

# MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Session

## Detroit Annual Conference

OF THE

*METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,*

HELD IN

Adrian, Mich., Sept. 5th to 11th, 1877.

BISHOP R. S. FOSTER,  
*President.*

ARTHUR EDWARDS,  
*Secretary.*

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CONTAINS ALL PROCEEDINGS.

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## CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

As Adopted in 1869, Modified in 1875, and Adopted Each Session Since.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented, is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side, to move a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.

13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.

14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and, when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.

18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.

19. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference.

[The Conference, Sept. 8, 1873, ordered the previous question on a pending motion, thus establishing a precedent.—*Secretary.*]

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS, 1877-78.

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### TO CONFERENCE OF 1878.

1. Report statistics and collections as early as possible—*on the first day*, if possible.
2. Report *even dollars and no cents*, if possible, to facilitate committee work.
3. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
4. Presiding Elders should report at the next session a complete list of local preachers in their districts. Let the report state whether they are merely licensed, or Deacons or Elders. Give post-office addresses of local preachers.
5. *Superannuate and Supernumerary members should send post office addresses to Secretary immediately.*

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### TO EVERY MEMBER—PERSONAL.

The Secretary, ARTHUR EDWARDS, 57 Washington street, Chicago, should receive immediately, by mail, answers to the following. The material is wanted to complete the Register:

1. Your name in full.
2. Born—where?
3. Born—when?
4. Admitted into full connection—  
    In what Conference?
5. When?
6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference, from what Conference, or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
7. When?

# JOURNAL OF THE SESSION

IN FULL.

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## FIRST DAY.

ADRIAN, Mich., Wednesday, September 5, 1877.

THE Twenty-Second Session of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Adrian, Mich., at nine o'clock, Wednesday, September 5, 1877, Bishop Randolph S. Foster presiding.

By the Bishop's request, Orrin Whitmore read the fortieth chapter in Isaiah, and the hymn :

“ Let Zion's watchmen all awake.”

After the hymn had been sung, James F. Davidson led in prayer. The religious services were further continued by the reading of the second chapter of the second epistle to Timothy, and of the 707th hymn, after singing which last, Elijah H. Pilcher led the Conference in prayer.

The roll of the Conference was called, as follows, all being present save those who are marked absent :

Allen, Alfred; Allen, Charles T.; Allington, William, *absent*; Anderson, Charles Miller; Arnold, John Motte, *absent*; Atchinson, John Burch; Austin, Charles William.

Balls, James; Barnes, Leemon; Barry, Edward, *absent*; Bartlett, Alanson Roots; Bancroft, John Orlando; Baskerville, Thomas H., *absent*; Bell, Andrew, *absent*; Benton, William Hart; Benson, William; Berry, Joseph Flint; Bessey, Samuel, *absent*; Bigelow, William Enos; Bigelow, A. Jackson; Birdsall, William; Bird, Robert; Bird, Samuel; Blades, Francis Asbury, *absent*; Bourns, Alfred Francis; Bradley, Franklin, *absent*; Brown, Henry Newton; Brown, Samuel Joshua, *absent*; Brockway, Edwin H., *absent*; Burnett, William Q.

Calkins, Sylvester, *absent*; Camburn, Ira H., *absent*; Campbell, William John; Caster, Elisha Ezra; Caster, James Harvey, *absent*; Casler, David; Campbell, John W., *absent*; Campbell, William M.; Church, Charles Lewis; Clough, Albert B.; Clack, William J.; Clark, Nathan N.; Cocker, Benjamin F.; Curtis, David A., *absent*; Clements Samuel;

Copp, Richard; Crane, Rufus Cullen, *absent*; Crippin, John Wesley; Curnalia, James Henry; Cope, Robert L., *absent*; Craven, Edwin; Coates, Frederick, *absent*.

Davison, James F.; Dean, Lyman Haynes, *absent*; Dobbins, Jacob, *absent*; Donelson, Ira W., *absent*; Donnelly, William; Davis, George R., *absent*; Dunning, Walter Edson; Dunlap, James A., *absent*; Davis, Lewis P.; Dawe, William, *absent*; Dawe, Edwin, *absent*; Diverty, James Emory.

Edwards, Arthur; Elwood, Isaac Newton.

Fair, Alexander Scott; Fiske, Lewis Ransom; Foster, Edwin; Fox, William; Frazee, Elias Wetmore, *absent*; Frazer, Joseph; Fuller, James Madison; Field, George H., *absent*.

Gage, Rodney, *absent*; Gardner, Thomas C., *absent*; Gee, Alexander, *absent*; Gibbs, Calvin; Gordon, John M.; Gray, John; Goss, Joel Byington; Green, Nelson; Gibberson, Daniel W.

Hale, Osmar B.; Hammond, Daniel W., *absent*; Hamilton, John, *absent*; Hagadorn, Wesley, *absent*; Hankinson, Joseph T., *absent*; Hascall, Erastus R., *absent*; Hazen, Albert R.; Hedger, Benjamin H., *absent*; Hickey, Manasseh; Hicks, Henry W.; Higgins, Theron Clinton, *absent*; Hodskiss, Harvey, *absent*; Holt, Joseph Warren; Hood, Hiram, *absent*; Horton, Jacob; Houghton, Levi Liberty; Hudson, Richard; Hoyt, Almon F.; Hudson, James L., *absent*; Holmes, Alexander J.; Hodge, J. J.

Jackes, Daniel C.; Joslin, John S.; Joslin, Thomas Jefferson; Johnson, Isaac; Johnson, J. Milton; Johnson, Peter O., *absent*.

Kelly, John, *absent*; Kilpatrick, Jesse; Klump, Erastus, *absent*; Kimmell, Samuel Bell, *absent*; Kilpatrick, James H.; Kellerman, Charles R.

Laing, Aaron R.; Lee, Samuel P.; Lee, Luther, *absent*; Lanning, Robert C.; Lowe, George W., *absent*; Lyon, George Marcius, *absent*; Lyons, Nelson G.

Moon, Lewis N.; Mahon, William, *absent*; McConnell, Richard, *absent*; McIlwain, John A.; McIntosh, John H.; Maywood, William P., *absent*; Marksman, Peter, *absent*; Miller, David B.; Misener, Duston Wells, *absent*; Mitchell, Lewis, *absent*; Morgan, Josiah George; Morton, James H.; Mosher, Curtis, *absent*; Murch, Silas P., *absent*.

Nankervis, Henry; Newton, Newell; Nicholas, Thomas; Ninde, William Xavier, *absent*; Nixon, George; Noble, James Richard, *absent*; Northrup, Henry C.

Odell, Daniel J., *absent*; Omans, Thomas G., *absent*; Owen, George W.; Osborne, William H.

Paull, John S.; Pierce, Edwin P.; Pardington, Raynor S.; Pearce, Webster H., *absent*; Parker, Henry O.; Parker, Jacob E., *absent*; Pearman, Elias Elgin; Perrin, Oliver Jacob; Pierce, Nathan Wallace, *absent*; Pilcher, Elijah Holmes; Pilcher, Leander W., *absent*; Potter, Thomas George; Prindle, Elias B., *absent*; Pritchard, Benjamin Frank; Pugh, John; Pearce, Francis E.; Priestly, John Stanley; Palmer, Horace.

Ramsdell, Stephen L.; Reed, Seth; Richards, Andrew Jackson; Russell, Jesse B.; Russell, John, *absent*.

Sanborn, Orlando; Scott, Marvin J., *absent*; Seeley, Thomas; Shier, Dan R.; Shier, William Henry; Simpson, Charles; Smart, James Shirley; Stalker, Thomas; Stowe, George, *absent*; Sutton, Joseph Swazcy, *absent*; Steele, Ebenezer; Sparling, John George; Smith, Henry Harrison; Steer, Edward; Sparrow, Peter L.; Strong, Frederick.

Taylor, Barton S., *absent*; Taylor, George, *absent*; Taylor, William; Tedman, Lucius S.; Thompson, Henry W., *absent*; Triggs, Robert, *absent*; Triggs, William M.; Tracy, David Burnham; Truscott, John M.; Tuttle, William.

Van Norman, Ephraim; Varnum, Joseph Bradley, *absent*; Venning, James, *absent*; Van Every, John M.

White, Henry Sumner; Wilcox, Isaac; Wortley, J. C.; Westlake, Eli, *absent*; Whiteley, Duke, *absent*; Walker, John L.; Warren, Frederick Wales; Warren, Squire Ethan; Wakelin, Thomas, *absent*; Washburn, W. Wallace; Way, William Chittenden; Wesley, John; Whalen, James E., *absent*; Whitmore, Orrin; Whitcomb, Alonzo; Whitcomb, John Goss; Whitcomb, Lewis Jacob; Wilsey, Marcenas B., *absent*; Wilson, Andrew William; Wilson, George, *absent*; Withey, James E.; Wilkinson, Thomas; Wright, Philip J., *absent*; Wood, Alva B., *absent*; Woodhams, Roland, *absent*.

York, Frederick E.; York, Lodowick C.

When the names of Isaac Greensky, Samuel Bibbins and Abel W. Harding were called, it was announced that they had deceased during the year.

The transfer of Rev. Russell B. Pope from the Central Ohio Conference was read, and his name was ordered to be placed on the roll.

The Rules of Order governing the session of 1876 were read, and re-adopted to govern the current session.

Arthur Edwards and Jacob C. Wortley were nominated for the office of Secretary. Tellers were appointed, and after counting of the votes, Arthur Edwards was declared elected.

The standing committees nominated in 1876 were ordered, with modifications, as follows:

*Public Worship*—Seth Reed and William H. Shier.

*Education*—L. R. Fiske, J. S. Smart, I. N. Elwood.

*Ministerial Education*—W. X. Ninde, J. Frazer, W. E. Bigelow.

*Conference Stewards*—L. Barnes, J. M. Gordon, G. W. Lowe.

*Missions*—The Presiding Elders.

*Mission Auditors*—S. Clements, J. F. Davidson, T. J. Joslin.

*Sunday Schools and Tracts*—W. J. Campbell, L. C. York, J. S. Joslin.

*Church Extension*—O. J. Perrin, A. J. Bigelow, S. L. Ramsdell.

*Freedmen's Aid*—J. Russell, W. Q. Burnett, Duke Whitely, A. F. Hoyt.

*Periodicals*—J. C. Wortley, William M. Triggs.

*Bible Cause*—Wm. Donnelly, J. R. Noble, John Hamilton.

*Temperance*—C. T. Allen, Jesse Kilpatrick, A. B. Clough.

*Sanctity of the Sabbath*—W. H. Pearce, R. S. Pardington, R. Woodhams.

*Post-Offices*—C. Simpson.

*Parsonages*—J. T. Hankinson, S. E. Warren, William Taylor.

*Memoirs*—E. E. Caster, J. A. McIlwain, W. E. Bigelow.

Upon motion of Samuel Clements, other committees were constituted, as follows :

*Statistics*—L. C. York, J. M. Van Every, F. E. York, E. E. Caster, I. N. Elwood, H. S. White.

*On Conference Claimants*—H. N. Brown, O. Whitmore, J. F. Davidson, J. S. Smart, A. J. Bigelow, J. Horton.

*Debts due Book Concern*—W. J. Campbell, J. M. Gordon, T. J. Joslin, J. O. Bancroft, D. W. Hammond, D. B. Millar.

*To Publish Minutes*—The Secretary and J. M. Arnold.

*To Nominate Committees for 1878*—M. Hickey, Wm. Q. Burnett, T. G. Potter, J. Venning, Wm. Taylor, J. M. Johnston.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line joining the street sides of the opposite windows, respectively third from the pulpit.

It was resolved to meet at the hour prescribed in the first rule of order, and to spend the first half hour of the session in religious worship.

Bishop Carman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, was introduced, and invited by the president to a seat on the platform.

This being Bishop Foster's first presidency in Michigan, he made remarks to the Conference respecting the spirit which, in his judgment, should govern the session.

It was moved by J. S. Smart, that in making reports to the Conference Stewards, Pastors should include the Presiding Elder's salary with their own, together with house rent for both.

A motion to strike out the Presiding Elders' salary from the report, was laid on the table. J. O. Bancroft moved, as an amendment to J. S. Smart's motion, that the Conference Stewards be instructed to report separately, under the head of " Ministerial Support," the amounts paid respectively to the Episcopal Fund, the Presiding Elders and the Pastors, the two latter sums to include house rent. The Bancroft amendment prevailed, and the motion, as amended, prevailed also.

The Secretary was ordered to note the fact that the minutes of



the last session showed that James S. Smart was stationed at Fremont Avenue Church, Saginaw City, whereas it should have read, "Fremont Avenue, Bay City, Michigan."

A. R. Bartlett moved that the mission treasurer's report should detail the amounts received from each charge. After debate, the motion was withdrawn by the mover.

W. E. Bigelow moved that the proceedings of this session be recorded in manuscript in a book, to serve as the official journal of the Conference. After debate, the motion was laid on the table.

Rev. G. DeLamatyr, of South-east Indiana Conference, was introduced.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Carman.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 6, 1877.

The Conference met at half-past eight A. M. M. Hickey conducted the half hour of religious service, in which several members shared.

The president took the chair at nine o'clock, and the journal of Wednesday's session was read and approved.

The roll of absentees from the previous session being called, the following answered to their names: John Russell, John M. Arnold, Benj. H. Hedger, Edwin H. Brockway, Lyman H. Dean, Alexander Gee, Theron C. Higgins, James R. Noble, Daniel W. Hammond, Barton S. Taylor, Wesley Hagadorn, George Stowe, Harvey Hodskiss, Edward Barry, M. J. Scott, James A. Dunlap, John Hamilton, Samuel B. Kimmell, Eli Westlake, George H. Field, D. J. Odell, J. E. Whalen, Franklin Bradley, Wm. Allington, R. Woodhams, Henry W. Thompson, Duston W. Misener, J. L. Hudson.

When Russell B. Pope's name was called, he answered, and was introduced to the Conference.

It was announced that Elijah H. Pilcher, who had already begun work in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, had withdrawn from our church to unite with the former church. The request for acquiescence in the withdrawal was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to enter these facts upon the journal, and to expressly record the fact that Elijah H. Pilcher is in good standing among us, and withdraws solely to aid a sister church in her work. After a statement to this effect by Dr. Pilcher, J. M. Fuller moved that a committee of three be appointed to frame resolutions expressive of the regard in which Dr. Pilcher is held among us. The motion prevailed by a unanimous vote, and L. R. Fiske, B. F. Cocker and J. S. Smart were appointed as such committee.

L. R. Fiske presented the following document :

*To the President and Members of the Detroit Annual Conference, in Session at Adrian, Michigan, September 6, 1877 :*

BRETHREN—On the 28th day of November, 1876, Articles of Association for the incorporation of the Detroit Annual Conference were executed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, at Lansing, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

L. R. FISKE,

ADRIAN, Mich.,  
September 6, 1877.

*Secretary Board of Trustees of  
Detroit Annual Conference.*

The articles of association were then read by L. R. Fiske, as follows :

#### INCORPORATION OF THE DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

On the 28th day of November, A. D. 1876, the following persons, namely, Revs. J. M. Fuller, Seth Reed, Wm. Fox, A. R. Bartlett, A. F. Bourns, E. H. Pilcher, J. M. Arnold, R. S. Pardington and L. R. Fiske, members of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met at the store of J. M. Arnold & Co., Detroit, to consider the advisability of securing the incorporation of the said Detroit Conference. Rev. J. M. Fuller was appointed Chairman.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to effect such incorporation. Articles of incorporation were drawn and signed by the following named persons : James M. Fuller, Seth Reed, Elijah H. Pilcher, John M. Arnold, Alanson R. Bartlett, William Fox, Alfred F. Bourns, Raynor S.

Pardington and Lewis R. Fiske, and the said Articles of Association were filed in the office of the Secretary of State, at Lansing, Michigan. The following is a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
County of Wayne. } ss.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we desire and agree to form an incorporated association or body politic in law, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations, conventions, conferences of religious bodies for literary, religious, or other benevolent purposes, approved March 27th, A. D. 1867," and amended by "an act approved February 2d, 1875," under the name of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and do adopt the following Articles of Association:

*First.* The purposes for which this Association is formed are the acquisition of property, real and personal, by purchase, gift, bequest, or otherwise, and holding, using, or disposing of the same for the benefit of the members of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in all ways and manner that may seem best to the said association for religious, literary, or benevolent purposes.

*Second.* The principal office for the transaction of the business of the association shall be in the city of Detroit, at which the meetings shall be held, except that the annual meeting at the seat of the Detroit Annual Conference aforesaid in each year, at which time the Trustees of the association shall be elected by the said Detroit Annual Conference in session, as specified below. The election shall take place on the second day of the session of said Conference.

*Third.* The business of this association in the intervals of the meetings of the association shall be conducted by a board of nine Trustees, and James M. Fuller, Seth Reed, Elijah H. Pilcher, John M. Arnold, William Fox, Alanson R. Bartlett, Alfred F. Bourns, Raynor S. Pardington and Lewis R. Fiske shall constitute the first Board of Trustees, and are divided into three classes in the order in which their names are written above, the first class to hold office for three years, the second for two years, the third class for one year, or until others are elected to fill their places. The first election shall take place at the next session of the said Detroit Annual Conference. The full term of office shall be three years. The Trustees shall always be members of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Trustees shall

annually elect from their own number a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as they may think necessary, and may adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the orderly management of the business of the association.

*Fourth.* All members of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church are hereby constituted members of this association, and a cessation of membership in the said Detroit Conference aforesaid shall cause a cessation of membership in this association.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th day of November, 1876, at the city of Detroit.

JAMES M. FULLER, [L. s.]  
 SETH REED, [L. s.]  
 ELIJAH H. PILCHER, [L. s.]  
 JOHN M. ARNOLD, [L. s.]  
 ALANSON R. BARTLETT, [L. s.]  
 ALFRED F. BOURNS, [L. s.]  
 RAYNOR S. PARDINGTON, [L. s.]  
 LEWIS R. FISKE, [L. s.]  
 WILLIAM FOX, [L. s.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
 County of Wayne. } ss.

This certifies that on this 28th day of November, 1876, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the county of Wayne, the above named James M. Fuller, Seth Reed, Elijah H. Pilcher, John M. Arnold, Alanson R. Bartlett, William Fox, Alfred F. Bourns, Raynor S. Pardington and Lewis R. Fiske, personally known to me to be the persons executing the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same freely for the purposes therein named.

WM. ARNOLD,

*Notary Public for Wayne County, Residing in Lapeer County.*

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
 Office of the Secretary of State. } ss.

I, E. G. D. Holden, Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of Articles of Association of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church with the original filed in this office December 1st, 1876, and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

[L. s.]

E. G. D. HOLDEN, *Secretary of State.*

J. M. Fuller was elected President of the Board of Trustees ; Seth Reed, Vice-President ; J. M. Arnold, Treasurer ; L. R. Fiske, Secretary.

It was voted that the President be authorized, on the application of two of the Trustees, to call a meeting of said Board of Trustees.

L. R. FISKE.

DETROIT, Mich., November 28, 1876.

Certain legal questions having been raised in a debate touching the incorporation, a committee consisting of S. Clements, J. S. Smart and J. M. Gordon was appointed to examine said questions. The committee, after deliberation, made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the Articles of Association incorporating the Detroit Annual Conference, have had the matter under careful consideration, and respectfully report the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That we approve and adopt the Articles of Association, as presented, and recommend the election of trustees by this Conference.

S. CLEMENTS.

J. S. SMART.

J. M. GORDON.

ADRIAN, September 6, 1877.

The report was adopted. E. H. Pilcher resigned his trusteeship in the corporation thus consummated, and Samuel Clements was nominated to fill the consequent vacancy for the unexpired term of two years. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Samuel Clements ; it was so done, and Samuel Clements was declared elected.

The terms of A. F. Bourns, R. S. Pardington and L. R. Fiske having expired, they were re-nominated to fill the respective vacancies. The Secretary being instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the three nominees, it was so done, and they were declared elected for the prescribed term of three years.

L. R. Fiske was, by his request, released from service on the Education Committee, and J. S. Smart was appointed to serve in his place.

A report from the trustees of Albion College was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

It was ordered that all documents received be referred to the committees on the subjects involved, without further action.

J. Horton was appointed to receive moneys for the Episcopal Fund, and he was added to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Rev. G. M. Tuthill, a district secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and he made an address concerning the interests of the said society.

Rev. E. Q. Fuller, D. D., editor of the "Methodist Advocate," at Atlanta, Ga., was introduced.

THE EIGHTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of D. C. Jacokes and T. C. Gardner were examined and passed, and they were continued as supernumeraries. The character of Richard Copp was examined and passed, and he was made effective.

Revs. I. C. Lansing, an agent for the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Ira C. Billman and J. D. Husted, of the Congregational Church, were introduced.

THE NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of S. Bessey, Geo. Wilson, J. B. Varnum, S. Calkins, E. R. Hascall, R. C. Crane, M. B. Wilsey, Geo. Taylor, J. E. Parker, E. Klumph, Wm. Benson, Wm. Mahon, E. Van Norman, L. Mitchell, H. Hood, R. Triggs, D. B. Tracy, Andrew Bell, D. A. Curtis, John Gray, E. B. Prindle, Luther Lee, John Pugh, F. A. Blades, P. O. Johnson, Wm. P. Maywood, R. McConnell, J. Dobbins, T. Wakelin, I. W. Donelson, E. Steele, I. H. Camburn, P. L. Sparrow, and E. Westlake, were examined and passed, and they were continued on the superannuate list.

The character of Thomas Seeley was examined and passed, and he was made effective.

It being announced that there are charges against L. H. Dean, it was moved that the charges be referred to the presiding elder of Detroit district, and that his character be passed conditioned upon the result of the investigation so provided for. It was moved as a substitute, that L. H. Dean's character be not passed, and that the charges in question be referred, as provided in the principal motion. The substitute prevailed by a count vote of seventy-two to thirty-nine.

George W. Lowe and W. H. Benton were excused from service on the committee to examine candidates for admission on trial, and A. F. Hoyt and D. J. Odell were appointed to serve in their places.

THE FIFTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of A. F. Hoyt, J. L. Hudson, N. G. Lyons, F. Coates, L. N. Moon, D. W. Giberson, J. F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, H. Nankervis, J. E. Diverty, and J. J. Hodge, were examined and passed; their examinations by the committee were pronounced satisfactory, and they were advanced to the second class of Deacons.

Bishop Carman made a fraternal address to the conference, after which the following resolution was passed by a unanimous rising vote:

*Resolved,* That we have listened with pleasure to the fraternal words of Bishop Carman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada; that we are highly gratified in receiving a visit from him, and we hereby express our sincere affection for the ecclesiastical body of which he is the honored superintendent.

L. R. FISKE.

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by John Pugh.

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## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 7, 1877.

After the half hour prayer meeting, which was conducted by W. E. Bigelow, Bishop Foster took the chair, and the journal was read and approved.

Rev. Dr. L. Hitchcock, an agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and he addressed the Conference on the interests of that publishing house.

L. R. Fiske, from the committee appointed September 6th, made the following report, which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Rev. E. H. Pilcher, D. D., has withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada; therefore

*Resolved*, 1, That we deem his departure an occasion of sincere regret to us individually, and a loss to the Detroit Conference. 2. That the long and very valuable services rendered the church in this State in his unselfish and successful labors entitle him to our highest esteem, and the gratitude of the christian public. 3. That we assure him of our unabated confidence, and invoke upon him and his ministrations the richest blessings our Heavenly Father can bestow.

[Signed]

L. R. FISKE.  
B. F. COCKER.  
J. S. SMART.

*Committee.*

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, It would tend greatly to facilitate the business of the Conference; therefore

*Resolved*, That the nominating committee be requested to nominate a statistical secretary, a treasurer, and assistant treasurer, for the next session of this body.

O. J. PERRIN.  
W. C. WAY.

THE SEVENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of Edwin P. Pearce, Charles R. Kellerman, Henry C. Northrup, Wm. H. Osborne, Frederick Strong, Edwin Craven, John S. Paull, and Richard Hudson, were examined and passed; their examinations in the course of study were pronounced satisfactory, and these brethren were elected to Elder's orders. John W. Campbell was continued as a Deacon of the second class.

The characters of Lewis P. Davis and Wm. M. Campbell were passed; their examinations were pronounced satisfactory, and they were discharged from further examinations in the courses of study, both being in Elder's orders.

Rev. I. C. Lansing, an agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the Conference respecting work among the freedmen.

It was ordered that a correct or corrected copy of the printed minutes of this session of 1877, duly certified by the Secretary, shall be the official journal of the body.

THE TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of J. M. Fuller, Wm. X. Ninde, L. R. Fiske, W. W. Washburn, John Russell, R. S. Pardington, Edward Barry, J. H.



Kilpatrick, Alex. Gee, Wm. J. Campbell, L. C. York, J. M. Truscott, S. Clements, N. Newton, J. W. Crippen, S. E. Warren, J. G. Morgan, H. O. Parker, G. W. Owen, J. H. Morton, W. J. Clack, H. N. Brown, O. J. Perrin, A. W. Wilson, F. Bradley, Jesse Kilpatrick, F. W. Warren, L. L. Houghton, N. W. Pearce, J. H. Caster, C. W. Austin, B. F. Pritchard, W. Hagadorn, Arthur Edwards, J. M. Arnold, J. B. Atchinson, L. W. Pilcher, Geo. R. Davis, S. Reed, Wm. H. Shier, W. Q. Burnett, G. H. Field, T. Nichols, S. B. Kimmell, A. R. Hazen, D. J. Odell, S. P. Murch, J. M. Gordon, J. Frazer, W. E. Dunning, Wm. M. Triggs, E. W. Frazee, B. S. Taylor, J. M. Van Every, J. S. Priestley, J. B. Russell, D. R. Shier, S. J. Brown, J. C. Wortley, J. S. Sutton, H. Palmer, O. Whitmore, D. Casler, B. F. Cocker, J. A. McIlwain, R. B. Pope, A. F. Bourns, W. H. Pearce, G. W. Lowe, S. L. Ramsdell, F. E. York, J. B. Goss, G. Stowe, John Hamilton, R. C. Lanning, Wm. C. Way, T. G. Potter, O. Sanborn, E. H. Brockway, J. G. Whitcomb, F. E. Pearce, James Balls, H. Hodskiss, Wm. Birdsall, L. S. Tedman, Wm. M. Campbell, T. J. Joslin, C. T. Allen, Wm. Tuttle, R. Gage, D. Whiteley, J. S. Joslin, J. F. Davidson, B. H. Hedger, J. Wesley, and W. E. Bigelow, were examined and passed, all being Elders.

Rev. E. Q. Fuller, D. D., Editor of the "Methodist Advocate," in Atlanta, Georgia, addressed the Conference concerning our work in the South.

L. R. Fiske, President of Albion College, made remarks concerning the interests, claims and plans of that institution.

J. C. Wortley, in behalf of the visitors from this Conference to Albion College, made a report, which was read, placed on file and ordered to be printed in the minutes. [See Reports, **A.**]

Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by Luther Lee.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 8, 1877.

J. M. Gordon conducted the appointed religious services, and, at 9 o'clock, Bishop Foster took the chair. The journal was read and approved.

The report of the General Book Committee was read and appropriately referred. A paper from the same committee relating to the Episcopal Fund was read and placed on file.

It was ordered that the collection for the Episcopal Fund be taken early in the year.

THE NINETEENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered; Colin McBratnie, being duly recommended by Saginaw District Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders; and Alexander J. Holmes, who came duly certified by Minden Quarterly Conference as a Deacon, and recommended for election to Elder's orders, was accordingly elected, he giving satisfactory answers to the usual questions.

The consideration of the TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed; the characters of A. R. Bartlett, E. E. Caster, T. H. Baskerville, T. Stalker, J. Venning, J. S. Smart, D. W. Misener, A. B. Clough, J. H. Curnalia, E. Foster, J. H. McIntosh, A. Allen, R. Woodhams, P. Wright, R. L. Cope, J. O. Bancroft, J. A. Dunlap, J. E. Withey, O. B. Hale, Wm. Donnelly, J. T. Hankinson, N. N. Clark, H. W. Hicks, A. R. Laing, and G. M. Lyon, were examined and passed, they all being Elders.

THE FOURTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The class was called forward and was addressed most impressively by Bishop Foster, and most earnestly examined as provided for by Discipline when candidates are admitted into full connection. Alva G. Blood and Eugene D. Daniels, having met the Disciplinary tests, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders. DeWitt C. Challis having been previously ordained as a Deacon and an Elder under the operation of the Missionary rule before he went to Bulgaria, was admitted into

full connection, he being present and responding with his class according to Discipline. James E. Jacklin, a Deacon, was admitted into full connection. Walter Preston was continued on trial, and John Sweet was continued on trial for one year.

Consideration of the SEVENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed, and James E. Diverty, having passed examinations in the four years' courses of study, and having been a member of Conference for two years and a Deacon for three years, was elected to Elder's orders.

Consideration of the SIXTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed, and Edwin Dawe, having passed examination in the third year's course of study, was passed into the second class of Deacons.

Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by Ebenezer Steele.

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## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 10, 1877.

C. M. Anderson conducted the half hour prayer meeting. Bishop Foster took the chair at nine o'clock. The journal was read and approved.

Consideration of the NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed. Curtis Mosher's character was passed, and he was continued a superannuate. Alexander Gee and Alfred Allen were placed on the superannuated list.

George H. Field, Edwin H. Brockway, Nelson Green and Robert Bird were placed on the supernumerary list.

Consideration of the TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed. The characters of William Fox, I. N. Elwood, T. C. Higgins, J. Kelly, A. B. Wood, George Nixon, Wm. Taylor, L. J. Whitcomb, H. H. Smith, M. J. Scott, J. L. Walker, L. Barnes, J. W. Holt, E. E. Pearman, W. H. Benton, S. P. Lee, William Allington, C. Gibbs, R. Bird, A. J. Bigelow, C. Simpson, D. W.

Hammond, C. M. Anderson, S. Bird, A. Whitcomb, J. R. Noble, A. J. Richards, H. S. White, J. M. Johnston, T. Wilkinson, T. G. Omans, E. Steer, J. Horton, J. G. Sparling, A. S. Fair, Isaac Johnson, P. Marksman, H. W. Thompson, D. B. Millar, J. E. Whalen, C. L. Church, and Nelson Green, were examined and passed, all being Elders.

A motion to reconsider the motion by which Alfred Allen was to-day superannuated, prevailed. A motion to lay on the table the motion to superannuate Alfred Allen was negatived, and the motion to so superannuate him was carried by a count vote of fifty-four to forty-five.

Rev. A. G. Dunsford, pastor of the Baptist Church in Adrian, was introduced.

The Mission Auditors made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **B.**]

O. J. Perrin, in behalf of the visitors from this Conference to Garrett Biblical Institute, made a report, which was ordered to be appropriately referred and printed. [See Reports, **C.**]

Rev. Robert L. Dashiell, a corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference concerning the very important interest he represents.

Bishop Foster presented the following certificate of ordinations, as recited :

This certifies that Alva G. Blood, Eugene D. Daniels, and Colin Mc-Bratnie were by me ordained Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Adrian, Mich., September ninth, 1877, and that on the same day and in the same place, Edwin P. Pearce, Charles R. Kellerman, Henry C. Northrup, William H. Osborne, Frederick Strong, Edwin Craven, John S. Paull, Richard Hudson, James E. Diverty, and Alexander J. Holmes, were ordained Elders in the said church.

R. S. FOSTER.

At half-past ten o'clock, the regular business of the Conference was intermitted, and Bishop Foster introduced His Honor, Charles M. Crosswell, Governor of Michigan. The Governor was most heartily received, and he made an appropriate address to the body.

A collection for the benefit of the widow of Rev. Isaac Green-sky was ordered. The collectors reported receipts of \$33.65.

THE SECOND DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. J.

Mileson Kerridge, duly recommended by Central Church Quarterly Conference; James C. Higgins, by Ann Arbor District Conference in 1876; Henry William Wright, by Adrian District Conference; Oscar W. Willits, Edward B. Bancroft, William H. Allman, Alfonzo Crane and George J. Schweinfurth, by Saginaw District Conference; David McFawn, by Capac Quarterly Conference; William George, by Port Austin Quarterly Conference; Lambert E. Lennox, by White Rock Quarterly Conference, and George F. Weeks, by Tilton Quarterly Conference, in New Hampshire Annual Conference, were admitted on trial.

The Presiding Elder of Port Huron District was allowed to withdraw the recommendation for admission on trial of John B. Oliver, and to employ the latter during the coming year.

William Dawe was re-admitted into Conference membership, upon his certificate of membership granted by this Conference, September, 1876.

The following resolution was cordially adopted:

*Resolved*, That the secretaries of the Missionary Society be requested to hold, in this Conference, during the present Conference year, missionary conventions at such central points as may be arranged by them and the Presiding Elders.

I. N. ELWOOD.

A. F. BOURNS.

The Committee on Memoirs having signified its readiness to report, an afternoon session at three o'clock was ordered, to hear, discuss and pass upon the report. D. C. Jacokes was appointed by Bishop Foster to preside at the afternoon session.

Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by T. C. Gardner.

#### FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

The Conference assembled at 3 o'clock, D. C. Jacokes in the Chair.

T. J. Joslin conducted the opening religious worship.

The Committee on Memoirs made a report, which was debated and adopted. [See Reports, **D.**]

Pending the report remarks were made by R. Bird, O. J. Perrin,

J. F. Davidson, J. W. Holt, D. C. Jacokes, E. Steele, M. Hickey, J. S. Smart, W. E. Bigelow, Luther Lee, Wm. Taylor, B. S. Taylor and Wm. Q. Burnett.

Miss S. A. Rulison being called upon made remarks respecting the life and death of Mrs. D. C. Challis.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Luther Lee.

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## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 11, 1877.

The Conference assembled at the usual hour, J. S. Smart conducting the prayer meeting. The journals of the morning and afternoon sessions of Monday were read and approved.

A draft upon the chartered fund for \$30 was ordered, the President of the Conference having reported that said sum was subject to draft.

The Committee on Education made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **E.**]

J. C. Wortley moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees to devise a plan by which the Alumni Association of Albion College may obtain representation in the said Board. The motion prevailed, and B. F. Cocker, J. M. Gordon, W. E. Bigelow, E. E. Caster and Samuel Clements were accordingly appointed.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of the Trustees nominated by the Committee on Education. A motion to lay this motion on the table did not prevail. A motion was made to substitute the name of Henry C. Northrup for that of J. C. Clark as a nominee for Trustee of Albion College. The motion to so substitute was laid on the table. The principal motion prevailing, and the Secretary having cast the ballot as instructed, J. S. Smart and J. C. Clark were declared elected.

S. Reed tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Albion College, but the Conference unanimously refused to accept the resignation.

The Committee on Church Extension made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **F.**]

The Stewards made their report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **G.**]

The sums appropriated to the various Conference Claimants were distributed as recited in the answer to the Eighteenth Disciplinary Question, at the session of 1877.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Conference request of the Church Extension Society an appropriation of two hundred dollars to aid the Indians at Taymath in the erection of a church for their use.

A. R. BARTLETT.  
A. F. BOURNS.

Bishop Foster withdrew to meet the Cabinet, and authorized J. S. Smart to preside.

The Committee to Nominate Committees for 1878 reported as follows, which report was laid on the table for action at the next session:

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1878.

*Public Worship.*—Presiding Elder of the District and Minister in charge of the church where the Conference may be held.

*Education.*—J. C. Wortley, R. B. Pope, A. B. Wood.

*Ministerial Education.*—W. X. Ninde, A. J. Bigelow, R. Hudson.

*Conference Stewards.*—R. S. Pardington, E. W. Frazee, H. O. Parker, W. H. Benton, J. O. Bancroft, J. Horton.

*Missions*—The Presiding Elders.

*Mission Auditors.*—H. N. Brown, R. C. Lanning, S. Bird.

*Sunday Schools and Tracts.*—C. T. Allen, J. E. Jacklin, F. E. York.

*Church Extension.*—T. J. Joslin, D. Casler, W. M. Triggs.

*Freedmen.*—T. Stalker, O. Whitmore, G. W. Owen.

*Periodicals.*—W. W. Washburn, E. E. Caster, J. A. McIlwain.

*Bible Cause.*—D. C. Jacokes, Luther Lee, L. J. Whitcomb.

*Temperance.*—D. R. Shier, J. Hamilton, D. W. Hammond.

*Sanctity of the Sabbath.*—J. Kelley, S. E. Warren, T. H. Baskerville.

*Statistics.*—S. Clements, J. M. Gordon, A. B. Clough, G. W. Lowe, L. Barnes, H. S. White.

*Post Offices.*—L. P. Davis.

*Parsonages.*—W. Hagadorn, W. M. Triggs, L. S. Tedman.

*Memoirs.*—T. C. Gardner, B. S. Taylor, L. J. Hudson.

*Conference Statistical Secretary.*—W. C. Way.

*Conference Treasurer.*—O. J. Perrin.

*Assistant Treasurer.*—C. Simpson.

*Conference Claimants.*—F. W. Warren, J. S. Smart, J. S. Sutton, J. G. Whitcomb, J. W. Holt, J. E. Whalen.

*Book Concern Accounts.*—J. Russell, S. B. Kimmell, T. Wilkinson, C. M. Anderson, G. Stowe, W. E. Dunning.

*To Nominate Committees for 1879.*—

*To Publish the Minutes.*—

It was ordered that money collected for Education be given to the Albion College Library Fund.

Consideration of the NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed; the character of M. Hickey was passed, and he was continued on the superannuate list.

Wm. Donnelly was placed on the supernumerary list.

The TWENTY-THIRD DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered, and Ann Arbor was chosen as the seat of the session of 1878.

The Committee on Bible Cause made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **H.**]

It was ordered that the Trustees of Parsonage property at Oakville have leave to sell the parsonage, the proceeds to be devoted to the erection of a new parsonage.

The Committee on Missions made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **I.**]

The Committee on the Freedmen's Cause made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **J.**]

Bishop Foster took the chair, and the Conference ordered a recess until half-past one o'clock, afternoon, Bishop Foster pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

September 11, 1877.

The Conference was called to order at the appointed hour, by Bishop Foster. Luther Lee conducted the opening religious services. The journal was read and approved.

William Donnelly, who was this morning placed on the supernumerary list, was placed on the superannuate list.



The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **K.**]

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **L.**]

Calvin Gibbs was placed upon the supernumerary list.

Rev. T. C. Iliff, of Utah Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

The following resolution, being put to the Conference by the Secretary, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, At the present session of the Detroit Conference, we have been favored for the first time with the presence and counsels of our beloved Bishop, Randolph S. Foster; therefore

*Resolved*, That we tender him our sincere thanks for the ability and wisdom with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, and that we will cordially welcome him whenever, in the order of Providence, he may be appointed to preside over this Conference.

H. W. HICKS.

J. B. ATCHINSON.

President McElroy, of Adrian College, was introduced, and made remarks expressive of the fraternal feeling of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Committee on Statistics made a report, which was adopted. [See Statistical Tables.]

The Ministerial Education Committee made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **M.**]

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

*Resolved*, That we tender our sincere thanks to the citizens of Adrian for the very cordial welcome and generous entertainment we have received at their hands, and we pray that they may be the recipients of all temporal and spiritual blessing.

I. N. ELWOOD.

H. O. PARKER.

*Resolved*, That we tender to Rev. W. H. Shier our hearty appreciation of his very kind and careful attention to the wants of the members of the Conference during this session.

WHEREAS, We have listened with great interest and profit to the very able and fundamental discussion of the subject of Christian Missions, given by Dr. T. C. Gardner, on last Sabbath evening, according to the invitation of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, We think that a wider dissemination of the grand truths therein proved and illustrated would conduce much to beget and foster an interest in missions; therefore

*Resolved,* That we tender our thanks to Dr. Gardner for his able discourse, and that we request him to offer it for publication in its present form, or with such modifications as he may think desirable to make, in some one of our church periodicals.

W. W. WASHBURN.

I. N. ELWOOD.

The trustees of parsonage property at Rifle River were authorized to sell the parsonage, and to re-invest the proceeds in a new parsonage.

The trustees of the church at Kawkawlin were authorized to sell their church, and to re-invest the proceeds, if necessary, in the payment of debts.

The transfer of Isaac H. Riddick, an Elder from Minnesota Conference, and Duncan M. Ward, an Elder from Michigan Conference, were announced, and their names were ordered to be placed on the roll.

The transfer of Silas P. Murch to Michigan Conference was announced.

D. C. Jacokes was appointed a fraternal delegate to the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, at its next session.

The Bishop was requested to appoint J. M. Arnold agent of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

It was ordered that pastors in this conference appointed to places where corresponding sister churches hold their sessions, at any time during the year, be our fraternal delegates to such churches.

M. Hickey, A. J. Bigelow, J. S. Smart, S. Clements, John Russell, H. N. Brown and E. Steele were appointed Triers of Appeals.

Bishop Foster made the following appointments:

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE:

*Candidates for Admission on Trial.*—T. Stalker, O. J. Perrin, J. Frazer.

*Candidates for Local Deacon's Orders.*—J. O. Bancroft, Jacob Horton, William H. Osborne.

*Candidates for Local Elder's Orders.*—D. W. Hammond, T. Wilkinson, J. R. Noble.

*Class of First Year.*—D. Casler, R. Woodhams, H. C. Northrup.

*Class of Second Year.*—S. Reed, J. S. Smart, L. R. Fiske.

*Class of Third Year.*—J. A. McIlwain, T. G. Potter, A. B. Wood.

*Class of Fourth Year.*—W. J. Campbell, W. E. Dunning, C. Simpson.

*To Preach Missionary Sermon*—J. S. Smart; alternate, J. Venning.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **N.**]

The Committee on Parsonages made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **O.**]

It was ordered that, after approving the journal, and hearing the appointments, the Conference should stand adjourned. Bishop Foster made some remarks concerning the delicacy of his duties, and the importance of ministerial work, and having read the appointments, he pronounced the benediction.

Thus began, progressed and concluded the Twenty-second Session of the Detroit Annual Conference.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,

*Secretary.*

OUR TWENTY-TWO SESSIONS.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP	SECRETARY.
1	September 17, 1856....	Adrian.....	Morris.....	S. Reed.
2	September 2, 1857....	Port Huron.....	Waugh.....	S. Reed.
3	September 8, 1858....	Ypsilanti.....	Baker.....	S. Reed.
4	September 28, 1859....	Pontiac.....	Janes.....	S. Reed.
5	September 26, 1860....	Dexter.....	Morris.....	S. Clements.
6	September 25, 1861....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	S. Clements.
7	September 24, 1862....	Ann Arbor.....	Scott.....	S. Clements.
8	September 16, 1863....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	S. Clements.
9	September 14, 1864....	Adrian.....	Baker.....	W. H. Perrine.
10	September 13, 1865....	Flint.....	Clark.....	W. H. Perrine.
11	September 5, 1866....	Hudson.....	Ames.....	E. H. Pilcher.
12	September 4, 1867....	Saginaw City.....	Janes.....	E. H. Pilcher.
13	August 26, 1868....	Ann Arbor.....	Ames.....	C. C. Yemans.
14	September 1, 1869....	Detroit.....	Scott.....	A. Edwards.
15	August 24, 1870....	Fenton.....	Clark.....	A. Edwards.
16	September 13, 1871....	Monroe.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
17	September 4, 1872....	East Saginaw.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.
18	September 3, 1873....	Ypsilanti.....	Wiley.....	A. Edwards.
19	September 2, 1874....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
20	September 1, 1875....	Flint.....	Harris.....	A. Edwards.
21	August 30, 1876....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.
22	September 5, 1877....	Adrian.....	Foster.....	A. Edwards.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER.—*By transfer*—Isaac H. Riddick, an Elder from Minnesota Conference; Duncan M. Ward, from Michigan Conference. *By Re-admission*—William Dawe, upon certificate of location granted by Detroit Conference, September, 1876—3.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—J. Mileson Kerridge, James C. Higgins, Henry W. Wright, Oscar W. Willits, Edward B. Bancroft, William H. Allman, Alfonzo Crane, George J. Schweinfurth, David McFawn, William George, Lambert E. Lennox, George F. Weeks.—12.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER.—Walter Preston, John Sweet—2.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER.—Alva G. Blood, Eugene D. Daniels, DeWitt C. Challis, James E. Jacklin—4.

QUESTION 5. *Who are Deacons of the First Class?*

ANSWER.—Alva G. Blood, Eugene D. Daniels, James E. Jacklin—3.

QUESTION 6. *Who are Deacons of the Second Class?*

ANSWER.—A. F. Hoyt, J. L. Hudson, N. G. Lyons, F. Coates, L. N. Moon, D. W. Giberson, J. F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, H. Nankervis, J. J. Hodge, Edwin Dawe, John W. Campbell—12.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER.—Edwin P. Pearce, C. R. Kellerman, Henry C. Northrup, Wm. H. Osborne, Frederick Strong, Edwin Craven, John S. Paul, Richard Hudson, James E. Diverty—9.

QUESTION 8. *Who are supernumerary?*

ANSWER.—Daniel C. Jacokes, Thomas C. Gardner, George H. Field, Edwin H. Broekway, Nelson Green, Robert Bird, Calvin Gibbs—7.

QUESTION 9. *Who are superannuated?*

ANSWER.—S. Bessey, Geo. Wilson, J. B. Varnum, S. Calkins, E. R. Hascall, R. C. Crane, M. B. Wilsey, George Taylor, J. E. Parker, E. Klumph, Wm. Benson, Wm. Mahon, E. Van Norman, L. Mitchell, H. Hood, Robt. Triggs, D. B. Tracy, Andrew Bell, D. A. Curtiss, John Gray, E. B. Prindle, Luther Lee, John Pugh, F. A. Blades, P. O. Johnson, Wm. P. Maywood, R. McConnell, J. Dobbins, T. Wakelin, I. W. Donelson, E. Steele, P. L. Sparrow, E. Westlake, I. H. Camburn, Curtis Mosher, Alexander Gee, Alfred Allen, M. Hickey, Wm. Donnelly, Lyman H. Dean—40.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

ANSWER.—The names of the preachers were all called in open session, and their characters examined as the Discipline requires, and as the journal of the session shows.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER.—No.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER.—Elijah Holmes Pilcher, M. D., D. D., who was born in 1810, who began his ministry in 1832, who has given his life to pastoral labor in Michigan, and who withdrew to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and to aid our brethren there. (See Journals for Sept. 6 and Sept. 7, 1877.)

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

ANSWER.—Silas P. Murch to Michigan Conference—1.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER.—No.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER.—Isaac Greensky, Samuel Bibbins, Abel W. Harding—3.

QUESTION 16. *What is the statistical report?*

ANSWER.—See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER.—

Amount necessary for Superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans.....	\$6,400 00
Deficiencies in Preachers' Salaries.....	12,675 76
Total.....	<u>\$19,075 76</u>

QUESTION 18. (1) *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and (2) how has the money been applied?*

ANSWER.—(1.)

From Circuits and Stations.....	\$1,081 77
From Conference Collection.....	68 23
From Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,180 00</u>

(2) The sums have been applied as follows :

BENEFICIARY.	MONEY DELIVERED TO.	AMOUNTS.
S. Bessey.....	S. Reed.....	\$37 00
J. B. Varnum.....	C. M. Anderson.....	18 00
Wm. Mahon.....	A. J. Richards.....	56 00
Lewis Mitchell.....	C. M. Anderson.....	36 00
Robert Triggs.....	Wm. Triggs.....	37 00
John Gray.....	J. F. Davidson.....	37 00
John Pugh.....	Self.....	55 00
T. Walkelin.....	J. B. Goss.....	37 00
E. Steele.....	Self.....	37 00
Geo. Wilson.....	A. F. Bourns.....	18 00
R. C. Crane.....	A. Edwards.....	37 00
E. Klumph.....	J. G. Morgan.....	36 00
E. Van Norman.....	S. Clements.....	36 00
E. Westlake.....	Self.....	36 00
P. L. Sparrow.....	Wm. Fox.....	74 00
Mrs. A. C. Shaw.....	A. J. Richards.....	37 00
Luther Lee.....	Self.....	75 00
Mrs. Todd.....	J. M. Gordon.....	36 00
Mrs. Belknap.....	“ “.....	19 00
Mrs. R. Dubois.....	“ “.....	19 00
Mrs. Cockrane.....	R. B. Pope.....	73 00
Mrs. Shank.....	J. M. Gordon.....	37 00
Mrs. R. R. Richards.....	J. Frazer.....	37 00
Mrs. J. R. Cordon.....	A. F. Bourns.....	55 00
M. Hickey.....	Self.....	37 00
L. H. Dean.....	J. M. Fuller.....	37 00
Mrs. George Smith.....	R. B. Pope.....	18 00
Mrs. Greensky.....	R. Bird.....	18 00
Wm. P. Maywood.....	J. R. Berry.....	95 00
		<u>\$1,180 00</u>

QUESTION 19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained ?*

ANSWER.—*Deacon*—Colin McBratnie; *Elder*—Alexander J. Holmes—2.

QUESTION 20. *Are any of our Literary or Theological institutions under the control of the Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER.—See reports on “ Education,” and “ Ministerial Education.”

QUESTION 21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension ?*

ANSWER.—See list of Conference Societies.

QUESTION 22. *Where are the preachers stationed this year ?*

### APPOINTMENTS, 1877-8.

DETROIT DISTRICT.—JAMES M. FULLER, P. E.

DETROIT—

Central Church, W. X. Ninde.	New Boston, A. F. Hoyt.
Tabernacle, C. T. Allen.	Belleville, W. J. Clack.
Simpson, W. W. Washburn.	Leesville, J. H. Kilpatrick.
Jefferson Ave., R. S. Pardington.	Ypsilanti, O. J. Perrin.
Sixteenth St., John Russell.	Salem, S. Clements.
Fort St., W. Q. Burnett.	South Lyon, F. Bradley.
Wyandotte, E. Barry.	Brighton, D. J. Odell.
Trenton, H. N. Brown.	Howell, J. Kilpatrick.
Flat Rock, A. W. Wilson.	Fowlerville, F. W. Warren.
Denton, L. C. York.	Iosco, L. L. Houghton.
Wayne, H. O. Parker.	Leroy, H. Hodskiss.
Dearborn, J. M. Truscott.	Stockbridge, J. M. Morton.
Plymouth, L. P. Davis.	Williamston, N. W. Pierce.
Northville, J. E. Jacklin.	Dansville, W. Hagadorn.
Walled Lake, J. H. Caster.	Unadilla and North Lake, B. F.
Commerce, A. S. Fair.	Pritchard.
Farmington, S. E. Warren.	Pinckney, C. W. Austin.
Southfield, J. G. Morgan.	Whitmore Lake, J. C. Higgins.
Birmingham, J. B. Atchinson.	Warren, to be supplied.
	Royal Oak, G. W. Owen.

Arthur Edwards, Editor *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, member Central Church Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Arnold, Agent Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, member Simpson Quarterly Conference.

Leander W. Pilcher and Geo. R. Davis, Missionaries to North China.

L. R. Fiske, President Albion College, member of Tabernacle Quarterly Conference.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—W. H. SHIER, P. E.

Adrian, R. Hudson.	Fairfield, J. B. Russell.
Tecumseh, A. J. Bigelow.	Ann Arbor, R. B. Pope.
Clinton and Macon, L. J. Hudson.	Augusta, J. E. Diverty.
Manchester, W. E. Dunning.	Chelsea, D. R. Shier.
Napoleon, T. Nichols.	Carlton and Schofield, J. M. Ker-
Brooklyn and Prospect Hill, W.	ridge,
Allman.	Dexter and Lima, J. C. Wortley.
Sharon, S. B. Kimmell.	Dixboro', J. S. Sutton.
Deerfield, C. L. Church.	Grass Lake, J. A. McIlwain.
Petersburgh, to be supplied.	Henrietta, H. Palmer.
Lambertville, J. A. Dunlap.	Milan and Oakville, E. P. Pierce.
Blissfield, E. W. Frazee.	Addison, J. S. Priestley.
Palmyra, R. Copp.	Saline, O. Whitmore.
Morenci, J. M. Gordon.	Monroe, D. Caster.
Hudson, Joseph Frazer.	Medina, J. T. Hankinson.
Franklin, Wm. M. Triggs.	Waterloo, G. W. Stowe.
Ridgeway, A. B. Wood.	Dundee, D. W. Misener.

Clayton, J. M. Van Every.

Dewitt C. Challis, Missionary to Bulgaria.

B. F. Cocker, Professor in Michigan University, member Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

FLINT DISTRICT—A. F. BOURNS, P. E.

Flint, Court St., W. H. Pearce.	Hartland, N. G. Lyons.
“ Garland St., Geo. W. Lowe.	Parshallville, E. Dawe.
Otisville, A. G. Blood.	Byron, L. S. Tedman.
Mt. Morris, J. B. Goss.	Oak Grove, Wm. Birdsall.
Flushing, Wm. Taylor.	Perry, John Wesley.
Hazleton, D. M. Ward.	Conway, D. W. Giberson.
Swartz Creek, A. R. Hazen.	Milford, T. J. Joslin.
Grand Blanc, John Hamilton.	Pontiac, T. Stalker.
Davisburgh, W. H. Benton.	Troy, Wm. Tuttle.
Holly, W. C. Way.	Utica, R. Gage.
Fenton, T. G. Potter.	Rochester, to be supplied.
Linden, O. Sanborn.	Orion, D. Whiteley.



Gaines, R. C. Lanning.	Clarkston, F. E. York.
Vernon, J. G. Whitcomb.	Oxford, J. F. Davidson.
Woodhull, J. E. Withey.	Brandon, B. H. Hedger.
Highland, S. L. Ramsdell.	Goodrich, E. Steer.
Davidson, J. Balls.	Hadley, H. W. Wright
Lapeer, W. E. Bigelow.	

SAGINAW DISTRICT—A. R. BARTLETT, P. E.

EAST SAGINAW—	Tittabawassee, N. Newton.
Jefferson St., E. E. Caster.	Ingersoll, O. B. Hale.
Hess St., J. O. Bancroft.	Midland, W. H. Osborne.
SAGINAW CITY—	Hope, Alfonzo Crane.
Washington Ave., S. Reed.	St. Charles, A. B. Clough.
Ames Chapel, Oscar W. Willits.	Chesaning, J. H. McIntosh.
BAY CITY—	West Haven, J. W. Crippen.
Washington St., James Venning.	Owosso, C. R. Kellerman.
Fremont Ave., J. S. Smart.	Corunna, H. W. Hicks.
Woodside Ave., C. Gibbs.	Mungerville, H. H. Smith.
West Bay City, Wm. Dawe.	Bennington, Frederick Strong.
Saganing Indian Mission, to be supplied.	Laingsburg, G. M. Lyon.
Pinconning and Standish, to be supplied.	Reese, J. H. Curnalia.
Rifle River, to be supplied.	Vassar, R. Woodhams.
Tawas City, E. B. Bancroft.	Tuscola, L. N. Moon.
East Tawas, T. H. Baskerville.	Millington, R. L. Cope.
Oscoda, Isaac H. Riddick.	Maryville, P. J. Wright.
Harrisville, N. N. Clark.	Cass City, J. G. Sparling.
Alpena, H. C. Northrop.	Caro, J. W. Campbell.
Caseville, A. R. Laing.	Watrousville, E. Foster.
Presque Isle, to be supplied.	Akron, to be supplied.
Alpena Mission, G. J. Schweinfurth.	Unionville, F. E. Pearce.
	Bayport, to be supplied.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—ISAAC N. ELWOOD, P. E.

Port Huron, Wm. Fox.	White Rock, L. E. Lennox.
Fort Gratiot, J. F. Berry.	Minden, to be supplied.
Marysville, T. C. Higgins.	Port Hope, S. P. Lee.
St. Clair, W. J. Campbell.	Capac, G. Nixon.
Marine City, J. S. Joslin.	Speaker, to be supplied.
Chesterfield, A. Whitcomb.	Port Austin, Wm. George.
Algonac, D. W. Hammond.	Mt. Clemens, B. S. Taylor.
Memphis, W. M. Campbell.	New Haven, J. R. Noble.
Richmond, L. J. Whitcomb,	Armada, C. M. Anderson.

Adair, M. J. Scott.	Romeo, John Kelly.
Brockway, F. Coates.	Washington, C. Simpson.
Ruby, L. J. Walker.	Almont, E. D. Daniels.
Lakeport, to be supplied.	Dryden, A. R. Hazen.
Lexington, L. Barnes.	Attica and Goodland, E. E. Pearman.
Croswell, W. Preston.	North Branch, S. Bird.
Port Sanilac, D. McFawn.	Marlette, H. Nankervis.
Forester and Deckerville, J. W.	Lakeville and Mt. Vernon, E. Craven.
Holt and W. Allington.	Sanilac Mission, to be supplied.

## LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—A. J. RICHARDS, P. E.

Marquette, H. S. White.	Atlantic, J. S. Paull.
Negaunee, J. E. Whalen.	Fayette and Manistique, to be supplied.
Ishpeming, T. Wilkinson.	
Republic & Champion, J. J. Hodge.	Escanaba, H. W. Thompson.
L'Anse, Geo. F. Weeks.	Menominee, to be supplied.
Houghton, J. M. Johnston.	Kewawenon and Indian Mission,
Hancock, D. B. Millar.	Peter Marksman.
Lake Linden and Allouez, J. Sweet.	Sault Ste. Marie and Iroquois Indian
Calumet, J. Horton.	Mission, S. J. Brown.
Phœnix and Clifton, I. Wilcox.	Isle Royal, to be supplied.
Central and Copper Falls, I. Johnson.	Ontonagon and Iron River, to be supplied.
Rockland and Maple Grove, T. G. Omans.	Grand Island and Cedar River Mission, to be supplied.

QUESTION 23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER.—At Ann Arbor, Mich., at a time to be fixed by the Bishops at their meeting in May, 1878.

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**CHURCH HEADQUARTERS.**

Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 805 Broadway, New York City.  
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 57 Washington St., Chicago.  
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati.  
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 913 North Sixth St., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 189 Woodward ave., Detroit, Mich.  
 Church Extension Headquarters, 1020 Arch Street, Philadelphia.  
 Freedmen's Aid Headquarters, 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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[Names of Chairmen only are here given. For other names of Committeemen see the Journal.]

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#### VISITORS TO ALBION COLLEGE.

Your committee report, that in performing the duty assigned them, they found, with great pleasure, the general interests of the College in a good state of preservation and prosperity. The professors and the students were faithfully and steadily pursuing the path of duty, and were gradually advancing in the spirit and aims of a higher education, and in the attainment of a more scholarly culture. Notwithstanding the great financial depression of the country, the number of students in attendance is larger this year than it was last. The Preparatory Department numbers 114, the Undergraduate Classes number 48, and the Graduating Class, this year, numbers 12. The "Conservatory of Music," and the "Department of Art," now established in the College, are fruitful of most gratifying results. Valuable additions to the chemical and philosophical apparatus have been made during the year. One thousand accurately labeled specimens, now adorning the museum, are at the service of students in geology. A library containing about 2,000 volumes, and a reading room containing many of the leading magazines and periodicals of the country, are free of access to the students, and afford them valuable service in their studies. The literary societies give fine opportunities for social refinement and mental culture. Tuition in the preparatory and college studies is free, and incidental expenses are made as small as necessity and justice will allow. Board in the ladies' hall is \$2.50 per week, and arrangements are made in the College building for accommodating young ladies desiring to do a part of their own work. Your committee venture to hope that the boarding hall may be made so convenient in its arrangements, so attractive in its associations, so reasonable in its expenses, and so happy in its general management, that it may be preferred by the students to any other boarding place in town. The laws and regulations of the College are such only as good order and good character require, and all who sincerely regard what is proper and

just, will honor these regulations with becoming respect. All students are required to attend public worship on Sunday morning, at such church as they, or their parents, may choose, and also the afternoon lectures in the College chapel. The prayer and class meetings held during the week are great helps to a religious life. Indeed, it is the steady purpose of the Faculty and Board of Trustees to offer every encouragement—to afford every advantage possible—to a thorough education, to a good moral character, and to a sound religious faith. The death of Rev. George B. Jocelyn, D. D., occurred last January. For many years Dr. Jocelyn had toiled with tireless energy and extraordinary ability to build up the interests of the College. Honored for his ability, and beloved for his virtues, he passed away in the midst of his years and usefulness. The following resolutions, adopted at a meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees, of the Committee of Visitors, and of the Faculty, indicate the high esteem in which the Doctor was held, and the deep sorrow his death occasioned:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call our beloved president, the Rev. George B. Jocelyn, D. D., from our midst in the fullness of his labors and usefulness; therefore,

*Resolved,* That while we may not comprehend this dispensation, we most humbly submit to the divine will, at the same time expressing our sorrow for the loss thus sustained by the College, of which he was the efficient and devoted president, by the Conference, of which he was a faithful and honored member, and by the community, of which he was a worthy and useful citizen.

*Resolved,* That we hereby extend to the afflicted family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathies, and tenderly commend them to "God and the word of His grace," and pray that the sweetest heavenly consolations may be found by them in the midst of these deepest earthly sorrows.

By this providential but sad bereavement, an extra burden of care and responsibility was imposed upon the Faculty, but by their united counsel and action a successful administration was conducted to the close of the year. The sorrow and anxiety occasioned by the death of Dr. Jocelyn was, however, very much relieved by the President of the Board of Trustees, when at the close of the commencement exercises last June he announced to the large audience attending, that Rev. L. R. Fiske, one of the most gentlemanly, scholarly and successful ministers of the Detroit Conference, had been unanimously elected President of Albion College. Repeated and enthusiastic cheers attended the introduction of Dr. Fiske to the audience, announcing his acceptance of the position. The best friends of the College, the leading ministers of the two patronizing Conferences, and the most distinguished educators of the State, have signified their approval and pleasure with this action of the Board. Your committee take the liberty of earnestly inviting for the new President thus approved, for the Faculty, so faithful and abundant in their labors, and

for the Board of Trustees, so prudent and liberal in their policy, the warmest sympathy and the largest patronage from the ministers of this Conference, and from the Methodists of Michigan. Both the Faculty of the College and the Board of Trustees are the representatives and servants of this Conference and the church, and through your committee they ask and earnestly pray, that the ministers of the Conference and the members of the church, will heartily unite with them in their labors to make Albion College a glorious success in education, and a perpetual joy for Michigan Methodism.—J. C. WORTLEY, *Ch'n.*

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MISSION AUDITORS.

There was given this Conference last year, for the support of  
 Domestic Missions.....\$2,000  
 Of Indian Missions..... 900  


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 In all.....\$2,900

This amount was distributed among the several Districts as follows:

To Flint District..... \$100  
 To Saginaw District..... 900  
 To Port Huron District..... 575  
 To Lake Superior District..... 1,325

We have carefully examined the vouchers of those who were charged with the distribution of this money, and find it has been faithfully used according to the order of the Conference. Owing to the death of Bro. Greensky early in the year, there remained unused \$120 of the amount appropriated to Saganing and Flint River Indian Mission. This money was paid to your committee, and by them has been returned to the treasury of the parent society. We further report that the vouchers from Saginaw and Lake Superior Districts, which were not furnished last year, have been given us at this Conference, and we find them correct.—S. CLEMENTS, *Ch'n.*

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VISITORS TO GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Your committee appointed to visit Garrett Biblical Institute were present at nearly all the examinations at its commencement in May last. The examinations were highly satisfactory, though not as exhaustive as they might have been, yet were as thorough as the limited time necessa-

rily assigned to each branch of study would permit. We were well pleased with the work the Institute is doing, and believe that it reflects credit upon the Faculty. And we hesitate not to assure you that the young men, who go out from her sacred halls, are well qualified for the work of a Methodist Minister. We regret to inform you that the Institute is at present somewhat crippled by serious financial embarrassment. At a joint meeting of the Trustees and Board of Visitors, the matter of relief was earnestly canvassed. After much debate two propositions were submitted, viz: first, to secure from the church within the bounds of the patronizing Conferences, the sum of at least two thousand dollars to aid in meeting the current expenses for the year 1877-8, and that measures be taken as soon thereafter as found practicable to permanently endow a professorship in the Seminary. As to the former the contributions of the more wealthy churches were to be sought by the Faculty, either personally or by correspondence with them. In regard to the latter, it was hoped that it might eventually be secured by the Alumni and the numerous friends of the institution. The church at large has never contributed directly for the maintenance of the school, and would, no doubt, consider it a duty and a privilege to respond to such a call. The invaluable service of the Institute should stimulate the church to secure its immediate relief from financial embarrassment. We are more than ever convinced that the church cannot safely dispense with her Theological schools. During no period of her history were they more needed than now. The age, whatever else may distinguish it, is one of great mental activity. The educational facilities of the last half century has given to science and literature a power and prominence of which our fathers never dreamed. The masses of community are daily rising into higher degrees of intellectual culture, while, with the appetite which grows by what it feeds upon, they are constantly crying out like the celebrated German philosopher when dying, "More light!" "more light!" This increase of knowledge can hardly be said to have for its accompaniment a corresponding increase of piety; quite the reverse. It is more frequently seen in connection with religious indifference. Our sanctuaries are but partially filled with that class of mind, which in early Methodism, flocked to hear the word of life; while, in many instances, the place of the Bible and the religious tract has been usurped by the secular newspaper and the novel. Indifference, however, is not the only cause of this negligence. The mind of the people, by a sudden rebound from mental bondage, revels in a liberty which borders on mental licentiousness. While every one in this age claims a right to think for himself; not a few claim, also, a right to doubt even the truth. That noble feeling of reverence for sacred things, especially for the word of God, which constituted so rich a soil for the growth of Christian faith in former

times, we regret to say, has given way to a semi-unbelief, and, in not a few instances, to a bold and rampant infidelity. This is the condition of society which the pulpit has to meet. It is, therefore, no longer optional with the church, but imperative that she should meet this demand. Nor indeed is it optional with him who has chosen this high vocation that he avail himself of the advantages which the church provides. God and the work of human salvation require the utmost of intellectual contribution to this sacred object. The Christian sanctuary is the temple in which all the higher achievements of mind should be presented. And self-culture, so far from being discretionary, becomes a duty. The minister who fails to consecrate all his powers to this great work is guilty of more than hiding his Lord's money. He accepts an office which demands his all, and he professes to lay all upon God's altar, but subsequently enters the ministry, failing to store his mind with useful knowledge, and in reality takes back part of the offering made and which he solemnly pledged himself to make. In doing this he does injustice to himself, injustice to the cause he represents. We do not deny that a high degree of scholarship has been attained by not a few in the itinerant ranks; but it has been at the expense of the severest mental bondage, and more or less detraction from the special work of the Christian pastor. The church, having provided the means, has a right to demand of all who assume to be her teachers a thorough knowledge of her doctrines and her polity. Your committee offer the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That we have undiminished confidence in the mission and work of Garrett Biblical Institute, and will lend our influence as a patronizing Conference to assist in carrying into execution the measures of financial relief recommended by the Board of Visitors. 2. That we will discourage all candidates from entering the ministry without seeking as far as possible the qualifications which the age demands, and also earnestly recommend matriculation in our Theological schools.

O. J. PERRIN, *Ch'n.*

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MEMOIRS.

SAMUEL BIBBINS.

Rev. Samuel Bibbins was born Sept. 1, 1796, and died May 19, 1877. He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of 21, and three years later received license as a Local Preacher. After laboring eight years in the Genesee Conference he removed to Salem, Michigan, where for several years he rendered himself peculiarly useful in his local relation. When the anti-slavery agitation arose he

identified himself with the Abolitionists, and taking the ground, as many of us thought, erroneously, that the Methodist Episcopal Church was essentially and hopelessly pro-slavery in spirit and in practice, and thinking he could do more for the cause of freedom elsewhere, he seceded and helped to organize the American Wesleyan Church; where he remained and labored with great zeal till slave-holders being denied a place in our communion and slavery being abolished from the nation. In the year 1867, at the Conference held at Saginaw City, with Luther Lee, John McEldowney and several others, he returned to the church of his early choice. Though in a superannuated relation he continued his ministerial labors till two weeks before his death. During his last connection with us he was employed as a regular supply respectively on the Flat Rock, Ida, Rockland and New Boston circuits; and, after closing his labors on the latter, devoted his failing energies to the earnest Christian work for the well being of the inmates of the Wayne County Poor House and Insane Asylum, where, almost literally, he "ceased at once to work and live." He was a consistent Christian, a preacher of respectable talents, an excellent exhorter, and a very successful revivalist. He rests in the embrace of Jesus. May we imitate his zeal in the Master's cause.

ABEL W. HARDING.

Rev. Abel W. Harding died in Tecumseh, July 1, 1877, aged 39 years. Converted at the age of 18, he connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, of which he remained a faithful and worthy member four years, when he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He spent three years in the army. In 1867 he was admitted into the Detroit Annual Conference as a probationer, and in due time was received into full connection and advanced to holy orders. He labored nine years as an itinerant, always accepting the fields assigned him without murmuring, however undesirable they might appear, and cultivating them according to the best of his ability. One year ago his health, previously impaired by the hardships and exposures of army life, gave way under the excessive labors of the ministry, when he reluctantly took a superannuated relation, and in less than ten months was dismissed from the scenes of earth and taken to his eternal reward. "He was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost." And, though he fell in the prime of life, the world is better for his having lived in it. His death was peaceful and triumphant, and we have reason to believe that his rest beyond the grave is glorious. He leaves a devoted wife and three interesting children to mourn an irreparable loss.

ISAAC GREENSKY.

Rev. Isaac Greensky belonged to an Indian family in Lake Superior county. He was converted at Sault Ste. Marie Mission in 1841 under the



labors of Rev. D. C. Jacokes. In 1854 he held an Exhorter's license, and in 1855 assisted Rev. J. W. Holt, on the Iroquois Mission, as a Local Preacher and Interpreter. He labored several years in the Michigan Conference in the Indian Mission work, and was finally transferred to Detroit Conference and stationed at the Saganing Mission, where his labors terminated. He died in the autumn of 1876, when about 50 years of age. A man of ability and native eloquence, thoroughly devoted to his holy calling, he rendered efficient service in Western and Northern Michigan in his efforts to impart the knowledge of Christ to his people. His last three years were spent in Saganing Indian Mission in earnest labors for the salvation of his race. When conscious that his final summons had come he called his brethren around him and gave them a solemn charge to be faithful to God and the Church, and then passed triumphantly from earth to be "forever with the Lord."

MRS. DEWITT C. CHALLIS.

Mrs. Fannie White Challis, previous to her marriage, was for three years a practicing physician in Jackson, Michigan. She was converted in the spring of 1873 at a meeting held in Jackson by Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, and at once entered heartily upon Christian labor, especially among the sick and poor for whom her services were sought. She was generous in her benevolence, and prompt and direct in her testimony for Christ, fully consecrating her powers to His service at an early stage of her Christian experience. Deeply interested in the work of Foreign Missions, her heart was most strongly drawn to that which seemed most difficult and required most self-denial. Entire trust in the direction of God's Spirit and Providence was the most noticeable feature of her faith. October 25, 1875, she was united in marriage to Rev. D. C. Challis, then under appointment as Missionary to Bulgaria, where they arrived December 5, 1875. Her letters from there contained assurances of Christ's presence, and of her ardent and undying love for His cause, and expressions of deepest interest in the welfare of those among whom she had come to labor. The demand for her services as a physician was such that from the time of her arrival she gave to the medical profession every moment that could be spared from her studies and household duties. After an illness of two weeks she died of small-pox, May 8, 1877, and was buried in Sistof. With her bereaved husband she left an infant son nine months old. Apparently she did not know that death was approaching, but had given some directions in the early part of her sickness to be observed in case she did not recover. Her work is done, and her life-offering accepted by the Master. But her example and memory still live.—W. E. BIGELOW, *Ch'n.*

## [E.]

## EDUCATION.

Our interest in the subject of education was never more profound and earnest than at present. We fully appreciate all that the State is doing for the general education of the people, but the education it confers is not, and is not intended to be, in any proper sense religious. We do not intend to say that no religious influence is exerted in our State institutions of learning, but it is evident that the theory is every day becoming more prevalent, that it is not their province to bestow anything more than a purely intellectual culture and training. The question whether anything higher than a common school education should be provided by the State, is now being agitated, and there are indications that the day is not far distant when the higher education will be committed wholly, or nearly so, to private or Christian institutions. These considerations should make us more than ever zealous for the prosperity of the institutions under our patronage as a Conference.

While we rejoice in the prosperity and pray for the success of the Northwestern University, our special interest must be in our own college at Albion. During the collegiate year ending June 20th, 1877, there have been in attendance at Albion College, in all departments, 186 students. The financial embarrassment of the country has been very deeply felt by the college, preventing any increase in the number of students, and also very seriously interfering with continued and regular attendance. On the 27th day of January last, Rev. George B. Jocelyn, D. D., President of the college, and a member of the Michigan Annual Conference, concerning whom fitting mention was made in the report of your Board of Visitors, in which we most heartily acquiesce, died, in full and joyful hope of eternal life. Years of hard and faithful service stand to his credit in the history of the college. He was universally respected and beloved by the students, and highly appreciated for his manly Christian character by all who knew him. His removal by death was a sad bereavement, not only to Albion, but to the whole church, and especially to all friends of a true christian education, to whose advancement his valuable life had been so faithfully and efficiently devoted. On the 19th day of June last, the Rev. L. R. Fiske, D. D., a member of this body, was unanimously elected to the presidency of the college, and to the Professorship of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Having accepted the same, he will enter upon the discharge of his duties September 13, 1877. His formal inauguration as president will take place December 12. Prof. George B. Merriman having been elected to the Professorship of Astronomy, in Rutger's College, N. J., and having

accepted the same, Prof. Samuel Dickin, a graduate of Albion, and late Principal of the Public Schools at Hastings, Mich., was elected to the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy. Prof. H. A. Mills, in charge of the Art Department, having resigned, Mrs. H. A. Colby, an artist of considerable reputation, was placed in charge of the same.

For the college, under the guidance of our present president and faculty, we have the highest hopes, and look with confidence for the best results possible to these times, and to the present situation of the institution. The term of service for which J. C. Clark and J. S. Smart were elected members of the Board of Trustees, ends at this time. It is the province of this Conference to fill the vacancies thus caused, as it is also to elect a Board of Visitors and Examiners for the collegiate year 1877-1878. We would nominate to fill the above named vacancies in the Board of Trustees, J. C. Clark, Esq., of St. Clair, and J. S. Smart. For Visitors and Examiners for the ensuing collegiate year we would nominate Rev. H. C. Northrup, Rev. Richard Hudson, F. R. Beal. We also nominate Rev. B. F. Cocker, D. D., Rev. W. X. Ninde, D. D., Rev. W. W. Washburn, and Rev. J. C. Wortley, to represent this body at the inauguration of Rev. Fiske, at Albion, December 12, 1877.

A communication from the alumni of the college has been received, asking our respectful consideration of the following propositions:

1. That at the election of trustees this year, there be elected by each Conference one member of the alumni of Albion College.
2. That as soon as may be, the charter of Albion College be amended, so as to constitute the alumni one of the governing bodies of the college, with the right of representation in the Board of Trustees by persons of its own selection.
3. That at present the number of representatives to which the alumni shall be entitled on said Board be two.
4. That for every additional twenty-five persons graduated from the Literary Department of Albion College, such representation be increased one member, until their representation on said Board shall be equal to one-third the members thereof.
5. That the Board of Trustees be ultimately increased to eighteen members, and limited to that number.

The trustees have had this subject under consideration, and recommend that the Detroit and Michigan Conferences keep a representation of at least one trustee from the alumni of the college from each Conference in this Board, said trustee to be nominated by the Alumni Association, provided the names of suitable persons shall be so presented. We have carefully considered the paper from the alumni, and also the action of the trustees, and hail with pleasure the interest manifested by the alumni in their *alma mater* as full of promise of good to the college.

While we are not prepared to express an opinion in reference to all the details of the scheme proposed by the alumni, we most cordially con-

cur in the action of the Trustees, and do not doubt that whenever the Alumni Association present the nominations suggested, the elections will take place according to their wish. We submit the following:

*Resolved.* That, in the judgment of this Conference, all that is necessary to make a Methodist College in this State one of the most successful, influential and useful institutions of learning in this country, is the united and enthusiastic support and patronage of all the friends of Methodism.

*Resolved.* That no object can be presented to our people more worthy of their concentrated effort than building up a great institution of learning in this State, to be conducted in the spirit of Christ, and whose chief aim shall be the advancement of the interest of His kingdom.

*Resolved.* That we believe Albion College entirely worthy of the patronage of the public generally, and that we heartily and specially commend it to all of our people desiring to confer upon their sons and daughters a collegiate education.

We append the following

#### FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

##### INCOME.

College Receipts.....	\$3,066 69
Interest Endowment Fund Com.....	9,500 00
“ Local Board.....	1,025 78
Detroit Centenary Notes—D. Preston.....	218 26
Detroit Conference Library, 1875.....	97 00
“ “ “ 1876.....	33 50
Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	100 00
Rent—Pres. house, \$200; Fitch house, \$50.....	250 00
Hay, sales of.....	20 00
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	\$14,311 23

##### EXPENSE.

Current Expenses.....	\$1,151 36
Repairs and Improvements.....	845 39
Library and R. R.....	171 99
Interest.....	1,700 00
Wood, Oil, etc.....	750 19
Laboratory.....	44 38
Teaching.....	9,803 10
Insurance.....	104 00
Music.....	185 44
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	\$14,755 85

##### ASSETS.

Bonds, Mortgages, Notes—J. Owen.....	\$140,000 00
Local Board Control—J. Sheldon.....	25,000 00

Detroit Conference Centenary Notes—D. Preston.....	3,133 07
Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	16,727 23
In Treasurer's hands.....	\$184,860 30

REAL ESTATE.

College Property—Buildings, Furniture, Apparatus, etc....	\$83,315 67
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LIABILITIES.

Funded Debt.....	\$12,000 00
Bills Payable.....	
Warrants Outstanding.....	
	\$12,000 00

J. S. SMART, *Ch'n.*

[F.]

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The last Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society shows the total receipts from all sources to be, in round numbers, one hundred and fifteen thousand four hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents. The total number of churches, aided from all sources, was two hundred and thirty-nine. These churches are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, and stand as monuments of the wisdom and value of this organization. No church in the nation is doing more for the same object than the Methodist Episcopal Church—no church under God has a greater responsibility to build up the altars of Jehovah in this great land. In number of members, and, perhaps, in aggregate wealth, she stands at the head of the churches in this country. Her annual conferences stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific—from the Gulf, on the south, to the great Lakes of the north. Methodism has demonstrated that she possesses ability commensurate with the highest achievements, while her constant and rapid growth in every department of Christian enterprise places her among the foremost religious agencies of the age. There is no indication that her zeal has abated, and she is to-day the living representative of an aggressive christianity; a christianity that has red blood and thick sinews in it; robust and strong, ready for any undertaking that may advance the Kingdom of Christ among men. The unparalleled success with which it pleased God to crown her labors during the first century of her history on these shores, has imparted to her grander views of Christian duty, and a fresh inspiration for Christian work. During the last decade she has undertaken what is known as the Church Extension movement, a work second in importance

only to the Missionary cause. It is, indeed, amazing that this important field for Christian enterprise should remain so long undiscovered; but when once discovered, the duty of entering was imperative. To go forward, cultivate and enlarge the same, is no less imperative and obligatory. To neglect her chosen work, which she owes to God and to this nation, according to the measure of her responsibility, would not only compromise the Church, but jeopardize the highest interests of our beloved country. The welfare of the Church is closely interwoven, and all but identical with the welfare of the Republic. If liberty cannot survive its dangers in this broad, free realm, then the Church cannot survive. Her safety lies only in the most thorough evangelization through her well appointed agencies. A church edifice marks a new era in every community; they should be erected in every town and hamlet, and made the centers of religious thought and feeling, until the whole mass is leavened. The Church must maintain her place among the great educating forces of society, or be ultimately swept away by the counter tides of infidelity and unbelief. There must be no retrograde movement. Her motto must be "Onward," until the Temples of the Most High shall cover the land as the harbingers of the nation's lasting peace and prosperity. The total amount contributed this year, for the above object, is five hundred and forty-two dollars and twenty-four cents. We regret to say this shows a decrease from last year of one hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-two cents. Your committee submit the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That we will pledge anew our fidelity to this great cause, and endeavor to make good this pledge by increased contributions to this worthy object.

O. J. PERRIN, *Chm.*

[G.]

STEWARDS' REPORT.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	J. M. Fuller.....	\$2,000 00	\$1,650 00	\$350 00
Detroit—Central Church ...	W. X. Ninde.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....
Tabernacle.....	L. R. Fiske.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....
*Simpson .....	W. W. Washburn....	2,300 00	2,200 00	100 00
Jefferson Avenue.....	E. H. Pileher.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Sixteenth Street.....	J. Russell.....	.....	536 00	.....
Fort Street.....	R. S. Pardington....	1,340 00	1,340 00	.....
Wyandotte.....	E. Barry.....	820 00	620 00	200 00
Trenton .....	J. H. Kilpatrick....	1,025 00	1,025 00	.....
Flat Rock .....	A. Gee.....	860 75	646 73	214 02
Denton and Sheldon's .....	L. C. York.....	875 00	708 75	166 25
Wayne .....	W. J. Campbell.....	1,100 00	1,046 03	53 97
Dearborn .....	J. M. Truscott.....	800 00	752 00	48 00
Plymouth .....	L. P. Davis.....	1,000 00	837 05	162 95
Northville .....	Samuel Clements....	1,000 00	830 00	170 00
Walled Lake.....	N. Newton.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Commerce .....	J. W. Crippen.....	700 00	571 42	28 58
Farmington .....	S. E. Warren.....	800 00	703 40	96 60
Southfield.....	J. G. Morgan.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Birmingham .....	H. O. Parker.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Royal Oak and Warren.....	G. W. Owen.....	700 00	651 00	49 00
New Boston.....	J. H. Morton.....	700 00	.....	700 00
Belleville.....	W. J. Clack.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Leesville and Norris.....	H. N. Brown.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Ypsilanti.....	O. J. Perrin.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....
Salem .....	A. W. Wilson.....	581 00	489 60	91 40
South Lyon .....	F. Bradley.....	725 00	675 00	50 00
Brighton .....	A. F. Hoyt.....	550 00	550 00	.....
Howell .....	J. Kilpatrick.....	1,150 00	1,050 00	100 00
Fowlerville .....	F. W. Warren.....	1,050 00	721 70	328 30
Iosco.....	L. L. Houghton.....	800 00	683 50	116 50
Leroy .....	J. H. Caster.....	600 00	296 00	304 00
Williamston .....	N. W. Pierce.....	850 00	800 00	50 00
Dansville.....	C. W. Austin.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Unadilla.....	B. F. Pritchard.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Pinckney.....	W. Hagadorn.....	900 00	900 00	.....
White Oak .....	J. B. Withey.....	500 00	275 00	225 00
		\$37,126 75	\$34,058 18	\$3,604 57

\* Simpson Church paid pastor in full, adding his subscription of \$100.

D. J. SMITH.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	S. Reed.....	\$1,750 00	\$1,675 00	\$75 00
Adrian .....	W. H. Shier.....	1,650 00	1,650 00	.....
Tecumseh.....	W. Q. Burnett.....	1,125 00	1,125 00	.....
Clinton and Macon .....	L. J. Hudson.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Manchester .....	George H. Field.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Napoleon and Brooklyn.....	T. Nichols.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Sharon .....	S. B. Kimmel.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Deerfield and Petersburg.....	A. R. Hazen.....	900 00	771 24	128 76
Lambertville.....	J. S. Paull.....	500 00	465 00	35 00
Dundee .....	B. S. Taylor.....	825 00	700 00	125 00
Ann Arbor .....	Russell B. Pope.....	2,100 00	2,100 00	.....
Augusta .....	J. B. Russell.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Chelsea .....	D. R. Shier.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....

## ADRIAN DISTRICT—Continued.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
Carlton and Scofield.....	S. J. Brown.....	\$400 00	\$350 00	\$50 00
Dexter .....	J. C. Wortley.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Dixboro .....	J. S. Sutton.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Grass Lake.....	J. A. McIlwaine.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Blissfield.....	S. P. Murch.....	800 00	775 00	25 00
Palmyra .....	W. Wright.....	650 00	512 00	138 00
Morenci .....	J. M. Gordon.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Hudson .....	J. Frazer.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Franklin .....	W. M. Triggs.....	890 00	675 00	215 00
Ridgeway .....	E. W. Frazee.....	875 00	875 00	.....
Clayton .....	J. M. VanEvery.....	834 00	734 00	100 00
Fairfield .....	J. S. Priestley.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Henrietta .....	H. Palmer.....	700 00	625 00	75 00
Milan and Oakville .....	E. P. Pearce.....	750 00	675 00	75 00
Addison .....	W. E. Dunning.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Lima and North Lake.....	J. E. Diverty.....	710 00	710 00	.....
Saline .....	O. Whitmore.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....
Monroe .....	D. Casler.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....
Medina.....	I. Wilcox.....	800 00	507 00	293 00
Waterloo.....	D. J. Odell.....	872 00	772 00	100 00
		\$31,181 00	\$29,746 24	\$1,434 76

## FLINT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	A. F. Bourns.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,350 00	50 00
Flint—Court Street.....	W. H. Pearce.....	1,750 00	1,750 00	.....
Garland Street.....	George W. Lowe.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
Otisville.....	S. L. Ramsdell.....	900 00	850 00	50 00
Mt. Morris .....	J. B. Goss.....	855 00	855 00	.....
Clio and Birch Run.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flushing .....	F. E. York.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Hazleton.....	M. Vandeusen.....	500 00	500 00	.....
Forest .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swartz Creek .....	George Stowe.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Grand Blanc.....	J. Hamilton.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Davisburgh .....	R. C. Lanning.....	775 00	675 00	100 00
Holly .....	W. C. Way.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Fenton .....	T. G. Potter.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Linden .....	O. Sauborn.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Gaines .....	E. H. Brockway.....	775 00	575 00	200 00
Vernon .....	J. G. Whitcomb.....	918 00	918 00	.....
Woodhull .....	A. G. Blood.....	530 00	530 00	.....
Highland.....	F. E. Pearce.....	627 00	552 00	75 00
Davidson .....	James Balls.....	650 00	635 00	15 00
Hartland.....	H. Hodskiss.....	800 00	725 00	75 00
Parshallville.....	Wm. Birdsall.....	800 00	675 00	125 00
Ryton .....	L. S. Tedman.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Oak Grove.....	Wm. Cook.....	800 00	775 00	25 00
Perry .....	Wm. Campbell.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Conway .....	Edwin Dawe.....	510 00	430 00	80 00
Milford.....	T. J. Joslin.....	1,150 00	1,100 00	50 00
Pontiac .....	C. T. Allen.....	1,550 00	1,550 00	.....
Troy .....	Wm. Tuttle.....	600 00	568 00	32 00
Utica.....	R. Gage.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	John Armstrong.....	1,100 00	700 00	400 00
Orion .....	D. Whiteley.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Clarkston .....	J. S. Joslin.....	750 00	490 00	260 00
Oxford .....	J. F. Davidson.....	1,000 00	850 00	150 00
Brandon .....	B. H. Hedger.....	825 00	825 00	.....
Goodrich.....	N. G. Lyons.....	800 00	735 00	65 00
Hadley.....	J. Wesley.....	740 00	740 00	.....
Lapeer.....	W. E. Bigelow.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
		\$31,405 00	\$29,653 00	\$1,752 00



SAGINAW DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	A. R. Bartlett.....	\$1,600 00	\$1,400 00	\$200 00
East Saginaw—Jefferson St.	E. E. Caster.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....
Hess Street .....	T. H. Baskerville.....	1,000 00	920 00	80 00
Sag. City—Washington Av..	T. Stalker.....	1,575 00	1,575 00	.....
Ames Church .....	J. E. Jacklin .....	600 00	550 00	50 00
Bay City—Washington St..	J. Venning.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....
Fremont Avenue.....	J. S. Smart.....	1,350 00	1,350 00	.....
Wenona.....	D. W. Misener.....	900 00	650 00	250 00
Woodside Avenue .....	A. B. Clough.....	850 00	550 00	300 00
Midland City.....	J. H. Curnalia.....	800 00	537 54	262 46
Saganing and Flint River				
Indian Mission.....	J. Greensky.....	221 00	221 00	.....
Standish and Pine River ..				
Tittabawassee .....	E. Foster.....	870 00	770 00	100 00
St. Charles.....	F. Strong.....	800 00	600 00	200 00
Chesaning.....	J. H. McIntosh .....	900 00	533 00	367 00
Mungerville.....	A. Allen.....	500 00	210 00	290 00
Vassar .....	R. Woodhams.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Mayville and Watertown...	P. J. Wright.....	.....	.....	.....
Kawkawlin and Pinconning				
Millington .....	R. L. Cope.....	666 00	566 00	100 00
Watrousville.....	J. O. Bancroft.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Dayton and Newberry .....				
Caro.....	J. W. Campbell.....	.....	.....	.....
Cass City and Ellington .....	J. A. Dunlap.....	.....	.....	.....
Unionville .....	W. H. Osborne.....	500 00	400 00	100 00
Reese and Denmark .....	J. E. Withey .....	500 00	350 00	150 00
Caseville .....	O. W. Willits.....	681 00	681 00	.....
Ingersoll .....	O. B. Hale.....	500 00	500 00	.....
Hope and Lincoln .....		340 00	290 00	50 00
Tawas.....	Wm. Donnelly.....	1,125 00	712 78	412 22
Oscoda.....	J. T. Hankinson.....	1,120 00	1,090 00	30 00
Harrisville .....	N. N. Clark.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Alpena .....	H. C. Northrup.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Owosso .....	C. R. Kellerman.....	600 00	294 00	306 00
Corunna .....	H. W. Hicks.....	800 00	550 00	250 00
Bennington .....	A. R. Laing.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Laingsburgh.....	G. M. Lyon.....	850 00	800 00	50 00
Tuscola .....	L. N. Moon.....	520 00	480 00	40 00
Akron .....	E. B. Bancroft.....	300 00	250 00	50 00
		\$28,237 00	\$24,599 32	\$3,637 00

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	William Fox.....	\$1,500 00	\$1,200 00	300 00
*Port Huron .....	I. N. Elwood.....	1,900 00	1,900 00	.....
Gratiot.....	J. F. Berry.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Marysville .....	T. C. Higgins.....	575 00	575 00	.....
St. Clair .....	J. Kelly.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Marine City.....	A. B. Wood.....	1,000 00	850 00	150 00
Chesterfield .....	G. Nixon.....	.....	.....	.....
Algonac .....	William Taylor.....	700 00	575 00	125 00
Memphis .....	L. J. Whitcomb.....	700 00	598 50	101 50
Richmond.....	E. Craven.....	570 00	570 00	.....
Adair.....	H. H. Smith.....	560 00	465 00	95 00
Brockway.....	M. J. Scott.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruby.....	J. L. Walker.....	650 00	590 00	60 00
Lakeport.....	J. B. Oliver.....	560 00	510 00	50 00
Lexington.....	L. Barnes.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Davisville.....	J. W. Holt.....	600 00	430 00	170 00
Port Sanilac .....	E. E. Pearman.....	700 00	500 00	200 00

\*My claim should be \$1,600. Of this, \$300 is for rent of parsonage.

I. N. ELWOOD.

## PORT HURON DISTRICT—Continued.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
Forester .....	W. H. Benton.....	\$800 00	\$625 00	\$175 00
White Rock.....	L. E. Lennox.....	550 00	500 00	50 00
Minden .....	A. J. Holmes.....	510 00	484 00	26 00
Port Hope .....	S. P. Lee.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Capac .....	D. McFawn.....	500 00	370 00	130 00
Deckerville .....	William Allington....	485 00	440 00	45 00
Speaker .....	W. Preston.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Austin.....	William George.....	725 00	650 00	75 00
Mt. Clemens .....	C. Gibbs.....	875 00	816 00	59 00
New Haven.....	F. Coates.....	550 00	410 00	140 00
Armada.....	R. Hudson.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Romeo .....	A. J. Bigelow.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Washington.....	C. Simpson.....	800 00	784 00	16 00
Almont.....	E. D. Daniels.....	.....	.....	.....
Dryden.....	D. W. Hammond.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Attica .....	C. M. Anderson.....	700 00	534 00	166 00
North Branch.....	S. Bird.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Marlette .....	H. Nankervis.....	650 00	650 00	.....
Goodland .....	A. Whitcomb.....	416 00	366 00	50 00
Mt. Vernon .....	J. R. Noble.....	700 00	690 00	10 00
		\$25,076 00	\$22,882 50	\$2,193 50

## LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT .....	A. J. Richards.....	\$1,700 00	\$1,500 00	\$200 00
Marquette .....	H. S. White.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....
Negaunee .....	J. M. Johnson.....	1,320 00	1,320 00	.....
Ishpeming .....	F. Wilkinson.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....
Atlantic Mine .....	T. G. Omans.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Rockland and Maple Grove,	E. Steer.....	665 00	665 00	.....
Calumet .....	J. Horton.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....
Lake Linden and Allouez ..	J. G. Sparling.....	900 00	850 00	50 00
Phenix and Clifton .....	A. S. Fair.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Central and Copper Falls ..	G. Johnson.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Republic and Michigami.....	J. J. Hodge.....	830 00	830 00	.....
Escanaba .....	N. Greene.....	.....	.....	.....
Kewawenon and Indian	P. Marksman.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission .....	J. Sweet.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
Houghton .....	.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Fayette .....	.....	800 00	700 00	100 00
Menominee.....	J. E. Whalen.....	.....	.....	.....
Isle Royal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hancock .....	D. B. Miller.....	1,200 00	1,005 75	194 25
L'Anse .....	H. W. Thompson.....	750 00	705 00	45 00
Iroquois Indian Mission,	C. L. Church.....	.....	.....	.....
Sault Ste. Marie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$16,515 00	\$15,925 75	\$589 25

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
Detroit District .....	\$37,126 75	\$34,058 18	\$3,068 57
Adrian District .....	31,181 00	29,746 24	1,434 76
Flint District .....	31,405 00	29,653 00	1,752 00
Saginaw District .....	28,237 00	24,599 32	3,637 68
Port Huron District .....	25,076 00	22,882 50	2,193 50
Lake Superior District .....	16,515 00	15,925 75	589 25
	\$169,540 75	\$156,864 99	\$12,675 76

[H.]

BIBLE CAUSE.

We are fully convinced that the permanency of our civil and religious institutions, the welfare of the people, as well as their moral life, depend upon the knowledge of God's word, and the personal experience of its enlightening and saving power. The American Bible Society, by publishing and distributing the Bible in our own and other lands, is contributing largely to the moral and religious culture of the people, and meets our hearty approval; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we pledge our endeavors to increase its income. 2. That in view of the combined effort of infidelity and popery to exclude the Bible from our schools, we pledge ourselves to continued opposition to their encroachments.

WM. DONNELLY, *Ch'n.*

[I.]

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

DETROIT DISTRICT—Wyandotte. ....	\$20 00	
Sixteenth Street.....	100 00	
	—	\$120 00
FLINT DISTRICT—Rochester.....	\$70 00	
	—	70 00
PORT HURON DISTRICT—Capac.....	\$65 00	
Speaker.....	65 00	
Sanilac Mission .....	65 00	
White Rock .....	75 00	
	—	270 00
SAGINAW DISTRICT—Owosso .....	\$60 00	
St. Charles.....	30 00	
Ames' Chapel .....	90 00	
Hope .....	30 00	
Tawas City.....	30 00	
Alpena Mission.....	30 00	
Rifle River.....	30 00	
Woodside Avenue... ..	40 00	
Mungerville .....	50 00	
	—	390 00

*Detroit Annual Conference,*

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—To the District.....	\$325 00	
Menominee .....	75 00	
Escanaba.....	75 00	
Sault Ste. Marie.....	75 00	
L'Anse .....	100 00	
		<u>\$650 00</u>
Total.....		<u>\$1,500 00</u>

*INDIAN MISSIONS.*

SAGINAW DISTRICT—Saganing and Flint River.....	\$200 00	
		<u>\$200 00</u>
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Iroquois.....	\$150 00	
Kewawenon.....	150 00	
Superintendent.....	200 00	
		<u>500 00</u>
Total.....		<u>\$700 00</u>

S. REED, *Ch'n.*

I concur.

R. S. FOSTER.

**[J.]****FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.**

The Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized in 1866, is undoubtedly among the most meritorious of our charitable institutions. The highest considerations of religion, philanthropy, and of patriotism, unite in asking for it the prayers, the best counsels, and the most generous contributions of our people. About five millions of human beings, so lately chattel slaves, are now, in God's providence, not only our fellow-men but fellow-citizens also—our equals before the civil law, and linked with us in the bonds of social life and of national destiny. "God's image set in ebony," thus fully enfranchised in church and State, should now be taught to bear aloft, in honor, the insignia of its freedom—the banners of the Cross and of the Republic. Their servitude protracted, painful, and deeply degrading; but, happily, their improvement thus far has been marked and their progress rapid. Yet the mingling of races, so dissimilar, with religious, social and political interests, so completely identical; and withal, depending so directly upon the free choice and harmonious action of the mass of citizens, presents a social problem to be solved by us as a people, of unparalleled perplexity and interest in the entire history of nations.

A sound education and thoroughly evangelical religion permeating the great body of Southern freedmen, as speedily as possible, afford the only reliable grounds of hope for our common future welfare. We could, while God suffered it to be so, possibly live with them as ignorant slaves, but we cannot safely allow them to remain among the already dangerously large class of immoral and ignorant voters. The battle for the capture of these unfortunate people has been already set in array: The dram-shop and Roman Catholicism on the one side, with the public school and Protestant Christianity on the other. Thank Heaven, the Methodist column, as usual, is not only on the right side of the line but at the very front. May God give us grace to furnish the men and the "sinews of war" needful to maintain our present honorable position, and with our brethren composing other branches of the militant church, push this bloodless contest on to glorious victory. But, high above all mere social or semi-political considerations is the fact that, our relations to the Lord Jesus and to redeemed humanity will not permit us to withhold from these benighted ones the richer blessings of the great Gospel salvation! Our distinctive church mission is to spread scriptural holiness over all the land; and these freedmen, "Greeks at our doors," must receive the offers of eternal life at our hands, or we shall be condemned for neglect of duty. The Government can, if it be so minded, teach them science, art and literature, and thus educate them technically; but to teach "Christ crucified," "in you the hope of glory;" to do this effectually, "publicly and from house to house;" to show them, as sinful men, how to find peace with God and joy in the Holy Ghost; to afford them Christian nurture, and train them in spiritual discipline, is the peculiar work of those who have themselves been taught of God. In this all-important department we must not fail! All things considered, the record of our society is creditable, and the results are encouraging. It is estimated that our church contributions to this cause have averaged thirteen cents per member for each of the eleven years since the society was organized, amounting in the aggregate to \$582,006.90. But including the larger sums, appropriated by the Missionary and Church Extension Societies, our total contributions to Southern work since the late civil war amount to \$2,101,753.50. Thirteen higher institutions of learning have been established, employing twenty-six professors, with somewhat over 1,500 pupils. Besides these, numerous schools of a lower grade have been either permanently established or aided from time to time. During the past year the society is reported to have collected and disbursed over \$70,000, and, in all departments, to have taught 3,170 pupils. The zeal and spirit of self-sacrifice of those engaged in this department of missionary labor has partaken largely of the flame which glowed so brightly in the early and more heroic age of

Methodism. And the eagerness of these long oppressed sons and daughters of toil to avail themselves of the religious and educational facilities thus afforded them is such as to inspire the largest measure of confidence in their ultimate moral, intellectual and social elevation.

Brethren of the Church, we respectfully urge that there be no abatement of zeal in this truly interesting department of Christian labor until the last vestige of the barbarism of slavery shall have perished out of the land.

*Resolved,* That as a Conference we will, during the ensuing year, give increased attention to the claims of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and seek by distributing more general information in regard to its operations, to strengthen its hold upon the moral convictions of our people, and, if possible, to raise the entire amount of \$2,000 apportioned to our Conference by the Board of Managers.

The receipts from the Conference during the past year, by districts, are as follows:

Detroit District.....	\$126 17
Adrian District.....	139 66
Flint District.....	94 40
Saginaw District.....	61 99
Port Huron District.....	18 79
Lake Superior District.....	62 00
Total.....	<u>\$503 01</u>

JOHN RUSSELL, *Ch'n.*

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[K.]

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would congratulate this Conference upon the mighty advance which has characterized the cause of Temperance since we last met. During the past six months over 70,000 of the people of Michigan have taken upon themselves the pledge of total abstinence. This should strengthen every arm, and inspire every heart for the great work that still lies before us. We should not forget that this movement has and must have a religious basis—that Murphy and Reynolds were, each of them, snatched as brands from the burning. When the latter visited this State, he found the fields already white for the harvest, and the labors not a few. The pulpit, the religious press, and, to some extent, the secular press, wise and good men in every community, had gone before him to prepare the way. Your committee would not discourage, in the least, the enthusiasm with which these leaders are everywhere received, but rather bid them God speed upon their holy mission, yet they might say as John Wesley said before them, "The best of all is,

God is with us." This movement must certainly succeed in redeeming Michigan from this cruel curse if we forget not from whence cometh our strength. Other great wrongs are passing away, such as slavery and war, because we are reaching a civilization too high to admit of them. So He will soon lift us, if we be true to Him, up to a civilization too high to admit of the rum traffic. A great majority of our people are agreed upon the fact that this is the most terrible evil that the church or the State has ever been called upon to grapple with. That it breaks and shatters home circles, ruins reputation, blasts character, murders souls, no one will question. But how is it to be gotten rid of, this is the great inquiry. We, in common with others, may differ in opinion in regard to secondary means, but we cannot but be agreed in regard to the primary means. God hates this evil, an evil which has no pity even for his little ones, but sends them forth by the thousands with weakened powers and terrible appetites, an inheritance transmitted by a wicked and reckless parentage. His kingdom can never come in its glory until this evil has been removed. Then we are to recognize God as the leader in this great struggle, and follow Him as the Christian Church has followed Him in many another struggle, until the victory comes. Prayer and Faith are the two great powers to be used in the accomplishment of this great purpose. Prayer and Faith will produce works—works which will commend themselves to the conscience of all good people—works which God can honor. We must pray now as we have had occasion so many times in the past to pray when confronted by the powers of darkness.

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,  
Tho' pressed by every foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of any earthly woe.

If, with such a faith, we shall come to a throne of grace, God will raise up great leaders and give them the hearts of the people. If necessary he will form parties, marshal armies, rock the world as you would rock a cradle, but he will bring about an answer to our prayers.—C. T. ALLEN, *Ch'n.*

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[ L. ]

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Your committee gratefully record their conviction that the interest of the church in the department of Sunday School work is in no degree abating; but, on the contrary, the prominence that is now given to Sunday Schools and their work in our district conferences, camp meetings and ministerial institutes, shows that the interest is all the time increas-

ing. Our periodicals furnish us ample proof that many of our gifted writers, both male and female, are giving to the Sunday School cause their ardent sympathy and sanctified talent. The helps furnished the christian world by the International System of Berean Lesson Leaves, the Sunday School Journal, Normal Class, and the many useful works published by our own Union, under the supervision of the watchful and keen-eyed Vincent, is of almost incalculable value. The proposition to hold a Sunday School Congress at Petoskey, which was favorably entertained by this and the Michigan Conferences, resulted in the appointment of a vigorous joint committee. That committee addressed themselves with such heartiness to their work, that, although the obstacles in the way of success seemed almost insurmountable, they overcame them, and provided for such a gathering, which was held at Bay View, July 24th to 31st. It was conducted by Rev. J. L. Hurlburt, of New Jersey. Those who were fortunate enough to be permitted to participate in the exercises, pronounced that it was full of interest, and that a rich gathering of moral fruit in the years to come will be secured. Good and valuable as are these institutes and congresses—and we would by no means depreciate them—still we feel compelled to say that many of the nice speeches and polished theories set forth are utterly impracticable in a great majority of our schools. Our teachers, reading or hearing the plans of these masters, elaborately wrought out and exquisitely polished, beautiful in rhetorical finish, attempting to carry them into practice, become disgusted with their failures, and are likely to give up in despair. The chasm between speaking and working is too deep and broad for them to leap. If our excellent superintendents and teachers would first carefully classify or grade their schools, and by careful, thorough and frequent examination, place the teachers best adapted to the various wants of these classes; then, by as careful preparation for each lesson as is possible, with carefully prepared monthly reviews, your committee believe our schools would be greatly improved, for in this way the feelings of the scholars would be excited, their curiosity animated, and the powers of their understanding stimulated. In these three lie the elements of success. To meet an expressed wish, your committee would suggest the appointment of a committee of three for this Conference, to coöperate with a similar committee from the Michigan Conference, in arranging for holding another Sunday School Congress the coming year, and recommend the appointment of H. Hitchcock, Esq., of Detroit, and Rev. J. C. Wortley, and Rev. W. W. Washburn, as such committee. The *Sunday Guest*, published by J. M. Arnold & Co., and edited by H. Hitchcock and J. B. Atchinson, is regarded by us as a paper worthy of introduction in every school in the State of Michigan. The excellent addresses of Rev. Dr. Vincent at the last session of our Conference have



produced good fruit in a small advance in the collections, notwithstanding the hard times. The very excellent and admirable tracts that are being issued by the Tract Society, are written by some of our most graceful writers, are very handsome and attractive in appearance, and their style is of such a pleasing character as to hold the attention of the reader until the last word is read. We are of the opinion that every pastor would find valuable hints for his sermons in the revised series, and his efficiency would be greatly increased, and his people derive incalculable benefit, by his judicious distribution of them in his pastoral visitation.

Your committee desire to express the great pleasure which it has given us to receive on our charges the Rev. J. B. Atchinson, as S. S. Agent, and regret that he feels disinclined to continue in the agency. We assure him that he has acquired a very warm place in our esteem.—WM. J. CAMPBELL, *Ch'n.*

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[ M. ]

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

There is everywhere a just demand for a studious and scholarly ministry. That demand we must meet, or lose our hold of the popular mind. Several considerations impress the importance of a liberally educated ministry:

1. The masses are availing themselves of the remarkable facilities for education, which are the endowment of our times. To retain their respect and our position as leaders of public opinion in morals and religion, we must surpass them, as a body, in the range and thoroughness of our general knowledge. 2. There is abroad a polite and insidious, but terribly disruptive and corrupting skepticism. It assails the first principles of our faith. Its breath is in the air. There is an impression that the old foundations are breaking up. Many devout, simple-hearted christians feel themselves incompetent, from their limited knowledge and ignorance of logical methods, to meet these oppositions of science, falsely so-called. Their faith needs to be steadied and confirmed by the calm confidence of pastors, who have familiarized themselves with the objections of scientific and philosophic doubt, and yet retain undiminished faith in the old doctrines. 3. The preacher must not only serve the cause of truth thus indirectly. He must be the ready and forceful apologist and defender of the faith. He may not cope with scientists in their chosen field; but he should be able to distinguish true science from false, unfair from legitimate deductions, and to uphold the truths of revelation, as appealing with convincing force to the candid reason.

These considerations, and others, unmentioned but readily suggested, impress us with the importance of an educated ministry, not mere literary recluses, but men richly informed, and fitted for accurate, profound and productive thinking. We therefore continue to urge those having this sacred office in view, to avail themselves of the thorough and systematic training of our best schools, assuring them that the years faithfully devoted to this preparatory work will be richly compensated by the increased efficiency of their whole ministerial life. The full, classical and scientific course of the college, with the supplementary training of the school of theology, are none too extensive a foundation for the reading and culture of a lifetime. We gratefully recognize the service rendered to the cause of ministerial education by the Garrett Biblical Institute, and are pleased to learn, from the annual report made to this Conference, of its present efficiency. We cordially recommend candidates for the University to avail themselves of its superior advantages. We also approve of the proposed effort to increase its endowment. In view of its present crippled financial condition, we will cheerfully welcome any of the faculty who may come among us with a view of increasing its current resources, and we hereby authorize any of our charges which may so elect, to appropriate their educational collection for the coming year to the relief of this institution. We recommend as visitors, Rev. W. E. Bigelow and Rev. A. F. Bourns.—W. X. NINDE, *Ch'n.*

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PERIODICALS.

The report of the Book Committee on the condition of the publishing interests of the Church has been placed in the hands of your committee for examination, and shows a good degree of activity and prosperity. Great confidence is expressed in the ability of the entire corps of agents and editors, and also a full belief that the superior character and excellent variety of our books and publications are such as to supply the literary wants of our people, if more attention was given to this matter by the brethren in the ministry. The increase in the number of subscribers to some of our periodicals is an occasion of special gratification, while the great falling off in the sale of books, and the neglect of several ministers to settle their accounts, is an occasion of regret. The attention of this Conference is invited especially to the implied charge, that the ministers are chiefly responsible for this falling off in the sale of books, and for the lack of increase in the number of subscribers to some other of

our periodicals. Now, in regard to this charge of neglect, your committee expresses great confidence in the fidelity of the preachers to their obligations, and in the loyalty of our people to the interests of the church. The power of the press in creating public sentiment and in shaping public opinion is readily acknowledged by them. The need of a literature that shall be at once the welcome servant of a high intellectual culture, the ready informer of great social and political movements, the intelligent guardian of Christian faith, and the living instructor concerning Christian duty in all the relations of life, is deeply felt. Our people are a reading people, and the Book Committee should know that there is a shrewd and lively competition by other publishing houses for their patronage. Not unfrequently, in canvassing, our preachers are embarrassed by the comparison of other publications with our own, and by a preference of them to our own. Now your committee feels safe in saying that, no one would rejoice with greater joy than "our brethren in the ministry," if, in canvassing their charges, they could say to all our people not only "This is Methodist book or paper, and is scriptural and pious," but also, "This is a book or paper which combines the best literary ability and the highest literary excellence, with the richest religious instruction and the loftiest Christian spirit and purpose. Our people generally are not bigoted or stingy; they simply ask the worth of their money, and are willing to pay when they get it. The hope of the preachers, as well as the desire of the Book Committee, is that the day is nigh when the verdict of every intelligent and honest man shall be that the management and publications of the Methodist Book Concern are the best in the world. The old *Christian Advocate* and the familiar *Northwestern* are favorites with many of our people. The *National Repository* is overcoming doubt and prejudice and rising to the first rank of magazines. The *Golden Hours* is full of charms for our little folks. Our own local advocate is gaining favor and doing good service for the church. Your committee regret that they have no means of knowing what are the sale of our books or the circulation of our periodicals in the bounds of the Conference. The resolution adopted last year by the Conference, requiring a statement of the name and number of our periodicals in circulation in each district, in the report of the Presiding Elder, has been disregarded. Your committee recommend that the publishers, with whom our preachers do business, furnish the Committee on Periodicals, next year, with the desired statement of the name and number of the periodicals sold and circulating within the bounds of this Conference. And, also, that all our publications, for the sake of the poor, and the well-being of the church, be as high in merit and as low in price as possible.—J. C. WORTLEY, *Ch'n.*

## [O.]

## PARSONAGES.

WHEREAS, Pleasant and well-regulated Christian homes are among the most efficient sources of moral power in the Church, and are essential to ministerial success; and, Whereas, Many of our charges are without parsonages, and in many places it is difficult to rent suitable houses conveniently located; and, Whereas, Many we now have are badly situated and in bad repair, and the premises dilapidated and in bad condition; and, Whereas, It involves unnecessary and increased expense, attended with loss, to move heavy furniture; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we encourage our people to build parsonages wherever practicable—selling all badly located and inconvenient houses and selecting good locations and building comfortable ones, and furnish them with good furniture. 2.—That we pledge ourselves to take good care of all property thus furnished for us, keeping it in good repair, and improving it all we can without incurring unnecessary expense.

S. E. WARREN, *Ch'n.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION — BALANCE SHEET.

## RECEIPTS.

Total receipts from charges..... \$131 44

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to New York..... \$44 17

Paid Nelson & Phillips..... 87 27

\$131 44

H. W. HICKS, *Treasurer.*

## TRACT SOCIETY — BALANCE SHEET.

## RECEIPTS.

Total receipts from charges..... \$145 52

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to New York..... \$56 99

Paid J. M. Arnold & Co..... 4 35

Paid Hitchcock & Walden..... 2 50

Paid Nelson & Phillips..... 81 68

\$145 52

H. W. HICKS, *Treasurer.*

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY—BALANCE SHEET.

DR.		CR.	
To cash from Detroit District....	\$1,613 39	By cash paid Hitchcock and Walden .....	\$6,314 88
“ “ Adrian “ ....	2,180 70	By cash paid J. Phillips.....	357 37
“ “ Flint “ ....	1,602 87	By receipts for cash forwarded to New York.....	330 38
“ “ Saginaw “ ....	674 80	By cash forwarded to New York from Adrian Dist., no receipt..	75 00
“ “ Port Huron Dist... ..	552 02	By cash paid for telegram to New York.....	1 00
“ “ L. Superior “ ...	416 00	By cash on hand, since paid to Nelson & Phillips .....	21 75
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	\$7,100 28		
Last year.....	7,834 92		
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	\$734 64		
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			\$7,100 28

JOHN HAMILTON, *Treasurer.*

EDUCATION FUND.

Educational Fund of the Detroit Conference in account with I. N. Elwood, Treasurer:

September 8, 1877, by receipts from charges.....	\$86 66
September 13, 1877, to paid J. M. Arnold & Co. for Children's Fund, .....	22 83
September 13, 1877, to paid J. M. Arnold & Co. for Library Fund of Albion College .....	63 83

RESIDENCES OF THE BISHOPS.

Bishop LEVI SCOTT.....	Wilmington, Del.
“ MATTHEW SIMPSON.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
“ EDWARD R. AMES, .....	Baltimore, Md.
“ THOMAS BOWMAN.....	St. Louis, Mo.
“ WILLIAM L. HARRIS.....	New York, N. Y.
“ RANDOLPH S. FOSTER.....	Boston, Mass.
“ ISAAC W. WILEY.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
“ STEPHEN M. MERRILL.....	Chicago, Ill.
“ EDWARD G. ANDREWS.....	Des Moines, Ia.
“ GILBERT HAVEN.....	Atlanta, Ga.
“ JESSE T. PECK.....	Syracuse, N. Y.

## Our Promoted Fellow Workers.

DETROIT CONFERENCE MEMBERS DECEASED.

NAME.	Age.	DIED.		ADMITTED.	
		Place.	Date.	Conference.	Year.
James V. Watson.....	42	Chicago .....	Oct. 17, 1856	Missouri.....	1832
Wellington H. Collins...	42	Detroit .....	Aug 11, 1858	Michigan.....	1837
Robert Dubois.....	39	Ann Arbor...	Feb. 28, 1860	Michigan.....	1844
William Mothersill.....	48	Holly.....	Nov. 8, 1852	Michigan.....	1840
Jonathan Blanchard....	47	Ann Arbor...	Mar. 22, 1864	Michigan.....	1838
Francis L. West.....	25	Chattanooga.	Jan. 5, 1865	Detroit.....	1861
Giles N. Belknap.....	55	Napoleon....	Apr 13, 1866	Michigan.....	1848
Aaron Watkins.....	29	Albany, N. Y.	Mar. 19, 1867	Detroit.....	1863
Joseph Shank.....	49	Fentonville...	Sept 30, 1867	Oneida .....	1841
Isaac C. Cochrane.....	46	Utica .....	Oct. 25, 1867	Detroit .....	1861
William H. Hevener....	61	Owosso.....	Oct.... 1867	Michigan.....	1854
John A. Baughman.....	65	Detroit .....	Mar. 1, 1868	Ohio.....	1823
George Smith.....	59	Ann Arbor...	May 4, 1868	Ohio.....	1823
William Todd.....	78	Erie, Pa.....	May 15, 1869	New York....	1823
James F Dorey. ....	32	Manchester ...	Aug. 2, 1869	Detroit.....	1862
Ransom R. Richards....	60	Hudson .....	July 13, 1872	Michigan.....	1837
Solomon S. Littlefield..	43	Detroit.....	Dec. 3, 1872	Michigan..	1854
Elisha Bibbins.....	53	Detroit.....	Nov. 22, 1875	Wesleyan....	1841
Addison C. Shaw.....	62	Ypsilanti.....	Dec. 21, 1875	Michigan.....	1846
James R. Cordon.....	41	Clarkston....	Apr. 18, 1876	Detroit.....	1860
Samuel Bibbins.....	81	New Boston...	May 19, 1877	.....	....
Abel W. Harding.....	39	Tecumseh.....	July 1, 1877	Detroit.....	1869
Isaac Greensky.....	50	.....	Oct.... 1876	Detroit.....	1874

## DETROIT CONFERENCE REGISTER.

(As modified at adjournment, 1877.)

NOTE.—At great pains and labor, the Secretary has re-written this Register since the close of the session of 1877, to make it accurate and strictly alphabetical.

Will all members help to fill *all blanks* and correct all errors? If any names are misspelled, send me a note.

“Div.,” in the sixth column, indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

All who joined the Detroit Conference in full connection had at least two years of prior service as preachers on probation. Those who joined other Conferences may have done very many years of service before coming here.

The fifth column shows time of admission to full membership, not of reception on trial. Give your names in full.

ARTHUR EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

Number.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECT'N.		Came to Detroit Conference.	POST OFFICE.
		Where.	When	Church or Conference	When		
1	Allen, Alfred.....	Penn....	1819	Mich.....	1845	Div.	Williamston.
2	Allen, Charles T.....	Mich....	1841	Detroit ..	1870	....	Detroit.
3	Allington, William .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	Deckerville.
4	Anderson, Chas. Miller.	N. Y....	1820	Troy.....	1854	1855	Armada.
5	Arnold, John Motte....	N. Y....	1824	Mich.....	1851	Div.	Detroit.
6	Atchinson, John Burch.	N. Y....	1840	Genesee..	1872	1873	Birmingham.
7	Austin, Charles Wm...	N. Y....	1838	Detroit...	1866	....	Pinckney.
8	Balls, James .....	England	1828	Detroit...	1868	....	Davidson.
9	Bancroft, Jno.Orlando	Ohio ...	1826	Mich.....	1855	Div.	East Saginaw.
10	Barnes, Leemon.....	Canada.	....	Detroit..	1868	....	Lexington.
11	Barry, Edward.....	Canada.	1842	Detroit...	1870	....	Wyandotte.
12	Bartlett, Alanson Roots	N. Y....	1827	Mich.....	1853	....	Detroit.
13	Baskerville, Thomas H.	N. Y....	1845	Detroit...	1873	....	Tawas.
14	Bell, Andrew.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	....	Div.	Ann Arbor.
15	Benson, William .....	N. Y....	1820	Mich.....	1849	Div.	Adrian.
16	Benton, Wm. Hart....	Louis'na	1836	Detroit ..	1863	....	Earlsburgh.
17	Berry, Joseph Flint....	Canada.	1856	Detroit...	1876	....	Gratiot.
18	Bessey, Samuel.....	Vermont	1815	Mich.....	1846	Div.	Grand Rapids.
19	Bigelow, And. Jackson.	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1857	....	Trumseh.
20	Bigelow, Wm. Enos....	N. Y....	1820	Mich.....	1843	Div.	Lapeer.
21	Bird, Robert.....	England.	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div.	Petoskey.
22	Bird, Samuel.....	Ireland.	1820	Detroit...	1861	....	North Branch.
23	Birdsall, William.....	N. Y....	1816	Detroit...	1857	....	Oak Grove.
24	Blades, Francis Asbury	Mary'l'd.	1821	Mich.....	1846	Div.	Detroit.
25	Blood, Alva G .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	Otisville.
26	Bourns, Alfred Francis	Mich....	1836	Detroit...	1863	....	Flint.
27	Bradley, Franklin .....	Illinois..	....	Detroit...	1874	....	South Lyons.
28	Brockway, Edwin H....	N. Y....	1825	Detroit....	1856	....	Albion.
29	Brown, Henry Newton.	England.	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div.	Trenton.
30	Brown, Samuel Joshua	N. Y....	1829	Detroit...	1868	....	Ste. Marie.
31	Burnett, Wm. Q.....	England.	1824	Detroit...	1858	....	Detroit.
32	Calkins, Sylvester.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	....	Div.	South Lyon
33	Camburn, Ira H .....	N. Y....	1815	Detroit...	1857	....	Denton.
34	Campbell, John W .....	N. Y....	1849	Detroit....	1875	....	Caro.
35	Campbell, Wm. John...	England.	1827	Detroit...	1862	....	St. Clair

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36	Campbell, Wm. M.....	N. Brun.	....	Congr'nal.	1858	1875	Memphis.
37	Casler, David.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit...	1871	....	Monroe.
38	Caster, Elisha Ezra....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit...	1859	....	East Saginaw.
39	Caster, James Harvey..	N. Y.....	1818	Mich.....	1858	Div.	Walled Lake.
40	Challis, Dewitt C.....	N. Y.....	1845	Detroit...	1877	....	Ann Arbor.
41	Church, Charles Lewis	Penn...	1838	Detroit...	1863	....	Deerfield.
42	Clack, Wm. J.....	England	1834	Detroit...	1862	....	Belleville.
43	Clark, Nathan N.....	Maine...	1841	Detroit...	1874	....	Harrisville.
44	Clements, Samuel.....	N. Y.....	1817	Mich.....	1851	Div.	Salem.
45	Clough, Albert B.....	Mich....	1837	Detroit...	1867	....	St. Charles.
45	Coates, Frederick.....	.....	.....	Detroit...	1876	....	Brockway.
47	Cocker, Benjamin F....	England	1829	Detroit...	1859	....	Ann Arbor.
48	Cope, Robert L.....	Canada.	1848	Wesleyan.	1873	1875	Millington.
49	Copp, Richard.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	....	Palmyra.
50	Crane, Rufus Cullen...	N. Y.....	1824	Mich....	1853	Div.	Greenville.
51	Craven, Edwin.....	England	1848	Detroit...	1875	....	Lakeville.
52	Crippen, John Wesley..	Mich....	1833	Detroit...	1859	....	Owosso.
53	Curnalia, James Henry	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit...	1862	....	Reese.
54	Curtis, David A.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1846	Div.	Petersburgh.
55	Daniels, Eugene D.....	Mass....	1846	Detroit...	1877	....	Almont.
56	Davidson, James F....	Ohio....	1810	Ohio.....	1833	Div.	Oxford.
57	Davis, Geo. R.....	.....	.....	Detroit...	1869	....	Pekin, China.
58	Davis, Louis P.....	Mich....	1839	Detroit...	1875	....	Plymouth.
59	Dave, Edwin.....	.....	.....	Detroit...	1876	....	Parshallville.
60	Dawe, William.....	England	1848	Detroit...	1876	....	W. Bay City.
61	Dean, Lyman Haines...	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit...	1857	....	Detroit.
62	Diverty, James Emory..	N. J.....	1852	Detroit...	1876	....	Augusta.
63	Dobbins, Jacob.....	N. Y.....	1809	Mich.....	1832	Div.	Litchfield.
64	Donnelly, Wm.....	Penn...	1808	Detroit...	1854	....	Alpena.
65	Donelson, Ira W.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	1855	....	Pontiac.
66	Dunlap, James A.....	Mich....	1843	Detroit...	1871	....	Lambertville.
67	Dunning, Walter Edson	Mich....	1843	Detroit...	1871	....	Manchester.
68	Edwards, Arthur... ..	Ohio....	1834	Detroit...	1860	....	Chicago.*
69	Elwood, Isaac Newton.	N. Y.....	1843	Detroit...	1869	....	Port Huron.
70	Fair, Alex Scott.....	Canada.	1840	Detroit...	1869	....	Commerce.
71	Field, George H.....	Canada.	1835	Can. Wes.,	1864	1872	Los Gatos, Cal
72	Fiske, Lewis Ransom..	N. Y.....	1825	Mich....	1857	1866	Albion.
73	Foster, Edwin.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit...	1873	....	Watrousville.
74	Fox, William.....	Canada.	1829	Mich....	1856	Div.	Port Huron.
75	Frazee, Elias Wetmore	N. Brun.	1841	Can. Wes.,	1862	1868	Blissfield.
76	Frazer, Joseph.....	Ireland.	1840	Detroit...	1868	....	Hudson.
77	Fuller, James Madison	Vermont	1807	N. Eng....	1830	1870	Detroit.
78	Gage, Rodney.....	Mass....	1821	N. Eng....	1855	1856	Utica.
79	Gardner, Thomas C....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1845	Div.	Port Huron.
80	Gee, Alexander.....	Mich....	1823	Detroit...	1858	....	Carleton.
81	Gibbs, Calvin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	Bay City.
82	Giberson, Dan'l W.....	Canada.	1839	Detroit...	1876	....	Conway.
83	Gordon, John M.....	N. Y.....	1834	Detroit...	1865	....	Morenci.
84	Goss, Joel Byington...	Mich....	1843	Detroit...	1870	....	Mt. Morris.
85	Gray, John.....	Mass....	1808	Mich.....	1841	Div.	Dryden.
86	Green, Nelson.....	Vermont	1830	N. Hamp.,	1857	1868	Detroit.
87	Hagadorn, Wesley....	N. H....	1838	Detroit...	1863	....	Dansville.
88	Hale, Osmer B.....	Ohio....	1840	Un. Breth	1869	1873	Ingersoll.
89	Hamilton John.....	N. Y.....	1835	Detroit...	1871	....	Grand Blanc.
90	Hammond, Dan'l W....	Mich....	1833	Detroit...	1860	....	Algonac.
91	Hankinson, Joseph T..	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit...	1862	....	Medina.
92	Hascall, Erastus R....	.....	.....	Mich.....	....	Div.	Tecumseh.

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94	Hedger, Benj. H.....	N. J.....	1811	Mich.....	1855	Div.	Brandon.
95	Hickey, Manassah.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1848	Div.	Detroit.
96	Hicks, Henry W.....	N. Y.....	1838	Meth. Pro	1860	1868	Corunna.
97	Higgins, Theron Clint..	N. Y.....	1819	Detroit...	1858	....	Marysville.
98	Hodge, John J.....	.....	....	Detroit...	1876	....	Champion.
99	Hodskiss, Harvey.....	N. Y.....	1818	Wesleyan.	1845	1868	Leroy.
100	Holt, Joseph Warren..	Conn....	1819	Mich.....	1848	Div.	Forester.
101	Hood, Hiram.....	N. Y.....	1818	Genesee..	1846	1859	Birmingham.
102	Horton, Jacob.....	Mich....	1840	Detroit...	1845	....	Calumet.
103	Houghton, Levi Liberty	N. Y.....	1837	Detroit...	1869	....	Iosco.
104	Hoyt, Almon F.....	Vermont	1849	Detroit...	1876	....	New Boston.
105	Hudson, James L.....	Mich....	1844	Detroit...	1866	....	Clinton.
106	Hudson, Richard.....	England	....	Detroit...	1873	....	Adrian.
107	Jacklin, James E.....	Mich....	1847	Detroit...	1877	....	Northville.
108	Jacokes, Daniel C.....	N. Y.....	....	Mich.....	1842	Div.	Pontiac.
109	Johnson, Isaac.....	Ireland.	1819	Wesleyan,	1851	1867	Eagle Harbor.
110	Johnson, Peter O.....	N. Y.....	1817	Mich.....	1850	Div.	Milwaukee.
111	Johnston, J. Milton....	N. Y.....	1844	Detroit...	1873	....	Houghton.
112	Joslin, John S.....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit...	1866	....	Marine City.
113	Joslin, Thomas Jeff....	N. Y.....	1829	Mich.....	1854	Div.	Milford.
114	Kellerman, Charles R..	Prussia.	1850	Detroit...	1875	....	Owosso.
115	Kelley, John.....	Scotland	1819	Detroit...	1863	....	Romeo.
116	Kilpatrick, James H....	N. Y.....	1844	Detroit...	1872	....	Leesville.
117	Kilpatrick, Jesse.....	Ohio....	1831	Detroit...	1859	....	Howell.
118	Kimmell, Samuel Bell..	Penn....	1826	Detroit...	1872	....	Sharon.
119	Klumph, Erastus.....	N. Y.....	1815	Detroit...	1857	....	.....
120	Laing, Aaron R.....	Mich....	1838	Detroit...	1865	....	Caseville.
121	Lanning, Robert C.....	N. Y.....	1819	Meth Pro.	1844	1868	Gaines.
122	Lee, Luther.....	N. Y.....	1800	Genesee...	1829	1867	Flint.
123	Lee, Samuel P.....	N. Y.....	1823	Mich.....	1852	Div.	Port Hope.
124	Lowe, George W.....	Mich....	1836	Detroit...	1860	....	Flint.
125	Lyon, George Marcus..	N. Y.....	1829	Meth. Pro	1868	1869	Lingsburg.
126	Lyons, Nelson G.....	Mich....	1845	Detroit...	1876	....	Hartland.
127	Mahon, William.....	Ireland.	....	.....	....	....	Cheboygan, Wis
128	Marksman, Peter.....	Minn....	1813	Mich.....	1839	1857	L'Anse.
129	Maywood, William P....	Canada.	1844	Detroit...	1870	....	Denver, Col.
130	McConnell, Richard....	Ireland.	1820	Mich.....	1846	Div.	Port Huron.
131	McIlwain, John A.....	N. Y.....	1831	Detroit...	1865	....	Grass Lake.
132	McIntosh John H.....	Canada.	1834	Detroit...	1870	....	Chesaning.
133	Millar, David B.....	Scotland	1840	Detroit...	1873	....	Hancock.
134	Misener, Duston Wells.	Canada.	1840	Can. M. E.	1867	1874	Dundee.
135	Mitchell, Lewis.....	Ireland.	....	Detroit...	1856	....	.....
136	Moon, Lewis A.....	Mich....	1849	Detroit...	1876	....	Tuscola.
137	Morgan, Josiah George	Mich....	1836	Detroit....	1867	....	Bell Branch.
138	Morton, James H.....	Scotland	1833	Meth. Pro.	1862	1875	Stockbridge.
139	Mosher, Curtis.....	N. Y.....	1815	Mich.....	1850	Div.	.....
140	Nankervis, Henry.....	England	1844	Detroit...	1876	....	Marlette.
141	Newton, Newell.....	N. Y.....	1834	Genesee..	1856	1863	Tittebassee
142	Nichols, Thomas.....	Canada.	1834	Detroit...	1862	....	Napoleon.
143	Ninde, William Xavier.	N. Y.....	1832	Black Riv.	1858	....	Detroit
144	Nixon, George.....	.....	....	.....	1874	1874	Capac.
145	Noble, James Richard..	England	1824	Detroit...	1860	....	New Haven.
146	Northrup, Henry C.....	Mass....	1843	Detroit...	1875	....	Alpena.
147	Odell, Daniel J.....	Mich....	1836	Detroit....	1873	....	Brighton.
148	Omans, Thomas G.....	Mich....	1832	Prot.Meth	1860	1870	Rockland.
149	Osborne, William H....	Canada.	1848	Detroit...	1875	....	Midland City.
150	Owen, George W.....	Ohio....	1827	Detroit...	1860	....	Royal Oak.

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152	Pardington, Raynor S..	England	1836	Detroit...	1860	....	Detroit.
153	Parker, Henry O.....	N. Y....	1829	Detroit...	1856	....	Wayne.
154	Parker, Jacob E.....	Penn....	1816	Mich....	1845	Div.	Wash'ton, D.C.
155	Paull, John S.....	Wis....	1849	Detroit...	1875	....	Atlantic Mine.
156	Pearce, Edwin P.....	Mich....	1837	Detroit...	1875	....	Milan.
157	Pearce, Francis E.....	Ohio....	1847	N. Indiana	1871	1872	Unionville.
158	Pearce, Nathan Wallace	N. Y....	1840	Detroit...	1867	....	Williamston.
159	Pearce, Webster H.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	....	Flint.
160	Pearman, Elias Elgum..	Indiana.	1833	N. Indiana	1859	1870	Attica.
161	Perrin, Oliver Jacob...	Mich....	1838	Detroit...	1862	....	Ypsilanti.
162	Pilcher, Leander W....	Mich....	1848	Detroit...	1862	....	Pekin, China.
163	Pope, Russell Biglowe..	Ohio....	1844	Central O.	1868	1877	Ann Arbor.
164	Potter, Thomas George	Ireland.	1832	Detroit...	1861	....	Fenton.
165	Priestley, John Stanley	England	1838	Detroit...	1874	....	Addison.
166	Prindle, Elias B.....	N. Y....	1820	Detroit...	1856	....	.....
167	Pritchard, Benj. Fran.	Conn...	1815	Mich....	1850	Div.	Unadilla.
168	Pugh, John.....	England	1801	Minnesota	1856	1860	New Haven.
169	Ramsdell, Stephen L...	.....	.....	Detroit...	.....	....	Highland.
170	Reed, Seth.....	N. Y....	1823	Mich....	1846	Div.	Saginaw City.
171	Richards, And. Jackson	N. Y....	1831	Detroit...	1865	....	Marquette.
172	Riddick, Isaac H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	Oscoda.
173	Russell, Jesse B.....	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1863	....	Fairfield.
174	Russell, John.....	N. Y....	1822	Mich....	1845	Div.	Detroit.
175	Sanborn, Orlando.....	N. Y....	1826	Mich....	1855	Div.	Linden.
176	Scott, Marvin J.....	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1870	....	Adair.
177	Seeley, Thomas.....	N. J....	1823	Mich....	.....	Div.	Armada.
178	Shier, Dan R.....	N. J....	1841	Detroit...	1873	....	Chelsea.
179	Shier, William Henry..	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1863	....	Adrian.
180	Simpson, Charles.....	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1868	....	Davis.
181	Smart, James Shirley...	Maine...	1825	Mich....	1850	Div.	Bay City.
182	Smith, Henry Harrison	Mass....	1840	Detroit...	1871	....	Mungerville.
183	Sparling, John George,	Ireland.	1838	Detroit...	1871	....	Cass City.
184	Sparrow, Peter L.....	Canada.	1833	.....	.....	1875	Richmond.
185	Stalker, Thomas.....	England	1829	Detroit...	1861	....	Pontiac.
186	Steele, Ebenezer.....	Mass....	1808	Mich....	1841	Div.	Ann Arbor.
187	Steer, Edward.....	Canada.	1833	Detroit...	1871	....	Goodrich.
188	Stowe, George.....	Mich....	1838	Detroit...	1863	....	Waterloo.
189	Strong, Frederick.....	N. Brun.	1832	Detroit...	1875	....	Bennington.
190	Sutton, Joseph Swazey,	N. J....	1819	Mich....	1848	Div.	Ann Arbor.
191	Taylor, Barton S.....	N. Y....	1820	Detroit...	1861	....	Mt. Clemens.
192	Taylor, George.....	England	1810	Genesee...	1838	Div.	Wash'ton, D.C.
193	Taylor, William.....	England	1817	Mich....	1843	Div.	Flushing.
194	Tedman, Lucius S.....	N. Y....	1832	Detroit...	1861	....	Byron.
195	Thompson, Henry W....	Mich....	1847	Detroit...	1874	....	Escanaba.
196	Tracy, D. Burnham....	Conn....	1829	Mich....	1855	Div.	Detroit.
197	Triggs, Robert.....	England	1792	Mich....	1838	Div.	Ripon, Wis.
198	Triggs, Wm. M.....	England	1829	Detroit...	1860	....	Franklin.
199	Truscott, John M.....	England	1836	Detroit...	1873	....	Dearborn.
200	Tuttle, William.....	N. Y....	1829	Detroit...	1857	....	Troy.
201	VanEvery, John M....	Canada.	1850	Missouri..	1872	1872	Clayton.
202	VanNorman Ephraim..	Canada.	1816	Wesleyan,	1840	1867	.....
203	Varnum, Joseph B.....	Canada.	1830	Detroit...	1857	....	.....
204	Venning, James.....	England	1838	Detroit...	1866	....	Bay City.
205	Ward, Dnncan M.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1877	Hazleton.
206	Wakelin, Thomas.....	England	1807	Mich....	1845	Div.	Mt. Morris.
207	Walker, John L.....	Scotland	1835	Detroit...	1872	....	Ruby.
208	Warren, Fred'k Wales,	N. Y....	1820	Mich....	1846	Div.	Fowlerville.
209	Warren, Squire Ethan,	Mich....	1825	Detroit...	1862	....	Farmington.
210	Washburn, W. Wallace	Vermont	1837	Minnesota	1869	1870	Detroit.
211	Way, Wm. Chittenden,	N. Y....	1824	Detroit...	1850	....	Holly.
212	Wesley, John.....	England	1819	Detroit...	1839	....	Ferry.

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214	Whalen, James E.....	Mich....	....	Detroit ...	1873	....	Negaunee.
215	White, Henry Sumner,	N. Y....	1828	Providence	1856	1865	Marquette.
216	Whiteley, Duke.....	England	1822	Meth. Pro.	1854	1872	Orion.
217	Whitcomb, Alonzo.....	N. Y....	1838	Detroit ...	1870	....	Chesterfield.
218	Whitcomb, John Goss,	N. Y....	1823	Detroit ...	1856	1867	Vernon.
219	Whitcomb, Lewis Jacob	N. Y....	1822	Fr. W. Bap	1849	1869	Richmond.
220	Whitmore, Orrin.....	N. Y....	1823	Mich.....	1850	Div.	Saline.
221	Wilcox, Isaac.....	Canada.	1848	Detroit ...	1876	....	Phoenix.
222	Wilkinson, Thomas.....	England	1838	Prim. Met.	1864	1871	Ishpeming.
223	Wilsey, Marcenas B....	N. Y....	1817	Wesleyan	1845	1867	.....
224	Wilson, Andrew W.....	Europe.	1841	Genesee..	1868	1870	Flat Rock.
225	Wilson, George.....	England	1838	Detroit...	1864	..	Commerce.
226	Withey, James E.....	Mich....	1844	Detroit...	1868	....	Woodhull.
227	Wood, Alva B.....	Mich....	1843	Detroit...	1871	....	Ridgeway.
228	Woodhams, Roland....	England	1846	Detroit...	1874	....	Vassar.
229	Wortley, Jacob C.....	England	1830	Detroit...	1863	....	Dexter.
230	Wright, Philip J.....	Canada.	1839	Detroit ...	1871	....	Mayville.
231	York, Frederick E.....	Canada.	1844	Detroit...	1868	....	Clarkston.
232	York, Lodowic C.....	N. Y....	1817	Detroit...	1858	....	Denton.

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JOHN SWEET, Lake Linden.

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LAMBERT E. LENNOX, White Rock.

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DAVID McFAWN, Port Sanilac.

ALFONZO CRANE, Hope.

GEORGE F. WEEKS, L'Anse.

WILLIAM GEORGE, Port Austin.

OSCAR W. WILLITS, East Saginaw.

JAMES C. HIGGINS, Whitmore Lake.

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