

Rock River Conference Minutes, 1840-1852

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2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference

 **Northern Illinois Conference**
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Stations of the Preachers of Rock River Conference 1840

Chicago District (to be supplied)	2	No. 5 S. Hill, agent for Rock River
Chicago (to be supplied)	2	Seminary.
Lake William Gaddis	3	Burlington District - Henry Sumner P.E.
Wheeling John Mason (one to be supplied)	2	Burlington Isaac J. Stewart
Elgin Jas. Bolles	2	Mount Pleasant, No. 5 M. Kirkpatrick
Crystalville, Ora & Walker (one to be supplied)	2	Richland Mission, Moses F. Chinn
Polase & Schriber, Milton Bourn (one to be supplied)	2	Rock River Mission (to be supplied)
Rockford Sophronius & Stocking	2	Philadelphia, Joel Arrington
Decatur Leander S. Walker, Nath. Smith	2	Fort Madison, Micah M. Muntry, Mrs. S. Cooley,
DuPage William Kimball (one to be supplied)	2	Bloomington, Nathan Jernett
Naperville Caleb Lamb	2	Crainfordville Joseph L. Kirkpatrick
Ottawa District John Sinclair P.E.	2	Jonay District Bartholomew Weed P.E.
Ottawa Jesse L. Bennett,	2	Jonay Mission Genl. Worthington
Milton Elisha Springer	2	Rockingham Chester Campbell
Wilmington Rufus Lummery	2	Lamanchee Barton A. Cartwright
Juliet Washington Wigley	2	Marion John Hodges
Lockport Wesley Bachelor,	2	Bellview Philander S. Richardson
Indian Creek Ada White	2	Clarksville Henry Hubbard
Princeton Jonathan M. Snow	2	Dubuque Washington Wilcox
Bristol Harvey Hadley	2	Indian Mission Dist. Benj. Kavanaugh
Mount Morris District John Clark P.E.	2	Superintendent
Buffalogue (to be supplied) Thos. Blanchard,	2	St. Peter's House (one to be supplied);
Dixon (to be supplied)	2	Mission David King.
Portland William Vallette	2	Chippewa Chippewa Mis. Henry I. Brace,
Stephenson Charles A. Mager	2	Geo. Copway, Henry P. Chase, Allen
Savannah Philo Judson	2	Huddleston, John Johnson.
Galena Jacob W. Whipple	2	Sandy Lake; Samuel Spates.
Apple River Enos P. Wood	2	
Freeport Saml Pillsbury, Rollin Brown	2	

Lima July 15. 1840

This certifies that the Bearer Sias Bowles is a
preacher on trial in good standing in the Genesee
Annual Conference, who has been in the service of
the Trustees of the G. W. Seminary since our last session,
and believing that indications of Providence point
him to a western portion of our work, and having
declined Examination preparatory to admission
into full communion in consequence of his precarious
state of health which is now improved, he is
hereby recommended to the notice of the Rock River
Conference as a suitable person ^{to be} employed
as a travelling preacher, and he is ^{regularly} discharged
from the Agency of the Seminary
for the balance of our Conference year, to furnish
him the opportunity of uniting with the said
Conference at their approaching session, which occurs

Roll of R. U. Convention

John J. Mitchell 1 ✓	John Crummer 1 ✓
Hooper Greaves 1 ✓	Saml. Pillsbury 1 ✓
John Nason 1 ✓	Isaac J. Stewart 1 ✓
Sofronius S. Stocking 1 ✓	Eli Springer 1 ✓
Leander S. Walker 1 ✓	Joseph Stalsted 1 ✓
William Kimball 1 ✓	Joseph S. Kirkpatrick 1 ✓
Calvin Lamb x 2 ✓	Isaac R. Goodrich 1 ✓
John Sinclair 1 ✓	Isaac G. Whitford 1 ✓
Rufus Sumner x 1 ✓	
Wilmington Wilgley 1 ✓	Isaac S. Bennett 1 ✓
Wesley Batchelor 1 ✓	Nathan Jewett x 2 ✓
John Clark 1 ✓	John Hodges 1 ✓
Asa M. Murtroy x 3 ✓	Jonathan M. Snow 1 ✓
Thomas S. Pitt 1 ✓	Rollin Brown x 2 ✓
Henry Sumner 1 ✓	Henry S. Brace x 1 ✓
Evel Arrington x 1 ✓	Moses S. M. Murtroy 1 ✓
Bartholomew Weed 1 ✓	David King x 1 ✓
G. G. Worthington 1 ✓	Silas Bolles 1 ✓
Washington Wilcox 1 ✓	Hiram M. Fiske 1 ✓
B. S. Kavanagh 1 ✓	William Siple 1 ✓
Mrs B. Kavanagh 1 ✓	Thomas M. Kirkpatrick 1 ✓
Robt. J. M. Reynolds 1 ✓	Milton Bourn 1 ✓
Henry W. Reld 1 ✓	William Gaddis 1 ✓
Stephen S. Rye x 1 ✓	Bath. H. Cortright 1 ✓
Jesse Stalsted x 1 ✓	Amos Smith
Henry Colman 1 ✓	Isaac Smith
Julius Field 1 ✓	George Coffey 1 ✓
John Crummer	Wm. Vallentyne 1 ✓
Salmon Stebbins 1 ✓	Ora A. Walker 1 ✓
James M. Kean 1 ✓	
Alfred Branson 1 ✓	

To Rock River Conference
CIRCULAR.

Reverend Sirs,

~~Fellow Citizens:~~

At the last anniversary of the New-York State Temperance Society, it was resolved, "That a committee be appointed to prepare and present an address to the annual or some other meeting of the several ecclesiastical bodies in this State, as well as to the larger ecclesiastical bodies in the United States; and request them severally to take such action in the temperance cause, as may in their judgment appear most likely to promote the same." And on further motion, it was resolved, That the Executive Committee of the State Society appoint a committee of seven to carry the above resolution into effect."

In accordance with these resolutions, we have been appointed the Committee to bring the subject of temperance to your distinct consideration. Permit us, respectfully, to state our deep conviction of the importance of your co-operation to the future advancement of this great enterprise. It needs the councils, the prayers, and the earnest efforts of the churches. It is true that voluntary associations reach masses of mind not yet brought under the direct influence of religious ministrations; and thus far they have been beneficial beyond our most sanguine hopes. But the full blessing that we are now encouraged to expect, cannot be accomplished until this sacred cause shall be urged forward by your co-operation. In our sanctuaries we rest, under God, our best hopes for the triumphs of temperance. There rise the fountains of pure and sound principles; and thence flow to our land the blessings of sanctified sentiment. These influences are destined to lift up our wretched world from the pollutions of vice: suffer us to solicit, that they may be consecrated to temperance in such particular manner, as to your wisdom shall seem the best adapted to the nature, condition and claims of the subject.

With respectful consideration,

We are your ob't serv'ts,

THEO: FRELINGHUYSEN,
ABM. KEYSER,
JOHN SAVAGE,
HENRY DWIGHT,
GEORGE TIBBITS,
H. H. VAN DYCK,
S. YOUNG.

State of New-York,

August, 1844 }

Report of Committee on Missions 1840

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the results and prospects of the Missionary Cause in the M. E. Church within the bounds of the Rock River Annual Conference, report as follows.

Although we have for some time been engaged in this glorious enterprise, and although much has been accomplished by the blessing of God upon our ⁱⁿstrumentality, yet by a united and untiring effort, ^{much more} may and ought to be accomplished.

That this conclusion is correct is obvious from the fact that we find ~~so~~ great a difference in the amounts collected on the different charges, which, as to temporal ability, appear to be of equal strength.

We are deeply impressed with a fear that some of the laborers in God's vineyard, restrained from pressing the claims of the Mission Cause, lest their impatience should impair or diminish the attention of the people to themselves.

On the contrary, your Committee would suggest that one of the best means of incalculating your benevolence and securing the support of the ministers of the gospel at home, is to press upon our people the wants of the Heathen world, and thus induce them to become themselves, Missionaries in spirit.

The Committee, appointed by the Rock-
River Conference, held at Mt. Morris, to in-
vestigate the administration of Alfred Brunson,
on the Upper Mississippi Missions, met in the
Methodist Chapel, at Plattville, W. I. on the 24th
ultimo.

The Chairman informed the
committee that due notice had been given
to Bro. Brunson, who had manifested a
disposition to treat the committee with in-
difference, questioning their power to act in
the premises.

Bro. Thos. W. Pope appeared before
the committee, and made certain com-
munications; - from which the committee
were led to the following conclusion, to wit:
That Bro. Brunson retained monies belonging to
Bro. Pope, without his consent, about a year, at
the expiration of which time, he executed, in an
irregular, not to say dishonorable manner
a note of hand for the amount, without interest
for the time the money had been retained. It
further appeared from Bro. Pope's statement,
that Bro. Brunson endorsed Seventy-one dollars
(\$71.00) upon that obligation without his consent,
and which he (Pope,) did not consider it his

duty to pay. The committee were further
informed, that the monies, for which said
obligation was given, are still unpaid. And
also, that the supplies for the second half
of the year which terminated Bro. Pope's
labors on the mission were, not received by him,
(Bro. Pope.) " all which is respectfully
submitted

Plattville, Sept. 1, 1841

J. Clark

Report of Com.
in
A. Brauns's case.

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