

MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING
OF THE

**Pentecostal
Rescue Mission
Association**

1916

ELEVENTH SESSION

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Preston Kennedy

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. H. M. Moore

GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Preston Kennedy

Rev. H. M. Moore

William Shoemaker

Wallace W. Merrill

Edwin O. Fuller

TRUSTEES.

Rev. S. N. Bennett, 3 years

Rev. Preston Kennedy, 1 year

Rev. H. M. Moore, 2 years

GENERAL SECRETARY

Otto M. Finch

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MINUTES OF YEARLY MEETING OF 1916.

The eleventh annual Conference of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission Association was called to order Tuesday afternoon, March 21st, 1915, at 399 Chenango St., Binghamton, N. Y.

General Superintendent, Preston Kennedy, in chair.

Devotional exercises.

At roll call the following delegates reported present:

Albany	Philip W.
Allentown	Wm. D. Sch.
Amsterdam	Effie H.
Binghamton	M. Rock, Ida Houghton
Brookdale	No delegate
Brooky Hollow and Grovenor Corners	W. Kling
Conesville	Nellie Martin
Cortland	Prudence Moon
Keyserkill	Leon Ellis
North Troy	Lina Johnson
Oneonta	Henry Davie
Pittsfield	No delegate
Schenectady	Ida Rugg
Sutton Hollow	No delegate
Union Valley	Mrs. L. K. Cowell

After the receiving of delegates' reports and instructions from the Branches they represented, the meeting was adjourned to 9 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates.

Roll call of workers, at which the following workers responded :

Rev. Preston Kennedy

Rev. S. D. Bennett

Rev. Floyd Baker

Rev. A. J. Wilson

Rev. C. J. Wilson

R. W. Vischer

W. J. C. Yanoss

Walter Gady

Rev. John Weightman

Augusta Engwer

George J. Becker

Sadie Carter

Grace M. Robinson

Edward Shemelia

Otto M. Finch

Jessie Williams

Rev. H. M. Moore

Rev. S. W. Simmons

Rev. Belle B. Burns

Rev. S. S. Tompkins

Mary Berg

Augusta J. Visscher

H. J. Felter

C. W. Schuyler

Lena M. Roy

Mary A. Howard

R. J. Beagle

Marion Foster

Cora Hill

Florence Miller

Nelle Mulholland

Ida Chamberlain

The following reported by letter, being unable to attend in person :

W. G. Kingsley

Delbert Frasier

Grace Bush

Mrs. P. L. Shelp

Alvin Young

Tacie I. Gifford

Jennie L. Barnes

Question raised: Shall we have a special Conference Secretary?

After some discussion on the question and also upon the vote of last year's Conference, limiting the appointive power of workers to the new General Board, it was .

Moved by Bro. Baker, that all officers of Conference continue in their positions until the close of each Conference. Carried, 36 yeas, no nays.

Reports from the following works read and accepted: Allentown, Pa.; Albany; Amsterdam, \$65. given to Bro. Kennedy to be noted "for revival work"; Binghamton, with class leader's report to be added; Brooky Hollow; Brookdale, no financial report; Conesville, Bro. Baker stated "Need! Saints" account omitted; Cortland; Grovenor Corners; Keyserkill; North Troy; Oneonta, Bro. Simmons stated error was made in last year's valuation and \$245. added to Sup't's support; Pittsfield, unorganized; Schenectady, disagrees with 1915 report as to debt. General Secretary and Sr. Rugg ordered to correct figures; Sutton Hollow, verbal report; Union Valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. Vanoss moved that value of all provisions be reported to Secretary of local Board. Seconded.

Bro. Simmons offered amendment to make report of the same received from charge only. Bro. Vanoss consented to incorporate amendment as part of motion. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Baker that : We as preachers report all money and produce received because we are in the Lord's work, and it be reported to Conference as from "outside sources." Seconded. Carried.

Chair ruled that everything be kept account of, this to include all workers.

Moved, by Bro. Vanoss, that permanent addresses of workers be printed in the Minutes of Conference. In case of change of address during the year, the General Secretary to be notified. Carried.

Ruled, by Chair, that Committee on Minutes give workers' reports in greater detail in printed Minutes.

The following amendment affecting labor unions was submitted by the 1915 Conference to the Branches, and their delegates instructed to vote upon same at this Conference :

AMENDMENT.

No candidate shall be accepted into full membership who is an adhering member of any labor union.

Voted upon as follows: Yeas, 10 — Nays, 1.

Question : Shall we expel present members who are members of a Union ?

Moved, by Bro. Simmons: That present members who belong to a Union must leave the Union, or withdraw from Mission. Seconded.

After lengthy discussion it was moved and carried that the whole matter lay on the table until Friday A. M. That in the meantime those who had been

members of Unions get together and talk it over, and select two or three to speak for them. The questions to be settled being whether Unions come under the article in Discipline effecting Secret Societies — Are Unions right? — *Why* do we stand against them?

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call.

WORKERS' REPORTS.

S. N. Bennett—Oral report.

Had workers meeting at Binghamton, and preached twice there.

S. W. Simmons —

Two preaching appointments, with four preaching services per week. 55 calls made, two funerals officiated at. Receipts as follows:

Oneonta. Cash	\$250.08.	Supplies	\$49.59.
Hemlocks	„ 20.82	„	11.97

Floyd Baker —

Three preaching appointments. Three services per week. 141 calls. One funeral. Receipts:

Keyserkill Cash	\$158.16	Supplies	\$6.25
Conesville	„ 38.78	„	28.09
Sutton Hollow Cash	72.32	Supplies	8.57
Outside	„ 17.41		

Belle B. Burns —

Labored part of time in Schenectady, last part of year in Pittsfield, Mass. Four services per week. 475 calls made. Receipts:

Schenectady, cash \$192.33, supplies \$7.43.

House rent 72.00 Outside 28.35.

Pittsfield, cash \$26.97, supplies \$7.83

Outside \$27.55.

A. H. Wilson —

One appointment. Six services per week. 227 calls. Four funerals. Two marriages. Receipts:

Albany, cash \$514.26, supplies \$37.50

Rent \$150.

S. S. Tompkins —

Worked at Camp Ground until Camp Meeting in charge of Orphanage Boys. Since then at Allentown, Pa. Receipts about \$70.

C. R. Wilson, Evangelist —

Filled six evangelistic appointments. When off the field preached at Galway. Receipts:

From Revivals, cash \$99.40, supplies \$2.00

Galway, cash and supplies \$145.

Mary Berg —

One appointment; four services per week; 360 calls. Receipts:

Cash \$173.40, supplies \$158.38.

R. and A. Visscher —

Labored on Grovenor Corners and Brooky Hollow circuit part of year, and the balance at Schenectady.

Four services per week; three funerals; 271 calls.

Receipts:

Brooky Hollow, cash \$75.87, supplies \$8.23

Grovenor Corners, cash 47.56 supplies 11.83
Schenectady, cash 57.82, supplies 7.00
Rent included in above.

W. J. C. Vanoss —

Three appointments; two services per week: eighty calls; two funerals. Receipts:

Union Valley, cash \$38.45; Vawter, 86.88
Bumpville \$45.77
Handed \$51.62 Supplies 88.26

H. J. Felter —

Labored part of year at Arabia Hill; assisted some at Oneonta; since December, at Grovenor Corners.

Two services per week; seventy five calls. Receipts:

Arabia Hill, cash \$3.23, supplies \$1.50
Oneonta, cash 23.70, supplies 2.89
Brooky Hollow, 20.74, supplies 10.00
Grovenor Corners, 13.78, supplies 13.02
Outside sources, cash and supplies, 130.57.

W. G. Kingsley —

227 services held; fifty seven calls. Receipts:

Amsterdam, cash \$95. supplies \$4.

Labored in his business of restaurateur during the year, besides caring for the work.

Walter Grady —

One appointment; three services per week; 150 calls; one funeral. Receipts:

Brookdale, cash \$91.55, supplies \$49.93

C. W. Schuyler —

Two appointments; four services per week; 383 calls; one funeral. Receipts:

Cortland, cash \$135. supplies 3.95

Elm Stump, cash \$38.60

Earned by labor \$126.

Delbert Frasier —

Superintendent at Binghamton till September, since then worked as evangelist. Preached ninety-two times; ninety one calls. Receipts:

Binghamton, cash \$97.31

Amsterdam, cash 12.00

Outside, cash 27.00

Alvin Youngs —

Conducted thirty six meetings; assisted as soloist and chorister in revivals at Philadelphia, Pa.; Allentown, Pa.; Binghamton Camp; Erma, N. J.

Receipts \$105.

Labored in a shop and on a farm when not out in the Work.

Lena M. Roy —

Was caring for relatives until February, since then working in the interest of Missions.

Five services; eleven calls. Received \$23.75.

Augusta Engwer —

Like Sister Roy, waiting for ways to open to go to Africa. Worked in bakery part of year. Labored in the work as requested.

Twenty nine services; twenty calls. Rec. 18.50

Mary A. Howard —

Worked several months in Rescue Home at Binghamton as Matron, and assistant Matron. Also visited in slums.

George J. Becker —

Held services on Camp Ground, as weather permitted, for Orphanage and workers.

Sadie Carter —

Worked some in slums as follows: made thirty three trips through saloons; gave out \$0,807 tracts; called at jail two times; 173 calls in Binghamton. Since July held services in Oak Hill district. Ninety nine services there; seventy five calls reported. Received \$118.57.

Grace M. Robinson —

Labored in the Orphanage all the year, part of the time in the school, the balance in the Home. Received \$44.91

Marion E. Foster —

Labored in the Orphanage as school teacher, and Matron, all the year. Received \$54.74

Florence Miller —

Assisted in meetings at Allentown, Philadelphia, Cortland, and Amsterdam. Received \$15.00

Tacie I. Gifford —

Hindered much during year by sickness of self and in home. Assisted in meetings on Bro. Baker's circuit, Amsterdam, and Camp Meeting, beside outside. Received \$29.77

Jennie L. Barnes —

Unable to be out in the work because of illness.

Otto M. Finch —

Labored on News From Home all year, and held meetings as opportunity afforded. Had twenty nine meetings, and eighteen street meetings. Received \$133.08 cash, \$72.00 rent.

Nellie Mulholland —

From March to October, 1915, preached once in two weeks, and held Sunday School, at Pleasant Valley, Pa. Came to Binghamton. Gave out tracts; made sixty three calls; had three preaching services. Went to Allentown, January 13th, to assist in the Rescue Home. Preached there eighteen times. Receipts \$25.00

John Weightman — (oral report)

Labors in work God has given him at Altona, N. Y. Two appointments; four services per week. No financial report.

Cora Hill —

Labored as Matron of Girls' Home all year. No financial report.

Edward Shemelia — (oral)

Helped Bro. Grady some at Brookdale and did some evangelistic work. Worked on a farm in the interim. Receipts \$11.50

Jessie Williams — (oral)

Worked in Amsterdam as slum worker till health was such as to hinder.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Fund for needy saints brought up and discussed at length. \$25 in treasury.

Question as to using this money for relief of indigent saints, or toward buying a Home. Reported possibility of buying temporary Orphanage building for \$1,000, for home for needy saints, workers, and Camp Meeting home for preachers, by Bro. Bennett.

Moved and carried that three persons be appointed to confer with last year's Needy Saints Committee and to formulate a plan to work upon.

Chair appointed Bros. Baker, Simmons, Schlegel.

NEW BUSINESS.

Chair called Conference to notice that, according to our incorporation papers, we are a membership Corporation, consequently strictly undenominational, and if we continue under present incorporation we can not bar out persons who belong to a church, who are willing to take our Covenant. After discussion it was moved by A. H. Wilson

"That we continue under old incorporation papers and that same be enforced." Carried.

THURSDAY, A. M.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call.

Minutes read and accepted.

Letter from C. F. Hurst read and accepted.

NFWS FROM HOME.— Discussion of need of getting subscribers. Suggested that pledges be taken as to who would get twenty five new subscriptions this year. The following pledged twenty five: H. Davie, H. M. Moore, A. H. Wilson, C. R. Wilson, Brothers Bennett, Simmons, Grady, Visscher, Felter, Weightman, Schlegel, Sr. Burns, Sr. Visscher, Sr. Crouch, Sr. Carter, Sr. Chamberlain, Sr. Mulholland, and Sr. Berg. Twelve each: Sr. Moon, Sr. Howard, and Bro. Martin. Five: Sr. Buck.

Discussion as to best methods of business detail of News From Home office. Nearly all the workers pledged themselves to write an article for the paper this year.

Moved and carried: That in case of need the Secretary of Orphanage Board write direct to the Superintendents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Education Board reported examinations on three years' course of study ready.

Moved by Bro. Tompkins that treatise on Homiletics, Ralston's Elements of Divinity, our Discipline, and Cushing's Manual, be added to course. Carried.

Moved by W. W. Merrill, that present ordained preachers take course of study. Carried.

Moved by Bro. A. Wilson, that new General Board sit with old Board, when making appointments, as advisory. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Moore, that committee of three be

appointed to go over minutes since issuing of Discipline, cull out the new laws made by Conference, and have same printed.

Bros. Floyd Baker, C. R. Wilson, and A. H. Wilson appointed.

Question came up regarding clause in Discipline on dedicating children, concerning education.

Answer by Chair: It is dealing with worldliness. Does not cover children taking studies in school.

Question: Should we give letters to members, to join a church which is loose on divorce question?

Answer by Chair: If member is in good standing, we cannot withhold letter.

Question: Regarding allowing a dressy person professing religion to take part in our services.

Answer by Chair: Always be consistent, carefully taking into consideration the spirit of the person, and the light they have had. Preacher in charge to settle it. Workers should be examples as to dress, spirit and life.

Question: Is it wrong to wear gold glasses?

Answer by Chair: Should not do it unless absolutely necessary.

THURSDAY, P. M.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To The Pentecostal Mission Yearly Meeting:

Another year has rolled away, with its battles and victories, and, as the time has arrived to make

the annual report to the Yearly Meeting, I hardly know where to begin. In the face of many things that might look discouraging to the natural eye, there has been so much to thank God for, during the year, that I feel like offering Him a note of praise to begin with.

No member of our Conference has been called Home during the year, so the ranks of our workers has remained unbroken by death.

My attention was called, in the spring, to the fact that one of the workers was ill, and in need. I wrote the superintendents regarding the fact, and about ninety dollars was raised for him. Of this amount \$76.52 passed through my hands, and the rest was sent direct.

I have visited each Branch regularly for Quarterly Meeting, except where hindered by circumstances over which I had no control. The whole month of February, or nearly so, I was laid aside by illness, which hindered some in completing the year's work. Have made several special visits where necessary. I have taken no evangelistic appointments in our work this year.

A new work was opened up in November, at Pittsfield, Mass., through the efforts of Sister Belle Burns, which, though not yet organized, is under the control of the Pentecostal Mission, and the furnishings are the property of this work. Bro. and Sr. Visscher were transferred to Schenectady to take charge of the

work there, and Bro. Harry J. Felter was sent to take up the work on the Grovenor Corners-Brooky Hollow circuit. God has blest these workers in their new fields.

In addition to the regular Branches, I visited the field at Arabia Aill, where Brother Felter was preaching, and also the out-appointment at the Hemlocks, on Brother Simmons' charge.

I also visited the district at Oak Hill, where Sister Carter has been holding meetings, and I spent several days at Pittsfield, to help in getting the work going there.

Baptismal services were held during the year at Binghamton, Grovenor Corners, and Keyserkill.

Revival services have been held during the year on nearly all the Branches, with good results generally. These have been in charge, mostly, of either Brother Cola Wilson or Brother Kennedy. Brother Kennedy organized the work at Allentown, Pa., and it is now a Branch of the Pentecostal Mission.

The property of the work generally is in good condition. The debt on the buildings at Albany, and at Grovenor Corners, has been substantially decreased during the year. New sheds were erected at the Keyserkill chapel, and enough money signed to pay for them.

Spiritually, the work as a whole is in good condition, and new ground for God has been taken during the year. I have never seen such a general revival spirit

manifested as there is at present, and I consider the outlook for the future most promising.

I take this opportunity to praise God for His grace and blessing during the year; to thank the workers whose co-operation and loyalty have been a source of help and blessing to me; and to thank the members whose prayers and kindness have made their fellowship sweet indeed, and my work for the year a pleasure to me.

Your servant in the Lord,
HARRY M. MOORE.

FINANCIAL

Received from work Cash and supplies	\$296.67
Net receipts for evangelistic work outside the work	\$87.40

MISSIONARY BOARD REPORT.

Have tried to find ways to send our girls to the field this year, but found the way closed up.

Cash on hand beginning year	\$65.12
Cash received during year	193.26
Total	\$258.38
Paid out	203.17
Cash on hand	\$55.21
Cash invested in approved notes	\$1013.70

ORPHANAGE BOARD — Treasurer's Report.

Cash on hand Mar. 1915,	\$6.11
Bills due and unpaid, Mar. 20, 1915	197.21
Cash Received during year	\$1306.77
Cash Paid out during year	1304.43
Cash balance, March 12, 1916	\$2.34

Orphanage Secretary's report read and accepted.

Children in Home beginning year	40
Children received during year	5
Children left Home during year	15
Children in Home at present	30
Adults in Home at present	6

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The year has been one of much struggling on nearly every line, and yet it has been the best one of our life. The greatest part of our time has been given to outside works, but we have enjoyed the privilege of holding revival meetings in Amsterdam, Binghamton, and Bumpville, Pa. We visited Union Valley and preached there two Sunday mornings. We found the Lord blessing and using Brother Vanoss and giving him the hearts of the people.

We have also visited Brother Baker's circuit and found a good revival spirit in all three appointments.

We have held four meetings in our own work in the interest of the Refuge Work. One in Schenectady, one in Amsterdam, one in North Troy, and one in Albany. In offerings, cash and pledges, between five and six hundred were raised.

We have also had the privilege of holding two services with the saints in Oneonta.

We have held fifteen revival meetings, labored in eight Camp Meetings, held two tent meetings, organized a Rescue Home in Allentown, Pa., also a society there of clean, godly people. They have bought a lot, built a neat little chapel and are anticipating building

them a Rescue Home. We believe there are great things ahead for the saints of Allentown. At present they are renting a place for the Rescue Home.

While holding meetings in the state of Delaware we bought a run down Camp Ground where there had been no meetings held in about twelve years. There are about four acres of beautiful grove. On it is an auditorium that will seat 1,200 people, also a house where a family lives at present. We have made arrangements for our first meeting there sometime near Decoration Day, for three or four days. At this time we will set the date for our regular camp, annually.

We have preached in different other places for a service or two, but have kept no account of them. The rest of our time has been spent in Binghamton attending to business matters.

Preston Kennedy.

FINANCIAL

Received from outside sources	\$7,500
Received from Binghamton (revival)	100.
Free will offerings	96.
Supplies to the amount of	100.
Overcoat	22.
Mission work	154.67
Total	\$7,972.67

ORPHANAGE BUILDING.

Outside walls up, roof on, windows in, partitions set, and some plumbing in.

Received on pledges this year \$275.

Paid on building 9,000:

Pledges due and unpaid 4,000.

The building will cost about \$35,000. Will probably not be over \$7,000 indebtedness.

Voted, that Brother Kennedy be given a vote of thanks for his loyalty and sacrifice in the Orphanage work this year.

GENERAL WORK.

Indebtedness at beginning of year	\$2212.31
Received during year	271.93
Paid on old bill	106.99
Incidentals and interest	162.19
Balance on hand	2.75
Indebtedness March 15, 1916	\$2115.32
Donated by a friend	935.32
Present indebtedness	\$1180.00

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

Total receipts	\$329.14
Total disbursements	326.35
Bills receivable	8.80
Bills payable	52.61
Tracts printed	62,150
Paid up subscribers News From Home	404
Number of subscribers in arrears	101

BINGHAMTON REFUGE.

The home was discontinued Sept. 7, 1915. At that time there were nine inmates. Five of them went to their people, and three were married. One baby born in the Home.

SCHENECTADY, BETHEL HOME.

Receipts for year	\$1959.90
Paid out	1958.15
Balance on hand	1.75
Bills payable	184.49
Bills receivable	7.50

ALLENTOWN REFUGE

Home well furnished. Has housed ten girls, six babies, one widow with three children, and others waiting admission.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Discrepancies in two sets of books reported. Srs. Burns and Roy appointed to investigate the same.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Reported lot kept trimmed, but no improvements because of lack of funds.

CONFERENCE TENT COMMITTEE

Balance due on tent \$95.00

Due for use of same from Camp Meeting 10.00

Due for use of same from Allentown 21.00

Motion by Brother Moore, that the \$21 due from Allentown be remitted. Carried.

Committee appointed to confer with Needy Saints Board, reported the plan decided on: To appoint one man to look into needs of worn out workers and saints. He to visit Branches once each year, during summer months. To have one meeting, and an offering, the same to go to the Fund, after his expenses are paid, the same to be reported in News From Home.

Report accepted.

Question, by Sr. Kennedy, What are we to do with needy saints we have on our hands now? We have one such now.

Moved and carried that a home be found for her, and Conference bear her expenses, as she is a worker.

Moved by Brother Baker, and seconded, that each member of Conference pay \$1 per month for her support. Motion lost.

Moved by Sister Roy, and carried, that those present who are willing to pay so much a month for this purpose state what they will give, so long as the need in this case continue. (Enough volunteered, to bring in \$24.75 per month, beside \$4 given now.

Moved by Brother Vanoss that any sums remaining after needs of this case be met, may be used as the Needy Fund Board sees fit.

Money for this purpose to be sent to S. N. Bennett, 573 State St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Question: What stand does this work take regarding Prohibition?

Answer: We stand against Rum, preach against it, and everything that upholds it.

Question: Do we stand against non-voting?

Answer: We cannot compel men to vote, but feel that we should do so.

Discussion of ways and means to better the work and make workers more efficient.

FRIDAY A. M.

Roll call.

Minutes read and corrected.

Rev. Grant Munson introduced to Conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Labor Union Question taken from table for action.

The committee reported they had chosen Brother Vanoss to present the affirmative, and Brother Moore the negative, as to whether the Union is properly a "secret society."

After the debate between these two, and some following discussion, the question was voted on by ballot as follows: affirmative 33, negative 12.

Brother Simmons' original motion to expel was withdrawn as being therefore needless.

Chair instructed the Superintendents having Union members to go to them kindly in the Spirit and explain the stand Conference takes.

Names of Henry Hall and H. M. Nonenmacher who joined the Conference last year, but have made no report, acted upon.

Moved by Brother Simmons that General Board or District Elder write them, if possible to get addresses, to show cause why their names should not be dropped.

Carried.

Question, by Brother Vanoss, as to small remuneration of District Elder.

Question, by Brother Baker: In view of inadequate remuneration, and small size of our work, can we not get along without a District Elder?

Answer by chair : Discipline provides for one, and we need one. Said Quarterly Meetings should begin Friday and run over Sunday, and this he should, as General Superintendent, contend for; on the other hand, he should contend that the District Elder receive proper remuneration.

FRIDAY, P. M.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call.

Letter from Sister Wilkins read and accepted, and secretary instructed to acknowledge same.

Discussion on revival work.

Chair stated that if we elected evangelists it is the workers' duty to call them and keep them busy.

Moved by Brother Simmons that we ask General Board to appoint one Conference Evangelist this year.

Carried.

Question : Will this bar Gen. Supt. ?

Answer, by Chair : He must have an understanding with the evangelist.

The following Boards and Committees appointed and confirmed :

General Board.

W. W. Merrill, W. Shoemaker, E. O. Fuller.

Missionary Board.

S. S. Tompkins, Verna Hamlin, Grace Robinson, Mary A. Howard, Louise Shelp.

Trustee.

S. N. Bennett, 3 years,

Auditing Committee

Sadie Carter, Lena M. Roy.

Conference Minutes

H. M. Moore, S. N. Bennett, O. M. Finch.

Educational Board

Bro. Bennett, Grace M. Robinson, Ina B. Kennedy; following vote of Conference that Committee be decreased to 3 members.

Orphanage Board

J. L. Lott, W. Shoemaker, Sadie Carter, Mrs. H. M. Moore, Mrs. Preston Kennedy.

Camp Meeting Committee

A. H. Wilson, S. W. Simmons, Floyd Baker, W. J. C. Vanoss.

Bro. Becker was appointed to fill vacancy on Board for Needy Saints.

Cemetery Committee

M. Rock, S. N. Bennett, W. Shoemaker.

Conference Tent Committee

H. M. Moore, S. N. Bennett, W. Shoemaker.

General Secretary

Chair nominated Sadie Carter and Otto M. Finch,
Voted by ballot: O. M. Finch 32

Sr. Carter 13

Bro. Finch declared elected.

Offering was then taken for Conference expenses; received amount of \$ 22.82.

Question of receiving Bro. Vanoss' wife into full membership without probation. Voted that Confer-

ence Chairman, and General Secretary give her a letter to the Union Valley Circuit.

Question: If a member backslides and comes back, must he be put in Probation class?

Ans. by Chair. Yes.

Question: For ruling on Paragraph 51 of the Discipline.

Ruling by Chair: This applies only to one who has been out of harmony, not to one who has fallen into sin.

Ruling by Chair: Unordained workers may take members on probation, but not into full membership unless appointed specially for some one case.

SATURDAY A. M.

Deferred report of Camp Meeting Treasurer received.

Indebtedness at beginning of year	\$ 3,499.63
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Received from sale of timber	800.00
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“ “ a friend	1,463.00
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“ “ Bro. Kennedy	208.00
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Present Indebtedness

Mortgage	\$ 1,200.00
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Notes	220.31
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Bills of last Camp, unpaid	53.00
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Bills receivable	71.29
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Voted that Bro. Tompkins be given vote of thanks for work on Camp Ground.

Question of having separate course of study for Deaconesses, and that we have Deaconesses in our work.

Moved by Bro. Simmons that course of study for Deaconesses be gotten out by Educational Board.
Carried.

Moved by Bro. Bennett that Committee of women be appointed to counsel with the General Board, and devise a uniform, or garb for our Deaconesses. Carried. Chair appointed Sisters Kennedy, Crouch, Foster and Engwer.

Ruling by Chair: That all workers who did not prepare to take Conference examinations must give a reason therefor.

Ruling: All exhorters and those expecting to hold charges MUST take the course of study.

Moved by Bro. Simmons that workers have privilege of taking examinations whenever any member of the Educational Board can give it. Carried.

Ruling: A full year's course must be taken at a time.

Motion by Bro. Simmons that Conference give Bro. Kennedy a month's release from official duties, during April. Carried.

Minutes read and accepted.

Voted that General Secretary be given a vote of thanks.

Voted that Orphanage Matrons be given vote of thanks.

Adjourned to March, 1917

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

AMSTERDAM

Present membership	15
Probationers	1
Cash received during year	\$ 569.85
Paid out during year	553.52
Property valuation	150.00

ALLENTOWN, PA.

Present membership	15
Cash received during year	\$647.06
Paid out during year	461.98
Property valuation	5,925.00

ALBANY, N. Y.

Present membership	38
Probationers	9
Cash receipts	\$ 2,348.84
Paid out	2,084.10
Property valuation	8,600.00
Present indebtedness	3,100.00

CORTLAND, N. Y.

Present membership	13
Cash receipts	\$ 443.97
Paid out	443.71
Property valuation	60.00

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

Present membership	116
Probationers	4
Cash receipts	\$ 1,832.48

Paid out	1,804.98
Property valuation	9,700.00
Present indebtedness	4,000.00

BROOKDALE, PA.

Not an organized Branch.

Cash receipts	\$ 141.48
Paid out	141.48

BROOKY HOLLOW, N. Y.

Present membership	21
Probationers	4
Cash receipts	\$ 160.38
Paid out	160.38
Property valuation	675.00
No indebtedness	

CONESVILLE, N. Y.

Present membership	10
Cash receipts	\$ 126.20
Paid out	126.20
Property valuation	770.00

GROVENOR CORNERS, N. Y.

Present membership	11
Probationers	3
Cash receipts	\$ 172.24
Paid out	172.24
Property valuation	1,085.00
Present indebtedness	90.00

KEYSERKILL, N. Y.

Present membership	20
Cash receipts	\$ 331.17
Paid out	331.17
Property valuation	937.00
No indebtedness	

NORTH TROY, N. Y.

Present membership	10
Cash receipts	\$ 302.39
Paid out	317.18
Property valuation	75.00

ONEONTA, N. Y.

Present membership	27
Cash receipts	\$ 682.54
Paid out	658.84
Property valuation	4,570.29
Present indebtedness	2,975.00

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Work opened in October, 1915	
No membership (unorganized)	
Cash receipts	\$ 181.80
Paid out	177.04
Property valuation	50.00
No indebtedness	

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Present membership	22
Probationers	3
Cash receipts	\$ 935.15

Paid out	874.05
Property valuation	9,000.00
Present indebtedness	4,784.02

SUTTON HOLLOW

Present membership	6
Cash receipts	\$84.49
Paid out	84.49
No property	

UNION VALLEY CIRCUIT

Present membership	12
Cash receipts	\$ 375.65
Paid out	375.65

Evangelistic Services

Each evening during Conference an evangelistic service was held, with preaching by some of the brethren.

Rev. D. Grant Christman preached on Friday night, and on Saturday afternoon was granted opportunity to present his plan to form a Bible class at Binghamton.

On Sunday morning an old fashioned love-feast was held, and it was a love-feast indeed. God blest in these services, souls were saved and sanctified, and God glorified. At the close of the love-feast a solemn ordination service was held at which Brethren W. J. C. Vanoss, and John Weightman were ordained by the Association.

APPOINTMENTS

Matron Boys' Orphanage, . Marion Foster
 Assistant Matron Grace Robinson
 Matron Girls Orphanage . . Cora Hill
 Asst. Matron Girls Orphanage Minnie Culver
 Matron Allentown Refuge Nellie Mulholland
 Asst. Matron Allentown Refuge Nellie Wilcox

PREACHERS ON CHARGES

Albany Rev. A. H. Wilson
 Allentown, Pa. . . Rev. Stewart Tompkins
 Amsterdam Rev. Cola R. Wilson
 Binghamton Walton G. Kingsley
 Brookdale Otto M. Finch
 Brooky Hollow and
 Grovenor Corners . . . Harry J. Felter
 Conesville, Keyserkill and
 Sutton Hollow . . . Rev. Floyd Baker
 Cortland Charles W. Schuyler
 North Troy Edward Shemelia
 Oneonta . . . Rev. Stanley W. Simmons
 Pittsfield, Mass. . . Rev. Belle B. Burns
 Schenectady David E. Wilson
 Schenectady Slum worker . . Mary Berg
 Union Valley Circuit Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss
 Independent work at Altona J. Weightman
 Windham Center, Pa. Rev. S. N. Bennett
 Portlandville George J. Becker
 Brother Shoemaker and Sadie Carter are to
 continue their work in Oak Hill District.

Lena Roy and Augusta Engwer were left free for calls for Missionary meetings.

R. W. and Augusta Visscher granted supernumerary relation at their request because of her ill health.

The following workers were left in control of Gen. Supt., subject to call of Dist. Supt.

Alvin Young	Walter Grady
Delbert Frasier	Mary A. Howard
R. J. Beagle	Florence Miller
Tacie I. Gifford	Jennie L. Barnes
Jessie Williams	Grace Bush
Ord Whipple	Louise Whipple
Jennie Cairns	

Conference evangelist, Dist. Elder H. M. Moore. Bro. Kennedy to assist as time permits.

Workers passed by Conference of 1916, with their addresses.

- Rev. Preston Kennedy — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
- “ H. M. Moore — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
- “ S. N. Bennett — 573 State St. Binghamton, N. Y.
- “ S. Simmons — 60 Valley-view St. Oneonta, N. Y.
- ✧ “ Floyd Baker — Gilboa, N. Y. R. D. 2
- ✧ “ Belle Burns — 124 Summer St. Pittsfield, Mass.
- ✧ “ A. H. Wilson — 33 Green St. Albany, N. Y.
- ✧ “ S. Tompkins — 1413 Liberty St. Allentown, Pa.
- “ C. R. Wilson — 12 Spring St. Amsterdam, N. Y.
- Mary Berg — 67 Euclid Ave. Schenectady, N. Y.

R. W. Visscher
 Mrs. Augusta Visscher — Pittsfield, Mass.
 Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss — Ulster, Pa. R. D. 2
 „ John Weightman — Altona, N. Y.
 Harry J. Felter — Central Bridge, N. Y.
 W. G. Kingsley — 399 Chenango St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Alvin Young — Amsterdam, N. Y.
 Walter Grady
 C. W. Schuyler — Cortland, N. Y.
 Lena M. Roy — 14 Clifford St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Augusta Engwer — 14 Clifford St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Delbert Frasier — Northville, N. Y.
 Mary A. Howard — 5 Burr Ave. Binghamton, N. Y.
 George J. Becker — Portlandville, N. Y.
 R. J. Beagle — 90 Mary St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Marion Foster — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
 Grace M. Robinson — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
 Cora Hill — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
 Edward Shemelia — 15-17th St. North Troy, N. Y.
 Florence Miller — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
 Otto M Finch — 399 Chenango St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Tacie Gifford — 304 Germania Av. Schenectady, N. Y.
 Nellie Mulholland — 1413 Liberty St. Allentown, Pa.
 Jennie L. Barnes — Port Dickinson, N. Y.
 Jessie Williams — Amsterdam, N. Y.
 Grace Bush — Amsterdam, N. Y.
 Wm. Shoemaker — 11 Clifford St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Sadie Carter — 11 Clifford St. Binghamton, N. Y.
 Ord Whipple — Binghamton, N. Y.
 Louise Whipple
 David E. Wilson — 67 Euclid Av. Schenectady, N. Y.
 Jennie Cairns — Port Dickinson, N. Y.