

Record
of the First Meeting
of the
New York Conference
of the
Wesleyan M. Connection of
AMERICA.
held in Syracuse, June,
1844.

P. R. Sawyer.

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Show thyself worthy of every honor bestowed on thee. – P. R. S.

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First day, morning Session.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 19th 1844.

At the hour appointed (9 A.M.) a number of members of and delegates to the New York Annual Conference being assembled at the Wesleyan Chapel, Luther Lee called them to order by remarking, that in consequence of bodily indisposition, he was unable to conduct the opening religious services: accordingly G. Pegler being requested, read from the scriptures, gave out a hymn, and led in prayer, which was followed by Palmer M. Way.

L. Lee rose and stated, that by the appointment of the General Convention held in Utica last year, it devolved on him to act as President until such time as the Conference should organize and choose its officers. He then made a few appropriate remarks referring to the position and prospects of our denomination, and to the responsibilities of members of this first meeting of the Conference.

The President stated that the Conference at present was composed of all the ordained ministers who received an appointment from the General Convention within

the bounds of the New York Wesleyan Conference, and whose names are in the printed minutes; and of all the lay delegates appointed by the Wesleyan churches to attend this body.

Conference Voted, That P. R. Sawyer, of Fulton, N. Y., be chosen Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, That the President appoint a committee of three on Credentials of lay delegates.

Samuel Salsbury, Geo. Pegler, W^m. Archer, appointed.

Com. on Credentials of lay delegates, reported in favor of admitting to seats those whose credentials they judged satisfactory, and against receiving such doubtful cases as they named in their report.

Voted, That the report be received, and that so much of it as refers to those cases of whom the Committee have no doubt, be adopted, and the said delegates be recognized as members of this Conference.

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Voted, That each circuit and station be entitled to at least one lay delegate to this Conference.

Moved, That Bro – (I think of Royalton ct. P. R. S.) be received as a lay delegate.

Voted, That the question of the reception of the fourth lay delegate from Royalton ct. be laid on the table.

Voted, That Bro. – be admitted as a lay delegate.

President informed the Conference, that he had received a number of ordained ministers into the Connection since the Utica Convention, whose cases he wished to present for admission into the Conference as members, at as early an opportunity as offered.

Voted, That the cases of those named by our presiding officer be now considered.

Benjamin Rider, formerly an Elder in the M. E. C., presented for admission into full connection.

Moved, That he be received.

Pending this motion, Conference

Voted to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock P.M.

Closing prayer offered by Wm. Archer.

First day, afternoon Session.

Opening Religious Services conducted by A. Moran, of New York city.

Minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

B. Rider's case resumed. After the reading of his ordination papers, and his examination before the Conference, it was

Voted, That B. Rider be admitted to full membership as an ordained Elder.

Question of Law decided by the President: -- That an ordained minister is not eligible to membership in an Annual Conference as a lay delegate.

P. M. Way's case presented for admission to membership in Conf. as an Elder: he was formerly a travelling minister in the M E. C.

Voted, That P. M. Way be admitted.

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Thomas Burrow's case presented for admission into conference as an elder: formerly an Elder in the American Primitive Meth. C.

Voted, That Thos. Burrows be admitted.

Alexander Moran's case presented for membership as an Elder: he was formerly and Elder in the Protestant Methodist. Church.

Voted, That A. Moran be admitted.

Zebina Baker's case presented: he was formerly an Elder in the Reformed Methodist Church.

Voted, that Z. Baker be admitted to membership in Conference as an Elder.

James Kitchingman's case presented for membership as an Eder: [sic] he was formerly from the Meth. Protestant Church.

Voted, That J. Kitchingman be admitted.

Lewis Chase's case next presented: he was formerly an elder in the Meth. Prot. Church: as he had forgotten to bring his parchments, G. Pegler vouched for his being in elders' orders. After questioning him in reference to the soundness of his anti-slavery sentiments, it was

Voted, That L. Chase be admitted to membership as an elder.

Voted, That the chair nominate a committee of three on conducting Religious Services during the Sessions of the Conf. A. Hughes, W^m. Westcott, (not members) and B. Rider nominated and appointed. B. Rider excused from serving on said Com.

Voted, That L. Lee be added to the Com. on Religious Services.

John Simpson's case presented for admission to membership as an elder.

Voted, That J. Simpson be admitted.

Voted, That the Chair nominate a Com. on Itinerancy of three persons who shall consider and report on all cases of preachers presented for admission into Conference.

G. Pegler, A. Moran, and C. G. Case, nominated and appointed a Com. on Itinerancy.

Voted, To have a Com. on Ordinations of three to be nominated by the President.

S. Salisbury, J. Watson, B. Rider were nominated and appointed.

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Voted, That the daily Sessions of Conference commence at 8 A.M., and close at 12 M.

Voted, That a committee be appointed of one layman and two ministers, whose duty it shall be to nominate a Stationing Committee and report after the opening of the next session of this Conference.

S. Salisbury, John Kitchel, (ministers) Wm. Spencer nominated and appointed

Voted, That H. I. Fritcher and P. M. Sawyer be added to said committee.

Notices announced.

Voted – To adjourn.

Prayer offered by W^m. Braine.

Second day, Thursday morning, June 20th.

Conf. assembled at the appointed hour. Opening religious services conducted by John Simpson, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Roll called and corrected.

Minutes of the previous session read, corrected, and approved.

Com. on Nominating a Stationing Committee report.

Voted, To accept the report, and act on it item by item.

P. M. May, S. Salsbury, Jas Kitchingman, (ministers) nominated and elected.

Nathan Shelly, layman, nominated and chosen.

C. G. Case, layman being next in nomination, declined serving on the Sta. Com., as he could not be present all the time.

Voted, That Case's nomination be re-committed to the Committee.

Moved, To make the present business the order of the day for eleven o'clock. –
Withdrawn.

Voted, That the report lay on the table for the present.

Case of Alvah Hurlbut presented for reception as a lay delegate. Moved to received [sic] him as such.

Voted, That the motion to receive A. Hurlbut be laid on the table.

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O. Scott, and L. C. Matlock ministers from the New England Conf, being present, were introduced and their presence welcomed by the members rising to their feet.

O. Scott presented the case of L. C. Matlack for admission into this Conf. as an Elder, he having been transferred by the New England Conf. to this body.

Voted, That L. C. Matlack be admitted to membership as an elder.

Bro. Matlack addressed the Conf. in a few appropriate remarks.

John Broadhead presented for admission into Conference as an Elder: he was formerly an Elder in the M. E. C. President stated that he had seen the brother's ordination papers.

Voted, That J. Broadhead be admitted as an elder in full.

Wesley Bailey, an Elder in the Reformed Methodist Church, was presented by P. R. Sawyer for admission to membership in this Conf. as an Elder.

Voted, That W. Bailey be admitted.

Parmenas A. Johnson presented for admission as an Elder in full membership in Conference: he was formerly a deacon in the M. E. C.

Moved, That he be received – Pending this motion, it was

Voted, That P. A. Johnson's case be referred to the Committees on Itinerancy and Ordination.

J. E. Lee's case presented and referred to said Committees on Itinerancy and Ordination.

Voted, That the com. to nominate the Stationing Com. have leave to retire and complete their nominations.

Voted, That a Com. on Nominations shall be appointed, to whom shall be assigned the duty of nominating all Committees not otherwise provided for. Said Committee to be nominated by the Chair – to consist of five persons, who shall report at their earliest convenience during the day.

Ralph Bennett, W. Bailey, E. Bishop of Jamestown, Thomas Burrows, and D. Wire, nominated and appointed.

Voted, That the Com. on Nominations be instructed to nominate for Committees as follows: -- On Boundaries, Statistics, Sab.

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Schools, Moral Reforms, (Anti-Slavery, Temperance, Licentiousness) Course of Study, and Literary Institution.

W. Bailey was excused, by his own request, from serving on the Com. on Nominations.

Voted, To add P. M. Way to the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy of W. Bailey. –

Voted, That the Conf. now proceed to elect, by ballot, its President and Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Chair appoint two tellers.

W^m. Braine and C. G. Case appointed.

Voted, That the Roll be read, and when the name of each member is announced, he shall come forward (if present) and deposit his ballot.

Voted, That the names of both officers be presented on the same ticket at the same balloting.

Roll called – ballot closed.

Tellers report as follows: --

Whole number of votes cast, 58; necessary to a choice 30:--

Of these, for <u>President</u> ,	L. Lee had	57,
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“ “ for <u>Secretary</u> ,	P. R. Sawyer had	54,
“ “ “ “	L. C. Matlack “	2,
“ “ “ “	A. Hanna “	1,

Whereupon, Luther Lee, of Syracuse, N. Y., was declared duly elected President, and P. R. Sawyer, of Fulton, N. Y., Secretary of the New York Conference, for the ensuing Conf. year.

Voted, To resume the subject of appointing the Stationing Com., and to hear the Com. to nominate Suitable persons.

Committee to Nominate for Sta. Com., reported Andrew Hanna, of Utica, and Isaac Gray, as lay nominees. Their report was accepted and the persons elected.

Whereupon, the Stationing Committee was declared duly elected. Persons composing the

Stationing Committee.

{ L. Lee, P. M. Way,

{ Nathan Shelley,

Ministers { Saml. Salsbury,
 { James Kitchingman.

Laymen { Andw. Hanna,
 { Isaac Gray.

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Notices of meetings announced.

Voted, That the Nominating Com. be excused from nominating a com. on Boundaries.

Voted, To excuse S. Salsbury from serving on Com. on Ordinations.

Voted, That L. C. Matlack fill the vacancy in the Com. on Ordinations.

Voted, That the Secretary be a Com. to purchase a book in which to record the doings of the Conference. Said book not to exceed in cost five dollars.

Hour of adjournment arrived.

Closing prayer offered by J. Timberman.

Third day, Friday morning, June 21st.

Conference assembled at the usual hour, Opening religious services conducted by Thos. Burrows, of Peekskill, N. Y.

Roll read and corrected.

Minutes of last session read, corrected, and approved.

O. Scott occupied the attention of Conf. a short time with remarks relating to books and other publications.

Geo. Field's case before the Conference. The question being asked, "Is G. Field a ministerial member of this body?" A statement of his case was made by himself, and it was

Voted, That the case of G. Field be referred to a special Committee of three, consisting of L. C. Matlack, J. Simpson,, and E. Bishop, of Jamestown, N. Y.

Com. on Ordinations reported in part, and asked for further instructions in reference to their specific duties.

Voted, To instruct the Com. on Ordinations to examine the candidates with special reference to their qualifications for orders.

Com. on Itinerancy reported the names of several applicants for admission into Conference.

Voted, to accept the report of Com. on Itin.

Nominating Com. reported nominations for Committees.

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as follows: --

On Missions – L. Lee, P. R. Sawyer, E. Bishop.

On Statistics – W^m. Archer, A. H. Hall, Geo. Dunkle.

On Sab. Schools – A. Moran, J. Broadhead, E. Fellows.

On Moral Reforms – (Anti-Slavery, Temp., Licentiousness.)

L. C. Matlack, J. Simpson, S. Barney, J. E. Lee, D. Wire.

On Course of Study, and Literary Institution – L. C. Matlack, P. M. Way,

H. Norton, Wesley Bailey, J. Watson.
 Report accepted, acted upon item by item, and adopted.
 Resolutions on Sab. Schools presented and referred to Com. on S. S.
Voted, To take up and consider A. Hurlbut's application for reception as a lay delegate.
Voted, That A. Hurlbut be admitted as a lay delegate.
Voted, That we now consider the report of Com. on Itin.
 Richard Sanders' Case presented for admission into Conf. he was formerly a minister of the Congregational Church. His letter of recommendation from the Church he recently served as pastor, was read.
Moved, That R. Sanders be received into Conf. as an elder in full, under the rule for receiving ministers from other Christian denominations, -- not carried.
Voted, To refer R. Sanders' case to a Select Committee of three, to be appointed by the chair.
 P. M. Way, Z. Baker, E. Bishop, appointed.
Voted, To suspend, for the present, the consideration of the report from the Com. on Itin.
 The Special Com. on the case of Geo. Field, reported as follows: --
 "It appears from the minutes of the Utica Convention, that Bro. Geo. Field was received and recognized as a travelling Elder in the Wesleyan Connection, and appointed within the bounds of the New York Conf.; and we agree to report, that he be recognised [sic] as a member of this body.
 June 21/44. L. C. Matlack.
Voted, To accept and adopt the report on G. Field's case.
Voted, To extend the session fifteen minutes should it be necessary.

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G. Pegler presented a memorial from Seneca Falls, asking the opinion of the Conf. on voting for slaveholders or pro-slavery men to fill the offices of General or State government.
Voted, To refer the memorial from Sen. Falls to the Com. on Moral Reforms.
 L. C. Matlack offered sundry resolutions on Missions &c., which were referred to their appropriate Committees.
Voted, to have an afternoon session commencing at 2 o'clock.
 Notices published.
 Hour for adjournment arrived.
 Closing prayer offered by Wesley Bailey.

Third day, afternoon Session, June 21st.

Conference assembled at the time appointed, Opening religious services conducted by J. Timberman, of New York City.
 Minutes of morning Session read and approved.
 Stationing Committee reported in part as follows: --"That the President be appointed to travel through the Conference the present conference year."

Syracuse, June 21st 1844.

L. Lee, Chairman.

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted.

[Added later: "Bro. Matlack offered something, Secty. cannot determine what."]

Voted, That the Com. on Missions have leave to retire and prepare a report.

Conf. resumed the consideration of the report from the Com on Itinerancy.

Timothy Kingsbury, John Clark, and Thomas Webster, were each in order presented and received on trial.

Voted, That all resolutions and motions offered to the Conference, be presented in writing, if desired by the Secretary.

Justus Bartholomew, an Elder, received on trial.

W^m. H. Houck's case presented for admission into Conf., and referred to a Com. of three to be appointed

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by the Chair.

E. Gaylord, C. J. Case, and J. Simpson appointed.

O. Scott in the chair.

Jas. A. Parcell, John Pinkney, and W^m. Seager, were each presented and received on Trial.

O. Medbury's case presented and referred to the Com. on Ordinations.

Marshall Frink and Benjamin E. Bradford were each presented and received as preachers on Trial.

W^m. Danforth received as an Elder in full membership in Conference.

Leander Pound, and Ansel H. Brown received on Trial.

A.R. Palmer, and Southworth Finney, ordained Elders, were both received on Trial.

Charles Weyant, Edward Root, Thomas Crouchen, [sic] P. D. Ketcham, Parmenas A. Johnson, Justus L. Knapp, and Salmon Bentley were received as preachers on Trial.

Com. on W^m. H. Houck's case, reported, that after a careful examination of the facts in the case of Bro. Houck, they concur in recommending him to be received on Trial.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and that Wm. H. Houck be received on Trial.

Voted, To suspend the present business for the purpose of hearing a report from Com. on Missions.

Com. on Mission reported resolutions as follows: --

Whereas, the pastoral work embraced in our Conf. is emphatically missionary, and will require for some time to come, that all our pecuniary ability be appropriated to the work of Home Missions: and whereas the work of the President is essentially a Missionary work, Therefore,

Resolved, --1, That in all our circuits and stations, it be regarded as the duty of all our preachers to form Missionary Societies in their respective fields of labor, on the penny-a-week system, wherever it is practicable; and that in Each of the Districts there be held a public Missionary Meeting within three months of the

coming Annual Conference; and the funds derived from these sources to be paid over to the Missionary Secretary of the Annual Conference.

Resolved, 2, That the President of the Conf. be appointed Missionary Secretary, with authority to take up Missionary collections in all parts of the work.

Resolved, 3. That the support of the President be derived from the Missionary funds of the Annual Conf., and his salary be estimated by a Committee, to report at the present session of this body.

Resolved, 4, That this conf. appoint a Standing Missionary Com. of five, of which the President shall be one, to have the supervision of the Missionary work during the ensuing [Conf.] year, who shall report to the Conference at its next session.

Voted, to accept and adopted the report as a whole.

Voted, That the Conf. now proceed to take up a collection, and receive pledges in behalf of our missionary work.

Moved, To re-consider [sic] the vote; motion withdrawn.

Conf. was occupied for some time in receiving pledges and monies for missionary purposes.

Voted, To lay the business of receiving pledges and monies on the table for the present.

Special Com. on R. Sanders' case reported in favor of receiving him into conf.

Report accepted, adopted, and R. Sanders was accordingly received on Trial.

Wallace Lock, Elder, received on Trial.

David E. Shapley received on Trial, and placed on the Reserve list.

Jermanicus [sic] M. Field, and Richard S. Ward received on Trial.

W^m. B. Halsey's case presented: -- his application was withdrawn.

John Hage's case presented, and laid on the table for want of sufficient information.

H. L. Collins, Saml. Phillips, and John Johnston received on Trial.

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Frederick R. Mastin's case presented, and laid on the table for the present.

Voted, To instruct the Com. on Nominations to nominate [sic] a Standing Missionary Committee, and a Com. on Finance agreeably to resolutions on Missions.

Case of W^m. Carmer presented, and laid on the table until the order of the day for to-morrow [sic] shall be disposed of.

Com. on Ordinations reported in part.

Voted, That their report be laid on the table and made the order of the day for to-morrow. [sic]

Notices announced.

Voted, That the election of Delegates to the ensuing General Conference, be the Order of the day for to-morrow [sic] at 10 o'clock A. M.

Voted, to adjourn.

Prayer offered by W^m. H. Houck.

Fourth day, Morning Session, June 22nd.

Opening religious services by S. Phillips, of Pa.

Roll called and corrected.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved.

It being the order of the day to hear from the Com. on Ordinations, said Com. reported as follows: --

"The Com. have received and would report several cases that have come up from the Quarterly Conferences, from small societies and churches about which they have hesitated somewhat, but finally conclude to act upon the following rule: --

That no person is eligible to orders, unless he shall have been a regularly licensed preacher for four years successively, or has been ordained deacon, or recommended to that office heretofore, and is present to be examined by the Committee: Provided, this be not regarded as a precedent for future action.

Report accepted.

Moved, to amend by adding after the word heretofore, "and

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that he be not a member of a secret oath bound society."

Motion to amend withdrawn.

W^m. Harmer's Case taken up, and by vote laid on the table.

Com. on Nominations reported nominations as follows:

For Com. on Finance, -- E. Bishop, A. Hanna, H. I. Fritcher, all laymen. For

Standing Missionary Com. to constitute a

Central Missionary Board --

President -- L. Lee,

Sta. preacher in Syracuse, P. R. Sawyer,

Sta. preacher in Fulton, P.M. Way,

Sta. preacher in Utica, W. Bailey,

Lay delegate from Syracuse, H. I. Fritcher,

Lay delegate " Fulton, C. G. Case,

Lay delegate " Utica, A. Hanna.

Voted -- To reconsider so much of the instructions to the Nom. Com. as ordered the number five for the Standing Miss. Com.

Voted, That Seven be the number of said Committee.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of Nom. Com.

Voted, That we now consider the Question, [See Dis. Page 30] "Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?"

Voted, That the Secretary call the name of each preacher on the roll of members twice, and there being no objection the characters be passed.

Secretary called the roll as directed, and the characters of all passed.

Voted, That the Com. on Ordinations have leave to retire.

Moved by P.M. Way, and

Voted, That all persons not in Elder's orders, received at the Utica Convention, are on Trial.

Willard Chase's recommendation for admission was read,

Voted, That W. Chase be received on Trial.

Conf. occupied some time in ascertaining [sic] the "numbers in society," it being properly preparatory to the Order of the day – the Election of delegates to the General Conference.

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Com. on Statistics reported numbers in society within the bounds of the Conf. to be 3381. Whereupon it was declared, that the New York Conf. is entitled to Seven ministerial and Seven lay delegates to the Gen. Conf.

Voted, That the order of the day be dispensed with for the present, and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Voted, That we have an afternoon session commencing at half past one o'clock.

G. Pegler asked the following question:

"Can a leader admit a person on probation when the pastor is present, without consulting the pastor?"

Chair answered in the negative.

An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair: -- but withdrawn.

The Secretary asked the following question on Discipline:

"Can a class leader, with the advice of the pastor, and in his presence, receive a person on probation, without the voice of the church, when such church is composed of more than one class?"

Moved, by P.M. Way, that the question be answered in the affirmative.

G. Pegler, P. R. Sawyer and J. Timberman opposed the motion.

President remarked, that should a class-leader in his absence receive an improper person on probation, he should, as preacher in charge, bring his case immediately before the whole church.

A* Hanna next obtained the floor.

Hour of adjournment arrived.

Closing prayer offered by G. Field.

Fourth day, afternoon session, Saturday.

Conf assembled at the appointed time and place.

Religious services conducted by S. Salsbury.

Minutes of forenoon session read, corrected and approved.

The order of the day being the further consideration of the Secretary's question on Discipline: -- the Chair announced,

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that A. Hanna had the floor.

Bro. Hanna yielded the floor to allow a motion for post-ponement. [sic]

Voted, That the subject in discussion be indeffinitely [sic] postponed.

President presented the cases of Asahel Hayward and Philo Ferris, and asked, "What will the Conf. do with these brethren?"

Voted, That their names read on the printed minutes as follows:

Philo Ferris and A. Hayward having gone to the West, have no field of labor assigned them this present year, within the bounds of the New York Conf.

Com. on Ordinations reported names of candidates for ordination as follows:

E. Bishop, of North Almond, N. Y., recommended and elected to Elders' orders, and placed on the unstationed list.

Saml. Gail recommended, elected to Elders' orders, and place on the unstationed list.

J. E. Lee elected to elders' orders, and admitted to full connection.

Parmenas A. Johnson Elected to elders' orders and admitted to full Connection.

Alvah Kelsey elected to Elders' orders, and placed on the unstationed list.

J. A. Ormsbee elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list. [See page]

Thomas Sims Elected to Elders' orders, and placed on the unstationed list.

B. F. Morse elected to Elders' orders, and admitted to full connection, or memb. In conf.

S. D. Trembley elected to Elders' orders, and admitted to full membership in Conf.

T. Osgood elected to Elders' orders, and placed on the Unstationed list.

James A. Parcell elected to Elders' orders, and received on Trial.

H. H. Johnson Elected to Elders' orders, and admitted to full membership.

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W^m. H. Houck elected to elders' orders, and admitted to full membership.

Miles Dunbar elected to Elders' orders and received on Trial.

The hour appointed for the election of delegates to the General Conf. having arrived, it was

Voted, To postpone the order of the day half an hour.

H. M. Boothe elected to elders' orders, and received into full membership.

S. W. Pierson elected to Elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

J. Kitchel elected to elders' order and received into full membership.

Edward Root elected to elders' orders, and received on Trial.

L. D. Ketcham elected to elders' orders and admitted to full membership.

Peter Tipple elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

Samuel Phillips elected to Elders' orders and admitted to full membership.

Salmon Bentley elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

Sylvester Bentley elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

Stephen Lee elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

Orson Medbury's case presented: during its consideration, the President gave notice that the order of the day had arrived, for the election of delegates to the Gen. Conference.

Moved by G. Pegler, that we understand the term minister as used in connection with the electoral college, to refer to elders.

Moved to amend by adding, "and preachers."

Chair decided that the amendment was unconstitutional, and of course, out of order.

Voted, to lay Bro Pegler's motion on the table.

Moved by L. C. Matlack, That all unstationed ministers and preachers, who have been elected at the Quarterly Conf-

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ferences of the several circuits and stations to represent the unstationed ministers and preachers of each circuit and station, be and hereby are recognised [sic] as members of the Electoral College.

Chair decided, that "the Conference has no constitution al right [sic] to pass that motion."

An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, by the mover, L. C. M.

The appeal was sustained by a vote of ayes 33, nays 32.

The question being now open for discussion.

G. Pegler in the chair.

L. Lee opposed the motion on the ground [sic] of its unconstitutionality.

P. M. Way and L. C. Matlack advocated the adoption of the resolution.

P. R. Sawyer and L. Lee replied in opposition; whereupon the motion was withdrawn.

Voted, To reconsider the vote by which the decision of the chair was reversed.

The question now being on the appeal from the decision of the chair, the appeal was withdrawn.

President resumed his seat.

Voted, That one unstationed minister from each circuit or station be admitted to a seat in the Electoral College.

Voted, That the Chair appoint three tellers to receive the ballots.

E. Bishop, Wm. H. Houck, and A. Moran appointed.

Voted, That L. C. Matlack be added to the tellers.

Voted, That the names of both lay and ministerial delegates be written on the same ballot, and voted for at the same balloting.

Voted, To call the Roll, and that each member as soon as his name is called deposit his ballot.

Roll called – votes deposited – President declared the first ballot closed.

Tellers retired to prepare their report.

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Notices announced.

Voted, That the President prepare a form for the certificates of ordination.

Moved by A. Richmond (lay member) that the President be empowered to ordain elders during the interval of the Annual Conference, any where [sic] within the bounds of the Conf. And that two or ore elders shall in all cases be associated with him in performing the ordination.

Chair decided, that he could not put the motion unless the Conf. by their vote, ordered it; assigning as his reason, that it would confer unconstitutional power on the president. Whereupon the

Motion was withdrawn.

Question asked the Conf., "Has the preacher in charge of a circuit or station a right to give certificates of membership without consulting the Church?"

Chair answered the question in the negative.

Voted, To resume for the present, the consideration of the report from the Com. on Ordinations.

Wm. Dunham Elected to elders' orders and admitted to full membership.

J. Beedle elected to elders' orders and placed on the unstationed list.

Wm. Seager elected to elders' orders and admitted to full membership.

Tellers reported as follows: --

Whole number of votes cast 66.

Necessary to a choice – 34. Of these,

Ministers.	{ L. Lee	had	64,
	{ P. M. Way	"	58,
	{ S. Salsbury	"	56,
	{ W. Bailey	"	54,
	{ P. R. Sawyer	"	53,
	{ J. Watson	"	36,

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Laymen.	{ C. G. Case, of Fulton	had	60 votes
	{ E. Bishop, " Jamestown	"	59 "
	{ Isaac Gray,	"	51 "
	{ H. I Fritcher, of Syracuse	"	45 " --
	{ A. Hanna, " Utica,	"	39 "
	{ Homer Martin " Albany	"	34 "

Whereupon the chair declared them duly elected delegates to the General Conf.

There being one ministerial and one lay delegate still to be elected, Conf. proceeded to a Second balloting.

Tellers reported whole number of votes cast 52.

Necessary to a choice 27, Of these

R. Bennett, minister had 27, [G. Pegler 15, A. Moran 15]

W. H. Pillow, layman, " 47. Whereupon, R. Bennett and W. H. Pillow were declared duly elected delegates to Gen. Conf.

Voted, To appoint three ministerial and three lay delegates as reserves.

Voted, That the three ministers having the highest number of votes among those voted for and not elected, shall be the reserve delegates; their names as reserves to appear in order so that the one having the highest number be first on the list, and in like manner the others.

G. Pegler, A. Moran, and H. Norton having the highest number of votes as specified, were declared duly appointed as ministerial reserve delegates to Gen. Conf.

Voted, That the lay reserves be chosen by open nomination and election – viva voce. Where[e]upon,

Jefferson Mayell, of Albany, Hopestill Bigelow, of Penn Yann, and Elisha Fay of Cortland, were severally nominated and elected as lay reserve delegates.

Resolved, That if any of the lay delegates are unable to attend the Gen. Conf. it shall be their duty to notify the reserve lay delegate whose residence may be the nearest to their's. [sic]

Voted, That if any of the ministerial delegates are un-

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able to attend the Gen. Conference, that it be their duty to inform the first delegate on the reserve list, and so on in the same order, should more than one regular ministerial delegate be unable to attend.

Voted to adjourn. Benediction pronounced.

Fifth day, Morning Session, Monday, June 24.

Conference, met at the appointed time and place.

Opening religious services conducted by H. M. Boothe.

Roll called and corrected.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

During the reading of the minutes, it was discovered that the ministerial delegate declared to be elected on the second balloting for delegates to the Gen. Conf., had not the requisite number of votes; the tellers, through mistake, having reported the aggregate vote less than it was. [See page]

Voted, That the Conf. now proceed to a third balloting, to rectify the mistake in the report of the Second ballot.

Third ballot closed.

Tellers reported as follows: --

Whole number of votes, 47. Necessary to a choice, 24.

Ralph Bennett having 29 of these, was declared duly elected a ministerial delegate to the ensuing Gen. Conf.

Orson Medbury's case again introduced. It was stated that he is a regularly ordained elder of the Methodist Society, wishing to be admitted into this Conf. as a minister in full connection.

Moved, To place his name on the unstationed list.

J. Norris called to take the chair.

L. Lee made some remarks in opposition to the motion; whereupon, the motion was withdrawn, to give opportunity to P. M. Way to move the following: which passed.

Resolved, That whereas this Conf. is unacquainted with the gifts and usefulness of Bro. Medbury, his request for reception be postponed.

Question asked Conf. What shall be done with the

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case of B. Shaw, whose name appear on our minutes?

Voted, That B. Shaw's name be returned on our minutes as Transferred to the New England Conference.

Question asked, What shall be done with the case of T. W. Smith, whose name appears in our minutes?

Voted, That T. W. Smith be discontinued as a member on Trial.

Question asked, Should there be more ministers and preachers under the Stationing power, that there are appointments to be supplied, how shall the names of the excess be published in the minutes? Answer

Voted, That they constitute a reserve list.

Question asked, Can a preacher be appointed to serve a congregation not belonging to the Wesleyan Connection," with his own consent, and at the request of such congregation? Answer

Voted, That a preacher can be so appointed.

Question asked, Are the name of preachers [unordained] to be placed upon the Unstationed list, or is said list to be composed of ministers only?

The Chair (L. Lee) expressed his opinion as follows:

"That Sec. VIII, Quest. 1., Ans. 4, [of Dis.] does provide for the unstationed list, but has reference to the publication of the numbers, and not the names of members, elders, and preachers: his reasons for this are:

"1. If it requires the publication of the names of elders and preachers, it must, by fair inference, require the publication of the names of members.

"2. The exact language is borrowed from the same rule in the Discipline of the M. E. Church, with the exception of the words local and deacons, which are omitted to suit it to our economy, and yet the names are never published in that church.

"The rule by which the Unstationed list is created, is found [in Dis.] Sec. IV, Quest. 6., Ans. 4. 'Who are on the Unstationed list?'

"The Chair is of opinion, that no names are to be put upon

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the unstationed list but ministers or Elders. His reasons for this opinion are as follows: -

"1. His understanding when the rule was discussed and adopted in the Utica Convention was, that all elders were entitled to a seat on the floor of Conf. with the right of speaking, while those under the Stationing power alone have the right to vote.

"2. It appears to the Chair, that this body must have the power of controlling [sic] its own record, which cannot be the case, if preachers not under the stationing power are to be placed on the unstationed list. If this Conference may put them on it, they must put their names on the unstationed list; and if they must put them there, it follows,

that the Quarterly meeting Conferences may thus far control the minutes of this body. This objection does not lie in the case of elders, for [an Annual] Conference alone can make or receive an elder.

“3. If we are compelled to place the names of preachers upon the public record of this body, and send them out to the world, the Conference has not the power of protecting its own character by keeping its record clean; for in such case, the quarterly conferences can keep unworthy names there, beyond the power of this Conference to prevent it. This objection does not lie in the case of elders, for they are responsible to this body: See Dis. Page 53.”

Voted, That the opinion of the Chair, just expressed, be considered the opinion of this Conference.

Voted, That the com. on Moral Reforms have leave to retire.

President asked, “What shall be done with the case of L. D. Tanner, whose name appears on the minutes as a member?”

Chair waived his question for the present.

The question When shall we hold our next Conf.? being asked, it was moved by G. Pegler, that it be held on the last Wednesday in April; -- Motion withdrawn.

Moved, That our next Conf. commence on the 2nd Wednesday

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in May, 1845.

Moved, To substitute the Second Wednesday in June, lost.

The question now being on the adoption of the Second Wednesday in May, it was

Voted, That this motion lay on the table.

Voted, That our next Conf. be held in the Fall of 1845.

Voted, That our next Conf Commence its sittings on the last Wednesday of September 1845.

The Question, where shall our next Conf. be held? being introduced; New York City, Albany, Utica, Seneca Falls, Penn Yann, Philadelphia, Palmyra were named.

New York presented first in order, voted on, and lost.

Albany next in order acted on and rejected.

Utica was next presented and rejected.

Voted, to reconsider the vote by which Conf. refused to hold its next annual meeting in Albany, Ayes 27, nays 24.

Voted, That our next Conf. be held in the city of Albany, N. Y. Ayes 27, nays, 23.

Com. on Finance, having under consideration the sum necessary for the support of the President or Missionary Secretary of Conf. Reported in favor of his receiving during the year.

[Note: table inserted for clarity.]

For himself (quarterage)	\$100,00,	
“ his wife “	“100,00,	
“ “ 5 children from 1 to 15 years of age, (quarterage)	“100,00	

Each \$20 ==		
For house rent, “ “ “ “	75,00	
“ Fuel,	25,00	
“ Table Expenses,	175,00	
“ funds to purchase horse And travelling fixtures, “	<u>100,00</u>	=====
Total Amount	=====	<u>\$675 00</u>

Incidental expenses to be audited and estimated by a Com. at the next Conference.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of Com. on Finance.

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H. M. Booth presented the following memorial:

“Resolved, That we request our Annual Conference to pass a Resolution, praying the General Conference so to amend the XXIX Section of the Wesleyan Discipline, as to prohibit all persons belonging to Secret Oath Bound Societies from membership in said Church. Done by the Quarterly Conference of Hopewell and Manchester Circuit, Ontario Co. N. Y.

June 7th. 1844

Signed,

Harry Gregory,
John Depue,

President
Secretary.

Voted, To refer the memorial on Secret Oath Bound Societies to a Select Com. of five. Committee appointed were

H. M. Booth; P. M. Way, R. Bennett, A. Hanna, and Isaac Gray.

Voted, To extend the session half an hour should it be necessary.

Voted, to transfer Justus L. Knapp to the Miami Conference.

Voted, That H. Norton be placed on the unstationed list.

Voted, That J. A. Ormsbee's name be returned on the minutes as left without an appointment at his own request.

Voted, That F. R. Mastin be received on Trial.

Com. on Course of Study and Literary Institution reported:

Voted, To receive their report, and adopt so much of it as refers to the course of study, which is as follows: --

“The Com. recommend the following for adoption; --

“Resolved, 1. That those brethren who have been admitted into Conf. in full connection at its present session, without sufficient examination as to their Literary and Theological qualifications, be and hereby are requested to direct their attention to the Course of Study to be pointed out, and submit to an examination at the ensuing session of this Conference.

Resolved, 2. That the Com. on a Course of Study be instructed to divide the studies into two departments, distinguishing between the first and Second year's studies."

Voted, To lay on the table the remainder of the report for the present.

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Com. on Moral Reforms (Slav., Intemp., Licent.) reported.

Voted, To accept the report and lay it on the table.

Voted, that we have an afternoon Session Commencing at two o'clock.

Voted, To instruct the Com. on Finance to report on the subject of quarterage, in accordance with the principles adopted in their report on the salary of the Missionary Secretary.

Voted, To adjourn.

Closing prayer by J. E. Lee.

Fifth day, afternoon Session, June 24th 44.

Conf. assembled; Opening religious services by Wm. Archer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Com. on Sab. Schools presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be published in The True Wesleyan, of Boston, Mass. [See paper No. 5.)

Voted, That L. D. Tanner be left in the same relation he now sustains to Conference.

Voted, That the Select Com. on Memorial presented this morning on Sec. Oath Bound Societies, have leave to retire and prepare their report.

Report of Com. on Course of Study and Literary Institution, taken up for action.

After some amendment to that part referring to the Literary Institution, it was adopted – [See Conf. papers.)

Report on Moral Reforms taken up for action, and after some amendments on the Temperance and Anti-Slavery parts: Resolutions were adopted as follows: --

On Anti-Slavery.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conf. it is inconsistent with our character as Christians, and our professions as Wesleyans, to vote at the ballot box for any many who is a slaveholder or an apologist for slavery, as an officer in the General or State governments; and we advise all our members and friends who have the right of suffrage, to vote only for such men as are themselves free from Slavery, and will

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exert their influence in favor of the immediate and unconditional emancipation of very bondman on American Soil.

On Intemperance.

Resolved, 1. That the traffic in and use of intoxicating drinks is essentially immoral, and therefore cannot be indulged in by any Christian or Christian minister without forfeiture of his claim to Christian character.

Resolved, 2. That it be the duty of our preachers to see that all the District schools within the bounds of our Confer. are provided with blank books, headed with the Total Abstinence Pledge, for the reception of the names of the children in the various schools throughout the country.

On Licentiousness.

Resolved, 1. That the duty of a Christian Minister is clearly set forth in the instructions, rebukes and promises of the holy Scriptures; and as they condemn plainly, frequently, and openly, the crime of Adultery, it is unquestionably the duty of all ministers of the Gospel, to devote as much of their attention to this sin in their public ministrations, as any other noted in the Decalogue.

Resolved, 2. That the importance of the subject is such, that we deem it desirable that a committee be appointed to prepare an address, to be published in the True Wesleyan as soon after the adjournment of our Conf. as may be practicable.

Voted, That L. C. Matlack, J. Simpson, and L. Lee be a Com. to prepare the address contemplated in the Second resolution on Licentiousness.

Chairman of the Com. on Missions, (L. Lee) asked leave to prepare their report in the form of an address, after the adjournment of Conference.

Voted, To grant the Com. on Missions leave as requested.

Com. on Finance reported on the salaries of preachers as follows:

<u>Quartermage</u> , for each single or married man	\$100,00
“ “ “ “ preacher’s wife,	\$100,00
“ for each child from 1 to 15 yrs. of age	20,00
Travelling, table expenses, fuel and house rent to be estimated	

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by the stewards of each separate charge.

Voted, to accept and adopt the report on prs.’ Salaries.

The following resolution was offered by J. Simpson, and adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference request the General Conf. to add to the answer to the 2nd. Quest. on page 94 of Discipline, immediately after the word successively – “Excepting at Prisons, Poor Houses, Mariners’ Stations, and Literary Institutions.”

J. Simpson offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference request the General Conf. to appoint and mark out a more clear and distinct form to be used in Infant Baptism.

Moved by J. Simpson,

Voted, That all those preachers received on trial in this Conf. receive a certificate of the same from this body.

The Com. to whom was referred the Memorial from Hopewell and Manchester circuit, reported the following resolution for adoption: --

Resolved, That we are opposed to the adherence to Secret Oath Bound Societies, and request the General Conference to take such action on the Subject as shall best promote the interest of the cause in which we as Wesleyan Methodists are engaged.

Signed,

H. M. Booth,
P. M. Way,

R. Bennett.

Report accepted.

A. Hanna presented a Minority report, against any alteration of Sect XXIX, and in favor of leaving "to the conscientious decision of Private Judgment, all matters touching the relation of our members to civil, social, political or any other associations in our country, where such relation does not necessarily implicate them in the countenance or indulgence of Sin."

Minority report accepted.

Voted, to adopt the Majority report on Secret O. B. Societies.

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Ayes and noes being called for, the vote stood as follows:

To adopt the Majority report, Ayes 30, nays 14.

L. C. Matlack, at his own request, had leave of absence granted him from Conf. during its remaining sessions.

Voted, That John Miles, Bethel Minister at Albany, be received into this Conference as an elder in full connection.

Stationing Committee asked and had leave granted, to retire Sta. Com retired.

Voted, That G. Pegler take the Chair pro tempore.

H. M. Booth asked leave of absence from Conference: but so few being present, leave was not granted.

Report on Statistics read, accepted and adopted.

H. M. Booth and his lay colleague renewing their request for leave of absence, it was

Voted, That leave of absence be granted them.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That we understand the ensuing conference year commences immediately on the final adjournment of this body, and that the time of ministerial service be estimated according to the Calender. [sic]

Resolution as follows was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we request the next Gen. Conf. through our delegates, to grant the New York Conference power to divide itself at any of its annual sessions previous to the Gen. Conf. of 1848.

Voted, to adjourn.

Closing prayer offered by P. Norris.

Sixth day, morning session, Tuesday, June 25, '44.

Conf. assembled at the time and place appointed.

Opening services conducted by J. Timberman.

Roll called.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Voted, To the com. of arrangements [insert: thanks] for their promptness and efficiency in supplying places of entertainment to the members of this body during its present sessions.

Voted – Unanimously, thanks to the inhabitants of Syracuse who have kindly entertained with their hospitalities the members of this Conference.

Voted, That we most respectfully tender to the Pastor and Trustees of the Congregational Church of Syracuse, our Sincere thanks for their kindness in granting this body the use of their meeting house on Sunday the 23^d inst. And that our Secretary present a copy of this vote to said pastor with a request that he read it to his congregation on the ensuing Sabbath.

Voted also, that the same be published on next Sunday in the Wesleyan Chapel of this place.

Voted, That John Torrey, Nathan Shelly, John Dolly, D. B. Douglass, and Leaveritt [sic] Bristol, be added to the Standing Committee on a Literary Institution.

Moved by A. Moran, and

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

L. D. Tanner's case presented and referred to a select committee of three, consisting of J. Timberman, R. Bennett, A. Moran.

Voted, that R. Bennett at his request, be excused, and C. G. Case be added to fill the vacancy so occasioned.

President introduced S. Hoes of the M. E. C., and Conference welcomed him by a unanimous rising vote.

Bro. Hoes made a few remarks in which he stated, that "from this hour," his connection with the M. E. C. was dissolved. He offered himself to the New York Wesleyan Conference, to be disposed of according to its wishes.

Moved by P. R. Sawyer, seconded by many voices, and

Voted by a unanimous rising vote, That Schuyler Hose be admitted to full membership as a minister in the New York Conference of the Wes. Meth. Con. of America, according to the provisions of our Discipline for receiving ministers from other denominations.

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Stationing Committee reported as follows:

Appointments.

President – Luther Lee, who is also Corresponding Secretary of the Central Missionary Board.

Secretary – P. R. Sawyer.

Philadelphia District – L. C. Matlack, Chairman.

Philadelphia – L. C. Matlack.

Blockley Mission – J. Simpson, T. Kingsbury.

New York, First Church –
 “ ”, Second Church – A. Moran.
New Durham, N. J. –
Bergen and Madison – Geo. Field.
Peekskill – W^m. Archer.
Tompkins Cove – Charles Weyant.
Newburg –
Ellensville [sic] –
Albany District – Schuyler Hoes, Chairman.
Albany – S. Hoes.
Troy – M. Bates, of Champlain Conference.
East Nassau Mission – J. Timberman.
Experience –
Albany, Bethel Mission – John Miles.
Durham, N. Y. – To be supplied.
Utica District – Wesley Bailey, Chairman.
Utica – W. Bailey, James Sims.
Frankfort – Lewis Chase.
Lenox – W^m. Seager.
Stockbridge – James Kitchingman.
Casenovia [sic] – B. F. Morse, H. L. Collins.
Rome, Bethel Mission – W^m. H. Houck.
Syracuse District – P. M. Way, Chairman.
Syracuse – P. R. Sawyer. –
Fulton – P.M. Way.
Camden – Zebina Baker.

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Palermo – E. Gaylord, W^m. Dunham.
Hinmanville [sic] and Clay – Benjamin Rider, Benj. F. Bradford.
Cayuga – Edward Root.
Conquest – Ansel H. Brown.
East Solon – W^m. Braine.
High Bridge – Arthur Hughes.
Elbridge Mission – Miles Dunbar.
Geneva District – Geo. Pegler, Chairman.
Seneca Falls and Tyre [sic] – G. Pegler.
Geneva, Hopewell and Vienna – H. M. Booth, Thomas Crouchen.
Butler – To be Supplied. (W. McCoon.)
Palmyra and Williamson – Thomas Burrows.
Rochester – Thomas Webster.
Penn Yann – Ralph Bennett.
Niagara District – Samuel Salsbury, Chairman.
Chestnut Ridge and Royalton – John Johnston.
Orleans – Asa Warren.

Youngstown and Ransomville – Saml. Salisbury.
Sweden – To be supplied. (Saml. W. Pierson.)
Jamestown District – John Broadhead, Chairman.
Jamestown – J. Broadhead, One to be supplied.
Portland – J. E. Lee, F. R. Mastin.
Wales – To be supplied. (Saml. Gail.)
Ashford – To be supplied. (B. Ensign.)
Steuben District – John Watson, Chairman.
Allegany – John Watson, J. M. Field, R. L. Ward.
Lester – W^m. Danforth.
Sparta – Justus Bartholomew.
Prattsburg [sic] and Cohocton – Stephen D. Trembley.
Urbana – A. C. Delap.
Howard – A. R. Palmer, Southworth Finney.
Orange – Leander Pound.
Susquehanna District – P. A. Johnson, Chairman.
Elkland and East Herrick – S. Hall, One to be Supplied.
Windsor – Parmenas A. Johnson.
Tioga – Peter Norris.
Hornley [sic] – Samuel Phillips, J. Kitchel.

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West Branch – Marshall Frink, L. D. Ketcham.
Newfield and Hector – H. H. Johnson.
Canisteo – To be supplied. (F. S. --)

No objections being offered to any of the appointments it was Voted, To accept and adopt the report from the Sta. Committee.

Voted, That the President and Secretary be a Committee to prepare the Minutes for publication.

Voted – That E. M. High, and --- Tripp be discontinued as preachers on Trial.

Voted leave to the Com. on L. D. Tanner's case to retire.

Voted to refer the Question, "What numbers are in Society?" to the President and Secretary.

Question 11. Of Dis. Page 30 was not answered.

In answer to the Question, "Who are on the unstationed list this year?' It was

Voted – That the publishing committee (Pres. & Secy.) have authority to prepare the list of unstationed ministers.

The following resolution on vote, passed by the New England Conf., and forwarded to this body for its Concurrence, was presented:

"Voted (by the N. E. C.) That it be recommended to the ensuing General Conference, so to alter the 'General Rules' as to strike out the rule on usury."

After some discussion pro. and con., it was

Voted, That we do not concur with the recommendation of the n. E. Conf. to strike out the rule on Usury. – Ayes 32, Nays 8.

Voted, That the President be instructed to communicate as early as may be after the rise of this Conference, with the Chairmen of the different districts, to ascertain from them the most suitable time and place or places for holding meetings among them.

Special Com. on L. D. Tanner's case reported, that the charge against him was, for "believing and teaching the doctrine of the destruction of the being of the wicked. Bro. Tanner him-

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self confessed the charge, and beleives [sic] there is nothing in our Articles of Religion but what he can full subscribe to. The Committee therefore, refer his case back to the Conference for their disposal."

J. Timberman, Chrm.

Report on L. D. Tanner's case received.

Moved to adopt it.

Voted, to lay the motion on to adopt on the table.

Voted, That the Chairman of the district, within whose bounds L. D. Tanner may reside, be respectfully requested to take disciplinary action in his case, at the earliest convenience after the rise of this Conference.

Voted, That L. D. Tanner be placed on the unstationed list, by his own previous request.

The following was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That should there be an excess of Missionary money, after paying the President, the Central Missionary Board shall have authority to appropriate said excess to such preachers as the chairmen of the several districts shall recommend, provided the Board are satisfied that such appropriations are necessary for the advancement of the work; and provided, that in no one case shall they be authorised [sic] to draw for more than Sixty five dollars for the Conference year.

Voted, That the Central Missionary Board have power to appoint the Missionary Treasurer.

Minutes of the present session read and approved.

President made a few congratulatory remarks in reference to our harmonious and prosperous session.

S. Hoes conducted the closing religious services by reading the hymn commencing, "And let our bodies part," which being sung, he addressed the throne of grace.

Voted to adjourn – Sine die.

L. Lee, President.

P. R. Sawyer, Secretary.

Whatever is worth doing should be done well.

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Roll

Of Members Present.

Ministers.

Luther Lee,
J. Timberman,
P. R. Sawyer,
W^m. Braine,
J. Kitchel,
Geo. Pegler,
Simeon Hall,
A.C. Delap,
Peter Norris,
J. Sibley,
H. M. Booth,
John Watson,
John Simpson,
John Broadhead,
Elijah Gaylord,
S. C. Matlack,
Wesley Bailey,
H. H. Johnson,
Samuel Salsbury,
W^m. Archer,
Ralph Bennett,
P. A. Ormsbee,
Benjamin Rider,
P. M. Way,
Thomas Burrows,
Alexander Moran,
Zebina Baker,
James Kitchingman,

Laymen.

W^m. Adams,
Saml. Barney,
Daniel Blatchley,
Elijah Bishop,
Richard Britton,
Gideon Burtch,
Charles G. Case,
H. Coolridge,
David B. Douglass,
George Dunkle,
Moses Ellis,
Ephraim Fellows,
Milton Flower,
Henry I. Fritcher, --
S. Fyler,
J. Gaunt,
Isaac Gray,
Ira B. Gutches,
Schuyler Granger,
Amos H. Hall,
Andrew Hanna,
Waitstill Hawks,
Alvah Hurlbut,
E. O. Lindsley,
P. McNall,
W^m. R. Rathbun,
Alanson Richmond,
W^m. Spencer,

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Lewis Chase,
George Field,
W^m. Danforth,
J. E. Lee,
Parmenas A. Johnson,

Lyman Stedman,
Nathan Shelley,
Samuel Whitehorn,
David Wire. == 32.

Benjamin F. Morse,
 Stephen D. Trembley,
 W^m. H. Houck,
 L. D. Ketcham,
 Samuel Phillips,
 Salmon Bentley,
 W^m. Dunham,
 W^m. Seager,
 L. D. Tanner,
 Schuyler Hoes. == 43.

Ministers not present.

J. H. Tucker,
 Asa Warren,
 H. Norton,
 B. Shaw,
 Philo Ferris,
 John Miles. == 6.



Conference Questions.

1. What preachers are admitted on Trial?

Justus Bartholomew *
 Benjamin F. Bradford,
 Ansel H. Brown,
 Willard Chase,
 John Clark,
 H. L. Collins,
 Thomas Crouchen,
 Miles Dunbar, *
 Jermanicus M. Field,
 Southworth Finney, *
 Marshall Frink,
 Arthur Hughes, *
 John Johnston,
 Timothy Kingsbury,
 Justus L. Knapp,
 James Lent,
 Wallace Lock, *
 Frederick R. Mastin,
 A.R. Palmer, *

James A. Parcell, *
 John Pinkney,
 Leander Pound,
 Edward Root, *
 Richard Sanders, *
 David E. Shapley,
 James Sims,
 Richard L. Ward,
 Thomas G. Webster,
 Charles Weyant. = 29.

*Sign of Elders.



2. Who remain on Trial? None.

3. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Wesley Bailey,
 Zebina Baker,
 Salmon Bentley,
 H. M. Booth,
 Thomas Burrows,
 John Broadhead,

Lewis Chase,
 W^m. Danforth,
 W^m. Dunham,
 Schuyler Hoes,
 W^m. H. Houck,
 H. H. Johnson,
 Parmenas A. Johnson,
 L. D. Ketcham,
 J. Kitchel,
 James Kitchingman,
 J. E. Lee,
 John Miles,
 Alexander Moran,
 B. F. Morse,

J. A. Ormsbee,
 Samuel Phillips,
 Benjamin Rider,
 W^m. Seager,
 John Simpson,
 S. D. Trembley,
 P. M. Way. = 27.



4. Who are on the Unstationed List?
 E. Bishop, of North Almond.
 Samuel Gail,
 Alvah Kelsey,
 Thomas Sims.

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John Connell,
 John Beedle,
 T. Osgood,
 S. W. Pierson,
 Peter Tipple,
 Sylvester Bentley,
 Stephen Lee,
 H. Norton,
 W^m. Westcott,
 L. D. Tanner, = 14 These are all whose
 names were reported.

5. Who are the superannuated preachers? None.
6. Who has been expelled? None.
7. Who have withdrawn this year?
 John I. Braine.
8. Are the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
 Their characters passed.
9. Who have died this year?
 None.
10. What numbers are in the Connection?
 Com. on Statistics reported, 3381.

11. What has been contributed to Benevolent objects?
 Not Answered.
12. Where are the preachers stationed this year?
 See appointments, pages 32, 33, 34.
13. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?
 In the city of Albany, N. Y.
 Commencing on the last Wednesday
 in September, 1845.
14. Who were ordained Elders?
 Salmon Bentley,
 Sylvester Bentley,
 John Beedle,
 H. M. Booth,
 Elijah Bishop,
 John Connell, *
 Miles Dunbar,
 W^m. Dunham,
 Samuel Gail,
 W^m. H Houck,
 H. H. Johnson,
 Parmenas A. Johnston,
 Alvah Kelsey,

L. D. Ketcham,
J. Kitchel,
J. E. Lee,
Stephen Lee,
B. F. Morse,
J. A. Ormsbee,
T. Osgood,
James A. Parcell,
S. W. Pierson,

Samuel Phillips,
Edward Root,
W^m. Seager,
Thomas Sims,
Peter Tipple,
S. D. Trembley,
W^m. Westcott.* = 29.
(*) Elected at Utica Convention.

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James Lent,
James A. Parcell,
John Clark,
John Pinkney,
David E. Shapley,
Richard Sanders,
Wallace Lock,
Willard Chase. = 8

Transfers granted.

B. Shaw, to the New Eng. Conf.
J. L. Knapp, to the Miami Con.

J. H. Tucker, returned to England.

J. A. Ormsbee, left without an
appointment at his own request.

P. Ferris and A. Hayward, having gone
to the West, have no field of labor
assigned them the present year, within
the bounds of the New York Conf.

Central Missionary Board.

Luther Lee, prst. And Cor. Secy.
P. R. Sawyer, Recording Secy.
C. G. Case, Treasurer.
P. M. Way,
W. Bailey,
A. Hanna,
Henry I Fritcher. = 7.

Delegates to General Conf.

Luther Lee,	}	
P.M. Way,	}	
S. Salisbury,	}	
W. Bailey,	}	Ministers
P. R. Sawyer,	}	
John Watson,	}	
R. Bennett. = 7	}	

E. Bishop,	}	
C. G. Case,	}	
Isaac Gray,	}	
H. I. Fritcher,	}	Laymen.
A. Hanna,	}	
H. Martin,	}	
W. H. Pillow, =7.	}	

Reserve delegates to G. C.

G. Pegler,		
A. Moran		Ministers
H. Norton, =3		

Jefferson Mayell		
Hopestill Bigelow		Laymen.
Elisha Fay. = 3		

Com. on Course of Study.

L. C. Matlack,
H. Norton, W. Bailey,
P. M. Way, John Watson. = 5.

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