

of the conference to collect funds, get agreements with creditors, etc. By selling part of the real estate belonging to them, collecting up old accounts, subscriptions, etc., the long standing and crushing debts of the Institute were provided for, and at the conference of 1850 the Academy was pronounced out of debt.

November 26 of this year, his eldest son, Bushrod Shedden, was born in West Poultney, Vt. At Conference of 1850 he was appointed to Warren Circuit, embracing the towns of Caldwell, Bolton, Warrensburg, Chester, Horicon and Athol, and Edward N. Howe was employed as his colleague. At that Conference he was elected and ordained an Elder, and presented a series of resolutions for taking Missionary Collections, which were adopted and formed the basis of the plan of the Discipline (see minutes of the Conference). At the Conference of 1851, held at North Adams, Mass., he was returned to Warren Circuit with H. H. Smith as colleague. From the seat of Conference he took a trip to Illinois on a visit to his sister, Jane J. Davis. Went by railroad to Buffalo, steamer to Detroit, rail to Michigan City, and steamer to Chicago, by canal boat to LaSelle, Ill., then by steamer down Illinois River and the Mississippi River to Alton, Ill. There he hired a horse and drove out to the home of his sister, on the open prairie near Stanton, Ill. He took a land warrant for his brother-in-law to use in paying for his farm. After a short visit he returned by stage via Springfield, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., to Dayton, O., where he took the Cincinnati and Cleveland R. R. to Lake Erie, the steamer to Buffalo, and through Lake Ontario to Ogdensburgh, thence by rail to Mooers, where wife and baby had been visiting.

At the first quarterly Conference of the year he was put in charge of Johnsbury charge, and Lathrop Burge was employed as a supply. George S. Brown, a colored man who had been