

The Committee on Boundaries to whom was referred the petition of the Boardmanville church gave their report and it was adopted. See Report No. 2, Item B.

The conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General conference.

Rev. C. W. MacClinchy and H. R. Barnett were appointed as tellers.

On ballot Rev. C. H. Dow was elected as the first ministerial delegate to the General conference.

Rev. H. W. McDowell was elected as the second ministerial delegate.

Rev. S. W. Bond and Rev. G. H. Clarke were excused from the conference by their request.

E. G. Dietrich was elected as the first lay delegate to the General conference. Charles Lindquist was elected as the second lay delegate.

Rev. R. F. Dutcher was elected as the alternate ministerial delegate for Rev. C. H. Dow.

Rev. E. W. Bruce was elected as the alternate ministerial delegate for Rev. H. W. McDowell.

Won Crandall was elected as the alternate lay delegate for E. G. Dietrich.

H. R. Barnett was elected as the alternate lay delegate for Charles Lindquist.

On motion a committee was appointed to ascertain the delegates travelling expenses to the General conference and make a call pro rata to the respective charges for funds to defray the same.

H. R. Barnett and Charles Lindquist were appointed as that Committee.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. E. Teter gave a report concerning the work of the Connectional Agent.

The Committee on Statistics gave their report which was adopted. See Report No. 5.

On motion Walter Readett was appointed to preach the opening sermon at the next annual session. Rev. J. S. Willett was appointed as the alternate.

Rev. H. W. McDowell was elected as the first member of the Campmeeting Committee. H. R. Barnett was elected as the second member of that Committee.

Adjourned by limitation.

Benediction by R. F. Dutcher.

Fourth Day. Saturday Afternoon.

Conference was called to order and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. N. E. Heald.

The roll was called and twenty-nine responded.

Minutes of the morning meeting read and approved.

It was voted that the resolution presented by Rev. H. R. La-Verre be adopted and that it be published in the Wesleyan Methodist. See Report No. 6.

On motion it was ordered that three hundred copies of the Minutes be printed and that a committee be appointed to apportion said Minutes to the various pastors, said committee to reserve twenty copies for use at the next session of annual conference. Rev. C. W. MacClinchy, W. Readett and Rev. J. S. Willett were appointed as the Committee.

The Board of Trustees reported through their secretary, H. R. Barnett. Report was adopted. See report No. 7.

Adjourned by vote subject to the call of the chair.

Conference called to order and business resumed.

The Report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was given through their secretary, H. R. Barnett, and adopted. See Report No. 8.

The Auditing Committee gave a partial report. Report adopted.

Rev. Charles Sicard requested to be transferred from the Lockport to the Rochester conference. His request was granted.

Clayton Ball was excused from the Conference by his request.

Rev. S. W. Jennings' request for a letter of standing from this conference was granted.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations reported through their Secretary, Rev. C. W. MacClinchy. The report was adopted. See Report No. 9.

The Committee on Apportioning the Minutes made a report which was adopted.

The financial report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was given through their treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Smith. The report was adopted. See Report No. 10.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes for last year gave their report which was adopted. See Report No. 11.

The Conference Treasurer gave his report and it was adopted. See Report No. 12.

On motion the Missionary Board were instructed to take into consideration the present financial condition of the conference and the advisability of purchasing a second tent for conference work.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the chair.

Benediction by Rev. R. F. Dutcher.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report No. 1. President's Report.

Dear Brethren and Members of the Conference:—We rejoice that through the blessing and guiding hand of God, the great Head of the Church, we live to meet in another Annual Conference session. All praise to him who hath loved us and brought us together under such favorable circumstances and blessing.

In looking over our conference work for the year we have much cause for gratitude in the good work accomplished. While our growth and prosperity may not be as great as our sister Churches, we trust the work done has been of such permanent character that it will stand and serve as a basis for greater results in the future.

Our espousal to the gospel of full salvation, our courageous stand for all reforms that relate to the church, home and state, make us the object of the enemy's hatred and the godless world's scoff and scorn, and sometimes the persecution of the professed Church who are courting the world's favor rather than the friend-

ship of God. Let us not measure our success and prosperity by those who are not conforming to God's truth and holiness, but alone by divine standards.

Does God approve of us and cause his face to shine upon us? Do we rest in him and hold sweet fellowship? If so, all is well.

We are pleased to report a year of blessing and victory for our conference. God has visited nearly every church in saving, sanctifying power. The series of tent meetings conducted under the direction of your Committee on Evangelism were greatly used and blessed of God in the salvation of souls, the sanctifying of believers and the removal of prejudice.

We desire in behalf of the conference to express our appreciation and thanks to the able, earnest band who traveled with the tent and worked so faithfully for the salvation of the lost and up-building of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The gratifying results of the tent campaign have fully demonstrated the wisdom of the movement.

Invitations were received from every part of the conference. The season suitable for tent work only admitted of seven meetings limited to ten days each. In every place we were urged to continue longer and entreated to return another year.

Urgent invitations for meetings were received from all parts of the conference to which we could make no response owing to the shortness of the season for tent work. Already we have invitations for next season's tent work sufficient in number if we could respond to keep two tents in the field.

Many of our young men who are in the training for gospel work in our school have applied to us for evangelistic work during the vacation.

We urge this conference to take under consideration the purchasing of a second tent to be placed in the field, and also a full consideration of the fact of a greatly increased demand for evangelistic work and the devising of measures and methods to meet that demand.

The report on pastoral relations of our last session of conference shows the following charges left in President's hands; Holland, Honeoye, Eagle Harbor and Yates, Olcott and Phillips Creek.

Holland and Honeoye being unable to support or provide place for preaching have been without preacher during the year.

We supplied Eagle Harbor and Yates with preaching through one of our Houghton students Rev. A. DeLap the first part of the

year. Later they have employed Rev. R. F. Dutcher and Wm. Bennett.

Olcott charges have had no regular pastor. Rev. S. W. Jennings has preached to them a part of the year.

Phillips Creek has been supplied by students from Houghton a part of the year.

Delevan and Machias have been supplied very acceptably by your appointment and under our direction by Rev. J. E. Tiffany of the Free Methodist Church. They had a very gracious revival and members have been added to the church.

Huntley and Castle Garden have been supplied also by your appointment and under our direction by Miss Ettie Hayward of the Allegheny conference. The work has prospered under her labors.

With sorrow we call the attention of the conference to the depletion of our ranks in the sudden death of our esteemed and aged Brother Rev. G. W. Steele. We recommend that suitable memorial tribute be observed by this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DOW, President.

Report No. 2. On Boundaries.

Your Committee on Boundaries report as follows:

Item A: A petition signed by nineteen names petitioning this conference to admit the Buffalo church into this conference, has been submitted to this committee. We recommend that the prayer of this petition be granted and that the said church be known as the Buffalo Mission.

Item B: Your committee to whom was referred the petition of the Boardmanville church petitioning conference to separate Boardmanville church from Westons Mills church unanimously recommend that said petition be granted. All of which is respectfully submitted,

REV. S. W. BOND, REV. R. F. DUTCHER, CHARLES
LINDQUIST, Committee.

Report No. 3. Financial Report of the Campmeeting Committee.
Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	\$ 26.81
Cash on pledges	207.50
Sunday collection	63.43
Tent rent	114.75
Song Books, oil, etc.	40.19
Sale of timber	2.00
Total receipts	\$454.68

Disbursements.

Interest on mortgage	\$ 38.85
Car fare	8.40
Dynamite	1.64
Song books	19.50
Tent Rent	87.39
Freight	23.98
Other Campmeeting expenses	20.00
Lumber	38.00
Work on grounds	12.75
Testing for water	94.05
Total Disbursements	\$344.56
Cash on hand	110.12

A. W. BRIM, Treasurer, per Rev. H. W. McDowell.

Report No. 4. On Thanks.

Your Committee on Thanks begs leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the work of preparing for and the entertainment of our annual conference has entailed long and arduous work; and

Whereas the homes and hearts of the people of Cattaraugus and vicinity have been so freely opened to the kind entertainment and hospitality of the members of the Lockport conference and visiting friends; and

Whereas no pains have been spared by them to meet our every need and supply our every comfort while among them: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Lockport conference in annual meeting

assembled, extend to the pastor and his wife, to the membership of the Cattaraugus church and to the people of the town and community our heart felt gratitude and appreciation for the royal welcome given and the cordial reception received in their homes.

Resolved, That we earnestly pray God's blessing may rest upon them and that the Church, in its work for the uplifting, betterment and salvation of men and women, may have divine favor granted that shall result in the truth and right.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be placed on our Minutes and a copy sent to the "Cattaraugus Times."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

REV. J. S. WILLETT, CHARLES LINDQUIST, Committee.

Report No. 5. On Statistics. (See Statistical Table.)

Report No. 6. Resolution.

After hearing from our Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. Teter, the actual conditions of all our Church finances and the encouragement and inspiration which his address gave, we, the Lockport conference in its annual session assembled, deem it proper that we express our attitude toward our Church interests as follows:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support by prayer, work and money to the utmost of our ability the enterprises of our Church.

Resolved, That we assure our official brethren, whose presence we have greatly enjoyed, our continued friendship and loyalty to the interests which they represent.

Resolved, That we remember in prayer all those upon whom the responsibility of the work rests and that in particular will we bear to the throne of grace the present Agent, J. H. Bowen, and pledge him our hearty co-operation.

Resolved, That we double our energies and zeal in the work and will cherish and guard the principles of the church and the cause for which she stands.

H. R. LaVERE.

Report No. 7. Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees would report as follows:

1. We recommend that an order be drawn on the treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund for \$25 in favor of Rev. A. B. Chamberlain.

2. We recommend that an order be drawn on the treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund for \$25 in favor of Rev. E. Fuller.

3. We recommend that we loan to the Rev. Howard W. McDowell upon proper security with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum the balance on hand of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund and the bequest of Sister Myra Linn for the period of one year, from April 1, 1907.

4. We recommend that the amount of \$25 received from the sale of the building at Portage be given to the Castle Garden church to be used for building purposes.

5. We recommend that Rev. C. H. Dow examine the title of the church property at Olean; also at Westons Mills, and if found to inhere in the Lockport annual conference, to secure the papers connected with the same and report his findings to the Board of Trustees.

6. We recommend that the Missionary Board be authorized to draw on the conference treasury as the conference work may demand.

7. We recommend that an order be drawn on the treasurer in favor of Rev. Charles Sicard for \$1.67 to pay the deficit in the expense of printing the conference Minutes.

REV. H. W. McDOWELL, Chairman. H. R. BARNETT, Secretary.

Report No. 8. Itinerancy and Orders.

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

Recommendations to travel under the direction of the conference from their respective charges were received for the following persons.

William Osgood and Albert J. Straight. We recommend that they be received to travel under the direction of conference.

In the case of Gertrude F. Preston who has passed a creditable examination in the first year's course of study. We recommend that

she be continued to travel under the direction of conference and complete the second year's course of study and pursue the studies of the third year.

In the case of A. C. Dow, who has passed a creditable examination in the first and second years' courses of study except Church History and History of Reformation. We recommend that he continue to travel under the direction of conference, to complete the second year's course of study and pursue those of the third year.

In the case of C. R. Hawkins, who has passed a creditable examination in Binney's Compend, Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Wesleyan Methodist Discipline and Lectures on Preaching. We recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of conference and pursue the course of study as his work will permit.

In the case of F. C. Adams who has very creditably completed the first year's course of study and Natural Theology in the second year, we recommend that he continue to travel under the direction of conference and complete the second year's course of study.

In the case of S. C. Wilcox, we recommend that she continue to travel under the direction of conference and pursue the third year's course of study as her health may permit.

In the case of H. C. Bedford, we recommend that he be continued to travel under the direction of the conference and pursue the studies of the course.

In the case of Frank E. Fitch who came before the Committee with elder's credentials and having examined him on Christian experience and doctrine, we recommend that he be received upon his ordination papers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. DOW, H. R. LaVERE, E. W. BRUCE, W. S. EASTON,
H. R. BARNETT, Committee.

Report No. 9. Pastoral Relations.

Committee called and organized under direction of President, Rev. C. H. Dow. On motion C. W. MacClinchy was elected Secretary.

The committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. Number of elders on conference roll, 27.
2. Elders on the stationed list: G. W. Cooper, W. A. Hazlett, S. W. Jennings, G. H. Clarke, C. H. Dow, Walter Readett, H. W. McDowell, Robert McConnell, S. W. Bond, J. S. Willett, C. P. Sage,

H. R. LaVere, C. W. Smith, N. E. Heald, C. G. Wagoner, E. W. Bruce, C. W. MacClinchy, H. J. Bullock, F. E. Fitch.

3. Elders without appointment: None.

4. Elders on supernumerary list: B. S. Laughlin, R. F. Dutcher, J. C. Irvine, J. D. Russell.

5. Elders on superannuated list: A. B. Chamberlain, I. Hodgkins. On account of failing health, Rev. E. Fuller by our request placed upon the superannuated list; Committee so recommends.

6. Elders deposed: None.

7. Elders withdrawn: (a) By transfer, W. A. Backus, to Allegheny conference, Charles Sicard to Rochester conference; (b) By letter of standing, S. W. Jennings.

8. Joined by ordination: None. On certificate of ordination, F. E. Fitch. By transfer, H. J. Bullock from Rochester conference. By letter of standing: None.

9. Elders died during the year: G. W. Steele.

10. Licentiates on stationed list: F. C. Adams, A. C. Dow, C. R. Hawkins.

Work Supplied: Allegany, C. W. Smith; Cameron, A. C. Dow; Cattaraugus, F. S. Lee of Rochester conference; Chestnut Ridge, F. C. Adams; Delevan and Machias, J. E. Tiffany, Wm. Osgood, assistant under direction of President; Eagle Harbor and Yates, H. R. LaVere; East Leon, R. McConnell; Fillmore, E. W. Bruce; Forestville, N. E. Heald; Hazelhurst, Mrs. Anna Daley; Hess Road, C. W. MacClinchy; Higgins, G. W. Cooper; Hamburg, in hands of President; Houghton, C. H. Dow; Huntley and Castle Garden, in hands of President; Honeoye, in hands of President; Levant, A. D. Fero of Allegheny conference; Napoli, F. E. Fitch; Olcott, in hands of President; Phillips Creek, in hands of President; Ransomville, Walter Readett; Red House, F. E. Fitch; Short Tract, W. A. Hazlett; Steamburg, F. E. Fitch; Olean, M. F. Lienard; Westons Mills, in hands of President; Buffalo Mission, C. R. Hawkins; Lewis Run, in hands of President; H. W. McDowell, Professor in Houghton school; S. W. Bond, President of Houghton school; E. W. Bruce, Theological Professor in Houghton school; J. S. Willett, Office Editor, Wesleyan Publishing House; G. H. Clarke, Commercial teacher at Houghton school; H. C. Bedford, Professor of Houghton school; C. P. Sage, supplying South Troy in Iowa conference.

C. H. DOW, R. F. DUTCHER, H. R. LaVERE, VERNA HANFORD, JENNIE AYERS, A. F. PLUMMER, C. W. MacCLINCHY, Committee.

Report No. 10. Missionary Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign and Conference Missionary Society would submit the following report:

Balance on hand for the year ending April 6, 1906,	\$ 36.11
Total receipts for Foreign Missions	135.73
Total Receipts for Home Missions	88.02
Total receipts for Conference Missions	158.59
Total receipts for membership dues	15.50
Total receipts for General fund	34.84
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Total receipts	\$468.79

Disbursements for Year.

Paid to H. W. McDowell for tent work	\$ 88.80
Paid to E. Teter for Anna P. Clark	30.00
Paid to M. L. Churchill for Limbah Workers' Band	10.40
Paid to E. Teter for support of child in Africa	30.00
Paid to V. A. Smith for postage72
By receipt of H. W. McDowell for Anna P. Clark	30.00
Paid Mrs. Moe	2.00
By receipt of H. W. McDowell for Foreign Missions	5.00
Paid for tent bags	6.00
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Total disbursements	\$292.92
Balance on hand	\$265.87

Respectfully submitted,

VERNA A. SMITH, Treasurer.

Report No. 11. Publication of Minutes.

Your Committee on Publication of the Minutes for last year beg leave to submit the following report:

Total cost of printing and distributing the Minutes	\$30.22
Total amount received from all sources	30.22
Paid W. M. Publishing House for printing Minutes	27.00
Paid for stationery and postage	3.22

H. R. LaVERE, CHARLES SICARD, Committee.

Report No. 12. Conference Treasurer's Report.

(a) The Treasurer of the Lockport conference would respectfully submit the following report of conference funds.

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	\$201.92
Myra Linn bequest in bank	123.70
From charges for Foreign Missions	32.75
From charges for Home Missions	6.75
From charges on Dollar Plan	474.00
From Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Society	50.00
From Emily Joslyn for tent work	10.00
Contributions at tent meetings	108.72
From sale of song books	1.15
Interest on Myra Linn's Fund	8.66
Sale of Portage Mission church	25.00

Total Receipts	\$1,042.65
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Disbursements.

To C. H. Dow, travel and postage	\$ 15.31
To Charles Sicard for Conference Minutes	3.02
Incidentals, car fare, freight, etc., in tent meetings	77.67
To workers in tent meetings	217.90
Song books	1.70
Loan to H. W. McDowell, bequest of Myra Linn	127.41
To A. W. Hall for Foreign Missions	5.00
To E. Teter, for Foreign Missions	27.75
To E. Teter, for Home Missions	6.75
To A. W. Hall on Dollar Plan	4.50
To E. Teter, on Dollar Plan	351.00

Total Disbursements	\$837.11
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Assets of Conference Fund.

Cash to balance	\$205.54
Loan	127.41

Total	\$332.95
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H. W. McDOWELL, Treasurer.

(b) The Treasurer of the Lockport conference would respectfully submit the following report of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund:

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	\$344.52
Balance of note of G. W. Cooper with interest.....	3.75
Interest	16.21
Cash from charges	96.94

Total Receipts	\$461.42
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Disbursements.

To A. B. Chamberlain	\$ 25.00
Loan to H. W. McDowell	326.77

Total Disbursements	\$351.77
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Assets of Fund.

Cash balance	\$109.65
Loan	326.77

Total	\$436.42
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H. W. McDOWELL, Treasurer.

POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Elders.

- S. W. Bond, Houghton, N. Y.
 E. W. Bruce, Houghton, N. Y.
 H. J. Bullock, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
 A. B. Chamberlain, Wyoming, N. Y.
 G. H. Clarke, Houghton, N. Y.
 G. W. Cooper, Fillmore, N. Y.
 C. H. Dow, Houghton, N. Y.
 R. F. Dutcher, Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
 A. D. Fero, Falconer, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 71.
 Edgar Fuller, Westons Mills, N. Y.
 W. A. Hazlett, Houghton, N. Y.
 N. E. Heald, Forestville, N. Y.
 I. Hodgkins, Steamburg, N. Y.
 S. W. Jennings, Lockport, N. Y.
 B. S. Laughlin, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
 H. R. LaVere, Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
 F. S. Lee, Cattaraugus, N. Y.
 C. W. MacClinchy, Appleton, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 30.
 Robert McConnell, Cattaraugus, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2.
 H. W. McDowell, Houghton, N. Y.
 Walter Readett, Ransomville, N. Y.
 C. P. Sage, Hammond, Minn.
 Charles Sicard, Seneca Falls, N. Y.
 C. W. Smith, Caneadea, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 2.
 C. G. Wagoner, Houghton, N. Y.
 J. S. Willett, Syracuse, N. Y., Wesleyan Office.

Licentiates.

- F. C. Adams, Lockport, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 7.
 H. C. Bedford, Houghton, N. Y.
 A. C. Dow, Emporium, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2.
 C. R. Hawkins, Buffalo, N. Y., 310 Herkimer St.
 M. C. Lienard, Houghton, N. Y.
 William Osgood, Machias, N. Y.
 Gertrude F. Preston, Black Creek, N. Y., R. F. D. No. 1.
 A. J. Straight, Dunkirk, N. Y.
 Sarah C. Wilcox, Grant City, Iowa.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The religious services were seasons of inspiration and blessing from the very first of conference until its close. Every sermon was rich with truth, plain in its presentation and practical in its application.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. H. R. LaVere, and the following evenings respectively, Rev. A. T. Jennings, Editor; J. S. Willett, Assistant Editor; S. W. Bond, President of Houghton School; E. W. Bruce, Theological Teacher of Houghton School, rendered very efficient service. During the business session of the day everything moved off smoothly and with precision.

Sabbath morning opened with a rich love-feast. The saints told in rapid succession of joyful victories and the keeping power of God which was most inspiring and helpful. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Benton, Field Secretary. It was a time of pouring out of convincing truth and the audience showed their appreciation and endorsement by hearty responses.

Rev. R. F. Dutcher had charge of the sacramental service and many partook of this gracious privilege.

A memorial service was held in the afternoon as a tribute to Rev. G. W. Steele whose death occurred during the early part of the year. Several brethren gave account of circumstances in which Brother Steele had been a means of encouragement and hope. They who believe in Him shall never die. In the evening Rev. E. Teter, Missionary Secretary, preached an excellent sermon on the "Unequal ways of man and the equal way of God." A very gracious spirit prevailed through the after service as souls came and sought the Lord. Several seekers found pardon and others a clean heart during the session of conference.

WALTER READETT, Secretary.

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Phillips Creek, present numbers 6.

W. A. HAZLETT, CHAS. LINDQUIST, Committee.