

MINUTES Of the Proceedings of the New-York
State Convention of Universalists—1839

1. Met in Rochester, pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business by appointing Br. STEPHEN VAN SCHAACK, of Albany, Moderator, and Br. C. F. [Clement Fell] LE FEVRE, Clerk, and Br. PITT MORSE, Assistant Clerk.
2. Opened the Council with prayer by Br. Pitt Morse.
3. The delegates presented their credentials, and took their seats.
4. Appointed Brs. C. F. Le Fevre, Job Potter, and Nelson Doolittle, a committee of ordination.
5. Appointed Brs. M.[Moses] B. Smith, T.J.[Thomas Jefferson] Whitcomb, and Ashley Clark, a committee of correspondence.
6. Adjourned to meet immediately after the morning service.
7. Read the proceedings of the last session of this body, and accepted the same.
8. Appointed Brs. P. Morse, C. F. Le Fevre, and A. B. [Aaron Bort] Grosh, a committee to nominate delegates to represent this body in the U. S. Convention, to meet in Portland, Me., in September, 1839.
9. Adjourned to the afternoon.
10. The committee appointed at the last session of this body, to report rules and orders for conducting the business in the council of this body, reported, and the same was accepted for consideration.
11. Brs. S. Van Schaack, S. [Seth] Jones, and Job Potter were appointed a committee to designate a place for the next meeting of this body.
12. Brs. M. B. Smith, Wm. Queal, and Pitt Morse, were appointed a committee to designate the preacher of the next annual session.
13. The committee to whom was referred the appointment of a preacher for the next annual Convention sermon, reported in favor of Br. K. [Kneeland] Townsend.—Report accepted.
14. The committee for the appointment of delegates to the U. S. Convention, reported in favor of T. J. [Thomas Jefferson] Sawyer, G. W. [George Washington] Montgomery, Jacob Chase, and A. B. Grosh, ministers; and S. Van Schaack, P. [Philo] Price, H. H. Brown, Thomas Biddlecom, A. L. Wells and D. Montague, laymen, with powers to fill vacancies and appoint substitutes. Report accepted.
15. The committee appointed to designate the place of adjournment for this body, reported in favor of Utica. Accepted.
16. Adjourned till Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock.
17. Opened with prayer by Br. J. A. [Joseph Aikin] Aspinwall.
18. On motion, it was unanimously voted, that this body continue to hold its session at the usual time, (the last Wednesday and Thursday in May,) and not on the second Wednesday and Thursday in June, as proposed at the last session.

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19. The standing rules and orders for conducting business in the Council of the New-York State Convention of Universalists, were unanimously adopted.

20. Resolved, That the Standing Clerk procure 200 copies of the rules just adopted, prefaced by the Constitution of this Convention, in pamphlet form, for the use of the Convention.

21. A communication having been received from the Standing Clerk of the Pennsylvania Convention of Universalists, inclosing the letter of fellowship of Br. George Sanderson, tendering his resignation, it was Resolved, That the same be accepted.

22. The committee on ordination reported in favor of the ordination of Br. J. A. Aspinwall, during the present session. Report accepted.

23. Resolved, That this Convention will require all candidates for ordination to produce a request for the same from the standing committee on fellowship and ordination, of the Association to which he belongs, if it has such a committee; if not, from the delegates of that Association.

24. Voted, That the Minutes of this Convention be accepted, and that they be prepared for the press, and published in the Magazine and Advocate, and the Universalist Union.

25. After uniting in prayer with Br. J. T. Goodrich, adjourned to meet in Utica, on the last Wednesday and Thursday in May, 1840.

ORDER OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Wednesday morning.—Prayer, Br. K. Townsend.—Annual Sermon, Br. M. B. Smith, Eph. iv:1.

Afternoon.—Prayer, Br. T. J. Whitcomb.—Sermon, Br. D. [Dolphus] Skinner, Ps. xc:14.

Evening.—Prayer, Br. J. Potter. Sermon, Br. C. F. Le Fevre, Heb. x:23.

Thursday morning.—Prayer, Br. Stephen Miles.—Sermon, Br. A. B. Grosh, Heb. xiii:14.

Afternoon—Ordination Services.—Prayer, Br. O. [Oliver] Ackley. Sermon, Br. P. Morse, John vi:33. Ordaining Prayer, Br. S. Jones. Delivery of Scriptures and charge, Br. J. Potter. Right hand of fellowship, Br. O. [Orrin] Roberts. Addresses, Br. P. Morse.

There were services also on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, of which no minutes were taken by the Clerks.

VISITING CLERGY

J. Chase, Rochester; Wm. Andrews, Wolcott; Wm. M. DeLong, Oran; Stephen Miles, Pittsford; S. Barnes, Perry; O. Roberts, Lakeville; L. L. Spaulding, Morgansville [Morganville]; J. S. Kibbe, Clinton; O. Ackley, and L. L. Sadler, Geneva; K. Townsend, Newark; D. Skinner, Utica; W. E. Manley, Gainesville; A. [Alanson] Kelsey, Pavilion; G. W. Gage, Clinton.

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DELEGATION PRESENT

Associations	Lay Delegates	Ministerial Delegates
Allegheny	A. Adams	J. Babcock R. Thornton
Black River	J. Convis R. Fitch	P. Morse S. Jones
Cayuga Central	A. Clark	N. Brown M. B. Smith A. B. Grosh
Chautauque Chenango	A. L. Wells	T. C. Eaton J. T. Goodrich N. Doolittle
Hudson River	S. Van Schaack Calvin Townsend	
Mohawk River New-York	P. Price Wm. Howe	J. A. Aspinwall C. F. Le Fevre
Niagara Ontario	D. Kenyon	T. D. Cook T. J. Whitcomb Wm. Queal
Otsego St. Lawrence	S. Gregory N. Parmeter	J. Potter F. J. Briggs

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