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INTRODUCTION.

This second volume of the Minutes of Conference embraces a very important period in the History of the Church. The public documents which it contains are fraught with the deepest interest to our Zion, and should be treasured up and handed down to posterity with the greatest care. The compiler has devoted much time in rearranging and consolidating the financial portions of the work, so as to include as many years as possible in the volume. That there are some errors in the accounts he is quite prepared to admit ; but not having, in every instance, the means of correction at hand, he was obliged to publish them as he found them in the printed copies.

The edition of the *first volume* of Minutes, published in 1846, is quite exhausted. Many persons would give thrice its former value to obtain it for their libraries, but being out of print it cannot be had at any price. The present volume is issued under the direction of Conference, with the assurance of that venerable body that each Minister and Preacher would take *at least three copies* ; and as the work has been undertaken principally for the accommodation of the Ministers and Official Members of the Church, and not in view of making large profits, the parties concerned will see the propriety of adhering strictly to these regulations.

The work is now offered to the public, trusting that the members of the Church, at least, will appreciate its importance, as well as the object the Conference had in view in ordering its publication.

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MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

COMMENCED IN KINGSTON, ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1846.

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QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and Ordained?*

*Answer.*—Charles Lavell, Solomon Snider,\* William Herkimer,\* David Jennings, Michael Baxter, William Morton, George Kennedy, George Young, George Carr, Matthew Connor, William Pollard.\*

\* These Brethren were previously ordained.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on trial?*

*Ans.* Abraham Sickles, Robert Lohead, John Goodfellow, Charles Taggart, Isaac B. Aylesworth, James Greener.

These have travelled THREE years.

Joseph E. Ryerson, Benjamin Jones, Erastus Hurlburt, John Howes, John W. Cawthorne, Abraham Dayman, Joseph Hill, Tomas Hannah.

These have travelled two years.

Noble F. English, Thomas Rattray, Thomas Clegborn, Rrichard Whiting,\* Nathan Axtle,\* Jonathan Loverin,\* Alexander T. Green, William Glass, Robert Robinson, Francis Chapman,\* James Armstrong.\*

These have travelled ONE year.

\* These Brethren travelled the last year under the direction of the Chairman.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

*Ans.* Abraham Carpenter, William S. Blackstock, D.



Bettys, John C. Osborne, Nelson Brown, William Cotton, George Case, William H. Poole, William M. Pattyson, David McDowell.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since last Conference?*

*Ans.* THOMAS WHITEHEAD.—He died at the house of his son, in Burford, 22nd January, 1846, aged 83 years, and in the 62nd year of his ministry. The theme of his long ministry was embodied in his last words—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men!" He was born in Dutchess County, in the Province (now State) of New York, 11th December, 1762; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in the 18th year of his age; commenced his itinerant ministry at the age of 21, under the direction of the New York Conference, and laboured about three years in the neighbourhoods of Albany and New York, when he was sent as a Missionary to the Province of Nova Scotia, and continued there and in the Province of New Brunswick about 16 years, when he returned to New York; laboured two years near Albany, and was sent by Bishop Asbury in September, 1806, to Upper Canada, where he continued to reside and labour during the last forty years of his useful life. While in Nova Scotia, he married a daughter of Israel and Elizabeth Andrews. At the time of his coming to Canada he had a family of six children; was exposed six weeks in an open boat coming from Albany to Niagara, during the greater part of which time he and his family subsisted on *boiled wheat*. He laboured two years in the Niagara District—two years in the Long Point country—travelled several years on circuits in the Prince Edward, Midland, and Johnstown Districts, when he removed again to the Long Point Circuit—superannuated and settled in Burford in the year 1815.

Mr. Whitehead's early religious convictions had been deep and strongly marked, and his experience of salvation by faith clear and undoubted. His piety was, in the words of his favorite Dr. Young, as

"An even spun thread, alike throughout,"  
fervent, deep, and experimental during the whole of his protracted Christian life. His gentlemanly deportment was but

emblematical of his gentle and affectionate piety, and his fine physical stature but the index of the noble spirit within. He possessed a well cultivated mind, which was richly stored with general knowledge. His pulpit talents were superior; and notwithstanding a slight impediment in his speech, which increased with age, he was a popular, as well as highly instructive and animated preacher. He was industrious and faithful in his public labours, as he was devout and diligent in his private readings and prayers. In all agitations and oppositions, he remained firm in his connexion and attachment with the Church in which he had found the Lord Jesus. Christ crucified was his favorite theme, and preaching his delightful employment. He loved to preach as the Discipline directs, on the occasions of Christian festivals, and preached no less than fifty-three Christmas sermons on as many Christmas days. He preached for the last time in his life on Christmas day, 1845, from Luke ii. 14. While his body, literally worn out, was gradually sinking beneath the accumulation of years and labours, the vigor of his intellect remained unimpaired—his peace perfect—his hope buoyant. His eye of luminous faith converted the darkness of death into the opening light of heaven, and transformed its gloomy valley into a highway of triumph; and while he was giving the sign of assured victory, after speech had failed, he fell asleep in Jesus—having furnished a practical commentary during a longer period than any other Clergyman in Canada, on the words of his favorite hymn, with which he was accustomed, for many years, almost invariably to commence public service:

“ His only righteousness I show,  
His saving truth proclaim:  
'Tis all my business here below  
To cry “ Behold the Lamb !”

Happy if with my latest breath  
I may but gasp His name;  
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,  
‘ Behold, behold the Lamb ?”

After the example of the Redeemer himself and his holy Apostles, Mr. Whitehead, with his ministerial brethren, was, for many years, maligned and persecuted as an *American* Preacher—as not well affected to the Government of his

birth and choice; but he as well as his fellow-labourers, have long since lived out this calumny; and his mortal remains were followed to the grave by the largest concourse of people, of all ranks and denominations, which was ever witnessed in Burford on any similar occasion.

It may be added in this place, that those self-sacrificing Preachers who, like Mr. Whitehead, came into this country at an early period, came here, not because of their aversion to the British Government, but because of their preference for it, and because of their willingness to endure any privations and labours in order to preach to the then destitute inhabitants of Canada, the unsearchable riches of Christ. Volunteer Preachers for the then distant and wilderness Canada, were called for in the Conferences of the New American Republic, when those who, from hereditary attachment, or from disappointment at the working of the new American Institutions, and from a noble spirit of Christian enterprise to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, offered themselves as laborers in Canada. To them the people of Canada are deeply indebted. Their souls were then cared for by no other class of men. Those venerable men have nearly all gone to their reward; and, like Mr. Whitehead, have died in the faith of the Gospel, which they had labored and suffered so much to preach. It remains for the living Ministers of the Church to serve the present generation as faithfully and as efficiently as their predecessors served the last generation.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. None.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. Moses Blackstock, Daniel McMullen, John Beatty, John Culham, Gilbert Miller, Franklin Metcalf.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Ans. Andrew Prindle, George Ferguson, David Youmans, James Wilson, Wyatt Chamberlain,\* William Brown,\* Thomas Harmon, Ezra Healy, David Wright.

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\* These have no claim on the Funds raised to support the Superannuated Ministers.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

THOMAS BEVITT, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON BIGGAR, SECRETARY.

### I.—LONDON DISTRICT.

1. *London*—Charles Lavel.
2. *London Circuit*—Cornelius Flummerfelt, William Dignam.
3. *Woodstock*—Matthias Holtby, George Kennedy.
4. *Chatham*—William Willoughby, N. Axtell.
5. *Gosfield and Tilbury*—David Hardie. One to be sent.
6. *Sydenham and Walpole Island*—John Williams.
7. *St. Thomas*—Samuel C. Philp, Alexander Green; Thos. Harmon, superannuated.
8. *Warwick*—Robert Corson, Thomas Williams.
9. *Muncy Mission*—Solomon Waldron, Abraham Sickles.
10. *Brantford*—Edwy M. Ryerson, Richard Whiting.
11. *Simcoe*—Kennedy Creighton, F. Chapman.
12. *Norwich*—Solomon Snider.
13. *Malahide*—Thomas Jeffers.
14. *Saugeeng*—J. K. Williston.
15. *Huron Mission*—One to be sent.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

### II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

16. *Hamilton*—William Pollard, Thomas Rattray; D. C. VanNorman, M. A., Principal Ladies' Academy; Andrew Prindel, Superannuated.
17. *Dundas*—Wellington Jeffers, J. E. Ryerson.
18. *Dumfries*—John Law, Joseph Sheply.
19. *Nelson*—James Spencer, Peter Ker; George Ferguson, Superannuated.
20. *Grimsby*—Matthew Whiting, Thomas Demorest.

- 21. *St. Catharines*—Lewis Warner, George Young.
- 22. *Stamford*—Ruben E. Tupper, Ephraim B. Harper.  
N.B. Brother Harper to take charge of Niagara.
- 23. *Georgetown*—William Philp.
- 24. *Guelph*—Thomas Casford. One to be sent.
- 25. *Grand River*—Rowley Heyland, Samuel Brownell.
- 26. *York*—Sylvester Hurlburt, John Goodfellow.
- 26. *Chippewa*—Luther O. Rice.

JOHN RYERSON, *Chairman.*

### III. TORONTO DISTRICT.

- 28. *Toronto City*—John Carroll, Noble F. English; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; Geo. R. Sanderson, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D. D., who, by permission of Conference, is Superintendent of Education for Canada West.
- 29. *Yonge Street*—Samuel Rose, George Carr.
- 30. *Humber*—Charles W. M. Gilbert, William Glass; John Culham, Supernumerary.
- 31. *Toronto Circuit*—George Poole, James Hutchinson; James Wilson, Superannuated.
- 32. *Oshawa*—William Price.
- 33. *Bowmanville*—Alvah Adams.
- 34. *Markham*—Ezra Adams, D. Bettys; David Youmans, David Wright, Superannuated.
- 35. *Newmarket and Snake Island*—John Baxter, John W. Cawthorne.
- 36. *Bradford*—William Coleman, Benjamin Jones.
- 37. *Mono and Nottawasaga*—One to be sent, W. S. Blackstock.
- 38. *Barrie*—William Graham. One to be sent.
- 39. *Credit*—Samuel Belton; Peter Jones, who will devote his time to establishing the Manual Labour School for Indian Children.
- 40. *Rama*—Horace Dean.
- 41. *St. Vincent*—Daniel Wright.
- 42. *Brock*—William Young, one to be sent; Gilbert Miller, Supernumerary.

43. *Owen's Sound and Arthurs*—D. Jennings, John Neelands  
N. B.—Brother Neelands will pay particular attention to the  
New Settlements between Owen's Sound and the Queen's Bush.  
44. *French River*—William Herkimer,

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

#### IV. COBOURG DISTRICT.

45. *Cobourg*—Jonathan Scott, Alexander McNab A. M.,  
Professor; Hamilton Biggar, Steward and Treasurer;  
John Beatty, Supernumerary; William Cotton, W. Ames,  
Students.  
46. *Hallowell*—Ashael Hurlburt. One to be sent.  
47. *Napanee*—George Goodson, John Sanderson.  
48. *Consecon*—William McFadden, Abraham Dayman; Dan.  
McMullen, Supernumerary.  
49. *Colborne*—Robert Darlington, Nelson Brown.  
50. *Belleville and Shannonville*—Isaac B. Howard, George F.  
Playter.  
51. *Sidney*—Cyrus R. Allison, J. C. Osborne.  
52. *Port Hope*—John Gemley. One wanted.  
53. *Peterborough*—William McCullough, Thomas Cleghorn;  
Moses Blackstock, Supernumerary.  
54. *Norwood*—Richard Phelps. One to be sent.  
55. *Demorestville*—Isaac B. Aylesworth.  
56. *Cartwright*—Robert Lohead.  
57. *Marmora*—Stephen Miles.  
58. *Sheffield*—George Beynon.  
59. *Schoogog*—George B. Butcher.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

#### V. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

60. *Kingston*—Edmund Shepherd.  
61. *Waterloo*—William Haw, Vincent B. Howard.  
62. *Bath*—John Black, Joseph Hill.  
63. *Gnanaquo*—Ozias Barber.  
64. *Elizabethtown*—Michael Fawcett. One to be sent. Wyatt  
Chamberlain, Superannuated.  
65. *Brockville*—Conrad Vandusen.

- 66. *Prescott*—Joseph Messmore.
- 67. *Augusta*—Joseph W. McCollum; Ezra Healy, Superannuated.
- 68. *Smith's Falls*—William H. Williams, W. H. Poole; William Brown, Superannuated.
- 69. *Newborough*—Matthew Connor.
- 70. *Matilda*—John Lever, James Armstrong.
- 71. *Cornwall*—Simon Huntington, George Case.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

#### VI. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 72. *Bytown*—Lachlin Taylor, Jonathan Loverin.
- 73. *Perth and Sherbrooke*—David B. Madden, Erastus Hurlbart.
- 74. *Mississippi*—James Hughes, Robert Robinson.
- 75. *Osgoode*—John Armstrong.
- 76. *Richmond*—Benjamin Nankeville, David McDowell.
- 77. *St. Andrews*—Michael Baxter, Charles Taggart.
- 78. *L'Original*—Joseph Reynolds, Thomas Hanna; Franklin Metcalf, Supernumerary.
- 79. *Buckingham*—John Tuke.
- 80. *Hull*—Francis Coleman.
- 81. *Gatineau*—William Morton.
- 82. *Clarendon*—James Greener.
- 83. *Pembroke*—Henry Shaler, William Pattysen.
- 84. *Onslow*—John Howes.
- 85. *Kemptville*—James Elliott.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

Daniel Berney, left without a station at his own request. •

Samuel P. La Dow received a letter of recommendation to one of the Conferences of the M. E. Church in the United States.

Ques. XI., XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuated Ministers' and for the Contingent Funds?*

## ANSWER.

| CIRCUITS.                         | Members | Superannuated<br>Ministers' Fund | Collec'd to make<br>up deficiencies. |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| London.....                       | 80      | £1 6 3                           | £1 13 5½                             |
| London Circuit.....               | 582     | 2 1 9½                           | 2 15 1½                              |
| Woodstock.....                    | 249     | 1 15 7½                          | 3 14 9                               |
| Chatham.....                      | 353     | 1 10 0                           | 3 15 0                               |
| Howard.....                       | 139     | 0 4 3½                           | 0 7 9                                |
| Gosfield.....                     | 314     | 2 12 3                           | 2 5 2½                               |
| St. Thomas.....                   | 222     | 1 0 0                            | 3 1 1                                |
| Warwick.....                      | 200     |                                  | 0 7 0                                |
| Muncey.....                       | 6       |                                  |                                      |
| do. Indians.....                  | 203     | 1 5 0                            |                                      |
| Brantford.....                    | 393     | 1 18 9                           | 2 10 0                               |
| Simcoe.....                       | 425     | 2 10 0                           | 5 5 0                                |
| Norwich.....                      | 130     | 1 8 9                            | 2 5 0                                |
| Malabide.....                     | 277     | 0 9 4½                           |                                      |
| Saugeeng.....                     |         |                                  |                                      |
| do. Indians.....                  | 116     |                                  |                                      |
| Hamilton.....                     | 326     | 8 3 9½                           | 7 15 0                               |
| Dundas.....                       | 374     | 6 0 0                            | 6 0 0                                |
| Guelph.....                       | 155     | 2 5 6                            | 2 3 9                                |
| Stamford.....                     | 232     | 6 11 4                           | 6 1 8                                |
| St. Catharines.....               | 312     | 10 0 5                           | 7 0 8                                |
| Grimsby.....                      | 432     | 3 0 0                            | 5 0 0                                |
| Dumfries.....                     | 457     | 5 5 6                            | 6 14 6                               |
| Nelson.....                       | 500     | 8 15 0                           | 8 0 0                                |
| Georgetown.....                   | 153     | 0 15 0                           | 2 5 11                               |
| York.....                         | 138     | 3 10 7½                          | 4 18 0                               |
| Grand River.....                  | 163     | 2 1 0                            | 3 15 2                               |
| Chippewa.....                     | 107     | 3 13 8                           | 2 11 8½                              |
| Toronto City.....                 | 379     | 7 0 0                            | 8 10 0                               |
| Yonge Street.....                 | 420     | 6 2 6                            | 7 12 9                               |
| Newmarket and Snake Island.....   | 327     | 2 2 6                            | 4 10 4                               |
| do. do. Indians.....              | 60      |                                  |                                      |
| Albion.....                       | 367     | 4 10 0                           | 7 8 4                                |
| Markham.....                      | 315     | 2 3 2                            | 5 15 1½                              |
| Toronto Circuit.....              | 501     | 5 10 6                           | 7 0 5½                               |
| Credit.....                       | 43      |                                  |                                      |
| do. Indians.....                  | 98      | 1 2 6                            | 1 2 6                                |
| St. Vincent and Owen's Sound..... | 152     | 0 10 0                           | 0 11 6                               |
| do. do. Indians.....              | 44      |                                  |                                      |
| Whitby.....                       | 248     | 2 11 0                           | 3 0 7½                               |
| Barrie.....                       | 200     | 1 0 0                            | 1 8 5                                |
| Mono.....                         | 207     | 0 15 0                           |                                      |
| Humber.....                       | 152     | 1 16 6                           | 2 15 0                               |
| Darlington.....                   | 235     | 2 1 3                            | 2 1 3                                |
| Raua.....                         | 2       |                                  |                                      |
| do. Indians.....                  | 124     | 1 7 6                            | 1 7 2                                |
| Cobourg.....                      | 292     | 3 1 3                            | 4 7 6                                |
| Port Hope.....                    | 317     | 2 15 4                           | 6 7 6                                |
| Peterborough.....                 | 457     | 5 1 3                            | 5 1 7                                |
| do. Indians.....                  | 17      |                                  |                                      |
| Cartwright and Manvers.....       | 191     |                                  |                                      |
| do. do. Indians.....              | 40      | 0 5 0                            | 1 0 8½                               |



| CIRCUITS.                                                   | Members. | Superannuated<br>Ministers' Fund | to be'd to make<br>up deficiencies. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Colborne .....                                              | 367      | £2 10 0                          | 24 0 0                              |
| Consecon .....                                              | 385      | 3 5 7½                           | 3 17 6                              |
| Belleville .....                                            | 198      | 1 17 6                           | 2 7 6                               |
| Schoes .....                                                | 355      | 2 6 3                            | 4 1 4½                              |
| Marathon .....                                              | 117      | 1 4 3                            | 2 3 0½                              |
| Hallowell .....                                             | 511      | 5 5 0                            | 4 0 5                               |
| Napier .....                                                | 512      | 5 0 1                            | 3 10 0                              |
| Superior Colours District .....                             |          | 0 6 0                            |                                     |
| Sheffield .....                                             | 96       | 0 1 6                            | 1 0 7½                              |
| Brock .....                                                 | 174      | 1 15 0                           |                                     |
| Norwood .....                                               | 256      |                                  | 3 3 9                               |
| Demorestville .....                                         | 195      | 1 10 11                          | 2 1 10                              |
| Kingston .....                                              | 330      | 4 18 0                           | 20 0 0                              |
| Bath .....                                                  | 270      | 1 2 6                            | 2 11 3                              |
| Waterloo .....                                              | 511      | 2 13 9                           | 5 2 8                               |
| Guelph .....                                                | 83       | 1 0 0                            | 1 5 0                               |
| Brookville .....                                            | 122      | 1 12 2                           | 2 16 3                              |
| Elizabethtown .....                                         | 419      | 2 18 5                           | 3 10 2½                             |
| Crosby .....                                                | 218      | 0 12 6                           | 1 18 1½                             |
| Prescott .....                                              | 91       | 5 0 0                            | 2 16 6                              |
| Matilda .....                                               | 419      | 3 0 0                            | 3 3 0                               |
| Cornwall .....                                              | 275      | 0 15 0                           | 1 10 0                              |
| Rideau .....                                                | 33       | 1 10 6                           | 2 14 8                              |
| Angus .....                                                 | 319      | 3 15 10                          | 1 17 9                              |
| West Island .....                                           | 10       |                                  |                                     |
| Bytown .....                                                | 101      | 2 10 0                           | 3 0 0                               |
| Perth and Sherbrooke .....                                  | 287      | 1 3 5                            | 3 4 8½                              |
| Mississippi .....                                           | 347      | 0 16 10½                         | 3 6 2½                              |
| Osgoode .....                                               | 172      | 0 11 10                          | 1 10 2                              |
| Richmond .....                                              | 550      | 1 17 10                          | 3 3 1½                              |
| St. Andrews .....                                           | 279      | 0 15 0                           | 1 17 7½                             |
| London .....                                                | 252      | 0 15 9                           | 1 18 0                              |
| Buckingham .....                                            | 85       | 0 10 0                           | 1 0 0                               |
| Hull .....                                                  | 111      | 1 9 0                            | 1 5 3                               |
| Clarendon .....                                             | 224      |                                  | 2 18 0                              |
| Pembroke .....                                              | 58       | 2 0 5½                           | 2 14 8½                             |
| Kemptville .....                                            | 347      | 2 6 3                            | 2 10 0                              |
| Totals .....                                                | 21557    | £198 19 0½                       | £299 11 10                          |
| Annual Subscriptions of Frenchists .....                    |          | 145 15 0                         |                                     |
| Amount from various Circuits .....                          |          | 198 19 0½                        |                                     |
| Interest on Centenary money invested in the Book Room ..... |          | 98 10 1                          |                                     |
| Collection at Conference .....                              |          | 5 15 6                           |                                     |
| Missionary Appropriation .....                              |          |                                  | 50 0 0                              |
| Appropriation from Book Room .....                          |          |                                  | 50 0 0                              |
| Total .....                                                 |          | 448 19 7                         | £99 11 10                           |

Quest. XIV. *How has the Superannuation Money been Expended?*

Answer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                      |      |    |    |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Rev. Andrew Priodel.....                          | £25  | 0  | 0  |
| “ James Wilson.....                                  | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| “ David Youmans.....                                 | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| “ George Ferguson.....                               | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| “ Franklin Metcalf.....                              | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| “ Ezra Healy.....                                    | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| To the late Rev. Thos. Whitehead.....                | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| To Rev. W. Young.....                                | 50   | 0  | 0  |
| “ “ for family affliction.....                       | 4    | 0  | 0  |
| “ Thos. McMullen.....                                | 12   | 10 | 0  |
| To Mrs. Slater.....                                  | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| For Board and Tuition of Mrs. Slater's Daughter..... | 24   | 12 | 0½ |
| To Mrs. Madden.....                                  | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| Book Room Account, as per Bill.....                  | 6    | 3  | 1  |
| Expenses at the Conference.....                      | 0    | 14 | 6  |
|                                                      | £447 | 19 | 7½ |

Quest. XV. *How has the Contingent Fund Money been Expended?*

Ans. 1. In cases of Affliction, and other Expenses.

|                                                                                         |     |    |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Rev. E. M. Ryerson's moving expenses to London, taken from the surplus at Kingston..... | £20 | 0  | 0 |
| “ E. M. Ryerson.....                                                                    | 12  | 5  | 0 |
| “ A. Adams.....                                                                         | 12  | 10 | 0 |
| “ R. Darlington.....                                                                    | 8   | 15 | 0 |
| “ R. Phelps.....                                                                        | 2   | 0  | 0 |
| “ C. R. Allison.....                                                                    | 12  | 10 | 0 |
| “ J. Hughes.....                                                                        | 2   | 10 | 0 |
| “ W. Haw.....                                                                           | 2   | 2  | 3 |
| To the Widow of the late Samuel Heck.....                                               | 12  | 10 | 0 |

Ans. To aid deficient Circuits.

|                      |      |    |    |
|----------------------|------|----|----|
| London Station.....  | £10  | 0  | 6  |
| Chatham.....         | 9    | 10 | 6  |
| Howard.....          | 18   | 10 | 6  |
| St. Thomas.....      | 13   | 10 | 6  |
| Simcoe.....          | 15   | 10 | 6  |
| Norwich.....         | 13   | 10 | 6  |
| Stamford.....        | 22   | 10 | 6  |
| Georgetown.....      | 3    | 2  | 6  |
| Chippewa.....        | 19   | 2  | 6  |
| Nelson.....          | 5    | 10 | 6  |
| Waterloo.....        | 10   | 6  | 6  |
| Brockville.....      | 13   | 18 | 6  |
| Prescott.....        | 9    | 18 | 6  |
| Crosby.....          | 13   | 10 | 6  |
| Dumfries.....        | £5   | 10 | 6  |
| Toronto City.....    | 19   | 10 | 6  |
| Humber.....          | 9    | 10 | 6  |
| Toronto Circuit..... | 9    | 10 | 6  |
| Whitby.....          | 12   | 0  | 6  |
| Darlington.....      | 7    | 0  | 6  |
| Markham.....         | 14   | 6  | 6  |
| Colborne.....        | 9    | 10 | 6  |
| Belleville.....      | 5    | 6  | 6  |
| Demorestville.....   | 11   | 2  | 6  |
| Matilda.....         | 17   | 10 | 6  |
| Osgoode.....         | 13   | 19 | 1  |
| Kemptville.....      | 3    | 0  | 0  |
|                      | £399 | 11 | 10 |

Quest. XVI. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendent of the Toronto City, Chair-

man of Toronto District, Dr. Ryerson, Superintendent of Yonge Street Circuit, J. R. Armstrong, James Hodgson, Robert James, George Walker, Peter Lawrence, Esq., and E. C. Benns.

Book Steward, *Treasurer*.

Editor of Christian Guardian, *Cor. Secretary*.

Mr. S. S. Junkin, *Recording Secretary*.

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairmen of Hamilton and Toronto Districts, Book Steward, Editor of the Guardian, Ministers residing in Toronto; and the Superintendents of Yonge Street, Markham, Humber, Toronto, Nelson, Hamilton, and Credit Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:—The President and Secretary of the Conference; Chairmen of Toronto, Hamilton, Cobourg, and Kingston Districts; Book Steward, and Editor; Superintendents of Toronto City, Yonge Street, Newmarket, Nelson, Toronto, Hamilton, Stamford, and St. Catharines Circuits, and the Credit Mission.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—The Chairmen of Districts, and one member appointed by each District Meeting: together with the following laymen: J. R. Armstrong, R. James, J. Hodgson, G. Walker, and W. Snider.

5. CHURCH RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE.—The President and Secretary of the Conference; the Chairman of the Toronto District, Book Steward, Superintendent of Toronto City, J. R. Armstrong, James Hodgson, R. James, — Jack-son, and E. C. Benns.

Quest. XVII.—*What can we further do to promote the prosperity and permanency of the work of God in our Societies?*

After prayerful and serious deliberation on this important question, the Conferences unanimously adopted the following Resolutions:—

1. We on this solemn occasion devote ourselves afresh to God, and resolve, in humble dependence on his grace, to be more than ever attentive to personal religion and to the Christian instruction and government of our families.

2. Let us endeavour, in our public ministry, to preach constantly all those leading and vital doctrines of the Gospel which particularly distinguished the original Methodist Preachers whose labours were so signally blessed by the Lord, and to preach them in our primitive method evangelically, experimentally, zealously, and with great plainness of speech.

3. Let us consecrate ourselves fully and entirely to our proper work, as servants of Christ,—giving ourselves wholly to it, both in public and private, and guarding against all occupations of our time and thoughts which have no direct connexion with our great calling, and which would injuriously divert our attention from the momentous task of saving souls, and taking care of the flock of Christ.

4. Let us covet earnestly the best gifts to qualify us for an acceptable and useful ministry—let us seek them in prayer from Him who is the Father of Lights and Fountains of Wisdom—let us stir up and improve by diligent cultivation the gift that is in us, and strive in every way to be “workmen that need not be to ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;” taking care, however, that whatever qualifications we acquire, our Ministry shall, at least, by the Divine blessing, always be characterised by sound evangelical doctrine, and by the spirit of tender affection and becoming zeal.

5. Let us frequently read and carefully study the duty of a Preacher and Pastor, written in the 7th section of the first chapter of our Discipline.

6. Let us try in every circuit to open new places for preaching,—let us try again places which have not been recently visited—let us be increasingly attentive to the supply and superintendence of all places already on the plan,—let us not be satisfied till every house and neighbourhood shall be blessed, as far as we possibly can accomplish it, with the means of grace and salvation,—in a word, let every Methodist Preacher consider himself a Missionary, whose business it is to enlarge and extend, as well as keep the Circuit to which he is appointed,

7. Let us speak plainly and pointedly in every place, both in meetings of the Society, and in our Sermons, on the duty and advantages of Christian Communion, and exhort all who

are seeking salvation, to avail themselves without delay of the help of the more private means of grace.

8. Let us encourage Public Prayer Meetings. We recommend to the Preachers, in all cases where it is practicable, the establishment and superintendence of Prayer Meetings in private houses as being calculated not only to call into exercise the gifts of our people, and to promote their religious improvement, but also to awaken others to the concerns of their souls, as well as to obtain the special blessing of God upon the Ministry of his Word.

9. Let us, wherever we have access and opportunity, be diligent in pastoral visits to our people at their own houses; especially to the sick, the careless and the lukewarm.

10. But as such private visits must, in many cases, from our plan of continual Itinerancy, and from the number of members in our Societies, be greatly limited, let us endeavour so to arrange, in our several circuits, the plans for the quarterly visitation of the classes as to allow full time for a minute examination into the Christian knowledge, experience and practice of the members, and for pastoral enquiries, instructions, and counsels, respecting personal and family religion.

11. Let us regularly meet the class-leaders, and examine their class-papers, in town and country,—and do all we can to engage both them and our respected brethren, the Local Preachers, to co-operate with us, in their respective departments, in promoting vital godliness among our people and extending the work of the Lord.

12. As much depends, under the blessing of God, on the piety, knowledge, and Christian temper of our Leaders, as well as on their firm attachment to the doctrines, discipline and cause of Methodism,—let us never nominate a new Leader until we have conscientiously satisfied ourselves, by previous enquiry and personal examination, as to his character and qualifications.

13. Let us affectionately, but firmly enforce on the Leaders, as an essential article of our pastoral discipline, and one which in consequence of our own constant Itinerancy cannot

be dispensed with, the rule of the Society in which it is stated to be the duty of a Leader to see each member of his class once a week.

14. Let us pay particular attention to backsliders, and endeavor, in the spirit of meekness, to restore them that have been overtaken in a fault,—and by private efforts as well as by our public ministrations, to recover the fallen out of the snare of the *Devil*.

15. Let us afresh enforce on all our people a conscientious attendance on the Lord's Supper.

16. We also resolve that there shall be a regular observance of the quarterly fasts on all our circuits, as directed in our Discipline; on which occasions Public Prayer Meetings shall be held in all our Societies, at those hours which may be deemed most convenient for the attendance of our people.

17. Let us earnestly exhort all our Societies to make the best and most religious use of the rest and leisure of the Lord's Day—Let us admonish any who shall be found to neglect our public worship under the pretence of visiting the sick, or other similar engagements,—let us show to our people the evil of desecrating those portions of the Sabbath which are not spent in public worship, by visiting, or receiving company, to the neglect of private prayer, of the perusal of the Scriptures and of family duties,—and let ourselves “be living epistles” to enforce the Divine command, “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”

18. In conducting our Leader's and Quarterly Meetings, and in all other official business among us, let us affectionately and steadily discountenance the spirit of strife and debate, and promote in the management of all affairs, both by advice and example, the temper and manner of men who are acting for God in the service of his Church. Let the introduction of useless and irritating discussion, not legitimately connected with the proper business of such meetings, be prudently repressed—let us remember that in a large body the only way to live in peace and comfort is to *walk by rule*, and to use the language of Mr. Wesley, not to mend our rules, but to keep them for conscience sake. And while we cheerfully and stea-

dily protect all our members in meetings in which we preside, in the exercise of such functions as belong to them according to known laws and general usages, let us not forget that we are under solemn obligations to conduct ourselves on such occasions, not as the mere chairmen of public meetings, but as the pastors of Christian Societies, put in trust by the ordinance of God, and by their own voluntary association with us, and with the scriptural superintendence of their spiritual affairs, and responsible to the great Head of the Church for the faithful discharge of the duties of that trust.

19. Every Superintendent is requested to leave for his successor a circuit book, which shall not only contain a list of the official members, and of the annual subscribers to our several Funds, &c., but especially an exact list of the names of all members in his circuit,—arranged in their several classes and societies as found at the last quarterly meeting of the year.

20. As we are deeply sensible that the great thing to be desired in order to a revival and extension of the work of God without which no resolutions, or labours, or regulations will avail, is a new and more abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit on ourselves, on our societies, and on our congregations,—we solemnly agree to seek that blessing in humble and earnest prayer. And we hereby appoint that the last Friday in July, being July the 31st, shall be observed in all our circuits as a day of special fasting and prayer to Almighty God. Let meetings for public supplication be held in as many places as possible in every circuit, and let the preachers speak largely and particularly on the subject in their sermons on the preceding Lord's Day.

21. The various articles included in this Minutes shall be read by every Chairman at the regular Annual Meeting of his District and shall then be made the subject of serious conversation among the Brethren with a view to their particular bearing on the spiritual state and circumstances of each District respectively.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Conference records its approbation and sense of the judicious and efficient labors of the Rev. H. Wilkinson, President of the Conference during the year now closed; and expresses its earnest prayer for his continued health and success in the services of the Church.

*Resolved*, that the Rev. H. Wilkinson, Ex-President be requested to furnish for publication, a copy of the admirable Sermon preached before the Conference, on the ordination of the young men, on Sabbath, the 7th inst.

*Resolved*, That the cordial and sincere thanks of this Conference be given to the Rev. Anson Green, Book Steward, for the able and efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of the Book Establishment.

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to our beloved Indian brother, Peter Jones, for his laborious and successful exertions in England and Scotland, in soliciting subscriptions for the Establishing and Maintenance of Indian Manual Labour Schools in Western Canada; we desire also to express our most grateful acknowledgements to all persons in England and Scotland, who contributed to the important objects of his mission; and especially to those gentlemen who aided him by their letters of introduction and personal recommendation. We beg also in a very special manner to offer our sincere thanks to John Dunlop, Esq., of Edinburgh, for his assistance to brother Jones, and for his generous offer to pay £50 annually, for three years, for the Education one of the Indian youths for the Medical Profession.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. John Ryerson and Anson Green be the Representatives of this Conference to the Evangelical Alliance, to meet in London, in the month of August next.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to send a Deputation from this Conference to the British Conference, at its next annual Session, with proposals to settle the differences between us, on the plan of North America Conferences.



under God of our beloved Methodism—as the spiritual parent of many of us and our people.

The unhappy divisions which have for several years existed in this country between the two legitimate branches of the Wesleyan family have again engaged our Conference deliberations; and in reply to the resolution of your last Conference, we have determined to send a deputation to you, with a view to the termination of these unmethodistic and unchristian differences, and in the hope of consolidating Wesleyan Methodism in British North America in one great religious community. For this purpose we have selected as our Representatives, our esteemed and beloved brethren, the Rev. John Ryerson and the Rev. Anson Green—brethren in whose piety, judgment, and experience we have the utmost confidence; and to whom we confide the important mission of peace and methodist unity, and whom we commend to your kind attention and confidence.

Though there has been a numerical decrease in our Societies during the last year, yet we rejoice to be able to say, there has been considerable increase in our Missionary and in all our connexional Funds.

We deeply regret the discussion of former differences between the two bodies, which has arisen in this country during the last few months. Such discussions cannot be more strongly disapproved of by you, than they are deprecated by us and our people generally. It is our earnest desire and determination to put an end to such unseemly and injurious discussions, and to cultivate a spirit of Christian forbearance and brotherly kindness.

On no former occasion have we experienced a more harmonious and spiritual session of Conference than the present. We go forth in our appointed fields of labour as men of one work—with one heart and one soul, resolving to know nothing but Jesus Christ, and him crucified; and to spread by life, preaching, and conversation, scriptural holiness throughout the land.

For every information respecting our institutions and affairs, we refer you to our respected and beloved Representatives.

Our fervent and continued prayer is: that the God of wisdom may guide you in all your deliberations—that the God of Grace may prosper your extended labours—and that the

God of peace may make Wesleyan-Methodists one people in Canada, as well as in other parts of the British dominions!

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled at Kingston, this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

THOMAS BEVITT, *President.*

HAMILTON BIGGAR, *Secretary.*

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### ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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*To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honourable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, K. C. B., Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ·

We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in Conference, gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by our present Annual Meeting, to offer to Your Excellency our most respectful and cordial congratulations on your assumption of the Government of United Canada, and to express our grateful satisfaction to witness the assurances of Your Excellency's gracious intentions to administer the Government for the equal benefit of all classes of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects.

To the Throne, and Constitution under which it is our happiness to live, we beg to express our devoted affection. To "fear God and honour the Queen" is obligatory on every British subject; and it will continue to be, as it has heretofore been, our aim and employment to inculcate these important duties upon the more than eight hundred congregations under our pastoral care, who yield to no class of Her Majesty's subjects in sentiments and feelings of loyalty to Her Majesty's Royal Person and Government, as they have evinced on all occasions of trial and emergency.

For the better education of our ministry, the youth of our

congregations, and our own children, we have, by very great exertions, established a School and College, which we hope will receive that countenance and support from Your Excellency which is essential to the accomplishment of the varied and noble objects for which it was established.

We beg to express our most cordial wishes for the health and happiness of Your Excellency and family; and we earnestly implore the Supreme Disposer of events to direct Your Excellency in the adoption of such measures, and such an administration of the duties of your high and important trust, as will prove alike honourable and gratifying to your Excellency, and beneficial to the best religious and general interests of this noble and flourishing portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in Conference, this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, at Kingston.

THOMAS BEVITT, *President.*

HAMILTON BIGGAR, *Secretary.*

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#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

REVEREND SIRS,—I receive with much pleasure your congratulations on my assumption of the Government of this Province; which I shall endeavour to administer for the benefit of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

The expression of your loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and the assurances of your anxiety to secure to the youth of your Congregations the blessings of Education, have afforded me much satisfaction.

I beg you will accept of my warmest thanks for your kind wishes for myself and family; and I cordially unite with you in praying that I may be enabled, by the Almighty, to adopt such measures as may be beneficial to the best religious and general interests of this noble Province.

*Montreal, 26th June, 1846.*

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Canada Conference.

COMMENCED IN TORONTO, ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1847.

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### QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?*

*Answer*,—Abraham W. Sickles, John Goodfellow, William Ames, N. F. English, Robert Lockhead, Charles Taggart, James Greener,\* Isaac B. Aylesworth,\* John Bredin, William Andrews, John Gundy, Samuel Fear.

\* These brethren were previously ordained for special purposes

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on trial?*

*Ans.* Joseph E. Ryerson, John W. Cawthorne, Wm. Graham, Abraham Dayman, Joseph Hill, Erastus Hurlburt, John Howes, Thomas Hannah, John Hunt, Charles Turver.

These have travelled THREE years.

Richard Whiting, Nathan G. Axtell, Francis Chapman, Alexander T. Green, Thomas Rattray, William Glass, Thomas Cleghorn, James Armstrong, Jonathan Loverin, Robert Robinson, David Clappison.

These have travelled two years.

Nelson Brown, William S. Blackstock, William H. Poole, George Case, David McDowell, William M. Pattysen, John C. Osborne, Abraham Carpenter, James C. Slater, James Grey,\* John Webster,\* Alexander Campbell.\*

These have travelled ONE year.

\* These Brethren travelled the last year under the direction of the Chairman.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial.*

Answer. Henry Trickey, William McGill, Samuel S. Nelles, A. B.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since last Conference?*

Ans. None.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. George B. Butcher, on account of ill health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. J. Neelands, John Culham, John Beatty, Matthias Holtby, Moses Blackstock, Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Franklin Metcalf, Henry Byers.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers.*

Ans. James Wilson, David Youmans, Samuel Belton, George Poole, Andrew Prindel, George Ferguson, Thomas Harmon, David Wright, Ezra Healy, William Brown,\* Wyatt Chamberlain.\*

\* These have no claim on the Funds.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

R. ALDER, D.D., *President of the Conference.*

MATTHEW RICHEY, A.M., *Co-Delegate.*

J. MUSGROVE, *Secretary of the Conference.*

ENOCH WOOD, *Superintendent of Missions.*

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

1. *London*—Edmund Botterell, John Goodfellow.
2. *London Circuit*—William Pollard, Francis Chapman; Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.
3. *Brantford*—Edwy M. Ryerson, John Gundy, Alexander T. Green; George Poole, Superannuated.
4. *Woodstock*—Thomas Fawcett, John W. Cawthorne.

5. *Gosfield & Amherstburg*—Richard Phelps, Samuel Fear.
6. *Simcoe*—James Booth, James Grey.
7. *St. Thomas*—Samuel C. Philp, Richard Whiting; Thos. Harmon, Supernumerary.
8. *Chatham*—Edward Sallows, John Webster.
9. *Norwich*—Solomon Snider.
10. *Saugeeng*—John K. Williston.
11. *Goderich*—George Kennedy, Thomas Williams.
12. *Sarnia and St. Clair*—William Scott, Nathan C. Axtell.
13. *Adelaide*—Robert Corson. One to be sent.
14. *Wardsville*—Solomon Waldron.
15. *Muncey*—Peter Jones, whose attention will be specially directed to the Industrial School, Abraham W. Sickles. One to be sent.
16. *Sydenham*—Joseph Williams.
17. *Malahide*—Joseph Shepley.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

## II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

18. *Hamilton*—John Douse, Thomas Rattray; D. C. Van-Norman, A.M., Principal of Ladies' Academy; A. Prindell, Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
19. *Dundas*—Samuel Rose, Kennedy Creighton.
20. *Dumfries*—Matthew Whiting, Thomas Jeffers.
21. *Nelson*—William Willoughby, James Spencer; George Ferguson, Superannuated.
22. *Grimsby*—Silvester Hurlburt, Wellington Jeffers.
23. *St. Catherine's*—John Law, Lachlin Taylor.
24. *Stamford*—Reuben E. Tupper. E. B. Harper (who is to have special charge of Niagara.)
25. *Georgetown*—William Philp.
26. *Guelph*—John Bredin, John Hunt.
27. *Grand River*—Rowley Heyley, Ozias Barber.
28. *York*—Thomas Demorest, Thomas Cosford.
29. *Chippewa*—Luther O. Rice, Stephen Brownell.
30. *Stratford and Peel*—William Dignam, Charles Sylvester.

JOHN RYERSON, *Chairman*.

## III. TORONTO DISTRICT.

31. *Toronto City West*—Ephraim Evans, S. D. Rice.
32. *Toronto City East*—John Carroll, Joseph E. Ryerson; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; George R. Sanderson, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools by permission of the Conference.
33. *Yonge Street*—Lewis Warner, George Carr.
34. *Humber*—John Baxter, W. S. Blackstock; J. Culham, Supernumerary.
35. *Toronto Circuit*—Peter Ker, William Steer; James Wilson, Superannuated; M. Holtby, Supernumerary.
36. *Oshawa*—William Price, David Clappison.
37. *Murkham*—Robert Darlington, Wm. Glass; David Youmans, David Wright, Superannuated.
38. *Newmarket and Snake Island*—William Young. One to be sent.
39. *Bradford*—Ezra Adams, Alexander Campbell.
40. *Mono*—Cornelius Flumerfelt.
41. *Nottawasaga and Collingwood*—One to be sent.
42. *Schoogog*—Matthew Connor.
43. *Barrie*—William Graham, Joseph Hill.
44. *Rama*—Horace Dean.
45. *St. Vincent*—One to be sent.
46. *Brock*—C. W. M. Gilbert. One to be sent.
47. *Owen's Sound and Arthurs*—James Hutchinson. One to be sent; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
48. *Beausoleil Island and French River*—William Herkimer.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

## IV. COBOURG DISTRICT.

49. *Cobourg*—Jonathan Scott; Alexander MacNab, A.M., Principal of Victoria College; Hamilton Biggar, Treasurer; John Beatty, Supernumerary; Jesse Hurlburt, A.M.; T. Hannah, H. Trickey, Robert Robinson, Nelson Brown, Students.
50. *Colborne*—William Morton, Abraham Dayman.

51. *Napanee*—George Goodson, J. A. Williams.
52. *Peterborough*—William McCullough, James C. Slater; Moses Blackstock, Supernumerary.
53. *Hallowell*—Asahel Hurlburt, Thomas Cleghorn; Gilbert Miller; Supernumerary.
54. *Consecon*—William McFadden, Charles Turver; Daniel McMullen, Supernumerary.
55. *Belleville*—John Gemley.
56. *Sidney*—John Black, John C. Osborne.
57. *Port Hope*—Charles Lavell, Samuel S. Nelles, A.B.
58. *Demorestville*—N. F. English.
59. *Norwood*—George F. Playter. One to be sent.
60. *Bowmanville and Manvers*—W. Haw, Wm. Coleman.
61. *Marmora*—Stephen Miles.
62. *Sheffield*—John Sanderson.
63. *Lindsey*—David Hardie.
64. *Rice and Mud Lakes*—Robert Brooking, John Sunday.
65. *Alderville*—Wm. Case, whose attention will be specially directed to the Industrial School, William Ames.
66. *Shannonville*—Daniel Wright.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

#### V. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

67. *Kingston East*—Henry Lanton.
68. *Kingston West*—Isaac B. Howard; Henry Byers, Supernumerary.
69. *Waterloo*—Cyrus R. Allison.
70. *Wilton*—George Beynon, James Armstrong.
71. *Bath*—Michael Fawcett.
72. *Amherst Isle*—Robert Lothead.
73. *Gananoque*—David Jennings.
74. *Elizabethtown*—Michael Baxter, Wm. H. Poole; Wyatt Chamberlain, Superannuated.
75. *Brockville*—Conrad Vandusen.
76. *Prescott*—Joseph Messmore.
77. *Augusta*—Joseph W. McCollum; Ezra Healey, Superan'd.
78. *Smith's Falls*—William H. Williams; William Brown, Superannuated.



- 79. *Merrickville*—Vincent B. Howard.
- 80. *Newboro'*—Alvah Adams.
- 81. *Matilda*—John Lever, William McGill.
- 82. *Cornwall*—Simon Huntingdon, Jonathan Loverin.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

#### VI. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 83. *Bytown*—Edmund Shepherd, William Andrews.
- 84. *Perth*—Francis Coleman.
- 85. *Kemptville*—James Elliott.
- 86. *Hull*—Isaac B. Aylsworth.
- 87. *Mississippi*—James Hughes, William Pattyson.
- 88. *Richmond*—Benjamin Nankevell, Francis Chapman.
- 89. *St. Andrews*—David B. Madden, David McDowell.
- 90. *L'Original and Coteau Landing*—Joseph Reynolds, Geo. Case ; Franklin Metcalf, Supernumerary.
- 91. *Clarendon*—James Greener.
- 92. *Onslow*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 93. *Sherbrooke*—William Cotton.
- 94. *Buckingham*—John Armstrong.
- 95. *Osgoode*—Charles Taggart.
- 96. *Gatineau*—George Young.
- 97. *Bouchere*—John Howes.
- 98. *Pembroke*—Henry Shaler. One to be sent.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

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Ques. XI, XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuated Ministers' and for the Contingent Funds?*

## ANSWER.

| CIRCUITS.                  | Members. | Superannuated<br>Ministers' Fund. | Collec'd to make<br>up deficiencies. |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| London                     | 87       | £1 12 4                           | £2 9 3                               |
| London Circuit             |          | 1 9 3                             | 1 15 9                               |
| Woodstock                  | 249      | 2 0 0                             | 3 14 9                               |
| Chatham                    | 286      | 10 7                              | 1 18 8                               |
| S. deham                   | 126      | 13 9                              | 1 2 6                                |
| Gosfield and Tilbury       | 311      | 1 19 3                            | 2 0 0                                |
| St. Thomas                 | 315      | 2 1 4                             | 4 1 9                                |
| Warwick                    | 155      | 10 0                              | 19 0                                 |
| Munsey                     | 292      | 8 9                               | 10 0                                 |
| Brantford                  | 3-4      | 2 11 8                            | 3 14 10                              |
| Strooe                     | 4-0      | 2 11 2                            | 6 7 6                                |
| Malahide                   | 293      | 1 0 0                             | 1 0 0                                |
| Saugeeng                   | 100      | 1 10                              | 6 3                                  |
| Norwich                    | 121      | 10 0                              | 1 0 0                                |
| Auron                      | 55       | 7 6                               | 17 6                                 |
| Hamilton                   | 375      | 9 0 0                             | 8 4 8                                |
| Dundas                     | 3-6      | 2 13 8                            | 6 1 10                               |
| Guelph                     | 1-9      | 2 15 0                            | 2 10 0                               |
| Stamford                   | 231      | 4 6 7                             | 6 12 1                               |
| St. Catharines             | 415      | 7 3 9                             | 7 9 8                                |
| Grimsby                    | 447      | 3 10 0                            | 5 0 0                                |
| Dumfries                   | 445      | 4 8 4                             | 5 0 0                                |
| Nelson                     | 445      | 7 14 9                            | 4 15 8                               |
| Georgetown                 | 170      | 2 0 0                             | 3 10 5                               |
| Grand River                | 160      | 2 0 0                             | 1 17 6                               |
| York                       | 178      | 3 11 0                            | 4 14 0                               |
| Chippewa                   | 93       | 1 0 0                             | 2 14 9                               |
| Toronto City               | 231      | 3 9 0                             | 4 18 2                               |
| Yonge Street               | 4-7      | 6 5 0                             | 7 12 6                               |
| Humber                     | 271      | 3 16 9                            | 3 12 9                               |
| Toronto Circuit            | 426      | 6 7 10                            | 5 0 6                                |
| O-hawa                     | 265      | 3 2 2                             | 4 1 4                                |
| Bowmanville                | 172      | 1 17 6                            | 1 10 6                               |
| Murkham                    | 356      | 3 9 6                             | 4 0 2                                |
| Newmarket and Snake Island | 361      | 1 2 6                             | 4 10 4                               |
| Bradford                   | 253      | 4 15 0                            | 6 1 8                                |
| Mono and Nottawasaga       | 236      | 1 0 0                             | 10 0                                 |
| Barrie                     | 2 5      | 1 4 3                             | 2 11 6                               |
| Credit                     | 1 6      | 12 8                              | 13 0                                 |
| Rama                       | 77       | 8 9                               | 7 2                                  |
| St. Vincent                | 92       | 1 0 0                             | 7 0                                  |
| Brook                      | 192      | 1 15 0                            | 2 0 0                                |
| Owen's Sound               | 200      | 9 0                               | 7 0                                  |
| French River               | 1-2      | .....                             | .....                                |
| Beausoliel                 | 34       | .....                             | .....                                |
| Colbourg                   | 255      | 3 11 4                            | 4 8 9                                |
| Hallowell                  | 540      | 4 18 9                            | 2 14 10                              |
| Ninane                     | 555      | 6 0 7                             | 3 2 1                                |
| Consecon                   | 372      | 2 6 2                             | 4 1 1                                |
| Colborne                   | 335      | 2 10 0                            | 3 0 0                                |
| Belleville                 | 1-0      | 1 0 0                             | 1 16 0                               |
| Sidney                     | 401      | 2 6 9                             | 4 1 6                                |

| CIRCUITS.                                  | Members. | Superannuated<br>Ministers' Fund. | Collec'd to make<br>up deficiencies. |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Port Hope.....                             | 360      | £3 5 3                            | 5 7 6                                |
| Peterborough.....                          | 490      | 6 5 0                             | 7 9 7                                |
| Norwood.....                               | 256      | 2 1 6                             | 3 4 0                                |
| Demorestville.....                         | 191      | 1 15 0                            | 2 2 6                                |
| Cartwright.....                            | 84       | 1 0 0                             | 5 0                                  |
| Marmora.....                               | 121      | 1 5 6                             | 2 4 0                                |
| Sheffield.....                             | 103      | 11 6                              | 1 18 4                               |
| Shannonville.....                          | 24       | 6 0                               | 13 0                                 |
| Schoogog.....                              | 37       | .....                             | .....                                |
| Kingston.....                              | 155      | 4 15 3                            | 3 17 2                               |
| Waterloo.....                              | 543      | 2 15 0                            | 5 0 0                                |
| Bath.....                                  | 204      | 1 6 3                             | 2 5 0                                |
| Gananoque.....                             | 70       | 1 1 7                             | 1 6 9                                |
| Elizabethtown.....                         | 424      | 1 13 9                            | 3 10 2                               |
| Brockville.....                            | 148      | 1 12 9                            | 2 16 4                               |
| Prescott.....                              | 71       | 2 0 0                             | 2 4 9                                |
| Augusta.....                               | 312      | 3 0 0                             | 1 17 4                               |
| Smith's Falls.....                         | 460      | 1 1 6                             | 1 10 9                               |
| Matilda.....                               | 452      | 4 11 6                            | 3 4 7                                |
| Cornwall.....                              | 246      | 15 11                             | 1 3 0                                |
| Crosby.....                                | 218      | 1 0 0                             | 16 5                                 |
| Wolf Island.....                           | 10       | .....                             | .....                                |
| Bytown.....                                | 174      | 4 13 9                            | 4 7 0                                |
| Perth and Sherbrooke.....                  | 237      | 1 7 6                             | 3 5 4                                |
| Mississippi.....                           | 350      | 1 0 0                             | 3 5 9                                |
| Osgoode.....                               | 137      | 11 10                             | 14 9                                 |
| Richmond.....                              | 690      | 3 9 0                             | 2 17 6                               |
| St. Andrews.....                           | 261      | 15 7                              | 2 0 0                                |
| L'Orignal.....                             | 218      | 5 6                               | 1 19 11                              |
| Buckingham.....                            | 74       | 6 12                              | 1 2 5                                |
| Hull.....                                  | 72       | 1 0 0                             | 1 5 3                                |
| Clarendon.....                             | 228      | .....                             | 2 18 0                               |
| Pembroke.....                              | 78       | 1 0 11                            | 1 2 0                                |
| Kemptville.....                            | 351      | 2 7 6                             | 3 10 8                               |
| Onslow.....                                | 28       | 17 6                              | 2 12 6                               |
| Bonclere.....                              | 11       | 7 0                               | .....                                |
| Missionary Appropriation.....              | .....    | .....                             | 100 0 0                              |
| Book Room do.....                          | .....    | .....                             | 100 0 0                              |
| Annual Subscriptions of Ministers.....     | .....    | 149 0 0                           | .....                                |
| Interest on Centenary Money.....           | .....    | 8 1 8                             | .....                                |
| Collection at Conference.....              | .....    | 11 2 6                            | .....                                |
| Amount from the various Circuits.....      | .....    | 191 4 8                           | .....                                |
| Surplus from Rev. J. Ryerson's salary..... | .....    | 12 14 5                           | .....                                |
| Total... (Indians \$12).....               | 21557    | £379 8 10                         | £155 6 8                             |

Quest. XIV. *How has the Superannuation Money been Expended?*

Answer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                   |     |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| To Rev. Andrew Prindel . . . . .                                  | £35 | 0  | 0 |
| " James Wilson . . . . .                                          | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| " David Youmans . . . . .                                         | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| " George Ferguson . . . . .                                       | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| " Ezra Healy . . . . .                                            | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| " David Wright . . . . .                                          | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| " Thomas McMullen . . . . .                                       | 12  | 10 | 0 |
| " Thomas Harmon . . . . .                                         | 25  | 0  | 0 |
| To Mrs. Madden . . . . .                                          | 25  | 0  | 0 |
| " Slater . . . . .                                                | 25  | 0  | 0 |
| To Rev. I. Puffer's expenses in visiting our Conference . . . . . | 5   | 0  | 0 |
| Expenses at the Conference . . . . .                              | 5   | 16 | 3 |
| Incidental expenses . . . . .                                     | 1   | 0  | 0 |
| Book Room, for Bibles, Liturgies, and Stationery . . . . .        | 5   | 2  | 7 |

£370 8 10

Quest. XV. *How has the Contingent Fund Money been Expended?*

Ans. 1. In cases of Affliction, and other Expenses.

|                                                             |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Rev. Matthias Holtby . . . . .                              | £5 | 0  | 0 |
| " William Willoughby . . . . .                              | 8  | 0  | 0 |
| Supply for Brother Holtby . . . . .                         | 6  | 5  | 0 |
| Rev. Edwy M. Ryerson . . . . .                              | 4  | 0  | 0 |
| " Wellington Jeffers . . . . .                              | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| " George Poole . . . . .                                    | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| " John Sanderson . . . . .                                  | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| " Cyrus R. Allison . . . . .                                | 6  | 5  | 0 |
| " Richard Phelps . . . . .                                  | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| " John A. Williams . . . . .                                | 2  | 10 | 0 |
| " Conrad Vandusen . . . . .                                 | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| " Simon Huntington . . . . .                                | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| " Joseph Reynolds . . . . .                                 | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| " Thomas Bevi's expenses of postage . . . . .               | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| The President's expenses attending Ordinations . . . . .    | 3  | 5  | 0 |
| Expenses of Members attending Executive Committee . . . . . | 34 | 11 | 9 |

Ans. 2. To aid deficient Circuits.

|                           |    |    |   |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|
| Woodstock . . . . .       | £9 | 0  | 0 |
| Chatham . . . . .         | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| St. Thomas . . . . .      | 10 | 0  | 0 |
| Simcoe . . . . .          | 11 | 0  | 0 |
| Norwich . . . . .         | 4  | 0  | 0 |
| Dumfries . . . . .        | 12 | 0  | 0 |
| St. Catharines . . . . .  | 7  | 10 | 0 |
| Stamford . . . . .        | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| Chippewa . . . . .        | 25 | 0  | 0 |
| Grimsby . . . . .         | 7  | 10 | 0 |
| Toronto City . . . . .    | 18 | 0  | 0 |
| Toronto Circuit . . . . . | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Bowmanville . . . . .     | 18 | 0  | 0 |
| Bradford . . . . .        | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| Humber . . . . .          | 7  | 10 | 0 |
| Cobourg . . . . .         | £5 | 0  | 0 |
| Colborne . . . . .        | 8  | 0  | 0 |
| Belleville . . . . .      | 2  | 10 | 0 |
| Sidney . . . . .          | 10 | 0  | 0 |
| Deseronto . . . . .       | 7  | 10 | 0 |
| Waterloo . . . . .        | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Elizabethtown . . . . .   | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Brockville . . . . .      | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| Prescott . . . . .        | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| Smith's Falls . . . . .   | 10 | 0  | 0 |
| Newborough . . . . .      | 10 | 0  | 0 |
| Bytown . . . . .          | 30 | 0  | 0 |
| Pent . . . . .            | 10 | 0  | 0 |
| Osgoode . . . . .         | 15 | 0  | 0 |

£181 16 9

Balance due the Treasurer . . . . . 26 10 0½

The Church Relief Fund raised this year £86 8 1; paid out as follows :

|                     |     |    |   |
|---------------------|-----|----|---|
| London Church ..... | £45 | 0  | 0 |
| Cross Roads.....    | 13  | 17 | 6 |
| Gananoque.....      | 10  | 0  | 0 |
| Cornwall.....       | 10  | 0  | 0 |
| Bytown.....         | 7   | 10 | 0 |
| Postage .....       | 0   | 0  | 7 |
| Total.....          | £86 | 8  | 1 |

Quest. XVIII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year ?*

*Ans.* 1.—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Superintendents of Richmond and Adelaide Street Churches, Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Superintendent of Yonge Street Circuit, Rev. William Case, and the following laymen, viz :—J. R. Armstrong, Esq., John Stirling, James Hodgson, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Robert James, and Joseph Wilson.

Rev. G. R. Sanderson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Mr. S. S. Junkin, *Recording Secretary.*

Rev. Anson Green, *Treasurer.*

2. BOOK COMMITTEE.—Chairmen of Toronto and Hamilton Districts, the Ministers in Toronto City, and the Superintendent of Yonge Street Circuit.

3. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—The Chairmen of Districts; Book Steward; one member from each District, elected by each District Meeting; and the following laymen: B. Flint, Esq., Asa Youmans, James H. Meacham, M. Sawyer, C. V. Bogart, and William Ketcheson, Esq. Anson Green, *Treasurer.*

4. CHAPEL RELIEF COMMITTEE:—The President of the Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Book Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits, with the following laymen: J. Hodgson, R. Woods worth, R. James, J. G. Bowes, and E. C. Benns.

Anson Green, *Treasurer.*

5. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairman of Toronto, Hamilton, Cobourg, Kingston and London Districts, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Book Steward, Editor, Dr. Ryerson,

W. Case, and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

Quest. XVIII. *What is the Settlement of past differences and of future union with the Wesleyan Conference in England?*

Ans. 1. At a period when evangelical denominations are exemplifying a pervading and earnest desire to manifest their oneness in Christ, and thus roll away the reproach which, for so many ages, has attached to the divisions and mutual acrimony of the Protestant Churches, it is extremely desirable that the unseemly differences which for some time, have unhappily existed between the two branches of the Wesleyan Methodists in Western Canada, who agree in doctrine, and substantially in matters of discipline, should terminate; and that a plan be adopted for securing their cordial ecclesiastical oneness, and the concentration of their associated efforts in spreading the "Common Salvation" in Upper Canada.

2. With a view to the accomplishment of these momentous objects, the future relations of the English and Canadian Conferences be the same, as nearly as local and other circumstances will admit, as has heretofore been proposed by the Canadian Conference. But that the Chapel and other Property now held in trust for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, remain exclusively under the control of the Conference known in Law as the "Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada?" and that, in respect to those Chapels in Western Canada, the deeds of which require that the pulpits should be supplied by the British Conference, the appointments to them by the Canadian Conference be subject to the sanction of the English Conference.

3. The English Conference (according to the former Articles of Union) shall annually appoint one of their number as President of the Canadian Conference; and, (as in Ireland) a Co-Delegate, who shall be associated as a Member of the Stationing Committee, and who may be either an English or Canadian Minister, in full connexion with either Conference, as may, from time to time, be judged most convenient. If the appointed President cannot remain in Canada during the whole of his presidency, his Associate shall, for the re-

mainder of the year, take his place in Canada, and superintend the work of God there.

4. In accordance with the preceding Resolution, by which it is provided, that the future relation of the Canadian Conference to the English Conference, shall be, as nearly as may be, similar to that which is now sustained with the English Conference by the Conference in Ireland, (as is expressed in the Poll Deed prepared by Mr. Wesley) "all, and every, the acts, admissions, expulsions and appointments, whatsoever," of the Canadian Conference, the same being put into writing, and signed by the President, or by the Minister appointed as his associate, and Co-Delegate, shall be annually laid before the ensuing English Conference, and, when confirmed by their vote, shall be deemed taken, and be, to all intents and purposes, valid and obligatory, from the respective times when the same shall have been ordered or done by the said Canadian Conference. *Provided always* that all appointments to Chapels in Canada, the Trusts of which require that the appointments of Ministers and Preachers shall be made by the Canadian Conference, shall be of absolute authority from the time of such appointment by that Conference.

5. The existing Book of Discipline shall remain in force, with the exception of such clauses as may be affected by these proposals; but subject to any improvement which may, from time to time, be mutually agreed upon by the English and Canadian Conferences, in conformity with the laws of the second articles of the former Articles of Union in 1833; and the British Practice relating to the Chairman of Districts being stationed on Circuits be adopted, and that the advisory committee associated with the President in the appointment of Chairman be chosen by the several District Meetings, one for each, either by nomination or by ballot, as they shall judge most suitable.

6. The English Conference shall (in conformity with the former Articles of Union) appoint a General Superintendent of Missions, who shall be, *ex-officio* a member of the Stationing Committee, as well as of the Canadian Conference.

7. The Missions amongst the Indian Tribes and new settlers, which are now, or may be hereafter established in Cana-

da West, shall be regarded as Missions of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society, under the following regulations, viz :—

(1) The Parent Committee in London shall determine the amount to be annually applied to the support and extension of Missions; and the sum granted shall be distributed by a Committee consisting of the President of the Conference, the Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, the Chairman of Districts, and seven other persons to be appointed by the Canadian Conference. A standing Board or Committee consisting of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen, shall also be appointed at every Conference, which during the year, shall have authority, in concurrence with the General Superintendent of Missions, to apply any means granted by the Parent Committee, and not distributed by the Conference, in the establishment of any new Missions amongst the heathen, and in otherwise promoting the Missionary work.

(2) The Methodist Missionary Society in Western Canada, under the sanction of the Canadian Conference, shall be auxiliary to the Wesleyan Missionary Society in London; and all sums which may be contributed to its funds shall be paid over to the Treasurers of the Parent Society.

(3) The Missionaries of the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society now in Canada, shall be stationed by the Canadian Conference, in the same way as the other Ministers of that Conference.

(4) The trial of any Missionary sent out from England to Canada, in full connexion with the English Conference, who may at any time be accused of misconduct, or of any deviation from the doctrine or discipline of the Methodist Church, shall be left with the District Meetings to which such Missionaries may respectively belong, and subsequently to the Canadian Conference; but such Missionaries in full connexion with the English Conference, shall have the right of appeal to that Conference.

(5) The Missionaries who may now be in Full Connexion with the English Conference, or any other Missionaries hereafter to be sent, who may be in full connexion with that Conference, shall, notwithstanding the Union between the English and Canadian Conferences, so far retain their connexion with the former, as not to loose any claims, privileges or pe-



cuniary advantages, which may belong to them, by virtue of their relation to the English Conference.

6. The foregoing articles constitute the basis of the settlement and Union, the following are the means by which the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London are to aid in the promotion of the work of God in Canada: That work is of a twofold character. 1. It embraces purely missionary ground among the aborigines and others. 2. Circuits which contain within their limits new and destitute settlements. With a view of assisting these different classes, it is proposed, *First*, That in addition to the sum raised in Canada West by the Auxiliary Missionary Society, and to what may be received from other sources, the Parent Society in England make an annual grant to the Canadian Conference of One Thousand Pounds for missionary purposes. *Secondly*, That as a great number of Circuits include within their limits new and destitute settlements inhabited by emigrants of so poor a class as to be unable to support their ministers, the sum of six hundred pounds be annually placed at the disposal of the Canadian Conference, for the purpose of carrying on the work of God in those sections of the country.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to our respected and beloved brethren, the Revs. John Ryerson and Anson Green, for the judicious and faithful manner in which they observed the instructions, and represented the views of this Conference, and promoted the interests of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, as our Representatives to the Wesleyan Conference in England, and for the successful result to which they brought their important mission of peace and love.

2. *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the ex-President and Secretary, for having called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference to receive the Report of our late Representatives to the Wes-

leyan Conference in England; and our cordial thanks are also due to the Members of the Executive Committee, for having carefully considered the Report laid before them, and for having caused an Address to be prepared to the several Quarterly Meetings throughout our Church, containing a plain and faithful statement of the settlement which had been agreed upon by the British Conference and our late Representatives, in order to terminate differences and establish unity between the two regular branches of Wesleyan-Methodists in Canada West.

3. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. Isaac Puffer, of the Black River Conference, for the kind expression of his friendly feelings towards this Body.

4. *Resolved*—That the British practice relating to the Chairmen of Districts being stationed on Circuits be adopted; and that the Advisory Committee associated with the President in the appointment of Chairmen, be chosen by the several District Meetings, one for each, either by nomination or by ballot, as they shall judge most suitable.

*Resolved*,—That the Rev. JOSEPH STINSON, now of Leeds, England, was for seven years Superintendant of Missions in Canada, two years of which he also held the important office of President of the Canada Conference, in both of which offices he maintained the most unblemished reputation, and since the unhappy disruption of the British and Canada Conference, he has manifested the deepest solicitude for the welfare of Wesleyan-Methodism in this country, and the Reverends John Ryerson and Anson Green, our late Representatives to the British Conference, assure us that they received the most cordial and affectionate treatment from Mr. Stinson, and the most efficient assistance in promoting the objects of their important Mission; this Conference has the greatest pleasure in recording the high and affectionate esteem in which they hold the ministerial character, private virtues, and usefulness of their beloved friend and Brother, and beg to assure the British Conference that Mr. Stinson would be most cordially and affectionately received among us in any office to which the Conference might be pleased to appoint him.

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Thomas Bevitt, ex-President of the Conference, for the valuable services rendered by him to the Connexion during the year now closed.

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. William Ryerson for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he discharged the duties of President during the short period he occupied the Chair the present session.

*Resolved*,—That the unanimous and cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the members and friends of the W. M. Church in this City who extended the rites of hospitality to its members during its sitting.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF BOOK-COMMITTEE, ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

The Committee cannot but think, that in view of the present reduced prices, and popular, pious character of the *Christian Guardian*, its circulation might be vastly increased. The Committee beg to suggest, therefore, to the Conference, that each Preacher should be enjoined to obtain at least six new subscribers.

There is another point to which the Committee desire to draw the attention of the Conference; viz., the subject of the circulation of the *Sunday School Guardian*. That useful and well conducted little publication does not meet with the countenance and assistance its merits and tendency deserve. Only 804 copies are in circulation, the sale of which has been barely sufficient to cover the cost of its publication. The Committee have no doubt, if suitable efforts were put forth, that the present number of subscribers might be increased six-fold. And the Committee beg to suggest the propriety of the Conference making it the duty of its members, to do their utmost to introduce it in all our Sabbath Schools, and the families of all our people. There is one other point to which the Committee beg leave to direct the attention of the Conference,

that is, to enforce on its members to use their influence to have our own Singing Books introduced into all choirs and singing societies connected with our congregation, in preference to all others whatsoever.

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Ques. XIX. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. At Belleville, Victoria District, on the first Wednesday in June, 1848, at Nine o'clock, A.M.

ROBERT ALDER, *President*.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary*.

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#### PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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*The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.*

VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

At the close of the most eventful Session of Conference ever held in Upper Canada, we have the unspeakable satisfaction of addressing you again as a *United Body*—united in heart, in purpose, in labour, in interest, as well as in Methodist doctrine and economy. The divisions, which you, with us, have so earnestly deprecated among the members of the same Church have been healed; and the prayers which you have so devoutly and so universally offered up, that the Wesleyan family in Upper Canada might be one, as the Father and the Son are one, have been graciously answered. The notes of discord are succeeded by the strains of harmony and love; and throughout the length and breadth of the land, amongst both ministers and people, we are permitted to witness the cementing unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. With you, beloved Brethren, we herein do rejoice; yea, and we will rejoice. Hallelujah! the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!

We may surely aver that a consummation so devoutly wished—so sublime and God-like in itself, and so auspicious in the prospects which it presents, could not have been achieved without the special agency of the Spirit of truth, of power, and of charity. It becomes us on the present occasion to trace the operations by which this consolidation of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Upper Canada has been effected; and, in review of the whole work, to thank God and take courage.

In our last annual address to you, we stated—"The want of Christian charity, and the existence of strife and the divisions, are among the most serious obstacles to the progress of a religion of purity and love. One of the most remarkable agencies for promoting the former, is the *Evangelical Alliance*, founded on principles truly Catholic and Protestant—to attend the great meeting of which, to be held in London, in August, we have appointed two of our beloved brethren as a deputation. In connection with this Mission of Charity, we have deputed our brethren on a Mission of Peace, for the purpose of adjusting the differences between the English and Canadian Conferences, and of terminating those strifes and contentions which are so painful to our brethren in many parts of our fields of labour, and so disgraceful to religion. With a view to this, we have repeated by resolutions and addresses, and as a last and final effort to accomplish the same object, we have resolved to authorize our respected brethren, John Ryerson and Anson Green, to employ their personal exertions to procure the recognition and operation of the great principles of Methodistic unity in Upper Canada, as well as in other parts of the world—and especially with a view of having the Wesleyan Societies in British North America associated in one great Christian community, under the direction of several annual Conferences in connexion with one general Conference. In such a mission of charity and peace, we beg you will unite with us in the earnest supplication, that our chosen Representatives be protected, prospered, and blessed, and be restored to us in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel."

Such, Brethren, were the words in which we addressed you a year ago. Your response of prayer and supplication, in compliance with our request, was heard from every Circuit in

Upper Canada, and from different sections of the Wesleyan family. Our brethren arrived safely in England—attended the protracted Evangelical Alliance Meeting of nearly a thousand Christian Ministers of different branches of the Church of Christ, and from various parts of the world. In the hallowed devotions and conferences of that great meeting was seen and felt the incipient fulfilment of our blessed Lord's last prayer with his disciples for those who should believe on Him through their word—"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me." Our Wesleyan Fathers and Brethren in England, as well as our own Representatives drank deeply into the spirit of the *Evangelical Alliance*, and were thus prepared, under the Divine influence and direction, to deliberate upon the best means of ending strife and establishing unity throughout the societies of Wesleyan Methodism in Upper Canada. Accordingly, after the most unreserved conversation between the authorities of the Wesleyan Conference in England and our Representatives, it was found that misapprehensions had existed on several points—that the events which gave rise to differences in former years no longer existed—and that there were no justifiable grounds for sustaining separate societies and interests in Upper Canada. Arrangements were therefore agreed upon to unite the Ministers in one body—under one authority—with one interest—and to intreat the Societies to co-operate in this work of faith and labour of love. On the return of our Representatives to Canada, the result of their mission was laid before the Conference Special Committee—having full power to act in the intervals of the Sessions of Conference—and was unanimously concurred in by that Committee, which caused a plain and faithful statement of it to be prepared and laid before the several Quarterly Meetings of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada, for their information, and the frank and free expression of their opinion. More than two-thirds of the Quarterly Meetings concurred in the arrangement of differences laid before them; and several of the remaining small minority of Quarterly Meetings expressed themselves in favour of Union among Wesleyan Methodists in Canada, although not in favour of the particular plan laid before them.

On the assembling of Conference, precedence was justly given to a subject so important in every view, and which had so largely engaged your solicitude and prayers as well as our own. The report of our late Representatives to England was made, corroborated by the statements of the Representative of the English Conference. Upwards of three days were occupied in an anxious and prayerful investigation of the whole subject, in a free and full conversation on every point involved in it; and after this most unreserved exchange of thought and opinion, and the most mature deliberation, we have come to the nearly unanimous conclusion in favor of the arrangement, with slight modifications, which had been agreed upon between the English Conference and our Representatives as the basis of the adjustment of past differences and of co-operation and oneness in our future labours.

This Settlement, dear Brethren, affects not any general rule of our Church, nor any right or privilege of any member of our Societies or congregations;—nor the labours of our Ministers, or their relations to their flocks; recognizes our Discipline and Economy as it now exists, and requires the concurrence of both English and Canadian Conferences in order to change any part of it. The former articles of Union have always been retained as a Section of our Discipline, to which we have declared our unanimous adherence; and the present Settlement is substantially a re-enactment and practical recognition of them, with such additional provisions and guards as will best promote the unity and efficiency of our work, and perpetual harmony between the Wesleyan Conferences in England and in Canada. The changes therefore required in our Discipline, in accomplishing this grand object of peace and union, do not extend beyond our conferential mode of proceeding, while the benefits of it extend throughout the length and breadth of the land—establishing unity where division has existed, and adding to the efficiency of our labours among the new settlements and Indian Tribes—giving us the strength of a United Body in our Councils, Cities and Towns, and affording additional facilities and means of usefulness in every department of our great and holy work.

The care, the freedom, and good feeling with which each particular of this Settlement has been considered, are no less

remarkable and interesting than the unanimity with which it has been agreed to. The Divine presence has indeed been felt in our midst, and the Divine Spirit has brought us to the same mind and to the same judgment.

The same spirit of amity and oneness which has united all the Ministers of the Wesleyan Body, has already been imbibed by the Laity in this City of the hitherto separate branches of our Church. The first public expression of this feeling has been made by our respected official lay brethren of the Richmond Street Chapel—(not heretofore connected with the Canadian Conference)—who have invited both our lay brethren in this City and ourselves to join them in a Union Tea-Meeting—that past alienations may be effaced by the social feeling of Christian festivity, that ministers and people may henceforth be of one heart and one mind, as they are of one faith and one name. “Behold, how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” We trust and pray that this Christian feeling will be diffused through all our congregations—that every feeling contrary to love will be banished from every member of the communion—that the pious and noble example of our brethren in Toronto will be imitated in every city, town, and neighborhood in Upper Canada, where separate Societies have heretofore existed. Then shall the reproach of division be rolled away from Wesleyan Methodism in this rising country; and we shall be able to present to friends and adversaries the character of unity and stability in connexion with our pure doctrine and varied means of religious comfort and edification.

But, dear brethren, great as is the work already accomplished, we view it only as a preliminary step to one still more comprehensive and glorious; namely,—the union of the Wesleyan Methodists throughout British North America in one great community. To this object the attention of our late Representatives to England was specially directed, as intimated to you in our last Annual Address; and it is a pleasing coincidence of sentiment and feeling, that the respected Representative of the British Conference (the Rev. Dr. Alder,) had proposed to the London Wesleyan Committee a similar arrangement as early as 1839. But it was thought that the adjustment of matters in Upper Canada was an essential



preliminary to a consummation so grand throughout British North America. In this light it is viewed by our fathers and brethren in England, and in the Lower Provinces, as well as by ourselves. So deep is the interest which our brethren in the lower Provinces feel in the present settlement in Upper Canada, as preparatory to a consolidation of Wesleyan Methodists in British North America in one Body in connexion with the Parent Church, that the Chairman of the New Brunswick Wesleyan District has attended our deliberations, and our brethren in Lower Canada set apart the second day of June—the day of the assembling of our Conference—as a day of prayer and supplication for the divine guidance and blessing upon our councils, and for the unity and extension of the work of God throughout these noble Provinces. Thus is the foundation of the arch of Christian union laid, which shall extend from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains, and of which the key-stone consists in the identity of our doctrines and general discipline exemplified in the spirit and labours of a faithful ministry and a devoted people.

Such, dear brethren, are the results to which our united prayers and deliberations of painful years are brought. Such is the bow of peace and unity which once more arches over our Wesleyan Zion. Such are the prospects which present themselves before us. Such are the encouragements which we have for increased love to the institutions of our Church; for the renewed consecration of ourselves to the services of our blessed Redeemer; for fresh and more ardent exertions to spread scriptural holiness over the land.

Let us then, from the one extremity of our work to the other, put away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, with all malice: and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us. Let no one of us say I am of Paul, or I am of Cephas; but let us be followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. If their be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any lowels and mercies, let us be like-minded, being of one accord, of one mind. Let us stand fast in one spirit, with one mind,

striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them a token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Let us also, brethren, believe and pray, and live for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon every member, and society, and congregation of our now united Church, not only that she may be a quiet habitation, but be instrumental in the conversion of multitudes of sinners; and have her sons and daughters greatly multiplied. Now as in early times, the promise of the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost, is unto us, and unto our children, and to them that are afar off. Let us, as one man, believingly and fervently claim the promise. God is not slack concerning it. The residue of the Spirit is with Him. More ready than parents are to give good things to their children, is He to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. May we then be filled with the Spirit—the Spirit of holiness, of love, and of power! and may our whole souls and bodies and spirits be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that hath called us, who also will do it! Thus sanctified and anointed anew for our blessed work as an important branch of the visible Church of Christ, opposition against our united labours will be powerless, and our success will be as unprecedented as it will be divine and glorious.

And, let us also, dear brethren, be encouraged to continual and increased exertions in support of our missions and other benevolent institutions of our Church. Our venerated fathers and brethren in England have generously proposed to grant additional aid in sustaining and extending the feeble departments of our work. But after all, its efficiency and extension must under God, mainly depend upon ourselves. The claims from every part of the world upon the benevolent resources of the Parent Body in England, will justify but a comparatively small appropriation in aid of the work in a country enjoying so many advantages as Upper Canada. What is thus given should not only excite our warmest gratitude, but animate us to further efforts; and especially, as we are assured that not a farthing contributed will be expended in supporting any sort of rivalry, but that every farthing will be applied to the support and extension of the Kingdom of Christ among the

needy portions of our population. We have as yet done little in comparison of what might be accomplished. Let us put on the whole armour of God. Let us be baptized with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Let us be wholly the Lord's, both in life and in death.

We desire likewise to commend to your favourable consideration our Book Establishment and Collegiate Institution—the former sending forth a weekly periodical rich in religious instruction and intelligence, and furnishing an admirable selection of religious and useful books upon the most moderate terms—and the latter providing a sound education for youth upon Christian principles and at the least possible expense.

We need hardly remind you of the importance and duty of a vigilant and faithful attention to *prayer meetings*—those Bethedas and armouries of the Church; to *class-meetings*—those Bethels and sinews of our societies; to *love feasts*—those holy and joyous convocations of the Saints; to the *Lord's Supper*—that affecting memorial of the Saviour's dying love; to the *preaching of the Word*—that instituted means of Christian edification and the world's conversion.

Very dear brethren,—we now part to the fields of labour, which, in the Providence of God, have been severally assigned to us. Kindness, and harmony, and unanimity, and the felt presence of our God, have characterised our Conference sittings; and we desire to come to you, anointed afresh by the Spirit of the Lord God, to preach good tidings to the meek—to bind up the broken-hearted—to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound—to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord—to comfort all that mourn. Now, we beseech you brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with us in your prayers to God for us.—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, this 16th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT ALDER, *President.*

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary*

## ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

*To the President and Members of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.*

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :

The Address which was forwarded from your last Conference to the British Conference was duly presented by your esteemed Representatives, the Reverends John Ryerson and Anson Green ; and you may be assured that the object which you had in view in forwarding it, as stated in the Address itself, afforded us much satisfaction.

In prosecuting our Missionary operations in Western Canada since the dissolution of the Union, we have acted under a deep sense of Christian duty and obligation, and from a sincere desire to do our part in promoting the diffusion of the truth of the Gospel throughout your fine country ; at the same time, we have not been insensible of the evils which spring from the existence of strifes and divisions amongst the followers of the Redeemer, especially amongst those who professedly maintain common views of Christian truth and order, and have deprecated the evils which in some instances have been produced by the collisions which have occasionally taken place between us, while engaged in carrying out our respective plans in the field of labour, and we shall greatly rejoice if a permanent union based on just and honourable principles should be restored.

As various circumstances rendered it not merely inconvenient but even impracticable to secure sufficient time for the due consideration of a question involving considerations of so grave a character, and so intimately connected with the cause of religion in general, and the interests of Methodism in particular, during the sittings of the Conference, a Committee was appointed, invested with full powers to act on behalf of the Conference in this weighty affair. This Committee met your Representatives at the Centenary Hall and Mission House, and after long and anxious and prayerful deliberation, unanimously adopted a series of Resolutions, a copy of which will be

presented to you by our beloved brethren, your Representatives; both of whom expressed their entire and cordial concurrence in them.

We refer you to the Resolutions themselves for further information, and to the Rev. Messrs. John Ryerson and Anson Green, whose spirit and conduct, as manifested by them during their intercourse with us, have secured for them our unfeigned esteem and regard, while the ability which they displayed fully justified your choice of them as your Representatives to us. They will carry with them our best wishes and fervent prayers for their personal welfare, and for the ultimate accomplishment of the object which has brought them to this country.

Commending you to God, and to the Word of his Grace,

I am, on behalf of the Conference,

Reverend and Dear Brethren,

Your faithful Brother in the Lord,

WILLIAM ATHERTON,

*President of the Conference, and  
Chairman of the Committee.*

*London, Sept. 28, 1846.*

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#### ADDRESS TO THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the Address of your President, and the Minutes of the proceedings of your Committee on Canadian affairs. We thank you most cordially for the courteous reception which you gave to our late Representatives—for the care and kindness with which your Committee investigated all the matters pending between you and us—for the conclusions at which that Committee arrived for the consolidation and extension of Wesleyan Methodism in Western Canada—for the important aid you propose to afford

to us in our councils and labours, by the appointment of a President and Superintendent of Missions—for the Christian liberality and generosity with which you have resolved to assist us in promoting the work of God in our new and extending fields of labour.

We heartily thank you, also, Rev. Fathers and Brethren, for appointing one of the General Secretaries of your Missionary Society, the Rev. Dr. Alder, as your Representative, accompanied by the Rev. Matthew Richey, A. M. We assure you that though difference of opinion may have existed between those esteemed and honoured brethren and ourselves on some questions relating to our affairs in Western Canada, yet that difference has never been personal; and we rejoice to receive Dr. Alder in the high character with which you have invested him, and gladly record our deep sense of the ability and courtesy, the frankness and brotherly kindness with which he has represented your views and interests, and conferred with us on the important objects of his Mission, and at length presided in our Councils. We likewise have great pleasure in expressing our obligations to brother Richey for his presence and assistance in our deliberations; and we shall be happy to have him associated with us in any office to which you may think proper to appoint him. Dr. Alder's visit will ever be associated with the most pleasing and grateful recollections, and our earnest prayer is, that he may be restored to you and to his family in health and safety—that his valuable life may be long spared to promote the interests of the Church of Christ through the instrumentality of Methodism.

It affords us unspeakable pleasure to inform you, honoured Fathers and Brethren, that after long and prayerful deliberation, we have cordially concurred in and ratified the arrangement which was agreed upon in London, between your Committee and our late Representatives, for the adjustment of past differences and the consolidation of Wesleyan Methodism in Upper Canada in connexion with you. Kindness, and unanimity, and the gracious presence of the Holy One, have characterized our proceedings on this all-important subject. We believe our present oneness with you is sanctioned in Heaven. We doubt not it will be perpetual. We unanimously resolve to do all in our power to make it so. It presents an

animating and brilliant prospect of spreading scriptural truth and holiness throughout this noble country—becoming as it is annually, the home of growing multitudes of your own children and hearers from the Parent State.

We have reason for thankfulness and congratulation on account of the unabated zeal and liberality with which all our Institutions have been supported during the past year, and the success which has crowned our labour, resulting in a small numerical increase in our Societies. But that you may be fully informed respecting all our affairs, we have unanimously requested our beloved and honored brother, the Rev. Dr. Alder, to act as our Representative at the next session of your Conference; and to his judgment and feelings we confide the task of communicating with you on our behalf.

We intreat an interest in your prayers for our perpetuated oneness and prosperity, while we earnestly pray that the Divine blessing may crown with still wider success the vast and holy work which, by the wisdom and mercy of God, has been committed to your care.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, at Toronto, this fifteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary.*

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## ADDRESS.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the Wesleyan Conference in England, assembled in Conference, gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afford-

ed by our present annual meeting to offer to Your Excellency our most respectful and cordial congratulations on your assumption of the Government of United Canada. In Your Excellency's high rank, character, abilities and experience, we have a strong exemplification of our gracious Sovereign's solicitude for the welfare of Canada. We beg to express our grateful satisfaction to witness the assurances of Your Excellency's intentions to administer the Government for the welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects. And we thankfully acknowledge the protection and countenance which Your Excellency extended to the Missions of our Church in your late Government of Jamaica.

We have great pleasure in informing Your Excellency that arrangements have been completed for establishing and consolidating the unity and oneness of the Wesleyan Conferences in England and in Canada—constituting a United Body in Upper Canada of upwards of one hundred and seventy regular Ministers, and more than 900 Congregations, on whom we are accustomed to inculcate the sacred duty to “Fear God and honour the Queen,” together with the pure doctrines of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We desire to present our most cordial wishes for the welfare, health and happiness of Your Excellency and Lady Elgin; and we earnestly implore the Disposer of events to direct Your Excellency in the adoption of such measures, and such an administration of the duties of your high and important trust, as will prove alike honorable and gratifying to Your Excellency, and beneficial to the best religious and general interests of this noble and flourishing portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

By order and on behalf of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the British Conference, at Toronto, this fifteenth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT ALDER, *President.*

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary.*

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A Deputation, consisting of Rev. Dr. Alder, President of the Conference, Revs. M. Richey, A.M.; Wm. Case, John Ryerson, W. Scott, Churchill, and Davis,—with the Hon. James Ferrier; John Torrance, Esq.; John Counter, Esq., ex-Mayor of Kingston; and William Lunn, Esq., waited on His Excellency, on Wednesday, June 23rd, and presented the above Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following

R E P L Y .

GENTLEMEN,—I sincerely thank you for your congratulations on my assumption of the Government of Canada, and for your kind wishes for the welfare, health and happiness of Lady Elgin and myself. I have had occasion in other parts of the Empire, to witness and acknowledge the services rendered by the Wesleyan Body to the cause of true religion and social order, and I rejoice to learn that arrangements have been completed for effecting an union which is likely to increase your means of usefulness in this Province.

It is my earnest desire to administer the high trust reposed in me by my Gracious Sovereign for the advancement of the best religious and general interests of this noble and flourishing portion of Her Majesty's Dominions, and feeling sensibly that the prayers of earnest and devout men are of much avail, I gratefully accept your proffered intercession on my behalf.

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT BELLEVILLE, FROM THE 7TH TO THE 15TH OF  
JUNE, 1848.

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JAMES DIXON, D.D., *President.*

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QUESTION I.

What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?

Answer,—John Hunt, Abraham Dayman, Charles Turver, John Howes, Erastus Hurlburt, Samuel Fear.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on trial?*

Ans. Richard Whiting, Francis Chapman, Alexander T. Green, Joseph Hill, David Clappison, Thomas Hanna, Robert Robinson, Thomas Cleghorn, James Armstrong, Jonathan Loverin, Thomas W. Constable.

These have travelled THREE years.

James Gray, John Webster, Abraham Carpenter, William M. Blackstock, Alexander Campbell, James C. Stater, J. A. Williams, Nelson Brown, William H. Poole, William Chapman, David McDowell, William M. Pattyson, George Case, Charles Silvester, Alexander Potts, John C. Osborne.

These have travelled TWO years.

Samuel S. Nelles, Henry Trickney, William McGill.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial.*

Answer. John Laird, James Gooderham, John English, Noble Armstrong, Lewis Morton.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since last Conference?*

Ans. None.

JAMES EVANS: a native of England, converted, and brought into the Christian Ministry in Canada, which he entered in 1830. Two years before he was received into the Conference as a Preacher on trial, he was a laborious and most successful School-teacher among the converted Chippewa Indians, and acquired a considerable knowledge of their language, which he afterwards matured and employed to valuable purposes. His whole ministerial life, with the exception of two years, was spent among the Chippewa Indians. His heart was formed for friendship and benevolent exertion, his character was distinguished for disinterestedness and energy; his ministrations were fervent, practical, and instructive. After visiting the Indians tribes in the Hudson Bay Territories, he at length felt it his duty to devote himself wholly to their spiritual interests, and requested permission to do so in connexion with the Wesleyan Missionary Society in England. The following is the minute which was adopted by the Canadian Conference in 1840 in respect to his communication:

"After the reading of a letter from Br. James Evans, addressed to the President and Members of the Conference, dated May 12th, 1840, stating his convictions of duty and his wishes to devote himself to the christianization of the Indians in the Hudson Bay Territory, as the Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions, and requested a certificate of his character and a recommendation to the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London, it was unanimously Resolved—

"That we learn with deep regret the desire of our beloved Brother James Evans to relinquish his connexion with this conference; but appreciating the moral destitution of the North Western Wilderness, and Brother Evans' peculiar qualifications for that field of ministerial labour, and the apostolic feelings of personal sacrifice and benevolence which have prompted him to enter upon the cultivation of it, we affection-

ately grant his request. But in thus taking leave of our honoured brother, we deem it due to him, as it is gratifying to ourselves, to record our feelings of high respect and warm affection for him, and our deep sense of his piety, diligence, self-denial, and perseverance in the service of the Church, and his pre-eminent qualifications for the Missionary work; and our devout prayer to the God of all grace is, that our dearly beloved brother and his family may be protected, sustained, and prospered in their work of faith and labour of love, and that they may be rendered an eternal blessing to the Aboriginal Indian Tribes to whose spiritual and immortal interests they have thus so nobly consecrated themselves at the expense of the ordinary comforts of domestic life, and the most endearing associations of country, kindred, and home!"

He died suddenly in England, in November, 1846; and the following is the obituary notice of him, inserted in the Minutes of the English Conference in 1847:

"JAMES EVANS; a Missionary of remarkable ability and zeal, and of great usefulness among the North American Indians. His success among the aborigines of Canada led to his appointment as General Superintendent of the recently-formed Missions in the Hudson Bay Territory. To his mental vigour and indomitable perseverance, the Indians are indebted for many advantages: among these is a written and printed character, suited to their language, of which Mr. Evans was the inventor. Many were the afflictions and trials he had to endure: these issued in a failure of health, which rendered his return home desirable, but the results were not favourable. He died suddenly at Keelby, in Lincolnshire, on the 23rd of November, 1846, at the house of a friend, after attending a Missionary Meeting, at which his statements had excited great interest."

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one. John Gundy excluded from the Church.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. Solomon Snider, whose ministerial authority, conferred by his ordination, is cancelled.

Matthew Connor, whose ministerial authority, conferred by his ordination, is cancelled.

Robert Darlington, on account of ill health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. Matthias Holthy, John Culham, John Neelands, Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Moses Blackstock, Isaac B. Aylesworth, John Beatty, Henry Byers, Franklin Metcalf, George F. Playter, Joseph Sawyer, Jesse Hurlburt.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers.*

Ans. Edmund Stoney, George Poole, Thomas Harmon, Samuel Belton, Andrew Prindel, George Ferguson, James Wilson, David Youmans, David Hardie, Ezra Healy, William Brown,* Wyatt Chamberlain,* Joseph Reynolds.

* These have no claim on the Funds.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

JAMES DIXON, D.D., *President of the Conference.*

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *Co-Delegate.*

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

ENOCH WOOD, *Superintendent of Missions.*

I. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City West*—S. D. Rice, George H. Davis; Jesse Hurlburt, A.M., Supernumerary.
2. *Toronto City East*—John Ryerson, Samuel S. Nelles, A.B., Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; George R. Sanderson, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools by permission of the Conference.
3. *Yonge Street*—Lewis Warner, James Hughes.

4. *Humber*—Thomas Demorest, John Baxter, J. Culham, Supernumerary.
5. *Cooksville*—David Wright; James Wilson, Superann.
6. *Brampton*—Peter Ker, David Clappison.
7. *Oshawa*—William Price, J. Gooderham.
8. *Newmarket and Snake Island*—William Young, Alex. Campbell.
9. *Markham*—Joseph Messmore, George Case; David Youmans, Superannuated.
10. *Bradford*—Cornelius Flummerfelt, W. S. Blackstock.
11. *Mono*—John Goodfellow.
12. *Nottawasaga*—One to be sent.
13. *Barrie*—Luther O. Rice. One to be sent.
14. *Rama and Orillia*—Horace Dean.
15. *St. Vincent*—One to be sent.
16. *Brock*—Charles W. M. Gilbert. One to be sent.
David Hardie, Superannuated.
17. *Beausoliel Island, &c.*—William Herkimer.

JOHN RYERSON, *Chairman.*

II. LONDON DISTRICT.

18. *London*—John Carroll.
19. *London Circuit*—William Pollard, Charles Silvester.
Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.
20. *Blanchard*—Thomas Williams.
21. *Goderich*—John Williams, James Grey.
22. *Saugceug*—John K. Williston.
23. *Adelbide*—George Kennedy, John Webster.
24. *Sarnia*—Thos. Fawcett. One to be sent.
25. *Sydenham*—Edward Sallows.
26. *Chatham*—Samuel Fear, J. Laird.
27. *Gosfield & Amherstburg*—Richard Phelps. One to be sent.
28. *Muncey*—Peter Jones, Abraham Sickles.
29. *St. Thomas*—Samuel C. Philp, Richard Whiting; Thos. Harmon, Superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman.*

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

30. *Brantford*—Edwy M. Ryerson, Wellington Jeffers; Geo. Poole, Superannuated.
31. *Malahide*—Joseph Shepley.
32. *Woodstock*—Kennedy Creighton, Francis Chapman.
33. *Norwich*—Robert Corson.
34. *Simcoe*—James Booth; Matthias Holtby, Supernumerary.
35. *Walsingham*—Solomon Waldron, who will change with Brother Booth once a month.
36. *Grand River*—Rowley Heyland.
37. *Cayuga*—Ozias Barber.
38. *New Credit*—William Ryerson,
39. *Dumfries*—Matthew Whiting, Thomas Jeffers.
40. *Stratford and Peel*—Ezra Adams, William Dignam.
41. *Guelph*—John Bredin. One to be sent.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

IV. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

42. *Hamilton*—Henry Wilkinson, George Young, D. C. Van-Norman, A.M., Principal of Ladies' Academy; A. Prindell, Samuel Belton, Superannuated; Thomas Rattray left without a station at his own request.
43. *Dundas*—Samuel Rose, Alexander T. Green.
44. *Nelson*—William Willoughby, James Spencer; George Ferguson, Superannuated.
45. *Georgetown*—William Philp.
46. *Grimsby*—Hamilton Biggar, Joseph Hill.
47. *St. Catherine's*—John Law, Charles Lavell.
48. *Stamford*—Ephraim B. Harper, John Hunt.
49. *Chippewa*—Reuben E. Tupper, Stephen Brownell.
50. *Seneca*—Thomas Cosford. One to be sent.
51. *Owen's Sound*—James Hutchinson. One to be sent; John Neelands, Supernumerary.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

V. COBOURG DISTRICT.

52. *Cobourg*—John Douse; Alexander MacNab, A. M., Principal of Victoria College; Silvester Hurlburt, Treasurer; John Beatty, Supernumerary; Thomas Hannah, Henry Trickey, Robert Robinson, John English, Students.
53. *Norwood*—John Sanderson, Nelson Brown.
54. *Peterborough*—George Goodson, Charles Turver; Moses Blackstock, Supernumerary.
55. *Bowmanville*—Wm. Haw, John C. Osborne.
56. *Schoogog*—William Steer.
57. *Port Hope*—Jonathan Scott, James C. Slater.
58. *Rice and Mud Lakes*—Robert Brooking, John Sunday.
59. *Alderville*—Wm. Case, William Ames.

WILLIAM CASE, *Chairman*.

VI. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

60. *Belleville*—John Gemley.
61. *Colborne*—William Coleman, William Morton.
62. *Consecon*—Richard Jones, Wm. H. Poole; Daniel McMullen, Supernumerary.
63. *Sidney*—John Black, Alexander Potts.
64. *Marmora*—Stephen Miles. One to be sent. Joseph Reynolds, Superannuated.
65. *Shannonville*—Daniel Wright.
66. *Demorestville*—George Carr; I. B. Aylesworth, Supy.
67. *Hallowell*—William McCallough, Thomas Cleghorn; Gilbert Miller, George F. Playter, Supernumeraries.
68. *Napance*—William McFadden, John A. Williams.
69. *Sheffield*—Abraham Dayman.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

VII. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

70. *Kingston East*—William Squire.
71. *Kingston West*—Isaac B. Howard; Henry Byers, Supernumerary.
72. *Wilton*—George Beynon, Robert Lohead.
73. *Waterloo*—Cyrus R. Allison.
74. *Gananoque*—Conrad Vandusen.

- 75. *Elizabethtown*—Joseph W. McCollum, T. W. Constable ; Wyatt Chamberlain, Superannuated.
- 76. *Newborough*—Alvah Adams.
- 77. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—M. Fawcett, John Armstrong.
- 78. *Perth*—Francis Coleman.
- 79. *Sherbrooke*—Michael Baxter.

WILLIAM SQUIRE, *Chairman*.

VIII. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 80. *Brockville*—Noble F. English.
- 81. *Prescott and Augusta*—Thomas Bevitt, Simon Huntingdon ; Ezra Healey, Superannuated.
- 82. *Matilda*—James Musgrove, David McDowell ; Joseph Sawyer, Supernumerary.
- 83. *Smith's Falls*—John Lever ; William Brown, Sup'd.
- 84. *Cornwall*—William H. Williams, William M. Pattysen.
- 85. *Coteau Landing*—Jonathan Loverin.
- 86. *Kemptville*—Asahel Hurlburt.
- 87. *Merrickville*—Vincent B. Howard.
- 88. *Mississippi*—Benjamin Nankevell, William Chapman.
- 89. *Winchester*—William McGill.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

IX. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 90. *Bytown*—Edmund Shepherd. One to be sent.
- 91. *Westmeath*—Henry Shaler.
- 92. *Bouchere*—John Howes.
- 93. *Torbolton*.—One to be sent.
- 94. *Hull*—James Elliott.
- 95. *Gatineau*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 96. *Buckingham*—John Armstrong.
- 97. *St. Andrews*—David B. Madden.
- 98. *L'Original*—James Greener ; Franklin Metcalf, Sup'y.
- 99. *Osgoode*—Charles Taggart.
- 100. *Richmond*—William Andrews, Noble Armstrong.
- 101. *Clarendon*—David Jennings, Lewis Morton.

EDMUND SHEPHERD, *Chairman*.

Ephraim Evans transferred to the Nova Scotia District ; Edmund Botterell, Henry Lanton, Lachlin Taylor, and William Scott, to the Canada East District.

Ques. XI., XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Superannu- ated Minis- ters' Fund.	Collected to make up deficiencies	Church Relief Fund.
London	129	£1 5 0	£2 15 9	£1 10 0
London Circuit	483	3 0 0	3 0 0	2 10 0
Brantford	433	3 0 9	3 13 7½	1 8 9
Woodstock	250	15 7½	2 5 3	.....
Gosfield and Amherstburgh	368	3 3 8	4 3 7	12 6
Simcoe	330		1 10 4	1 3 4
St. Thomas	361	2 5 0	6 4 2	2 17 3
Chatham	200	16 7½	3 4 5½	15 0
Norwich	90		.....	.....
Saugeen	109	5 0	7 7½	2 3
Goderich	216	1 0 0	1 5 0	5 0
Sarnia and St. Clair	207	1 2 6	.....	.....
Adelaide	293	15 0	1 2 6	.....
Wardsville	57	14 5½	14 2½	.....
New Credit	92	.....	.....	.....
Muncey	212	10 0	10 0	.....
S. denham	122	12 6	1 4 0	6 3
Malahide	300	1 10 0	2 9 0	15 0
Hamilton	435	5 0 0	8 18 9½	2 1 3½
Dundas	350	3 19 4½	3 0 0	1 1 7
Dumfries	487	4 7 9	4 10 0	17 9
Nelson	429	8 4 0½	5 8 2½	19 7
Grimsby	431	4 18 9½	5 15 7½	2 6 2½
St. Catharines	301	7 12 6½	7 17 1	2 7 6
Stamford	234	4 6 3	6 1 8	3 1 9
Georgetown	104	2 8 6	3 13 5	18 10
Guelph	203	1 18 1½	1 5 0	1 0 0
Grand River	2-8	1 16 3	2 0 0	11 3
York	234	9 17 10	7 16 4½	3 6 9
Chippewa	149	1 0 0	2 7 11	1 4 5
Stratford and Peel	145	6 3	15 0	5 0
Toronto City West	411	2 10 0	4 11 4½	2 19 11
Toronto City East	189	6 2 6	4 18 3½	2 2 7
Yonge Street	4 36	5 0 0	6 17 4	2 11 8
Humber	347	2 10 0	5 11 5½	2 4 6½
Toronto Circuit	470	6 5 0	7 0 0	2 10 0
Oshawa	360	3 8 9	4 10 0	1 16 4
Markham	630	4 6 3	5 1 3	2 10 0
Newmarket and Snake Island	404	1 5 6	5 2 7	19 6
Bradford	257	1 5 7½	4 7 7	1 11 1½
Mono	158	1 1 4	1 3 3	6 0
Nottawasaga and Collingwood	39		.....	.....
Schoogog	23		.....	.....
Barrie	194	14 0	2 9 0	1 10 0
Rama	95	2 0 0	10 6	.....
St. Vincent	70		.....	.....
Brock	165	1 0 0	1 15 0	1 1 1½
Owen's Sound	171	10 9	10 3	.....
Beausoliel Island	45	15 0	.....	.....
French River	15	.....	.....	.....
Cobourg	245	3 14 3	4 12 10½	1 11 0
Colborne	372	2 0 0	3 3 1½	1 1 3

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Superannu- ated Minis- ters' Fund.	Collected to make up deficiencies.	Chapel Relief Fund.
Napanee	557	£4 2 9	£3 5 0	10 0
Peterborough	572	7 10 0	8 1 3	1 3
Hallowell	452	3 11 10½	3 10 1½	5 9½
Consecon	380	2 11 0	3 12 5½	6 3
Belleville	250	2 0 0	3 5 3	2 8 0
Sidney	526	3 0 0	4 9 8½	1 0 7½
Port Hope	376	3 6 3	5 10 0	1 7 6
Norwood	215	1 7 0	2 6 9	1 6 8
Demorestville	160	1 10 0	15 7½	7 0½
Bowmanville	243	2 18 9	1 17 6	16 1
Marmora	123	11 4	1 19 2	19 4½
Sheffield	170	6 3	5 0	.....
Lindsay	41	.....	.....	5 0
Rice and Mud Lake	74	.....	.....	.....
Alderville	81	.....	.....	.....
Shannonville	122	10 0	1 3 2½	7 7
Kingston East	247	7 1 3	.....	.....
Kingston West	147	4 0 0	3 8 9	1 17 6
Waterloo	155	1 16 9	2 12 6	5 0
Wilton	423	2 11 10½	3 2 1	17 9
Bath	190	18 2	1 15 0	12 6
Amherst Isle	27	.....	15 7	.....
Gananoque	62	1 0 0	1 5 6	10 0
Elizabethtown	480	1 14 0	2 15 0	18 6
Brookville	130	15 0	1 18 3	5 9
Prescott	60	7 6	1 0 0	12 6
Augusta	310	2 0 0	2 0 0	10 0
Smith's Falls	192	6 7	1 1 3	15 0
Merrickville	245	17 7½	11 10½	6 5½
Newborough	163	11 11½	11 2	10 5½
Matilda	487	4 11 10	2 6 7	1 6 3
Cornwall	246	15 0	2 1 0½	1 7 0
Bytown	238	4 10 0	4 6 0	1 6 0
Perth	123	18 9	1 10 1½	18 3
Kemptville	527	2 15 0	2 15 0	18 6
Hull	84	1 0 0	2 14 4	1 10 8½
Mississippi	353	1 12 6	3 6 6	1 10 3
Richmond	612	2 11 1	2 9 10	1 3 0
St. Andrews	280	2 2 6	4 0 0	2 2 9½
Clarendon	211	7 6	1 6 0	6 1
Onslow	23	1 10 0	1 18 1	.....
L'Orignal	179	4 6	1 4 9½	1 0 8
Coteau Landing	34	3 2	1 15 3½	1 12 6
Sherbrooke	85	4 6	8 3	5 0
Buckingham	64	10 0	1 0 0	3 3
Osgoode	171	2 6	15 0	10 0
Gattineau	120	1 0 1	1 15 4½	1 1 10½
Bonchere	30	7 2½	1 2 4½	9 0½
Pembroke	66	1 4½	15 2	1 10½
Total	23842			
Last year	21749			
Increase	2093			

of which 1095 are Indians.

The number of members in the Western District, amounting to 3032, is included in the above returns.

CIRCUITS.	Superannuated Ministers' Fund.	Collec'd to make up deficiencies	Church Re- lief Fund.
Total for Circuits.....	£263 13 3	£355 11 4	£33 47 8
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers.....	162 0 0		39 15 0
Interest on Centenary Money.....	72 13 11		
Collection at Conference.....	8 14 10		
From the English Conference.....		742 10 8	
From the Book Room.....		100 0 0	
Trustees.....			4 10 0
Total.....	£447 2 0	£1098 2 0	£48 2 8

Quest. XIV. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer.

To Rev. Edmund Stoney.....	£39 5 0
“ George Poole.....	39 5 0
“ George Ferguson.....	39 5 0
“ Samuel Belton.....	39 5 0
“ David Youmans.....	39 5 0
“ James Wilson.....	39 5 0
“ David Wright.....	39 5 0
“ Ezra Healey.....	39 5 0
“ Thomas Harmon.....	19 12 6
“ Andrew Prindel.....	12 10 0
“ Thomas McMullen.....	25 0 0
“ George B. Butcher.....	19 12 6
To Mrs. Madden.....	19 12 6
“ Slater.....	2 0 0
To Rev. W. Graham, returned him.....	1 0 0
“ Daniel McMullen “.....	8 12 0
Incidental Expenses.....	£441 12 0
Balance in hands of Stewards.....	5 10 0
	£447 2 0

Quest. XV. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer 1. In cases of Affliction and other Expenses.

Amount overpaid last year.....	£26 13 0
Rev. John Williams.....	4 10 0
“ Edw. M. Ryerson.....	3 0 0
“ Wellington Jeffers' children.....	34 10 0
“ Peter Ker.....	1 17 2
“ John Baxter.....	2 0 0
“ William Young.....	3 10 0
“ Lewis Warner.....	5 12 6
“ Ezra Adams.....	6 5 0
“ William Steer.....	2 10 0
“ William Pattison.....	2 0 0
“ John Goodfellow.....	9 0 0
“ Charles Lavell.....	7 10 0
“ Noble F. English.....	5 0 0
Rev. William Haw.....	4 9 0

" George Goodson	£1 0 0
" Thomas Hanna.....	4 0 0
" Michael Pawcett.....	5 0 0
" Alva Adams.....	2 10 0
" Joseph Measmore.....	3 0 0
" David McDowell.....	1 10 0
" H. Wilkinson.....	3 15 0
" E. Darlington.....	5 0 0
" E. Evans' Expenses attending a Special District Meeting, Guelph	1 5 0
Expenses attending the Executive Committee.....	12 3 3
Postage and Account Book.....	1 3 3
	£163 1 8

Ans. 2. To aid deficient Circuits.

Bytown.....	£35 0 0	Norwich.....	£15 0 0
Gatineau.....	2 13 8	Toronto West.....	15 0 0
Smith's Falls.....	16 0 0	Humber.....	20 0 0
Prescott.....	35 0 0	Perth.....	21 0 0
Elizabethtown.....	18 0 0	Merrickville.....	20 0 0
Bath.....	25 0 0	Newborough.....	40 0 0
Cobourg.....	23 0 0	Brockville.....	35 0 0
Hallowell.....	6 5 0	Wilton.....	16 0 0
Napanea.....	4 0 0	Waterloo.....	30 0 0
Markham.....	30 0 0	Colborne.....	26 0 0
Yonge Street.....	22 0 0	Demorestville.....	40 0 0
Dundas.....	37 0 0	Stoney.....	25 0 0
Nelson.....	25 0 0	Consecon.....	10 0 0
Stamford.....	50 0 0	Hamilton.....	27 0 0
Malahide.....	5 0 0	Dumfries.....	30 0 0
Simcoe.....	25 0 0	Grimsby.....	20 0 0
Chatham.....	50 0 0	Bramford.....	14 0 0
Woodstock.....	22 0 0	Toronto East.....	50 0 0
St. Thomas.....	24 0 0	Bradford.....	20 0 0
St. Catharines.....	22 0 0		
			£1134 0 4
			35 18 4

Balance due the Treasurer.....

Quest. XVII. *How has this been expended?*

Ans. As follows, viz.:

Grant to the Williamstown Chapel.....	£6 0 0
" one of the Peterborough Chapels.....	12 10 0
" Pakenham Chapel.....	6 5 0
" Rev. J. McCullum for Cornwall Chapel.....	10 0 0
" Washington's Chapel, Scarborough.....	7 10 0
" Holland Landing Chapel.....	9 10 0
" Cross Roads Chapel, Niagara.....	10 0 0
" St. Thomas Chapel.....	20 0 0
" Gananoque Chapel.....	10 0 0
" Wilmot Chapel.....	2 2 0
" Stone Chapel, Dundas.....	1 1 10
" Cooksville Chapel.....	2 10 0
" Richmond Street, Toronto.....	25 0 0
" Smith's Falls Chapel.....	7 10 0
Loan to Bytown Chapel.....	6 0 0
Postage, &c.....	0 3 10
	£133 2 8

N. B.—No application for assistance from the Chapel Relief Fund will be entertained unless the applicants pledge themselves to raise an amount at least equal to the amount granted from the Fund; nor will any sum appropriated be paid by the Treasurer of the Fund unless a statement duly authenticated be furnished that the sum raised by local effort has been collected for the purposes specified.

Quest. XVII. *What further directions are necessary, pursuant to the Resolution of the Conference, that Chairmen of Districts shall be stationed on Circuits?*

Direction 1. The Chairman of each District is directed to take the oversight of the whole work on his District, according to the Discipline, as far as his duty to the Circuit on which he presides will permit—to visit any Circuit or Station on his District when he may judge it expedient—and to see that every part of the Discipline is duly enforced. The Chairman is especially directed and requested to visit any Circuit or Station in his District, when requested by the Superintendent of such Circuit, in case of any dispute or difficulty which the Superintendent may desire assistance to adjust; also, in all cases of appeal, of which the Superintendent on the Circuit or Station concerned shall give him due notice. In all such cases the Circuit or Station visited shall pay the travelling expenses of the Chairman. The Chairman shall also have authority to call in any Preacher of his District to supply his place when absent in visiting any Circuit or Station.

2. On all the Circuits and Stations the regular Quarterly Meetings shall be held some time in the months of August, November, February, and May.

Quest. XVIII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President of the Conference, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Secretary of Conference, Revs. J. Ryerson, A. Green, Dr. Ryerson, L. Warner, W. Case; together with the following lay gentlemen:—J. R. Armstrong, J. Sterling, J. Hodgson, A. Hamilton, G. Walker, J. Wilson, R. Yates.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

G. R. Sanderson, *Secretary.*

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—Chairman of Toronto District, all the Preachers in the two city Circuits, and the Superintendent of Yonge Street.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairman of Toronto, Ham-

ilton, Cobourg, Kingston, and London Districts, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Book Steward, Editor, Dr. Ryerson, W. Case, A. McNab, A.M., and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. COMMITTEE ON CLERGY RESERVES:—President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairman of Toronto District, Dr. Ryerson, A. Green, and A. MacNab, A.M.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—The Chairman of Districts, Book Steward, one member elected at each District Meeting; and the following laymen: E. Jackson, Esq., James Gage, Esq., Hutchinson Clarke, R. Eccleson, Lindsey Crawford, Joseph Lister.

ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer*.

6. CHAPEL RELIEF COMMITTEE.—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Book-Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; and the following laymen,—J. Hodgson, R. Hastings, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, and P. Lawrence.

ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer*.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

That the Rev. JAMES DIXON, D. D., be respectfully requested to act as our representative to the British Conference the ensuing year.

1. *Resolved*,—That from our observation and experience of the ability, piety and labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood during the past year, his peculiar qualifications for the office of the Superintendent of Missions, the preparations which he has made for the erection of buildings for industrial Schools among the Indians, and their proper establishment, the necessity of completing the works thus began, and also of bringing into practice in the most satisfactory manner, the financial system of arrangement between the English and Canadian Connexions which has been the subject of correspondence between Brother

Wood and the Secretaries of the Parent Missionary Society, this Conference is of opinion that any change of Superintendent of Missions at the present would be very injurious to the interests of Missions in Western Canada, and to the practical working of the financial part of the Union, and, therefore, most respectfully and earnestly requests that Brother Wood may be continued in his present office another year.

2. *Resolved*,—That the Rev. Dr. Dixon, President of the Conference, is earnestly requested to concur in the foregoing resolution as far as in his power, and to represent to the General Secretaries in London the necessity and importance of Brother Wood being allowed to continue Superintendent of Missions in Western Canada during the present Conference year.

Resolved,—That in consideration of the long ministerial experience and usefulness of the Rev. Ephraim Evans and the high estimation in which he is deservedly held by the members of our Conference and Church generally, and, in view of the extensive influence which he might thus exercise in carrying out the work of the Union, this Conference begs most respectfully to represent to our venerable President the great desirableness of Brother Evans being appointed to a station in connexion with this Conference during the present year, if it be at all consistent with other arrangements.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the several Districts be authorized to appoint Committees to examine probationers on the Course of Study. Said examination to take place one day previous to the District Meeting.

Resolved, That a Financial District Meeting, consisting of the Superintendent and one Steward from each Circuit—to be appointed by the Quarterly meeting—be held in the month of September, to apportion to the various Circuits the sums placed at his disposal by the Conference from the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That duplicate copies of District Minutes be furnished to the Secretary of the Conference by the Chairman of Districts, on the first day of Conference.

Resolved, That the Superintendents of Circuits be required

to draw up a brief but comprehensive report of the state of Sabbath Schools on their respective Circuits, and present it to the District Meetings.

Resolved, That this Conference recommends to all its members to administer the ordinance of Baptism in the public congregation, except in extreme cases.

Resolved,—That each Minister and Preacher be required to procure five additional Subscribers to the *Christian Guardian*, for the ensuing volume.

Resolved, That JOSEPH SAWYER be received into the Conference, and that he be allowed to sustain the relation of a Supernumerary Preacher to the Conference.

Resolved,—That the cordial and affectionate thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. James Musgrove for the efficient and laborious manner in which he discharged the duties of Secretary during the past year.

Resolved, That the unanimous and cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the members and friends of the W. M. Church in Belleville who extended the rites of hospitality to its members during its sitting.

CONNEXIONAL FUND COLLECTIONS.

Contingent Fund Collections to be made in all our congregations in the months of September and February.

Chapel Relief Fund Collection to be made in all our Congregations during the month of August.

Application to be made to all our members and friends for contributions to the *Superannuated Preachers' Fund* in the month of December.

Quest. XIX. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In Hamilton, Gore District, on the first Wednesday in June, 1849, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES DIXON, *President*.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, being deeply impressed with the importance of the subject to which their consideration has been directed, beg leave to Report,

That the returns which they have received from the different Districts, are painfully defective in various instances; on some Circuits there are but one or two schools under our direct control, while from others no returns have been reported.

Your Committee have, therefore, been led to fear, that this subject has not received that due consideration by all the members of this Conference which its merits so richly deserve.

Viewing, as they do, that Sabbath School instruction stands directly connected with the future prosperity and stability of our beloved Church, and indirectly with the salvation of thousands of the youth of our land, its suitability and adaptation to the moral cultivation of the youthful mind cannot be questioned; and it has found its sanction in the favour of him, who, while angels pay their homage at his feet, has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

In order to the future efficiency of this department of the work, your Committee respectfully suggest, that the subject of Sabbath Schools be prominently referred to in the Pastoral Address of the Conference; in order that the membership generally may be induced to put forth their most vigorous exertions in this work of faith and labour of love; and also, that an annual return of the respective schools appear in the Minutes of Conference.

Your Committee are also impressed that that interesting and valuable publication, the *Sunday School Guardian*, is deserving of a far more extensive circulation than it has hitherto received, and your Committee hereby urge upon the Conference the vast benefit accruing to the interests of Sabbath School institutions from the aid afforded by this valuable and efficient auxiliary.

It has also occurred to your Committee, that if the ministers of the Gospel would endeavour to give their personal counte-

nance to these nurseries of our Zion, that a greater interest would be more generally excited, and that greater success would accompany the exertions of all those persons who labour in this interesting department of our Lord's vineyard.

The last suggestion which your committee respectfully urge upon the attention of this Conference, is the adoption of a uniform constitution for the government and regulation of all the Sabbath Schools under the pastoral charge of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.
206	1,368	9,559	18,207

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWY M. RYERSON, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, June 13, 1848.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Church in Canada.

VERY DEAR BREthren :

In presenting you with this our Twenty-sixth Annual Address, we have reason for thankfulness and joy that the anticipations expressed in our last annual address, as to the hopes and prospects of the unity of Wesleyan Methodism in Upper Canada, have been fully realized during the year. The unanimity with which the difference heretofore existing between two branches of the Wesleyan Church were adjusted at our last Conference, and arrangements made for the united and extended operations of Wesleyan Methodism throughout our entire country, was but the emblem and precursor of the cordial unanimity with which it has been received and supported by the congregations of our people. This great measure was commenced in prayer; it was consummated in love; it has resulted in peace and prosperity. The notes of discord have been exchanged for the strains of harmony, and God has

affixed the great seal of his blessing by revivals of religion on many of the Circuits and Missions. The experience of the past animates us in respect to the future. And what remains for us but to thank God and take courage—to forget the things which are behind, and press forward to the things which are before—to unite as the heart of one man in the one work of securing the salvation of our own souls and in promoting the salvation of others.

Our first attention then should be directed to the cultivation of personal holiness—of cheerful, heartfelt piety. The Christian is the temple of the Holy Ghost—is a living witness for Christ. At his peril he is not to defile the temple of God; he is to speak by his life and conversation. His mind and heart should be the seal of divine light and love; his daily conduct should be an exemplification of the holy principles within. The inward man must be sanctified; in order that the outward man may be pure and lovely and fruitful in every good word and work. Dear Brethren, aim at this. It is for this that we have been raised up as a people. Rest not in outward forms. Be not contented with morality. Let Christ *live in your hearts by faith*. This, and this alone, is our life, our strength, our joy, our safety. This is Scriptural Christianity; all else, in respect to our eternal well-being, is but a sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.

But the life and joy of God cannot be maintained in the soul, and the fruits of it cannot be exhibited in the life, without using the means of spiritual supply and power. Let us then be fervent in spirit and instant in prayer. We must pray without ceasing, if we would rejoice evermore. We must converse with God in our closets, if we would show forth his praise in our lives. This is the sheet anchor of our safety, and the Samson-lock of our strength. The forsaking of God in the closet, is the forerunner of abandoning him in the life. The retirement of the closet is an essential prelude to the refuge of the cross and the glories of heaven. Let us forsake everything rather than forsake our closets; let us lose everything, rather than lose communion with our Heavenly Father in secret.

Then, communion with our brethren in class and social

prayer is the native language of closet intercourse with our Father who is in heaven. True religion is social as well as spiritual. *Brotherly* love is the out-beaming of *Divine* love. Our Class and Prayer Meetings are its banquets, and the appropriate instruments of its preservation and increase. Voluntary absence from them is both an indication and occasion of want of love; and as well may the body be without the soul, as religion without love. Oh, Brethren, resolve and diligently strive, that your places shall not be found vacant at these precious means of grace and love. And if you are found faithful to your closet devotions, to your Class and Prayer Meetings, you will require no exhortation to induce your regular attendance at Love-feasts and the Lord's Supper and upon the ministrations of the sanctuary. Fidelity to the closet will link you to the meetings of class and prayer; and these will induce earnest desire for the Love feast, the Supper of the Lord, and the preaching of the word. The Psalmist's ardent longing for the sanctuary of the Lord, is the characteristic of every true christian. Love to God's house must precede elevation to his throne. There is no place in the temple of God in heaven, for those who neglect it on earth. If we would dwell in the house of the Lord forever, we must dwell in it now in our devout affections and by our punctual presence. And that punctuality should have respect to time as well as attendance. Lateness at the house of God is a loss and injury both to ourselves and to others. Sin not in this respect against God, against others, against yourselves. Late coming to Love-feasts is highly detrimental and sometimes fatal to their utility. Every late comer interrupts and contributes to defeat the holy objects of these meetings of Christian fellowship. The Preachers are directed to see the rule strictly enforced in regard to closing the doors at Love-feast. And in the prayers of the house of God, let us at all times bow the knee with the heart at the throne of grace. Standing during prayers is incompatible with our forms and usages of public worship; and the irreverent and indecent posture of sitting, when as sinners we supplicate the Lord of lords, is at variance with the example of all the Churches of God in all ages and countries. Kneeling before the Lord our Maker is the true

frame of spirit and the proper posture of body to confess our sins and implore the salvation of the gospel. If we would enjoy all the privileges and blessings of salvation, we must punctually and faithfully and heartily attend to all the means of its attainments.

And what we seek for ourselves, we should aim to secure to our children. The gospel promise is to them as well as to us; and we are the appointed and responsible instruments of its application. Let us strive more anxiously to make our children the possessors of our faith than leave to them the heirship of our name and worldly substance. Family religion is the development of personal religion; and there cannot be parental piety without parental instruction and care for the religious interests of children. The care for their souls should not be less constant and assiduous than the care for their bodily health and intellectual culture. It is for the soul that Christ has died; and it is for the souls of their children that parents should cherish the strongest solicitude, impart incessant instruction, and present their morning and evening sacrifices of prayer and supplication on their family altars.

Religious reading is also an important means of personal edification and instruction for our children. Let novels of every kind be authoritatively and effectually excluded from our abodes, as an insidious poison to the intellectual taste, the domestic heart, and the religious principles. Our own Book Room furnishes a great variety and excellent supply of religious and interesting reading; and we cannot urge upon you too strongly the careful and habitual reading of Mr. Wesley's Sermons on practical and experimental religion. Our weekly periodical of religious and useful information should be in each of your houses, as should our monthly *Sunday School Guardian* for your children.

Our college at Cobourg furnishes facilities for both the English and collegiate education of the youth of our Church and country. Under the care of the Christian and efficient Faculty of the College, the best religious and intellectual interests of your sons will be most carefully and ably consulted; while the Female Academy of the Rev. D. C. VanNorman at Hamilton

presents an excellent school for the Christian education of your daughters.

Among the numerous emigrants from the Mother Country to this Province, there are many who have been members or hearers in the Wesleyan Church at home. On their arrival here, we should kindly search them out, and affectionately invite them to the ordinances and privileges of our Church. They may have suffered spiritual declension during the privations and exposures of a protracted voyage; they should therefore be carefully sought after and brought again to the means of grace. They are strangers in a strange land, and we should sympathize with the hearts of strangers. They are our brethren, and we should receive, and welcome, and help them as such.

Very Dear Brethren,—Our present session of Conference has been a season of great harmony and spiritual profit. We come to you, not by our personal selection, but by the appointment of the authorities to which each of us is alike subject. Each minister or preacher thus feels himself providentially sent of God. We beseech you to receive him as such, and he will be rendered to you a messenger of God for good. During the last year the deficiencies of preachers on the several circuits amount to a large sum beyond what we have any means to make up. This sum is a dead loss to preachers from the scanty allowance which the Discipline authorizes them to receive. This ought not to be. Better all to do a little, than one suffer all. Such wrong should not be inflicted upon any labourer in the vineyard of Christ. We earnestly hope, brethren, that last year's lack of service in this respect will be fully supplied this year.

We rejoice that your love to the cause of Christian Missions has suffered no decline, and that, notwithstanding the depression of trade and commerce, your Missionary contributions have been undiminished. It is when we are thus honouring the Lord with our substance and labouring to water others, that we may confidently look for the blessing of providential and spiritual refreshment ourselves. In this holy and appointed work of the Christian Church, let us abound more and more.

Let us look, and live and pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all congregations. Let our entire Church be a revival Church, and every member a revivalist, and the glorious things which we have already witnessed will be but the morning dawn before the effulgence of noon-day. This is our calling; this is our duty; this is our privilege. Let us live up to it, and our path will shine more and more unto the perfect day. Faithful is he that hath called us, who also will do it. Let us live and act in the spirit of the Apostle's advice—"Do all things without murmurings and disputings, that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life, that we may rejoice in the day of Christ, that we have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

JAMES DIXON, *President*;

G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

Belleville, June 15th, 1848.

ADDRESS

Of the British Conference to the Canadian Conference.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN :

Your letter, conveyed to us by the hands of your President, the Rev. Dr. ALDER, was read and considered by our late Conference, and the sentiments of affection and brotherly kindness which it breathes, are heartily and sincerely reciprocated by your Brethren in this country.

We were truly thankful to God to hail among us, once more, the honoured Minister, to whose indefatigable labours we, in common with yourselves, are so highly indebted for the happy and successful re-union of the two branches of the Wesleyan Methodist Family. That his health should have suffered as the result of his labours and journeyings, was a source of con-

siderable uneasiness and anxiety to us; but, in answer to earnest prayer, his life has been prolonged and his health restored, and we are grateful to God for his safe return from his important mission. That, in the representation of our views he should have evinced "ability and courtesy, as well as frankness and brotherly kindness," was in accordance with his well known character. We desire to be thankful to Almighty God for the ability and fidelity with which he has been enabled to prosecute this arduous undertaking. We are also laid under deep and lasting obligation to the Rev. MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., for the assistance which he rendered to Dr. ALDER, in the adjustment of these perplexing affairs. We have had the pleasure of intercourse with him, and have learned to esteem him as an able and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the close of our Conference, Dr. Alder was heard at length on the subject of his visit to you, and the important intelligence which he communicated was received with high satisfaction. It was cause of thankfulness that the arrangements made in London, in September, 1847, between our Committee on Canadian affairs, which had been deputed with full powers to act on our behalf in this matter, and the Revs. Jno. Ryerson and Anson Green, who had been appointed by the brethren formerly connected with our Conference, after ample explanation, and friendly and patient discussion, had met with the general and cordial approbation of all the parties concerned. We think it is not difficult to perceive, in this auspicious re-commencement of our union, and in the kindness and unanimity which marked your deliberations, the approval and presence of God the Holy Spirit who maketh men to be of one mind.

It is our earnest hope and conviction, that the arrangements thus agreed upon will be carried into full operation in the same spirit of love and Christian brotherhood, in which they have been proposed and hitherto conducted, and that the union will be complete and permanent. While it furnishes you with new opportunities of spreading scriptural holiness through your important and extended country, it may, by the blessing

of God, prove a lasting benefit to your growing population, and particularly to the Indian tribes among whom our missions have been established. Let us learn, dear Brethren, to attach additional importance to the *manifestation* of the unity which exists among all the true disciples of Christ, and let us anxiously seek the full accomplishment of His prayer: "That they all may be one as thou Father art in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou has sent me." It is our earnest prayer and hope that henceforth we may be really and visibly one, and be enabled to realize in ourselves, and exhibit to other churches around us, that a living and everlasting union binds us to each other in the one "Holy Catholic Church," which is, "the communion of Saints."

We have by a cordial and unanimous vote appointed the Rev. James Dixon, D. D., to preside over your next Conference. We are persuaded that you will thankfully and joyfully hail this arrangement. We have long learned to appreciate his services. His Christian simplicity, the meekness of his spirit, his manly and effective eloquence in preaching Christ, as well as the ability and fidelity with which he has maintained our ecclesiastical polity, have pointed him out as a minister well qualified for this important office. We have the utmost confidence in his integrity and ability. He is commended to you as a brother beloved. May his visit to you be long remembered, and result in the consolidation of our re-union and in the conversion of many souls to Christ Jesus.

We do not deem it necessary, in this letter, to enter into any further statement of our views. The Conference referred the adjustment of any such matters as might require more complete settlement to a numerous and efficient Committee, and Dr. Dixon will communicate to you the result of their deliberations. He will also gladly avail himself of an opportunity of stating to you other matters connected with our proceedings. The Conference requested the Rev. Joseph Stinson to accompany him. He has our growing esteem and confidence, and will be received by you with the respect and affection which his talents and excellencies so fully entitle him.

Be assured, dear Brethren, we mention you in our prayers. We ask for you every spiritual blessing. May the Lord, the spirit, vouchsafe to pour out upon your approaching assembly, his choicest influences, mercifully disposing you to the exercise of all holy and kindly affections, and guiding your deliberations to such results, as may largely promote the glory of Christ, and the maintenance and spread of scriptural godliness through your extended and interesting country.

We are, very dear Brethren,

In behalf of the Conference,

SAMUEL JACKSON, *President*.

ROBERT NEWTON, *Secretary*.

Liverpool, Aug, 1847.

ADDRESS

To the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England.

REV. FATHERS AND BROTHERN :

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your affectionate Address; and rejoice to inform you that the expectations expressed in your Address of last year in regard to the Union between the two Bodies which was then completed have been fully realized. Union has pervaded our entire work, and success has crowned our labours. The financial pressure of the times has been severe in this country, as well as in England; the deficiencies of the Preachers on the Circuits have been larger than usual—about £400 more than we have any means to make up:—but the Missionary Subscriptions and Collections have sustained no diminution. The machinery of our united Methodism has performed its varied movements without friction; our Preachers and people are of one mind and heart in our present arrangements and relations; blessed revivals of religion have taken place in a large number of Circuits; and the Missions are, with scarcely an exception, in a state of healthful prosperity. The results of the Union are thus far

not less satisfactory than our first and strong convictions of the Scriptural and Methodist principles on which it is founded. To the Author of all good be the supreme and undivided praise !

But as instruments in practically consolidating the Union, and in contributing to the general happy results which we are permitted to witness and experience, we thankfully acknowledge the labours of our excellent and beloved Bro. Wood, whose judicious counsels, Christian spirit, pious and efficient ministrations have justly endeared him to all our hearts, and evinced the wisdom of his selection as Superintendent of Missions in Upper Canada. So deeply are we impressed with the necessity and great importance of his continuing another year in the important office for which he is so well qualified, that we have unanimously adopted a resolution requesting it, and refer you to the Rev. Dr. Dixon for the reasons for this request. We doubt not, on being made acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, the General Secretaries of the Parent Missionary Society will cordially concur in recommending the continuance of Mr. Wood in Upper Canada another year.

It affords us pleasure also to acknowledge the fidelity and Christian zeal and kindness with which our honoured and beloved Br. Dr. Richey has represented the sentiments and feelings of the Parent Body in working out the principles of the Union ; and we rejoice at the prospect of his removal and residence in Upper Canada, where his high talents, personal counsels and labours, will we trust, be eminently instrumental in advancing the great objects of the Union—in presiding over the affairs of our Canadian Church—and in promoting, in various ways, the work of God among us.

We thank you with all our hearts for your appointment of the Rev. Dr. Dixon as your Representative and President of our Conference ; and we have no language adequately to express our deep and grateful sense of the value of his ministrations and counsels. We have been no less delighted and instructed by his powerful and hallowed labours in the pulpit, than we have been edified and assisted by his diversified and important advices in Conference. Under his presidency and direction, we have satisfactorily and harmoniously got through

the various business of our Conference in an unusually short time; and never shall we forget, and we hope through life to profit by his apostolic and manifestly anointed instructions, his personal courtesy and kindness. His memory will ever be precious to us; and our devout prayer is, that he may be restored safely to the bosom of his family and brethren, and long to continue, as he has long been, one of the brightest lights of the Christian Church. We have requested Dr. Dixon to act as our Representative to your Conference; and we refer you to him for every information respecting our affairs."

We regret that our esteemed and beloved friend brother Stinson was not able to accompany Dr. Dixon, as intimated in your address; we shall, as we stated last year, cordially greet his connexion with us again, whenever you may be able to sanction it.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren,—From one of the most harmonious and profitable Conferences that we have ever attended, we separate to our different fields of labour. By statistical returns, given in by the several preachers at this Conference, we find that we have 268 chapels or places of worship of our own, and 893 other places in which we hold regular services—making a total of 1161 congregations in Upper Canada, to whom we preach the glorious Gospel of God our Saviour; and there are large fields yet altogether uncultivated or but very partially cultivated. We feel the greatness of our responsibility; and are resolved to devote ourselves and our all to our great and laborious fields of privation and toil. We present you our heart-felt thanks for the important aid you have afforded us; and we trust to your Christian and generous kindness for the future; we entreat an interest in your prayers and supplications. We implore the richest blessings of the eternal Trinity upon your labours at home and abroad; and we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire family of our beloved Methodism, and upon the whole Christian Church.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

Belleville, June 15th, 1848.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT HAMILTON, FROM THE 6TH TO THE 14TH OF
JUNE, 1849.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *President.*

QUESTION I.

What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference, and Ordained ?

Answer.—David Clappison, Richard Whiting, Francis Chapman, Alexander T. Green, Robert Robinson, Thomas W. Constable, James Armstrong, Jonathan Loverin.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on trial ?*

Ans. William S. Blackstock, Alexander Campbell, Charles Silvester, James Gray, William H. Poole, John A. Williams, William Chapman, John Webster, James C. Slater, Joseph Hill, Nelson Brown,* George Case, John C. Osborne, David McDowell, William M. Pattyson.

These have travelled THREE years.

Samuel Nelles, William McGill, Alexander Potts.

These have travelled two years.

James Gooderham, John Laird, Noble Armstrong, Lewis Morton.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

Ans. Alexander S. Byrne, William Smith Griffin, Edwin Clement,* Charles Fish,* Richard Wilson,* John Armstrong, 2nd,* Henry Budge,* Edward White.*

* These travelled last year under the direction of Chairmen.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since last Conference?*

Ans. None.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. Jesse Hurlburt.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. John Culham, Matthias Holtby, John Neelands, John Beatty, Moses Blackstock, Wyatt Chamberlain, Daniel McMullen, Gilbert Miller, Isaac B. Aylesworth, Henry Byers, William Brown, Joseph Sawyer, James Booth.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Ans. James Wilson, David Youmans, Thomas Harmon, Edmund Stoney, George Poole, Samuel Belton, Andrew Prindel, George Ferguson, Alva Adams, Ezra Healy, Franklin Metcalf, Ezra Adams.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

NOTE —Thomas Rattray, who was on trial, having departed from the faith in the doctrine and polity of our Church, all authority heretofore conferred upon him by the Conference has been cancelled.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, SECRETARY.

ENOCH WOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

I. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*—John Ryerson, Samuel Nelles, A.B.; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward, George R. Sanderson, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools by permission of the Conference.
2. *Toronto City West*—Wm. Squire, Geo. H. Davis.
3. *Yonge Street*—Lewis Warner, James Hughes.
4. *Humber*—John Law, James C. Slater; John Culham, supernumerary.
5. *Cooksville*—David Wright; James Wilson, superann.
6. *Brampton*—Peter Ker, David Clappison.
7. *Oshawa*—William Philp, William S. Blackstock.
8. *Newmarket and Snake Island*—William Young, Alexander Campbell.
9. *Markham*—Joseph Messmore, James Gooderham; David Youmans, superannuated.
10. *Bradford*—Cornelius Flummerfelt, John Webster.
11. *Mono*—John Goodfellow.
12. *Notawasaga*—One to be sent.
13. *St. Vincent*—One to be sent.
14. *Barrie*—Luther O. Rice. One to be sent.
15. *Rama and Orillia*—Horace Dean.
16. *Brock*—William Steer.
17. *Eramosa*—John Sanderson.
18. *Beausoliel and French River*—Wm. Herkimer.
19. *Owen's Sound*—David Sawyer; John Neelands, supernumerary.
20. *Sydenham*—William Dignam.

JOHN RYERSON, *Chairman*.

II. LONDON DISTRICT.

21. *London*—John Carroll, Alexander S. Byrne.
22. *London Circuit*—Richard Phelps, Edward White; Edmund Stoney, superannuated.
23. *Devonshire*—Charles Silvester.
24. *Blanshard*—Thomas Williams.
25. *Goderich*—John Williams, John Laird.

- 26. *Saugeeng*—John K. Williston.
- 27. *Adelaide*—Ozias Barber, Joseph Hill.
- 28. *Sarnia*—Thomas Fawcett, James Gray.
- 29. *Wardsville*—Edward Sallows. One to be sent.
- 30. *Chatham*—Samuel Fear. One to be sent.
- 31. *Gosfield*—Edwin Clement.
- 32. *Amherstburgh*—Richard Whiting, who shall change with the Gosfield Superintendent once in eight weeks.
- 33. *Muncey*—Samuel D. Rice, whose attention will be specially directed to the Industrial School, Abraham Sickles.
- 34. *St. Thomas*—William Pollard. One to be sent. Thos. Harmon, superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- 35. *Brantford*—Claudius Byrne, Wellington Jeffers, who is to reside at Paris; Geo. Poole, superannuated.
- 36. *Malahide*—Samuel C. Philp, John English.
- 37. *Woodstock*—Kennedy Creighton. One to be sent.
- 38. *Ingersoll*—Joseph Shepley.
- 39. *Norwich*—Robert Carson.
- 40. *Simcoe and New Credit*—William Ryerson, Francis Chapman.
- 41. *Walsingham*—George Kennedy; Matthias Holtby, supernumerary.
- 42. *Grand River*—Rowley Heyland.
- 43. *Cayuga*—Solomon Waldron.
- 44. *Dumfries*—Matthew Whiting, Charles W. M. Gilbert,
- 45. *Guelph*—James Spencer, Charles Fish.
- 46. *Stratford*—James Hutchinson.
- 47. *Peel*—Robert Lochead; Ezra Adams, superannuated.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

IV. HAMILTON DISTRICT

- 48. *Hamilton*—Henry Wilkinaon, George Young; D. C. VanNorman, A.M., Principal of Burlington Ladies' Academy; S Belton and Andrew Prindel, superannuated.

49. *Dundas*—Samuel Rose, Alexander T. Green.
50. *Nelson*—Thomas Cosford, Thomas Jeffers; George Ferguson, superannuated.
51. *Georgetown*—William Willoughby.
52. *Grimsby*—Hamilton Biggar. One to be sent.
53. *St. Catharines*—William Price, William Ames.
54. *Drummondville and Niagara*—Edwy M. Ryerson, John Hunt, who is to reside at Niagara.
55. *Chippewa*—Reuben E. Tupper, George Case.
56. *Seneca*—John Baxter, William S. Griffin.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

V. COBOURG DISTRICT.

57. *Cobourg*—John Bredin; Alexander McNab, D. D., Principal of Victoria College; Conrad Vandusen, Treasurer; John Beatty, supernumerary.
58. *Peterborough*—Isaac B. Howard.
59. *Port Hope*—George Goodson.
60. *Bowmanville*—Michael Fawcett, Alexander Potts.
61. *Millbrook*—Charles Turver.
62. *Schoongog*—One to be sent.
63. *Alderville*—William Case, Stephen Brownell.
64. *Rice and Mud Lake*—Robert Brooking, John Sunday.
65. *Colborne*—Silvester Hurlburt, Nelson Brown.
66. *Norwood*—William Morton.

WILLIAM CASE, *Chairman*.

VI. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

67. *Belleville*—John Gemley.
68. *Consecon*—Richard Jones, William H. Poole.
69. *Sidney*—John Black, Robert Robinson.
70. *Marmora*—Abraham Dayman.
71. *Hungerford*—Joseph Reynolds.
72. *Shannonville*—Daniel Wright.
73. *Demorestville*—George Carr.
74. *Hallowell*—William McCullough, William Coleman; Daniel McMullen, Gilbert Miller, supernumeraries.

75. *Napanee*—William McFadden. One to be sent. Isaac B. Aylesworth, supernumerary.
 76. *Sheffield*—John A. Williams.
 77. *Brighton*—George F. Playter, John C. Osborne.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

VII. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

78. *Kingston East*—John Douse; James Booth, supernumerary.
 79. *Kingston West*—Ephraim B. Harper, Henry Byers, supernumerary.
 80. *Wilton*—George Beynon, Charles Taggart.
 81. *Waterloo*—Cyrus R. Allison.
 82. *Gananoque*—David B. Madden.
 83. *Elizabethtown*—Joseph W. McCollum, Thomas W. Constable; Wyatt Chamberlain, supernumerary.
 84. *Newborough*—Vincent B. Howard.
 85. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—S. Miles, James Armstrong.
 86. *Perth*—Jonathan Scott; Alvah Adams, superannuated.
 87. *Sherbrooke*—Michael Baxter.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman*.

VIII. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

88. *Brockville*—Noble F. English,
 89. *Prescott and Augusta*—Simon Huntingdon, Henry Budge; Ezra Healey, superannuated.
 90. *Matilda*—James Musgrove, William Chapman; Joseph Sawyer, supernumerary.
 91. *Smith's Falls*—John Lever; William Brown, supernumerary.
 92. *Cornwall*—William H. Williams, Lewis Morton.
 93. *Kemptville*—Asahel Hurlburt.
 94. *Merrickville*—Thomas Bevitt.
 95. *Carlton and Pakingham*—Benjamin Nankevell, Thomas Hanna.
 96. *Winchester*—William McGill.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

IX. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 97. *Bytown*—Edmund Shepherd, David McDowell.
- 98. *Westmeath*—John Howes.
- 99. *Bonchere*—Richard Wilson.
- 100. *Torbolton*—Jonathan Loverin.
- 101. *Aylmer*—James Elliott.
- 102. *Gattineau*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 103. *Buckingham*—John Armstrong.
- 104. *St. Andrews*—Francis Coleman, J. Armstrong, 2nd.
- 105. *L'Orignal*—James Greener, Noble Armstrong; Franklin Metcalf, supernumerary.
- 106. *Osgoode*—Henry Shaler.
- 107. *Richmond*—William Andrews, William M. Pattysen.
- 108. *Clarendon*—David Jennings.

EDMUND SHEPHERD, *Chairmn.*

Peter Jones is for the present year placed under the direction of the General Superintendent of Missions.

Charles Lavell is by permission of the Conference stationed in the City of Montreal.

Thomas Demorest is appointed Travelling Agent for the Book Concern.

William Haw, having, in consequence of the death of his father, applied to the Conference for permission to visit England and leave of absence for twelve months, his request was granted.

David Hardie ———

Ques. XI., XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Minisr's Fund.
Toronto City East.....	229	£4 13 4	£1 8 8	£6 12 6
Toronto City West.....	474	5 15 5	5 3 10	6 5 0
Yonge Street.....	450	7 1 8½	2 12 4	6 12 4
Humber.....	357	7 16 8	3 15 8	11 0 0
Cooksville.....	83	2 1 4	17 2	1 14 2
Brampton.....	440	7 5 0	2 15 0	6 10 6½
Barrie.....	163	1 9 2	1 2 6	1 0 10
St. Vincent.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Brock.....	191	1 0 0	11 6	1 1 3
Oshawa.....	470	1 6 0	2 2 3	4 1 4
Newmarket and Snake Island.....	449	5 3 1	2 5 6	3 6 4
Markham.....	271	5 2 6	2 11 3	3 0 0
Bradford.....	229	4 2 8	2 1 9	3 4 4
Beausoliel and French River.....	64	.....	.....	2 0 0
Mono.....	149	1 5 3	6 0	1 2 0
Nottawasaga.....	53	15 0	.....	.....
Rama and Orillia.....	91	17 8	.....	1 10 0
London.....	85	3 0 10	12 6	2 13 0
London Circuit.....	424	3 0 0	2 0 0	3 5 0
Blanchard.....	119	13 7	3 1½	7 3
Goderich.....	249	1 17 6	0 15 0	1 0 0
Saugeen.....	113	7 6	2 6	6 9
Adelaide.....	265	1 5 0	5 0	16 3
Sarnia.....	230	17 7½	5 0	1 14 0
Sydenham.....	181	1 9 6	7 9	1 2 11½
Chatham.....	233	3 18 9½	1 10 6	1 5 7½
Gosfeld.....	310	3 10 8	12 6	1 12 6
Muncey.....	103	1 18 3	5 0	1 10 0
St. Thomas.....	374	6 8 9	3 1 6	2 8 10
Brantford.....	433	3 12 2	1 10 6	2 5 0
Malahide.....	250	2 15 0	1 2 6	2 1 3
Woodstock.....	334	4 2 1½	1 17 2	4 6 3
Norwich.....	132	1 2 6	.....	1 1 3
Simcoe.....	159	1 16 5½	1 2 9½	5 3 9
Walsingham.....	200	1 15 0	7 6	15 3
Grand River.....	164	5 0	5 0	7 6
Cayuga.....	107	1 5 0	10 0	1 5 0
New Credit.....	87	8 9	.....	.....
Dumfries.....	596	4 19 4½	1 7 9	4 16 2
Stratford and Peel.....	183	7 6	2 6	5 0
Guelph.....	228	2 15 0	1 15 10½	2 11 7
Hamilton.....	478	9 0 0	3 2 9	6 16 3
Dundas.....	385	4 10 0	2 15 0	4 0 0
Nelson.....	479	5 3 2	1 10 0	8 15 3
Georgetown.....	187	3 14 2	19 10	3 13 9
Grimsbv.....	395	6 18 0½	1 13 1	5 3 11
St. Catharines.....	284	5 8 7½	2 5 7	2 2 1
Stamford.....	259	6 2 6	2 16 6	5 0 0
Chippewa.....	122	4 14 4	1 8 8½	1 5 0
Seneca.....	300	8 0 0	3 10 0	10 0 0
Owen's Sound.....	171	15 6	0 4 1	13 9
Cobourg.....	155	2 13 0½	1 11 6	3 0 0

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superintendent Ministers' Fund.
Norwood	230	£1 0 1	£1 0 0	£1 0 6
Peterborough	599	7 12 0	1 2 0	6 12 3
Bowmanville	277	1 15 0	17 6	2 5 0
Schuogog	23	5 0	.....	.....
Fort Hope	345	4 1 3½	1 7 8	3 6 8½
Rice and Mud Lake	83	.....	.....	.....
Alderville	92	5 0 0	.....	5 10
Belleville	250	5 0 0	2 11 6	4 0 0
Colborne	460	4 0 0	1 16 4	3 5 0
Consecon	510	5 0 0	1 10 0	6 11 9
Napanee	464	3 8 8	1 10 0	4 10 0
Sidney	350	3 5 0	1 15 0	2 6 3
Matamoras	121	1 1 0	11 4½	0 11 9½
Hazlerford	93	15 5½	.....	9 6½
Shelburne	152	1 2 1	.....	14 4½
Shannonville	127	1 8 6	8 9	10 0
Denotestville	180	1 1 10½	11 7	1 10 7½
Hallowell	470	5 0 0	1 0 0	6 12 6
Kingston East	215	7 2 6	2 5 6	4 5 0
Kingston West	133	3 1 9	1 0 0	2 10 0
Wilton	345	1 17 6½	1 1 3	3 0 3½
Waterloo	212	2 15 8	11 4½	2 0 3
Gananoque	75	1 19 7	1 1 0	13 4
Elizabethtown	420	3 0 0	1 0 0	1 16 0
Newborough	145	12 9	11 0	12 3
Bath and Amherst Isle	272	2 1 8	12 6	1 7 0
Perth	117	1 12 6	18 5	1 0 0
Sherbrooke	125	10 0	8 6	2 6
Brockville	132	2 0 10	11 0	17 6
Prescott and Augusta	353	3 5 0	1 15 0	2 0 9
Matilda	354	2 13 8½	1 10 3	3 11 10½
Smith's Falls	209	1 7 5	10 0	1 7 7
Cornwall	272	1 12 10½	16 4½	13 4
Coteau Landing	33	8 2	6 5	.....
Kemptville	315	2 13 7½	19 9	3 4 6
Merrickville	231	18 0	11 3	7 0
Mississippi	333	3 18 8	1 19 0	2 6 3
Winchester	111	2 2 1	8 4	13 9
Bytown	230	4 6 6	1 6 0	4 10 0
Hull	65	2 14 8	7 6	1 0 1
Richmond	509	1 15 2	4 4½	1 0 10
St. Andrews	267	3 1 11	1 14 5	3 6 7
Clarendon	182	1 0 1	0 8 0	7 6
Torbolton	47	.....	.....	5 9
L'Orignal	192	1 9 5	1 1 4	16 0
Buckingham	63	1 0 0	4 1	10 0
Osgoode	145	11 5½	8 5	3 2
Bouchere	30	15 1	5 0	3 7
Westmeath	59	6 7	2 4	5 10
Gatineau	91	15 0½	15 0	10 0
Total, (of whom 1124 are Indians.)	24268	£254 9 7	£115 13 3	£515 13 0
Last year	23512			
Increase	426			

CIRCUITS.	Collec'd to make up deficiencies	Church Relief Fund.	Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
Total for Circuits.....	£284 9 7	£115 13 3	£245 13 0
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers...		43 0 0	168 0 0
Interest on Centenary Money.....			81 5 0
From the Book Room.....	163 9 0		
Trustees.....		8 5 0	
Collection at Conference.....			11 1 8
From the English Conference.....	666 13 4		
Premium of Exchange on do ...	61 17 10		
Total	£1176 9 9	£157 13 3	£505 19 8

Quest. XIV. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

London.....	£25 1 4	Cooksville	25 0 0
London Circuit.....	23 17 6	Cobourg.....	35 0 0
Chatham.....	44 2 6	Peterborough.....	35 0 0
St. Thomas.....	35 0 0	Kingston.....	15 0 0
Brantford	10 5 0	Wilton	12 10 0
Do. for the board of Bro.		Waterloo.....	22 10 0
Jeffers' children.....	25 0 0	Elizabethtown.....	25 0 0
Woodstock	20 10 0	Newborough	33 0 0
Norwich	23 5 0	Perth.....	16 0 0
Simcoe.....	16 8 0	Consecon	20 0 0
Walsingham	30 7 0	Sidney	20 0 0
Dumfries	10 5 0	Denorestville.....	20 0 0
Hamilton.....	21 0 0	Colborne	15 0 0
Dundas	15 0 0	Hallowell	15 0 0
Nelson.....	26 0 0	Napanee	10 0 0
Georgetown.....	10 0 0	Brockville.....	22 10 0
Grimsby.....	22 10 0	Prescott	47 10 0
St. Catharines.....	9 10 0	Matilda	15 0 0
Stamford.....	23 0 0	Merrickville	16 5 0
Toronto City East.....	42 10 0	Smith's Falls.....	20 0 0
Toronto City West	17 10 0	Mississippi	16 5 0
Yonge Street.....	16 10 0	Kemptville	12 10 0
Markham.....	25 0 0	Bytown	42 0 0
Humber.....	15 7 10	L'Orignal	18 10 0
Bradford	15 0 0	Hull.....	11 10 0

General Treasurer, amount advanced last year.....	£35 18 4
Deficiencies in receipts from Cobourg District last year.....	0 18 3
Treasurer's account for Postage.....	1 0 0
Expenses of Delegates to the American General Conference.....	63 9 0
Rev. J. Ryerson, for official postage last year.....	3 5 0

Total..... £1176 9 9

Ques. XV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows:—

Grant to Guelph Church.....	£22	1	3
“ London Church, King Street.....	9	7	10
“ Hamilton Church.....	25	0	0
“ Dundas Church.....	12	10	0
“ Adelaide Street Church, Toronto.....	22	13	9
“ Bowmanville Church.....	12	10	0
“ Napanee Church.....	12	10	0
“ Gananoque Church.....	7	10	0
“ Cornwall Church.....	5	5	0
“ Osnabrock Church.....	5	0	0
“ Magee's Church.....	6	0	0
Paid for Advertising in the Canada Gazette.....	0	14	2
Paid Postage During the year.....	1	0	0
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	15	11	3
Total.....	£157	13	3

Quest. XVI. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer.

To Rev. Edmund Stoney.....	£11	16	2
“ George Poole.....	41	16	2
“ Samuel Belton.....	41	16	2
“ George Ferguson.....	41	16	2
“ James Wilson.....	41	16	2
“ David Youmans.....	41	16	2
“ David Hardie.....	41	16	2
“ Ezra Healey.....	41	16	2
“ Thomas Harmon.....	20	18	1
“ Andrew Priudel.....	20	18	1
To Mrs. Madden.....	20	18	1
“ Slater.....	20	18	1
To Rev. Joseph Reynolds.....	20	18	1
“ Thomas McMullen.....	12	10	0
“ George B. Butler.....	12	10	0
“ Robert Darlington.....	25	0	0
“ George Ferguson, special grant.....	2	0	0
“ George Poole.....	5	6	9½
Returned to John W. Cawthorne.....	3	0	0
Incidental Expenses.....	6	13	1½
	£505	19	8

Quest. XVII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Revs. J. Ryerson, A. Green, Dr. Ryerson, L. Warner, W. Squire, together with the following lay gentlemen: J. R. Armstrong, J. Sterling, J. Hodgson, A. Hamilton, G. Walker, R. Woodsworth, R. Yates.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

REV. G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

2. BOOK COMMITTEE.—Preachers in Toronto City, and the Superintendents of Yonge Street and Humber Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairmen of the Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, Cobourg, Kingston, and London Districts, Superintendent of Missions, Book Steward, Editor, Dr. Ryerson, Dr. MacNab, and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. COMMITTEE ON CLERGY RESERVES:—President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairman of Toronto District, W. Squire, A. Green, and Dr. MacNab.

5. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—Chairmen of Districts, Superintendent of Missions, one member elected at each District Meeting, and the following laymen: Richard Coleman, L. Houghton, William Holmes, C. VanNorman, and P. Pincock, Esqs.

REV. ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer.*

6. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Book Steward, Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits, and the following laymen: J. Hodgson, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, R. James, and R. Yates, Esqs.

REV. ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer.*

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the President be most respectfully requested to furnish for publication a copy of the admirable Sermon preached before the Conference on Sabbath Morning, the 11th instant.
2. *Resolved*, That the respectful thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. ANSON GREEN, Book Steward, for the faithfulness and success with which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year.
3. *Resolved*, That the affectionate thanks of the Conference be presented to our esteemed brother, the Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, for the faithful and judicious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year.
4. *Resolved*, That, deeply impressed with a sense of the ability and usefulness of our esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. RICHEY, the Conference most cordially and unanimously request that the English Conference may re-appoint him President for the ensuing year.
5. *Resolved*, That the Conference cordially request the English Conference to continue our highly esteemed and beloved Brother, the Rev. ENOCH WOOD, Superintendent of Missions, among us in his present office.
6. *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, for the efficient and laborious manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary during the past year.
7. *Resolved*, That our esteemed and highly valued Brother, the Rev. JOHN RYERSON, be appointed to proceed to England as the Representative of this Conference to the English Conference to be held in Manchester, on the 25th of July, 1846.
8. *Resolved*, That this Conference most deeply sympathizes with our esteemed Brother, the Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, in the afflictions and bereavement he has been called to experience during the past year.

9. *Resolved*, That the unanimous and cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the members and friends of the W. M. Church in Hamilton who extended the rites of hospitality to its members during its sitting.

Quest. XVIII. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In Brockville, Johnstown District, on the first Wednesday in June, 1850, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

MATTHEW RICHEY, *President*.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Secretary*.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

We avail ourselves with unfeigned and more than ordinary satisfaction of the opportunity afforded by our assembling in our twenty-sixth Annual Conference, of addressing you the beloved people of our charge, on a variety of topics which we trust will still commend themselves to your regard as vitally connected with your spiritual peace and prosperity.

Defended by the good Providence of Almighty God, none of your Ministers have fallen in their arduous work during the past year. Privations, weakness, "labours more abundant," dangers have been theirs, but still, shielded throughout the year by the protecting love of Jehovah, they have been permitted to come up to their Annual Conference with their ranks unbroken by death. For this we devoutly thank HIM "in whom we live and move and have our being."

Gratefully, also, dear brethren, do we refer to the tokens of spiritual prosperity with which our heavenly Father has been pleased to favour his servants during the year. The assurance, "*Lo I am with you,*" has animated the faith and zeal of your

Minister's; and, in the review of their labours, extending as they do over a period of another twelve months, they discover an additional cause of thankfulness to him "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift." They have not laboured in vain; neither have they spent their strength for nought. After making up every deficiency caused by removals, deaths, withdrawals, expulsions, and the like, we have great joy in reporting an increase of nearly *five hundred Church Members*. In this increase of our numbers, we are persuaded, you will also greatly rejoice. May it be but the promise of a still larger accession for the year ensuing.

With an increase of members and spirituality, we look for the manifestations of a true Christian benevolence. Selfishness and vital godliness are antagonistic. Spiritual prosperity and parsimony are incompatible. The love of God melts the icy selfishness of fallen humanity. It kindles the fire of a genuine and generous benevolence in the heart and prompts its possessor to deeds of love and mercy, as well as to the performance of those of sterner duty. Where spiritual prosperity is enjoyed, Christian liberality will not be wanting. Happy are we, dear brethren, to refer to the number of new churches on our different stations and circuits and to the state of our connexional Funds as indicative of the prosperity of our beloved Zion.

During the past year many new temples have been erected and consecrated to Almighty God, affording more ample and convenient accommodation for hundreds who desire to sit under a Wesleyan Ministry.

The *Contingent Fund*, though still inadequate to meet all the demands upon it, is nevertheless in an improving condition and we trust will soon by your increasing numbers and liberality, be able to accomplish to the fullest extent the end designed in its establishment.

The *Superannuated Fund*, dear brethren, has strong claims upon you. The devoted servants of God who have spent the years and exhausted the energies of youth and maturity in preaching the word of life to you and to your fathers, and who in that work continued until they could

no longer perform the duties and labours of the itinerancy are not forgotten by you. Nor will your mindfulness of them, their wants, and claims, and interests be forgotten by God. A larger sum than that of the previous year has been contributed to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers. Still it is a matter of regret that each one of them has to sustain a loss of from four to eight pounds on his limited salary, in consequence of the inadequacy of the funds to meet the demands upon it.

The Chapel Relief Fund is also in a state of improvement; and the *Missionary Fund* has, during the past year, received a gratifying augmentation.

We commend these several *Funds*, beloved brethren, to your continued support. Still show your faith by your works.

In connection with the proper maintenance of the several *Funds*, we would remind you of the good that has already been accomplished by the Conference Book Room and Printing Establishment, and the importance of affording to them an increasing patronage. The former, during its existence, has been the means of furnishing a vast amount of profitable reading in the various religious, connexional, and other works published both in Europe and in America, and the latter, in its weekly and monthly publications—the *Christian Guardian* and the *Sunday School Guardian* continues as it has long continued, to subserve the cause of Christianity in our land. Both Departments of the Conference Establishment are in a satisfactory condition and deserve your cordial and hearty support.

Victoria College has long laboured under serious financial difficulties. Much good has doubtless been accomplished by that Institution during the years of its continuance. Much more will, we doubt not, yet be accomplished, and especially so, if all indebted to it would but cancel their obligations, and the entire connexion give to it that united and constant and generous support which ought to be accorded to a Wesleyan College, and that Wesleyan College the only one possessing University powers in all provinces of British North America.

Facilities are also furnished for suitably educating your daughters, and we recommend to you the institutions established for this end, especially the Burlington Ladies' Academy and the Picton Ladies' Academy, which, although not Connexional institutions, are under the direction of members of our Conference.

And now, beloved brethren, having referred to these matters partaking somewhat of a secular character, allow us, in the deep solicitude we feel for your spiritual welfare, to direct your attention to the importance and necessity of cultivating a spirit of holiness. We "watch for your souls, as they that must give account." We feel our vast responsibility. Our deepest anxiety is to "present you faultless before the throne with exceeding joy." We beseech you, brethren, "whereunto you have already attained, walk by the same rule, mind the same things." "Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, go on to perfection." "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Brethren it is your privilege to grow in grace. Surrounded by so many advantages eminently calculated to promote your spirituality, it is criminal not to advance in piety. Constantly and faithfully availing yourselves of the means which your heavenly Father has placed at your command, your piety cannot but be progressive. "Your peace shall flow as a river and your righteousness abound as the waves of the sea."

Give due attention to the ordinances of God's house. "Forget not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is;" but regularly, punctually, devoutly, "go up to the tabernacle of the Lord, to the tabernacle of the God of Jacob." Labour to attain to, and having attained to, retain that lofty fervency which animated the royal Psalmist and induced the exclamation, "How amia-

ble are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts ! My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."

The table of your Lord invites your approach. The *love* you owe to Him, who, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," urges you to a frequent commemoration of the dying love of the Redeemer ; whilst the *obedience* you owe no less requires you to do this—and as oft as ye do it, to do it in grateful remembrance of the Sinners' Friend.

The throne of grace—rendered truly *the throne of GRACE* by the sprinkled blood—invites your approach. Wherever practicable—and where is it not ? let prayer-meetings be established ; and wherever established, dear brethren, see to it that they be sustained. By prayer you secure every spiritual blessing. At the throne on earth you touch a cord that vibrates at the throne of heaven. You enter into a confederacy with the Deity. You secure the alliance of Omnipotence ! Cultivate a spirit of prayer. Be found "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." "Pray without ceasing."

A valuable auxiliary, dear brethren, is found, as you know well, in the class-meeting. Conscious of its importance to the devout and sincere follower of the Lamb, we cannot refrain from pressing upon you a constant attendance upon this means of grace.

In consistency, in zeal, in holiness, in the wise use of every means calculated to aid you in glorifying God, imitate the example of the best of men of other days. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another : and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

Appreciate and improve the love-feast periodically held among you. Never lightly esteem those holy festivals. Neglect none : no, not one that you can really attend. You know their value. There has the thoughtless been awakened, the penitent pardoned, the sorrowful comforted, and the believer sanctified.

We would, dear brethren, that band meetings were more numerous and frequent. Affectionately do we direct your attention to the subject of bands; and earnestly do we hope, that, during the present year, many such will be organized and be made a great blessing.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN : Upon such of you as are heads of families we affectionately urge the importance of Family Religion. Forget not "the morning and the evening sacrifice." Assemble your household : your children, workmen, and servants, and with them bow the knee at the shrine of mercy. Remember it is said, "I will pour out my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon their offspring. One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel." Dear brethren, while we feel the application to ourselves, "suffer us to enquire of you, are your beloved children resigned, in daily acts of devotion, to the disposal of Him who gave them? Is it your deepest wish that their course may be directed, in all respects, by Divine light? Do you seek, far above all things beside, their early consecration to God? Will you, by grace, give up all for this; and infinitely prefer their SALVATION to wealth, honour, gay accomplishments, flattering acquaintances, connexions, and alliances, and even to life itself?" Brethren, train up your immortal offspring for the skies. Impress upon their minds, in the earliest period of their development, a reverence for God, His word, His worship, His sanctuary, His Sabbaths. For their benefit encourage the Sabbath School, and spread the publications issued for such institutions. In addition to the Scriptures, introduce into all your Sabbath Schools the Wesleyan Catechisms, and furnish the libraries with books prepared by your own Connexion, both in England and in America. These can always be obtained at the Conference Book Room, whence also is issued monthly a valuable publication for Sabbath Schools, viz : the *Sabbath School Guardian*. In no small degree will you subserve the cause of Sabbath Schools, and advance the

interests of the young by introducing it into your neighbourhoods, your schools and your families. The Bible and Missionary Societies demand, and we trust they will enjoy, your unwavering support. So, too, but in a subordinate degree, does the cause of Temperance. Be not content, dear brethren, with not opposing this cause. Give it your countenance. By you, Temperance can never be substituted for Religion. If here others have erred, let not their error be regarded by you as a sufficient justification for opposition or indifference to the cause of Temperance. "Be temperate in all things."

"Be not," dear brethren, "conformed to this world." Be "epistles, read and known of all men." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Avoid the poisonous literature of the day. Suffer not—at best the useless but oftentimes the demoralizing writings of a Scott, a Bulwer, a James, a Cooper, or a Sue, to occupy the place of the invaluable works of a Fletcher, a Benson, a Clarke, a Watson, or a Wesley. Above all, suffer not the modern Romance or the latest Novel, to displace the BIBLE. In that Book of Books, and in the immense variety of Wesleyan literature, enough will be found to interest and improve the immortal mind. With such resources at command, none need ever go to a corrupt fountain.

Whilst, also, you share not in simple amusements, as Christians, dear brethren, discourage them. Let the Wesleyan rule be your guide in all doubtful cases: "Take no diversion that cannot be done in the name of the Lord." Make the line distinct between the Christian and worldling: in all cases make it as obvious as it is made by the word of God.

Finally, beloved brethren, against all errors in doctrine and in life, stand forth the uncompromising foes. Be christians—be Wesleyans. Have no fellowship with any system that would dishonour the Saviour, whether that dishonour proceed from the Mass of the Romanist or the Sacraments of the Puseyite. Cling to the Cross of the

Redeemer. Rely upon the blood of the Lamb. Never for one moment forget that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we may be saved."

Devoutly, dear brethren, do we "pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." And may "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and we pray God your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *President.*

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, June 14th, 1849.

ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE

To the Address of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the British Conference.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Address which we received by the hands of our beloved Brother, the Reverend Doctor Dixon, who presided at your last assembly, has been read and considered with every sentiment of christian and fraternal affection: it has afforded us very high satisfaction, and called forth our thanksgivings to Almighty God on your behalf.

We rejoice that the expectations which we formed and cherished of the results of the Union completed last year have been realized, and that the Great Head of the Church has afforded you so much of spiritual prosperity in your godly, practical, and laborious co-operation in his work. We fervently hope,

and as confidently believe, that this Union will be promoted and perpetuated by all means, not only on account of its manifest propriety and the manifold advantages which will arise from it to you all as members of the Methodist Family, but also as it is especially called for by the circumstances, interests, and relations of the population by whom you are surrounded, and to whom your evangelical mission is directed. Rest assured, that we shall be always anxious to render this Union indissoluble and mutually profitable, so that, one in Christ, we may, in all things, manifest this oneness, to the edifying of each other in love. While we deeply sympathize with you and the people of your charge in the financial depression of the times, and by which we too have been greatly exercised, yet we thankfully observe that devoted and self-denying zeal and liberality which has so fully sustained your Missionary contributions, and are grateful for the vigorous prosperity of the work to which this liberality is applied. An energetic prosecution of the work of christian Missions is imperatively necessary among the wide-spread inhabitants, now so rapidly increasing by the tide of immigration, and the accumulating developments of your important and rising portion of the Empire. We follow with affectionate solicitude many of our beloved people who, from this Kingdom and from Ireland, are seeking a home in Canada; and, in commending them to God, who is able to keep them from falling and to present them faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, we confide them also to your pastoral care and oversight, knowing that you will cheerfully and effectually undertake this burden as opportunity may be given and as occasion may require. Our prayer is that your well-directed and sustained exertions to extend the influence of Protestant truth and vital and practical godliness, may be crowned with abundant success, in preserving that which is good, in obstructing and driving away unscriptural and deadly error, in the conversion of souls, and in the establishment of religious and social happiness.

It is with no ordinary feelings of thankfulness that we refer to the state of our societies and congregations in this country. Many places have recently been favoured with times of refreshing and revival: the worship of the sanctuary has been

crowned with the Divine presence, and the ministry of the word succeeded in the edification of the churches and in the conversion of sinners. In some of our Circuits considerable additions have been made to our numbers, and a gracious quickening is generally apparent. This is the more encouraging, as numerous and powerful agencies oppose themselves to the operation of Christian truth and godliness. A revived externalism; an insidious and infidel rationalism; the dissipating and distracting consequences of an intense worldliness; and political excitement, have been and are arrayed against the influence of evangelical churches, and whilst we mourn over some who are deeply injured thereby, we rejoice at the indications now vouchsafed that the truth as it is in Jesus is commending itself, more fully, in our midst, and that the attention and affections of not a few are directed to the things which belong to their peace and religious welfare. From the large field of our Missionary labour we continue to receive satisfactory and cheering intelligence. The devoted men who occupy the various stations, and who are so well entitled to our affection, confidence, respect, and support, have also the higher sanctions of their Great Master's presence and blessing, who works with them and confirms their word. Our Missionary income for the past year, though inadequate to the expenditure, a circumstance which creates much anxiety, has suffered no diminution; and we confidently calculate on such liberality as shall prevent any decrease in the number and efficiency of our Missionary Stations or Agents, and enable us to pursue this good work with unabated vigour and with increasing success. On the whole, we "thank God and take courage."

Believing that it would be acceptable to you, and well persuaded that it will contribute to establish still more firmly the Union which now so happily exists between us, we have appointed our beloved Brother, the Rev. Doctor RICHEY, as the President of your next Conference. Our high estimation of him is confirmed and increased by the manner in which you refer to his fidelity, Christian zeal, and kindness; and we fully reciprocate your hope that he may long continue, by his talents, counsels, and labours, to advance the high and holy

objects at which we mutually aim, and to promote still more fully the cause of Christ among you.

We were prepared, from our previous knowledge of our dear Brother, the Rev. ENOCH WOOD, for your expressions of affectionate confidence in his personal and ministerial excellence, and in his fitness for the important and onerous station which he so well fills among you; and we have acceded, readily and with pleasure, to your request that he be re-appointed General Superintendent of Missions in Upper Canada.

In the appointment of the Rev. Dr. DIXON to preside at your last Conference, we were anxious fully to meet the great importance of the occasion, and to confide the interests of all concerned in the Union to a faithful, able, and well-tried Representative; and we are much gratified to learn that his presence and counsels in your Conference, his ministry in your congregations, and his christian intercourse in social and private life, have endeared him to your affections, and abundantly realized our well-founded anticipations of the influence which his visit would exert. We praise God for the grace which rested on our beloved Brother in this his important mission, and have welcomed him among us, on his return, with increasing feelings of obligation, respect and love.

And now, Reverend and dear Brethren, our supreme concern for you and ourselves is that we may make full proof of our ministry; in all things approving ourselves as Ministers of God, "by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil and by good report; so that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, we may receive a crown of glory; and, having turned many to righteousness, shine as the stars for ever and ever."

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

I am, Reverend and Dear Brethren,

In behalf of the Conference,

JOSEPH FOWLER, *Secretary.*

Manchester, August, 1848.

ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN TO THE ENGLISH
CONFERENCE.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We most gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your Address, the reading of which has produced strong impressions and lively emotions in our minds. We are greatly encouraged by the delightful and animating facts which you have stated, while we are deeply impressed with the hallowed sentiments and comprehensive views of the unity and polity of the Wesleyan Church, as well as practical counsels and advices, conveyed in your Address.

Be assured, honoured Fathers and Brethren, that we respond with all our hearts to the views you have expressed on the unity of Wesleyan Methodism in Canada. Every year's experience deepens our convictions of the importance of that unity, and develops more fully the wisdom of the arrangement by which the operations of the English and Canadian Conferences have been consolidated into one harmonious and powerful instrumentality to spread evangelical truth and holiness throughout this improving country. The spirit of that arrangement has become incorporated with the best thinkings and feelings and hopes of the entire ministry and membership of our Church. Not a discordant note is heard throughout our societies; nor does a spirit of uncharitableness or suspicion find a lodgment in any section of our ministry. Our ministers and people are in deed and in truth of one heart and one mind, and intent upon the great work committed to our trust.

We rejoice that you have been favoured with times of refreshing and revival in your societies and congregations, both at home and abroad; and we are thankful to be able to state, that we have been blessed with similar visitations of Divine mercy and power in many parts of our work. The agitations of the times and the great depression which has pervaded all our agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests, have been unfavourable to the success of our labours; yet have they been crowned with some success in every department.

There has been a numerical increase of several hundred in our societies; there has been an increase in our Contingent Fund Collections, and in the subscriptions for the support of our superannuated Preachers; there has also been an increase of between one and two hundred pounds in our receipts for the Missionary Society—the aggregate receipts of the last year being upwards of £2,900. Corresponding progress has been made in the department of Sabbath Schools, and in the erection and completion of a large number of chapels. We believe that during no former year have our Ministers and People exerted themselves with so much unanimity and success in these several branches of our work; nor have we ever witnessed more encouraging tokens of the Divine blessing.

The extent of the Missionary department of our work in Western Canada in addition to the regular circuit work, may be conceived from the facts, that there are 11 *Indian Mission Stations*, supplied by 13 Missionaries, aided by 12 Interpreters, and containing 12 Day Schools and 12 Teachers, 30 native Local Preachers, 1,081 Church members, and 2,492 attendants upon public worship. In the *Domestic Missions*, or Missions to the Emigrants and New Settlements, there are 37 Circuits, 49 Missionaries, 67 Local Preachers, 409 Preaching-places, 5,048 Church Members, 56 Sabbath Schools, 2,268 Scholars, 301 Teachers, and 21,569 Hearers.

It is thus our care and endeavour, to the utmost of our power, to supply the new and feeble settlements with the ministrations of religion, and provide every newly-arrived emigrant with its consolations; to cause the accents of salvation—to mingle with the first echoes of the woodman's axe; to assuage the sorrows and alleviate the privations of the new settler with sanctuary privileges and pastoral sympathies; to illuminate the rayless wigwam of the Indian with the Light of Life, and create around him the comforts and institutions of Christian civilization. This has stamped a characteristic feature upon our great mission in this country from the beginning; and in the fulfillment of it, our Ministers and Missionaries have endured unnumbered labours, privations and sufferings. Our success has corresponded with the sacrifices made to secure it;

and how much that success has been promoted by the present Union between the English and Canadian Conferences may be conceived by comparing the vast field of our Missionary labours at the present time with its former limited extent before the Union. In accordance with your affectionate admonitions, we shall devote ourselves with earnest diligence to the cultivation of the great Missionary field which your benevolent co-operation enables us to occupy, while no exertions will be wanting on our part, throughout both our Circuit and Missionary work, to raise as large funds as possible to aid in its support and extension.

In the maintenance and extension of our varied work, and in raising the pecuniary resources necessary for its promotion, we are deeply indebted to the indefatigable and able labours of your honoured representatives—the Rev. Dr. Richey and the Rev. Enoch Wood. Mr. Wood's ministrations in the pulpit and appeals on the platform, his visitations of the widely-spread mission stations and care in the management of the Missionary Funds, his affectionate and spiritual intercourse with ourselves and people, have afforded ample proof that we were not mistaken in requesting his continuance as Superintendent of Missions in Upper Canada. We gratefully acknowledge your kindness in complying with our request; and we are sure that his continued labours in this Province, which we cordially and unanimously request, will be eminently advantageous to the interests of your own Missionary Funds and of the work under his charge.

It is also with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that we refer to the public and private intercourse, the ministrations and labours of our esteemed brother, the Reverend Dr. Richey, who has performed the duties of Co-Delegate, during the past year, and whom you have appointed President for the present year. Like your Superintendent of Missions, Dr. Richey has been in labours more abundant; and never, we believe, did his labours exert a more commanding and salutary influence; and never have the varied interests of our beloved Church had a more vigilant and able overseer. Dr. Richey has long been known as an eloquent Preacher and able expounder of Wesleyan Theology; and in his new position of Chief Bishop of

our Church, he has exhibited talents equally exalted for counsel, admonition and government. The fervour and power of his ministrations, his discrimination, decision, impartiality and kindness in presiding over our deliberations, together with our experience of his labours during the year, have deeply impressed us with his admirable qualifications for his present office; and we most earnestly and unanimously request his appointment as our President the second year. We are confident, that, in acceding to this request, you will consult the best interests of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

We feel that a great and sacred trust has been committed to us in respect to Scriptural Truth itself, as well as in ministering to the spiritual wants of our scattered population and Indian Tribes. A 'revived' and semi-papal 'externalism' has also developed itself in this country in a section of the Protestant Church, and, as usual with scepticism and formalism of every shade, breathes a spirit of unmitigated hostility to Methodism. In all such cases we find a true remedy in our decisive and practical testimony to the great doctrines and principles which our revered Founder was the honoured instrument in reviving, and which have characterised us as a people throughout the world—Justification by faith alone in the atonement of Christ, assurance by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit of personal acceptance with God, entire sanctification by the blood of His only-begotten Son, and the Spiritual internal call to the work of the Christian Ministry. On the platform of these great doctrines we unwaveringly stand, their truth and importance we are resolved uncompromisingly to maintain, and with their spirit we fervently desire to be more fully baptized.

From past and present indications, we anticipate a year of revival and prosperity. We go forth in faith, and with the single purpose of laying aside all worldly cares and studies, all uncharitableness and suspicion, of honouring each other's character, and of knowing nothing among our congregations and people but Jesus Christ and him crucified.

In order to accomplish more fully the great objects of the Union and promote the interests of Methodism in this extensive country, we have appointed our beloved and honoured

brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, as our Representative to you. Our esteemed brother having heretofore been deputed and most efficiently represented us to you in the same capacity, is already known to, and appreciated by, you as well as by ourselves; and to him we refer you for information on all matters pertaining to the work in Upper Canada. We do indeed anticipate the day when the Wesleyan Churches in all the British North American Provinces will be formed into one great communion—the Preachers mutually itinerating from Province to Province as occasion may suggest—and the whole work consolidated by one united machinery in connexion with the Parent Body in England.

We solicit the continuance of your prayers, counsels, and co-operation; and we devoutly unite with you in imploring the abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the ministers and congregations of our beloved Church throughout the world.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, at Hamilton, this fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Secretary*.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT BROCKVILLE, FROM THE 5TH TO THE 13TH OF
JUNE, 1850.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., *President.*

QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

Answer.—William S. Blackstock, James C. Slater, Samuel
S. Nellis, A.M., James Gray, Charles Silvester, Joseph Hill,
Edwin Clement, George Case, John A. Williams, William
H. Poole, William Chapman, Thomas Hanna, David C. Mc-
Dowell, William M. Pattyson, Thomas Cleghorn.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

Ans. William McGill, Nelson Brown.

These have travelled THREE years.

John Laird, Thos. Peacock, Edward White, John English,
Charles Fish, Richard Wilson, John Armstrong, 2nd, Noble
Armstrong.

These have travelled two years.

Alexander S. Byrne, William S. Griffin.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on Trial?*

Ans. Isaac Barber, Joseph Hewgill, Andrew Smith, Rich-
ard Hammond, William Burns.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

Ans. EZRA HEALY; who was born in Shoreham, Vermont, in March, 1790. When 18 years of age, he was awakened to a sense of his guilt and danger as a sinner before God. After earnestly seeking an interest in the atoning blood, he obtained the forgiveness of sins. In 1810, he was authorized by the Church to labour publicly as an Exhorter; and five years subsequently was licensed as a Local Preacher. In 1820, he entered the itinerant work, and received his first appointment at Decalb, in the vicinity of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. For twenty years he laboured with great acceptability and usefulness, being rendered instrumental in the conversion of many souls. He was a man of an amiable disposition; possessed good pulpit abilities; was indefatigable as a pastor; and, in his work, evinced great energy. His health failing, he reluctantly retired from the active work in 1841; and, although superannuated, he lost not sight of the great duty of his life; but continued, according to his ability, to call sinners to repentance. Peacefully and tranquilly the evening of life closed upon him. His death was sudden. An alarm of fire was given, and with characteristic benevolence, he proceeded to assist his suffering neighbour, when, ere he reached the scene of destruction, he suddenly expired, on the 27th December, 1849.

FRANKLIN METCALF; who was killed by the overturning of a wagon, on the 10th of June, 1850. An extended obituary will appear in the next Minutes.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. None.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. John Neelands, John Culham, Matthias Holtby, John Beatty, Moses Blackstock, Daniel McMullen, Gilbert Miller, Isaac B. Aylesworth, Henry Byers, James Booth, Joseph Sawyer, William Brown, Lachlin Taylor.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. James Wilson, David Youmans, David Wright, Thos. Harmon, Edmund Stoncy, Geo. Poole, Ezra Adams, Andrew Prindel, Samuel Belton, George Ferguson, Cyrus R. Allison, Alvah Adams, Peter Jones.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. Alexander MacNab.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., *President.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Secretary.*

ENOCH WOOD, *General Superintendent of Missions.*

1. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*.—John Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Alexander S. Byrne; Enoch Wood, General Superintendent of Missions; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; George R. Sanderson, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference.
2. *Toronto City West*.—William Squire, John Douse.
3. *Yonge Street*.—James Musgrove, Wellington Jeffers. One to be sent.
4. *Humber*.—John Law, William Ames; John Culham, supernumerary.
5. *Cooksville*.—James Hughes; Jas. Wilson, David Wright, superannuated.
6. *Brampton*.—William Young, William S. Blackstock.
7. *Oshawa*.—William Philp. One to be sent.
8. *Newmarket and Snake Island*.—Joseph Messmore, John Goodfellow.
9. *Markham*.—Peter Ker, John Webster; David Youmans, superannuated.
10. *Brock*.—Cornelius Flummerfelt.

11. *Georgetown*—William Willoughby.
12. *Nelson*—Thomas Cosford, Thomas Jeffers; George Ferguson, superannuated.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

II. BARRIE DISTRICT.

13. *Barrie*—Lewis Warner. One to be sent.
14. *Bradford*—Luther O. Rice, Thomas Culbert.
15. *Mono*—William Dignam.
16. *Nottawasaga*—To be supplied.
17. *St. Vincent*—To be supplied.
18. *Rama and Orillia*—William Steer.
19. *Beausoliel and French River*—To be supplied.
20. *Sydenham and Owen's Sound*—One wanted.
21. *Newash*—James Hutchinson, David Sawyer.
22. *Toronto and Durham Road*—Stephen Brownell.
23. *Saugeeng*—William Herkimer.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

III. LONDON DISTRICT.

24. *London*—John Carroll, Samuel S. Nelles, A.M.
25. *London Circuit*—Richard Phelps, John Laird.
26. *Devonshire*—Thomas Williams; Edmund Stoney, superannuated.
27. *Blanshard*—John Williams.
28. *Goderich*—Samuel Fear, Thomas Peacock.
29. *Adelaide*—To be supplied.
30. *Port Sarnia*.—James Gray.
31. *St. Clair Mission*—John K. Williston, who will exchange with Bro. Gray once a fortnight.
32. *Wardsville*—Charles Silvester.
33. *Wallaceburgh*—Joseph Hill.
34. *Chatham*—Thomas Fawcett. One wanted.
35. *Gosfield*—Robert Corson.
36. *Amherstburgh*—Richard Whiting. One to be sent, who shall reside at Sandwich.

37. *Muncney*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Industrial School; Abraham Sickles.
38. *St. Thomas*—William Pollard, Edward White; Thomas Harmon, superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

IV. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

39. *Brantford*.—Claudius Byrne, John English; George Poole, Peter Jones, superannuated.
40. *Paris*—George Kennedy.
41. *Woodstock*—Edwin Clement. One to be sent.
42. *Dumfries*—Hamilton Biggar, Charles W. M. Gilbert.
43. *Ingersoll*—Joseph Shepley.
44. *Norwich*—Francis Chapman.
45. *Simcoe*—Kennedy Creighton, Ozias Barber.
46. *Walsingham*—Matthew Whiting; Matthias Holtby, supernumerary.
47. *Malakide*—Samuel C. Philp, Robert Lochead.
48. *New Credit*—Rowley Heyley.
49. *Grand River*—William Ryerson.
50. *Stratford*—George Case.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

V. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

51. *Hamilton*—Henry Wilkinson; D. C. VanNorman, Principal of Burlington Ladies' Academy; Samuel Belton, superannuated.
52. *Dundas*—John Gemley, Joseph Hugill.
53. *Glandford and Seneca*—George Young. One to be sent; Andrew Prindle, Superannuated.
54. *Nanticoke and Dunville*—John Baxter. One to be sent.
55. *Grimsbey*—Alexander T. Green, Noble Armstrong.
56. *St. Catharines*—William Price, Isaac Barber.
57. *Drummondville and Niagara*—Edwy M. Ryerson, John Hunt, who re-ides at Niagara.
58. *Chippewa*—Reuben E. Tupper, Nelson Brown.

- 59. *Cuyuga*—Solomon Waldron.
- 60. *Peel*—Charles Fish; Ezra Adams, superannuated.
- 61. *Guelph*—James Spencer, William S. Griffin.

HENRY WILLINSON, *Chairman*.

VI. COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 62. *Cobourg*—John Bredin; Conrad Vandusen, Treasurer and Agent of Victoria College; John Beatty, Lachlin Taylor, supernumeraries.
- 63. *Port Hope*—George Goodson.
- 64. *Bowmanville*—James C. Slater.
- 65. *Cartwright and Schoogog*—Stephen Miles.
- 66. *Milbrook*—Chas. Turver; Moses Blackstock, super'y.
- 67. *Peterborough*—Isaac B. Harper.
- 68. *Rice and Mud Lake*—Robert Brooking, John Sunday.
- 69. *Alderville*—William Case, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Industrial School. One to be sent.
- 70. *Norwood*—William Morton, Andrew Smith.
- 71. *Colborne*—Sylvester Hurlburt.
- 72. *Metcalfe*—John Sanderson.

WILLIAM CASE, *Chairman*.

VII. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 73. *Belleville*—Richard Jones.
- 74. *Consecon*—David B. Madden, John A. Williams, who will reside at Wellington; Daniel McMullen, super'y.
- 75. *Sidney*—Michael Fawcett. One to be sent.
- 76. *Picton*—Wm. McCullough, Robert Robinson; Gilbert Miller, supernumerary.
- 77. *Napance*—John Black, Joseph Reynolds; Isaac B. Aylesworth, supernumerary.
- 78. *Brighton*—George F. Playter, William Coleman.
- 79. *Demorestville*—William H. Poole.
- 80. *Shannonville*—William Chapman.
- 81. *Sheffield*—John C. Osborne.

82. *Hungerford*—Thomas Clegborn.

83. *Madoc*—Abraham Dayman.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

VIII. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

84. *Kingston*—Samuel D. Rice, Ephraim B. Harper; James Booth, Henry Byers, supernumeraries.

85. *Wilton*—William McFadden, Charles Taggart.

86. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—George Carr. One to be sent.

87. *Waterloo*—Joseph McCollum.

88. *Gananoque*—William H. Williams.

89. *Newborough*—Vincent B. Howard.

90. *Farmersville*—Simon Huntingdon, David Jennings.

91. *Perth*—Jonathan Scott, James Armstrong.

92. *Lanark*—Michael Baxter.

SAMUEL D. RICE, *Chairman*.

IX. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

93. *Brockville*—Noble F. English.

94. *Prescott*—James Elliott.

95. *Augusta*—John Lever, William Burns.

96. *Kemptville*—George Beynon.

97. *Matilda*—Asahel Hurlburt, James Witted.

98. *Smith's Falls*—Benjamin Nankevill; William Brown, supernumerary.

99. *Carlton and Puckenhams*—Thos. W. Constable, Richard

100. *Merrickville*—Thomas Bevitt.

101. *Cornwall*—Edward Sallows, John Armstrong, 2nd.

102. *Winchester*—David Hardie.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

X. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

103. *Bytown*—Edmund Shepherd, David C. McDowell.

104. *Aylmer*—James Greener.

105. *Richmond*—William Andrews, William McGill.

106. *St. Andrews*—Francis Coleman, Erastus Hurlburt.

- 107. *L'Orignal*—David Clappison, Richard Hammond.
- 108. *Lochaber*—Daniel Wright.
- 109. *Osgood*—Henry Shaler. One to be sent.
- 110. *Guttineau*—John Armstrong.
- 111. *Clarendon and Ouslow*—William M. Pattyson. One to be sent.
- 112. *Westmeath*—John Howes.
- 113. *Bonchere*—Thomas Hanna.
- 114. *Torbolton*—Edmund Shepherd.

EDMUND SHEPHERD, *Chairman*.

Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under direction of the Book Committee.

William Haw.

Ques. XI., and XII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
Toronto City East.....	204	£9 3 7	£5 7 9	£6 17 6
Toronto City West.....	459	10 14 2	7 0 0	6 15 0
Yonge Street.....	452	9 0 8	5 19 8	7 12 12
Humber.....	334	6 0 0	2 19 0	6 14 4
Cooksville.....	91	1 13 4	1 0 6	1 12 3
Brampton.....	425	5 0 3	2 16 3	.....
Oshawa.....	427	5 5 6	2 12 8	7 3 4
Newmarket and Snake Island.....	450	4 10 10	2 9 10	3 11 2
Markham.....	275	6 0 0	3 2 6	4 0 0
Bradford.....	226	4 6 5	2 3 4	3 7 9
Monro.....	150	1 5 4	6 9	15 0
St. Vincent.....	298	15 0	.....	.....
Nottawasaga.....	50	.....	.....	5 0
Barrie.....	209	2 17 11	1 16 4	1 8 11
Rama and Orillia.....	89	15 0	2 6	1 14 1
Brock.....	109	17 9	5 8	16 4
Mariposa.....	70	5 0	6 0	3 6
Beausoleil and French River.....	36	.....	10 0	1 12 8
Owen's Sound.....	163	5 8	.....	.....
London.....	204	4 13 1	2 12 9	5 17 6
London Circuit.....	351	2 11 0	1 0 7	2 13 1
Devonshire.....	96	17 4	10 0	7 6
Blanchard.....	114	15 8	6 4	14 2
Goderich.....	316	2 17 6	1 1 3	1 6 3
Saugeen.....	94	6 3	2 6	7 5
Adelaide.....	237	2 0 0	10 0	17 6
Sarnia.....	244	2 0 6	6 0	1 14 6
Wardsville.....	163	1 10 8	5 11	1 2 4
Chatham.....	229	3 0 7	.....	1 1 10
Gosfield.....	241	2 0 0	1 5 0	2 12 6
Amherstburg.....	117	2 1 5	1 2 1	1 13 3
Muncey.....	138	1 2 2	.....	10 0
St. Thomas.....	320	6 15 0	3 5 0	3 0 3
Brautford.....	421	6 7 9	2 5 1	2 10 0
Malahide.....	294	3 17 4	2 16 9	1 8 2
Woodstock.....	192	3 1 3	3 15 0	2 14 4
Ingersoll.....	150	2 10 1	1 9 10	3 15 4
Norwich.....	133	1 10 0	5 6	1 5 0
Shuscoe and New Credit.....	278	2 10 7	8 8	6 0 6
Walsingham.....	190	3 2 6	1 5 3	1 5 3
Grand River.....	140	0 6 3	3 8	8 9
Cavuga.....	131	2 0 7	.....	1 9 4
Dumfries.....	609	6 0 0	2 0 0	7 16 10
Guelph.....	291	3 4 7	3 13 8	6 9 6
Stratford.....	126	0 10 0	7 6	1 12 6
Peel.....	125	0 6 4	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	500	10 11 3	3 10 0	8 13 9
Daaras.....	385	4 15 0	2 1 5	5 5 11
Nelson.....	480	7 3 2	2 8 2	12 0 0
Georgetown.....	186	3 14 3	1 1 3	3 15 0
Grimsby.....	467	9 0 3	2 12 10	6 2 0
St. Catharines.....	300	5 17 4	3 13 2	9 11 3

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.
Drummondville and Niagara.....	253	£4 18 2	£2 3 3	£3 6 3
Chippewa	130	3 11 7	1 17 0	4 3 0
Seneca	335	8 6 2	3 8 10	2 6 11
Cobourg	155	2 19 5	1 12 0	3 12 6
Peterborough	200	2 5 0	17 3	1 15 0
Port Hope	350	3 0 6	1 9 4	3 10 0
Bowmanville	298	1 18 0	19 9	2 4 0
Millbrook	391	2 14 7	1 0 0	2 10 0
Schoogog	37			
Aldersville	115	1 5 8		5 3
Rice and Mud Lake	77	3 9		5 7
Colborne	266	1 18 0	14 9	2 10 0
Norwood	158	1 6 7	1 0 2	1 3 2
Belleville	250	6 0 2	2 12 4	6 5 0
Consecon	480	5 2 9	11 3	7 5 0
Sidney	390	3 10 0	1 15 3	4 2 6
Marmora	128	1 1 6	6 3	6 6
Hungerford	121	1 2 1	5 6	13 9
Shannonville	116	1 8 9	8 9	10 0
Demorestville	158	1 2 7	11 10	1 12 6
Hallowell	490	5 5 0	1 5 0	8 0 0
Napanee	490	3 10 0	1 6 0	4 11 0
Sheffield	146	1 5 0	6 10	2 6
Brighton	240	2 10 0	1 0 0	1 16 3
Kingston East	228	1 5 0	2 7 6	3 3 0
Kingston West	96	3 0 0	1 15 3	3 2 6
Wilton	558	2 6 1	18 0	3 10 2
Waterloo	219	2 17 9	12 1	2 5 9
Gananoque	57	2 1 0	1 14 0	1 13 1
Elizabethtown	440	3 0 8	13 0	2 9 4
Newborough	218	1 4 4	14 0	14 1
Bath and Amherst Isle	255	1 16 7	1 10 0	1 3 9
Perth	109	1 5 0	18 9	15 0
Sherbrooke	110	1 12 6	8 6	4 6
Brockville	122	1 2 3	2 15 0	17 6
Prescott and Augusta	369	3 2 5	1 15 7	2 6 11
Matilda	359	2 7 0	1 3 2	4 0 0
Smith's Falls	209	1 7 6	13 10	1 7 6
Cornwall	208	15 7	14 2	15 6
Kemptville	280	2 17 7	16 5	3 10 5
Merrickville	187	18 0	4 3	13 3
Carlton and Pakenham	331	4 1 2	2 4 2	2 17 6
Winchester	140	1 8 10	15 0	18 0
Bytown	263	4 10 0	1 6 10	4 12 6
Westmeath	78	17 8	8 3	6 0
Bonchere	31	19 3	10 10	4 6
Torbolton	70	16 7	5 6	1 7 6
Aylmer	62	2 17 6	2 0 0	1 0 6
Gattiueau	92	13 2	15 0	12 6
Buckingham	68	1 0 0	4 4	10 0
St. Andrews	277	3 4 6	1 11 2	2 17 1
L'Orignal	215	1 9 9	1 1 8	1 0 0
Osgoode	144	1 5 1	1 9 4	4 10 8
Richmond	530	3 3 2	1 4 6	2 10 0
Clarendon	146	1 0 0	10 0	5 0
Total, (of whom 989 are Indians.)	25 42	£307 0 5	£148 10 4	£222 3 9
Last year	21268			
Increase	774			

CIRCUITS.	Contingent Fund	Church Re- lief Fund.	Superannuated Ministers' Fund.
Balance from last year		£15 11 3	
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers.		39 0 0	£157 15 0
Interest on Investments			71 12 11
From the Book Room	£166 2 0		
From the English Conference	733 6 9		
Return from Contingent Fund			2 10 0
Collection at Conference			6 17 4
Advanced by Treas. Centenary Fund.			16 7 1
Total	£1206 7 2	£203 1 7	£537 6 1

Quest. XIII. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

Toronto City East.	£35 0 0	Cobourg.	£30 0 0
Yonge Street.	13 10 0	Peterboro'.	40 0 0
Humber	13 10 0	Port Hope	5 0 0
Cooksville	38 10 0	Sidney	24 0 0
Markham.	24 0 0	Consecon	30 5 0
Bradford.	15 0 0	Hallowell	26 10 0
London.	22 0 0	Napanee	18 10 0
London Circuit	18 0 0	Brighton	28 0 0
Devonshire.	7 0 0	Demorestville	26 10 0
Chatham.	24 0 0	Kingston West.	12 10 0
Gosfield	12 0 0	Wilton	40 0 0
St. Thomas	21 10 0	Waterloo	21 0 0
Brantford.	12 14 4	Elizabethtown	7 0 0
Malahide	26 14 9	Newboro'.	20 0 0
Woodstock.	26 19 7	Perth.	21 10 0
Igersoll	16 4 9	Brockville	22 0 0
Norwich	29 2 4	Prescott and Augusta.	40 0 0
Walsingham	24 3 6	Matilda.	10 0 0
Dumfries	20 0 9	Kemptville.	1 0 0
Hamilton	11 0 0	Merrickville.	23 0 0
Dundas	20 0 0	Carleton & Pakenham	18 0 0
Nelson.	14 5 3	Smith's Falls.	17 0 0
Georgetown	7 0 0	Bytown.	38 18 9
St. Catharines	17 10 0	Aylmer	13 18 2
Grimsby	18 0 0	Richmond.	8 6 11
Drummondville & Niagara	22 0 0	L'Orignal.	22 16 23
Total Amount to Circuits			£1,072 10

CASES OF AFFLICTION AND OTHER EXPENSES.

President's expenses last year, horse keeping, travelling expenses, and official postage.	£20 10 0
President's expenses this year.	14 15 0
Rev. J. Ryerson delegate to the English Conference.	34 0 0
“ “ postage	1 13 4
Treasurer's Postage.	1 10

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Rev. E. Clement.....	3 15 0
" G. F. Playter	1 5 0
" G. Carr	3 18 9
" J. Lever.....	3 0 0
Superannuated Fund, for money borrowed	2 10 0
Expenses by the funeral at Conference of the late Brother Metcalf.	3 19 4
Balance in hand of the Treasurer.....	43 0 6
Total	£1,206 7 2

Ques. XIV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows:—

Appropriation to the St. John's Church.....	£25 0 0
" Peterboro'	12 10 0
" Bowmanville	12 10 0
" Newcastle	7 10 0
" Richmond Hill	10 0 0
" St. Thomas	17 10 0
" Ekfrid	7 10 0
" Woodstock	15 0 0
" Aylmer	6 0 0
" Bath	10 0 0
" Gananoque	5 0 0
" Cornwall	7 10 0
" Pakenham	10 0 0
" Brockville	5 0 0
" L'Orignal	7 10 0
" Rev. S. Huntington for claims on the Cornwall Church...	5 0 0
" Rev. L. O. Rice, for money advanced on the York Church	10 10 0
" Washington's Church	9 0 0
" Part of the expenses of our Representative to the English Conference	19 0 3
" Postage.....	1 1 4
Total	£203 1 7

Quest. XV. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer.

To Rev. Samuel Belton.....	£47 0 0
" Ezra Healey.....	39 10 0
" Alva Adams.....	33 0 0
" Ezra Adams.....	41 0 0
" James Wilson.....	50 0 0
" David Youmans.....	25 0 0
" Thomas Harmon	25 0 0
" Edmund Stoney.....	30 0 0
" George Puole.....	35 0 0
" Andrew Prindel	25 0 0
" George Ferguson.....	45 10 0
" F. Metcalf.....	37 10 0

To Mrs. Madden	38	6	8
" Slater	15	0	0
To Rev Robert Darlington	25	0	0
" George B Butcher	12	10	0
Returned to A Potts	3	0	0
" A. Campbell	2	0	0
Incidental Expenses at the Conference	1	5	11
Ordination Bibles, stationery, &c.	8	14	6
	£537 7 1		

Quest. XVI. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. **MISSIONARY BOARD**:—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Revs. W. Case, W. Squire, J. Douse, Anson Green, E. Ryerson, D.D., J. Musgrove, and the following lay gentlemen:—J. R. Armstrong, Esq., and Messrs. John Sterling, John Bentley, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, Richard Yates.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer*.

REV. G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

2. **BOOK COMMITTEE**:—President and Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; Book Steward; Editor; Dr. Ryerson; Ministers in Toronto City, and the Superintendents of Hamilton, Yonge Street, and Humber Circuits.

3. **CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**: The President and Secretary of the Conference; Chairmen of Districts; Superintendent of Missions; Book Steward; Editor. Dr. Ryerson; J. Douse; and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. **COMMITTEE ON CLERGY RESERVES**:—President and Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; Chairman of Toronto District; Book Steward; W. Squire; and J. Douse.

5. **CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE**:—President and Secretary of Conference; Chairman of Districts; Superintendent of Missions; one member elected at each District Meeting, and the following laymen:—R. James, Mr. Bloor, J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, R. Yates.

REV. ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer*.

6. **CHAPEL RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE**:—The President

and Secretary of Conference; Chairman of Toronto District; Book Steward; Superintendents of Toronto City, and Yonge Street Circuits, and the following laymen:—J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, R. James, and R. Yates, Esqs.

REV. ANSON GREEN, *Treasurer*.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*—That a united and vigorous effort be made in every Circuit throughout the entire work, for the furnishing of Parsonages with a sufficient amount of necessary furniture; and that the Ministers and Preachers on each Circuit shall, as soon as practicable, lay the subject before the official members, in order to impress upon them the importance of the object, and to obtain their hearty co-operation.

2. *Resolved*—That subscriptions to secure the end desired shall be taken up on each Circuit for furnishing the Parsonage or Parsonages thereon some time previous to the first of October of the present year.

3. *Resolved*—That a list of all the articles of furniture shall be made and entered in the Journals of the Circuits, kept by the Recording Stewards; and the Minister or Preacher enjoying the use of the furniture, shall be held responsible for all destruction and loss, beyond the ordinary loss occasioned by careful use; and he shall at the close of the year, make good every injury or loss not absolutely unavoidable.

Resolved—That in the event of Dr. Ryerson's being in England at the approaching Conference, he be requested to represent this Conference and Church in England.

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Conrad Vandusen, for the diligent and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of Secretary during the past year.

Quest. XVII. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In Toronto, on the first Wednesday in June, 1851, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., *President*.
ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Secretary*.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

With more than ordinary emotions of gratitude and joy we address you on those topics which present themselves to us while assembled together in our twenty-seventh annual Conference. With sincere joy we contemplate the manifest signs of prosperity exhibited, and with devout gratitude we acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God in smiling upon the labours of his servants, and crowning their efforts with the success which has characterized the history of the past year. You, dear brethren, will rejoice to hear that, by the blessing of the Lord, many hundreds of immortal souls have been gathered into the Church since we last addressed you. Upwards of a thousand conversions have taken place in different parts of the work, resulting in a nett increase of seven hundred and seventy-four to the membership. To God be all the praise!

During our sessions from day to day, the Great Head of the Church has been manifestly present, diffusing joy and love in our hearts; and, we trust, imparting wisdom, and directing to such conclusions as shall best subserve the interests of our Zion.

Rarely has an equal degree of unanimity prevailed in our annual deliberations. We thank God for the peace and harmony which have reigned during our continuance together; and fervently do we pray that "the God of love and peace" may be with us and our flocks until we and they are called from the storms of earth to the quiet of heaven.

We have been much cheered and edified by the presence and counsels and ministrations of the Rev. Dr. Bangs, who, nearly half a century ago commenced his itinerant labours in this country. His presence among us has drawn us, in fraternal affection, even yet closer to the honored Body he represented; and we pray that his life and labours may long be continued—as they have been—a blessing to our common Methodism throughout the vast continent of America, as well as throughout the world at large.

Our esteemed Representative to the English Conference, the Rev. J. Ryerson, was graciously preserved amid all the perils of the deep in proceeding to and returning from England, as well as from "the pestilence which walked in darkness and the destruction which wasted at noon-day" during his sojourn in that land. His visit to the Parent Body has proved satisfactory and beneficial. The bonds of brotherhood are holy and strong. The feelings of unity which exist between us are cordial and indissoluble.

It is cheering, dear brethren, to witness the annual improvement made in the various funds of the Church. This we regard as oftentimes an evidence of the growth of grace in the soul. During the year a very large increase has been made to the ordinary annual revenue of the Missionary Society. The income of the Society this year is largely in advance of that of the preceding one; and this affords the greater gratification in view of the pecuniary pressure felt in so many parts of our work. We have trusted in God; pursued our ordinary course; and looked with confidence to a trusting, generous, and godly people for an augmented support to this increasingly interesting department of our labours. The result is the large, and the almost unprecedented augmentation of the funds of more than two thousand dollars for the year.

We are happy to say that a somewhat corresponding improvement is apparent in the Contingent Fund, the Superannuated Preachers' Fund, the Chapel Relief Fund, and in the receipts of the Circuit generally, for Circuit purposes. It is essential to the efficiency of the Church that this improvement be maintained. From year to year let there be an advancement. Whilst you improve in piety, improve also in liberality. "Show your faith by your works." Sustain the cause of God by your liberal contributions. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

We refer to the Book and Printing Establishment with much pleasure. The Book Room and *Guardian* are designed to be the means of diffusing throughout the Connexion religious intelligence and knowledge. A large number of valuable Wesleyan and other religious publications are annually sent forth from the former, whilst from the latter, at the same time, the *Christian Guardian* and the *S. S. Guardian*, weekly and

monthly introduce into hundreds of families a vast amount of varied, instructive and religious reading. The Book and Printing Establishment is in a flourishing condition. We can with great confidence recommend it to your continued patronage; and we kindly but earnestly urge the necessity of a far more extensive support to our connexional periodicals than they have hitherto enjoyed. Widely disseminate them. Their general circulation will be productive of good. The result will be apparent in the increased spirituality of their numerous readers.

After anxious and mature deliberation we have contingently decided upon the transfer of our Educational Establishment to Toronto. Important reasons have influenced us in arriving at this conclusion. Through other mediums and at the earliest period, you will be duly informed of them, when, we doubt not, you will fully perceive the necessity of the contemplated transfer, and join heartily with us in promoting a movement which cannot fail to advance the best interests of Victoria College.

Repeatedly, dear brethren, have we, as well as yourselves during the past year, been reminded of our mortality. Voice after voice has proclaimed, "THIS IS NOT YOUR REST." Many of our beloved brethren, whom we addressed from the seat of Conference last year have been hurried into eternity. It pleased Almighty God to let loose the pestilence upon our land, and many fell the victims of the destroyer. With gratitude we state that your ministers were all preserved from death, amid the ravages of the cholera, although many of them were peculiarly exposed during its prevalence. But our ranks have not remained unbroken. An aged and esteemed brother—"a brother beloved"—the Rev. Ezra Healy, has, during the year, closed his earthly course. Another, on the adjacent District, who was known by many of you—and known was to be loved—the Rev. Matthew Lang, who has left the Church militant to join the Church triumphant. During the progress of Conference we received intelligence of the death of yet another of the valued men who bore the burden and the heat of the day in Canada. The melancholy and unexpected news of the demise of the Rev. Franklin Metcalf, was received by us in Confer-

ence almost after provision was made for his future pecuniary support. How solemn, dear brethren, is the admonition conveyed to us in these events! The Rev. Mr. Healey expired when proceeding from his residence to render assistance to a suffering neighbour. The Rev. Mr. Lang expired, with as little premonition, when attending to religious duties. And the Rev. Mr. Metcalf, with equal suddenness, exchanged worlds. He was killed by the accidental overturning of a vehicle.

DEAR BRETHREN, these are solemn and affecting admonitions, and say unto you, as unto us, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Hardly had we recovered from the surprise and shock occasioned by the unlooked for intelligence of the death of our revered brother, ere four of the honored and leading members of our Body were summoned from the Conference in order to pay the last tribute of respect to a devoted and venerable, but departed mother. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

Amid all our regrets for the removal of valuable and useful members from amongst us, we have joy,—joy springing forth from the animating words. "I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die."

Very Dear Brethren, we feel constrained to impress upon you, as we desire to have constantly impressed upon ourselves, the obligations under which you are placed to give up yourselves, "body, soul, and spirit," to him "from whom all blessings flow." "We would put you in mind that every fresh gift from God has accompanying it an augmented responsibility and louder calls to duty. Are our numbers greater than they were? There are just so many more souls to participate in our thoughts, our sympathies, our prayers, our work and labour of love. 'Babes of Christ' have a very limited knowledge of spiritual things, and are therefore, in circumstances of peril from 'the world, the flesh, and the devil.' Ministers, Leaders, and Members should be alive to this; and

with wisdom, tenderness, love, and constancy, foster those just born from above; and every disciple of the Redeemer should be solicitous of contributing his share of scriptural instruction, encouragement, friendly and pious visitation and fervent supplication; and to those who have recently espoused Christ and our Church we affectionately and earnestly say, 'Rejoice evermore,' 'Pray without ceasing,' 'In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.' " To grow in grace—to advance in holiness—is *our duty*. It is no less *our privilege*. And to secure this end, the necessary means are graciously placed within our reach. Be attentive, then, to all the means and ordinances divinely and prudentially established. "Read the word." "Be instant in prayer." Be regular in the observance of "the morning and the evening sacrifice." Daily "enter into thy closet, and pray unto thy Father which is in secret." "Forget not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." Regularly, prayerfully, punctually attend the services of the sanctuary, the class-room, the love-feast. Observe the appointed fasts. Never neglect an opportunity of renewing your covenant engagements at the table of your dying Lord; and, in the appropriate use of appointed means, look, with faith, to Him whose presence and blessing alone can make the poor rich; the weak strong; the ignorant wise; the heir of wrath "an heir of God, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ."

Dear Brethren, we affectionately urge you, as much as in you lieth, sustain the great religious and benevolent institutions of the day, such as the Missionary Society, the Bible Society, the Tract Society, Sabbath and Sabbath School Societies, the Temperance Society, and kindred institutions, all of which are designed to alleviate and bless mankind. You will learn, with great satisfaction, that we have taken preliminary steps for the organization of a general Wesleyan Tract Society for the Province, and will be prepared cordially to co-operate with us, by establishing branch Societies in every part of the country.

"Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with perseverance and

supplication for all saints. Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, meekness, humbleness of mind, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another: if any man have a complaint against any, even as Christ forgave you, so all do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness: and the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada the thirteenth day of June, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., *President.*

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Secretary.*

Brockville, June 13th, 1850.

BRITISH CONFERENCE ADDRESS.

To the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in Connexion with the British Conference.

Receive very dear Brethren, our cordial greeting. Your welcome Address has served, in no small measure to promote our growing love for you, and our deepening interest in your important work. "Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Our prayers mingle with yours, that, if our Great Master shall permit, your lives may be prolonged during many useful years, and that each of you may have the final joy of meeting in glory a multitude of redeemed spirits—his own "crown of rejoicing" "in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming."

That the unity of the Wesleyan Churches is to you an object of ceaseless anxiety, we have not now to learn from your Address, or from the verbal communications of your excellent Representative, the Rev. John Ryerson, whom we have again affectionately welcomed in our Convocation. The

account which that beloved Brother has given us of the present condition and the future prospects of your interesting portion of our Connexion was listened to with deep attention, and called forth from the assembled Ministers lively expressions of thankfulness to Almighty God, who has so graciously answered our united prayers, and has given you harmony, peace, and prosperity within your borders. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to convey to you, through him, the assurance of our continued and increased desire for your welfare, and for the success of your labours in the extensive field of usefulness which lies before you, more especially amongst the Aboriginal Tribes and in the new settlements. The arrangements issuing in our Union are reviewed, on our part as on yours, with grateful satisfaction; and we devoutly trust that the fruits will yet be reaped far more extensively, to the glory of our Redeemer, that "both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

Allow us, while recording this anticipation, to congratulate you on the tokens of blessing which have re-assured and animated you in the last year. Seasons that are marked by temporal discouragements, are not seldom relieved and brightened by spiritual success. Nor can we fear for your Financial Department, while your Societies are baptised with the Spirit of a living and fruitful Christianity. All other prosperity flows from that which is internal and spiritual. Let our dear people but live near to God, drawing from a hidden Source their daily succours and comforts, and we fear not for their self-denying activity in supporting their Redeemer's cause. The springs of liberality will be thus kept open and flowing, and there will be indicated a beautiful proportion between the contemplative and the active,—the inseparable parts and features of an enlightened Christian life.

To your Indian and Domestic Missions we look with gratitude and hope. Great, doubtless, are the toils and sacrifices incurred; but we are confident that the willing labourers find secret and unutterable refreshings from above, even in "the heat of" their well-occupied "day,"—while the prospect expanding to their view is one that might have gladdened Martyrs and Apostles. Go on, beloved and esteemed brethren, in

your enterprize of spreading a vital Christianity through all the land ; yea, and far beyond its boundary. Our warmest hopes attend you. Nothing that this restless age offers has impaired our confidence in the power of the pure, simple, primitive Gospel. That "word of reconciliation" has subdued and blessed many a barbarous Tribe of our common Race ; it has been accepted with joy by a multitude in your Indian Stations. And, while you look up for the accompanying influence of the Holy Spirit—like "floods upon the dry ground," you will still find the promise fulfilled. The "wilderness" shall "become a fruitful field," and "the fruitful field" shall "be counted for a forest."

In the other Section of your Missionary work, we cannot but feel that you are entitled to our most affectionate encouragements. It is with deep concern that we think of the great waves of emigration, from the British shores, that are now following the setting sun ; yet are we relieved, in no small degree, when we find you pursuing the settlers within your reach with Gospel messages, and seizing the occasion created by the solitudes, uncertainties, and sorrows of their new position, to point them to an unchangeable Saviour and an abiding City. It is matter of untold grief that, through the neglect of such efforts—efforts sanctioned and hallowed by the examples of the earliest Churches, the triumphs of Grace and Truth are yet so limited. Hence—alas ! the wide world is still unblest, though eighteen hundred years have passed since the ascending Lord "received gifts for men," and shed forth the Spirit in the abundance of Pentecostal visitation.

Your fraternal love and mutual confidence, will tend to the true advancement of your power and prosperity. We are deeply grateful to report, on the behalf of our collective Pastorate, an undeclining purpose to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." From your Representative you will hear of some attempts to sow strife among us ; but, while humbled by the review of such occurrences, we are full of joyous confidence that our British Connexion will draw good from the partial evil, and that the passing storm will be succeeded by a deeper tranquility.

We duly appreciate the importance and desirableness of

bringing all the Wesleyan Societies and Congregations in the Provinces of British North America into closer communion with each other, and of so extending the principles by which you are united with us as to secure arrangements by means of which, under the Divine blessing, Methodism may be made more manifestly one in connexion with the Parent Body, and the increase and spread of truth and unity amongst our beloved Ministers and people in that vast portion of the United Empire be more effectually promoted. We regret that the present urgency of our own affairs prevented us from communicating more particularly with Mr. Ryerson upon this and other subjects than we have been able to do; but the important matter has engaged and is engaging the attention of our Missionary Secretaries and Committee.

It is with much satisfaction that we find indicated in your Address the plan on which you determine to proceed in maintaining your position among the Churches of Christ, against certain assuming and exclusive claimants. Not that the questions involved create difficulty to enlightened and regenerate minds:—we may be quite tranquil as to the controversy, —so long, at least, as the externalists fail to produce a single text of Holy Scripture in support of their theory, and so long as their appeal is altogether unsupported by evidence or argument. But, (to apply the sentiment of our revered founder,) salvation by grace through faith “strikes at the root” of the many branching errors that threaten your efficiency. Let us then, cherish the spirit of our great service, and preach “all the words of this life” with unfaltering confidence in their glorious power. “According as it is written, I believed, therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

We have learned with much satisfaction that our esteemed Brother, the Rev. Dr. Richey, has, as Co-Delegate and President, discharged his important duties in a manner which has secured your highest approbation, as you have signified by requesting his re-appointment for another year, a request with which we most cheerfully comply, and trust that the state of his health may enable him to remain with you at least for some time longer. Persuaded that the services and counsels of our faithful and laborious brother, the Rev. Enoch Wood,

as General Superintendent of Missions in Western Canada, have greatly contributed to their present state of efficiency and usefulness, we cheerfully accede to your application for his continuance amongst you in his present responsible office. We have marked the high sense which we entertain of your honoured Representative, the Rev. John Ryerson, by appointing him Co-Delegate; and pray that he may return amongst you "in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace."

"Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

THOMAS JACKSON,

President.

REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

*To the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in
England.*

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We have received and listened to your parental and instructive address with peculiar satisfaction; and while we deeply sympathise with you in the trials through which you have been called to pass in the maintenance of principles sacred to the vitality and very existence of a scriptural fraternity, we rejoice to learn that your firmness and fidelity have been so generously and nobly seconded and sustained by the subjects of your pastoral care—that their ranks have, to so great an extent, remained unbroken, and that your institutions and Missionary interests have been supported with such unwonted liberality and zeal. We believe the principles assailed in your persons involve the essential glory of Methodism; and the sacredness and importance of those principles have been more strongly impressed upon our minds by the laud exposition given of them by our late honoured Representative to your Body, and your Co-Delegate, the Reverend John Ryerson, whose compre-

hensive and admirable report of his mission to England has affected and delighted us. We heartily thank you for your respectful and affectionate attentions to him, and for the merited distinction which you have conferred upon him, and the benefit which you have bestowed upon this Connexion, by his appointment to the important office of Co-Delegate.

We have again to bear testimony to the ability, devotion, and efficiency with which our esteemed and beloved President, the Rev. Dr. Richey, has, (as far as strength permitted) fulfilled the duties of his office during the year. We lament the alarming accident which has suspended his valuable labours during a part of the year, and which now compels him into retirement and seclusion for a season from the burthen of official cares and duties. We truly sympathise with him in his affliction, and earnestly pray that he may be graciously sustained and comforted in his hours of trial, and that he may soon be restored to health and strength for those duties for which he is so eminently qualified. It will be our joy to receive him at any time in any relationship to which our Fathers or Brethren may appoint him.

We cordially concur in the request made by the Board of Management of Victoria College, that they may have the valuable assistance of Dr. Richey at the head of that Institution, so important in its bearings upon the Wesleyan youth of the Province and the prosperity of our Church, especially so, as we contemplate a more enlarged and systematic design for the theological training of candidates for our ministry, in connexion with its operations.

The experience of another year has fully justified our application and your decision for the continuance of the Rev. Enoch Wood as Superintendent of Missions in Upper Canada. His ministrations, counsels, and appeals have largely and widely contributed to sustain the Missionary cause in various parts of the Province, while his visits to and care over the Missions, have done much to promote their efficiency and success. We hope he may long be enabled to continue in his present career of labour and usefulness.

We are sure you will rejoice with us in the fact, that there has been a numerical increase of several hundred in our

Church members during the year, and a financial advance in all our connexional funds, and in every department of our work. The fruits of the blessed Union are becoming more and more developed; unruffled peace prevails throughout all our societies, and congregations; a spirit of prayer, of benevolence, and of labour, has been widely poured upon them; there is an universal and hearty attachment to the great principles of our Wesleyan economy, and a grateful appreciation of its privileges; at no former period have we ever had more promising indications of external advancement in our work, while returning civil, quiet, and reviving prosperity brighten the prospects of our country at large, as an attached and prosperous portion of the British Empire. We anticipate with you the period as not distant when the British North American Provinces shall constitute one great Wesleyan Union in connexion with the Parent Body—when the pulsations of a vital and practical unity shall vibrate throughout every member of our British North American Methodism, ever deriving increasingly impulsive energy from the Wesleyan heart of the Mother Church of the British Isles.

On no part of our work can we look with more grateful pleasure than on our Missions to the new settlements and Indian tribes—two fields of labour, each of which must be dear to every British and Christian heart:—the former embracing so many thousands of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland—the latter comprehending the noble but impoverished aboriginal proprietors of the country. The self-supporting advancement of these Missions generally is in full keeping with the religious and material prosperity of the subjects of them. Many places which were recently missionary ground, now sustain their own ministrations, and contribute to add new domains to the territories of our Missionary Church. These transitions from Domestic Missions to regular Circuits, and from moral wildernesses to Missionary fields, are largely witnessed in our thirty-seven Missions to the white settlements in Upper Canada; and a corresponding improvement is observable in nearly all of our eleven Missions among the Indian tribes. A number of conversions from heathenism to Christianity has taken place in the course of the year; and the

poor Indian converts are not less characterized by liberality than by devotion, in contributing of their penury to support schools and spread the gospel amongst their countrymen. With the approval of the Government, they have set apart several hundred pounds per annum of their annuities for the establishment and support of Industrial Schools for their children, from the operations of which we have reason to anticipate the most beneficial and permanent results.

It is gratifying to be able to observe, that while the Government is evincing a disposition to place our elementary and university system of public education upon a Christian basis, such as we can cordially approve and support, His Excellency Lord Elgin, has evinced the most lively interest in our Missions among the Indians, and shown the utmost readiness to co-operate with us and further our exertions for their improvement in every way in his power.

Our present Confidential Session has been marked by a more than ordinary unction of the Holy Spirit; so much so that with scarcely an exception, our successive daily sittings have proved means of spiritual grace, as well as means of transacting ecclesiastical business. The Lord God is indeed among us; we are one in heart and in aim, one in faith, in prayer and in labour; and we verily believe the Lord and his Spirit will go forth with us, qualifying us for, and giving us great prosperity in, our work.

The interest of our proceedings have been greatly increased by the presence of the Representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, the Rev. Dr. Bangs—the historian of Methodism in America, and the founder of some of its most important institutions—a man who nearly fifty years since was converted and called into the Methodist Ministry in this Province—who laboured several years here with great self-sacrifice and success, and who now, in the eventide of his long, ministerial career, returns to us, finding us multiplied from six to nearly two hundred Ministers, and unimpaired himself in mental power and mature in the perfection of Christian love—thrilling our hearts with details of early itinerancy in Canada, cheering us with the statements of the spread of the work in the United States, and edifying us in the ministra-

tions of the Word. It has also been our privilege, during our present Session, to set apart no less than fifteen young men to the work of the ministry—young men who have fulfilled their four years' probation in a manner the most satisfactory and honourable, and who, from their health, qualifications and fervent devotedness to their glorious work, give delightful promise of exclusive usefulness. We magnify the Lord that the workmen are multiplying amongst us, as the work is spreading; and it is our earnest prayer and firm purpose, by Divine aid, that both the one and the other may be distinguished by those elements of character and that spirit of simplicity, love, joy, holiness, activity, and power, which marked the developments of primitive Methodism and Apostolic Christianity, and which alone will enable us to perform our vows and accomplish our heavenly mission.

We have unanimously appointed the Rev. Dr. Ryerson as our Representative to you; and to him we infer you for information on all matters of interest appertaining to our work.

We again repeat, honoured Fathers and Brethren, the assurance of our esteem and affection for yourselves personally, and the hallowed doctrines and principles of our common Methodism; and we beg to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous co-operation and assistance in the vast work in which we are engaged—a work to which we consecrate ourselves anew, and in which we are resolved, by the grace of God, to live and die. We salute you in our hearts, and we fondly anticipate, at our next Conference, the presence and counsels of one of our venerated Fathers from the Parent Body, whose praise is in all the churches.

While we entreat a continued interest in your prayers and co-operation, we devoutly implore the richest blessings of peace and unity, holiness and prosperity upon the whole family of our *Wesleyan* Methodism at home and abroad!

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, at Brockville, U. C., June 12th, 1850.

A. HURLBURT, *Secretary*.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT TORONTO, FROM THE 4TH TO THE 13TH OF
JUNE, 1851.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

Answer. John Webster, John C. Osborne, William McGill,
Henry Reid.*

* Having travelled under the direction of the Chairman seven years.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

Ans. John Laird, Thos. Peacock, Edward White, John
English, Charles Fish, Richard Wilson, John Armstrong.

Noble Armstrong, allowed to retire for one year on account
of ill health.

These have travelled THREE years.

Isaac Barber,* Wm. S. Griffin,* Andrew Smith.*

* These Brethren travelled one year under the direction of the Chairman.

These have travelled two years.

Thomas Culbert, Thomas Stobbs, Joseph Hugill, William
Creighton, William Burns, Richard M. Hammond, J. W.
Cawthorne.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on Trial?*

Ans. Richard Clarke, Joel Briggs, Geo. McRitchie, David

Sawyer, Alexander Campbell, Thos. Crews, Jas. Preston, John S. Evans, D. G. Fletcher, William Sanderson, George McDougall, Aaron Miller, John W. German, Robert Brewster, David Robertson, Silas Huntingdon, Andrew McAllister, Henry McDowell, Robert Hobbs.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

Answer.

JAMES WILSON; who was born in Ireland, July 19th, 1770, and terminated his earthly pilgrimage at Cooksville, May 27th, 1851. When thirty years of age he found redemption in the blood of the Lamb; became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; and soon afterwards began to exercise his gifts as an Exhorter, and then as a Local Preacher, and proclaimed the Gospel frequently and forcibly; and among his favourite means of doing good were field meetings. He left Ireland for Canada in 1816, and was for some time English teacher in a superior school at Kingston. His first travels as a Preacher were on the Bay of Quinte Circuit, in 1817. Bishop George ordained him in 1821; and from that time he travelled on some of the largest and most respectable Circuits, a companion in labour of men whose deeds have honoured Christ, and themselves, and incalculably benefitted Canada. That he might increase his graces and his gifts, and the fruits of his Ministry, he formed a thoroughly Wesleyan library, and commenced a journal. In preparing for the pulpit he thought much more than he wrote; and in the delivery of a sermon there was a commendable solicitude to be explicit, scriptural, and convincing; and if, in trying to convince, there was anything objectionable in his manner, it was an excess of severity. But his theology was lucid and Wesleyan, and his applications experimental and practical; and he could not satisfy himself, nor be satisfied with others, unless were frequently exhibited the glorious offices of Christ, and the divinity, personality, and influences of the Holy Ghost. The period of his superannuation was unusually protracted; but whatever strength remained was cheerfully devoted to the Redeemer, and for the advantage of his beloved Church, to sustain the interests

of which he made a generous Centenary gift. For some years he professed to enjoy the choice blessing of sanctification. Nearly all his children were members of the Wesleyan Church. God was his life, his hope, his all. "In age and feebleness extreme" the doctrines he had preached were vital to his heart. A few months before his death he was assisted at a Quarterly Meeting in ascending the pulpit, when he preached with an apparently youthful liveliness: but it was his last effort. The final hour came, and when heaven opened, his words were, "Jesus is precious: I want to go." His prolonged journey through the wilderness was ended, and he passed over Jordan, and entered the land of rest and of reward.

GEORGE FERGUSON; who was a native of the town of Caraloon, in the County of Londonderry, Ireland. He was converted to God in early life, in that country, through the instrumentality of the Methodist ministry.

His career, from the beginning, was marked by singularly zealous efforts to promote the Redeemer's kingdom. Thus it was during six trying years of his life that were spent in the army, and, subsequently, through the entire 27 years of his itinerancy, as an effective Minister of our Church. He travelled many circuits from the far west to the eastern boundary of Canada West, and his labours were signally crowned with the Divine blessing in the conversion of hundreds of sinners, and the edification of believers.

To our Church he firmly adhered through all her trials. He was a burning and a shining light, and will long live in the affectionate remembrance of thousands throughout the province.

After a long and painful illness, throughout which his piety shone with great lustre, he departed this life, in great peace, on the 1st of January, 1851, in the township of Trafalgar, C. W., in the 65th year of his age.

Numerous and interesting particulars from his journal might be given respecting the labours and usefulness of our deceased brother; but as the Conference has recommended the publication of a memoir, they are not introduced into this obituary.

ALEXANDER STURGEON BYRNE; who was a grandson of the Rev. Alexander Sturgeon, for many years a distinguished

member of the Irish Wesleyan Conference, after whom he was named, and the son of the Rev. Claudius Byrne of this Conference. He was born in Dungannon, Ireland, June 20th, 1832; and was, consequently, at his death, (which happened in Brantford, in February last,) only aged eighteen years and scarcely eight months. He was a delightful and encouraging instance of the beneficial effects of the early consecration of children to God by their parents, and an early habituation of them to attend those social means of grace for which our Church is distinguished—he having been led to the class-room from the time he was able to walk. In advance of a blameless, amiable temper and conduct, which he evinced from infancy, he was, after a live-long night of prayerful agony, brought into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. This important event took place about day-break, on a Monday morning, in the month of February, 1845, and, consequently, about six years before his lamented removal. He was led, by a train of providential openings, almost immediately to exercise his gifts in public, which were of such an extraordinary character as to open his way, when not more than fifteen years of age, into many of the first pulpits of the Connexion in his native land, from which he proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ to large congregations, brought together by the fame of his precocious talents. In the winter of 1849, himself and father's family having emigrated to this country a few weeks before, he was called out by the Chairman of the Toronto District to labour on the Yonge Street Circuit, where he continued till the ensuing Conference; when, being received on trial in the itinerant ministry, he was appointed to the town of London Circuit, when he was “received,” to use the Apostle's language, “as an angel of God,” and laboured with much fidelity and success. At the next Conference he was appointed (then in infirm state of health) to the East Toronto City Circuit. He laboured with much acceptance, though in great pain and weakness, till increased indisposition forced him from his beloved employment, and obliged him to return to the parental home. Uniform patience characterized his lingering illness, and triumph his early death. His last words were, “I know that my Redeemer liveth.” His *character* consisted of a rare

and most harmonious combination of dignity and modesty, of fidelity and forbearance, of prudence and zeal, of gravity and cheerfulness. His *preaching* was distinguished for the ability to make the most practical and searching subjects attracting to all classes of hearers. Few have enjoyed, for the time, so much popularity; and still fewer have been so little affected by it. He lived and died one of the most faultless of religious characters. And the recollection which is entertained of him, is a pleasing illustration of that scripture, "The memory of the just is blessed."

FRANKLIN METCALF; who died last year, but whose obituary was deferred until the present year. The venerable Mr. Case observes: When I first saw him at the foot of Seneca Lake, he was a youth of about 14—tall, straight, ruddy, with a countenance cheerful and pleasing. It was a season of prayer, in which a few pious neighbours were assembled, for a week evening service, I noticed the ardent spirit in which the lovely youth offered his devotions, as also the modest, affectionate manner of his taking leave of the company; and I set him down in my mind as a youth of much promise to the Church. Being on my way to Canada, I saw him no more for several years, when I met him in Bay Quinte. He had been admitted into the itinerant connexion by the Genesee Conference, and appointed a missionary to Canada. In those days, young men sought not stations for themselves, but gave their own selves to the Lord, and to the Church by the will of God, 2 Cor. viii, 5. Here, in a foreign land, for Christ's sake, he spent the remainder of his life. In the course of his ministry, he filled with great acceptability and usefulness,—(and many were blessed in every station to which he was appointed, among whom are ministers of the Gospel;) most of the important stations of the country; among which are Bay Quinte, Augusta, Hallowell, Perth, and York, as Presiding Elder also of the Augusta and Niagara Districts.

The stations and years of his labours were, Bay Quinte, 1821; Perth, 1822-'23; Hallowell, 1824-'25; Augusta, 1826-'27; York (Toronto,) 1828-'29; Augusta District, 1830-'31; Niagara District, 1832-'33. In 1833 he superannuated and retired from the itinerant field, in which relation

he remained for 16 years, up to the period of his death. When Mr. Metcalf entered the work in Canada, the number in Society was but 2,000; of the ministry 25. There are now in Society, 25,000; in the Ministry upwards of 200. How honourable to have been a shepherd during the increase of such a flock! to have contributed to changes so important to the country and the Church of Christ! Thousands who have listened to his able discourses, and who remember his amiable deportment and faithfulness of his ministry, will feel a shock at his departure, so sudden and unexpected.

Among the peculiar traits in his character were his deep spirituality, which endeared him to the pious, and qualified him for the edification of the faithful, and a sound discriminating mind. In new and untried schemes he was reserved and particularly cautious. The Bible, which he read much, was the sole standard of his duty and guide in all his decisions. And on occasions of discussion in the Conference, he was remarked for his open and undisguised avowal of his sentiments; and no expediency could he admit, to displace what he deemed morally right. Other traits in his character might be named, worthy of all commendation, but the following should be recorded for the imitation of youth, that he was through life, marked for his *reverence for age, obedience to his superiors, and a courteous deportment.*

We have referred to his cheerfulness of spirit. In levity, which is inexcusable in a minister, he never indulged. The *buoyancy* of his mind was constitutional, (a happy quality in a world of woe) but more for the influence of grace upon the heart. I will refer to one instance which I witnessed, and which I admired and shall never forget. He was happy in the amiable and lovely companion of his life. They were one in heart and soul. Her death was felt in grief, deep and painful. It was a month or more when I met him in York where she died. In referring to his loss, the tears coursed down his face in streams; at the same time, smiles mingled with his tears; smiles of lovely grace, flowing from the cheerfulness of his nature and a pious submission to the will of God. Till then, I could not fully comprehend the sentiment of the poet, who "Lights up a smile in the aspect of woe."

There was one act in his life, of which some of the elder brethren seemed to doubt the propriety. Perhaps the esteem in which brother M. was held, and the importance of labours, such as his, to the Church, may have had their influence. But they did not fully concur in his views when he thought of retiring from the itinerant field, and they strongly and repeatedly remonstrated against it, urging that though he might not be able to travel at large, there were stations and missions where he could labour with comfort to himself and be useful to the Church. But he otherwise resolved, and his purpose could not be shaken—at least for a time. I believe, at a subsequent period, he himself doubted the step he had taken, for his affairs became embarrassed, and he found the toil of farming much greater than he expected. Once or more he purposed to return to his former field of labour; but he had invested his property in lands which he could not dispose of, and thus his pious purposes were frustrated.

Whether he may have erred or not, it is attested by those who knew him during the sixteen years of his retirement, that he was the same pious Christian, amiable friend, and in a limited sphere a useful minister.

Our thoughts are now directed to the sudden death of our brother. Though the *manner* inflicts a deeper wound, yet we must not forget that it affords an instructive lesson. “In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.” If the *manner* of his death be *mysterious*, so was that of Josiah, Spencer, Emory, and others. And who that knows the devotion of those shining lights can doubt their happy end and their sure reward! Our sympathies too, are deeply enlisted in behalf of the bereaved and beloved family.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. None.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. John Culham, John Neelands, Matthias Holtby,

John Beatty, Lachlin Taylor, Moses Blackstock, Daniel McMullen, Gilbert Miller, Dr. Aylesworth, Henry Byers, James Booth, William Brown, George Beynon.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. David Youmans, Thomas Harmon, Edmund Stoncy, George Poole, Peter Jones, Samuel Belton, Andrew Prindel, Ezra Adams, Cyrus R. Allison, Alvah Adams, Stephen Miles, David Wright.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary.*

1. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East.*—John Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Ephraim B. Harper, David C. McDowell, Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.
2. *Toronto City West.*—Henry Wilkinson, John Douse.
3. *Yonge Street.*—James Musgrove, Wellington Jeffers.
4. *Humber.*—Samuel C. Philp. One to be sent. John Culham, supernumerary.
5. *Cooksville.*—Jonathan Scott.
6. *Brampton.*—William Young, William S. Blackstock. One wanted.
7. *Oshawa.*—John Law, Robert Lohead.
8. *Newmarket and Snake Island.*—Joseph Messmore, John Goodfellow; George Beynon, Supernumerary.

9. *Markham*—Peter Ker, J.W. Cawthorn ; David Youmans, superannuated.
10. *Brock*—Cornelius Flummerfelt.
11. *Georgetown*—William Willoughby, Geo. McRichey.
12. *Nelson*—Joseph W. McCollum, Chas. Fish. One to be sent.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

II. BARRIE DISTRICT.

13. *Barrie*—Lewis Warner. Thomas Culbert.
14. *Bradford*—Reuben E. Tupper, Andrew Smith.
15. *Mono*—William Dignam.
16. *Cookstown*—Luther O. Rice.
17. *Rama and Orillia*—William Steer.
18. *Beausoliel and French River*—Horace Dean. One to be sent.
19. *Penetanguishene Road*—Henry Reid.
20. *Nottawasaga*—One to be sent.
21. *St. Vincent*—Stephen Brownell, Alex. Campbell.
22. *Owen's Sound*—John Williams ; J. Neelands, super'y.
23. *Newash*—James Hutchinson, David Sawyer.
24. *Saugeeng*—Edward Sallows.
25. *Proton*—Joseph Hill.
26. *Kincardine*—Thomas Crews.
27. *Bruce Mines*—One to be sent.
28. *Lake Huron, North Shore*—George McDougall.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

III. LONDON DISTRICT.

29. *London*—W. Pollard, W. Ames ; T. Harmon, super'd.
30. *London Circuit*—Richard Phelps, John Laird ; Edmund Stoney, superannuated.
31. *Devonshire*—Thomas Williams.
32. *St. Mary's*—Thomas Fawcett.
33. *Goderich*—Samuel Fear, Joel Briggs.
34. *Strathroy*—James Armstrong. One to be sent.
35. *Warwick*—John Webster.

36. *Port Sarnia and St. Clair Mission*—Noble F. English ; William Herkimer, Indian Missionary.
37. *Providence*—Edward White.
38. *Wardsville*—Charles Sylvester.
39. *Wallaceburgh*—To be supplied.
40. *Chatham*—William Price. One to be sent.
41. *Gosfield*—John K. Williston.
42. *Amherstburgh*—Richard Whiting. One to be sent.
43. *Muncy*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Indian School; John Sunday, Abraham W. Sickles.
44. *St. Thomas*—John Bredin, Joseph Hewgill; Thomas Harmon, superannuated.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

IV. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

45. *Brantford*—Kennedy Creighton, James Preston; Peter Jones, George Poole, superannuated.
46. *Paris*—Edwin Clement.
47. *Woodstock*—Edmund Shepherd, Drummond J. Fletcher.
48. *Dumfries*—Hamilton Biggar, Ozias Barber.
49. *Ingersoll*—Charles W. M. Gilbert. One wanted.
50. *Norwich*—Francis Chapman. One wanted.
51. *Simcoe*—Edwy M. Ryerson, John English.
52. *Walsingham*—Matthew Whiting. One wanted. Mathias Holtby, supernumerary.
53. *Malahide*—George Kennedy, Thomas Peacock.
54. *New Credit*—Rowley Heyland.
55. *Grand River*—William Ryerson.
56. *Blenheim and Stratford*—Joseph Shepley.
57. *Wellesley*—George Case.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

V. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

58. *Hamilton*—John Carroll; D. C. VanNorman, A. M., Principal of Burlington Ladies' Academy; David Wright, Samuel Belton, superannuated.

59. *Dundas*—John Gemley, Thomas Stobbs.
60. *Glandford and Seneca*—William Haw, Isaac Barber ; Andrew Priudle, superannuated.
61. *Nanticoke*—John Baxter.
62. *Dunville*.—John Hunt. One to be sent.
63. *Grimsby*—Alexander T. Green, William S. Griffin.
64. *St. Catharines*—Claudius Byrne, John S. Evans.
65. *Drummondville and Niagara* Thomas Cosford, George Young, who shall reside at Niagara.
66. *Chippewa*—Robert Corson, William Creighton.
67. *Cuyuga*—Thomas Jeffers.
68. *Guelph*—George Goodson.
69. *Elora*—Soloman Waldron. One to be sent.
70. *Peel*—One to be sent. Ezra Adams, superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

VI. COBOURG DISTRICT.

71. *Cobourg*—George R. Sanderson ; S. S. Nelles, A. M., Principal of Victoria College ; John Beatty, L. Taylor, supernumeraries.
72. *Port Hope*—William McCullough.
73. *Bowmanville*—James C. Slater.
74. *Cartwright*—John Sanderson.
75. *Schoogog*—To be supplied.
76. *Mulbrook*—Wm. Morton ; Moses Blackstock, super'y.
77. *Peterborough*—Isaac B. Howard.
78. *Rice and Mud Lakes*—Robert Brooking.
79. *Alderville*—William Case, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Industrial School. One to be sent.
80. *Norwood*—Charles Turver, William Sanderson.
81. *Colborne*—James Hughes.
82. *Metcalfe*—One to be sent.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Chairman*.

VII. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

83. *Belleville*—Richard Jones.

84. *Consecon*—David B. Madden, Abraham Dayman ; C. R. Allison, superannuated.
85. *Picton*—William McFadden. One to be sent, who shall reside at Bloomfield : Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, supernumeraries.
86. *Napance*—John Black, John W. German.
87. *Sidney*—Michael Fawcett. One to be sent.
88. *Brighton*—George F. Playter, Aaron Miller.
89. *Demorestville*—William H. Poole.
90. *Newburg*—Joseph Reynolds ; Dr. Aylsworth, supernumerary.
91. *Shannonville*—William Chapman.
92. *Sheffield*—John C. Osborne.
93. *Hungerford*—Thomas Cleghorn.
94. *Madoc*—Robert Robinson ; Stephen Miles, super'd.
95. *Rawdon*—William Coleman.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

VIII. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

96. *Kingston*—Samuel D. Rice, Charles Lavell, Richard Clarke ; James Booth, Henry Byers, supernumeraries.
97. *Wilton*—John Lever, John A. Williams, who shall reside at Mill Creek.
98. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—George Carr, R. Brewster.
99. *Waterloo*—Charles Taggart.
100. *Gananoque*—William H. Williams.
101. *Newborough*—Michael Baxter. One to be sent.
102. *Farmersville*—William Philp, Simon Huntingdon, Bro. P. takes the superintendency, by request of Bro. Huntingdon.
103. *Perth*—James Gray.
104. *Sherbrooke*—David Jennings ; Alvah Adams, super'd.
105. *Hinchinbrook*—One wanted.

SAMUEL D. RICE, *Chairman*.

IX. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

106. *Brockville*—William Andrews.
107. *Prescott*—James Elliott.

- 108. *Maitland*—Sylvester Hurlburt.
- 109. *Kemptville*—Thomas Bevitt, Richard Wilson.
- 110. *Matilda*—Asahel Hurlburt, John Armstrong, 2nd.
- 111. *Smith's Falls*—Benjamin Nankeville; William Brown, supernumerary.
- 112. *Carlton and Packenham*—Thos. W. Constable, David Robertson.
- 113. *Merrickville*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 114. *Cornwall*—Vincent B. Howard, William Burns.
- 115. *Winchester*—David Hardie.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

X. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 116. *Bytown*—Conrad Vandusen, William McGill.
- 117. *Aylmer*—Daniel McMullen.
- 118. *Richmond*—James Greener, Silas Huntington.
- 119. *St. Andrews*—Francis Coleman, Richard Hammond.
- 120. *L'Orignal*—David Clappison, Henry McDowell.
- 121. *Lochaber*—Daniel Wright.
- 122. *Osgood*—Henry Shaler, Robert Hobbs.
- 123. *Gattineau*—John Armstrong.
- 124. *Clarendon and Onslow*—William Pattyson, Andrew McAllister.
- 125. *Westmeath*—Jonathan Loverin.
- 126. *Renfrew*—Thomas Hanna.
- 127. *Torbolton*—John Howes.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman*.

Mr James G. Witted has leave of absence for one year, to visit his friends in England.

Ques. XI., and XII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
Toronto City East.....	212	£8 11 3	£5 8 1	£10 0 0
Toronto City West.....	201	14 15 8	7 15 0	8 10 0
Yonge Street.....	464	9 5 9	7 14 10	7 14 10
Humber.....	314	6 12 3	2 10 8	5 5 0
Cooksville.....	92	2 11 6	1 6 7	2 4 0
Brampton.....	525	10 8 9	4 3 6	6 7 6
Oshawa.....	493	6 0 4	3 2 2	7 7 6
Newmarket.....	416	4 12 0	2 10 0	3 12 6
Markham.....	287	6 1 3	3 3 11	3 14 3
Brock.....	111	1 3 1	6 9	1 4 11
Georgetown.....	245	3 15 6	1 3 10	4 0 0
Nelson.....	457	7 5 0	4 5 6	12 0 0
Barrie.....	261	3 0 10	2 0 0	1 17 1
Bradford.....	299	4 18 11	2 8 11	2 8 10
Mono.....	151	2 0 0	10 0	2 2 6
Nottawasaga.....	40	.....	.....	.....
St. Vincent.....	190	10 0	.....	5 0
Rama and Orillia.....	77	3 9	1 2	7 4
Beausoleil.....	69	15 0	5 0	2 1 3
Sydenham and Owen's Sound.....	69	15 0	1 3	.....
Newash.....	67	5 7	2 6	.....
Toronto and Durham Road.....	75	1 3	1 3	2 6
Saugeeng.....	105	.....	.....	.....
Kincardine.....	41	6 9 6	2 17 4	7 13 0
London.....	300	3 17 6	1 0 8	3 8 9
London Circuit.....	375	14 8	8 5	12 9
Devonshire.....	108	16 3	7 6	15 0
Blanchard.....	110	3 4 7	1 2 6	1 12 5
Goderich.....	303	2 0 2	.....	.....
Adelaide.....	215	1 8 11	10 0	15 7
Port Sarnia.....	97	2 2	.....	8 8
St. Clair.....	151	1 5 7	16 0	1 0 1
Wardsville.....	100	1 0 0	12 0	17 4
Wallaceburgh.....	66	3 16 0	1 6 8	1 17 5
Chatham.....	232	2 7 0	1 5 0	1 12 6
Gostfield.....	186	3 1 5	1 11 8	2 13 3
Amherstburg.....	154	1 3 0	14 3	15 5
Muncey.....	222	6 0 11	4 0 6	5 0 0
St. Thomas.....	326	5 3 8	4 4 6	2 13 6
Brantford.....	397	2 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Paris.....	91	3 10 0	1 6 5	2 15 0
Woodstock.....	232	6 17 4	4 1 0	10 10 0
Dumfries.....	553	2 13 10	1 5 0	4 16 6
Ingersoll.....	171	2 10 0	3 10 0	2 9 9
Norwich.....	160	4 3 9	2 11 3	4 19 4
Simcoe.....	182	2 0 0	18 3	1 12 6
Walsingham.....	196	3 4 6	1 12 6	1 12 9
Malahide.....	328	5 0	.....	7 6
New Credit.....	34	9 6	5 0	10 0
Grand River.....	143	1 1 10	4 4	2 6
Stratford.....	110	7 9 3	2 7 6	7 12 6
Hamilton.....	274			

MINUTES OF

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CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.
Dundas	371	£7 1 11	£2 13 4	£8 4 10
Glandford	342	6 3 2	3 0 0	2 13 9
Nanticoke	175	4 8 9	1 15 6	1 9 6
Grimsby	497	7 6 10	2 12 10	6 15 0
St. Catharines	287	6 5 0	3 10 0	9 7 6
Drummondville and Niagara	234	5 10 1	2 3 7	3 7 6
Cayuga	134	1 17 8	4 0	13 2
Peel	261			9 10
Chippewa		3 12 7	1 12 4	3 0 0
Guelph	274	3 15 6	1 15 11	5 12 6
Cobourg	163	3 0 0	1 12 6	2 2 3
Port Hope	379	2 4 3	1 10 2	4 1 3
Bowmanville	173	2 4 9	2 11 3	1 3 9
Cartwright	130	13 4	7 4	5 6
Millbrook	319	3 1 6	1 6 0	2 11 0
Peterborough	211	2 17 10	2 0 0	1 10 2
Rice and Mud Lake	60	4 0	2 0	5 0
Alderville	122	11 2	5 6	10 9
Norwood	242	2 4 8	1 0 9	1 13 4
Colborne	170	1 9 2	11 3	1 12 5
Metcalf	150	16 3	15 0	12 6
Belleville	263	8 10 0	3 1 3	6 10 0
Consecon	442	5 3 0	2 2 8	7 17 4
Sidney	404	3 12 7	1 10 11	3 7 6
Pictou	509	6 7 6	1 6 3	8 12 6
Napanee	530	4 0 0	1 15 0	6 0 0
Brighton	310	2 17 9	1 5 0	12 6 3
Demorestville	177	1 9 11	12 0	1 18 6
Shannonville	127	1 19 0	16 6	1 4 0
Sheffield	203	1 10 7	10 2	1 5 0
Hungerford	133	1 10 0	8 0	17 6
Madoc	155	1 7 6	8 0	13 3
Kingston	310	9 9 5	1 4 6	8 5 9
Bath and Amherst Isle	245	2 8 6	2 15 6	1 12 6
Wilton	477	3 16 4	1 11 11	3 15 0
Waterloo	217	3 0 0	1 3 0	2 6 3
Gananoque	60	14 4	16 9	1 2 6
Newborough	200	1 5 4	1 0 0	1 4 3
Farmersville	408	3 4 10	1 2 10	3 5 0
Perth	166	1 16 3	1 2 6	1 6 3
Lanark	50	12 10	12 2	5 0
Brockville	115	1 10 8	11 9	17 6
Prescott	55	1 7 0	14 10	1 15 0
Augusta	337	2 9 6	1 2 9	2 0 0
Kemptville	266	1 11 9	1 16 5	8 9
Matilda	352	3 5 7	1 3 2	4 14 10
Smith's Falls	221	1 2 3	1 10 1	3 10 5
Carlton	310	3 2 1	1 4 2	1 15 4
Merrickville	167	12 11	5 6	18 0
Cornwall	226	17 11	14 2	15 9
Winchester	163	1 12 8	16 0	1 2 8
Bytown	251	4 10 0	1 7 0	4 13 0
Aylmer	65	3 0 0	1 11 7	1 9 6
Richmond	528	4 18 5	1 4 7	2 19 5
St. Andrews	250	3 5 4	1 11 4	2 18 5
L'Orignal	218	1 13 0	1 2 0	1 6 0
Lochaber	70	1 5 0		1 10 6
Osgoode	163	1 17 1	14 6	1 3 8

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.
Gattineau	94	18 6	10 0	15 0
Clarendon	168	2 3 5	11 0	1 0 7
Westmeath	91	1 1 2	10 0	15 0
Bonchere	37	1 4 4	14 0	3 0
Torbolton	49	14 6	9 4	8 0
Total, (of whom 1078 are Indians)	26,213			
Last year	25,042			
Increase	1,171			
Amount from Circuits		315 12 11	41 0 0	312 0 0
From the Book Room		200 0 0		
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers				164 0 0
From the English Conference		733 6 9		
Interest on Centenary Investments				115 9 2
Balance from last year		43 0 6		2 12 6
Collection at Conference				16 0 0
Total		1322 0 2	213 16 1	610 15 9

Quest. XIII. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Cobourg	£21 10 0	Norwich	£20 5 0
Peterboro'	21 10 0	Simcoe	34 10 0
Port Hope	10 0 0	Walsingham	16 0 0
Colborne	15 4 0	Malahide	23 2 0
Brockville	24 10 0	Bytown	42 0 0
Prescott	39 4 0	L'Orignal	17 4 2
Augusta	27 9 0	Aylmer	10 9 11
Kemptville	7 7 0	Richmond	6 5 11
Matilda	30 0 0	Belleville	19 10 0
Smith's Falls	11 4 0	Consecon	21 0 0
Carleton & Pakenham	17 13 0	Napanee	20 10 0
Merrickville	19 11 0	Picton	27 0 0
Dundas	12 10 0	Sidney	15 10 0
Glanford	6 5 0	Brighton	28 0 0
Grimsbay	12 10 0	Demarestville	17 10 0
St. Catharines	15 0 0	Bradford	16 0 0
Niagara & Drummondville	35 15 0	Toronto City East	20 0 0
Kingston	23 0 0	Yonge Street	30 0 0
Wilton	33 0 0	Humber	11 10 0
Waterloo	20 0 0	Markham	20 0 0
Newborough	20 0 0	Nelson	12 0 0
Farmersville	12 10 0	Cooksville	30 0 0
Perth	43 15 0	Brampton	22 0 0
Brantford	1 10 0	London Town	35 0 0
Paris	21 15 0	London Circuit	23 10 0
Woodstock	20 15 0	Chatham	14 0 0
Dumfries	29 8 9	Gosfield	16 0 0
Ingersoll	11 7 6	St. Thomas	23 10 0
Total Amount to Circuits			£1,170 17 0

CASES OF AFFLICTION AND OTHER EXPENSES.

Glandford, moving expenses, William Haw.....	£7	0	6
Glandford, additional appropriation.....	3	16	0
Drummondville, additional appropriation, on account of a second married man.....	23	15	0
J. Hughes, family affliction.....	2	17	0
George Kennedy, family affliction, and funeral expenses of two children.....	4	15	0
C. Byrne, sickness, and funeral expenses of Rev. A. S. Byrne.....	9	10	0
London, expenses incurred in supplying that station by brother Young.....	26	0	0
Chatham; additional appropriation on account of protracted illness.....	14	0	0
Colborne, additional grant.....	15	4	0
D. B. Madden, family affliction.....	4	15	0
B. Nankeville, family affliction.....	7	3	0
R. Wilson, medical attendance.....	2	0	0
George Beynon, medical attendance.....	6	0	0
L'Original, allowance to meet the larger expense incurred in moving.....	7	12	0
Postage, Book Room.....	1	10	0
Co-Delegate's expenses.....	16	13	10
Do. Postage.....	2	16	7
Paid for Registering Baptisms.....	9	15	0
Balance due Treasurer.....	9	15	0
Total.....	£1,322	0	2

Ques. XIV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Appropriation to Port Dover Church.....	£19	10	0
" Bloomfield ".....	12	10	0
" Rednerville ".....	6	5	0
" Brighton ".....	9	6	6
" Oakville ".....	25	0	6
" Toronto City East, Adelaide Church.....	12	10	0
" Morpeth Church.....	12	0	0
" Boston.....	5	0	0
" Swartout ".....	3	0	0
" Fergus ".....	5	0	0
" Bowmanville ".....	20	0	0
" Newcastle ".....	5	0	0
" Bath ".....	6	5	0
" Moulinette ".....	5	0	0
" Pakenham ".....	7	10	0
" Metcalf ".....	10	0	0
" Peterboro' ".....	12	10	0
" Rev. Thomas Demorest.....	3	0	0
" Rev. Cornelius Flumerfelt.....	6	0	0
" Rev. Wm. Andrews.....	10	0	0
" Rev. Simon Huntington.....	7	10	0
" Mr. John Collard.....	2	6	1½
" Rev. Luther O. Rice.....	9	0	0
Total.....	£213	16	1½

Quest. XV. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer as follows, viz :

To Rev. David Wright.....	£45	10	0
" Samuel Belton.....	50	0	0
" Alvah Adams.....	35	0	0
" Ezra Adams.....	44	0	0
To the late Rev. James Wilson.....	50	0	0
" Rev. George Ferguson.....	25	0	0
To Mrs. Metcalf.....	25	0	0
" Madden	33	6	3
" Slater	15	0	0
" Healey	26	18	0
To Rev. David Youmans.....	25	0	0
" Thomas Harmon	25	0	0
" Edmund Stoney.....	30	0	0
" George Poole.....	35	0	0
" Andrew Prindel.....	25	0	0
" Robert Doughton.....	25	0	0
" C. K. Allison.....	42	10	0
" George B. Butcher.....	12	10	0
Paid Book Room for Bibles, Stationery, &c.....	6	4	10½
Paid Contingent Expenses of the Conference.....	9	18	2½
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	4	8	0
	£610	15	9

Quest. XVI. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD :—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City: Revs. Wm. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, E. Ryerson, D.D.; and the following lay gentlemen: J. R. Armstrong, Esq., and Messrs. John Sterling, John Bentley, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, Richard Yates.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

REV. JAMES SPENCER, *Secretary.*

2. BOOK COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference; Ministers in Toronto City and Yonge Street; and the Superintendents of Hamilton, Niagara, Brampton, Humber, Markham and Cooksville Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE :—The President and Secretary of the Conference; Co-Delegate; Chairman of

Districts; Superintendent of Missions; Book Steward; Editor; Dr. Ryerson; J. Douse; and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. COMMITTEE ON CLERGY RESERVES:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Chairman of Toronto District; Editor; and Book Steward.

5. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; one member elected at each District, and the following laymen: J. Counter, Esq., W. Denn, John Johnson, G. H. Detlor, W. Anglin.

6. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE:—The President and Secretary of Conference; Chairman of Toronto District; Book Steward; Superintendents of Toronto City, and Yonge Street Circuits; and the following laymen: J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, R. James, and R. Yates, Esqs.

TIME ON TAKING UP THE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR CON-
NEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Contingent Fund Collections* to be made in all our congregations in the months of September and February.

2. *Chapel Relief Fund Collection* to be made in all our congregations during the month of August.

3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*.—Application to be made to all our members and friends in the month of Dec.

Quest. XVII. *What is the judgment of this Conference on the present position of the question of the Clergy Reserves?*

Ans. After a review and careful consideration of the general question, and of the just rights of the Methodist portion of the community, which according to the last census amounts to one hundred and forty thousand souls, or one-fifth of the population of Upper Canada, the Conference agrees unanimously in the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That this Conference has ever viewed the Imperial Statute, 4th and 5th Victoria, chapter 78, an infringement of the

constitutional rights of the people of Upper Canada, as possessed by them for nearly fifty years, involves the Constitutional Act of 1791, 31st George III, chapter 31, wholly at variance with the sentiments and feelings of the Canadian people, and most unjust to the Wesleyan and several other religious denominations constituting a large majority of the population of Upper Canada: that on these and several other public grounds this Conference, through its Representatives, in a communication addressed by them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and dated, London, July 27, 1840, earnestly remonstrated against the passing of said Act, 4th and 5th Vic., ch. 78, when a Bill before Parliament.

2. That the said Act having not only done injustice to the great majority of the people of Upper Canada, but deprived the Province of a right of legislation which it had long possessed, and on a subject affecting its highest social relations and dearest interests, this Conference has regarded the Clergy Reserve question, in its new aspect, as one between Canada and Great Britain, rather than one between different religious persuasions, and therefore as requiring provincial action rather than denominational agitation.

3. That this Conference has observed with regret the efforts of a portion of the Clergy and Members of the Churches of England and Scotland, to secure peculiar pecuniary advantages for themselves at the expense of perpetuating a wrong against their country, and against their brethren of other Protestant Churches.

4. That under these circumstances this Conference, constituting by far the largest as well as the oldest body of Protestant Clergymen in Upper Canada, and exercising pastoral oversight over upwards of one thousand congregations, including more than one hundred thousand adherents, feels itself called upon to avow its cordial and unanimous concurrence in the efforts of our Legislative Assembly, at its last session, to obtain to this country the restoration of its constitutional rights of legislation on the subject of the Clergy Reserves; and this Conference desires at the same time to express its warmest gratitude for the decision of the Imperial Government to take

the necessary steps to restore to the Canadian Legislature the power of disposing of the Clergy Reserves and the proceeds of the sales of them, according to the wishes of the people, as expressed through their Representatives in Parliament assembled—a decision communicated by the right Honorable the Earl Grey to His Excellency the Earl of Elgin, in a despatch pervaded by sentiments and a spirit of just regard to the feelings and rights of Her Majesty's faithful Canadian subjects, among whom none have evinced more loyalty and devotedness than the Clergy and Congregations of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada.

5. That this Conference protests against the administration of those clauses of the unjust Act, 4th and 5th Vict., ch. 78, which add to the already disproportionate appropriations to the Churches of England and Scotland, while other clauses of the same Act, relating to other religious persuasions, are not administered at all, even in aid of denominational efforts to promote education; and this Conference also records its solemn protest against any measure for any endowment or grant in perpetuity to the Church of England or of Scotland, not secured upon equal conditions to every other Protestant denomination in Upper Canada.

6. That this Conference avails itself of the present occasion of declaring its determination of continuing to rely hereafter, as it has at all times heretofore done, upon the voluntary contributions of our congregations for the support of their pastors, feeling that we and our congregations have but one interest and one sentiment on all matters connected with the prosperity of our common country and the promotion of pure christianity through the instrumentality of our Church, and being determined ever to maintain inviolate those holy bonds of unity and oneness which have characterised the rise, progress and wide extension of our labours as a religious body in Upper Canada.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. G. R. SANDERSON for the able and effi-

cient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office as the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, during the past five years; and also for the pulpit and other services which he has rendered to our Church during the same period; and, in retiring from the editorial chair, he retires with the utmost confidence, best wishes, and prayers of this Conference for his future welfare, happiness and prosperity.

Resolved,—The cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. A. HURLBURT, for the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, as the Secretary of the Conference, during the past year.

Resolved,—That it is the decision of this Conference, that all Superintendents on the District, together with one Steward from each Circuit and Mission compose the Financial District Meeting.

Resolved,—That the cordial and unanimous thanks of the Conference be presented by the Superintendent, next Sunday, from the pulpit, to the inhabitants of Toronto; for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of this Conference, during its present Session.

Resolved,—That the Rev. E. Wood, President of the Conference, Rev. A. Green, and Dr. Ryerson, be a delegation to represent this Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, in the City of Boston, May, 1852.

Resolved,—That each preacher be expected to procure five additional subscribers for the *Guardian*.

Quest. XVII. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In Kingston, on the first Wednesday in June, 1851, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

ENOCH WOOD, *President*.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

I. This Society shall be designated the Tract Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, for the more general Diffusion of Religious Knowledge.

II. This Society shall consist of all persons contributing annually to its funds the sum of five shillings and upwards; and the payment of two pounds ten shillings at any one time, shall constitute a subscriber a member for life.

III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of the President and Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Superintendent of Missions, the Book-Steward, the Editor, and all other Wesleyan Ministers stationed in the City of Toronto, together with twenty-four other gentlemen, subscribers to the funds of the Society and connected with the Wesleyan community, two-thirds of whom shall be members of the Wesleyan Church.

IV. The President of the Conference shall be President of this Society, and all the other Wesleyan Ministers in Toronto, Vice-Presidents of the same.

V. The lay-members of the Committee, together with the Secretaries and Treasurer, shall be annually appointed at the Anniversary meeting of the Society, which shall be held in the City of Toronto, on the second Monday in December, or at such other time as the Committee of management may direct.

VI. The President, and in his absence, the Co-Delegate shall preside at all the meeting of the Society. In the absence of both the President and the Co-Delegate, then the senior Vice-President shall preside—the seniority taking the precedence shall be ministerial seniority.

VII. The Committee, seven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall if practicable, meet quarterly, and a special meeting may, at any time be called by the President, Depositary, or any of its members: such call to be made through the Secretary, who shall notify all the members of the Committee of such special meeting, as well as the regular quarterly meetings.

VIII. The Tracts circulated by this Society shall be those published at the Wesleyan Book Rooms in London, United States, and Canada.

IX. One-fourth of the profits obtained by the sale of tracts in the different auxiliaries and Branch Societies shall be annually transmitted to the Parent Society in the City of Toronto, to aid the Society in the publication and issue of free tracts.

X. Each member shall be entitled to receive, *gratis*, tracts to the amount of one-half of his annual or other subscription and donation.

XI. The Wesleyan Book-Room in Toronto shall be the Depository for all the issues of the Society.

XII. The Constitution shall not be altered, except by the Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Committee, subject to the approval of the Conference.

XIII. All meetings of this Society shall be opened and closed with prayer.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

COMMITTEE :—Messrs. J. Wilson, R. Woodsworth, J. Charlesworth,—Ballard, S. Shaw, J. Cornish, R. James, R. Brewer, Capt. Hilliard, J. Harper, Thos. Hutchinson, Alex. Hamilton, Dr. Robinson, J. Laidley, J. Kidney, J. Osborne, J. R. Armstrong, Geo. Walker, Geo. Rowell, J. Bloor, S. Rogers, J. G. Hodgins.

Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

JOHN BENTLEY, *Recording Secretary*.

R. YATES, ESQ., *Treasurer*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE—AUXILIARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY OF THE W. M. CHURCH IN CANADA.

I. This Society shall be designated the—Auxiliary of the Tract Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

II. This Auxiliary Society shall consist of all persons contributing annually to its funds the sum of 2s. 6d. and upwards; and the payment of £1 5 at any one time, shall constitute a member for life.

III. The business of this Auxiliary Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of the Superintendent of the Circuit and his colleagues, together with twelve other gentlemen, subscribers to the funds of the Society, and connected with the Wesleyan Community, two-thirds of whom shall be members of the Wesleyan Church.

IV. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be President of this Auxiliary Society, and his colleague Vice-President of the same.

V. The lay-members of the Committee, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be annually appointed to the anniversary meeting of this Auxiliary Society, which shall be held on the last Monday in July or at such other time as the Committee of Management may direct.

VI. The President, and in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all the meetings of this Auxiliary Society.

VII. The Committee, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall meet quarterly, viz.: in the months of October, January, April, and July, and special meetings may, at any time be called by the President, or any three of its members; such call to be made through the Secretary, who shall notify all the members of the Committee of such special meeting, as well as of the regular quarterly meetings.

VIII. The Tracts circulated by this Auxiliary Society shall be those sold at the Wesleyan Book-Room, Toronto.

IX. An Annual Report of the state of this Auxiliary shall be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society in Toronto, by the end of the 2nd week in Nov.

X. One-fourth of the profits obtained by the sale of tracts in this Auxiliary shall be annually transmitted to the Parent Society in the City of Toronto, to aid the Society in the publication and issue of free tracts.

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and in no case shall there be any deviation from the principles of the Constitution of the Parent Society.

XIII. All meetings of this Auxiliary Society shall be opened and closed with prayer.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN —

Through the tender mercy of our God we have been permitted again to assemble from our different spheres of labour, for the purpose of giving our united counsel in promoting the interests of that department of the household of faith over which, by the appointment of the Great Head of the Church we are ordained to take the oversight. The review of the past though not always pleasing, yet if properly made, is ever calculated to excite emotions, which, if cherished, will produce a salutary effect upon the future. The year which has just closed has been marked with events of more than ordinary interest to us. We have been solemnly admonished that neither promising youth nor riper age, splendid talent, nor the usefulness of matured piety and deep experience, can afford us any encouragement to be less mindful of the authoritative precepts of Him who limits the bounds of our habitation: Be ye always ready. Two of our fathers and brethren in the ministry, since we last addressed you, have been called to enter upon their reward. Of them it may be truly said, "They have borne the burden and heat of the day." They have spared with you in the privations of former years, counting not even their life dear unto themselves that they might testify to you the gospel of the grace of God. Another, of bright and promising talents for usefulness in the Church, who had just entered upon his work, has fulfilled his course, and been gathered to his fathers. And while we sorrow for the loss of these our fellow-labourers in the kingdom and patience of Jesus, we rejoice in the blessed and inspiring hope, that the gospel which they preached, and by which they triumphed

in the hour of their departure, will afford us equal consolation and support in life and in death, and secure for us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For this we are more than ever resolved to live and labor.

During the deliberations of our Conference, the spirit of harmony and love has prevailed; and the various business of our annual assembly has been transacted, we trust, under the direction of Him who ever condescends to guide the counsels of his servants. By the blessing of God upon our united labors, and your zealous co-operation, the past year has been crowned with a measure of success, in accession to our numbers of 1,171; thus affording us additional evidence of our heavenly calling, and encouragement to consecrate ourselves anew to our work, under the cheering assurance that, as our labour has not been in vain in the Lord, so the future will be as the past, and even much more abundant. The aspects of our Zion present no indications of foreboding evil. Signs of prosperity are more or less abundant in every part of the widely extended field we are called to cultivate. We rejoice to bear our testimony to your zeal and liberality in supporting the different departments of the great work in which we are engaged. And while, in your individual capacity, in connexion with your fellow christians of other churches, you have been called to recognize and discharge the duty of the Church, to give the precious Word of Life to all the world, you have cheerfully responded to the call for means to send the messengers of your choice to those who, but for your continued and increasing liberality, would remain destitute, or be but scantily supplied with the institutions of religion. We exhort you to "be not weary in well doing." The wants of the world that lieth in wickedness demand our immediate and active instrumentality, according to our several ability.

But we cannot forget, dear Brethren, in these our pastoral admonitions and counsels, to remind you of the importance and necessity of a dilligent cultivation of personal religion, and of maintaining circumspection and consistency in all your christian walk. In your intercourse with the world, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.

Seek in every possible way to be the imitators of Him who has left us an example that we should follow in his steps. "Be ye followers of Him as dear children." Cherish the spirit of grace and supplication which the Lord is ever ready to pour upon his people. Let not your closets be forsaken in the midst of your worldly cares and concerns; nor be satisfied with a mere outward observance of your private religious duties. "God is a Spirit, and they who worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." Nor should you be less mindful of the importance of family piety; that which connects itself with all your domestic relations, and seeks the salvation of those more immediately committed to your oversight and government. Allow no member of your households to be absent from your morning and evening devotions. Next to your own salvation should be your care and effort for the spiritual welfare of your families. Neglect not to employ the salutary influence of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, and family prayer. Remember that you are to watch for those committed to your care, as they who must give an account.

And in order that you may be ready for every good word and work, permit us also, with affectionate earnestness, to warn against all that might tend to expose your personal piety to danger, or interfere with your relations and duties to the Church of the living God. Come out from the world, and be separate from them. Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Avoid all those associations with the ungodly which are unscriptural in their character, and calculated rather to retard than to advance your spiritual prosperity. In these times of enterprise and improvement, you are extremely liable to become entangled in schemes, laudable in their apparent design, but which, in the end, will ensnare your souls by corrupting the simplicity of your faith in Christ, and damping the ardour of your desire in the pursuit of spiritual and eternal realities.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," Sanctify it unto the Lord, not only by abstaining from all unnecessary work, but also in your thoughts and conversation, avoid any approach to worldly and secular concerns. Ever seek to make it a delightful season of holy rest, and an emblem of the per-

feet and eternal rest which remaineth to the people of God. And while you thus regard the Sabbath of the Lord by your personal example, and in your families, let your influence be employed by the use of every lawful means to promote the proper observance of God's holy day throughout the land. Be careful not to connect yourselves with any association, nor engage in any enterprise which involves a violation of the sacredness of the day of rest.

We exhort you further, beloved Brethren, to forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, exhorting one another, and admonishing one another, and be so much the more diligent as ye see the day approaching. Consider fully the importance of a faithful attendance upon all the ordinances of the house of God. "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Attend regularly the preaching of the Word. Let the prayer-meeting, the class-meeting, and the love feast, be encouraged by your presence, and enlivened by the spirituality and fervour of your devotions. Remember the declaration of our venerable Founder, that the purpose for which you have been raised up as a distinct people, is to spread scriptural holiness through the earth. And while you cultivate a friendly intercourse with Christian brethren of other denominations, be Methodists, in doctrine, in experience, and in practice. Seek also to avail yourselves of every opportunity of doing as well as getting good. Permit us, at this time, to suggest to you the propriety of forming Tract Societies in your various neighborhoods. Arrangements have been made for the more readily supplying you with Wesleyan tracts, and other religious books and publications. A small portion of your means may be most beneficially employed in sending these silent teachers and monitors to instruct the ignorant, and to arouse the careless. "Blessed are they who sow beside all waters."

And now, dear Brethren, in returning from our annual Conference to our several spheres of labour, we come to you under the conviction of our need of the richer visitations of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to unite with us in fervent supplications for a larger manifestation of the Spirit's grace and power. For this purpose we have appointed the second

Friday in August, preceding our first quarterly meetings, to be observed throughout all our Societies as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. We earnestly remind you of the importance of a devout observance of these quarterly seasons of self-examination and prayer. Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and he will surely raise us up. Let our united supplications be presented for a more general and copious outpouring of the Spirit from on high; then will the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. In answer to believing prayers, God will pour "his Spirit upon our seed, and his blessing upon our offspring; and one shall say I am the Lord's, and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel. But thus saith the Lord God, I will yet, for this, be inquired off by the house of Israel to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock."

Finally, Brethren, "keep yourselves in the love of God, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, and looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary.*

Adelaide Street Church, Toronto, June, 1851.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE
TO THE ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN
CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

In acknowledging your welcome Address, allow us to assure you that our hearts respond to the sentiments of esteem and love which you have expressed. It affords us true gratification to hear of the prosperity of the Churches "over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers;" and we devoutly trust that He whom you serve will render your labours,

in the important Canadian field, still more abundantly successful. We pray that you may be sustained by His grace, and enabled to "finish" your "course with joy, and the ministry which" you "have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.

The year which we are called to review in our present Annual Assembly, has been marked, in our Connexion at home by conflicts, but also by copious visitations of blessing. Encouraging evidence of the latter is supplied in our reports of numerical increase; and we have the additional satisfaction of testifying that multitudes of our members while "walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost," are also "pressing," with more than wonted eagerness, "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." In regard to the former, your sympathy is gratefully appreciated. The consolations of peace, and the auspicious opportunities of uninterrupted labour in the word and doctrine which it affords, are often too little estimated. We avail ourselves of this occasion, therefore, to rejoice with you that, while the general prospects of your country are brightening, the tranquility of your churches is unruffled. Long may our common Master, who is "the Lord of peace," "give you peace by all means;" and may He be glorified by your zealous and faithful improvement of such a benefaction!

To you, as to ourselves, it is an object of the highest concern to maintain, pure and inviolate, the principles of original Methodism,—principles which, we are well persuaded, serve to guard the equal sanctity of order and liberty, the responsibility of the Pastorate, and all the real privileges of the Flock. In the Union happily established between you and us, we find cause of increasing joy; and especially, as it tends to promote, on both sides of the Atlantic, a holy decision to stand fast in the same mind and in the same judgment. With sincere delight, we learn your determination, dear Brethren, to "stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths,"—continually to preach the Atonement,—to spread the knowledge of the truth which saves the soul,—to magnify the offices of the Holy Spirit, and to seek His richer baptisms. Hailing every measure which tends to the progress of general Education as strictly

based on religious principles, or to any other great social improvement, let us together resolve that, by Divine grace, nothing shall divert our attention from the primary doctrines of a living Christianity, or from the simple and supreme work to which we have been set apart. Let us especially cherish the spirit of faith, and proclaim the word of God with full confidence in its efficiency. "According as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So," says our gracious Lord, "shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

On your Missionary enterprizes we cannot fail to look with the highest interest and pleasure. These we regard as rich in promise. Each of them will prove, by God's blessing, a centre of evangelizing effort. No passages of your Address have given us livelier satisfaction than those which relate to your *eleven* Missions among the Indian tribes, and your *thirty-seven* Missions to the white settlements in Upper Canada. A plentiful harvest surely awaits you. Its first-fruits only are yet reaped. The labourers "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them." In order to this, you, beloved Brethren, do not need that we remind you of the spirit of zeal and love to be cherished. You cannot but be animated, (and we cannot but sympathize in your sacred joy,) while you review the extension of your work, so beautifully illustrated by the statements of your venerable visitor from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States,—as well as in recording the continued favour of Christ in raising up among you a succession of faithful Ministers, and the blessing which descended on your recent Assembly. May your Highest hopes be realized; and may "the beauty of the Lord our God" rest on you, on your successors, and on the Societies that enjoy your pastoral care, till time shall be no more!

To Dr. RICHEY our affectionate sympathy is offered, on the occasion of his recent illness; and it is our earnest hope that

the health of our beloved brother will be speedily recruited, his valuable life long continued, and his various labours abundantly owned of God. We are deeply impressed with the importance of Victoria College, in relation not only to the cause of education in your rapidly improving country, but on account of the beneficial influence which it is likely to exercise on the formation of the character of the Wesleyan youth of the Province. We shall be at all times ready to co-operate with you in the adoption of such measures as may best promote the great purposes for which it is established; and in this view, should the state of Dr. Richey's health permit, we shall cheerfully accede to any arrangement which may so associate him with that Institution, as to secure his assistance in giving a more enlarged and systematic theological training to candidates for your ministry in connection with its operations.

On personal and public grounds it would have afforded us much satisfaction to welcome Dr. Ryerson as your Representative, if his important official duties had allowed our honoured brother to visit England at the present time. We are deeply sensible of the valuable services which Dr. Ryerson's talents and influence enabled him to render in removing those causes of difference which formerly separated us, and in restoring the state of things which now happily exists in Western Canada. At some future period we trust we shall see him among us in that important relation which it was your intention that he should sustain in our present assembly. In accordance with the Minute of your Special Committee, duly communicated to us, your former President, Dr. Alder, has taken the place of Dr. Ryerson, and faithfully attended to your affairs.

We are truly grateful to learn that the excellent services rendered by the Rev. Enoch Wood, our General Superintendent of Missions, continue to be acceptable to you, as they are to us; and that he enjoys your full and undiminished confidence. In testimony of our affectionate esteem for Mr. Wood, we appoint him President of your next Conference; cherishing the hope, meanwhile, that at another anniversary of your meeting we shall be able, as we regret we are not now able, to secure the attendance of one of the senior members of the Parent Confer-

ence. Our faithful and beloved brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, is re-appointed Co-Delegate.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN BEECHAM, D. D., *President,*

JOHN HANNAH, D. D., *Secretary.*

City-Road Chapel, London, August, 1850.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

Of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the British Conference, to the Conference in England.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We acknowledge with lively gratitude the reception of your highly-valued Address, filled as it is with the same sanctified and paternal spirit which pervaded the letters of the great and good Father of the Wesleyan Family; and our hearts respond to all the sentiments and statements which it contains; and our fervent wish is, that the "grace" of which you remind us may dwell in us richly, as it does in you; that the "Ministry" which we "have received of the Lord Jesus" may more than ever be a ministry of light, and love, and power.

It is delightful and edifying to us to receive an annual epistle from the Parent Conference of Methodism, which has its existence near the throne of a beloved and venerated royalty: in a country where many of us were born into the world; where many were born of God: and our most fervent prayer is, that "the beauty of the Lord" may rest upon the British Sovereign and Empire, and that by her means, in unison with other lands, the benedictions of Christianity may be diffused universally!

We hold with the grasp of a firm faith, the revealed doctrines you have long and successfully believed and preached. "It is an object of our highest concern to maintain, pure and inviolate, the principles of original Methodism—principles which, we are well persuaded, serve to guard the equal sanctity of order and liberty, the responsibility of the Pastorate, and all the real privileges of the Flock." We deem the primary voca-

tion of our fathers to be our highest vocation, and the duty of "spreading scriptural holiness," our paramount duty and most exalted privilege, next to a personal and experimental enjoyment of the Divine favour, and spirit, and guidance; our real and happy association with you, our greatest ecclesiastical honour; and hope that the purpose which impels you, impels us in the career of Gospel and Methodist enterprise, that our redeemed world may be justified and washed, and that, ere long, the people of every tribe, and clime, and tongue, may crown the Saviour Lord of all.

We sincerely sympathise with you in the "conflicts" to which you very briefly refer, and beg to assure you, that they only increase our approval of your principles and proceedings. The constitution which was received from the Rev. John Wesley, and faithfully transmitted to you and to us, is a sacred and an invaluable trust, which could not be resigned without guilt to his descendents in the ministry, and danger to myriads; and it will not be resigned at the bidding of any power, much less at the dictation of a mistaken, unscriptural, and violent confederation. The position which you wisely maintain in respect to Christian and literary education, we consider of immense importance to present and future generations, when insidious dogmas, and senseless and godless forms are rife, and when the aggression, of Papal Rome are welcomed by many clerical characters of a professedly Protestant Church. We applaud, and will sustain you in preserving without mutilation, and in transmitting to posterity that inestimable gift of Heaven—the Christian and Protestant religion.

We have received your appointment of the Rev. Enoch Wood, as President of our Conference, with delight, and accept it as fresh proof of your anxious determination to promote the success of Methodism in Canada. While his past ministerial efforts, and judicious and vigorous zeal as the Superintendent of Missions, and his cordial and frank spirit, have greatly endeared him to us, the dignity, impartiality, and urbanity with which he has presided over us during the entire session of Conference, have added to our admiration of his acts; and we earnestly and unanimously ask his re-appointment as our President for the next year.

We thankfully acknowledge your readiness and kindness in re-appointing the Rev. John Ryerson to the important office of Co-Delegate, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the sound judgment, integrity, and Methodistical propriety with which he has discharged the duties of his office. We respectfully request that he may again be appointed the Co-Delegate for the ensuing year.

Our talented and esteemed brother, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, whom we unanimously appointed last year our Representative to the British Conference, was, we regret to know, prevented by his urgent educational engagements from attending your Conference; but we rejoice to learn that, in compliance with our request, the Rev. Dr. Alder very ably supplied his lack of service; and from a brotherly and affectionate letter of his received with your Address, and from some accompanying documents, we are convinced how faithfully he did it. To hear that Dr. Ryerson has in all his communications with your Missionary Committee, displayed great ability and fidelity, is what we expected; and for the fraternal attentions and esteem shown him in England, we express our acknowledgments. We respectfully beg that our thanks may be conveyed to Dr. Alder for his recent services, and all his past efforts for the extension, unity, and stability of Wesleyan Methodism in this province. We cannot forget the inestimable blessings which have been conferred upon many countries during his prolonged occupation of the office of Missionary Secretary; and on his retirement from so important a sphere, we are gratified to be informed it is to him a pleasing anticipation, that, as a member of the Missionary Committee, it may be in his power to render further assistance to our increasingly interesting work in Canada. With great unanimity and cordiality we desire him to act as Representative of this Conference at the approaching British Conference.

Dr. Ryerson, we are thankful to say, has returned in safety and in health; and his full and affectionate statements, before our Conference, of the present very important position and prospect of Wesleyan-Methodism at home, and of the good will and love he met with there, have greatly conduced to strengthen the bonds which unite us to the British Conference and to British Methodists.

We feel under obligation to you for the promptitude with which you complied with the wish we expressed in our last year's Address, in reference to our late esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. Richey; and while from an excellent communication received by the Conference, we are gratified to learn that the retirement from his arduous and responsible duties, during the past year, has resulted in the partial recovery of his health, we regret that it is still such as to induce him to seek further relief from ministerial labour, in the hope that he may again enter upon the performance of those active duties which his eminent talents qualify him to discharge.

To the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us all spiritual blessings, we offer our warmest thanks for the unction of the Holy One during our present Session. He has been present with his servants in power. The religious services connected with our Session have been eminently means of grace. Baptisms of the Spirit have cheered and sanctified the faithful. The time devoted to the consideration of the well-known and invaluable Liverpool Resolutions, was searching and salutary. Every return of our yearly Convocation supplies new and welcome evidence that the Union is of Divine formation. May its blessedness and benefits still more gloriously appear!

The Wesleyan Doctrine, Constitutions, Rules, and Usages, are more closely adhered to in all our Societies; and they more highly appreciate all our means of grace. Though several of the pioneers of Methodism in Canada have, within twelve months, finished their course, you will be partakers of our joy when we inform you that, at this Session, nineteen promising young men have been received on Trial for the Itinerancy; and that our increase of members is twelve hundred. The reports of the Sabbath Schools from the Circuits and Missions are favourable, and we have adopted additional means for their greater success, while there is a growing attention to the duty of establishing Catechumen Classes everywhere.

But no department of our widely-extending work is more cheering than that which is *Missionary*. On the Indian Missions, we have an unusual accession of members. Our Industrial Schools are in successful operation. The Domestic Mis-

sions are assuming a more striking importance ; and the ceaseless transformation of Missions into Circuits is, to us, as we are sure it is to you, a most satisfactory Wesleyan process. We are honoured by the countenance and support which His Excellency Lord Elgin gives to our Missionary operations. The members and friends of our Church have, this year, brought their offerings to the treasury with a cheerful liberality, and we have a fourth, or about a thousand pounds, more income than last year. We praise God that we are thus encouraged and enabled to extend the Redeemer's kingdom among the Aborigines and destitute settlers of this country.

Our Book Room is yearly becoming of higher importance to the Wesleyan Ministry and Church, and to the Province ; and the claims of Wesleyan theology, biography, and history, are felt by us to be more urgent and imperative than ever. During the last year a Wesleyan Tract Society for Canada has been organized ; and it is our purpose, as soon as practicable, to have Branch Societies on all the Circuits. Thus will error be met, and our doctrines, laws, and ordinances, and means be vindicated, and "the truth, as it is in Jesus," be extensively disseminated.

We now, beloved Fathers and Brethren, repair to our appointed fields of toil, believing that they will be scenes of moral and spiritual triumph. We think of our vows. We again dedicate ourselves to the service and glory of our common Master. We are pledged to our theology, our instrumentality, and our unity. To make Christ's law and love known is our work, that all men may be illumined and regenerated. Our system is vital and mighty through God. He shall bless us while we spread his praise. "God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Secretary.*

Adelaide Street Church, Toronto, June, 1851.

MINUTES

OF THE

Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT KINGSTON, FROM THE 2ND TO THE 10TH OF
JUNE, 1852.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*
JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*
G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

Answer. Chas. Fish, Alexander Campbell, John G. Laird,
John English, Thomas Peacock, John S. Evans, John Arm-
strong, 2nd, Benjamin Jones, Francis Berry, Edward White.

Quest. II. What Preachers remain on Trial?

Ans. William S. Griffin, Richard Wilson, Andrew Smith,
Isaac Barber.

These have travelled THREE years.

Joseph Hugill, Joel Briggs, William Creighton, Thomas
Stobbs, Aaron Miller, John W. German, William Burns,
Richard M. Hammond, Silas Huntingdon, Geo. McDougall*
David Sawyer.*

These have travelled two years.

George McRitchie, Thomas Crews, D. G. Fletcher, Richard
Clarke, David Robinson, Robert Brewster, Robert Hobbs,
Henry McDowell, William Sanderson, Thomas Culbert.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on Trial?*

Ans. William Richardson,† James Clark,† John Shaw,† James Taylor,† Edward H. Dewart,† James Harris,† Matthew Swan*† Henry Jones, John Mills.†

* Ordained for special purposes.

† These have travelled one year under the direction of Chairmen.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

Ans. None.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. Andrew McAllister and James Preston, for want of health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. John Neelands, Matthias Holtby, Moses Blackstock, Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Isaac B. Aylesworth, Chas. Turver, Henry Byers, William Brown, James Booth, John Beatty, John Culham.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. David Youmans, Thomas Harmon, Edmund Stoney, George Poole, H. Biggar, Andrew Prindel, Samuel Belton, Ezra Adams, John Baxter, Cyrus R. Allison, Stephen Miles, Alvah Adams.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

Ans. Jonathan Loverin, who is deposed from the Christian Ministry, and expelled from the Church.

Quest. XI. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz :—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

Rev. E. Wood's address is Yorkville, U. C.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

1. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*.—Ephraim B. Harper, Wm. H. Poole; Anson Green, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D. D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.
2. *Toronto City West*.—Henry Wilkinson, John Douse.
3. *Yonge Street*.—Richard Jones, Wellington Jeffers.
4. *Humber*.—Samuel C. Philp. One to be sent. John Culham, supernumerary.
5. *Cooksville*.—Jonathan Scott.
Brother Scott's address is Etobicoke.
6. *Brampton*.—William Young, William S. Blackstock.
One to be sent.
Brother Blackstock's address is Streetsville.
7. *Oshawa*.—John Law, David C. McDowell.
8. *Newmarket*.—William Willoughby, Robert Lochead.
Brother Willoughby's address is Whitchurch.
9. *Snake Island and South Shore, Lake Simcoe*.—One wanted.
10. *Markham*.—Peter Ker, William Sanderson; David Youmans, superannuated.
11. *Stouffville*.—One wanted.
12. *Brock*.—Cornelius Flummerfelt.
13. *Georgetown*.—Joseph Messmore. One to be sent.
Brother Messmore's address is Stewarttown.

14. *Nelson*—Joseph W. McCollum, John Hunt. One wanted.

Bro McCollum's address is Trafalgar, and Bro. Hunt's is Merton.

15. *Erin*—William Stear.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

II. BARRIE DISTRICT.

16. *Barrie*—Lewis Warner. One wanted.
 17. *Bradford*—Reuben E. Tupper, Isaac Barber.
 18. *Mono*—William Dignam.
 19. *Cookstown*—Luther O. Rice.
 20. *Rama*—Horace Dean.
 21. *Beausoliel and French River*—David Sawyer.
 22. *Penetanguishene Road*—Stephen Brownell.
 23. *Nottawasaga*—James Clark.
 24. *St. Vincent*—Alex. Campbell. One wanted.
 25. *Owen's Sound*—John Williams; J. Neelands, super'y.
 26. *Newash and Colpoy's Bay*—Conrad Vandusen.
 27. *Saugeeng*—James Hutchinson.
 28. *Proton*—Joseph Hill.
 29. *Kincardine*—Thomas Crews.
 30. *Bruce Mines*—Edward Sallows.
 31. *Lake Huron, North Shore*—George W. McDougall.
 32. *Durham*—Henry Reid.
 33. *Derby*—One wanted.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

III. LONDON DISTRICT.

34. *London*—W. Pollard, John G. Laird; T. Harmon, superannuated.
 35. *London Circuit*—A. T. Green, James Taylor; Edmund Stoney, superannuated.
 36. *St. Thomas*—Richard Whiting, Edward H. Dewart.
 37. *Mount Elgin and Muncey*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Carpenter.
 38. *Chatham*—William Price, Joseph Hugill.
 39. *Gosfield*—John K. Williston.

- 40. *Amherstburgh*—J. Goodfellow.
- 41. *Sandwich and Windsor*—W. Ames. One wanted.
- 42. *Port Sarnia*.—Edward White.
- 43. *St. Clair*—Robert Brooking, Wm. Herkimer.
- 44. *Wallaceburgh*—Francis Chapman.
- 45. *Wardsville*—Charles Silvester.
- 46. *Strathroy*—James Armstrong.
- 47. *Warwick*—John Webster.
- 48. *Goderich*—Samuel Fear, Wm. Creighton.
- 49. *Devonshire*—George Case.
- 50. *St. Mary's*—Thomas Fawcett.
- 51. *Mitchell*—One wanted.
- 52. *Morpeth*—Richard Phelps.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

IV. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- 53. *Brantford*—Kennedy Creighton, Thomas Peacock; Geo. Poole, and H. Biggar, superannuated.
- 54. *Paris*—Edwin Clement.
- 55. *Woodstock*—Edmund Shepherd, John S. Evans.
- 56. *Dumfries*—Ozias Barber, Francis Berry.
- 57. *Ingersoll*—Charles W. M. Gilbert. One wanted.
- 58. *Norwich*—Matthew Swan. One wanted.
- 59. *Simcoe*—Edwy M. Ryerson. One wanted.
- 60. *Walsingham*—Matthew Whiting. One wanted. Matthias Holtby, supernumerary.
- 61. *Malakide*—George Kennedy, John Shaw.
- 62. *New Credit*—David Wright.

Bro Wright's address is Hagerville.

- 63. *Grand River*—Wm. Ryerson, Abraham Sickles, Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

The Post Office address for the Grand River Mission is Brantford.

- 64. *Elenheim and Stratford*—Joseph Shepley.
- 65. *Wellesley*—D. G. Fletcher.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

V. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

66. *Hamilton*—John Carroll, John Bredin ; Samuel Belton, superannuated.

Brother VanNorman, by permission of Conference, has removed to New York.

67. *Dundas*—I. B. Howard, Thomas Stobbs.
 68. *Glandford and Seneca*—Simon Huntingdon, Andrew Smith, Andrew Prindle, superannuated.
 69. *Nanticoke*—Rowley Heyland, John Baxter, superan'd.
 70. *Dunville*—Thomas Williams, William Richardson.
 71. *Grimsbey*—William Haw, Joel Briggs.
 72. *St. Catharines*—Claudius Byrne, William S. Griffin.
 73. *Drummondville and Niagara*—Thomas Cosford, George Young, who shall reside at Niagara.
 74. *Crowland*—Robert Corson, Richard Clarke.
 75. *Cayuga Heights*—Thomas Jeffers. One wanted.
 76. *Guelph*—George Goodson.
 77. *Elora*—Solomon Waldron. One wanted.
 78. *Peel*—John Armstrong, 1st, James Harris ; Ezra Adams, superannuated.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

VI. COBOURG DISTRICT.

79. *Cobourg*—George R. Sanderson ; S. S. Nelles, A. M., Principal of Victoria College ; Geo. McRitchie, Thos. Culbert, Students ; John Beatty, supernumerary.
 80. *Port Hope*—William McCullough.
 81. *Bowmanville*—Charles Fish.
 82. *Newcastle*—John English.
 83. *Cartwright*—John Sanderson.
 84. *Schoogog*—To be supplied.
 85. *Millbrook*—Wm. Morton ; Moses Blackstock, super'y.
 86. *Peterborough*—John Gemley.
 87. *Mud Lake*—One to be sent.
 88. *Rice Lake*—Thomas Hurlburt.
 89. *Alderville*—James Musgrove, whose attention shall be specially directed to the Industrial School. William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.

- 90. *Colborne*—James Hughes.
- 91. *Metcalf*—J. C. Osborne.
- 92. *Lindsay*—Thomas Hanna.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Chairman*.

VII. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 93. *Belleville*—John Ryerson. One to be sent.
- 94. *Consecon*—John A. Williams, J. G. Witted; C. R. Allison, superannuated.
- 95. *Picton*—William McFadden, Aaron Miller, Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, supernumeraries.
- 96. *Sidney*—Michael Fawcett.
- 97. *Brighton*—John Black, John W. German; Charles Turver, supernumerary.
- 98. *Demorestville*—Joseph Reynolds.
- 99. *Shannonville*—Abraham Dayman.
- 100. *Hungerford*—One to be sent.
- 101. *Madoc*—Robert Robinson; Stephen Miles, super'd.
- 102. *Rawdon*—Geo. F. Playter.
- 103. *Percey*—George Carr.
- 104. *Norwood*—James C. Slater.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

VIII. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 105. *Kingston*—Samuel D. Rice, Charles Lavell; James Booth, Henry Byers, and Daniel Wright, supern'ies.
- 105. *Napanee*—David B. Madden, R. Brewster.
- 106. *Wilton*—John Lever, Thomas Cleghorn.
- 107. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—George Beynon, John Mills.
- 108. *Waterloo*—Charles Taggart.
- 109. *Gananoque*—Benjamin Nankeville.
- 110. *Newborough*—Michael Baxter. One to be sent.
- 111. *Farmersville*—William Philp, William Chapman.
- 112. *Newburgh*—Benjamin Jones; Dr. Aylesworth, Supern'y.
- 113. *Sheffield*—William H. Williams.
- 114. *Hinchinbrook*—One to be sent.

SAMUEL D. RICE, *Chairman*.

IX. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 115. *Brockville*—William Andrews.
- 116. *Prescott*—James Elliott.
- 117. *Maitland*—Sylvester Hurlburt. One to be sent.
- 118. *Kemptville*—Thomas Bevitt, John Armstrong, 2nd.
- 119. *Perth*—James Gray.
- 120. *Matilda*—Francis Coleman, David Robertson.
- 121. *Smith's Falls*—Wm. Coleman, William Brown, super'y.
- 122. *Carlton and Pakenham*—Wm. McGill. One to be sent.
- 123. *Merrickville*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 124. *Cornwall*—Vincent B. Howard, William Burns.
- 125. *Winchester*—David Hardie.
- 126. *Sherbrooke*—David Jennings ; Alvah Adams, super'd.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

X. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 127. *Bytown*—Noble F. English.
- 128. *Aylmer*—Asahel Hurlburt.
- 129. *Richmond*—James Greener, Robert Hobbs.
- 130. *St. Andrews*—Thos. W. Constable, Richard M. Hammond.
- 131. *L'Orignal*—David Clappison, Silas Huntingdon.
- 132. *Lochaber*—Richard Wilson.
- 133. *Osgood*—William Pattyson, Henry McDowell.
- 134. *Gatineau*—John Howes.
- 135. *Clarendon and Portage du Forte*—Thomas McMullen. One to be sent.
- 136. *Westmeath*—One to be sent.
- 137. *Huntley*—Henry Shaler.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

Ques. XII. and XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
Toronto City East.....	497	£13 0 8	£6 7 8	£14 0 0
Toronto City West.....	1047	15 16 9	7 0 0	13 6 3
Yonge Street.....	442	10 0 0	4 6 10	3 1 3
Ramher.....	490	7 15 0	2 17 1	5 15 3
Cooksville.....	105	3 2 5	2 7 3	3 11 8
Brampton.....	505	9 3 3	6 2 7	3 13 9
Oshawa.....	415	5 4 4	2 10 0	5 8 5
Newmarket and Snake Island.....	395	4 12 6	2 11 3	3 12 9
Murkham.....	311	5 6 0	2 0 9	3 15 8
Brock.....	105	1 5 0	10 5	1 6 8
Georgetown.....	243	5 13 10	2 6 8	3 11 3
Nelson.....	485	6 0 6	3 1 3	11 3 9
Barrie.....	166	2 4 2	1 3 3	1 13 1
Bradford.....	279	2 5 6	1 13 1	4 0 0
Mono.....	320	1 5 0	7 6	1 11 6
Cookstown.....	93	1 12 11	10 5	19 6
Rama.....	55	.....	1 2	.....
Nottawasaga.....	18	11 8	7 6	5 0
St. Vincent.....	196	7 4	5 8	6 3
Beausoliel and French River.....	69	5 0	4 0	1 9 0
Owen's Sound.....	103	16 6	6 2	7 6
Newash.....	68	.....	.....	.....
Saugeen.....	97	.....	.....	.....
Preston.....	130	12 6	5 0	10 8
Kincardine.....	70	.....	5 0	.....
Bruce Mines.....	12	.....	.....	.....
Lake Huron.....	40	.....	.....	.....
Facetanguishene Road.....	101	1 10 3	10 1	1 0 4
London.....	330	7 11 8	4 7 8	10 10 0
London Circuit.....	357	3 6 3	1 0 8	3 10 7
Devonshire.....	110	1 0 6	13 3	17 9
St. Vary's.....	120	16 3	7 6	17 6
Goderich.....	324	2 13 0	1 2 0	1 5 8
Strathroy.....	178	1 13 7	2 13 9	.....
Warwick.....	75	1 3 6	1 0 0	(1 0
Port Sarnia and St. Clair.....	257	1 15 0	10 0	1 5 0
Wardsville.....	92	1 18 6½	16 0	1 1 3
Wallaceburgh.....	60	.....	.....	6 3
Chatham.....	300	5 3 1	3 15 0	3 7 3
Gosfield.....	185	3 10 5	1 3 11	1 14 11
Amherstburg.....	158	3 2 3	1 14 2	2 15 4
Muncey.....	226	1 4 0	15 0	2 12 0
St. Thomas.....	312	5 1 5	4 12 6	5 5 0
Brantford.....	354	5 3 0	3 2 6	4 1 10
Paris.....	111	2 1 8	14 2	1 1 7
Woodstock.....	240	6 8 11	2 12 6	3 0 0
Dumfries.....	423	6 8 4	2 14 6	7 9 5
Ingersoll.....	203	2 18 8	1 5 4	4 12 3
Norwich.....	165	2 9 1	1 4 6	2 10 0
Simcoe.....	167	2 7 9	1 7 10	2 13 0
Walsingham.....	280	2 3 9	19 0	1 15 0
Malahide.....	277	3 12 6	1 10 3	1 17 6

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
New Credit.....	74	£0 1 10	.....	.....
Grand River.....	140	7 6	.....	.....
Bienheim.....	204	2 3 10	£1 5 8	£3 5 0
Wellesley.....	91	6 0	9 4	.....
Hamilton.....	281	8 18 6	8 17 6	15 0 0
Stoney Creek.....	18	.....	.....	.....
Dundas.....	500	8 6 8	4 16 0	10 0 0
Gladford and Seneca.....	368	4 5 0	2 2 6	3 0 0
Nanticoke.....	149	2 5 11	1 0 7	15 0 0
Dunville.....	202	2 10 0	11 3	1 0 0
Grimsby.....	276	7 5 6	3 8 4	6 11 3
St. Catharines.....	269	6 7 9	4 10 0	9 10 0
Drummondville and Niagara.....	245	6 4 8	2 10 0	5 0 0
Chippewa.....	110	2 12 0	10 0	2 1 3
Cayuga.....	149	2 10 0	10 0	1 6 3
Guelph.....	137	3 3 0	1 17 3	3 10 0
Elora.....	230	1 12 10	17 8	1 1 8
Peel.....	249	2 1	.....	3 9
Cobourg.....	161	3 17 3	3 14 0	2 6 3
Port Hope.....	375	4 1 8	2 12 6	5 1 3
Bowmanville.....	163	2 10 3	2 15 0	1 5 0
Peterborough.....	308	2 18 0	3 1 3	1 12 10
Colborne.....	177	1 12 1	12 6	1 16 3
Norwood.....	182	2 10 7	.....	1 19 4
Millbrook.....	284	3 2 10	1 5 10	3 6 3
Metcalf.....	180	1 10 0	17 6	1 0 0
Alderville.....	116	12 6	6 0	11 6
Rice and Mud Lake.....	101	5 0	2 6	6 7
Cartwright and Schoogog.....	112	13 9	8 9	10 0
Belleville.....	250	7 1 3	2 10 0	6 15 0
Consecon.....	409	4 13 5	1 11 10	8 11 2
Sidney.....	372	3 5 0	1 10 0	3 0 0
Napanee.....	280	2 10 0	1 5 0	3 0 0
Pictou.....	409	4 9 0	1 10 0	9 5 0
Madoc.....	145	1 7 9	16 2	15 0
Newburgh.....	226	1 16 2	6 11	3 16 11
Demorestville.....	180	1 9 6	10 4	2 0 0
Brighton.....	333	3 11 11	1 0 0	2 17 6
Hungerford.....	136	1 13 0	8 9	1 0 8
Sheffield.....	186	1 11 10	11 0	1 5 6
Rawdon.....	63	17 3	5 0	12 6
Shannonville.....	136	1 14 6	16 10	12 0
Kingston.....	363	9 10 7	3 0 8	10 0 0
Wilton.....	485	3 14 5	1 17 0	4 16 10
Bath.....	235	3 0 1	1 13 7	1 14 10
Waterloo.....	221	2 11 0	1 10 0	2 4 4
Gananoque.....	42	14 6	6 9	6 3
Newborough.....	205	1 5 0	1 15 0	1 6 0
Farmersville.....	377	4 8 0	1 14 0	5 0 0
Perth.....	109	1 6 5	1 15 0	1 1 3
Sherbrooke.....	84	1 9 6	15 4	13 3
Brockville.....	120	1 12 6	15 0	10 0
Prescott.....	55	1 12 6	18 5	16 3
Maitland.....	319	2 12 9	1 0 0	2 13 4
Kemptville.....	240	1 16 7	1 4 3	8 8 9
Maitida.....	346	2 5 5	1 3 2	6 8 4
Smith's Falls.....	209	2 2 3	1 14 10	4 0 8
Carleton and Packenham.....	288	3 15 7	1 16 2	1 18 9

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.
Merrickville.....	153	£0 15 0	£0 6 4	£1 0 0
Cornwall.....	222	1 6 5	1 5 7	1 0 0
Winchester.....	188	1 6 4	1 10 0	1 2 9
Bytown.....	240	4 0 0	1 7 0	3 10 0
Aylmer.....	60	3 1 0	1 12 3	1 10 0
Richmond.....	511	3 4 0	1 5 0	3 0 0
St. Andrews.....	330	3 6 4	1 12 4	3 0 0
L'Orignal.....	207	1 15 9	1 0 0	1 13 8
Lochaber.....	65	1 14 6	5 0 0	12 6
Osgoode.....	170	1 17 4	14 5	1 4 11
Gattineau.....	91	19 0	10 6	16 0
Clarendon.....	170	.....	.....	.....
Westneath.....	85	15 0	.....	.....
Renfrew.....	37	1 3 1	19 11	13 5
Torbolton.....	37	12 0	6 0	3 9
Total, (of whom 1111 are Indians)	27,585			
Last year.....	26,213			
Increase.....	1,372			
From the Book Room.....		200 0 0		
From the English Conference.....		733 6 9		
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers..			45 5 0	180 0 0
Balance from last year.....				8 2 0
Interest on Investments.....				70 12 4
Collection at Conference.....				11 17 6
Total.....		1206 10 11	238 12 6	618 17 0

Quest. XIV. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

The Co-Delegate's expenses.....	£25 0 0
Registering Baptisms.....	6 0 0
Postage.....	0 11 9
Appendix to the Journals of Conference, Letter-book, &c.....	5 19 10½
Paid the late Treasurer, balance.....	9 15 0
“ Toronto District.....	154 0 0
“ Barrie District.....	24 15 0
“ London District.....	101 15 0
“ Brantford District.....	141 12 6
“ Hamilton District.....	124 7 6
“ Cobourg District.....	122 0 0
“ Belleville District.....	177 13 0
“ Kingston District.....	137 10 0
“ Brockville District.....	157 0 0
“ Bytown District.....	69 6 0
CASES OF AFFLICTION AND OTHER EXPENSES.	
Paid the Rev. Peter Ker.....	£11 0 0
“ “ Reuben Tupper.....	2 10 0
“ “ Richard Jones.....	11 0 0
“ “ William H. Poole.....	8 0 0
“ “ Robert Lochhead.....	15 0 0
“ “ Michael Fawcett.....	6 0 0

Paid the Rev. E. H. Dewart.....	2	0	0
“ “ James Gray.....	3	0	0
“ “ Benjamin Nankeville.....	9	0	0
“ “ N. F. English.....	2	0	0
“ “ Henry H. McDowell.....	1	10	0
Balance due the Treasurer.....	6	0	0

Ques. XV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Paid George Duggan, Esq., Barrister, for Counsel in obtaining law to dispose of Church Property, &c., &c.....	£8	2	6
Appropriation to Acton Church.....	9	10	0
“ Owen Sound Church.....	12	0	0
“ Goderich “.....	10	0	0
“ Chatham “.....	10	0	0
“ Sparta “.....	10	0	0
“ Galt “.....	12	10	0
“ Brantford “.....	6	5	0
“ Port Burwell “.....	6	0	0
“ Port Dover “.....	5	15	0
“ Grafton “.....	19	0	0
“ Bowmanville “.....	14	0	0
“ Newcastle “.....	5	0	0
“ Peterboro’ “.....	5	0	0
“ Ryckmen’s “.....	5	0	0
“ Clinton’s “.....	5	0	0
“ Fergus “.....	5	0	0
“ Brighton “.....	6	5	0
“ Bloomfield “.....	5	10	0
“ Demorestville “.....	5	0	0
“ Perth “.....	5	0	0
“ Newboro’ “.....	12	10	0
“ Gananoque “.....	7	10	0
“ Moulinette “.....	5	10	0
“ Packenham “.....	6	5	0
“ L’Orignal “.....	5	0	0
“ Oakville “.....	25	0	0
“ Rev. S. Huntingdon, for Cairnes’ Church.....	5	0	0
“ “ L. O. Rice, for York Church.....	5	0	0
Paid for Postage.....	1	0	0
Total.....	£238	12	6

Quest. XVI. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer as follows, viz:

To Rev. David Youmans.....	£25	0	0
“ Thomas Harmon.....	25	0	0
“ Edmund Stoney.....	30	0	0
“ George Poole.....	35	0	0
“ Samuel Belten.....	50	0	0
“ Andrew Prindel.....	25	0	0
“ Ezra Adams.....	44	0	0
“ C. R. Allison.....	41	0	0
“ Alvah Adams.....	35	0	0

To Rev. David Wright	45	10	0
“ S. Miles	25	0	0
“ G. Beynon	25	0	0
“ Robert Darlington	25	0	0
“ George B. Butcher	12	10	0
“ George Poole, personal affections	15	0	0
To Mrs. Madden	33	6	8
“ Slater	15	0	0
“ Healey	26	6	8
“ Ferguson	30	6	8
Incidental expenses	14	3	11
Balance in Treasurer's hands	41	13	14
	£608 17 0½		

Quest. XVII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; the Revs. Wm. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, E. Ryerson, D.D., J. Spencer, and the following lay gentlemen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, George Rowell, Alexander Hamilton, Geo. Walker, Richard Woodsworth, and Richard Yates, Esquires.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer*.

REV. JAMES SPENCER, *Secretary*.

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; Ministers in Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; Chairman of Hamilton District, and Superintendents of Niagara, Brampton, Humber, Markham and Cooksville Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Chairmen of Districts; Book Steward; Editor; Dr. Ryerson; J. Douse; and the Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON THE INTERESTS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE, AND THE SUBJECT OF THE CLERGY RESERVES:—The President of the Conference and Dr. Ryerson.

5. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.—The President and

Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; one member elected at each District Meeting; and the following laymen: Edward Jackson, Alexander McRea, F. W. Watkins, George Sterling, Philip Spohn, William Boyce, and Joseph Lister, Esqs.

CHAPEL RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE:—The President and Secretary of Conference: Chairman of Toronto District; Superintendents of Toronto City Circuits; Book Steward; Editor; and the following laymen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, G. Walker, R. Yates, George Rowell, and John Sterling, Esqs.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Resolved,—That all Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, authorised to solemnize matrimony, do form themselves into an Association, to be called "The Connexional Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," as provided for by the Act 14th and 15th Vic., cap. 142.

Resolved,—That the Rev. Enoch Wood, President of the Conference, be the President of this Society.

Resolved,—That the Rev. George R. Sanderson be the Secretary of this Society.

Resolved,—That the Book Committee, consisting of Revs. Messrs. E. Wood, J. Ryerson, G. R. Sanderson, H. Wilkinson, A. Green, J. Douse, E. B. Harper, W. H. Poole, J. Spencer, and others, be the Central Board for the management of all matters connected with the Book and Printing Establishment, to obtain a common seal, and to have power and authority to seize, hold, and manage, or to dispose of all or any property, real or personal, belonging to the said Book and Printing Establishment, for all or any of the purposes of the said Society.

Resolved,—That the Rev. Anson Green be the Treasurer of the Book and Printing Establishment.

Resolved,—That the Annuitant Board consist of the following persons, viz.:—The Rev. Messrs. J. Musgrove, H. Wilkinson, A. Green, L. Warner, and Dr. Ryerson, who shall form a Central Board, and shall have power and authority to obtain a common seal to hold and dispose of property, and generally

to transact all business connected with the Annuitant Fund Society of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

Resolved,—That the Rev. Anson Green be Treasurer of the Annuitant Fund Society.

Resolved,—That the Rev. John Douse, A. Green, J. Spencer, E. B. Harper, H. Wilkinson, be the Central Board of the Superannuated Preacher's Fund, with power and authority to obtain a seal, and to hold and dispose of property, and manage the business of the said Society for the benefit of the same.

Resolved,—That the Rev. John Douse be the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preacher's Fund Society.

Resolved,—That each of the above named Boards have authority to organize themselves into separate Central Boards of this Society, according to the provision of the above cited Act.

TIME OF TAKING UP THE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR CON-
NEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Contingent Fund Collections* to be made in all our congregations in the months of September and February.

2. *Chapel Relief Fund Collections* to be made in all our congregations during the month of August.

3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*.—Application to be made to all our members and friends in the month of Dec.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved,—That this Conference has listened with great pleasure to the statements made by the Rev. A. Green, our Representative to the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States: and that the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to him, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duty as our Representative to that venerable Body.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. James Musgrove for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, as the Secretary of the Conference, during the past year.

Resolved,—That in order to direct the Book Steward in publishing and sending out to the different Circuits the Minutes of Conference, it shall be the duty of the Chairmen, in their respective District Meetings, to enquire of each Superintendent the number of copies required to supply his Circuit, and a record of the same to be entered on the District Minutes, and a copy thereof to be furnished the Book Steward.

Resolved,—That the cordial and unanimous thanks of the Conference be presented by the Superintendent, next Sunday, from the pulpit, to the inhabitants of Kingston, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of this Conference, during its present session.

Resolved,—That this Conference enjoins upon each of the Preachers not to use, in the administration of the Lord's Supper, any kind of mixture as a substitute for the generally acknowledged port wine of the country, as no mixture which is not acknowledged by authority as wine, can be regarded as one of the elements in the holy sacrament, and as the legally acknowledged port wine in the country (whether pure or impure) is the most expressive symbol attainable of the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved,—That in view especially of the necessity of providing Church accommodation for the Students attending Victoria College, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Cobourg District Meeting, the Conference directs that a public collection be made in every appointment throughout the work, for the Wesleyan Church now in course of erection at Cobourg, and that the said collection be made sometime previous to the close of December, the present year-

Ques. XVIII. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In the City of Hamilton, on the first Wednesday in June, 1853, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ENOCH WOOD, *President*.
G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

To the Members and Friends of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in behalf of Victoria College.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

Having given our most careful and anxious consideration to the question of endowing and increasing the efficiency and usefulness of Victoria College, and pledged from our scanty subsistence upwards of nine thousand dollars for that purpose; we desire to lay before you a brief statement of circumstances connected with the Institution, and to appeal to your tried and well-known liberality in its support,—an Institution the creation of your own intelligent piety, and we hope will long remain one of its noblest monuments and effective instrumentalities.

It is now twenty years since the idea of establishing a seminary of learning by our Church was first entertained; an appeal was made to the enlightened liberality of our brethren and friends, which resulted in subscriptions and donations of some twelve thousand pounds, and the erection of the buildings of the *Upper Canada Academy*. A Royal Charter was obtained; and in 1841, the Institution was incorporated by an Act of the Provincial Legislature into a College, with power to confer degrees in the arts. But the original objects of the Institution were still kept steadily in view, namely, providing for a practical and scientific English education and instruction in the elementary classics and mathematics.

During the last six years the provincial system of University education has been a public discussion and parliamentary deliberation; and under such circumstances, we were in suspense as to the course which our united duty to our country and our church might require us to pursue. On the one hand, we felt it our duty as citizens to co-operate with the Legislature and Government of the country as far as possible in promoting sound Christian education among our Canadian youth; and on the other hand, we felt it our duty as Christians to fulfil the trust reposed in us by the founders and supporters of the College, and perpetuate with increased efficiency this important agency of our Church. While, therefore, the Uni-

versity question was pending, it appeared unadvisable, if not impracticable, to adopt decisive and definite measures for the endowment and permanent efficiency of Victoria College.

Our course of duty appears to be marked out, and that course clearly is, to pursue our own work in our own way, and to unite as the heart of one man, to carry out the primary and noble objects of our seminary in the place and amidst the associations of its first establishment.

It now becomes us to ask ourselves, "What is our duty? What do piety, benevolence, patriotism demand at our hands? What contribution and effort are we called upon to make in behalf of a work which involves the very best interests of so many youth of our church and country—interests which have occupied so many anxious deliberation, which have been the subjects of so many prayers, and which have prompted to so much labour and exertion?"

We think our brethren and friends throughout Canada will agree with us, that our Church would fail in her duty not to have at least one seminary of learning. Such institutions are wants which are felt by every religious community of any extent or intelligence both in Europe and America. They exist in connection with every religious denomination in England, and abound amongst the religious denominations in America. Several colleges have been established by the Wesleyan Church in England; and in the United States the Methodist Church has established no less than 30 university colleges, and upwards of 70 seminaries or academies. In that church there are no less than 35 annual conferences; and nearly every conference has founded a college or academy, and some of the conferences more than one. It is true, all these colleges and academies have received more or less aid from the State; for it is the policy of nearly all the State Legislatures, by means of educational grants to colleges and academies, to encourage and develop the resources and exertions of the religious denominations, as well as of municipalities; and it is by this varied and liberal system of calling forth religious, patriotic, and local zeal in the common cause of education, that mental culture is so widely imparted, and knowledge is spreading throughout their whole population. But at the same time

their denominational seminaries, which, besides their direct teaching, contribute so much to elevate the moral tone of all other colleges and schools, are chiefly established and sustained by the denominations themselves.

It was a fine sight to witness, a year or two since, the exertions put forth by the Baptist denomination for the endowment of one of their many colleges in the neighbouring States. Brown University, established many years since, in the small State of Rhode Island, and presided over by that eminent Baptist Clergyman, Dr. Wayland, had become cramped and embarrassed in its resources, though it had received considerable endowment from the State; but on an appeal being made in its behalf, subscriptions were obtained in the course of a few months to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars for its endowment. And still more recently the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Church resolved to elevate the *Lima Seminary* to a College, and succeeded in obtaining \$130,000 or upwards, in subscriptions as an endowment for that purpose, in addition to \$5,000 granted by the State. There are more ministers and members in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada than under the care of the Genesee Conference. Surely every friend of our Church will say that she ought not only to have her seminary of learning, but that it ought to be liberally endowed.

2. For, secondly, if their be unity of sentiment as to the college itself, there can scarcely be less unity as to the necessity of endowing it. No such seminary is self-supporting, except where the fees of tuition are fixed at £60 or £70 per annum, instead of at £6 or £7. The experience of all countries, and the practice of all denominations, attest the necessity of endowing every seminary of learning, whether for the higher or elementary branches of a liberal education. Even our common schools are endowed or aided by grants from the school fund, in addition to the ordinary fees of tuition, in order to make even a small salary of a single teacher: the same is the case with the grammar schools, to each of which, in most instances, the sum of £100 per annum is granted by way of endowment, for a single teacher, in addition to fees and all other contributions from local sources. All the colleges and

seminaries in Lower Canada are endowed to a less or greater amount; Upper Canada College has received, by way of endowment, in addition to the fees of tuition, some £3,000 per annum; and the endowment of Toronto University exceeds £10,000 per annum; and some contend that that is not too large an endowment. All the religious denominations in the United States, (where the most stringent economy is practised) endow their colleges and academies, and sometimes very largely, chiefly by voluntary subscriptions, though aided to some extent by grants from the State. In addition, then, to the small legislative grant made in aid of Victoria College, it must be apparent to all, that an endowment from other sources is indispensable in order to accomplish the objects of the Institution.

3. And we think you will also agree with us, that, in addition to any aid which may be granted by the Legislature, there are only the following modes of endowing Victoria College:—namely, by donations, by annual subscriptions, and by scholarships. A system of scholarships has been devised, which has been tried and adopted with great success and advantage to all parties concerned, by our brethren in the neighboring State of New York, and other States; and which it is proposed to adopt with a view to the advancement of Victoria College. The scheme is as follows: Each scholarship is valued at twenty-five pounds, or one hundred dollars—payable at the end of five years, with the interest annually in advance. In return, the holder of such scholarship has a right to the tuition of one pupil or student, for twenty five years, in all the branches of the prescribed course of instruction in the College. If the holder of the scholarship has no son of his own to educate, he can designate the son of any other person, or any worthy lad or young man whom he may think fit, as his scholar in the College. A cheaper method to secure a sound Christian education for your sons, or for the sons of your friends, can scarcely be conceived, while you, at the same time, contribute to endow and extend the usefulness of the College. Those who are unable to take scholarships, may aid by donations or annual subscriptions. By such means, our brethren of the Methodist Church in the United States have

established and endowed numbers of colleges and academies ; and surely by such means the members and friends of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada can endow one institution, already established, which combines in its operations the threefold office of a practical and scientific English School, a classical academy and university college.

4. Under such circumstances, and upon such grounds, we think Victoria College has peculiar claims to your liberal support, and that of the public at large. As our Church was the first in her labours of ministrations and ordinances among the new and wide-spread sentiments of Upper Canada, so was she the first in establishing, by large and voluntary subscriptions, a seminary of learning for the education of Canadian youth—a seminary within whose walls upwards of one thousand of those youth have been instructed a longer or shorter time, and many of them have finished their education—a seminary in which as many pupils of other religious persuasions have been educated as those of the Wesleyan Methodist Church—in which the religious morals and interests of youth are especially cared for, while the wishes of their parents in regard to religious instruction are conscientiously observed. If the members and friends of our Church in 1832 could subscribe so largely to erect such an institution, surely they can contribute equally in 1852 to sustain and render it all that the best interests of our children and country require. There are hundreds of your sons on whom you wish to bestow a better English Education than they can obtain in a common school ; there are also hundreds more of them to whom you wish to impart more than an English education. You cannot procure for them those priceless advantages in your own neighbourhoods ; and where can you send them from home with so much safety to their moral and religious interests, and where so many helps and facilities will be provided for their intellectual culture and improvement, as to a college in which instructors of undoubted piety, attainments and ability, will employ all their energies to secure to the youth committed to their care all the advantages of watchful oversight, skillful teaching, and affectionate solicitude.

Very dear Brethren and Friends, we have no more personal interest in this work than any one of those whom we address. It is a part of the mission of our church; it is a part of the duty which we owe to our offspring and to our country. We ask you to do no more than we do ourselves to the utmost of our humble means; we join with you, and we entreat each Quarterly Meeting and each member and friend of the Church to co-operate with us in promoting this work. Let us implore the Divine blessing; let us combine our best efforts; let us imitate the example of our fathers and brethren on both sides of the Atlantic; let us have a seminary of learning worthy of our Church, worthy of our country, and such as thousands of its youth shall feel it a privilege and an honour to call their *alma mater*.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the
Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

ENOCH WOOD, *President*.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

Kingston, June 10th, 1852.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, after a careful examination of the imperfect returns that have been submitted to them, have much pleasure in being able to report, that there are in connection with our work, in this part of the Province, 297 Sabbath Schools; 1,145 Teachers; 16,140 scholars; 38,245 vols. in the Libraries; and had the returns been complete, we doubt not but a much larger number would have been reported.

We cannot but regard this as a highly-interesting and deeply-important department of our work. Other Schools may impart useful and literary knowledge, but it is the especial object of Sabbath Schools to implant in the minds of our youth the germ of divine knowledge. From the returns that have been made, we believe there is an increasing desire to have our Schools Wesleyan in their character; hence the increase of those Schools in which our books and catechisms only

are used; and we believe the thirty-eight thousand volumes that are principally Wesleyan in their character, which are circulated among our children, and through them in their respective families, cannot fail to exert a very powerful and salutary influence upon their mind, and we can say, "The fields are" not only "already white unto the harvest," but many precious sheaves have been gathered into the garner of the Church, and many of the children, during the past year, have been converted unto God, and especially in connection with that gracious work of God that has been going on for so many months in the City of Toronto.

Your Committee is convinced that our Schools might be carried on more efficiently in many places, if there could be more ministerial visitations to those Schools; but we are aware that such is the extent of our Sabbath labours, that it would be difficult; yet, we believe, in many instances practicable; and where it is not, the Teachers and some of the children might be occasionally met on a week evening, as our week-night appointments are not so numerous as they were formerly.

We would recommend increased attention to the circulation of our *Sunday School Guardian* as a very useful and interesting periodical, admirably adapted to promote the efficiency of this department of our work. The exceedingly low price of which will bring it within the reach of every family, throughout the vast extent of our work.

In connexion with our Schools, we are pleased to find that there are several Bible and Catechumen Classes—a very necessary appendage to our Sabbath Schools. In these Classes, the minds of our youth are directed to the evidences of the divine origin of our holy religion, its historical narratives, fundamental doctrines, and especially those to which greater prominence is given in our own ministrations, such as the universality of the atonement, justification by faith, the direct witness of the Spirit, entire sanctification, the possibility of falling from grace and perishing eternally, and the consequent necessity of being faithful unto death; and this we regard as being the more necessary, because the books that are circulated, and the influence exerted by other Societies, is in many respects of a contrary character.

We would beg most earnestly to direct your attention to the importance of Bible and Catechumen Classes, in which the minds of our youth may be trained up for future usefulness in the Church, as officers and Teachers in our Sabbath Schools, or even as Ministers in our Church. Many of those who are now Watchmen on the walls of our Zion, can trace their conversion to God, as some of them did in our excellent love-feast on Sabbath morning, to the impressions made and the instructions received in connection with the Sabbath School. We regard this as a powerful auxiliary to the accomplishment of the great and glorious object for which God in his providence has raised us up, viz.: to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land.

And we trust that we shall yet more vigorously prosecute our operations, looking unto Him who has said, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whither shall prosper, this or that." As the cultivation of the useful productions of the earth is attended with much toil and care, so we believe the same application and care are necessary in disseminating the seed of divine life, and cultivating the plants of righteousness in the vineyard of the Lord. May the Lord graciously pour his blessings upon our seed, and his Spirit upon our offspring, that they may grow up as the grass, and as willows by the water courses, that they may be all taught of God, and great may be the peace of our children, is the sincere and fervent prayer of yours in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

JOHN GEMLEY, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL C. PHILP, *Secretary.*

Kingston, June 10, 1852.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

With feelings of joyous affection, gratitude and encouragement, we avail ourselves of the opportunity which another

Annual Conference affords, of again addressing you with words of pastoral greeting and counsel. Bound together as we are, into one extensive connexion, by the principles of our Discipline, the institutions of our Church, and the terms of our ministry, each one of us feels interested in every field of labour within our connexional boundaries. On this account, we are enabled to address you with those emotions of pastoral love and solicitude, which are excited by our individual, as well as our collective relations to you. Our Annual Meeting has revived within us those feelings which the great cause of our God and Saviour is suited to produce, and has made us desire more than ever, to be successful laborers in the vineyard of Christ. The Divine presence has been with us in an especial degree in our religious services; the Divine guidance, we trust, has been with us in our counsels and proceedings; and, above all, the Divine sanction to our work, has been evidenced anew by a good degree of prosperity, reported from the different circuits. The great end of our ministry is to save souls; we therefore rejoice, that, while death has not been permitted to take any from the ranks of our ministry, the Lord has added to our Church many who are saved from the guilt and power of sin. The number in the Societies show, at the present Conference, a gratifying increase of 1,325; and we feel particularly interested in mentioning, that our Sabbath School returns show a greater proportion of pious teachers, and many instances of conversion among the youth. A large number of places of worship, some of them exceedingly creditable to the zeal and piety of the Societies where they are situated, have been completed. And while God is still blessing us with his saving power, we rejoice that a small advance in all the connexional funds, shows that you are still willing to be instrumental in carrying on his work by sustaining and encouraging all the institutions of his Church. The conversion of souls shows that God is still with us, making the instrumentalities effectual; and then your liberality enables us to continue and increase the agencies employed. It is especially delightful to consider the great results which our numerous missions have already yielded, and the bright prospects they open before us. Your Missionary Society has lately entered upon new mission

ground in several places—one on the North Shore of Lake Huron, possessing features of peculiar interest, where several tribes of Pagan Indians have shown an eagerness to hear the Word of God. Thus, you see, that while duty dictates the continuance of your aid in the cause of God, the many doors of usefulness opened before us, and the prospects of the future, call for and encourage you to exercise even greater liberality.

While speaking of our agencies allow us to call your attention to the interests of education, with particular reference to Victoria College, at Cobourg. We have, during the past year, commenced a special effort to revive, increase, and perpetuate the efficiency of this institution, by endeavouring to secure a sufficient endowment on a plan already explained to you. We have the interests of this Institution very much at heart, and we trust, dear Brethren, that this appeal will not be made to your intelligence and piety in vain. It is manifestly of great importance, and in a great many respects, that the Wesleyan Church in Canada should possess such an Institution, where our youth may be educated by those who will care for their moral and religious culture, while they instruct them in the various departments of literature and science. If a vigorous effort be now made by all who wish to see education the friend of religion, instead of its unnatural enemy, the object will be secured, and the cause of God hereafter reap incalculable benefits. Let us not only cultivate our fields and claim all our privileges, but also preserve all our bulwarks.

Indeed, dear Brethren, those blessed doctrines, and that system which have been committed to us, and which have secured the confidence of the Wesleyan Church for more than a century, are as worthy of that confidence as ever. They have been assaulted by a succession of foes, but the cause of God has always triumphed. In these days, this cause has to contend, not only against the various forms of wickedness in the world, and the opinions by which nominal Christians make void the word of God, but also against systems of superficial philosophy, by which half enlightened men seek to substitute the partial views of perverted reason for the blessed truths of the Gospel. Satan, who has hitherto held the ungodly in a

state of heedless slumber, now that they are awakened by the alarms and calls of God's word, presents himself to them as an angel of light, and seeks to enlist them in his active service. The unconverted in many places are no longer careless respecting the cause of God, but by various forms of error are striving to pervert its principles, or to destroy its influence. This state of things demands enlightened watchfulness and activity in the Church of Christ. The whole world seems awakened to earnestness in behalf of various objects, and the enemies of God are trying new means to injure his cause. Let, then, the people of God arise ! Let them be courageous and keep their armour bright, and then, as in many former instances, God will confound his enemies, and give his people the victory, leading them on to universal conquest.

But undoubtedly, the first attention must be paid to your personal piety. This alone will secure your salvation, and qualify you to work for God. Let us secure his presence amongst us, and his power will go with us. A present, a continual, and a full salvation is your assured privilege. May it be your endeavour to possess it ! For this end, every Christian must be a diligent student of God's word. The first Methodists were remarkable for their knowledge of the Scriptures, and this only can furnish us with weapons for our spiritual warfare. Remember that our piety is always in proportion to the degree in which we possess the spirit of prayer. Remember that the means of grace are by their very nature, and by the ordination of God, as necessary to our salvation, as the cultivation of the ground and the sowing of the seed is to the harvest. Be constant, then, in the means of grace ; it is the distinguishing mark of every Christian who grows in grace ; and never substitute one means of grace for another ; nor think that diligence in one can make it unnecessary to attend to another. Each means of influence exerts an influence peculiar to itself, and cannot be neglected without spiritual loss. Private prayer, family worship, prayer-meetings, class-meetings, the Lord's Supper, and public worship, are all valuable and necessary. Let it then be counted your duty and privilege to use them all ; thus will you become strong in the Lord, fully prepared for all the circumstances of your

probationary state, and fitted for heaven. Let it be your care that your religion be not a mere profession, nor even a mere enjoyment, but that it manifest itself in all the dispositions and tempers which constitute the mind that was in Christ. Your great aim should be to possess faith, the witness of the Spirit, and the love of God shed abroad in your hearts; but then see to it, that these elements of piety be of such a pure and genuine nature as to produce all their fruits in the life. Love one another, so shall ye be Christ's disciples. Confess Christ before the world, and be valiant for the truth. Let your words be sincere and seasoned with grace; your dealings in the world, upright, and your conduct towards the afflicted, full of mercy. Be ready unto every good work, whether in supplying the temporal wants of the needy, or sending the bread of life, which is the gospel of Christ, to the destitute. May you thus become a peculiar people, that God may honour you in fulfilling his saving purpose in the earth!

But, beloved Brethren, while we rejoice with you as citizens of Zion, we cannot forget that the great majority of mankind are far from God, under the dominion of Satan. For the purpose of saving the world, the Gospel has been committed into our hands. Upon us, therefore, rests the burden of millions of souls, on which account the conversion of the world must be the great work and enterprize of the people of God. Behold, brethren, the vast moral desolation in the different parts of the earth, and observe the multitude in our own country who are living in their sins. Oh! let us constantly pray and labour to rescue souls and extend the kingdom of Christ. Unite with us in seeking those who are lost, and bringing them into the fold of the Divine Shepherd. The Methodist Church has been created by the conversion of sinners, and it can never be properly perpetuated in any other way. And let it be deeply impressed upon your minds, that while you rejoice in extraordinary visitations of the Spirit, and by protracted meetings and other means seek to obtain such visitations, we must look for a constant work of sanctification and conversion in our societies and congregations. If we would not have our religion become inconstant and unsound, and our faith unscriptural and absurd, we must look for saving effects in

every means of grace, and under every sermon. At the same time let us be encouraged to seek entire holiness for our own souls. This *doctrine* is a distinctive feature of Methodism. May the *possession* of the blessing distinguish us as a people !

In concluding another Conference, and going to our allotted spheres of duty and effort, we trust that our allotments of labour are from God, and we come to you expecting that God will be with us. We give ourselves anew to God, resolving to spend and be spent for him. But we ask your sympathies ; we ask your prayers ; we ask your co-operation. We earnestly desire to see a year of revival in every Circuit, the power of God everywhere saving souls. May God bless you and make you a blessing ! May he make you to know the exceeding fulness of his saving grace, and in Christ, through you, may thousands of the families of the earth be blessed !

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

We have received your letter with cordial satisfaction, and with gratitude to God, who crowns with prosperity your labours in His service. Abiding by the standard of revealed truth ; building on the only sure foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ ; and constant in preserving the defence of discipline around your church ; you agree with us in the doctrine which is to us, as it was to our fathers, the power of God unto salvation. You support us by your steadfastness in keeping the trust confided to your charge. Earnestly do we pray that no corruption of this doctrine, nor any neglect of this discipline, may rob you of your glory.

We fully unite in your profession of loyalty towards the person and throne of our most gracious Sovereign than whom none was ever more worthy to be honored ; and we regard that

profession as the utterance of a principle inseparable from Christianity, and most necessary to be exemplified in such times as these.

The conflict which we referred to in our reply to your last Address has continued through another year. The spirit of contention has done its work, scattering many thousands of the unwary, who are now separated from our communion. Many of our Ministers have suffered from a heartless persecution; but we humbly trust that this trial is already sanctified to our own good, and to the glory of God. We welcome your sympathy, and thank you for it; and we enjoy the assurance that, in standing firm, by Divine grace, amidst an ungolly and reckless agitation, and in refusing to allow a worldly expediency to beguile us from the discharge of our pastoral duties, we do right. The issue of this conflict now remains with God, and we have no fear. He can quell tumult. He can restore and save the lost. Never was prayer offered more fervently in our Conference than when His servants were imploring mercy on the deceivers on less than on the deceived. We confide in God, the refuge of the saints, not only for defence, but for eventual triumph over the false principles and evil passions of men; and a sure token of this triumph is the hallowing influence which we have enjoyed during our devotional exercises and solemn deliberations.

So far as practicable, we continue to promote "Christian and literary education." Buildings for a large Normal Institution for the preparation of Teachers for daily schools have been erected in the city of Westminster, by the contributions of our faithful people, aided by the liberality of Government, under stipulations that effectually guard that Institution, and our schools in general, from any control that could interfere, directly or indirectly with our religious independence.

The vigilance of our Education Committee in respect to Sunday Schools, and that of another Committee over Catechumen Classes, has not been relaxed; and the intelligence of your growing prosperity in imparting, by those invaluable means, spiritual knowledge to children and youth, and for bringing them to the Saviour, awakens our thankfulness.

For your increase of one thousand two hundred communicants we rejoice with you, and render praise to God, trusting that, being added to the church, they will be eternally saved. And while you are visiting the aborigines of your country, and following the settlers to their new abodes, you have our prayers that your Missionaries, no less than ours, may be made to triumph in every place. Let us hope that the large addition to your Missionary income may betoken the favour of Him who possesses, and who gives, the silver and the gold. And we are the more gratified to learn that your Missionary contributions have been increased during the past year; because this increase is not only an evidence of growing zeal for the salvation of the world, but is also a proof that, by wise arrangement and earnest efforts, our Ministers and Congregations in the various colonies might do much more to relieve the Parent Committee, and enable it to spread the Gospel in regions yet unvisited.

For the countenance and support of His Excellency the Earl of Elgin, especially to your Missionary Society, we, also, feel bound to render our acknowledgment, inasmuch as the assistance given to you is a favour conferred on ourselves. And it is an additional cause of thankfulness to us that, at the time of so much interest to the native tribes in our communion in Canada, the Indian department of Government is placed under the direction of so intelligent and benevolent an officer as the Honourable Colonel Bruce, who has uniformly manifested a lively concern in all that relates to the religious and social improvement of that class of Her Majesty's subjects.

Your persuasion of the necessity of elevating and maintaining the standard of sacred literature, and the zeal which has found its recompense in the advancement of your Book-Room and Tract-Society, render it unnecessary for us to exhort you to perseverance; but it may encourage you to hear that we are not unsuccessful in the same work. We deeply feel the necessity laid on us, while Antinomianism, Rationalism, Popery, and licentiousness, everywhere dispute possession of the press, to labour for the efficiency of our Methodist literature in all its departments. Our Book-Room, too, and our Tract-Society are in a satisfactory condition.

You refer to the Papal aggression on the independence of this country, the spread of Popery, and the error of nominal Protestants, whose teaching and practices lead to the same end. This combined heresy is cause of humiliation ; and perhaps no body of Christians more strenuously resist Romanism than do the Wesleyan of Great Britain. In petitioning Parliament for legal protection against the political encroachment of the Court of Rome, we have not been last : and, in conjunction with our fellow-Protestants, we now thank God that we have not been altogether unsuccessful. But for the overthrow of that false religion our only trust is in the Gospel and Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall consume that Lawless one with the Spirit of His mouth, and destroy him with the brightness of His coming. The same enemy is among you. Your peril is scarcely less than ours ; but the same God is your refuge and strength.

Persevere, then, dear brethren, in the work of faith and the labour of love. Know nothing among men but Christ crucified. Preach Christ with simplicity, as the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Cultivate, we respectfully and earnestly entreat you, personal piety. Manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Dread and resist the spirit of the world, in whatever changeful form it shows itself, remembering that the friendship of this world is enmity with God ; and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. And it will always be our delight to glorify God in you, and to cheer you onward in a career of apostolic toil and success.

Our beloved and valued brother, and yours, the Rev. Dr. Alder, has faithfully represented you in this Conference, still displaying undiminished devotion to your interests, as he will no doubt continue to do, as he may have opportunity. After a triple period of service,—*eighteen years*,—he resigns his office as one of the Missionary Secretaries, being wishful to devote the remainder of his life to pastoral studies and duties, and possessing our unabated esteem and confidence. Your honourable mention of him we except as peculiarly grateful to ourselves.

We are happy to have had the presence of our beloved brother, your late President, the Rev. Dr. Richey, whose ser-

vices, in relation to the religious and literary interests of your church, we greatly value. Those services have frequently been marked by your highest approbation; and we trust that he may long live to labour in the important station to which he is appointed.

We rejoice, though we are by no means surprised, to learn that our valued brother the Rev. Enoch Wood, to whose judgment and fidelity the Missionary department of the work is so much indebted, has so worthily discharged his Presidential duties as to elicit to your unanimous request for his re-appointment to that responsible office,—a request with which we most cordially comply. And we also re-appoint the Rev. John Ryerson to be Co-Delegate for the next year.

May the Lord ever crown you with His favour; prosper all your institutions; direct and sanction every enterprise which you may undertake; sanctify you wholly, in body, soul, and spirit: and endue you with renewed power to fulfil your high commission to extend the kingdom of our ever-blessed Saviour. May it please Him to honour, with yet more signal blessings, the union of our churches on earth, so that their members may be mingled with the church triumphant in heaven.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

[*Newcastle-upon-Tyne, August 16th, 1851.*

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

Of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the British Conference, to the Conference in England.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your instructive and parental Address. The reading of it produced in our hearts lively emotions of gratitude and sympathy. We are grateful for the deep interest and tender affection you evince in our behalf, both by the language which you employ, and by your compliance with our requests. We rejoice at the signal manifestations of the Divine favour which have crowned

your labours in the various departments of your great work, while we deeply sympathise with you in the trials and afflictions with which God has permitted you to be visited, from those who have lifted up their heel against you, after having been raised up and nourished as children by your labours. While, of all trials, those which come from false and mistaken brethren are among the most severe, they are, when sanctified, among the most beneficial for the promotion of personal graces, and often issue, by the manifold workings of grace and Providence, in a large increase of public usefulness. Our earnest prayer is, that from this furnace of afflictions you may come forth in the more perfect image, and with a larger baptism of the Spirit of Him who was reviled with all manner of evil, and persecuted even unto blood and death, but who yet lives, and reigns, and triumphs to bestow the greatest blessings upon sinners, and bring the highest glory to God.

We are happy to be able to report prosperity in every branch of our work. The great depression in the prices of those kinds of produce on which the people of Upper Canada are chiefly dependent for their resources, have greatly circumscribed the power of our congregations to contribute to our various connexional funds. But even under these circumstances of trial, there has been an increase in each of these funds—including an increase also in the amount of subscriptions and contributions to the Wesleyan Missionary Society. We enjoy undisturbed peace and unity throughout all our Societies; we have had a nett increase of thirteen hundred church members during the year; our two large Industrial Schools among the Indians are increasingly efficient and prosperous; and our Missions generally, as well as the work on the regular Circuits, present gratifying proofs of prosperity. We have thirteen Missionaries employed amongst the Indians, and fifty-two in the new and feeble settlements of the country. We feel that God has given us a special charge to carry the bread of life to the Pagan Indian and the emigrant settler; and we purpose by his grace to fulfil our trust. We therefore entirely concur in the proposal of your Missionary Committee, to transfer the oversight of your Missions in Hudson's Bay Territory, to the Superintendent of Missions in Canada;

for although it is not in our power to do more than sustain the Missions in Upper Canada, we have men who are acquainted with the language and habits of the Indians, who are willing to go as Missionaries of salvation to the most inhospitable climates, and the most distant tribes of these desolate and perishing people; and we have native converts who afford every promise of usefulness to their unconverted fellow countrymen. But before commencing to carry out your benevolent designs, in the establishment and extension of Wesleyan Missions in the Hudson's Bay Territory, your Superintendent exercised the wise precaution, with the concurring advice of our Missionary Board, to explore that most distant field of labour, and ascertain at what places, and in what manner, Mission Stations could be best established. Our experienced and judicious brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, consented to undertake this difficult and responsible task; but the Agents of the Hudson's Bay Company in this country, having declined allowing him a passage in their canoes, without authority from their directors in London, and having expressed their opposition to any further extension of our Missions in their Territory, it was deemed advisable for Brother Ryerson to proceed to England, and obtain, through the interposition of your Missionary Committee with the Directors of the Hudson's Bay Company, the removal of these obstacles, and a passage in one of their ships to Hudson's Bay, that no time might be lost in making the contemplated tour of exploration. There being reason to apprehend that he has not been able to prosecute that object the present season, we have appointed our devoted and excellent brother as our Representative to your Conference—a brother honourably known and esteemed by you as well as ourselves—and to him we refer you for full information in regard to everything connected with our work in this country.

It affords us pleasure to be able to state that the attendance of Students at our College has been much larger during the last year than during several preceding years; and we are making a personal and connexional effort to endow it, and increase its efficiency and usefulness. By the Preachers present at Conference, nearly two thousand pounds sterling have been pledged for that purpose; and we have decided to em-

ploy an agency to canvass the members and friends of our Church throughout the Province to promote the same object.

Another year's experience prompts us to respond most heartily to the strong language of acknowledgment and thankfulness which you have employed in reference to the countenance and co-operation extended to our Missionary work amongst the Indians, by his Excellency the Earl of Elgin, and his brother the Honourable Col. Bruce, Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs. His Excellency has evinced the deepest interest in the establishment and extension of our Industrial Schools amongst the Indians, and has cordially co-operated with us in that most important work. Col. Bruce has just completed a tour of inspection to these Schools, and has on his return, stopped a day in this city, during the present session of our Conference, for the express purpose of conferring with the Superintendent of Missions and our Missionaries, in relation to the Indian Industrial Schools, in order to devise means to extend their usefulness to a larger number of Indian children—having been so much gratified at what he had witnessed at the Schools, and their success having so greatly exceeded his anticipations. Col. Bruce was introduced to our Conference, and addressed to us a few remarks, expressing on behalf of his Excellency Lord Elgin, as well as for himself, the deep sense entertained by His Excellency of the value of the labours of our Missionaries and Teachers among the Indians.

The fidelity, judgment and ability with which our honoured President and Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. Enoch Wood, has discharged the duties of his important and responsible offices, have fully justified the statements and anticipations which we expressed in reference to him in our last and previous addresses. The longer and more intimate is our acquaintance with his fervent piety, his sound judgment, his judicious and affectionate counsels, his able pulpit ministrations, and his ardent and unwearied devotion to the extension and interests of our Canadian work, the more highly is he appreciated by us and our congregations; and we cordially and unanimously request his re-appointment as President, and his continuance as Superintendent of Missions, as a most important means of promoting the welfare of the Wesleyan Methodist

Church in Canada. To our friend and brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, whose valued ministerial labours extended over a period of more than thirty years, it is needless for us to refer further than to say, that he has discharged the duty of Co-Delegate, the past year, with his accustomed vigilance and judgment, and his re-appointment as Co-Delegate will be no less accepted to us than beneficial to our connexional interests.

The present session of our Conference has been one of the most spiritual, most harmonious, and most delightful sessions that we ever experienced; and we go forth to our several fields of labour, as specially sent and newly commissioned of God to cultivate them—to maintain our doctrines uncorrupted and our discipline unimpaired—to seek and enjoy a full salvation ourselves, and preach and exhibit it to others. We devoutly unite with you in the supplication, “that the Lord may ever crown our united labours with his favour; direct and sanction every enterprise which we undertake; sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit; endue us with renewed power to fulfil our high commission to extend the kingdom of our blessed Saviour; and to honour with still more signal blessings, the union of our Churches on earth, so that their numbers may be mingled with the Church triumphant in heaven.”

Signed by order of the Conference.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Secretary.*

Kingston, U. C., June 10, 1852.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT HAMILTON, FROM THE 1ST TO THE 10TH OF
JUNE, 1853.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*
JOHN RYERSON, *Co Delegate.*
WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

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QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion  
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

*Answer.* Isaac Barber, William S. Griffin, Andrew Smith,  
Ephriam L. Koyle.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

*Ans.* Joseph Hugill, George McDougall, Joel Briggs,  
Thomas Stobbs, Aaron Miller, John W. German, William  
Burns, Richard M. Hammond, Silas Huntingdon, Thomas  
Culbert, George McRitchie.

These have travelled **THREE** years.

Matthew Swan, Thomas Crews, E. H. Dewart, James Tay-  
lor, John Shaw, Richard Clarke, James Harris, Robert  
Brewster, Robert Hobbs, Henry McDowell.

These have travelled **TWO** years.

James Clarke, William Richardson, Henry Jones, John  
Mills.

These have travelled **ONE** year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

*Answer.* Richard John Forman, William McDonagh,\* Andrew Edwards,\* Samuel Edward Maudsley,\* Allan Salt, Thomas Woolsey,\* Orrin H. Ellsworth,\* Edwin Peake,\* Thomas Pearson.\*

\*These have travelled one year under the direction of Chairmen.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

*Answer.*

JOHN CULHAM, who was born at Snethisham, in the County of Norfolk, England, on the 20th October, 1776. At the age of 19, he sought and obtained an evidence of his acceptance with God. Impelled with a love for souls, he was led to exhort sinners to flee from the wrath to come," and he was soon put on the plan as a Local Preacher, in which capacity he served the Church for many years in his native land.

About 1821 he came to Canada, and resided near Toronto, but afterwards settled in Etobicoke; and for many years he laboured faithfully to promote the glory of God.

In 1841 he joined the Conference, and sustained the relation of a Supernumerary. For many years he was the subject of painful afflictions. Yet he laboured faithfully, and God gave him seals to his ministry. In his last illness he was eminently supported by the power of divine grace, and he said, "For fifty years I have been endeavouring to teach men how to live: I am now going to show them how to die. The day before his death, he said, "My hope is full—full of immortality"; and in his exit he clasped his hands; his eyes were fixed, as if looking into that within the veil. He exclaimed, "Hark! do you not see them coming!" Thus his happy spirit was conducted by angels to Abraham's bosom. He died Dec. 2nd, aged 76. Much may be said of the clearness of his experience; his path, is that of the just, shone more and more unto the perfect day; of his upright deportment and unblemished Christian character; of his faithfulness as a Minister, in attending his appointments, and in declaring the whole counsel of God: by which he "being dead, yet speaketh."

DAVID ROBERTSON, was born near the village of Kemptville, in the year 1829. At the age of 17 he sought and obtained redemption in the blood of Christ. In 1850 he was employed by the Chairman of the Brockville District to labour on the Mississippi Circuit, and at the ensuing Conference he was received on trial, and re-appointed, to the same Circuit. In 1852 he was stationed on the Matilda Circuit, but after having laboured there for a short time, his failing health compelled him to desist from his beloved employment. A few months of rest seemed to improve his health, and he returned to his work; but the hope of his recovery was soon found to be delusive. He was again attacked with severe illness, and after lingering about five months under the wasting power of consumption, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. He died Feb. 8th, 1853, in the 24th year of his age. His ministry was highly acceptable to those amongst whom he laboured.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. William Sanderson, on account of ill health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. John Neelands, Moses Blackstock, Gilbert Miller, Matthias Holtby, Daniel McMullen, James Booth, Isaac B. Aylesworth, Henry Byers, William Brown, Daniel Wright.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. David Youmans, Thomas Harmon, Edmund Stoney, George Poole, H. Biggar, Andrew Prindel, E. M. Ryerson, Samuel Belton, Rowley Heyland, Ezra Adams, John Baxter, John Beatty, Cyrus R. Allison, Alvah Adams.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year ?*

Ans. As follows, viz :—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

Rev. E. Wood's address is Yorkville, U. C.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

### 1. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*.—Wellington Jeffers, William H. Poole; Anson Green, D. D., who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D. D., who is Chief Superintendent of Schools, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.
2. *Toronto City West*.—Henry Wilkinson, E. B. Harper, Charles Lavell.
3. *Yonge Street*.—Richard Jones, W. S. Blackstoek.
4. *Humber*.—Samuel C. Philp, Henry Jones.
5. *Brampton*.—Benjamin Nankeville, R. E. Tupper. One to be sent.
6. *Cooksville*.—Jonathan Scott.
7. *Oshawa*.—Peter Ker, P. Dayman.
8. *Markham*.—John Law, Wm. McDonah; David Youmans, superannuated.
9. *Nelson*.—Joseph W. McCollum, John Hunt, who shall reside at Oakville. One to be sent.
10. *Georgetown*.—Joseph Messmore.
11. *Stouffville*.—Cornelius Flummerfelt.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman.*

Whose address is Yorkville.

### II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

12. *Hamilton*.—John Carroll, John Bredin; Samuel Belton, superannuated.
13. *Dundas*.—I. B. Howard, Joel Briggs.

14. *Glandford and Seneca*—Simon Huntingdon, William Richardson ; Andrew Prindel, superannuated.
15. *Nanticoke*—Solomon Waldron. One wanted.
16. *Dunville*—Thomas Williams. One to be sent.
17. *Grimsby*—William Haw, James Harris.  
Brother Haw's address is Smithville.
18. *St. Catharines*—George Goodson, Richard Clarke, who shall reside at Thorold.
19. *Drummondville and Niagara*—Thomas Cosford, Claudius Byrne, who shall have special charge of Niagara, Queenston, and Lawrenceville.
20. *Crowland*—Thomas Jeffers, John Shaw ; John Baxter, superannuated.
21. *Cayuga Heights*—Robert Corson. One to be sent.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

### III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

22. *Brantford*—Noble F. English, Wm. S. Griffin George Poole, H. Biggar ; Rowley Heyland, superannuated.
23. *Paris*—Joseph Shepley. One wanted.
24. *Woodstock*—Edmund Shepherd, Thomas Peacock.
25. *St. George*—Thomas Fawcett, Francis Berry.
26. *Ingersoll*—Ozias Barber. One wanted.
27. *Norwich*—Matthew Swan. One to be sent.
28. *Simcoe*—Edwin Clement.
29. *Dover*—John S. Evans ; E. M. Ryerson, superannuated.
30. *Walsingham*—Matthew Whiting. One to be sent. Matthew Holtby, supernumerary.
31. *Aylmer*—George Kennedy. One to be sent.
32. *Vienna*—O. H. Ellsworth, who shall change one Sabbath in each month with the Preachers on Aylmer Circuit.
33. *New Credit*—David Wright.
34. *Grand River*—Wm. Ryerson. One wanted. Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

## IV. LONDON DISTRICT.

35. *London*—William Pollard, Thomas Pearson ; Thomas Harmon, superannuated.
36. *London Circuit*—A. T. Green, Thos. Crews ; Edmund Stoney, superannuated.
37. *St. Thomas*—Richard Whiting, Joseph Hugill.
37. *Mount Elgin and Munrey*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School ; John Sunday, Abraham Sickles.
39. *Chatham*—William Price, William Creighton.
40. *Gosfield*—William Dignam
41. *Amherstburgh*—J. Goodfellow.
42. *Sandwich and Windsor*—Edward White. One wanted.
43. *Port Sarnia*—John G. Laird.
44. *St. Clair*—Robert Brooking, Allen Salt.
45. *Wallaceburgh*—Francis Chapman.
46. *Wardsville*—William Ames.
47. *Strathroy*—J. K. Williston.
48. *Warwick*—George Case.
49. *Devonshire*—John Webster.
50. *Morpeth*—Richard Phelps.
51. *Belmont*—E. L. Koyls, who will change with the London Preachers once in three weeks.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

## V. GUELPH DISTRICT.

52. *Guelph*—Lewis Warner.
53. *Elora*—James Armstrong. One wanted.
54. *Blenheim*—John Williams.
55. *Peel*—John Armstrong, Thos. Culbert ; Ezra Adams, superannuated.
56. *Stratford*—Isaac Barber.
57. *St. Mary's*—C. W. M. Gilbert.
58. *Goderich*—Charles Sylvester, James Clarke.
59. *Mitchell*—One to be sent.
60. *Kincardine*—Andrew Smith, who shall change with brother Clarke once in three weeks.

- 61. *Normanby*—Henry Reid.
- 62. *Mono*—William Steer. One to be sent.
- 63. *Erin*—Charles Taylor.
- 64. *Wellesley*—To be supplied.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

#### VI. OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 65. *Newash and Colpoy's Bay*—Conrad Vandusen.
- 66. *Owen's Sound*—Samuel Fear; J. Neelands, super'y.
- 67. *St. Vincent*—Alex. Campbell. One to be sent.
- 68. *Saugeeng*—Peter Jacobs.
- 69. *Arran*—James Hutchinson.
- 70. *Derby*—One to be sent.
- 71. *Durham*—S. E. Maudsley.
- 72. *Proton*—To be supplied.
- 73. *Bruce Mines*—Joseph Hill.
- 74. *Garden River*—George W. McDougall.
- 75. *Lake Superior North Shore*—To be supplied.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman*.

#### VII. BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 76. *Barrie*—John Douse, Andrew Edwards.
- 77. *Bradford*—William Young, James Taylor.
- 78. *Cookstown*—Luther O. Rice.
- 79. *Newmarket*—William Willoughby, Rich'd J. Forman.
- 80. *Snake Island and South Shore, Lake Simcoe*—Robert Lochead.
- 81. *Brock*—Daniel Wright.
- 82. *Rama*—Horace Dean.
- 83. *Penetanguishene Road*—Stephen Brownell.
- 84. *Beausoliel and French River*—William Herkimer. One to be sent.
- 85. *Collingwood Harbour*—Edward Sallows.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman*.



## VIII. COBOURG DISTRICT.

86. *Cobourg*—George R. Sanderson; S. S. Nelles, A. M., Principal of Victoria College; Thos. Stobbs, Student; John Beatty, superannuated.
87. *Port Hope*—William McCullough, Edward H. Dewart.
88. *Bowmanville and Schoogog*—Charles Fish, George Ritchie.
89. *Newcastle*—John English.
90. *Cartwright*—John Sanderson.
91. *Millbrook*—James Hughes. One to be sent. J. Blackstock, supernumerary.
92. *Peterborough*—John Gemley.
93. *Mud Lake*—Stephen Miles.
94. *Rice Lake*—Thomas Hurlburt.
95. *Alderville*—James Musgrove, whose attention will be principally directed to the Industrial School. William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
96. *Colborne*—J. G. Witted.
97. *Lindsay*—Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.
98. *Metcalf*—J. C. Osborne.
99. *Norwood*—J. C. Slater. One to be sent.

GEORGE R. SANDERSON, *Chairman*.

## IX. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

100. *Belleville*—George Young.
101. *Consecon*—Michael Fawcett, Charles Taggart; C. R. Allison, superannuated.
102. *Picton*—William McFadden, Thos. Woolsey; Daniel McMullen, Gilbert Miller, supernumeraries.
103. *Sidney*—John Lever, John Mills.
104. *Brighton*—John Black, John W. German.
105. *Demorestville*—Joseph Reynolds.
106. *Shannonville*—Abraham Dayman.
107. *Hungerford*—To be supplied.
108. *Madoc*—Michael Baxter.
109. *Rawdon*—Geo. F. Playter.
110. *Percy*—George Carr.

WILLIAM McFADDEN, *Chairman*.

## X. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

111. *Kingston*—John Ryerson, G. N. A. F. T. Dixon, Samuel D. Rice, Treasurer, &c., for Victoria College; James Booth, Henry Byers, supernumeraries.  
112. *Napanee*—David B. Madden, J. De Pugh.  
113. *Wilton*—John A. Williams, Thomas Cleghorn.  
114. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—George Beynon. One to be sent.  
115. *Waterloo*—William Philp.  
116. *Gananoque*—Charles Turver.  
117. *Newborough*—Robert Robinson.  
118. *Farmersville*—David Clappison, William Chapman.  
112. *Newburgh*—Benjamin Jones; I. B. Aylesworth Supernumerary.  
120. *Sheffield*—William H. Williams.  
121. *Hinchinbrook*—To be supplied.  
122. *Storrington*—To be supplied.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

## XI. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

123. *Brockville*—James Elliott.  
124. *Prescott*—James Gray.  
125. *Maitland*—Silvester Hurlburt. John Armstrong, 2nd.  
126. *Kemptville*—Thomas Bevitt.  
127. *Perth*—David C. McDowell.  
128. *Matilda*—Francis Coleman, William Burns.  
129. *Smith's Falls*—Wm. Coleman, William Brown, super'y.  
130. *Carlton and Pakenham*—Wm. McGill, Edwin Peake.  
131. *Merrickville*—David Jennings.  
132. *Cornwall*—Vincent B. Howard. To be supplied.  
133. *Winchester*—Robert Brewster.  
134. *Sherbrooke*—David Hardie; Alvah Adams, superan'd.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

## XII. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

135. *Bytown*—Kennedy Creighton.  
136. *Aylmer*—Asahel Hurlburt,

137. *Richmond*—James Greener, Richard Hammond.  
138. *St. Andrews*—Thos. W. Constable, S. Huntingdon.  
139. *L'Orignal*—Wm. Morton, Robert Hobbs.  
140. *Lochaber*—One to be sent.  
141. *Osgoode*—William M. Pattyson, Henry McDowell.  
142. *Gattineau*—John Howes.  
143. *Clarendon and Portage du Fort*—Thomas McMullen.  
One to be sent.  
144. *Westmeath*—Henry Shaler.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

William Andrews is supplying Compton, Canada East.  
Erastus Hurlburt is to supply Rawdon and Wesleyville, C. E.  
Aaron Miller, left without an appointment, on account of ill health.

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Ques. XI., XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

## ANSWER.

| CIRCUITS.                    | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superann'd Ministers' Fund. |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Toronto City East.....       | 493      | £10 4 4          | £1 19 4             | £17 2 0                     |
| Toronto City West.....       | 1046     | 15 12 10         | 7 11 10             | 18 10 8                     |
| Yonge Street.....            | 485      | 10 10 0          | 4 10 0              | 9 10 0                      |
| Humber.....                  | 471      | 7 17 3           | 3 0 0               | 3 15 0                      |
| Cooksville.....              | 198      | 4 3 0            | 2 11 3              | 4 0 7                       |
| Brampton.....                | 550      | 7 14 1           | 1 0 9               | 8 13 8                      |
| Oshawa.....                  | 335      | 5 12 2           | 2 3 10              | 6 13 2                      |
| Newmarket.....               | 331      | 5 8 3            | 4 10 3              | 3 15 0                      |
| Snake Island.....            | 50       | .....            | .....               | .....                       |
| Markham.....                 | 334      | 5 7 4            | 2 4 0               | 8 0 0                       |
| Stouffville.....             | 56       | .....            | 7 2                 | 1 3 9                       |
| Brook.....                   | 90       | 1 6 2            | 12 6                | 1 4 8                       |
| Georgetown.....              | 145      | 2 15 3           | 1 7 6               | 2 17 6                      |
| Nelson.....                  | 579      | 6 10 4           | 3 2 9               | 11 5 0                      |
| Erin.....                    | 69       | 1 1 3            | 6 3                 | 1 0 0                       |
| Barrie.....                  | 230      | 2 18 2           | 1 9 2               | 2 2 6                       |
| Bradford.....                | 390      | 4 10 0           | 2 2 6               | 4 5 0                       |
| Cookstown.....               | 134      | 1 6 0            | 13 0                | 1 12 0                      |
| Mono.....                    | 249      | 1 5 7            | 8 9                 | 1 12 6                      |
| Rama and Orillia.....        | 65       | 5 0              | 4 0                 | 10 0                        |
| Nottawasaga.....             | 23       | 9 2              | 8 9                 | 5 0                         |
| St. Vincent.....             | 212      | 14 4             | 5 9                 | 7 6                         |
| Beausoliel.....              | 64       | .....            | .....               | .....                       |
| Owen's Sound.....            | 113      | 17 6             | 9 0                 | 10 0                        |
| Newash.....                  | 72       | 5 0              | 1 3                 | 2 6                         |
| Saugeen.....                 | 76       | 4 4              | 1 6                 | .....                       |
| Proton.....                  | 260      | 12 8             | 4 6                 | 8 5                         |
| Lake Huron, North Shore..... | 51       | .....            | .....               | .....                       |
| Penetanguishene Road.....    | 109      | 15 10            | 5 0                 | 1 0 5                       |
| Bruce Mines.....             | 17       | 15 9             | 17 6                | 18 9                        |
| Kincardine.....              | 85       | 2 5              | 3 4                 | 2 6                         |
| Durham.....                  | 60       | 5 0              | 5 0                 | .....                       |
| Arrian.....                  | 38       | 5 2              | 2 6                 | 3 1                         |
| London.....                  | 355      | 7 14 11          | 3 12 2              | 11 0 0                      |
| London Circuit.....          | 359      | 3 7 4            | 1 3 4               | 4 5 0                       |
| St. Thomas.....              | 337      | 6 8 0            | 3 7 8               | 5 7 6                       |
| Mount Elgin and Muncey.....  | 227      | 13 11            | 8 5                 | 2 12 6                      |
| Chatham.....                 | 223      | 5 10 2           | 1 2 9               | 4 11 10                     |
| Gosfield.....                | 177      | 2 13 2           | 1 1 7               | 1 11 8                      |
| Amherstburg.....             | 39       | 1 15 0           | 10 0                | 1 1 0                       |
| Sandwich and Windsor.....    | 38       | 2 19 5           | 1 18 4              | 1 10 0                      |
| Port Sarnia.....             | 120      | 2 0 0            | 1 0 0               | 2 0 0                       |
| St. Clair.....               | 179      | 12 6             | .....               | .....                       |
| Wallaceburgh.....            | 65       | 1 9 6            | 19 6                | 1 5 6                       |
| Wardsville.....              | 110      | 2 0 2            | 19 0                | 13 4                        |
| Strathroy.....               | 186      | 2 14 5           | 1 3 5               | 1 9 2                       |
| Warwick.....                 | 34       | 1 15 3           | 1 2 5               | 12 0                        |
| Goderich.....                | 392      | 2 15 0           | 1 2 6               | 1 10 0                      |
| Devonshire.....              | 112      | 1 9 7            | 16 3                | 1 4 4                       |
| St. Mary's.....              | 211      | 1 4 0            | 10 0                | 1 1 3                       |
| Morpeth.....                 | 100      | 13 0             | 10 2                | 12 0                        |
| Brantford.....               | 407      | 5 4 6            | 2 0 10              | 5 3 4                       |

| CIRCUITS.                       | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Ministers' Fund. |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Paris .....                     | 132      | £3 9 5           | 9 10 6              | £1 4 10          |
| Woodstock .....                 | 245      | 7 2 0            | 2 12 6              | 3 6 3            |
| Dumfries .....                  | 463      | 5 0 0            | 2 0 0               | 7 5 0            |
| Ingersoll .....                 | 222      | 3 0 0            | 1 6 2               | 3 6 3            |
| Norwich .....                   | 251      | 2 12 2           | 1 2 6               | 2 10 11          |
| Simcoe .....                    | 207      | 2 3 1            | 1 14 11             | 1 1 3            |
| Walsingham .....                | 360      | 2 5 0            | 1 0 0               | 2 0 0            |
| Malahide .....                  | 332      | 3 15 0           | 1 4 8               | 1 17 6           |
| New Credit .....                | 190      | 10 5             | 5 0 0               | 1 4              |
| Grand River .....               | 140      | 2 10 0           | .....               | .....            |
| Blenheim .....                  | 237      | 2 13 4           | 1 3 1               | 3 6 3            |
| Welllesley .....                | 73       | .....            | .....               | .....            |
| Hamilton .....                  | 478      | 11 4 4           | 11 11 7             | 21 18 0          |
| Stoney Creek .....              | 15       | .....            | .....               | .....            |
| Dundas .....                    | 510      | 8 7 0            | 2 15 0              | 10 0 0           |
| Glandford and Seneca .....      | 368      | 5 3 5            | 2 12 1              | 5 0 0            |
| Nanticoke .....                 | 186      | 3 0 6            | 1 1 3               | 1 0 0            |
| Dunville .....                  | 233      | 2 16 6           | 18 6                | 1 4 2            |
| Grimsby .....                   | 380      | 7 10 3           | 3 13 0              | 5 17 6           |
| St. Catharines .....            | 380      | 6 8 0            | 4 10 0              | 8 0 0            |
| Drummondville and Niagara ..... | 260      | 6 10 0           | 2 5 0               | 5 0 0            |
| Crowland .....                  | 120      | 2 15 0           | 16 3                | 2 2 6            |
| Cayuga .....                    | 152      | 2 10 0           | 15 0                | 1 7 0            |
| Guelph .....                    | 140      | 3 6 3            | 1 18 8              | 4 10 0           |
| Flora .....                     | 200      | 1 18 9           | 10 0                | 1 8 5            |
| Peel .....                      | 295      | 6 3              | 3 6                 | 8 2              |
| Cobourg .....                   | 170      | 4 0 2            | 4 7 6               | 12 10 0          |
| Port Hope .....                 | 320      | 4 2 6            | 1 15 0              | 5 3 9            |
| Bowmanville .....               | 200      | 1 12 2           | 2 13 11             | 1 17 0           |
| Newcastle .....                 | 125      | 1 6 7            | 13 6                | 16 5             |
| Cartwright .....                | 80       | 14 1             | 7 6                 | 11 2             |
| Schoogog .....                  | 30       | .....            | .....               | .....            |
| Millbrook .....                 | 353      | 3 11 4           | 1 9 11              | 4 3 8            |
| Peterborough .....              | 374      | 4 14 9           | 2 13 0              | 4 15 0           |
| Mud Lake .....                  | 74       | 7 11             | 7 2                 | 6 10             |
| Alderville .....                | 113      | 12 6             | 5 3                 | 11 3             |
| Rice Lake .....                 | 69       | 4 10             | 4 7                 | 7 6              |
| Colborne .....                  | 170      | 1 14 0           | 4 6                 | 2 0 0            |
| Metcalf .....                   | 128      | 1 15 6           | 12 6                | 1 7 6            |
| Lindsey .....                   | 118      | 1 14 6           | 17 2                | 1 7 5            |
| Belleville .....                | 240      | 3 18 9           | 2 12 8              | 6 18 3           |
| Consecon .....                  | 470      | 4 15 0           | 1 12 6              | 8 5 0            |
| Pictou .....                    | 430      | 4 9 5            | 1 15 6              | 8 12 6           |
| Sidney .....                    | 433      | 3 6 3            | 1 8 9               | 3 5 0            |
| Brighton .....                  | 273      | 3 17 6           | 3 0 0               | 3 15 0           |
| Demorestville .....             | 190      | 1 1 6            | 10 6                | 2 2 4            |
| Shannonville .....              | 121      | 1 15 6           | 17 6                | 12 6             |
| Hungerford .....                | 153      | 1 7 3            | 13 2                | 15 8             |
| Madoc .....                     | 169      | 1 8 0            | 15 0                | 14 0             |
| Rawdon .....                    | 122      | 19 5             | 8 0                 | 15 0             |
| Percy .....                     | 103      | 1 15 6           | 10 0                | 19 6             |
| Norwood .....                   | 153      | 2 7 6            | 1 7 8               | 2 5 6            |
| Kingston .....                  | 475      | 1 4 3            | 3 3 0               | 11 0 0           |
| Wilton .....                    | 525      | 3 15 0           | 1 10 0              | .....            |
| Waterloo .....                  | 211      | 3 13 10          | 1 5 10              | 2 10 0           |
| Newborough .....                | 194      | 2 5 11           | 1 17 11             | 4 5 0            |
| Newburg .....                   | 203      | 1 5 0            | 1 0 0               | 1 6 0            |
| Napanee .....                   | 361      | 4 1 5            | 1 19 2              | 3 6 3            |

| CIRCUITS.                            | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superann'd Ministers' Fund. |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bath.....                            | 243      | £3 0 11          | £2 0 3              | £2 1 3                      |
| Gananoque.....                       | 45       | 1 4 7            | 10 1                | 1 1 2                       |
| Farmersville.....                    | 334      | 4 8 8            | 2 0 8               | 6 9 6                       |
| Sheffield.....                       | 102      | 1 4 8            | 15 6                | 1 8 10                      |
| Hinchinbrook.....                    | 110      | 1 4 6            |                     |                             |
| Brockville.....                      | 123      | 1 12 6           | 15 0                | 10 0                        |
| Prescott.....                        | 68       | 2 5 0            | 1 2 6               | 2 0 0                       |
| Maitland.....                        | 338      | 3 0 0            | 1 2 7               | 2 16 3                      |
| Kemptville.....                      | 216      | 1 17 7           | 1 1 3               | 15 0                        |
| Perth.....                           | 163      | 1 18 8           | 15 0                | 1 0 0                       |
| Matilda.....                         | 357      | 2 8 9            | 1 5 0               | 5 13 9                      |
| Smith's Falls.....                   | 205      | 2 19 8           | 1 0 0               | 4 12 9                      |
| Carlton.....                         | 275      | 3 0 7            | 1 18 3              | 2 14 2                      |
| Merrickville.....                    | 162      | 1 0 0            | 11 4                | 8                           |
| Cornwall.....                        | 300      | 1 5 2            | 1 0 0               | 16 0                        |
| Winchester.....                      | 183      | 16 4             | 10 0                | 1 5 6                       |
| Sherbrooke.....                      | 78       | 1 2 2            | 10 0                | 18 4                        |
| Bytown.....                          | 198      | 2 1 1            | 1 0 6               | 2 0 0                       |
| Aylmer.....                          | 50       | 3 10 8           | 2 4 0               | 1 10 0                      |
| Richmond.....                        | 480      | 3 0 0            | 1 5 1               | 2 12 9                      |
| St. Andrews.....                     | 353      | 3 1 10           | 1 12 6              | 3 0 0                       |
| L'Orignal.....                       | 210      | 2 5 0            | 1 2 0               | 1 14 3                      |
| Lochaber.....                        | 62       | 2 14 9           | 2 2 6               | 12 6                        |
| Osgoode.....                         | 223      | 2 12 10          | 2 8 10              | 1 6 2                       |
| Gatineau.....                        | 122      | 1 2 10           | 12 2                | 19 8                        |
| Clarendon.....                       | 175      | 2 1 6            | 1 1 5               | 1 1 3                       |
| Westmeath.....                       | 80       | 1 6 7            | 11 0                | 15 4                        |
| Huntley.....                         | 55       | 11 7             | 5 6                 | 3 2                         |
| Total, (of whom 1159 are Indians)    | 30,321   |                  |                     |                             |
| Increase.....                        | 2,739    |                  |                     |                             |
| Balance from last year.....          |          | 2 17 7           |                     | 41 13 1                     |
| From Circuits.....                   |          | 383 18 7         | 214 11 3            | 394 15 8                    |
| From the Book Room.....              |          | 200 0 0          |                     |                             |
| From the English Conference.....     |          | 733 6 9          |                     |                             |
| Collection at Conference.....        |          | 13 14 0          |                     |                             |
| Annual Subscriptions of Ministers... |          |                  | 45 10 0             | 180 10 0                    |
| Total.....                           |          | 1336 16 0        | 260 1 4             | 616 18 10                   |

Quest. XIII. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid the Toronto District..... | £167 10 0 |
| “ Barrie District.....         | 17 0 0    |
| “ London District.....         | 96 0 0    |
| “ Brantford District.....      | 189 0 0   |
| “ Hamilton District.....       | 117 10 0  |
| “ Cobourg District.....        | 150 0 0   |
| “ Belleville District.....     | 95 0 0    |
| “ Kingston District.....       | 105 0 0   |
| “ Brockville District.....     | 142 10 0  |
| “ Bytown District.....         | 105 0 0   |
| Incidental expenses.....       | 8 19 2½   |

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Registering Baptisms .....                              | £6 0 0 |
| Dr. Williamson, for entering Conference Documents ..... | 2 0 0  |
| Postage and Stationery .....                            | 1 0 6  |
| Do. Co-Delegate .....                                   | 4 10 0 |

## CASES OF AFFLICTION AND OTHER EXPENSES.

|                                                                              |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid the Rev. D. B. Madden .....                                             | £2 10 0 |
| " " N. F. English .....                                                      | 5 15 0  |
| " " D. McDowell .....                                                        | 3 0 0   |
| " " D. Clappison .....                                                       | 2 0 0   |
| " " W. S. Blackstock .....                                                   | 7 10 0  |
| " " J. Law .....                                                             | 7 0 0   |
| " " J. A. Williams .....                                                     | 10 0 0  |
| " " A. Miller .....                                                          | 5 15 0  |
| " " James Gray .....                                                         | 15 0 0  |
| " " Michael Fawcett .....                                                    | 5 0 0   |
| " " W. Sanderson .....                                                       | 5 0 0   |
| " " A. T. Green .....                                                        | 5 0 0   |
| " " E. M. Ryerson .....                                                      | 10 0 0  |
| Expenses incurred by the affliction and death of the late D. Robertson ..... | 15 0 0  |
| Balance .....                                                                | 41 6 10 |

Ques. XIV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

|                                                                               |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation to Holland Landing Church .....                                 | £7 0 0          |
| " Shuttleworth's Church .....                                                 | 5 0 0           |
| " Oakville " .....                                                            | 25 0 0          |
| " Owen's Sound " .....                                                        | 9 0 0           |
| " Port Stanley " .....                                                        | 7 0 0           |
| " Sparta " .....                                                              | 5 0 0           |
| " Wardsville " .....                                                          | 4 10 0          |
| " Morpeth " .....                                                             | 6 0 0           |
| " Strathroy " .....                                                           | 3 10 0          |
| " Harwich " .....                                                             | 4 10 0          |
| " Bethel " .....                                                              | 11 10 0         |
| " Clinton " .....                                                             | 10 0 0          |
| " Fergus " .....                                                              | 7 10 0          |
| " Bowmanville " .....                                                         | 12 0 0          |
| " Grafton " .....                                                             | 9 0 0           |
| " Peterboro' East " .....                                                     | 8 0 0           |
| " Brighton " .....                                                            | 8 0 0           |
| " Bloomfield " .....                                                          | 8 0 0           |
| " Rednerville " .....                                                         | 8 0 0           |
| " Centreville " .....                                                         | 13 10 0         |
| " Moulinette " .....                                                          | 9 10 0          |
| " Cairne's " .....                                                            | 4 0 0           |
| " Packenham " .....                                                           | 9 15 0          |
| " Lachute " .....                                                             | 9 10 0          |
| " Osgoode " .....                                                             | 10 5 0          |
| Balance of note, held by Rev. John Armstrong, against Port Dover Church ..... | 18 6 0          |
| Instalment of Note due L. O. Rice, for York Church .....                      | 8 9 0           |
| Chapel Relief annual subscription returned to R. Wilson .....                 | 1 5 0           |
| Rev. J. Ryerson, money advanced to Adelaide Street Church, Toronto .....      | 8 0 0           |
| Book for Records .....                                                        | 0 8 9           |
| Conditionally, to Galt Church .....                                           | 25 0 0          |
| Postage .....                                                                 | 1 0 0           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                                                             | <b>£260 1 4</b> |

Quest. XV. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer as follows, viz :

|                 |                                                               |      |    |    |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Rev.         | David Youmans . . . . .                                       | £25  | 0  | 0  |
| "               | Andrew Prindel . . . . .                                      | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | Thomas Harmon . . . . .                                       | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | S. Miles . . . . .                                            | 25   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | Edmund Stoney . . . . .                                       | 30   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | Alvah Adams . . . . .                                         | 33   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | George Poole . . . . .                                        | 35   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | C. R. Allison . . . . .                                       | 42   | 10 | 0  |
| "               | Ezra Adams . . . . .                                          | 44   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | Samuel Belton . . . . .                                       | 48   | 10 | 0  |
| "               | Hamilton Biggar . . . . .                                     | 42   | 10 | 0  |
| "               | John Baxter . . . . .                                         | 36   | 10 | 0  |
| "               | G. B. Butcher . . . . .                                       | 12   | 10 | 0  |
| "               | George Poole, special solicitor . . . . .                     | 10   | 0  | 0  |
| "               | John Baxter, medical bill . . . . .                           | 8    | 0  | 0  |
| To Mrs.         | Madden . . . . .                                              | 33   | 6  | 3  |
| "               | Ferguson . . . . .                                            | 30   | 6  | 3  |
| "               | Henley . . . . .                                              | 24   | 6  | 3  |
| "               | Slater . . . . .                                              | 10   | 0  | 0  |
|                 | Four years' subscription returned to Richard Wilson . . . . . | 4    | 0  | 0  |
|                 | Postage and incidental expenses . . . . .                     | 0    | 8  | 9½ |
|                 | Investments . . . . .                                         | 77   | 0  | 0  |
| Total . . . . . |                                                               | £616 | 18 | 9½ |

Quest. XVI. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; the Rev. W. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, D. D.; E. Ryerson, D. D.; J. Spencer, and the following lay gentlemen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, Geo. Rowell, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, and Richard Yates, Esq.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer*.

" J. SPENCER, *Secretary*.

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Superintendent of Missions; Ministers in Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits.



3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Book Steward, Editor, Dr. Ryerson, E. B. Harper, and Superintendents of Toronto City, Hamilton, Dundas, and Yonge Street Circuits.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts; one member elected at each District Meeting, and the following laymen, viz.: Billa Flint, Asa Yeomans, J. H. Meachem, M. Sawyer, John Booth, J. Jamieson, and P. Peterson, Esqs.

5. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Superintendent of Toronto West Circuit, E. B. Harper, Book Steward, and Editor, and the following laymen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, J. Bloor, G. Walker, R. Yates, George Rowell, and John Sterling, Esqs.

#### TIME OF TAKING UP COLLECTIONS FOR THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the month of August.
2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the month of September.
3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*, in the month of December.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

ON OUR DUTY TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH.

Quest. *What does our Church hold to be the actual privileges of Baptised persons?*

Ans. They are made members of the visible Church of Christ; their gracious relation to Him as the Second Adam, and as the Mediator of the New Covenant, is solemnly ratified by divine appointment; and they are thereby recognised as having a claim to all those spiritual blessings, of which they are the proper subjects.

In accordance with the above definition, the following Question was proposed, and the Resolutions now appended, passed unanimously.

Quest. *What is our special duty at the present time in regard to persons Baptized by our Ministry?*

Ans. 1. At the present time, and under the present circumstances of our country, we should, as Ministers, use our utmost diligence to impress upon parents the duties enjoined upon them by the Holy Scriptures towards their offspring—the obligations and engagements entered into by them when presenting their children to God in Christian Baptism, and the privileges conferred upon their children by that holy Sacrament.

2. We should use equal diligence by instructions, exhortations, and prayers, to impress upon the minds of the children and youth of our charge, the duty and blessedness of taking upon themselves the vows and obligations of their Baptism—to seek and enjoy the direct witness of their acceptance with God in Christ Jesus—to avail themselves of the most precious means of grace and privileges of the Church by joining Class, attending Love-feasts, and the Supper of the Lord. But no persons should be admitted to these ordinances and privileges without examination and ticket or vote by the Preacher, according to the Discipline and usages of our Church.

3. We should do all in our power for the establishment and extension of Sabbath Schools and Libraries, of Religious Tracts and Books of our own Church.

4. We should devoutly renew our diligence in giving the greatest practical effect possible to the 12th section of the 3rd chapter of our Discipline, in regard to the "Instruction of Children," and which is as follows:

#### OF THE INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN.

Quest. *What shall we do for the rising generation?*

Ans. 1. Let him who is zealous for God and the souls of men, begin now.

2. Where there are ten children, whose parents will allow it, meet them an hour once a week: but where this is impracticable, meet them once in two weeks.

3. Procure our instructions or catechisms for them, and let all who can, read and commit them to memory.
4. Explain and impress them upon their hearts.
5. Talk with them every time you see any at home.
6. Pray earnestly for them, and diligently instruct and exhort all parents at their own houses.
7. As far as practicable, it shall be the duty of every Preacher of a Circuit or Station, to obtain the names of the children belonging to his congregations, to form them into classes, for the purpose of giving them religious instruction, to instruct them regularly himself, as much as his other duties will allow,—to appoint a suitable Leader for each Class, who shall instruct them in his absence, and to leave his successor a correct account of each class thus formed, with the name of its Leader.
8. Preach expressly on education: “But I have no gift for this.” Pray earnestly for the gift, and use every other means to attain it.

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#### REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee having carefully examined the returns furnished them from the various Stations, Circuits and Missions throughout our whole Connexion, are fully satisfied that in many sections of our fields of labour there is, in this department of our work, an increasing interest and efficiency manifest in imparting to our youth the rudiments of scriptural knowledge. And that during the past year, through this instrumentality, many have been brought to feel the attraction of the Cross, are gathered into the Church of Christ, and can now give a reason for the hope that is in them.

Your Committee is of opinion, however, that in many localities new schools might be organized, and the work greatly extended among us.

There are several Circuits from which we have no returns, but from the Reports before us, we find that in connexion

with our work in this Province, there are 368 Sabbath Schools, 1,978 Teachers, 14,258 Scholars, 36,339 volumes in the Libraries, which show an increase in the number of Schools, but a deficiency in every other respect when compared with the report of last year. For this deficiency we cannot account, except in the imperfect returns that have been made.

In order, therefore, to throw more strength and vitality into this deeply interesting enterprise, which has been so signally owned and blessed of God, we propose the following Articles as the basis of a Sunday School Union, spoken of at our last Conference.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

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ARTICLE I.

The title of this Association shall be "*The Sunday School Union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.*"

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church; and thus, by a careful religious training of those who may be brought within its influence, seek to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth.

ARTICLE III.

The payment of two shillings and sixpence annually shall constitute a member; and the payment of one pound five shillings at one time, a member for life; and the payment of six pounds five shillings at one time, shall constitute a Director for life.

ARTICLE IV.

In order to effectually carry out the object of this Society, each District shall constitute a Branch of the Union, and shall hold its Anniversary on the evening of the first day of the annual District Meeting.

The District Committee shall consist of the Preachers, Directors, and Life Members, and Superintendents of Sabbath Schools within its boundaries, and shall be entitled to elect a Vice-President of the Association.

## ARTICLE V.

In order to promote the objects of this Association, collections shall be made in the several Circuits, as the District Committee may direct, and one-tenth of all funds collected shall be sent to the General Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Managers shall consist of a President, who shall be the President of the Conference for the time being, and the Vice-Presidents elected by the District Branch Societies, and the Superintendents of the Sabbath Schools in the Toronto City Circuits, the Preachers residing therein, and the Chairman of the Toronto District.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at the time and place the Board of Managers may appoint, when the Secretary shall submit the Annual Report of the Board, and the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of the accounts; and the election of the officers for the ensuing year take place.

With a view to consummate the above contemplated arrangement, and bring into successful operation the foregoing Articles, your Committee propose the following Resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*,—That we deem it advisable that the Conference appoint, as soon as possible, a suitable person as Agent, whose duty shall be to edit the *Sunday School Guardian*, and travel throughout our whole connection to promote the interest of this Union.

2. *Resolved*,—That in future, the Sabbath School Committee be composed of one member appointed in each District Meeting, in the same manner as members of other Committees are appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a Sabbath School Report for their several Districts, and report to the Conference.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. F. PLAYTER, *Chairman*.

C. VANDUSEN, *Secretary*.

*Hamilton*, 9th June, 1853.

*Resolved*,—That this Conference cordially approves of the efforts that are made to secure the better observance of the Holy Sabbath in the departments of the public service in this Province, especially in the closing of all offices, and in preventing the transmission of the mails upon that day ; and the Conference hereby records its earnest determination to use all its influence to obtain such a desirable and important reformation.

*Resolved*,—That this Conference, while it cordially approves of the principles of the Temperance Reformation, is deeply convinced that the license system, as it at present exists, is one of the most formidable obstacles to the success of that cause, and viewing a *prohibitory* law as the only effectual remedy for the evils of intemperance, most respectfully and earnestly urges upon the Legislature of Canada the necessity of enacting, at its next Session, a law similar to the provisions of the Bill which was introduced at the last Session of Parliament, for suppressing the ordinary traffic of intoxicating liquors.

*Resolved*,—That the Conference has received with peculiar satisfaction our esteemed and beloved brethren, the Revs. Messrs. Jenkins, Borland, and Brock, Representatives of the Western District of Eastern Canada, and has heard with great satisfaction the gratifying statements which they have made with regard to the state and prospects of the work in Lower Canada, and the embassy of unity and oneness in which they have come to us ; and this Conference presents to them its cordial thanks for the communications which they have made, and the instructions and valuable ministrations which they have exercised among us, and earnestly prays for their future happiness, usefulness, and prosperity.

*Resolved*,—That the very cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to Billa Flint, Esq., for his zealous and able and successful advocacy of our just rights, in obtaining an Act of Incorporation for several of our Connexional Societies from the Provincial Parliament. This Conference is of opinion, that the benevolent designs of the Wesleyan Missionary Society are much abridged for the want of legal authority to receive gifts which our friends, and the friends of the cause of Christ, are desirous of making to the funds of the Society.

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. Geo. R. Sanderson for the acceptable performance of his duties as Secretary of the Conference during the past year.

*Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. I. B. Howard for the efficient performance of his duty as Journal Secretary for the last eight years, and that the Book Steward be authorized to present to brother Howard, books to the value of five pounds as an expression of the high sense this Conference entertains of his valuable services.

*Ques. XVIII. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

*Ans.* In the Town of Belleville, on the first Wednesday in June, 1854, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

*Hamilton, June 10th, 1853.*

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### PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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*The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

In presenting to you this our thirtieth Annual Address, permit us to assure you that we offer our accustomed salutations and counsels, under the influence of those emotions which the living power of our Divine Christianity inspires. We call upon you to unite with us in devout thanksgivings to the God of all grace, that we have been spared to meet in our Annual Assembly for mutual counsel and deliberation respecting the interests of that branch of the Church of the Redeemer over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers. We rejoice in testifying to you that the spirit of love and harmony has

eminently prevailed during the entire sessions of our Conference. We thank God for that baptism from on high which unites us all in one, and however varied the opinions entertained with reference to the questions engaging our attention, there has been most delightfully manifested a unity of desire and purpose to make all our deliberations and conclusions subservient to the prosperity of the great work whereunto we are called of God. At no former period in the history of our Church has it presented a more cheering and encouraging aspect. The tidings which have reached us from every part of the vast field over which our oversight and labours extend, enable us confidently and joyously to say, "We have peace in all our borders." And we regard the harmony which has so delightfully prevailed in our Annual Assembly as a pleasing index of that quietness which is enjoyed in all the habitations of our Jerusalem.

But, dear Brethren, we do not forget that though Christianity is a religion of peace and love, it is also a warfare. The spiritual Zion is not only the quiet and safe retreat of the saints of the Most High, it is also the camp of the armies of the living God, from which the militant hosts of the Redeemer are to go forth conquering and to conquer. We are not satisfied with having peace within our walls unless the palaces of our Zion are ornamented with the multiplying trophies of those spiritual conquests which we are sent to achieve under the direction of the Captain of our salvation. The words of our honoured Founder still remind us that our work is to *spread* scriptural holiness throughout this land; and in this respect we rejoice to know that our beloved Methodism has lost none of its vitality and power; nor are the divinely attested signs of its apostleship withheld. With all the vigour of youth, and with the intelligence and well-directed zeal which the experience of maturer years afford, it is still successfully engaged in fulfilling its Divine mission to a perishing world. The labours of the past year have been crowned with success. The increase in the number of members, as reported from the various Circuits, is 2,739. A large proportion of these are the happy fruits of those seasons of refreshing with which our Church has been so largely visited during the year. In



addition to these tokens of prosperity, we rejoice to know that the work of piety is deepening in the hearts of believers. The blessing of perfect love is sought, and an increasing number of our people are able to testify by happy experience, to the sufficiency and fulness of the redemption which is by faith in Christ Jesus. For these richer baptisms of the Holy Spirit, we thank God and take courage, while we earnestly pray that the future may be as the past, and much more abundant.

It affords us, dear Brethren, unmingled satisfaction to bear our testimony to your hearty liberality and zeal in co-operating with us in all those enterprises in which our united religious interests are involved. We live and labour with you and for you. Your happiness and prosperity are our object and joy, and it is only while you sustain us by the faithful discharge of your duties as members of the Church of Christ, that we are able to make full proof of our ministry. Your own interests require that those who minister to you in spiritual things, should be as far as possible without care respecting the things of this life. In the performance of this duty we are happy to know that you are becoming increasingly active; and although we cannot cherish the gratifying reflection that the temporal supplies are as abundant as the resources of our Church will allow, yet we hope, as the elevating influences of the spirit of true piety prevail over the selfishness to which our fallen nature is so prone, and the primary obligations which Christianity imposes to employ all our talents for the glory of God, even that enlarged liberality which a conviction of duty and the love of Christ inspire will be attained.

Permit us, dear Brethren, to remind you of the greatness and importance of the work assigned us by the Head of the Church. "Go ye into all the world," is his command, and we cannot safely remain within the limits of the field already begun to be cultivated. The "region beyond" must be visited by the messengers of salvation. And how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? "Pray ye therefore," says the Saviour, "the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." New openings are continually presenting themselves for the extension of the work in our country, and the destitute and perishing solicit

that aid which the Church of God, the divinely appointed instrumentality alone can supply. We lay the burden of these souls upon your hearts.

It may be proper also to inform you that preliminary arrangements have been made for the consolidation of Methodism in Canada, by the union of the Eastern District with our body. The Delegates from that part of the Province attended our Conference, and after a free discussion upon the subject, the Conference expressed its unanimous and cordial concurrence in the measure. We doubt not this will be to the glory of God, and will result in the more rapid enlargement of the borders of our Zion, in that part of the united Province. The establishment, at no distant period, of missions amongst the benighted votaries of a system of error is contemplated, and the indications which are beginning to appear, afford assurance that God is pointing out the way to that field of benevolent and Christian enterprise.

But while we direct your attention to the aspects of our Church, and the wants of the world, we cannot be forgetful of the primary importance, and the necessity of a diligent cultivation of personal piety. Remember, beloved brethren, that without this, you lack the qualifications essential to fit you for the service of God, and will lose the reward of the faithful in the day of the Lord Jesus. In the present age of worldly enterprise and speculation, you are exposed to more than ordinary temptations, so far to enter into the current of secular ambition as to be carried downwards by its overwhelming force. Suffer us most affectionately to admonish you that your safety from the enemies which continually beset your path can be secured only by taking "unto you the whole armour of God," and in order that this armour may protect you, against all the assaults of foes without, and the conspiracies of enemies within, it must be rendered invincible by "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Need we remind you how highly the means of grace are calculated to keep alive in your hearts the flame of living godliness, and promote your growth in grace, and in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; nor can you wilfully and habitually neglect to avail yourselves of these helps to your faith, without entailing upon your souls

the spiritual barrenness of a withered branch. Avail yourselves, therefore, of all the incitements to personal piety and zeal for God and his cause, which the institutions of the Church afford, and thus shall you secure the inheritance of those of whom the Psalmist says, "They that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God : they shall bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourishing."

And now, dear Brethren, we come to you in the name of Christ, as the messengers of his salvation. We seek not our own worldly interests. Our purpose and our work, are your edification, and the conversion and salvation of perishing sinners. For the accomplishment of this great end, we are more than ever resolved to live and labour. The pleasing aspects which the success of past years now present, we regard, and would employ as incitements to increased activity and zeal. Multitudes are still in darkness and spiritual death. We go forth to our appointed spheres of labour to beseech men to be reconciled to God. The success of our mission and ministrations will greatly depend upon the fervency of your prayers, and zealous co-operation. We are called to be fellow-labourers with you in the vineyard of our common Lord. Let us then unitedly seek for that anointing of the Holy One that will eminently qualify us for our respective duties. May the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, until every wilderness becomes a fruitful field, blooming with trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. We commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, exhorting you to give all diligence to make your calling and election sure, that so an entrance may be administered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that we may then rejoice together that we have not run in vain; neither laboured in vain. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen.

*Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,*

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Secretary.*

*Hamilton, 9th June, 1853.*



ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHO-  
DIST CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA.

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DEAR BRETHREN :

It affords us sincere pleasure to receive, from year to year, those assurances of Christian regard which your successive Addresses convey. They were never more welcome than on the present occasion ; when, in addition to your affectionate Address, we have had the satisfaction of hearing from your appointed Representative, the most gratifying statements as to the condition and prospects of the work under your care. Our hearts have been lifted up in gratitude to the Giver of all good, while we have heard of the growth of your Societies, the increase of your Missionaries and other Ministers, of your determination to strengthen, even by large personal sacrifice, the efficiency and usefulness of your College, and of the enlarged contributions of your people for the sustentation and spread of the Gospel ; and we trust that, in these and all other respects, you may long continue to prosper as a religious community. A vast field lies before you, and invites your evangelizing efforts ; and, whether among the immigrants from the United Kingdom, or the heathen aborigines of your country, there is abundant scope for all the energies which you can bring to bear upon its cultivation. In what has been already accomplished, you have had abundant proof of the efficiency of the Gospel, accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, as the means of dispelling the ignorance and subduing the enmity of the carnal mind. Continue, then, we affectionately entreat you, to labour for its wider diffusion. " Preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season," and labour to make all men know the riches of this glorious mystery, " which is Christ in you the hope of glory."

We thank you for your sympathy in our severe trials. Would to God we could say they had passed away ! but this is not permitted to us at present. Though to some extent abated, the storm rages still. Those who began with crying out for the restoration of " the Methodism of John Wesley," no longer

conceal their intention to annihilate our system if they can, and to set up, in its place, one founded on their own democratic theories. To this end their unwearied efforts are directed, and neither expense nor pains are spared. Calumnies and misrepresentations are sown broad-cast over the land, our motives are impugned, our mistakes magnified, and our characters traduced, until multitudes, who would once have received us gladly for our Master's sake, have been alienated in affection; and others, who have forsaken our fellowship, have made shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. Our connexional property has been recklessly invaded; and, in one instance at least, bands of lawless men, by violence and intimidation, driven a Minister from his home, and destroyed property, if they have not endangered his life.

While we are thus called to mourn over Societies diminished, prospects blighted, and men deluded to their own undoing, we do not "think it strange, as though some strange thing had happened" to us. The principles which are embodied in our economy, are equally opposed to the despotic priestly rule which some advocate, and to the unbridled popular license for which others contend. They please neither party, but are a standing protest against both. It is to be expected, therefore, that both should assail them. And in proportion as our testimony has been effectual, will their opposition be violent. Methodism has shown how possible it is to exercise a real government without tyranny; to maintain order in combination with liberty; to give to various classes of persons their due sphere of influence without infringing on the rights of others, and to call forth the gifts and energies of a christian people without superseding, or trampling upon, the Christian ministry. Hence has arisen the hostility with which it is now pursued. Had it been a system of absolute priestly government, aiming at lordship over the consciences of men, and directed to the aggrandizement of a sacerdotal caste, it would have had the sympathy of Romanists and Romanizers throughout the world. Or if, on the other hand, it had made the popular will its supreme law, and had sacrificed all official rights on the altar of fraternity and equality, it might have obtained this courtesy, at least from its infidel opponents, to have been "the last devoured." But now it is "troubled" and "beset

on every side." Combined foes without, and men from among its own followers, "speaking perverse things," have rendered the last year a period of prolonged trial. But we remember that no good cause can triumph unless it has suffered. We see the great Apostle of the Gentiles reviled, turned away from, insulted by some of his spiritual children, neglected by others, deserted by former associates in the ministry, and subject to imprisonment and martyrdom, yet victorious in the end; and, in like manner, we trust that, if we maintain our testimony in meekness and love, resisting all temptations to vindictiveness on the one hand, or to inconstancy on the other, He whom we serve will in his own time appear on our behalf, and will overrule all our sufferings for his glory and our ultimate advantage. Pray for us, dear Brethren, that our faith may not fail, and that when our trial is completed, our Connexion may yield more abundantly than ever "the peaceable fruits of righteousness."

Meanwhile you will rejoice to hear that He, who of old time came to his suffering servants in the fiery furnace, has not denied to us the consolations of his presence. We are cheered by manifold tokens of his abiding among us. The Meetings of the Conference and its Preparatory Committees have proved times of refreshing; and plans which were devised during the past year, for extending and consolidating the work of God in two most important sections of our missionary field, have now received a formal sanction and approval. French Methodism will henceforth sustain a distinct ecclesiastical position; and the experience of Western Canada warrants the belief that, when the Methodism of our Australian colonies shall have been similarly organized, it will be, in like manner successful. A solemn commencement of a Wesleyan Mission to China has been resolved upon, amidst many cheering indications of Divine guidance; and labourers have been most providentially supplied to meet the several exigencies which these undertakings will create. Thus is the city built, "even in troublous times." Thus do the branches of Joseph "run over the wall," notwithstanding "the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him." "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loaded us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

We have not entered into detail, in regard to the important subjects just referred to, because before your Conference can assemble, further and fuller information than we can now supply, will have reached you through the usual channels; and, especially, because we hope that, at your next Conference, you will have among you the valued brother who has been your Representative to us, and whom we have been glad to recognize once more in that capacity. In the high estimate of his character and services which you have expressed, we sincerely concur; and, hoping that he will be preserved to return to you in peace, we refer you to his personal communications for such further information as you may desire. We trust he will be long spared to serve the cause of Christ among you, in the various departments of labour to which he may be appointed.

According to your request, we have appointed our excellent brother, the Rev. Enoch Wood, to preside at your next Conference, and the Rev. John Ryerson to be Co-Delegate. Our prayers and best wishes attend them both; and we are happy to know that they still have that high place in your esteem which we believe they deserve.

And now, Brethren, we affectionately bid you farewell. For ourselves, we resolve to hold firmly to the saving truths of the Gospel, and to preach them still in their divine simplicity and fulness. Unmoved by the scorn of the votaries of a vain philosophy, by the wrangling of the sceptic, or the war of the blasphemer, we trust to "abide in the doctrine of Christ," and to prove that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Our hope is, that, "by the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ," we shall be enabled to "magnify" Him "in our bodies, whether it be by life or by death."

"Happy, if with our latest breath  
We may but gasp His name!"

What we desire for ourselves we entreat for you also. May one spirit animate us! May one work occupy all our energies, and one everlasting home finally receive us!

*Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.*

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

*Sheffield, August 14, 1852*

REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH  
CONFERENCE.

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*To the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England.*

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your affectionate address, and while we learn, with unaffected pain, the “fiery trials” to which you were still exposed, from perverse and unreasonable men, we rejoice to learn that, in the midst of such assaults and sufferings, you are not only enabled to endure patiently, but are encouraged to put forth renewed efforts to maintain and promote the work at home, and enlarge the sphere of your missionary operations to the vast empire of China. We do most sincerely sympathise with you in your affliction and in your triumphs. Of the happy results of your sufferings we have no doubt; and from your new, as from your old, fields of Missionary labour, we anticipate abundant fruit. Our Scriptural Methodism in the furnace of affliction will not emit a less golden lustre, than in the field of action it produces a golden harvest. “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

In our own beloved Western Canada, we are blest with undisturbed tranquility and unprecedented prosperity. We have an unparalleled increase in our Missionary, and all our Connexional Funds, and an addition of nearly three thousand, or about one-twelfth, to the membership of our Church. In no former year of our existence, as a body, do we think the spirit of revival and holiness has so generally prevailed throughout our ministry, societies and congregations, as during the past year. To the God whom we serve, and who causeth us to triumph in every place,” be everlasting praise!

We never felt more deeply than at present the force of the exclamation, “The harvest truly is great, and the labourers are few!” Openings and calls for more labourers meet us on every side; and though several promising young men are rising up among us from year to year, they are altogether insufficient to supply the demands which are made upon us. We fervently pray the Great Head of the Church to anoint and thrust out gifted young men into this glorious work.



You will learn, through other channels of communication, and we are sure it will afford you pleasure, that our beloved brethren of the Wesleyan District in Eastern Canada, have sent a deputation to us, proposing to become incorporated with their brethren in Western Canada, under the same Discipline and Conference. To their proposals for this consolidation of our Wesleyan Societies and work in United Canada, we have cordially and unanimously responded; and with your concurrence and assistance we believe this arrangement will be eminently instrumental in strengthening and extending the work in both Provinces of Canada.

Another year's observation and experience of the piety, counsels, and indefatigable labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood, as President and Superintendent of Missions, only enhances the value of his labours in our estimation, and increases our appreciation of him as a brother, a friend, and a distinguished minister of Jesus Christ. We witness with peculiar and grateful pleasure the safe return from you, and appearance among us of our old and valued friend and brother, the Rev. John Ryerson. We thank you for your attention to him, and the benevolent and efficient manner in which you aided him in the objects of his mission, and proposed to assist him in his contemplated tour of inspection and inquiry to the Hudson's Bay territory. But his experience and counsels amongst us at the present time we deemed essentially necessary; and his brethren and colleagues have been unwilling, and have considered it unsafe, that he should, at his age, incur the exposures and dangers of a tour of several thousand miles through our western and northern lakes and rivers, chiefly in Indian canoes, without the shelters and conveniences of civilized life.

With a view to the best interests of our church in Canada, we earnestly and unanimously request the re-appointment of our honoured brethren, the Rev. Enoch Wood and the Rev. John Ryerson to the offices which they have so faithfully filled during several years past.

The present session of our Conference has been a most harmonious and delightful one. On the gravest questions which have engaged our attention, our conclusions have been unanimous. We are endeavouring to mature and establish all the institutions and interests of our Church upon broad, deep, and

permanent foundations. Our people contribute with an increased and noble liberality, according to their circumstances, to the divine work of Missions, to the erection of an unprecedentedly large number of places of worship, to the support of their ministers, and the several Connexional funds. The number of students in our College during the past year, has exceeded one hundred—a larger number than ever before attended; and we are commencing an attempt to raise means to establish a Theological department in connection with that institution, and to assist young men duly recommended for our ministry to receive the advantage of a more thorough training for their great and holy work. As education and knowledge are rapidly and widely advancing in our country, our ministry should keep pace with, and if possible, keep in advance of, the intellectual progress of society.

But whilst we deem it our duty as practical men to employ every prudent exertion and means to promote the great objects of Christian organization; we feel, nevertheless, that the Samson-lock of our strength, and the vital spring of our prosperity, lie in the depth of our humiliation before God—in the entireness of our consecration to Him—in the fulness and constancy of our communion with Him—in the rich anointing of our souls by the Holy Spirit, and his copious outpourings upon our labours. Feeling the mournful tendency of communities, as well as individuals, even under the best organizations and in the most favourable circumstances, to relax in watchfulness, fidelity and devotion, we bow ourselves anew in contrition and consecration before the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,—we renew our covenant engagements to the hallowed work of edifying the many Churches, and cultivating the widespread field that He hath assigned us—we join with you in our renewed purposes of maintaining and giving all the efficiency in our power to those divinely owned agencies which constitute our common Methodism; and while we unite our humble supplications with yours for your returning unity and prosperity, we entreat the continual aid of your prayers for our individual sanctity and Connexional success.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada. WELLINGTON JEFFERS,

*Hamilton, 10th June, 1853.*

*Secretary.*

MINUTES  
OF THE  
*Canada Conference.*

TAKEN AT BELLEVILLE FROM THE 7TH TO THE 15TH OF  
JUNE, 1854.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*  
JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*  
ISAAC B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

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QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

Answer. Joel Briggs, Joseph Hugill, Wm. Creighton, George McDougall,* John W. German, William Burns, Silas Huntingdon, John Hutchinson, Thomas Stobbs, Matthew Swan,* Thomas Culbert, George McRitchie, Nelson Brown, Richard M. Hammond, Robert Graham, Richard Wilson.

* These brethren were previously ordained for special purposes.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

Ans. Thomas Crews, E. H. Dewart, Aaron Miller, James Taylor, John Mills, G. N. A. F. T. Dickson, Robert Brewster,* Henry McDowell, James Harris, Robert Hobbs, Richard Clarke, John Shaw,

These have travelled THREE years.

Wm. McDonagh, Andrew Edwards, James M. Clarke, O. H. Ellsworth,* Thomas Woolsey, Henry Jones, Thomas D. Pearson, S. E. Maudsley, William Richardson, Edwin Peake.

These have travelled two years.

* These were ordained for special purposes.

Richard J. Foreman, Allen Salt.*

Ordained for special purposes.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

Answer.

John S. Clarke, Robert Fowler,† John Wakefield, William Williams, John L. Kerr, Luther Houghton,† David Hunt, George Blaker, Ashton Fletcher, John Fawcett,† William Bryers, William Scales, Joseph E. Sanderson,† William Tomline,† Peter German,† George Cochrane, Lucius Adams, S. G. Phillips,† George Jacques, Geo. T. Richardson,† Garret J. Dingman, Jay Youmans, William Bradin, Andrew Armstrong,

†These have travelled ONE year under the direction of Chairmen.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

Answer.

GEORGE POOLE, who was born in Gory, County of Wexford, Ireland. He died in Brantford, September, 11th, 1853, in the 54th year of his age. Brother Poole was converted to God and became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at 18 years of age. In 1827 he was admitted a candidate for the holy ministry. Full of faith and zeal, he declined no labour and recoiled from no self denial by which he might promote the cause of God and fulfil the mission assigned him in the Church of God. He deemed it his highest happiness to be in "labours more abundant," inasmuch that when the Providence of God, by most painful affliction, laid him aside from the effective ministry, he was often heard to exclaim, "That word *superannuated* presses like a leaden weight upon my heart,—I cannot endure to think of it." During the last seven years before his death his life was a scene of extreme and almost uninterrupted suffering. But amidst all he was eminently supported by the power of grace. His latest hours were especially characterized by calm repose and holy joy in the God of his salvation. In life men beheld in him a true and

constant friend, an earnest and deeply fervent Christian, and a faithful and useful minister. In death they saw him borne up as by the vision of God in expectation of the "crown of life" and a home in heaven.

JAMES BOOTH. [No obituary has as yet been prepared.]

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from Travelling?*

Ans. Egerton Ryerson, D.D.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. Daniel McMullen, Henry Byers, William Brown, Matthias Holtby, Gilbert Miller, J. B. Aylesworth, M.D., Edwy M. Ryerson, John Neelands, Moses Blackstock.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. David Yeomans, Andrew Prindel, John Baxter, Edmund Stoney, William Steer, John Beatty, C. R. Allison, Henry Shaler, Peter Ker, Jonathan Scott, Samuel Belton, Thomas Harmon, Ezra Adams, David Wright, Stephen Miles, Alva Adams, Rowley Heyland, Hamilton Biggar.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. Daniel Wright.

Quest. X. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz:—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

Rev. E. Wood's address is Yorkville, U. C.

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

I. B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

1. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*.—John Gemley, John Bredin; Anson Green, D. D., who is our Representative to the English Conference; George R. Sanderson, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, by permission of the Conference; Thomas Demorest, Agent for Connexional Funds, under the direction of the Book Committee.
2. *Toronto City West*.—John Borland, Ephraim B. Harper, Charles Lavell.
3. *Yonge Street*.—Richard Jones, W. S. Blackstock.
4. *Humber*.—Robert Lochead, Benjamin Jones.
5. *Brampton*.—Samuel C. Philp, Reuben E. Tupper, Joseph E. Sanderson.
Br. Philp's address is Streetsville.
6. *Cooksville*.—Benjamin Nankeville; Jonathan Scott, Superannuated.
7. *Oshawa*.—D. B. Madden, Robert Fowler; Peter Ker, Superannuated.
8. *Markham*.—John Law, Henry Jones; David Yeomans, superannuated.
9. *Nelson*.—Thomas Campbell, Ashton Fletcher; David Wright, Superannuated.
Br. Campbell's address is Trafalgar.
10. *Milton*.—John Hunt.
11. *Georgetown*.—William Andrews.
12. *Stouffville*.—Cornelius Flummerfelt.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

13. *Hamilton*.—James Elliott, Wm. Haw, G. N. A. F. T. Dixon; Samuel Belton, superannuated.
14. *Dundas*.—I. B. Howard, James Harris.
15. *Waterdown*.—Joseph Messmore.
16. *Glandford and Seneca*.—Thomas Williams, James Clark; Andrew Prindel, superannuated.
17. *Nanticoke*.—John Goodfellow. To be supplied.

18. *Dunville*—Luther O. Rice One to be sent.
 19. *Grimby*—Simon Huntingdon, Wm. Richardson.
 20. *Stoney Creek*—John English.
 21. *St. Catharines*—George Goodson.
 22. *Thorold*—Thomas Bevitt, E. H. Dewart, who is to reside at St. John's.
 23. *Drummondville*—Alexander T. Green.
 24. *Niagara*—Claudius Byrne.
- The Preachers on the Drummondville and Niagara Circuits shall charge regularly.
25. *Welland*—Thomas Jeffers. To be supplied. John Baxter, Superannuated.

Brother Jeffers' address is Crowland.

26. *Cainsville*—Robert Corson. One wanted.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

27. *Brantford*—Noble F. English; Hamilton Biggar, Rowley Heyland, superannuated.
28. *Mount Pleasant*—Wm. S. Griffin. One wanted.
29. *Paris*—Joseph Shepley. One wanted.
30. *Woodstock*—Wm. McCullough, James Dixon.
31. *St. George*—Thomas Fawcett.
32. *Galt*—George Kennedy.
33. *Ingersoll*—Ozias Barber, John Wakefield.
34. *Norwich*—Peter German. To be supplied.
35. *Simcoe*—Edwin Clement.
36. *Dover*—Wm. Chapman; E. M. Ryerson, superannuated.
37. *Walsingham*—Matthew Swann. One to be sent. Matthias Holtby, supernumerary.
38. *Aylmer*—Francis Berry, William Williams.
39. *Vienna*—O. H. Ellsworth.
40. *New Credit*—Matthew Whiting. One wanted.
41. *Grand River*—Wm. Ryerson; Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

WILLIAM RYERSON, *Chairman*.

IV. LONDON DISTRICT.

42. *London*—Henry Wilkinson, Thomas Stobbs.
43. *London Circuit*—Thos. Cleghorn, Thos. Crews; Edmund Stoney, Thos. Harmon, superannuated.
44. *Mount Elgin and Muncey*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Sickles.
45. *St. Thomas*—Wm. Price, Samuel E. Maudsley.
46. *Port Sarnia*—John G. Laird. One wanted.
47. *Strathroy*—J. K. Williston.
48. *Warwick*—To be supplied.
49. *Port Stanley*—Francis Chapman.
50. *St. Clair*—Solomon Waldron.
51. *Devonshire*—John Webster.
52. *Belmont*—Richard Phelps.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

V. CHATHAM DISTRICT.

53. *Chatham*—Edmund Shepherd, Thomas Pearson.
54. *Wardsville*—William Ames.
55. *Wallaceburgh*—To be supplied.
56. *Morpeth*—Joseph Hugill. One wanted.
57. *Gosfield*—William Dignam.
58. *Sandwich and Windsor*—Edward White, Thos. Peacock.
59. *Amherstburgh*—E. L. Koyle.

EDMUND SHEPHERD, *Chairman*.

VI. GUELPH DISTRICT.

60. *Guelph*—Lewis Warner, Richard Clarke.
61. *Elora*—James Armstrong. One wanted.
62. *Berlin and Blenheim*—John Williams, Andrew Smith.
63. *Peel*—Henry Reid. One wanted; Ezra Adams, superannuated.
64. *Stratford*—George Case.
65. *St. Mary's*—C. W. M. Gilbert.
66. *Clinton*—Alexander Campbell.

- 67. *Goderich*—Charles Sylvester, George Cochran.
- 68. *Mitchell*—Lucius Adams.
- 69. *Kincardine*—Wm. Creighton.
- 70. *Arthur*—One to be sent.
- 71. *Mono*—John L. Kerr; William Steer, superannuated.
- 72. *Erin*—To be supplied.
- 73. *Wellesley*—To be supplied.
- 74. *Grey*—John Armstrong, 1st.
- 75. *Morris*—To be supplied.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

VII. OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 76. *Newash and Colpoys Bay*—Conrad Vandusen.
- 77. *Owen's Sound*—Samuel Fear; J. Neelands, super'y.
- 78. *St. Vincent*—To be supplied.
- 79. *Saugeeng*—Peter Jacobs.
- 80. *Southampton*—George Jacques.
- 81. *Derby*—David Hunt.
- 82. *Durham*—To be supplied.
- 83. *Walker's Mills*—One wanted.
- 84. *Proton*—Thomas Culbert.
- 85. *Osprey*—To be supplied.
- 86. *Bruce Mines*—Joseph Hill.
- 87. *Garden River*—George W. McDougall.
- 88. *Lake Superior North Shore*—George Blaker.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman*.

VIII. BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 89. *Barrie*—John Douse, John S. Clarke.
- 90. *Bradford*—William Young, Richard J. Foreman.
- 91. *Cookstown*—Joel Briggs.
- 92. *Newmarket*—William Willoughby, Wm. McDonagh.
- 93. *Holland Landing*—Andrew Edwards.
- 94. *Snake Island*—To be supplied.
- 95. *Brock*—George T. Richardson.
- 96. *Rama*—Horace Dean.
- 97. *Orillia*—To be supplied.

- 98. *Penetanguishene Road*—Stephen Brownell.
- 99. *Beausoliel and French River*—To be supplied.
- 100. *Collingwood Harbour*—Edward Sallows.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman*.

IX. COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 101. *Cobourg*—George H. Davis; John Beatty, Superan'd.
S. S. Nelles, A. M., Principal of Victoria College;
James Taylor, John Shaw, Students.
- 102. *Port Hope*—J. W. McCollum, William Tomlin.
- 103. *Bowmanville*—Thomas Cosford, John Mills.
- 104. *Newcastle*—J. Hutchinson.
- 105. *Cartwright and Schoogog*—Thomas Hanna. One to
be sent.
- 106. *Millbrook*—James Hughes. One to be sent. M. Black-
stock, supernumerary.
- 107. *Peterborough*—W. H. Poole.
- 108. *Mud Lake*—John Sanderson.
- 109. *Rice Lake*—Wm. Herkimer.
- 110. *Alderville*—James Musgrove, whose attention shall be
principally directed to the Industrial School. William
Case, with permission to visit different parts of the
work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
- 111. *Colborne*—J. G. Witted.
- 112. *Lindsay*—J. C. Osborne, who will exchange with the
Minister at Metcalf once in six weeks. G. Dingman.
- 113. *Metcalf*—To be supplied.
- 114. *Norwood*—George Carr, J. Fawcett.

J. MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

X. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 115. *Belleville*—George Young.
- 116. *Consecon*—Michael Fawcett, Charles Taggart; C. R.
Allison, superannuated.
- 117. *Pictou*—J. C. Slater, George Briers; Gilbert Miller,
Daniel McMullen, supernumeraries.
- 118. *Sidney*—John Lever. One to be sent.
- 119. *Brighton*—William McFadden, Thos. Woolsey

- 120. *Demorestville*—Vincent B. Howard.
- 121. *Shannonville*—Peter German.
- 122. *Hungerford*—Nelson Brown.
- 123. *Madoc*—Michael Baxter; Stephen Miles, superannuated.
- 124. *Rawdon*—John Black.
- 125. *Percy and Seymour*.—W. H. Williams, Jay Youmans.

WILLIAM McFADDEN, *Chairman*.

XI. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 126. *Kingston*—John Ryerson, George Douglass, George McRitchie; Henry Byers, Supernumerary.
- 127. *Napance*—George F. Playter. To be supplied,
- 128. *Wilton*—John A. Williams, Abraham Dayman.
- 129. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—George Beynon, Aaron Miller.
- 130. *Waterloo*—William Philp.
- 131. *Gananoque*—Charles Turver.
- 132. *Newborough*—Robert Robinson. One to be sent.
- 133. *Farmersville*—David Clappison, J. W. Germain.
- 134. *Newburgh*—Chas. Fish; I. B. Aylesworth, Supern'y.
- 135. *Sheffield*—To be supplied.
- 136. *Hinchinbrook*—John D. Pugh.
- 137. *Storrington*—To be supplied.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

Rev. S. D. Rice will take charge of this District until the Co-Delegate returns from Hudson's Bay.

XII. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 138. *Brockville*—Richard Whiting.
- 139. *Prescott*—James Gray.
- 140. *Maitland*—Ashael Hurlburt, Edwin Peake.
- 141. *Perth*—David C. McDowell.
- 142. *Kemptville*—Jas. Greener. To be supplied. Henry Shaler, superannuated.
- 143. *Matilda*—Francis Coleman. One to be sent.
- 144. *Smith's Falls*—Silvester Hurlburt; William Brown, Supernumerary.
- 145. *Carlton-Place*—Joseph Reynolds, Wm. Braden.

- 146. *Peckenhurst*—John Armstrong 2nd.
- 147. *Merrickville*—David Jennings.
- 148. *Cornwall*—John Howes, Robert Hobbs.
- 149. *Winchester*—Robert Brewster.
- 150. *Sherbrooke*—David Hardie ; Alvah Adams, superan'd.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

XIII. BYTOWN DISTRICT.

- 151. *Bytown*—Kennedy Creighton.
- 152. *Aylmer*—William McGill.
- 153. *Richmond*—William Coleman, Henry McDowell.
- 154. *St. Andrews*—Thos. W. Constable, Wm. Seales.
- 155. *L'Orignal*—Wm. Morton, Andrew Armstrong.
- 156. *Carignal*—One to be sent.
- 157. *Lochaber*—William Burns.
- 158. *Osgoode*—William M. Pattysou. One to be sent.
- 159. *Gatineau*—Silas Huntingdon.
- 160. *Clarendon and Portage du Fort*—Luther Houghton.
One to be sent.
- 161. *Westmeath*—Richard Hammond.
- 162. *Huntley*—Thomas McMullen.
- 163. *Granville*—To be supplied.

KENNEDY CREIGHTON, *Chairman*.

CANADA EAST DISTRICT.

- 164. *Montreal Centre*—Wellington Jeffers.
- 165. *Montreal East*—James H. Bishop.
- 166. *Montreal West*—William Scott.
- 167. *Quebec*—Wm. Pollard,—*Point Levi*. One wanted.
- 168. *Three Rivers*—Charles De Wolf, A.M.
- 169. *Riverton*—Erastus Hurlburt.
- 170. *St. John's*—John Carroll.
- 171. *Chambly*—John Douglass, Supernumerary.
- 172. *Odell Town and Hemmingford*—James Brock, John S. Evans.
- 173. *Huntingdon*—Isaac Barber.
- 174. *Russelltown*—Richard Wilson.

- 175. *Clarenceville*—Henry Lanton.
- 176. *St. Armands*—James Norris.
- 177. *Dunham*—Rufus A. Flanders, Samuel E. Philips ; E. S. Ingall, supernumerary.
- 178. *Sheffield and Granby*—Gifford Dorey. Barnabas Hitchcock.
- 179. *Stonstead*—John Tomkins.
- 180. *Hatley and Compton*—John B. Selly.
- 181. *Coaticoke*—One wanted.
- 182. *Sherbrooke*—Benjamin Slight, A.M.
- 183. *Eaton*—Robert Graham.
- 184. *Dudswell*—One wanted.
- 185. *Melbourne*—Malcolm McDonald.——*Danville*—One wanted.
- 186. *Leeds*—John Armstrong.
- 187. *Chaudiere*—One wanted.
- 188. *Gaspé*—One wanted.

HUDSON'S BAY AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

- 189. *Norway House, Lake Winnipeg*—Thomas Hurlburt.
- 190. *Oxford House*—Robert Brooking.
- 191. *Lac-La-Pluie*—Allen Salt.
- 192. *Edmonton and Rocky Mountains*—Henry Stienhaur.

THOMAS HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

Ques. XI., XII., & XIII. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
Toronto City East.....	451	£20 13 10½	£4 8 4	£20 9 3
Toronto City West.....	979	16 9 7	9 12 6	25 10 0
Yonge Street.....	530	12 6 0	4 15 0	.....
Humber.....	500	9 7 6	3 9 0	5 15 0
Brampton.....	501	12 19 7½	5 6 3	25 5 7½
Cooksville.....	161	4 3 3½	2 12 6	3 1 3
Oshawa.....	363	4 16 8½	2 4 0	7 0 0
Markham.....	308	8 0 9	3 5 7½	13 11 5½
Nelson.....	576	8 8 1	3 0 0	11 19 9
Georgetown.....	175	3 2 6	1 10 0	3 5 0
Stouffville.....	61	1 8 1	1 9 5	1 7 5
Barrie.....	273	5 8 8	2 8 9	6 6 3
Bradford.....	469	5 12 9½	2 5 11	6 11 9½
Cookstown.....	133	2 5 4	1 4 4	2 8 10
Newmarket.....	470	6 0 0	4 11 1	4 11 4
Snake Island & S. Shore, Lake Simcoe	30	8 11	6 1	1 0 11
Brock.....	85	1 14 7½	12 6	.....
Rama.....	63	.....	1 6	1 6
Penetanguishene.....	131	16 10½	6 3	1 1 5½
Beauséjour and French River.....	60	.....	.....	.....
Collingwood Harbour.....	39	12 1	10 0	9 5
London.....	253	7 13 0	5 0 0	10 0 0
London Circuit.....	366	3 12 4	1 10 6	6 6 1½
St. Thomas.....	465	6 11 4	6 10 0	5 12 6
Mount Elgin.....	228	0 17 2	9 5	3 5 0
Chatham.....	260	6 0 0	3 5 7½	6 5 0
Gosfield.....	210	2 15 0	1 5 0	1 12 1
Amherstburg.....	41	1 13 8½	10 7	1 2 4
Sandwich and Windsor.....	115	3 0 6	3 6 6	2 0 0
Port Sarua.....	135	2 6 7½	2 10 0	2 6 3
St. Clair.....	190	4 6	.....	3 9
Wallaceburgh.....	70	1 4 9	1 1 1	1 7 6
Wardsville.....	131	4 11 1½	3 19 3	2 10 0
Stratroy.....	162	3 0 2	1 8 1½	1 13 4½
Warwick.....	130	2 11 6½	2 6 9	6 3
Devonshire.....	131	2 5 5	1 0 0	1 5 0
Morpeth.....	140	1 15 0	11 6	12 0
Belmont.....	163	4 14 0½	17 10	1 14 0
Guelph.....	150	5 5 2½	2 15 0½	6 2 6
Elora.....	201	2 7 7½	1 3 9½	1 10 3
Blenheim.....	220	2 10 8	1 12 8	2 1 3
Peel.....	315	15 8	8 0	17 5
Stratford.....	50	10 8	7 7	5 0
St. Mary's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goderich.....	507	4 10 7	2 1 9	5 16 6
Mitchell.....	56	.....	.....	.....
Ricardine.....	100	15 0	10 0	17 6
Normanby.....	75	12 0	6 6	5 0
Mono.....	293	3 1 8	1 13 3	2 5 0½
Erin.....	85	1 0 0	1 10½	1 14 6
Welliesley.....	120	1 0 0	1 0 0	9 0½

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.
Grey	18			
Morris	12			
Owen's Sound	127	18 9	10 3	11 6
Newach and Colpoy's Bay	69	1 4½	1 2	2 1½
St. Vincent	126	17 2½	1 7 8	7 6
Saugeen	73	2 6	2 6	2 6
Arrian	42	5 6	2 3	5 1½
Derby	18	2 6	3 9	
Durham	16	2 6		3 9
Proton	230	5 3	6 8	
Bruce Mines	15	5 3	5 2	2 3 9
Garden River	64	1 10 0½	2 6	2 6
Lake Superior, North Shore		2 6		
Brantford	407	17 4 11½	4 18 5½	7 0 2½
Paris	122	4 5 11½	1 19 6	2 11 0½
Woodstock	215	7 0 0	2 12 6	3 7 0
Dumfries	403			
St. George		5 5 1	4 0 5	5 15 6
Ingersoll	222	3 1 3	1 7 0	3 7 6
Norwich	251	2 5 3	1 0 0	2 0 0
Simcoe	2 7	3 0 6	2 0 4½	2 6 0
Walsingham	360	2 10 0	1 5 0	2 5 0
Malahide	332			
Dover		1 7 0½	1 3 0	1 0 0
New Credit	100	1 5 6		19 3
Graud River	140			
Blenheim	257			
Wellisley	75			
Aylmer		2 10 0	1 0 0	1 15 0
Vienna		2 15 1	1 0 11	1 11 2
Hamilton	555	15 4 10	8 11 8	28 11 6
Stoney Creek	16			
Dundas	608	10 0 0	4 2 6	11 5 0
Glanford and Seneca	385	6 18 11	2 17 5	5 12 6½
Nauticoke	172	3 10 3	1 12 6	2 10 3
Dunville	211	3 8 7	3 2 2½	1 19 10½
Grimsby	386	5 12 6	2 16 3	5 17 6
St. Catharines	235	6 8 9	3 14 4½	8 10 0
Drummondville and Niagara	282	7 0 0	3 0 0	5 10 0
Crowland	150	3 0 0	3 5 0	2 10 0
Cayuga Heights	127	2 13 1½	1 18 6	1 10 0
Colourg	270	4 17 9	4 19 3½	3 0 6
Port Hope	355	4 16 3	2 0 0	5 13 9
Bowmanville	262	2 19 10	2 19 1	2 5 0
Newcastle	157	1 7 3	2 0 3	10 6
Cartwright	72	18 0	10 6	15 0
Millbrook	207	3 15 0	1 10 9	4 10 0
Peterborough	380	5 5 8	3 0 7	6 4 6
Norwood	307	2 9 3	18 9	2 6 4½
Mud Lake	61	1 1 6½	15 3½	1 5 7½
Rice Lake	69			
Alderville	109	12 7	8 2	11 6
Colborne	167	2 6 6	1 2 5	2 1 7
Metcalfe	126	2 10 0	14 6	1 15 0
Lindsey	138	2 19 8	1 5 10	2 11 1
Bellefleur	300	6 9 4½	3 0 0	7 19 0
Consecon	496	4 5 0	2 13 10	7 18 9
Pictou	605	5 0 0	2 5 0	5 10 0

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.
Sidney	436	£3 10 0	1 15 0	3 6 3
Brigton	390	3 15 0	3 15 0	4 5 0
Demorestville	164	1 3 6	12 8½	2 1 2
Shannonville	115	1 10 0	11 6	1 13 0
Hungerford	200	1 14 9½	15 10	1 2 4
Madoc	190	16 9	10 9	12 6
Rawdon	112	1 8 6	1 15 0	18 8
Percy	143	2 1 6	1 19 4½	1 0 6½
Kingston	384	11 5 0	3 5 0	12 12 6
Napanee	333	4 2 6	1 17 6	3 10 0
Wilton	483	3 15 ½	1 16 2	5 10 0
Bath	318	2 17 9½	1 19 6	1 5 7½
Waterloo	195	3 17 2½	1 9 2	4 11 3
Gananoque	62	1 11 11	15 10½	1 2 6
Newborough	234	2 0 0	1 5 0	1 10 0
Farmersville	390	4 13 0	2 1 5	5 10 0
Newburg	300	1 15 3	.....	3 7 0
Sheffield	113	1 1 3½	16 5	17 8
Hinchinbrook	137	.....	.....	.....
Storrington	20	9 0	.....	5 0
Brockville	126	3 5 11½	1 17 4½	1 15 0
Prescott	72	3 5 11½	1 3 6	2 10 11½
Maitland	316	3 2 6	1 2 7	3 12 8
Kemptville	255	2 0 9	1 5 0	1 10 0
Perth	112	2 0 2	16 3	1 1 6
Matilda	375	2 16 1	1 6 8½	6 5 0
Smith's Falls	206	4 1 1	1 5 7	6 5 7½
Merrickville	136	1 0 0	6 3	1 2 6
Carleton	251	2 19 1	1 18 1½	1 9 4
Corwall	259	1 5 0½	11 6	18 9
Winchester	181	2 0 0	1 8 0	2 10 0
Sherbrooke	100	1 6 5	10 0	1 1 5½
Bytown	140	2 9 0	10 7½	1 10 0
Aylmer	52	2 18 6	1 18 3½	1 10 9
Richmond	544	3 3 6	3 10 0	2 16 10
St. Andrews	440	3 4 10	2 17 6	1 15 0
L'Orignal	180	2 13 3½	2 15 2½	2 2 1
Lochaber	100	4 5 0½	1 17 6	1 5 5
Osgoode	222	2 13 0	3 0 4	1 6 6
Gattineau	119	1 9 6	13 6	18 3
Clarendon	190	2 12 5½	1 4 4½	2 4 6
Westmeath	85	1 7 0	11 5	16 5
Total, (of whom 1142 are Indians)	32364			
Increase	2040			
Balance from last year		41 6 3		7 16 8½
From Circuits		461 14 1½	299 15 5	193 19 8
From the Book Room		200 0 0		
From the English Conference		133 6 8		
Collection at Conference		12 18 2		
Annual Subscriptions of Ministers .....		.....		200 10 0
Advanced by Treasurer		8 4½	15 16 5	
Total		1449 5 2½	315 11 10	702 6 4½

Quest. XIII. *How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

Paid the Toronto District.....	£125	0	0
" Barrie	56	0	0
" London.....	90	0	0
" Guelph.....	35	0	0
" Brantford.....	200	0	0
" Hamilton.....	50	0	0
" Cobourg.....	140	0	0
" Belleville.....	98	0	0
" Kingston.....	115	0	0
" Brockville.....	176	0	0
" Bytown.....	112	0	0
Incidental expenses.....	16	4	7
Postage and Stationery.....	1	4	0
Dr. Williamson, for registering Conference documents.....	6	12	6
Registering Baptisms.....	11	0	0
Postage of Co-Delegate.....	5	0	0
Conference Trunk.....	2	0	0

SPECIAL GRANTS.

T. Bevirt.....	£23	6	8
J. Carroll.....	15	0	0
K. Creighton.....	25	0	0
J. Armstrong.....	20	0	0
E. Peake.....	16	10	0

CASES OF SPECIAL AFFLICTION, &c.

Toronto District, John Law.....	£3	15	0
" " J. W. McCollum.....	5	0	0
" " John Hunt.....	7	10	0
Brantford " Thomas Fawcett.....	7	10	0
Barrie " Wm. Young.....	8	12	6
Cobourg " John English.....	10	0	0
Belleville " Wm. McFadden.....	5	14	2
" " Chas. Taggart.....	5	0	0
" " John Black.....	4	18	9
Kingston " W. Chapman.....	9	19	10
" " E. N. Dixon.....	10	0	0
Brockville " W. McGill.....	4	0	0
Bytown " A. Hurlburt.....	1	5	0
" " J. Greener.....	2	10	0
£1,449 13 7			

Ques. XIV.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

Appropriation to St. John's Church.....	£25	0	8
" Galt.....	25	0	0
" Chatbam.....	12	10	0
" Peterboro'.....	17	5	0
" Lindsay.....	6	5	0
" Bucks.....	2	10	0
" Ft. Robinson.....	12	13	9

Appropriation to Dunville	"	12	10	0
" Glandford	"	2	10	0
" Port Stanley	"	7	10	0
" Windsor	"	1	5	0
" Corunna	"	1	5	0
" Piregal	"	10	0	0
" St. Vincent	"	9	10	7
" Oakville	" last instalment.	25	0	0
" Aurora	"	10	0	0
" Bowmanville	"	12	10	0
" Newcastle	"	12	10	0
" Bloomfield	"	2	10	0
" Trenton	"	6	5	0
" Percy Mills	"	7	10	0
" Collins	"	2	10	0
" Rednerville	"	7	13	9
" Fakenham	"	5	0	0
" Richmond	"	10	3	9
" Bradshaw's	"	5	0	0
" Huntley	" 3rd line.	6	7	6
" L'Original	" Seignory.	6	7	6
" Wesley	" St. Andrews.	10	3	9
" Metcalf Ville	"	10	3	9
" Long Island	"	4	2	6
" Postage	"	1	0	0
" Rev. S. D. Rice, for Cananoque Church	"	9	0	0
" L. O. Rice, York Church	"	4	0	0
" S. Huntington	"	2	0	0
" J. Ryerson	"	5	0	0

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Quest. XV. *How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer as follows, viz :

To the Rev. David Yeomans	£35	0	0
" Andrew Prindel	25	0	0
" Thomas Harmon	25	0	0
" Edmund Stoncy	30	0	0
" Alvah Adams	35	0	0
" (Late) George Pool	35	0	0
" Cyrus R. Allison	42	0	0
" Ezra Adams	44	0	0
" Samuel Belton	48	0	0
" Hamilton Biggar	42	10	0
" John Baxter	10	10	0
" E. M. Ryerson	38	0	0
" Rowley Heyland	50	0	0
" John Bently	23	0	0
" George B. Butcher, (Final Grant)	12	10	0
" James Hutchinson	50	0	0
" Gilbert Miller (Special Grant)	18	6	1
To Widow Madden	33	6	8
" Ferguson	30	6	8
" Healey	21	6	8
" Slater	10	0	0
" Wilson, (Special Grant)	12	10	0
Sickness and Funeral Expenses (late) A. McAllister	5	0	0
Incidental expenses	4	0	3
Total	£702	6	4

Quest. XVI. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; the Rev. W. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, D. D.; E. Ryerson, D. D.; J. Spencer, and the following lay gentlemen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, Geo. Rowell, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, and Richard Yates, Esq.

REV. E. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

“ J. SPENCER, *Secretary.*

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Chairmen of Toronto, Hamilton, Barrie, and Cobourg Districts; Preachers in Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; Superintendents of Humber, Brampton, Cooksville, Newmarket, Markham, Hamilton, Dundas, and Oshawa Circuits; W. Jeffers and W. Scott.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Book Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto and Hamilton Circuits, Dr. Green, J. Carroll, W. Jeffers, H. Wilkinson, Jonathan Scott, S. S. Nellis, A. M., and S. D. Rice.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, and one member elected by each District Meeting, and the following laymen, viz.:—Messrs. Wm. McBride, Murray Anderson, Samuel Glass, Simeon Morrill, George Tyas, D. T. Ware, and J. W. Elson.

5. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Superintendent of Toronto West Circuit. E. B. Harper, Book Steward and Editor, and the following laymen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, R. Woodsworth, Joseph Bloor, George Walker, R. Yates, George Rowell, and John Sterling, Esqs.

6. BOARD OF VICTORIA COLLEGE:—*Trustees*: Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, E. Wood, S. S. Nelles, J. B. Roblin, Esq., R. Jones, O. H. Powell, Esq., Hon. Jas Ferrier, J. Ryerson. *Visitors*: Revs. W. Case, J. Musgrove, G. R. Sanderson; J. L. Biggar, Esq., and J. Counter, Esq.

AGENTS FOR VICTORIA COLLEGE FOR THE SALE OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE

Hamilton District—I. B. Howard. *Owen Sound*—C. Vandusen.

Brantford “ W. McCullough. *Barrie*—J. Douse.

London “ S. Rose. *Chatham*—W. Ames.

Guelph “ L. Warner. *Brockville*—J. Gray.

Bytown “ K. Creighton.

TIME OF TAKING UP COLLECTIONS FOR THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the month of July.
2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the months of September and March.
3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*, in the month of December.
4. *College Collections*, in the month of December.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Jeffers for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of Secretary of Conference during the past year.

2. *Resolved*,—That the cordial and unanimous thanks of the Conference are due to the kind friends in Belleville for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the members of this Conference during its present session, and the Superintendent be requested to present the same to the congregation next Sabbath morning.

CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.*

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, having carefully considered the returns

from the several Districts, beg leave to report that the condition of Sabbath Schools under the care of our Church, presents a generally healthy and prosperous aspect, and in every respect, except that the number of Schools shows an increase over the preceding year. As this discrepancy can be explained only on the ground of the imperfectness of the returns made, it is hoped that the following statistics of the several Districts, and the names of the Circuits which have not reported, may contribute to the correction of the evil complained of another year.

DISTRICTS.	SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.	VOLUMES.
Toronto.....	48	544	3190	11917
Barrie	24	132	949	3693
Owen Sound	10	50	312	718
Guelph	10	138	990	2135
Pamilton	31	327	2056	73 0
Brantford	29	256	1814	5321
London	25	169	1246	2607
Cobourg	24	230	1486	3530
Belleville ..	23	105	900	1564
Kingston	18	146	1032	3060
Brockville	28	180	1024	3142
Bytown	14	60	390	550
	284	2337	15389	45537
Last year.....	363	1978	14258	36839
	*84	†359	1131	9197

* Decrease. † Increase.

In addition to which, your Committee beg respectfully to call the attention of the Chairmen of Districts to Article IV. of the "Constitution of the Sunday School Union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," adopted by the last Conference, in reference to the formation of *District Branches*, and the holding of Anniversary Meetings on the evening of the first day of the Annual District Meeting;

and also, a strict observance of those parts of former reports of the Sabbath School Committee, which require from each Superintendent an account of the Schools on his Circuit, from which a District Report shall be prepared by the member elected to serve on the Sabbath School Committee.

Your Committee is pleased to learn, that in many of our Schools, Bible and Catechumen Classes exist, and exert a beneficial influence, and would strongly recommend their formation wherever practicable.

The evil influence of Union Schools on those connected with our Church, is almost everywhere felt and complained of; but for their decrease and ultimate removal, your Committee felt at a loss as to what measures to recommend, beyond that of urging upon the attention of all the members of this Conference, their constant vigilance against their increase, and the formation of Schools connected with our own Church in our several preaching places, as far as practicable.

Your Committee regard these institutions of vital importance to the promotion of youthful piety, and contributing to the constant prosperity of the work of God amongst us, fervently implore the continued blessing of the "Great Head of the Church" on this department of our labours, and confidently look for a realization of the same the coming year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

EPHRAIM B. HARPER, *Chairman.*

CHARLES SILVESTER, *Secretary.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in their Thirty-first Annual Conference to the Members of the Societies under their care.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

With unfeigned pleasure we avail ourselves of the opportunity that our accustomed pastoral address affords

us of giving expression to the joy we feel on your account, and of communicating with you, in true ministerial affection and fidelity on various important topics, which deeply affect your personal religious welfare, and the interests of true religion, which, we are persuaded, you have deeply at heart.

It is matter of devout thankfulness that the Great "Preserver of men" has kept us from fatal sickness and danger, and afforded us a longer space in which both to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and to labour for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause in the world. He has graciously afforded us all necessary facilities for attending to our personal salvation and the interests of the Church over which we are placed. While the note of warlike preparation is heard like the sound of thunder in the distance, and while the central parts of the Eastern Continent are being devastated by the ravages of contending armies, the God of Providence has mercifully placed us in a sequestered and quiet portion of the earth, in which we can prosecute our proper vocation undisturbed by the confused noise of warriors, and undismayed by the revolting spectacle of "garments rolled in blood."

We have, moreover, cause of peculiar thankfulness that the Divine Being has made our "Jerusalem" in an especial manner "a quiet habitation," and given us an earnest that "not one of the stakes thereof shall be moved, or one of the cords thereof broken." And we confidently hope that there will be nothing wanting on the part of our beloved people towards the realization of this pacific prediction in the matter of brotherly affection and kindness, in a faithful attendance on those social means of grace which constitute one of the characteristic excellencies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and which are so admirably adapted to promote Christian fellowship—and in mildly, but firmly discountenancing those who are "given to change." The experience of a hundred years has deeply impressed the minds of all true Wesleyans with the wisdom of the advice of our venerable founder, "Do not mend our rules, but keep them."

The past year has been one of great connexional prosperity, for which we unitedly offer up our devout and grateful tribute of praise. Gracious effusions of the Spirit have been vouchsafed, and glorious revivals have ensued. Within the bounds of the Western section of our Province the nett gain to the membership of the Church (after all reduction) is no less than *two thousand souls*. There has been a proportionate improvement in connexional funds, extension of labours, and in the erection of churches. Nor have our efforts to retrieve the affairs of our noble Collegiate Institution, Victoria College, been unattended with success whilst the Great Head of the Church has been pleased during the past year to make a large number of students within its walls the subjects of converting grace. The same may be said of our labours to do good by the dissemination of religious books and periodicals, through our Book and Printing Establishment at Toronto, with its useful branches.

But while we view the past with gratitude, we must not be unmindful of the aspects of the future. A door of usefulness is now thrown open before us, such as never presented itself before; which, while it enkindles our Christian ardour, should impress us with a sense of correspondent obligations. Within the last year the whole of the Hudson's Bay Territory has been resigned to our occupancy by the Parent connexion in England, together with the hopeful missions which its agents had been the instruments of establishing in that region. Besides which, the measures proposed and approved at the last Conference for comprehending the Wesleyan Stations in Canada East within the boundaries of our Conference, has been so far consummated at this Conference, as to require nothing but a formal ratification by the British Conference, to effect their completion—a measure which reinforces us with some eighteen or twenty additional labourers; gives us many hundred square miles of additional territory; and brings us an accession of about *four thousand* members. We have now before us the whole of that large section of North America, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from St. Lawrence and the Lakes to the Arctic Ocean.

We have experienced large measures of the Divine presence during the session of the present Conference. Those heavenly manifestations began with our opening Conference Prayer-meeting—were especially enjoyed in the Lovefeast on Sabbath morning—and have continued, more or less, to crown the other services. And as your pastors and servants for Jesus' sake, we never felt more disposed to "offer ourselves upon the sacrifice and service of your faith" than at present. "Now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord." "Suffer," therefore, we beseech you, "the word of exhortation," on two or three points, personal and connexional.

First. Hold fast to those doctrines which have been the means of your salvation, especially the doctrines of justification by faith, the direct and conscious witness of the Holy Spirit, and of a present, full, free salvation from the pollution, as well as the guilt of sin. The more these doctrines are examined, the more their consonance with the Word of God will appear. But we hope you will hold them not in theory alone, but in all their vital and vivifying energy. Keep right with God! Walk daily in the light of his countenance! And seek to "perfect holiness in his fear." To that end,

Secondly. Avoid the appearance of evil. Beware of the use of intoxicating drinks. Sanctify the Sabbath most sacredly unto the Lord, both in your own person, and in your families. Yield not to covetous desires for worldly gain, to which the commercial prosperity of our country, at the present time, exposes us—excluding the gambling spirit of speculation, especially by means of lotteries, into which some professors of religion have fallen. Never be ashamed of that simplicity of dress and demeanor, for which the early Methodists, as well as the primitive Christians, were distinguished. Give no countenance in your families, whatever be your social position, to "those diversions which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus." Card and dancing parties, even chess-playing are utterly incompatible with serious godliness. While we would caution you against entering too deeply into the political party strifes of the day, especially during the coming elections;

we would, at the same time, distinctly remind you of the *duty* of employing your social influence and civil franchise in helping forward those public measures which are designed to secure the better observance of the Holy Sabbath; and the preventing, if possible, of the blighting evils attendant on the licensed sale of intoxicating liquors.

Thirdly. We would most earnestly summon you to the "help of the Lord," by assisting us to work out the important connexional and benevolent objects we have in view. We hope that, with our enlarged sphere of operations, requiring an increased pecuniary expenditure, our Missionary, Contingent, and Chapel Relief Funds, will receive a proportionate augmentation by the contributions of a people evidently increasing in the spirit and means of liberality. We hope that our well-conducted denominational Paper, and our Book establishment, will receive increasing patronage. It is the intention of the managers of that department by the cheapness and abundant supply of books on experimental and practical religion, to encourage persons to purchase, and thereby subserve our glorious mission of "spreading Scriptural holiness over the land." As to your College, the scholarship scheme has been so far brought to a completion as to give earnest of its ultimate success—an object to the completion of which we invite your aid. Means are about to be taken for the erection or the procuring of a Boarding Hall in immediate connexion with the Institution. This, with the appointment of one of our most efficient ministers as Moral and Domestic Governor, will furnish interesting facilities for promoting the religious, as well as educational, interests of those sent to that Institution; and we hope, will increase the confidence and patronage accorded to it by our people.

We trust the ministers appointed to labour on your several Circuits will receive a cordial welcome and a hearty co-operation. The exigencies of every part of the work have been taken into the most earnest consideration by the Stationing Committee; and the very best has been done that could have been done under all the circumstances. That Committee is composed of men, who, as itinerants,

have no local interests or partialities, and who are influenced by no other motives and views than a regard for the general interests of the work. It would be well, therefore, for the several circuit meetings to abstain as much as possible from anything calculated to interfere with the unfettered action of a body, which necessarily has such superior facilities for judging correctly on the subject of appointments. We need scarcely say, that we confide in you to do all in your power to save your ministers from anxiety, on the subject of temporal support. In connexion with this, we may draw your attention to a measure for revising our whole temporal economy by a representation of lay friends, suggested by the lay members of the Wesleyan Church in Canada East; of the time and manner of whose meeting, you will be otherwise informed.

Dear Brethren, it only now remains for us to "commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to keep you from falling, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified through faith that is in Christ Jesus." Amen.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

I. B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Belleville, 14th June, 1854.

ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WES-
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN
CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

It afforded us the highest satisfaction and joy to learn from the address of your late Conference, that during the past year God has so graciously favoured you with his presence and blessing; that the word of God has grown mightily and prevailed amongst you; that the hearts of the disobedient have been turned to the wisdom of the just; and that hundreds and thousands have been added to your Church such as are saved.

In addition to the affecting considerations which arise out of our fraternal union with you, the fact that your rising country is becoming the home of vast multitudes from Great Britain and Ireland, amongst whom are not a few of our own spiritual children, invests it with peculiar interest, and excites in our hearts a deep and abiding solicitude for continued peace and prosperity. It is therefore to us a cause of unspeakable pleasure to learn from year to year that the evangelical doctrines, the wholesome discipline, and the Catholic spirit of Wesleyan Methodism are so vigorously maintained among you, and that their powerful and benign influences are pervading the cities, towns, and villages, of your great Colony, and are giving strength, beauty, and glory to its civil and religious institutions.

Before you, beloved Brethren, a vast and rapidly expanding field of ministerial labour presents itself; in your hands is deposited the incorruptible seed of the kingdom of God; upon you devolves a fearful responsibility; to you, we trust, will be given increasingly the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind. Continue to unite fervent prayer with zealous effort, and the God of your fathers will still be with you. "Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn, shall come up the fir-tree; and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle-tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

We highly appreciate your sympathy with us in our recent heavy trials; we are thankful to you for your fervent prayers that the waste places of our Zion may be comforted, and that we may be speedily favoured by a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and by times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In the maintenance of truth, order, and peace, we have had to endure a great fight of affliction; we have been "troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"—and although we have to mourn the loss of very many from our communion, yet we have good

cause to believe that our beloved people in general are now more than ever acquainted with and attached to our doctrines and discipline, more closely than ever united to each other and to Christ our living Head, and more than ever determined to co-operate with us in our efforts to accomplish the great work to which we are called,—namely, to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.

You will be gratified to learn that a noble and vigorous effort is being made through the length and breadth of our land, and by all classes of our community, to relieve our connexional institutions from present pecuniary embarrassment, and to place them in such a position as will render their operations more harmonious in future. The numerous meetings which have been held for these purposes have been distinguished by a unity, zeal and liberality of the most delightful character, and have furnished ample proof that our beloved people regard Wesleyan Methodism as a great work of God, that they cherish a deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the benefits which they and their families have derived from it, and that they are still determined to love it, not in word only, but in deed and in truth.

We feel ourselves to be loudly called upon by the state and wants of our vast empire, to employ every talent and improve every opportunity for the purpose of spreading the leaven of evangelical truth amongst the masses of our fellow-subjects. The elements and agents of moral evil are numerous, are actively at work around us, and are attempting to destroy the very foundations of social order, stability, and peace. Infidelity, Popery, Puseyism, and various forms of refined and gross sensuality are deluding, enslaving, and destroying the souls of thousands for whom Christ died; and we feel it to be our solemn duty as Christian Ministers to declare with increasing plainness, earnestness, and fidelity, the whole counsel of God.

We intend, the Lord being our helper, to labour in a spirit of humble dependence upon Him, to look continually for His promised blessing; knowing that while we do this, He will be with us, and that He will make the weapons of our warfare mighty to the pulling down of strong holds.

Our present Conference has been a most united and happy one. The greatest unanimity has prevailed in all our deliberations; our public religious services have been attended by great numbers of devout and earnest worshippers; the word of the Lord has been preached with great power; the Divine presence and blessing have been realized; and we go back to our respective spheres of labour and suffering, determined to spend and to be spent in our great Master's cause.

We rejoice to hear of the continued acceptability and usefulness of our highly esteemed Brethren, the Rev. Enoch Wood, and the Rev. John Ryerson, and they are unanimously appointed to their respective offices as President of the Conference and Co-Delegate, for the ensuing year.

We have heard with great satisfaction of the desire which exists on the part of the Ministers and Members of our Churches in Eastern Canada District to be incorporated with the Western Canada Conference. We believe that the consummation of this purpose will greatly increase the stability and usefulness of Wesleyan Methodism in your Country; we cordially approve of the steps you have already taken with reference to this matter; and we have great pleasure in assuring you that all suitable means will be employed by us to complete this most desirable arrangement as speedily as possible.

And now, the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. Amen.

Signed for and on behalf of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, held in Bradford, Yorkshire, Aug. 12th, 1853.

JOHN LOMAS, *President.*

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.

We sincerely thank you for your highly-valued Addresses from year to year, especially the last, and beg to say that the continuation of a paternal practice so primitive and Wesleyan

lays us under sacred obligations by the intelligence your Addresses convey, the counsels they offer, and the affection they express; and our wish is, to participate with you more largely in the knowledge and love of Christ, and in labors more abundant for his honour, that mankind may be saved.

We rejoice to acknowledge the spiritual, filial relationship, of which you speak, existing between many of the members of our Church in Canada and yourselves, and pray that the "fearful responsibility" of which you remind us may be fully felt by us in preserving the piety of persons born of the Spirit in the land of our Fathers,—the land of Gospel truth and privilege,—of enterprise and munificence, where the Throne of our most gracious Sovereign is not only a protection against despotism, but a blessing to the British dominions, to Christendom, and to the world. We rejoice that in your unparalleled trials which have excited our deepest sympathies, and called forth our most fervent intercessions, you can say, "We have good cause to believe that our beloved people in general are now more than ever acquainted with and attached to our doctrines and discipline, more closely than ever united to each other and to Christ our living Head, and more than ever determined to co-operate with us in our efforts to accomplish the great work to which we are called. "We rejoice that the "noble and vigorous effort" made to relieve your Connexional institutions has resulted in remarkable success. We rejoice not only that one "like unto the Son of man" has appeared with you in the "fiery furnace," but that many in your great Connexion have seen that God was with you, and have said, "This people shall be my people, and their God my God." We rejoice especially in the maintenance of the Missionary character of British Methodism, and in the present cheering zeal and generosity of the contributors to the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society. We rejoice that your ample plans for spreading Protestant Christianity, and for methodising the work of God in different parts of the world are, without exception, successful. The creation of Wesleyan Conferences, as the result of the first labors of our apostolic Founder reminds us of the simple and affecting declaration of an ancient servant of God—"With my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." And your "bands" will multiply.

You will, we know, be partakers of our joy, and unite with us in devout thanksgiving to the Father of Mercies, when we inform you, that the benefits of the Re-Union of our Conferences are becoming more and more diffused among, and are more highly appreciated by, our people; that there is among them a more decided manifestation of purpose to preserve to latest posterity the purity of the Wesleyan faith, and maintain the inviolability of the Wesleyan economy: that during the past year numerous and wide-spread efforts for the enlargement of God's work have been owned in an addition of circuits, missions, schools, and laborers, and in an accession of two thousand members to our Church; that we have received twenty-four young men on trial for the Itinerancy, and dedicated by the imposition of hands nineteen acceptable brethren to this Ministry,—leaving, however, a deficiency in the number of laborers now required to meet the demands of our immense field of evangelical action. The youth of our congregations are more sedulously cared for by the Ministry. The importance and utility of our Book Room are yearly more apparent. Our Circuit and Connexional funds were never so well supported. The expenditure on our churches and parsonages is more commensurate with the present requirements of the Canadian Connexion. Victoria College obtains a patronage which has been placed within its walls one hundred and fifty students,—fifty more than we had the pleasure of stating to you last year. Many of the students have been converted this year. In connexion with the College we have made provision for an Annual Collection in all our congregations, to enable us to give a theological and Wesleyan training to our preachers on trial when sent by the Conference to that institution.

The transfer to us of your Missions in Hudson's Bay has greatly enlarged the field of our operations, and furnished a fresh incentive to the generosity of our people at once desirable and opportune: and we are gratified to state that our much esteemed and experienced Brother, the Rev. Jno. Ryerson, Co-Delegate, has already been sent out as our Deputation to Hudson's Bay, accompanied by several respected married Missionaries, for the occupation of the most prominent posts in the Territory. They were commended to God at a highly

interesting Valedictory Service in Toronto last month, and are now on their way to the distant north. The income of your Auxiliary Missionary Society in Canada West has reached this year the unprecedented sum of about seven thousand three hundred pounds, being an increase of more than seventeen hundred pounds in the year. And we deem it providential that the greatest augmentation of the fund has taken place within the five years during which the Parent Missionary Committee in England has been most unrighteously opposed and aspersed. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wonderful things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory."

But our special acknowledgments are offered to God for the delightful union just formed between the Wesleyan Societies in Eastern Canada and our Conference in Western Canada, which you so promptly, fully, and cordially sanction in your last Address to us; and with unmingled satisfaction we reiterate your expression of confidence: "We believe that the consummation of this purpose will greatly increase the stability and usefulness of Wesleyan Methodism" in Canada. This Wesleyan alliance is of God. While the unanimity of sentiment, and brotherly kindness which have distinguished the entire negotiations and intercourse of the Eastern Brethren, both ministerial and lay, necessary to such a consummation, have been much admired by us, and have strengthened the holy bonds which make us one brotherhood, we give prominence to our conviction that the happy and important consummation in which we exult is mainly to be attributed to our beloved President and Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. Enoch Wood, deputed by you for the purpose, in his exhibition of sound Wesleyan principles, mature judgment, impartiality, suavity of manner, and indefatigable devotedness to the object; and his reward, and our rejoicing now is, the existence of one harmonious Wesleyan family throughout United Canada, whose sphere of activity it unspeakably important for its amplitude, and exhilarating in its prospects. And now, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Year after year it has been our grateful duty to bear testi-

mony in our Addresses to the wisdom, ability, piety, and unwearied labors of the Rev. Enoch Wood, and at the close of a year in which he has rendered extraordinary services to our common Methodism in Canada, and more than ever endeared himself to us, we most cordially and unanimously ask his re-appointment to the Presidency of our Conference. The Christian and Wesleyan excellencies of the Rev. John Ryerson, his long tried and unwavering fidelity to our interests, and especially his present consecration to an arduous and perilous Missionary undertaking as our deputation to Hudson's Bay, induce us unanimously and earnestly to request his appointment again as the Co Delegate.

We have with great unanimity appointed our able and judicious Brother, the Rev. Dr. Green, our Representative to the British Conference. He is a brother beloved, in whom we have full confidence; and in bearing to you our congratulations and our love, will, we doubt not, as on a former occasion, be received by you with much cordiality and affection.

The proceedings of our present Session have been marked with unusual harmony, and with welcome tokens of the Divine presence and approbation. We love each other in the Lord, and have renewed our determination to proclaim His redeeming love everywhere to our fellowmen. In entering upon the duties of another year we are humbled by our unworthiness, and gratified that we again go forth to a people increasingly attached to our doctrines, our discipline, our usages, and our ordinances, and growing in the spirit and fruits of holiness, and that our Church and institutions are sustained with a promptitude and liberality never before equalled. We are afresh pledged to Wesleyan truth, to the Wesleyan economy, and to Wesleyan unity. In renewing our vows for a more assiduous prosecution of the paramount work of Scriptural holiness, we deeply feel our need of the constant renewing of the Holy Ghost. We would be "sanctified wholly"—in body, and soul, and work—in public and in private, that the obligations of the glorious Mission the Wesleyans are raised up to carry on in the world may be faithfully discharged by us, and the object we with other branches of the Wesleyan family contemplate may be triumphantly and universally accomplished.

We thank you, dear Fathers and Brethren, for your fervent fraternal regards, and earnest prayers in our behalf. The Atlantic is between us; but, to our faith and love, no distance separates us. We implore for you, and the numerous societies and congregations within your wide influence, a continuance and increase of hallowed and overwhelming Pentecostal occasions, from which Wesleyan Methodism has already derived so much advantage and glory; and be assured that our supreme wish is, to be entirely imbued with, and in our labors impelled by the Spirit which our Saviour promised when he said to his disciples, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." The death of that illustrious Wesleyan Evangelist, the Rev. Dr. Newton, has powerfully affected us in this country; and we more fully see, that while life lasts our highest duty for the world is, to publish "the glorious Gospel of Christ."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

ISAAC B. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

Belleville, C. W., June 15th, 1854.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT LONDON FROM THE 6TH TO THE 14TH OF
JUNE, 1855.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*
JOHN RYERSON, *Co Delegate.*
SAMUEL D. RICE, *Secretary.*

QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

Answer. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson, E. H. Dewart, William
Richardson, James Harris, Thomas Crews,* John Shaw, John
Mills, Aaron Miller, Thomas Woolsey, Robert Brewster,*
Robert Hobbs, Henry McDowell, James H. Bishop, Henry
Steinbaur, Thomas Robson, Richard Clarke, Thomas Lawson.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

Ans. Joseph E. Sanderson, S.E. Maudsley, O.H. Ellsworth,*
T. D. Pearson, John Wakefield, Wm. McDonogh, Edwin
Peake, Andrew Edwards, James Clarke.

These have travelled THREE years.

William Tomblin, William Bryers, Allen Salt,* G. J.
Dingman, Samuel G. Phillips, Robert Fowler, Richard J.
Foreman,

These have travelled two years.

George Cochrane,* John S. Clarke, Jay L. Youmans, An-
drew Armstrong, William Scales, Peter German,* J. L. Kerr,

* These brethren were previously ordained for special purposes.

Geo. T. Richardson, William Briden, Luther Houghton,*
Ashton Fletcher, jun., Charles Jacques, David Hunt.

These have travelled ONE year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

Joseph L. Sanders,† Jabez B. Keough,† Anson E. Russ,
William Shannon,† David Gostello,† James Ivison,† Levi
Vanderburg, J. G. Laird, William Briden,†* James Latimer,
James Roy,† Edward Cragg,† Richard Pineh,†* Wm. M. C.
Luke,† John Wilson,† Isaac Crane, William Hawke,† John
Wesley Savage,† Samuel Tucker, David Johnson,† James
Thompson,† James Masson,† John A. Dowler,† James E.
Dyer,† Alex. R. Campbell,† Ashton Fletcher,*† James Mor-
gan,† Murray Hill, William R. Morden, William Savage,*†
William Hewitt.*†

* These were ordained for special purposes.

† These travelled one year under the direction of the Chairman.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

Answer.

ANDREW PRINDEL.

Andrew Prindel was born in the Prince Edward District, U. C., on the 3rd of April, 1780. When but sixteen years of age, he united with the Methodist Church as a seeker of salvation, though it was not until two years after, that he was enabled to rejoice in a consciousness of sins forgiven. In 1805, he entered upon the work of an itinerant Minister, in which capacity he laboured upon the Niagara, Ottawa, Yonge Street, Ancaster, Bay of Quinte, Augusta, and Dumfries Circuits, besides spending several years of his active ministerial life in the United States.

Mr. Prindel was a second theologian, and an able minister of the New Testament. He was particularly familiar with Bible truth, and remarkably methodical and correct in the statement and elucidation of the great fundamental doctrines of the Gospel.

For about three months before his death, his rapidly declining health gave unmistakable premonitions of his

approaching dissolution. The Messenger did not find him unprepared. That grace which for more than sixty years,—amid the changes and storms of life, had enabled him to war a good warfare—preserving an unsullied reputation, and a consistent Cristian and Ministerial course—that grace was still sufficient for him—and that Gospel which for more than half a century he had preached to others, he found to be the power of God unto salvation to his own soul.

To those around him he frequently spoke with joyous yet humble confidence of his trust in Christ and his hope of Heaven. To a brother Minister he said—"Tell my brethren in the Conference to be faithful to the first principles of Methodism, *There is their Chart*, THE SCRIPTURES OF TRUTH! Do not mend Methodism, but adhere to its fundamental principles. It is getting better and better, *thank God for it!* Tell my brethren I am a sinner saved by grace. ALL IS WELL!"

He fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, Jan. 15th, 1855, in the 75th year of his age.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

Brother Williams was born in the city of London, England, in the early part of 1818, and emigrated to Canada in 1831. The family resided in Vespra, County of Simcoe, at which place he was converted to God, during a severe illness, in the year 1835. He did not, however, unite with the Church, until the beginning of 1837. During the period of his convalescence, shortly after the illness which led him to seek the Saviour, he felt himself called to preach the Gospel. His first field of labour was Snake Island, Lake Simcoe, which place he occupied as Teacher and Local Preacher among the Indians and white settlers, from January 1841 till June 1842. At the Conference held in Picton, in the last named year, he was regularly received on trial for the work of the Ministry. The Circuits and Missions to which he was subsequently appointed by the Conference, were Asptodel, Cartwright, Marmora, Sidney, Sydenham, Goderich, St. Mary's, Owen's Sound, and Blenheim. At the last named place, he finished his course in great peace, on the 15th of August, 1854. His death was produced by a chronic affection of the liver and bowels.

Brother Williams was talented as a preacher ; affectionate as a pastor ; and earnest, laborious, successful and acceptable as a Minister of the Lord Jesus. His praise "is in all the churches" in which he was appointed to labour. Among his own immediate friends, and in the wide circle of Christian acquaintances in various parts of this Province, the name of John Williams will long be held in affectionate remembrance.

JAMES TAYLOR.

Brother James Taylor was a pious and excellent young man, and of considerable promise. He lived in the fear of God, and in the faith of Christ, enjoying the comforts of the Holy Ghost. He had laboured but a brief period in the work of the Ministry—three years only ; and was cut down while prosecuting his studies to prepare him for future usefulness. He died, after a short illness, as he lived, in the faith and hope of the Gospel—falling asleep in Jesus at the age of twenty-eight.

LUCIUS ADAMS.

Brother Lucius Adams was a son of Rufus Adams, Esq., of Acton, C. W. He was born in Esquesing, in the year 1830, and converted to God in childhood. He was distinguished by his assiduity in study and his proficiency in learning, while a student at Victoria College, and at Albion Institute in the State of Michigan. In February, 1854, he was sent to the village of Mitchell, in the County of Perth. Here he laboured with great acceptability and usefulness until the following Conference, when he was regularly received on trial as a candidate for our Ministry, and re-appointed to the same field of labour, in compliance with the earnest request of the Mitchell Quarterly Meeting.

Brother Adams was a young man of great promise, both in piety and talent. In Mitchell a cheering revival took place under his ministry, and many members of our Church who had been "scattered abroad," were gathered into classes. But in the midst of usefulness, his life and labours were suddenly brought to a close. He fell a victim to fever, on the 29th of August, 1855, in the twenty-fifth year of his age. His closing hours were marked by no other anxieties than those he felt for

the prosperity and advancement of the work of God on his Mission. His end was peaceful and happy.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. Henry Jones, on account of ill-health. Thos. Peacock, who is left without a Station for one year, on account of ill-health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. William Haw, Matthias Holtby, Daniel McMullen, Henry Byers, John Douglas, B. Hitchcock, Claudius Byrne, Cyrus R. Allison, E. M. Ryerson, Moses Blackstock, Gilbert Miller, William Brown, Edmund S. Ingalls, John Neelands, Jonathan Scott, Alvah Adams.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Supcrannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. David Youmans, David Wright, Anson Green, D.D., Peter Kerr, Cornelius Flummerfelt, R. E. Tupper, Samuel Belton, John Baxter, Rowley Heyland, H. Biggar, Edmond Stoney, Ezra Adams, Horace Dean, Stephen Miles, Thomas Harmon, Richard Phelps, John Armstrong, 1st, John Beatty, Henry Shaler.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None. J. G. Witted, at his own request, was permitted to retire, and recommended to the Iowa Conference, M. E. Church, U. S.

Quest. X. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

Ans. Edmund Shepherd.

Quest. XI. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz :—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

S. D. RICE, *Secretary.*

I. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East.*—John Gemley, John Bredin; Anson Green, D. D., Superannuated; George R. Sanderson, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D. D., who is Chief Superintendent of Education, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the U. C. Bible Society, by permission of the Conference.
2. *Toronto City West.*—John Borland, Charles Lavell, Geo. McRitchie.
3. *Yonge Street.*—Richard Jones, Benjamin Jones, J. Sanders; Horace Deau, Superannuated.
Richard Jones' address is Yorkville, Benj. Jones' Willowdale, and Horace Deau's Thornhill.
4. *Humber.*—Robert Lochead, One to be sent.
R. Lochead's address is Vaughan.
5. *Brampton.*—Samuel C. Philp, Wm. Andrews. One to be sent.
6. *Cooksville.*—Benjamin Nankeville; Jonathan Scott, Supernumerary.
7. *Whitby.*—D. B. Madden, Alexander Drennan.
8. *Markham.*—Thomas Jeffers, Robert Fowler; David Yeomans, Cornelius Flummerfelt, Superannuated.
9. *Nelson.*—Thomas Campbell. One to be sent; David Wight, Superannuated.

Thos. Campbell's address is Trafalgar.

10. *Milton.*—John Hunt.

11. *Georgetown.*—John Law.

John Law's address is Esquesing.

12. *Stouffville*—Ashton Fletcher.
13. *Prince Albert*—Thomas Demorest.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

14. *Hamilton*—James Elliott, Ephraim B. Harper. One to be sent. Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
15. *Dundas*—George Goodson, E. H. Dewart, who shall reside in Jersey Settlement.
16. *Waterdown*—Joseph Messmore.
17. *Glandford and Seneca*—Thomas Williams, R. Johnson.
18. *Nanticoke*—John Goodfellow, John Wilson.
19. *Dunville*—Luther O. Rice. One to be sent.
20. *Cayuga*—James Armstrong.
21. *Grimsby*—Simon Huntingdon. To be supplied.
S. Huntingdon's address is Smithville.
22. *Stoney Creek*—John English; Wm. Haw, Supernum'y.
W. Haw's address is Woodburn.
23. *Suspension Bridge*—Peter Ker, Superannuated.
24. *St. Catharines*—Kennedy Creighton.
25. *Thorold*—Thomas Bevitt, Richard J. Foreman, who is to reside at St. John's.
26. *Drummondville*—Alexander T. Green.
27. *Niagara*—G. N. A. F. T. Dixon.
28. *Welland*—James Harris. One to be sent. John Baxter, Reuben E. Tupper, Superannuated.
James Harris' address is Crowland; R. E. Tupper's is Merrittsville.
29. *Cainsville*—William Sutton.

THOMAS BEVITT, *Chairman*.

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

30. *Brantford*—I. B. Howard; Hamilton Biggar, Super'd.
31. *Mount Pleasant*—Wm. S. Griffin. One wanted. R. Heyland, Superannuated. Claudius Byrne, Supernumerary, whose residence is Claremount.
W. S. Griffin's address is Mohawk; R. Heyland's is Burford.

32. *Paris*—O. H. Ellsworth. One wanted.
33. *Woodstock*—Wm. McCullough, J. Shaw, John Wakefield.
34. *St. George*—Thomas Fawcett.
35. *Galt*—George Kennedy.
36. *Ingersoll*—Ozias Barber, William Williams.
37. *Norwich*—Peter German, Darius M. Hill.
38. *Simcoe*—Joseph Shepley.
39. *Dorver*—To be supplied; E. M. Ryerson, Supernumerary.
40. *Walsingham*—Matthew Swann. One to be sent. Matthias Holtby, Supernumerary.
41. *Fredericksburg*—Isaac Crane.
42. *Aylmer*—Francis Berry, James Morgan.
43. *Vienna*—Edwin Clement.
44. *New Credit*—Matthew Whiting. One wanted.
45. *Grand River*—Wm. Ryerson; Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

W. Ryerson's address is Caineville.

WILLIAM McCULLOUGH, *Chairman*.

IV. LONDON DISTRICT.

46. *London*—Henry Wilkinson, Jos. E. Sanderson.
47. *London Circuit*—Thos. Cleghorn, S. W. Savage; Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.
Thos. Cleghorn's address is Arra.
48. *Westminster and Fingal*—John Hutchinson. One to be sent.
49. *St. Thomas*—Wm. Price, Thos. Harmon, Superannuated.
50. *Strathroy*—J. K. Williston. One to be sent.
51. *Warwick*—Thomas Crews.
52. *Port Stanley*—Francis Chapman.
53. *Devonshire*—John Webster, W. K. Morden.
54. *Belmont*—William Savage.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

V. CHATHAM DISTRICT.

55. *Chatham*—Noble F. English, Wm. Hawke.
56. *Mount Elgin and Muncey*—Samuel Rose, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School; John Sunday, Abraham Sickles.

The address of S. Rose and the Ministers in Muncey is Delaware

- 57. *Wardsville*—William Ames.
- 58. *Wallaceburgh*—Aaron Miller.
- 59. *Morpeth*—Wm. Dignam. One wanted. Richard Phelps,
Superannuated.
- 60. *Gosfield*—William Chapman.
- 61. *Sandwich and Windsor*—Edward White. One to be
sent.

E. White's address is Sandwich.

- 62. *Amherstburgh*—E. L. Koyle.
- 63. *Port Sarnia*—John G. Laird, Thomas Pearson.
- 64. *St. Clair*—Solomon Waldron.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

VI. GUELPH DISTRICT.

- 65. *Guelph*—Lewis Warner, Andrew Edwards.
- 66. *Elora*—Charles Sylvester. One to be sent.
- 67. *Berlin and Blenheim*—Thomas Robson, Andrew Smith.
- 68. *Peel*—C. W. M. Gilbert. One to be sent. Ezra Adams,
Superannuated.

C. W. M. Gilbert's address is Hollis.

- 69. *Stratford*—George Case.
- 70. *St. Mary's*—Henry Reid.
- 71. *Clinton*—Alexander Campbell. One to be sent.
- 72. *Goderich*—Sohn S. Evans, James Berry.
- 73. *Mitchell*—I. B. Aylesworth, M. D.
- 74. *Kincardine*—S. D. Maudsley.
- 75. *Arthur*—Thomas Lawson.
- 76. *Mono*—Richard Pinch, Peter Empey.
- 77. *Erin*—Robert Corson.
- 78. *Wellesley*—To be supplied.
- 79. *Grey*—James E. Dyer ; John Armstrong, 1st., Super'd.
- 80. *Morris*—John A. Dowler.
- 81. *Wallace and Howick*—James Clarke.
- 82. *Wawanosh*—One wanted.
- 83. *Mount Forest*—One to be sent.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

VII. OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 84. *Newash*—Conrad Vandusen.
- 85. *Colpoy's Bay*—To be supplied.
- 86. *Owen's Sound*—Samuel Fear; Wm. M. C. Luke;
John Neelands, Supernumerary.
- 87. *St. Vincent*—Thomas Culbert.
- 88. *Saugecng*—To be supplied.
- 89. *Southampton*—Wm. Richardson.
- 90. *Derby*—George Jacques.
- 91. *Durham*—Joseph Hill.
- 92. *Walker's Mills*—To be supplied.
- 93. *Proton*—John L. Kerr.
- 94. *Osprey*—David Hunt.
- 95. *Bruce Mines*—Joseph Forsyth.
- 96. *Garden River*—George W. McDougall.
- 97. *Lake Superior North Shore*—George Blaker.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman.*

VIII. BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 98. *Barrie*—John Douse.
- 99. *Innisfil*—Thomas Stobbs.
- 100. *Bradford*—William Young, Wm. McDonagh.
W. Young's address is Bond Head.
- 101. *Cookstown*—John A. Williams.
- 102. *Newmarket*—William Willoughby, John S. Clarke.
W. Willoughby's address is Aurora.
- 103. *Holland Landing*—George Cochran.
- 104. *Snake Island*—David Gostello.
- 105. *Brock*—George T. Richardson.
- 106. *Rama*—One to be sent.
- 107. *Flos and Orillia*—Stephen Brownell, Alexr. R. Campbell.
- 108. *Penetanguishene Road and Beausoliel Island*—Edward Sallows.
- 109. *French River*—To be supplied.
- 110. *Collingwood Harboux*—Joel Briggs.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman.*

IX. COBOURG DISTRICT.

111. *Cobourg*—George H. Davis; John Beatty, Superan'd.

VICTORIA COLLEGE :

President—Samuel S. Nelles, A. M.

Governor—Samuel D. Rice, who takes the Pastoral oversight of the Students.

112. *Port Hope*—J. W. McCollum, George Briers.
 113. *Bowmanville*—Thomas Cosford, Samuel Tucker.
 114. *Newcastle*—Wm. S. Blackstock. One to be sent.
 115. *Cartwright and Schoogog*—Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.
 116. *Millbrook*—James Hughes. One to be sent. M. Blackstock, Supernumerary.
 117. *Peterborough*—W. H. Poole.
 118. *Smith*—Levi Vanderburg.
 119. *Rice Lake*—Wm. Herkimer.
 120. *Alnwick*—James Musgrove, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School. William Case, with permission to visit different parts of the work, as his health and circumstances may permit.
 121. *Alnwick Circuit*—James Ivison.
 122. *Colborne*—Charles Taggart.
 123. *Lindsay*—J. C. Osborne, Wm. H. Laird.
 124. *Metcalfe*—Wm. Briden.
 125. *Norwood*—George Carr, Amos E. Russ.
 126. *Keene*—Henry McDowell.

J. MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

X. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

127. *Belleville*—John Carroll.
 128. *Consecon*—Michael Fawcett, Peter German.
 129. *Picton*—J. C. Slater, Wm. Tomblin. One to be sent. (Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Supernumeraries.)
 130. *Sidney*—John Lever. David Johnson.
 131. *Brighton*—William McFadden, Jabez Bunting Keough.
 132. *Demorestville*—Vincent B. Howard; Cyrus R. Allison, Supernumerary.

133. *Shannonville*—Nelson Brown.
 134. *Hungerford*—Michael Baxter.
 135. *Madoc*—John Sanderson ; Stephen Miles, Superannuated.
 136. *Stirling*—John Black.
 137. *Percy and Seymour*.—W. H. Williams, Jay Youmans.
 W. H. Williams' address is Percy.

WILLIAM MCFADDEN, *Chairman*.

XI. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

138. *Kingston*—John Ryerson, George Douglass, Henry Byers, Supernumerary.
 139. *Napance*—George F. Playter, A. Fletcher, jun.
 140. *Wilton and Loughboro*—Francis Coleman, Abraham Dayman, G. J. Dingman.
 141. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—David Clappison, William Shannon.
 142. *Waterloo-Kingston*—William Philp.
 143. *Gananoque*—Charles Turver.
 144. *Newborough*—Wm. M. Pattyson. One to be sent.
 145. *Farmersville*—George Beynon, J. W. Germain.
 146. *Newburgh*—Chas. Fish.
 147. *Sheffield*—John Mills.
 148. *Storrington*—J. Thompson.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

XII. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

149. *Brockville*—Richard Whiting.
 150. *Prescott*—Henry Lanton.
 151. *Maitland*—Asahel Hurlburt, Edwin Peake.
 152. *Perth*—David C. McDowell.
 153. *Kemptville*—Jas. Greener, Jas. Mason, who will reside in Mountain; Henry Shaler, Superannuated.
 154. *Matilda*—Jas. Gray, John B. Armstrong.
 155. *Smith's Falls*—Silvester Hurlburt; William Brown, Supernumerary.
 156. *Carlton-Place*—Joseph Reynolds.

CONFERENCE.

- 157 *Lanark Village and Sherbrooke*—Wm. Burns. One
to be sent. A. Adams, supernumerary.
158. *Puckenhim*—Robert Hobbs.
159 *Merrickville*—Robert Brewster.
160. *Cornwall*—John Howes. To be supplied.
161. *Winchester*—Erastus Hurlburt.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

XIII. OTTAWA DISTRICT.

162. *Ottawa City*—James Brock.
163. *Aylmer*—Robert Robinson.
164. *Richmond*—William Coleman, John Bradon.
165. *L'Orignal*—Wm. Morton, James Roy.
166. *Lochaber*—David Hardie.
167. *Osgoode*—William McGill, Jas. Latimer.
168. *Gatineau*—Silas Huntingdon.
169. *Clarendon and Portage du Fort*—Luther Houghton.
Wm. Scales.

L. Houghton's address is Clarendon Centre.

170. *Westmeath*—Richard Hammond.
171. *Huntley*—Thomas McMullen.

T. McMullen's address is Bell's Corners.

172. *Grenville*—One to be sent.

JAMES BROCK, *Chairman*.

XIV. MONTREAL DISTRICT.

173. *Montreal Centre*—Wellington Jeffers ; John Douglas,
Supernumerary.
174. *Montreal West*—George Young.
175. *Montreal East*—Joseph Jones, who is placed under the
Superintendence of Brother Young.
176. *Rawdon and Wesleyville*—Wm. Creighton, who shall
reside at New Glasgow, Jas. Morris.
177. *St. John's*—Robert Cooney, A.M.
178. *Chambly*—David Jennings.
179. *Odell Town*—William Scott.
180. *Henningford*—Richard Clarke.

- 181. *Russelltown*—Richard Wilson.
- 182. *Huntingdon*—Isaac Barber, James Sweet.
- 183. *St. Andrews*—Jas. H. Bishop, Andrew Armstrong.
- 184. *Carignal*—Wm. Hewitt.

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Chairman*.

XV. QUEBEC DISTRICT.

- 185. *Quebec*—Wm. Pollard. One to be sent.
- 186. *Point Levi*—Wm. Hansford.
- 187. *Three Rivers*—Wm. Steer.
- 188. *Leeds*—John Armstrong.
- 189. *Chaudiere*—Edward Cragg.
- 190. *Melbourne*—Thos. W. Constable, B. Cole.
- 191. *Danville*—To be supplied.
- 192. *Sherbrooke*—Benjamin Slight, A.M.
- 193. *Eaton*—Robert Graham.
- 194. *Dudswell*—One to be sent.
- 195. *Gaspe*—E. F. Ingalls, Supernumerary.

BENJAMIN SLIGHT, A.M., *Chairman*.

XVI. STANSTEAD DISTRICT..

- 196. *Stanstead*—Malcolm McDonald.
- 197. *Compton*—John B. Selley, M.D. }
- 198. *Hutley*—One to be sent. }

These two Circuits are under one Superintendent for the present year.

- 199. *Coaticoke*—John Pugh.
- 200. *East Bolton*—Joseph Hugill.
- 201. *Shefford*—Gifford Dorey. }
- 202. *Granby*—One to be sent. }

These two Circuits are under one Superintendent for the present year.

- 203. *Dunham*—Rufus A. Flanders, Samuel E. Philips ; Barnabas Hitchcock, Supernumerary.
- 204. *Sutton*—Francis Hunt.
- 205. *St. Armand*—James Norris.
- 206. *Clarenceville*—John Tomkins.

JOHN TOMKINS, *Chairman*.

XVII. HUDSON'S BAY TERRITORY.

207. *Norway House, Lake Winnipeg*—Thomas Hurlburt.
208. *Oxford House*—Robert Brooking.
209. *Lac-La-Pluie*—Allen Salt.
210. *Edmonton and Rocky Mountain*—Thomas Woolsey and Henry Steinhaur.

T. Hurlburt's address is Rossville, Red River Settlement, Care of Hon. Hudson's Bay Co's. Agent, via Pembina, Minnesota Territory, U. S.

The address of the Missionaries at Jackson's Bay and Edmonton House is by the same route.

THOMAS HURLBURT, *Chairman.*

Ques. XII., XIII., & XIV. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

ANSWER.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superann'd Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Toronto City East....	400	£10 17 5	£5 0 0	£23 10 0	£9 1 3
Toronto City West....	915	21 16 0	10 1 2	31 6 10	9 13 10
Yonge Street.....	550	11 2 1	5 1 8	22 2 6	16 16 6
Humber.....	545	8 13 2	3 10 4	5 2 6	3 15 11
Brampton.....	660	12 17 10	5 10 9	20 12 4	4 0 0
Cooksville.....	145	5 4 9	2 14 3	3 10 0	2 0 10
Oshawa.....	470	7 11 4	3 11 3	7 16 9	4 3 7
Markham.....	282	7 11 6	3 6 3	13 0 0	4 0 0
Nelson.....	307	6 6 11	2 9 2	4 8 9	2 11 10
Milton.....	245	5 0 0	2 7 11	5 6 3	1 15 0
Georgetown.....	180	3 4 7	1 13 4	3 7 4	1 7 7
Stouffville.....	58	1 7 5	10 0	.....	.....
Uxbridge.....	21	2 1 3	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	675	20 9 9	10 3 0	29 2 6	9 9 7
Dundas.....	350	7 15 2	4 0 0	7 0 10	2 10 5½
Waterdown.....	105	4 0 2	1 8 0	4 1 3	.....
Glanford.....	300	7 0 1½	2 12 3½	6 4 9	2 10 3
Nanticoke.....	176	3 13 9½	1 13 4½	2 12 2	5 0 0
Dunville.....	243	1 13 8½	2 13 11	2 17 0	1 9 9
Grimsbv.....	368	9 14 6	4 14 7	5 18 0	4 2 1½
Stoney Creek.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Catharines.....	110	2 1 6	8 11	3 10 5	16 9
Thorold.....	162	2 16 3	1 5 0	2 14 10½	18 6
Drummondville.....	180	1 14 7½	1 14 9	3 1 10½	1 15 3
Niagara.....	80	2 19 0	1 6 10	1 3 9	.....
Welland.....	140	3 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	14 0
Cainville.....	110	1 19 0	15 0	2 5 0	10 0
Brantford.....	160	3 0 10½	1 4 5	1 4 4	2 5 2
Mount Pleasant.....	328	4 19 6½	2 7 1	3 1 3	.....
Paris.....	117	4 13 9½	1 10 10	5 0 0	1 0 0
Woodstock.....	212	7 14 7	4 0 5	6 10 0	2 0 0
St. George.....	263	4 19 7½	2 10 0	5 3 3	1 2 11
Galt.....	95	3 0 0	1 10 0	3 10 2	1 5 0
Ingersoll.....	248	3 5 0	1 10 0	3 10 0	.....
Norwich.....	287	5 0 0	1 10 3	2 0 0	.....
Simcoe.....	100	3 1 9	2 0 5	1 15 0	.....
Dover.....	93	1 12 4	17 8½	1 0 0	16 3
Walsingham.....	470	4 19 0	2 5 0	3 6 8	16 9½
Aylmer.....	300	3 7 10	1 7 2½	2 11 0	.....
Vienna.....	131	3 0 0	1 11 1	1 0 0	.....
New Credit.....	125	1 10 0	.....	2 10 0	.....
Grand River.....	68	6 3	.....	6 10½	.....
London.....	411	7 17 6	5 15 0	10 10 0	5 0 0
London Circuit.....	390	5 2 1½	2 6 0	7 1 6	1 15 10½
Mount Elgin and Muncey	216	1 0 0	10 0	4 0 0	.....
St. Thomas.....	329	6 2 5	3 13 9	6 15 0	1 1 6
Port Sarnia.....	134	2 11 0	1 10 0	2 2 6	16 0
Strathroy.....	140	2 5 9	1 0 0	2 0 0	.....
Warwick.....	113	1 6 0	14 6	9 6	.....
Fort Stanley.....	117	2 13 9	1 13 6	2 1 6	1 5 10
St. Clair.....	155	6 9	.....	10 6	.....

CIRCUITS.	Members	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Operative Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Devonshire	134	£3 13 0	£1 6 0	£2 0 3	£1 6 7
Bethel	26	1 0 0	1 10 0	12 0	6 0
Chatham	195	6 4 2	2 2 1	5 0 0	.....
Wardsville	144	5 0 7	2 2 1	2 2 6	1 12 7
Wallaceburgh	65	1 15 10	9 13 6	.....	.....
Morpetu	79	2 18 11½	1 7 9½	13 9	10 0
Gosfeld	200	2 10 0	1 2 6	1 11 3	.....
Sa. dwich and Windsor ..	120	3 0 0	2 0 9	2 2 6	10 0
A. herstburg	60	1 8 10	1 5 11	7 0	4 3
Guelph	261	7 18 11	3 1 7	6 13 4	5 12 0
Elora	229	1 2 0	2 0 8	2 12 5	1 19 6
Bethel and Glenheim ..	243	3 10 0	1 13 1	5 15 0	1 8 0
Peel	351	3 10 0	2 1 9½	1 4 1½	11 6
Stratford	47	3 6 5	1 1 3	1 10 0	15 1½
St. Mary's	206	1 14 10	10 0	1 12 6	10 6
Clinton	319	1 7 6	2 7 0	2 16 3	2 4 0
Goderich	229	4 2 9	2 5 3½	2 6 3	2 0 0
Mitchell	111	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kincardine	102	10 7½	14 3½	1 8 11½	.....
Arthur	70	2 9 9½	1 6 8	13 6	.....
Monro	430	3 3 10½	1 16 5	2 17 ½	12 1½
Etou	80	1 0 5	11 3	1 0 0	.....
Wellersley	102	2 1 0	10 0	2 2 6	.....
Grey	81	2 0 0	4 6	5 0	.....
Morris	56	7 8 0	10 9½	.....	.....
Newash and Colpoy's Bay	63	3 5	1 9	3 5	9 0
Owen's Sound	170	1 5 0	13 9	15 3	5 3
St. Vincent	140	10 6	1 3 6	16 8	.....
Sauzeau	62	2 6	2 6	5 0	.....
Southampton	47	19 2½	1 12 0	12 8½	.....
Derby	47	8 10	4 11½	12 0	.....
Durham	41	6 6 6	7 2	8 10	.....
Pr. ton	191	10 9	15 10	10 9	.....
Osprey	46	5 10	2 10	.....	.....
Bruce Mines	10	2 5 0	8 2	3 5 0	.....
Garden River	10	5 0	2 6	2 6	.....
Lake Superior, Nth Shore	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barrie	286	6 10 1½	3 10 0	6 12 6	3 10 3½
Bradford	450	7 5 6½	4 18 3	9 11 9	2 5 0
Cookstown	210	1 12 6	3 2 6	2 15 0	15 9
Newmarket	455	2 14 4	4 12 3	5 2 4½	1 10 3½
Holland Landing	161	1 11 4½	2 3 8½	1 11 5	14 8
Snake Island	51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brack	115	2 0 0	1 2 5	1 1 1½	1 0 0
Rams	64	9 1 2½	1 1½	4 2	10 0
Orillia	30	.....	.....	7 3	.....
Pentanguishene Road ..	183	1 3 3	8 2½	1 2 10	7 0
Beausoleil & French River	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coltingwood Harbour ..	48	11 3½	4 4	12 3½	.....
Cobourg	282	4 17 3	3 0 0	2 8 9	5 0 9½
Port Hope	262	4 19 1	2 11 0	5 18 9	11 3
Bowmanville	190	3 19 2	3 0 0	3 6 6	1 15 0
Newcastle	177	2 10 5	2 4 8½	6 11 3	1 8 0
Cattwright and Schoogog	49	1 11 6½	18 4½	18 11	16 3
Millbrook	272	3 13 9	2 10 6	4 11 3	1 2 6
Peterborough	321	3 13 6½	1 8 0	6 5 0	1 6 3
Mud Lake	57	1 2 6	14 6	8 0	6 0

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Supernat'd Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Rice Lake.....	47	.....	.....	1 10 0	.....
Alderville.....	192	13 6	8 4	11 9	8 6
Colborne.....	115	2 1 6	18 6	18 7	.....
Lindsey.....	129	3 2 6	2 15 0	3 5 2	.....
Metcalfe.....	142	2 12 9	17 6	15 0	.....
Norwood.....	310	2 12 5	2 9 7	1 17 6	12 6
Beleville.....	830	6 11 8	3 0 0	8 10 0	4 12 6
Consecon.....	586	4 8 0	2 5 2	8 15 0	1 1 0
Pictou.....	575	3 13 7	2 1 4	8 13 0	2 4 8
Sidney.....	499	3 12 0	1 15 0	5 12 6	1 4 8
Brighton.....	354	4 8 3	2 0 0	4 5 0	1 16 7
Demorestville.....	236	1 8 6	15 4	1 15 3	6 3
Shannonville.....	110	1 16 7	1 15 0	14 4 ¹ / ₂	6 10 ¹ / ₂
Hungerford.....	216	1 7 2	7 2	1 4 3 ¹ / ₂	4 4 ¹ / ₂
Madoc.....	170	11 0	17 6	13 6	5 6
Rawdon.....	90	.....	2 10 0	.....	.....
Percy and Seymour.....	230	2 10 0	2 15 0	1 13 3	5 0
Kingston.....	306	11 5 0	3 10 0	12 15 0	.....
Napanee.....	340	4 7 0	1 8 6	3 10 6	.....
Wilton.....	452	4 1 2	1 18 0	4 15 4	.....
Bath and Amherst Isle.....	365	2 9 11	1 5 5 ¹ / ₂	1 2 6	.....
Waterloo.....	196	3 17 10	1 13 6 ¹ / ₂	5 3 5	.....
Gananoque.....	62	1 11 11	15 0	1 2 6	.....
Newborough.....	215	1 15 0	1 5 6	2 0 0	.....
Farmersville.....	377	5 3 0	2 7 6	5 13 9	.....
Newburg.....	312	2 4 7 ¹ / ₂	1 0 0	3 5 9	.....
Sheffield.....	151	1 1 6	17 0	18 6 ¹ / ₂	.....
Huebinbrook.....	147	11 8	10 1 ¹ / ₂	12 9	.....
Storrington.....	130	1 12 4	.....	.....	.....
Brockville.....	151	3 10 3	1 19 0	2 0 0	1 4 4
Prescott.....	71	1 11 6 ¹ / ₂	1 3 9 ¹ / ₂	1 10 10 ¹ / ₂	16 1 ¹ / ₂
Maitland.....	583	4 1 11 ¹ / ₂	1 17 4	3 18 6	1 8 8 ¹ / ₂
Perth.....	200	2 2 3 ¹ / ₂	17 4 ¹ / ₂	1 2 7	.....
Kemptville.....	350	3 4 9	1 6 3	1 15 0	11 9
Mattida.....	430	3 15 3 ¹ / ₂	1 11 1	6 10 0	1 17 9
Smith's Falls.....	174	3 1 3 ¹ / ₂	1 5 0	5 5 10	13 3
Carlton Place.....	155	2 6 1	12 6	1 0 7 ¹ / ₂	18 7
Packham.....	75	1 10 0	10 0	12 6	7 6
Merrickville.....	133	1 0 0	12 6	17 6	.....
Cornwall.....	227	1 12 8	1 0 0	1 2 5 ¹ / ₂	19 2
Winchester.....	181	2 0 9	1 8 3	2 0 0	.....
Sherbrooke.....	128	19 7	10 0	15 2 ¹ / ₂	.....
Bytown (Ottawa).....	140	2 4 0	1 14 5	1 6 5	2 0 0
Aylmer.....	60	2 16 0 ¹ / ₂	1 8 8	1 14 11	.....
Richmond.....	430	2 16 0 ¹ / ₂	1 8 8	3 11 0 ¹ / ₂	1 0 2 ¹ / ₂
St. Andrews.....	351	3 8 9	2 1 6	1 16 10 ¹ / ₂	1 5 0
L'Orignal.....	140	2 3 6 ¹ / ₂	1 10 3 ¹ / ₂	2 12 6	1 9 3 ¹ / ₂
Cavignall.....	40	1 0 1 ¹ / ₂	17 2	1 0 2	.....
Lochaber.....	52	2 12 6	1 19 5 ¹ / ₂	1 6 10 ¹ / ₂	12 6
Osgoode.....	309	2 13 0	1 14 6	1 7 0	16 9
Gatineau.....	137	1 10 0	15 0	1 0 0	.....
Clarendon & Port du Fort.....	274	2 17 7 ¹ / ₂	1 17 11 ¹ / ₂	1 6 9	10 11 ¹ / ₂
Westmeath.....	87	1 10 0	15 0	16 10 ¹ / ₂	1 0 0
Huntley.....	131	2 0 0	9 0	1 0 0	10 0
Grenville.....	67	1 1	.....	.....	.....
Montreal Centre.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
" West.....	142	.....	.....	.....	14 8 1 ¹ / ₂
" East.....	66	.....	.....	.....	.....

CIRCUITS.	Members	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Point Levi.....				10 0	
Rawdon.....	140				
St. Johns.....	10		2 10 0		
Chambly.....	39				
Odelltown & Hemmingford	920				
Russelltown.....	160		1 2 4		
Huntingdon.....	280		15 5½		
Quebec.....	354			2 0 0	
Sherbrooke.....	102			1 1 6½	13 1
Melbourne.....	227			1 0 4	1 0 4½
Three Rivers.....	47			2 3 1	7 6
Leeds.....	272			10 0	
Eaton.....	117			8 9	7 10
Stanstead.....	140				
Compton and Hatley.....	104				
Coaticoke.....	23				
East Bolton.....	54				
Shefford and Granby.....	240				
Dunham.....	275				
St. Armand.....	67				
Clarenceville.....	229				
Total, (1039 Indians)...	37896				
Increase.....	1562				
Balance from last year...					
From Circuits.....		523 15 9½	350 10 3	562 15 5½	
From the Book Room.....		300 0 0			
From the English Conf....		733 6 8			
Collection at Conference		15 9 8½			
Annual Subs. of Ministers				237 0 0	
Advanced by Treasurer...				63 6 2½	
Total.....		1572 15 2	350 10 3	853 1 8	197 9 1½

Ques. XV.—*How has the Contingent money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Paid the Toronto District.....	£130 0 0
“ Barrie “.....	27 10 0
“ London “.....	30 0 0
“ Chatham “.....	41 0 0
“ Guelph “.....	30 0 0
“ Brantford “.....	180 0 0
“ Hamilton “.....	175 0 0
“ Cobourg “.....	115 0 0
“ Belleville “.....	113 0 0
“ Kingston “.....	107 0 0
“ Brockville “.....	203 0 0
“ Bytown “.....	68 10 0
Registering Baptisms.....	6 5 0
Printing Circulars for Kingston Meetings.....	6 7 6
Book Steward's Account.....	21 3 8
Conference Expenses.....	6 1 4
Amount of Expenses for the Kingston Meeting and other Expenses.....	62 17 0

SPECIAL GRANTS.

Henry Jones.....	£12 10 0
Moving Expenses, Thorold.....	20 0 0
W. Chapman.....	10 0 0
W. McCutlough.....	15 0 0
H. Wilkinson.....	2 6 0
J. Downes.....	12 10 0
K. Creighton.....	33 0 0
J. Bredin.....	12 10 0

CASES OF SPECIAL AFFLICTION.

John Law.....	5 0 0
R. E. Tupper.....	1 0 0
R. Jones.....	6 0 0
John Bredin.....	5 0 0
John Gemley.....	4 5 0
N. F. English.....	5 0 0
W. Chapman.....	5 15 0
J. K. Williston.....	1 10 0
A. Dayman.....	17 6 8
G. F. Plavter.....	12 10 6
D. C. McDowell.....	5 0 0
J. B. Armstrong.....	12 10 0

£1,559 7 9

Quest. XVI.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Toronto District, to	Rev. B. Nankeville.....	£7 5 0
Hamilton	Dunville Church.....	5 0 0
"	Thorold.....	12 10 0
"	Walpole.....	2 10 0
"	Port Robinson.....	10 0 0
"	Rev. L. O. Rice, (last instalments).....	8 5 0
Brantford	Woodstock.....	17 10 0
"	Gait.....	25 0 0
"	Ingersoll.....	7 10 0
London	Port Sarnia.....	12 10 0
Owen Sound	St. Vincent.....	5 0 0
"	Southampton.....	5 0 0
Barrie	Murray's.....	11 5 0
"	E. Guilimbury.....	6 5 0
Cobourg	Bowmanville.....	9 0 0
"	Lindsay.....	11 5 0
"	Norwood.....	11 5 0
Belleville	Shannonville.....	18 15 0
"	Sterling.....	8 15 0
"	Percy.....	20 0 0
Kingston	Newboro'.....	10 0 0
Brockville	Packenham.....	5 0 0
"	Winchester.....	5 0 0
Ottawa	Actonville.....	7 0 0
"	Osgoode.....	1 10 0
"	Richmond.....	7 10 0
"	Cumbyland.....	5 0 0
"	La Chute.....	8 15 0
"	Huntley.....	5 0 0
"	Bytown.....	22 10 0
Montreal	St. John's.....	22 9 0

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superan'd Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Devonshire.....	133	£3 13 0	£1 6 0	£2 0 3	£1 8 7
Belmont.....	2-6	1 0 0	.....	12 0	6 0
Chatham.....	195	6 4 2	1 10 0	5 0 0	.....
Wardsville.....	144	5 0 7	2 2 1	2 2 6	1 12 7
Wallaceburgh.....	65	1 15 10	9 13 6	.....	.....
Morpeth.....	79	2 16 11½	1 7 9½	13 9	10 0
Gosfield.....	200	2 10 0	1 2 6	1 11 3	.....
Sandwich and Windsor...	120	3 0 0	2 0 9	2 2 6	10 0
Auherstburg.....	60	1 8 10	1 5 11	7 0	4 3
Guelph.....	261	7 18 11	3 1 7	6 13 4	5 12 0
Klora.....	239	4 2 6	2 0 8	2 12 5	1 19 6
Berlin and Blenheim...	245	3 10 0	1 13 1	5 15 0	1 8 0
Peel.....	351	3 10 0	2 1 9½	1 4 1½	11 6
Stratford.....	47	3 6 5	1 1 3	1 10 0	15 1½
St. ary's.....	206	1 14 10	10 0	1 12 6	10 6
Clinton.....	319	1 7 6	2 7 0	2 18 3	2 4 0
Goderich.....	229	4 2 9	2 5 3½	2 6 3	2 0 6
Mitchell.....	111	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kiucardine.....	102	10 7½	13 3½	1 8 11½	.....
Arthur.....	76	2 9 9½	1 6 8	13 6	.....
Mono.....	430	3 3 10½	1 18 5	2 17 8½	13 1½
Erin.....	80	1 0 5	11 3	1 0 0	.....
Wellesley.....	163	2 1 0	10 0	2 2 6	.....
Grey.....	81	8 0	4 6	5 0	.....
Morris.....	50	7 8 0	10 9½	.....	.....
Newash and Colpoys Bay	65	3 5	1 9	3 5	9 0
Owen's Sound.....	170	1 6 0	13 9	15 3	5 3
St. Vincent.....	140	10 6	1 3 6	16 8	.....
Saugeen.....	62	2 6	2 6	6 0	.....
Southampton.....	47	19 2½	1 12 0	12 8½	.....
Derby.....	47	8 10	4 11½	12 0	.....
Durham.....	41	6 6 6	7 2	8 10	.....
Pr. ton.....	191	19 9	15 10	10 9	.....
Osprey.....	46	5 10	2 10	.....	.....
Bruce Mines.....	10	2 5 0	8 2	3 5 0	.....
Garden River.....	10	6 0	2 6	2 6	.....
Lake Superior, N'th Shore	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barrie.....	288	6 10 1½	3 10 0	6 12 6	3 10 3½
Bradford.....	453	7 5 6½	4 18 3½	9 11 9	2 5 0
Cookstown.....	210	1 12 6	3 2 6	2 15 0	15 9
Newmarket.....	455	2 14 4	4 12 3	5 2 4½	1 10 3½
Holland Landing.....	161	1 11 4½	2 3 8½	1 11 5	14 8
Snake Island.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brook.....	115	2 0 0	1 2 5	1 1 1½	1 0 0
Rama.....	64	9 1 2½	1 1½	4 2	10 0
Orillia.....	30	.....	.....	7 3	.....
Penetanguishene Road...	182	1 3 3	6 2½	1 2 10	7 0
Beausoliel & French River	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collingwood Harbour...	48	11 3½	4 4	12 3½	.....
Cobourg.....	282	4 17 3	3 0 0	2 8 9	5 0 9½
Port Hope.....	362	4 19 1	2 11 0	5 18 9	11 3
Bowmanville.....	190	3 19 2	3 0 0	3 0 6	1 15 0
Newcastle.....	177	2 10 5	2 4 8½	6 11 3	1 8 0
Cartwright and Schoogog	59	1 11 6½	18 4½	18 11	16 3
Millbrook.....	272	3 13 9	2 10 6	4 11 3	1 2 6
Peterborough.....	321	3 13 6½	1 8 0	6 5 0	1 6 3
Mud Lake.....	57	1 2 6	14 6	8 0	5 0

CIRCUITS.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Ministers' Fund.	of Ministers.
Rice Lake.....	47	.....	.....	1 10 0	0
Alderville.....	152	13 6	8 4	11 9	8 6
Colborne.....	118	2 1 6	18 6	18 7	.....
Lindsey.....	129	3 2 6	2 15 0	3 5 2	.....
Metcalfe.....	142	2 12 9	17 6	1 15 0	.....
Norwood.....	310	2 12 5	2 9 7	1 17 6	12 6
Bothville.....	330	6 11 8	3 0 0	8 10 0	4 12 6
Consuecon.....	586	4 8 0	2 5 2	8 15 0	1 1 0
Stoney.....	675	3 15 7	2 1 4	8 13 0	2 4 8
Brighton.....	489	3 12 0	1 15 0	5 12 6	1 1 8
Deserestville.....	384	4 8 3	2 0 0	4 5 0	1 19 7
Shannonville.....	266	1 8 6	15 4	1 15 3	1 3
Hungerford.....	110	1 16 7	1 15 0	14 4½	6 10½
Madoc.....	216	1 7 2	7 2	1 1 3½	4 4½
Rawdon.....	170	11 0	17 6	13 6	5 6
Percy and Seymour.....	490	.....	2 10 6	.....	.....
Kingston.....	230	2 10 0	2 15 0	1 13 3	5 0
Napanee.....	300	11 5 0	3 10 0	12 15 0	.....
Wilton.....	340	4 7 0	1 8 6	3 10 6	.....
Bath and Amherst Isle.....	462	4 1 2	1 18 0	4 18 4	.....
Waterloo.....	265	2 9 11	1 5 6½	1 2 6	.....
Gananoque.....	196	3 17 10	1 13 ½	5 3 5	.....
Newborough.....	62	1 11 11	15 0	1 2 6	.....
Farmersville.....	215	1 15 0	1 5 6	2 0 0	.....
Newburg.....	377	5 3 0	2 7 6	5 13 9	.....
Sheffield.....	312	2 4 7½	1 0 0	3 5 9	.....
Hinchbrook.....	151	1 1 6	17 0	1 6½	.....
Storrington.....	147	11 8	10 1½	12 9	.....
Brockville.....	130	1 12 4	.....	.....	.....
Prescott.....	131	3 10 3	1 19 0	2 0 0	1 4 4
Maitland.....	74	1 11 6½	1 3 9½	1 13 10½	16 1½
Perth.....	583	4 1 11½	1 17 4	3 18 6	1 8 8½
Kemptville.....	200	2 2 ½	17 4½	1 2 7	.....
Matilda.....	350	3 4 9	1 6 3	1 15 0	11 9
Smith's Falls.....	430	3 15 3½	1 11 1	6 10 0	1 17 9
Carlton Place.....	174	3 1 3½	1 5 0	5 5 10	13 3
Packenham.....	155	2 6 1	12 6	1 0 7½	18 7
Merickville.....	75	1 10 0	10 0	12 6	7 6
Cornwall.....	133	1 0 0	12 6	17 6	.....
Winchester.....	227	1 12 8	1 0 0	1 2 5½	19 2
Sherbrooke.....	181	2 0 9	1 8 3	2 0 0	.....
Bytown (Ottawa).....	128	19 7	10 0	15 2½	.....
Aylmer.....	140	2 4 0	1 14 5	1 6 5	2 0 0
Richmond.....	60	2 16 0½	1 8 8	1 14 11	.....
St. Andrews.....	430	2 16 0½	1 8 8	3 11 0½	1 0 2½
L'Osgood.....	351	3 8 9	2 1 6	1 16 10½	1 5 0
Cavignall.....	140	2 3 6½	1 10 3½	2 12 6	1 9 3½
Lochaber.....	40	1 0 1½	17 2	1 0 2	.....
Osgoode.....	52	2 12 6	1 19 5½	1 6 10½	12 6
Gattiouau.....	304	2 13 0	1 14 6	1 7 0	16 9
Clarendon & Port du Fort.....	137	1 10 0	15 0	1 0 0	.....
Westmeath.....	274	2 17 7½	1 17 11½	1 8 9	10 11½
Huntley.....	87	1 10 0	16 0	16 10½	1 3 0
Greenville.....	131	2 0 0	9 0	1 0 0	10 0
Montreal Centre.....	87	1 1	.....	.....	.....
" West.....	250	.....	.....	.....	14 6 1½
" East.....	142	.....	.....	.....	.....
	66	.....	.....	.....	.....

CIRCUITS.	Members	Contingent Fund.	Church Relief Fund.	Superannuated Ministers' Fund.	Education of Ministers.
Point Levi.				10 0	
Rawdon.	140				
St. Johns.	19		2 10 0		
Chambly.	39				
Ouelletown & Hemmingford	220				
Russelltown.	160		1 2 4		
Huntingdon.	280		15 5½		
Quebec.	354			2 0 0	
Sherbrooke.	102			1 1 6½	18 1
Melbourne.	227			1 0 4	1 0 4½
Three Rivers.	47			2 3 1	7 6
Leeds.	252			10 0	
Eaton.	117			8 9	7 10
Stanstead.	140				
Compton and Hatley.	104				
Coaticoke.	25				
East Bolton.	54				
Shefford and Granby.	240				
Dunham.	275				
St. Armand.	67				
Clarenceville.	229				
Total, (1039 Indians)...	37895				
Increase.	1562				
Balance from last year...					
From Circuits.	323 15 9½	350 10 3	561 15 5½		
From the Book Room.	300 0 0				
From the English Conf.	533 6 8				
Collection at Conference.	15 9 8½				
Annual Subs. of Ministers.				237 0 0	
Advanced by Treasurer.				63 6 2½	
Total		1572 15 2	350 10 3	851 1 8	197 9 1¼

Ques. XV.—How has the Contingent money been expended?

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Paid the Toronto District	£130 0 0
“ Barrie “	27 10 0
“ London “	30 0 0
“ Chatham “	41 0 0
“ Guelph “	30 0 0
“ Brantford “	180 0 0
“ Hamilton “	175 0 0
“ Cobourg “	115 0 0
“ Belleville “	118 0 0
“ Kingston “	107 0 0
“ Brockville “	203 0 0
“ Bytown “	58 10 0
Registering Baptisms	6 5 0
Printing Circulars for Kingston Meetings.	6 7 6
Book Steward's Account.	21 3 8
Conference Expenses.	6 1 4
Amount of Expenses for the Kingston Meeting and other Expenses.	62 17 0

SPECIAL GRANTS.

Henry Jones.....	£12 10 0
Moving Expenses, Thorold.....	20 0 0
W. Chapman.....	10 0 0
W. McCullough.....	15 0 0
H. Wilkinson.....	2 6 0
J. Downes.....	12 10 0
K. Creighton.....	35 0 0
J. Bredin.....	12 10 0

CASES OF SPECIAL AFFLICTION.

John Law.....	5 0 0
R. E. Tupper.....	1 0 0
R. Jones.....	6 0 0
John Bredin.....	5 0 0
John Gemley.....	4 5 0
N. F. English.....	5 0 0
W. Chapman.....	5 15 0
J. K. Williston.....	1 10 0
A. Dayman.....	17 6 8
G. F. Plavter.....	12 10 6
D. C. McDowell.....	5 0 0
J. B. Armstrong.....	12 10 0

£1,559 7 9

Quest. XVI.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

Toronto District, to	Rev. B. Nankeville.....	£7 5 0
Hamilton	Dunnville Church.....	5 0 0
"	Thorold.....	12 10 0
"	Walpole.....	2 10 0
"	Port Robinson.....	10 0 0
"	Rev. J. O. Rice, (last instalments).....	8 5 0
Brantford	Woodstock.....	17 10 0
"	Galt.....	25 0 0
"	Ingersol.....	7 10 0
London	Port Sarnia.....	12 10 0
Owen Sound	St. Vincent.....	5 0 0
"	Southampton.....	5 0 0
Barrie	Morrow's.....	11 5 0
"	E. Guillimbury.....	6 5 0
Cobourg	Bowmanville.....	9 0 0
"	Lindsay.....	11 5 0
"	Norwood.....	11 5 0
Belleville	Shannonville.....	18 15 0
"	Sterling.....	8 15 0
"	Percy.....	20 0 0
Kingston	Newboro'.....	10 0 0
Brockville	Packenham.....	5 0 0
"	Winchester.....	5 0 0
Ottawa	Metcalfe.....	7 0 0
"	Osgoode.....	1 10 0
"	Richmond.....	7 10 0
"	Cumberland.....	5 0 0
"	La Chute.....	8 15 0
"	Huntley.....	5 0 0
"	Bytown.....	22 10 0
Montreal	St John's.....	22 0 0

Amount due the Treasurer, overpaid last year.....	£15 16 3
Deeds and Memorials furnished.....	1 0 0
Loan to the Trustees of the Brockville Church for two years without interest.....	20 0 0
Total.....	£350 10 0

Quest. XVII.—*How has the Superannuation money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

Amount paid to the several Superannuated Ministers, claimants on this Fund.....	£796 16 8
Special Grants and Incidental Expenses.....	56 5 0
	£853 1 8

Return of the number of Ministers' Children on the several Districts, having claims on Children's Fund.

Brockville District.....	20
Bytown ".....	14
Bellefleur ".....	19
Hamilton ".....	28
Brantford ".....	36
Barrie ".....	25
Montreal ".....	19
Chatham ".....	10
Quebec ".....	9
Toronto ".....	43
Stanstead ".....	25
Kingston ".....	26
Cobourg ".....	37
London ".....	35
Guelph ".....	21
Owen's Sound ".....	15
	380 children.

COMMITTEES.

Quest. XVIII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD :—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; the Rev. W. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, D. D.; E. Ryerson, D. D.; J. Spencer, and the following lay gentlemen, viz. : J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, Geo. Rowell, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, and Richard Yates, Esqrs.

2. BOOK COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Chairmen of Toronto, Hamilton, Barrie, Cobourg and Guelph Districts; Ministers in Toronto, Yonge Street, Cooksville, Hamilton and Montreal, and Superintendents of Brampton, Newmarket, Markham, Bradford and Whitby Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Book Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto and Hamilton Circuits, Dr. Green, Dr. Ryerson, S. S. Nelles, A. M., Wm. Case, Wm. Young, J. Scott, and J. Carroll.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, and one member elected by each District Meeting, and the following Laymen, viz.:—R. Coleman, sen., J. G. Booth, Esq., W. Holmes, C. Vauarman, Amos Sternes, H. Odell, J. Kilborne, Esq.

5. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Superintendent of Toronto West Circuit, Book Steward, Editor, and the following Laymen, viz.: J. R. Armstrong, Joseph Bloor, R. Yates, George Rowell, John Sterling, W. Blight, and J. McDonald, Esqs.

6. BOARD OF VICTORIA COLLEGE:—*Trustees*: Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, E. Wood, S. S. Nelles, S. D. Rice, J. P. Roblin, Esq., R. Jones, Hon. Jas. Ferrier, J. Ryerson; *Visitors*: Rev. W. Chase, J. Musgrove, G. R. Sanderson; J. Counter, Esq., and J. Hodgins, Esq.

7. COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS:—The President and Secretary of Conference, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Book-Steward, Editor, Revs. R. Jones, W. Ryerson, W. Case, A. Green, D. D., P. Jones, S. Rose, J. Musgrove, C. Vandusen, J. Douse, Dr. Ryerson, and the Superintendents of the two Toronto Circuits, T. Bevitt and S. Hurlburt.

GENERAL AGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
VICTORIA COLLEGE.

THE REV. W. MCCULLOUGH, *Woodstock.*

TIME OF TAKING UP THE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR CON-
NEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the Month of July.
2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the Months of September and March.
3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*, in the Months of November and December.

N.B.—This collection is to be made in the Classes as well as by general application.

4. *Collection* to aid in the Education of Candidates for our Ministry, in the Month of December.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the third Friday in August is recommended to be observed as a day of public fasting and special-prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Ministers, Societies, and Congregations generally; and especially on our Missionary work among the Indian tribes, and in the Hudson's Bay Territory, particularly, that the Missionaries and their families may be preserved, and their work made most successful. The Superintendents of circuits are requested as far as possible to have their Quarterly Meetings on the Sunday following.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the many interests associated with the University of Victoria College, and the responsibility of the Church in relation to the youth of our land; this Conference resolves that the third Monday in November be observed by our Societies for special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Students attending the College, and engaged in that institution.

3. *Resolved*. That this Conference has heard with great satisfaction the Report of the Rev. Dr. Green, our respected

Representative to the Parent Wesleyan Conference in England, and further Resolved, That this report be received, and that this Conference records its high sense of the valuable services rendered to the Wesleyan Church in Canada, by the very able and gratifying manner in which he has performed the important duties connected with that mission.

4. *Resolved.* That subscriptions and donations for the Superannuated Preacher's Fund, be taken up annually in the classes and among our Lay Friends during the months of November and December and the amount remitted to the Treasurer by each Superintendent on or before the first day of January in each year. 2. That the annual subscriptions of all ministers and preachers shall be paid to the Financial Secretary of each District during the session of the District Meeting and by him remitted to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Fund during the annual sittings of Conference, not later than the third day of each Conference. 3. That the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Fund shall be required to pay all claimants on that Fund semi-annually, on or before the 20th January, and on or before the 20th July in each year according to the constitution of that Fund.

The address of the Treasurer is, the Rev. John Douse, Barrie.

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Resolved.—That the cordial and unanimous thanks of the Conference are due to the friends in the city of London, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference during its present Session, and the Superintendent be requested to present the same to the Congregation next Sabbath morning.

Resolved. That the Superintendent of the Colborne Circuit be allowed to visit various circuits in this Conference, and take up collections to aid in re-building the Church at Haldimand Four Corners, which was destroyed by the act of an incendiary.

Amount due the Treasurer, overpaid last year.....	£15	16	3
Deeds and Memorials furnished.....	1	0	0
Loan to the Trustees of the Brockville Church for two years without interest.....	20	0	0
Total.....	£350	16	3

Quest. XVII.—*How has the Superannuation money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

Amount paid to the several Superannuated Ministers, claimants on this Fund.....	£795	16	3
Special Grants and Incidental Expenses.....	56	5	0
	£-852	1	3

Return of the number of Ministers' Children on the several Districts, having claims on Children's Fund.

Brockville District.....	20
Bytown ".....	14
Belleville ".....	19
Hamilton ".....	28
Brantford ".....	36
Barrie ".....	25
Montreal ".....	19
Chatham ".....	10
Quebec ".....	9
Toronto ".....	43
Stanstead ".....	25
Kingston ".....	26
Cobourg ".....	37
London ".....	35
Guelph ".....	21
Owen's Sound ".....	15
	330 children.

COMMITTEES.

Quest. XVIII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY BOARD :—President and Secretary of Conference; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; the Superintendents of Toronto City and Yonge Street Circuits; the Rev. W. Case, J. Douse, A. Green, D. D.; E. Ryerson, D. D.; J. Spencer, and the following lay gentlemen, viz : J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, Geo. Rowell, Alexander Hamilton, George Walker, Richard Woodsworth, and Richard Yates, Esqrs.

2. BOOK COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference ; Chairmen of Toronto, Hamilton, Barrie, Cobourg and Guelph Districts ; Ministers in Toronto, Yonge Street, Cooksville, Hamilton and Montreal, and Superintendents of Brampton, Newmarket, Markham, Bradford and Whitby Circuits.

3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference ; Co-Delegate ; Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Book Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto and Hamilton Circuits, Dr. Green, Dr. Ryerson, S. S. Nelles, A. M., Wm. Case, Wm. Young, J. Scott, and J. Carroll.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, and one member elected by each District Meeting, and the following Laymen, viz. :—R. Coleman, sen., J. G. Booth, Esq., W. Holmes, C. Vanarman, Amos Sternes, H. Odell, J. Kilborne, Esq.

5. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND BOARD :—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Superintendent of Toronto West Circuit, Book Steward, Editor, and the following laymen, viz. : J. R. Armstrong, Joseph Bloor, R. Yates, George Rowell, John Sterling, W. Blight, and J. McDonald, Esqs.

6. BOARD OF VICTORIA COLLEGE :—*Trustees* : Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, E. Wood, S. S. Nelles, S. D. Rice, J. P. Roblin, Esq., R. Jones, Hon. Jas. Ferrier, J. Ryerson ; *Visitors* : Rev. W. Chase, J. Musgrove, G. R. Sanderson ; J. Counter, Esq., and J. Hodgins, Esq.

7. COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS :—The President and Secretary of Conference, Co-Delegate, Superintendent of Missions, Book-Steward, Editor, Revs. R. Jones, W. Ryerson, W. Case, A. Green, D. D., P. Jones, S. Rose, J. Musgrove, C. Vandusen, J. Douse, Dr. Ryerson, and the Superintendents of the two Toronto Circuits, T. Bevitt and S. Hurlburt.

GENERAL AGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
VICTORIA COLLEGE.THE REV. W. McCULLOUGH, *Woodstock.*TIME OF TAKING UP THE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR CON-
NEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the Month of July.
2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the Months of September and March.
3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*, in the Months of November and December.

N.B.—This collection is to be made in the Classes as well as by general application.

4. *Collection to aid in the Education of Candidates for our Ministry*, in the Month of December.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the third Friday in August is recommended to be observed as a day of public fasting and special-prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Ministers, Societies, and Congregations generally; and especially on our Missionary work among the Indian tribes, and in the Hudson's Bay Territory, particularly, that the Missionaries and their families may be preserved, and their work made most successful. The Superintendents of circuits are requested as far as possible to have their Quarterly Meetings on the Sunday following.

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Resolved. That the President of Conference and the Rev. R. Jones be delegates from this Conference to the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

Resolved. That this Conference desires to express its high gratification and pleasure in the visit and intercourse of the Rev. Dr. Beecham, Ex-President of the British Conference, senior Secretary of the Parent Missionary Society, and Representative from the British Conference to this, whose ministration in the pulpit, and counsels and suggestions in the Conference have tended so much to its instruction and edification. And while thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the protection afforded him while journeying hither, offers its earnest prayers that after a successful termination of the great objects for which his journey to this country is determined, he may be safely returned to his native land to prosecute for years to come, with increased measures of the divine blessing, the great work in which he is engaged.

Resolved. That we have listened with very great pleasure to the observations addressed to the Conference by our beloved Friend and Brother, the Rev. Dr. Richey; and whilst we assure him that his visit has afforded us no ordinary satisfaction, we beg also to assure him that should it occur in the Providence of God that he might again labour with us in Canada, we shall receive him with unmingled pleasure, and rejoice to have him again co-operating with us in advancing the cause of God in this extensive Province.

Resolved. That the following scale of allowances recommended by the Kingston Delegate Meeting, and submitted to the Quarterly Meetings, and passed by them by a much larger majority than required by the Discipline, be now adopted by the Conference, viz. :—

I. That Art. 1st of second Section of Discipline be altered so that £25 shall be read £35, and that Art. 2nd remain as at present, viz : £25.

II. That a Preacher's salary, after he is received into full connexion and ordained, shall be £15 per annum while he remains single.

III. That each child shall be allowed £7 10s per annum until the age of 18—unless otherwise provided for.

IV That in case of the death of a Preacher's wife, instead of the provision for payment of Board for children, &c,—that no difference shall be made in the salary—provided that such Preacher has a family to provide for.

V. That a fund be established for equalizing the support of Preachers' children upon the principle adopted by the English Conference.

VI. SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.—*Scale of Allowances :*

CLAIMANTS.	ALLOWANCES.
Of 15 years.....	£32
16 "	34
17 "	36
18 "	38
19 "	40
20 "	42
21 "	44
22 "	46
23 "	48
24 "	50
25 "	52
26 "	54
27 "	56
28 "	58
29 "	60
30 "	62
11 to 15 years.....	32
8 to 11 "	20
Widows of 15 and upwards to receive two-thirds of Husband's allowance.	} for 4 years
Widows 10 to 15 years.....	
Under 10 years.....	12 10
Rev. E. Stoney.....	36
" David Yeomans.....	25
" John Harmon.....	25

VII. That when the claims upon the Superannuated Preachers' Fund for any year, shall be more than the income of such year, each claimant shall receive a per-centage in proportion to his claim, to the full amount of the current income,

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Conference :—

Resolved.—That as a principle, it is just and expedient that all our Connexional Funds, raised wholly or principally by the exertions of Ministers and others, and the contributions of our people at large, should be managed by mixed Committees, composed of equal numbers of Ministers and Laymen, conjointly; so that they, who by personal services or pecuniary benevolence have contributed to their accumulation, may have a fair and equitable share in their management and distribution.

The Conference in accordance with this principle places the Contingent Fund, Chapel Relief Fund, and the Fund for the Education of the Candidates for our Ministry, under the direction of Mixed Committees.

Resolved.—That instead of the election of one delegate from each District, who, with the Chairmen and lay members, now constitute the Contingent Fund Committee, the Contingent Fund Committee shall be constituted as follows:

The Conference shall elect fifteen of its number on the first day of its session in each year, who, with fifteen laymen, chosen as directed in the following resolution, shall hereafter be the "Contingent Fund Committee."

Resolved.—That half of the Contingent Fund Committee which is to be composed of Laymen, shall be annually chosen from the districts most contiguous to the place where the Conference shall be. The selection of such laymen to be made by the Recording Stewards and Representatives of each District, at the ordinary District Meeting in May, (at the close of the financial business to be transacted at that meeting) from and out of the members nominated by the respective quarterly boards of such districts at their fourth Quarterly Meetings.

Resolved.—That any Circuit which in the past year has received assistance from the Contingent Fund may or may

not obtain aid the next year, as the Financial District Meeting may see fit, even though the said Circuit may or may not have been considered in the Contingent Fund Committee assembled at the Conference.

Resolved.—That no deficiencies brought from any circuit be allowed at the final meeting of the Contingent Fund Committee, unless the circuit has raised during each quarter the average sum of two shillings and six pence currency per member, as required by the long established rule, of each member paying one penny sterling a week, and a shilling per quarter.*

Resolved.—That no application for grants to Circuits or special claims be entertained by the Contingent Fund Committee or the Financial District Meeting, unless they have passed the Quarterly Meeting and have been signed by the Circuit or Recording Steward.

Resolved.—That it is very desirable and expedient that as many lay-members from each circuit—one of whom shall be the Recording Steward—be authorised to attend the May District Meetings, and take part therein during the transaction of Financial business—as there may be preachers travelling on the same circuit.

DIVISION OF CIRCUITS.

Resolved.—That no circuits supporting their own Preachers shall be divided till such divisions have been approved of by their respective Quarterly Meetings, and their approval signified in writing by the Recording Steward, or otherwise by a two-thirds vote of the May District Meeting at the time when the Lay Representatives are present.

Resolved.—That we are of opinion that provision should be made for the education, at Victoria College, free of expense for Board and Tuition, of young men intended for the Ministry who may be recommended by the Quarterly and District Meetings—and that a fund for this purpose be created and sustained by annual collections and donations.

Resolved.—That in view of the important and widely extended Educational interests with which the Wesleyan Metho-

* This is understood to refer to any subsequent appropriation applied for after the Financial District Meetings shall have made their appropriations to the several Circuits.

dist Church in Canada is identified, a Committee of Lay Members of the Church from different parts of the Province should annually be named by the President and Executive Committee of the Conference—such Committee when appointed to co-operate with the Board of Victoria College, and in all other suitable ways to further the interests of Education, in connection with the College and other Educational Institutions of the Church.

Resolved,—That this Conference appoint a Select Committee to revise the present Book of Discipline, so as to provide for the renting of Pews in our Churches and otherwise to adapt it to the wants and requirements of Canadian Methodism.

Resolved,—That this Conference alter the first clause of answer first of the 5th section of the Discipline, and that every Circuit be required to furnish the house or houses of their married Preachers: and that, in order to enable Circuits to do this, an appropriation shall be made out of the amount reserved of the Contingent Fund for Extraordinaries, of such sum as the Contingent Fund Committee may think expedient.

Resolved,—That the Committee of Estimates appointed by a Quarterly Meeting shall report to the Quarterly Meeting so appointing.

Resolved,—That the Resolutions of the Kingston Delegate Meeting, relative to the Constitution of the Missionary Society, be referred to the Book Committee for careful revision, and for the purpose of adopting, as far as its relation to the Parent Missionary Society will allow, the principle on which the Committees of other funds of this Conference are constituted.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of Sabbath School instruction, and to examine into the state of our Sabbath Schools, beg to present the following report:

From the returns made by the different Districts, there is a very encouraging advance on the reports of the previous year; and we believe, that both our ministers and our people are

becoming more alive to the importance and utility of early Sabbath School instruction. Great good has resulted from these labours during the past year; not only in implanting in the minds of our youth the seeds of pure evangelical and Methodist doctrines, and a knowledge of Scripture history and facts: but in the actual conversion of many, from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God: transplanted from the sterile waste into the garden of the Lord. In many places Bible and catechumen classes are kept up, in which many of our youth are instructed in the evidences of Christianity, and its leading doctrines: and we would recommend that more particular and increased attention be paid to this department of our work, which is so admirably adapted to draw out the mind, and direct it in the study of those subjects on a knowledge of which depends their present happiness and future usefulness in the church. Your committee have yet to complain of the defective nature of the reports. Many circuits have made no returns, and from some, there has been no report accompanying the statistics, and therefore, no regular and full District Report. We would recommend, that greater attention be paid to this duty at our annual District Meeting; so that more copious, correct, and definite information may be furnished for our Annual Report. That the Sabbath Schools in connection with our Church, may be kept more immediately before the minds of our ministers; your committee would recommend, that every superintendent be required to leave a list of those schools for his successor, with such remarks as he may deem necessary for his guidance.

Your committee would urge on our ministers and people the imperative necessity of paying more particular and increased attention to this part of our work as laying the basis of our future and permanent prosperity. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not, and generations shall be raised up and call this divine and useful institution blessed. May our fervent prayers ascend, and our faith take hold on him who has said: "Thy children shall be all taught of God, and great shall be the peace of thy children. Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The following are the statistics of the year, and the state of the schools compared with last year's report :

	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.
This year	345	3166	20708	52534
Last year	284	2337	15389	45537
Increase	61	829	6319	6997
Deduct from this the Returns of the Eastern Districts :—	25	219	1891	2498
Net Increase	36	610	3428	4499

[Signed,]

On behalf of Committee,

SAMUEL C. PHILP, Chairman.

WILLIAM G. GRIFFIN, Sec'y.

London, June 14, 1855.

Ques. XVII. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

Ans. In Brockville, on the first Wednesday in June, 1856.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The Annual Address of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in their thirty-second Annual Conference to the Members of the Societies under their care.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN —

Our custom of addressing to you an annual letter is remembered, and we cheerfully apply ourselves to the duty it involves, from the conviction that you will receive our counsels and suggestions in the spirit which the relations we sustain to each other inspire. We forget not, although separated to the

work of the ministry, that we are your brethren "in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus," and thus alike with you heirs of a blissful immortality; and we feel that in your duties and your toils, your difficulties and your dangers, your joys and your hopes, we have a lively sympathy even where we have not an actual participation, so that we are the more bold towards you in giving utterance to such directions and admonitions as may promote your edification and complete salvation.

The condition into which the world is plunged by the elements of ambition, tyranny and wrong, on the one hand, and of a dark superstition or a refined infidelity on the other, calls urgently upon the Church to exert itself, that the claims of the Redeemer to the homage of every human heart may not only be enforced, but actually secured and acknowledged. We have not now to learn that He who rules in the Kingdom of Providence is the same as He who reigns in the Kingdom of Grace; and that His dominion is directed, not to second the desires of selfish and wicked men, but to promote the spiritual weal of the whole human family; while in the prosecution of this glorious object the church is a prominent and important instrumentality. With us let this consideration be ever present, and its effects be ever visible.

It is scarcely possible to give attention to the great movements of the day, and especially those to which we as a nation are immediately implicated, without sharing in the enthusiasm which they excite; yet it becomes us to bear in mind, that "the wrath of man is not the righteousness of God;" and that the true province of the church is, by the dissemination of its truth, the exemplification of its piety, and the believing utterances of its prayers, to wield just such an influence as the world pre-eminently needs, and which through such means only can be supplied.

Our remarkable prosperity as a people in all the ends for which a church can be supposed to have an existence, and for which we bow with adoring gratitude before the throne of our Immanuel, assures us that we bear no unimportant part in the events of the day. But what we can do, let us do, and that with a promptitude, zeal and perseverance to which we have not hitherto attained.

The extension of the Lord's work in our hands has created openings for further efforts, demanding increased agencies and appliances. Throughout the province from its widest extremes, the Hudson's Bay Territory, and even beyond the Rocky Mountains to the shores of the Pacific, is the Macedonian cry urgently raised. To it we cannot, dare not be indifferent: therefore while acknowledging the grace of God in the improved liberality you have already manifested—especially in the support of our domestic and foreign missions—we are impelled to ask you—not whether the wants of perishing millions deserve all the sacrifice you can possibly make to meet them—but whether or not you have even yet reached the point of giving to which your obligations would conduct you.

By the goodness of the Lord, we have raised up for us from year to year, men of faith and zeal who give themselves to us by the will of God to preach the glorious Gospel of peace and righteousness. Sixteen have at this session of the Conference, finished their period of probation and twelve of them (the other four having been so previously) were ordained to the full work of the ministry. Two of these are Hudson's Bay Territory, and while for all we bespeak your prayerful sympathy, we do so especially for these, that they as well as those now labouring in that distant part of our mission field, may be blessed in their souls and efforts, and thus become a means of salvation to the settlers, and numerous tribes of interesting pagan Indians, amongst whom they will live, or to whom they shall have access.

In the course of the year several of our ministers, as not a few of our members, have exchanged the labours of the church militant for the rest of the church triumphant. Their death was, as their life had been, an illustration and confirmation of the truth, that that Jesus whom we worship and serve as our Lord, "is able to save even to the uttermost all who come unto God by him." They being dead, yet speak, and exhort us that we "be not slothful, but followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

The numerical increase of our membership is not so great this year as it has been in former ones, yet, after the many removals which have taken place during the year, to be able to

add nearly fifteen hundred as a nett increase, is felt to be both cause of encouragement and thankfulness.

The state of our College, as furnishing not only a means for the mental, but also, and especially, for the moral training of our youth has had our serious and prayerful consideration, we have rejoiced over the many and striking evidences of its efficiency and success, and most of all because of the frequent conversions to God among its students which are occurring from year to year. And we feel it due to an institution so honoured of God, to be brought with greater frequency before you, that your prayerful interest may be thoroughly awakened in its behalf, and that it may become even more successful in educating the mind and heart of the youth of our church and country. In view of these things we have resolved that it shall be formally introduced each year to our congregations, and made the special topic for prayer on the third Monday evening in the month of November. We doubt not of your hearty co-operation in a matter so affecting the glory of God, and those youth, many of whom may be expected ere long to occupy important position in the church and the world.

The importance of united prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our work generally, was also discussed; and aware as we are, of the total inefficiency of any and every means that are unattended by the Spirit's influences, we recommend to all our churches, that as far as practicable, they will observe the third Friday in August as a day of fasting and prayer; that thus we may "see the glory of the Lord, and the excellence of our God." We are abundantly encouraged in this our purpose as we remember the words of our Lord:—"If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him." To employ arguments to urge this recommendation is altogether unnecessary, your apprehension of the nature of the service, and the important ends it is designed to promote, will, we confidently hope, secure for it your attention and zealous assistance.

We were much gratified in learning, that the resolutions passed last Autumn by a large and respectable meeting of ministers and laymen in Kingston, having for their object,

principally, a more liberal and adequate provision for us and our families, were adopted by a very considerable majority of the circuits throughout the church. We have in this a renewed attestation of the strong desire of our people to raise our ministers not only above the claims of imperative necessities, but to place them in circumstances of comfort and becoming respectability. We assure you that this fresh token of your affection is not without its effect upon our hearts. Long have the ministers of our church shewn (and especially those venerable men who have passed to their reward, and others now awaiting their summons,) that they could cheerfully and promptly stoop to the condition of a people struggling with poverty, and other difficulties attendant upon the settlement of a new and uncultivated country; and they now rejoice to witness, that with the ability a Divine Providence has put into your hand, you have also the disposition to supply them with those pecuniary means, calculated to relieve them from cares which more or less interfere with the cheerful discharge of their duties, and to give them the opportunity of that mental culture, alike important to those to whom they minister as to themselves.

Our solicitude for your good impels us to dwell, though briefly, upon a few other particulars than those to which we have referred. One of these is the religious training of your children. The duty of parents in this respect is distinctly intimated, when they are told to train up their "children in the doctrine and discipline of the Lord." For this service you will constantly need the Holy Spirit's influence: the promise of which "is to us and our children," Let us seek it therefore, in the daily use of believing prayer, at the same time carefully guarding against those influences which would defeat our object, viz.:—such as are generated by the reading of improper publications, and the use of those recreations and amusements which are patronized only by a worldly and ungodly society.

Having referred to reading we will take this opportunity of commending our own publications for your use; without any wish to utter ought that would be a reflection upon the publications of other religious bodies, we would say that our litera-

ture supplied by our own Book Establishments, deserves a preference above all others. To supply the reading best adapted to our people's wants was the original design of our Book Rooms wherever instituted, and we think, therefore, that while we thus consult your interest, you should co-operate in our effort.

The means of grace so plentifully supplied by our economy should, when at all practicable, have your regular and constant attendance. From the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the more social means of the week-day, we regret to believe that many absent themselves. We feel persuaded that such is attended with great spiritual loss. Let us hope that but to point to these things, is to have them corrected; and that our class-meetings and general prayer meetings, will have your countenance and support. We remember it is written, "Be ye holy for I am holy," and that it is solemnly declared "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." "Forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In punctuality of attendance when our public services are commenced; and in the subject of congregational singing, much improvement might be effected by but a slight degree of attention. To be in our place, when Divine worship is begun and to join in singing the songs of Zion which are then sung, are duties we should never, if possible, neglect. Due attention to these particulars would add much to the spirituality and effectiveness of our public service and furnish sufficient reason therefore, for prompt attention.

You will, we doubt not, be pleased to learn, that our Conference has been one of great harmony and brotherly affection. The public means connected therewith have been eminently characterized by grace from on high. The Lord has been with us, and will we believe, go with us, and we shall meet you in our appointed fields of labour as fellow helpers of your joy.

The presence of the venerable Dr. Beecham, ex-president of the British Conference, and Senior Secretary of the Missionary Committee, accompanied by Dr. Richey, ex-president of

our own Conference, and extensively known and affectionately remembered by our Ministers and people, and that of several ministers from our Church in the United States, has given this Conference a more than ordinary interest, and we have never felt more than now to rejoice in the oneness, vitality, and glory of our beloved Methodism. Let us but continue to walk by the same rule, and to mind the same things as those venerable men who under God bequeathed to us this heaven marked system, and we shall yet and speedily see the glory of the Lord filling the whole land.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

S. D. RICE, *Secretary.*

London, June 14, 1855.

ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WES-
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN
CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

Your truly fraternal Address, presented by the Rev. Dr. Anson Green, the able and beloved brother who was sent to represent you, was received by us with unmingled satisfaction. We cordially reciprocate your earnest and affectionate greetings, and mark with sacred joy the ardent and sympathising spirit, with which you identify yourselves with us, in our efforts to maintain and propagate the pure doctrines of Christianity, and to fill the world with truth and righteousness. We greatly rejoice in the growing influence of your Church, and magnify the goodness and grace of Almighty God, in affording you such opportunities of extensive usefulness, and giving you the means to such an extent as your communications disclose, of making use of them. In observing the unity, steadfastness, zeal and evident power of your ministry, we see that the hand of the Lord has been with you; and we earnestly pray that He may still more abundantly impart unto you the unction of the Holy Ghost, which is the true source of

ministerial strength, and that, in consequence the word of the Lord may run yet more swiftly through your whole population, and be glorified.

The efforts which you are making to provide for the intellectual and moral culture of the rising generation of your great colony, show that you understand your position and responsibility, both with respect to your own Communion and general society; and the success with which your endeavours are already crowned, indicates that God is prospering the work of your hands. We hold that when a religious revival has diffused, and is still diffusing, its hallowing influences over a people, the next care of the Church is, to provide especially for the culture and training of its own children: else, all the interests of Christianity are not provided for. Your noble firmness in maintaining unimpaired the discipline of our body—a discipline which originated in the leadings of Divine Providence, and was compacted and sustained as truly Scriptural by our Fathers, and has been so long honored by the blessing of God—excites our highest admiration. We especially rejoice in the determined stand made by you for the maintenance of Class-Meetings as a condition of membership; an institution of essential value; and which can only be slighted when mutual prayer and spiritual converse among professors have lost their charm, and vital piety is on the wane. We have confidence in the integrity of your Wesleyan principles: we believe you will “not mend our rules but keep them;” and that you will transmit our salutary forms of church-order, in all their strength and simplicity, to succeeding generations.

The promptitude, ability and cordiality, with which the plan proposed by our Missionary Committee, for the union of the Eastern Canada District with your Conference, has been by the co-operation of Ministers and laymen, carried out, shows that there exists among you a truly enlightened and Christian spirit, which we believe is the presage of increasing peace and prosperity in your Church.

The arrangements which you have made for sending to the Indian tribes of the Hudson's Bay Territory a suitable supply of Ministers, who will preach to them the everlasting Gos-

pel, and bring those wandering sheep into the fold of Christ, appear to us to be most excellent; and we doubt not that the truly devoted men who are now engaged in that work, will fulfil their Mission with zeal and fidelity; and that as they are honoring their Divine Master by a life of sacrifice and labour, He will graciously honor them by vouchsafing to them a rich harvest of souls. Our hearts have been greatly comforted by the glad tidings which have been brought to us by your excellent Representative; we have listened with deep interest to his most lucid statements, the expansion of his comprehensive views, and his practical suggestions, while laying before us the present growing condition and aggressive purposes of your Church; and we assure you that a Deputation like the present from yourselves will at all times be received by us with very great pleasure; and we will use all the means in our power to assist you to spread, throughout your great country, the institutions and blessings of a truly catholic Christianity.

You will be glad to learn that we have now peace in all our borders; that our beloved people generally are praying for and expecting a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and that we have good reason to believe that our prayers will be answered, and our expectations realised. Surely "the time to favour Zion, yea, the set time, is come; for her children take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof."—"For Zion's sake we will not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." We still have a deep conviction that our own country, and various other nations of the earth, need as much as ever our evangelical labours. We see that superstitions the most absurd and debasing, customs the most cruel, and impostures the most revolting and withering to the soul, still hold their sway among our fellow men. We see that those carnal lusts whence come wars and fightings with their fearful train of evils, are even now operating with deadly virulence, and that it behoves us as ministers of Christ to put forth all our energies in the great work of extending the peaceful reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are endeavouring to mark the characters and signs of the age in which we live, and to adapt our agencies and efforts accordingly ; and we hope as a Christian communion on this side the Atlantic, to take our part among the agencies of that great moral revolution, which will eventually emancipate the world from the thralldom of error and sin, and bring its nations under the yoke of Christ, and supply them with the knowledge of his glory.

Often as we have had to speak, in past days, of the unanimity and brotherly affection in our annual assembly, we are bound especially to confess, to God's glory, that our Conference this year has been one of extraordinary unity both of mind and heart. In the resolution of difficult questions, wisdom from above, we trust, has been given us : in our solemnities of public examination and ordination of Ministers, much Divine unction and power have rested. In the exercises of spiritual conversation, mutual confession of sin, and special prayer, we have bowed together at the mercy-seat ; and there we have renewed our sacred pledges to each other and to our great work. Our institutions are in a promising condition, our financial difficulties are in process of adjustment, we have increased confidence in our principles ; and in fresh trust and hope, and in humble reliance in the great covenanted promise of our Master, we go forth to the hallowed toil which He has assigned us. We know that we shall reap if we faint not.

We are glad to hear, dear Brethren, of the high estimation in which you still hold the character and labours of the Rev. Enoch Wood, and the Rev. John Ryerson ; and cordially agree to your request for their re-appointment to their respective offices as President and Co-Delegate for the ensuing year. And we particularly recommend that, as the Rev. John Ryerson will be probably occupied in the Hudson's Bay Territory for a period so long as to interfere with the discharge of all his official duties, these duties may, in his absence, be fulfilled by the Rev. Dr. Green.

And now, beloved Brethren, we commit you to the care of Almighty God. Grace, mercy, and peace from God our

Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Upon all the dwelling-places of Zion may the Lord of Hosts create a glory, and upon all may that glory be a defence.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN FARRAR, *President.*

JOHN HANNAH, D. D., *Secretary.*

Birmingham, August 11th, 1854.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WES-
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, IN
CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFER-
ENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.

The reading of your exceedingly welcome Address in our Conference produced impressions deep and hallowed; and we thank you for its genial sentiments and cheering statements, and for the continuation of an ecclesiastical usage which we deem apostolic in its origin, Wesleyan in its purpose, and feel to be gratifying and beneficial in its tendency. We thank you for the respect and affection with which you received our Representative, and for your fraternal wishes for official intercourse with us in future; for the readiness with which you have complied with our requests; for the confidence you express in the integrity of our Wesleyan principles, and your admiration of our firm maintenance of discipline; for your explicit and grateful sanction of our arrangement for Wesleyan unity and enlargement; and permit us to say, with gratitude, we recognise the spirit of our Fathers in your declaration,—“We will use all the means in our power to assist you to spread throughout your great country, the institutions and blessings of a truly catholic Christianity:” and be assured we unitedly and devoutly respond when you thus pray for us: “We see that the hand of the Lord has been with you; and we earnestly pray that he may still more abundantly

impart unto you the unction of the Holy Ghost, which is the true source of ministerial strength, and that, in consequence the word of the Lord, may run yet more swiftly through your whole population, and be glorified."

We congratulate you, that the Conference which has favoured us with this Address was, as you inform us, "One of extraordinary unity, both of mind and heart;" that your "institutions are in a promising condition," and that your "financial difficulties are in process of adjustment;" that you "have increased confidence in" your "principles;" that after having suffered unrighteously in maintaining unimpaired the fundamentals of Wesleyanism, you have "now peace in all" your "borders," and that your "beloved people generally are praying for and expecting a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit." You state our abiding impression when you remark, "We still have a deep conviction that our country, and various other nations of the earth, need as much as ever our evangelical labours;" and we warmly concur in the admirable sentiment to which you thus give expression in your last Address to the Societies, in relation to the blessing of God upon your great and prosperous Missionary Society; "It is this which allies us most intimately with the Redeemer's loftiest designs; and it is a token of vitality, to which we point with triumph and thankfulness,—that this Society was never performing His will with more efficient zeal than now."

We present to the British Conference our special acknowledgments for its final "judgment respecting the Missions in Eastern Canada, and the Hudson Bay Company's Territories," and for the promptitude and cordiality with which the Parent Conference has decided "that the Eastern Canada Mission District, as well as the Hudson's Bay Mission, shall be henceforth regarded as Districts of the affiliated Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada." This important and opportune consummation of the union of Wesleyan interests and efforts in Canada and Hudson's Bay is universally approved by our ministers and people, and your "earnest hope that this arrangement by the blessing of God, will eminently promote the cause

of Christ in' our "extensive and rising country," is being accomplished, in an increased stability of principle, harmony of action, and spread of truth and grace, and in those anticipations of greater success which we entertain, created by our commanding Wesleyan and Protestant position, and by the propitious indications of a faithful and benevolent Providence. We already rejoice in the quietude, affection, and constitutional bonds of a perfected fellowship, that Christ may be glorified. While the invaluable blessing of unity consecrates the ministry, it extends to the membership of our Church, and the willing acknowledgment is everywhere heard, "How good and how pleasant it is!" "As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

We have not only had peace throughout our Connexion, but on some Circuits and Missions special baptisms of the Spirit, renewing the faith of established members, and bowing the stubborn in prayer and penitence. Camp, and other special meetings have been held with primitive earnestness, and the "power of the Lord was present to heal;" and it may be said, without exaggeration, that seldom for years has the grace of entire sanctification been so fervently prayed for, or so often received: and we have exulted to know what that meaneth: "Many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob." To God be all the praise!

Our societies and congregations have, during the year, been exposed to the dangers of an anxious secularity, and to the fluctuations incident to residence in a country where removals are frequent, and the spirit of enterprize is buoyant and abundant, and where the extension of the settlements is never-ending, and the remoteness of many families may subject them to a destitution of the word and ordinances. Our constant solicitude has been to meet the exigency in a Methodistical manner; and while there has been an accession of many hearers, and of fifteen hundred members this year, our Minutes will show you that we have increased the

Circuits and the Missions. Still, not a few places solicit from us more preachers than we now have to employ; though the number received into Full Connexion, and now, or previously ordained, is sixteen; and the unusual number received on Trial for our Ministry this Conference is thirty-two.

Notwithstanding there are monetary deficiencies on some circuits, their receipts very generally are more commensurate with ministerial claims than they ever were; and measures have been sanctioned by us which have originated in a large Committee, appointed by the Conference, of Ministers and Laymen, held during the year in Kingston, that are likely to result well to our financial system, and general economy; and spiritually, if we may judge from the christian and generous acts and intentions of that Committee. Our Connexional funds are advancing. Our church edifices are increasing in number, capaciousness, and respectability in every part of the Province. The Book Room and Printing Establishment, by the completion of its commodious and substantial buildings, possesses superior facilities, and is largely patronized. Victoria College is much favoured in its position and prospects. Uniting the Faculties of Arts and of Medicine, it has, besides its President and Governor, twelve Professors and Teachers, and the number of students in its published catalogue for this year is two hundred and forty-nine, upon some twenty of whom degrees in arts or in medicine have been conferred: and it is very satisfactory, that besides the large number of students who became decidedly pious last year, others have reached the same decision this year, many of whom are now consistent in their religious profession. So indispensable to larger success in our Educational proceedings does Divine influence appear to us, that we have recommended to our Societies a special religious service for the benefit of the College; as we have, likewise, appointed an early day to be devoted to fasting and prayer, to promote the more triumphant progress of the Redeemer's spiritual kingdom in our Church, the province, Hudson's Bay and the world.

The greatly extended and highly important Missionary

department of our Church prospers more than at any past period, under its present judicious and able General Superintendency, appointed by the Parent Missionary Committee in England. The Rev. John Ryerson, Co-Delegate, was last year our authorized Deputation to the Wesleyan Missions in Hudson's Bay, and he has, since then, we are thankful to say, returned from his long, arduous, and perilous tour, in health, and with intelligence of the moral state of that wide Territory, and of the Missions, which has awakened the sympathies, and elicited the best feelings of our community. Many new localities are reported by him as being eligible for Wesleyan Missions; and though three Missionaries with their families accompanied him into the Territory, and additional ministerial help is now being sent, other men must be stationed there as soon as practicable. The labours of the untiring Deputation were performed to our entire satisfaction: and his tour has furnished a powerful impulse to the Missionary work. Besides an increase of our usual Missionary publications this year, there have been already issued three numbers of a new periodical, entitled, "Wesleyan Missionary Notices, Canada Conference;" and a "Missionary Tour" in Hudson's Bay, by the Deputation to that Territory, has been published by the Missionary Society. The Branch reports of the Society are not yet all received and adjusted, but you will be happy to learn, that while we had an extraordinary increase of funds last year, the increase this is very gratifying. Last year the total income was £7,500; this year the total amount for Western Canada alone is already more than £9,000. We have no department of benevolence, and zeal more consonant with the genius of our people; and they support it with enthusiasm and liberality; and to it must be ascribed much of the Christian vitality, effectiveness, and popularity of Canadian Wesleyan Methodism. In the paramount work of moral subjugation we would emulate your charity, your magnanimity, your faith; and we rejoice in the fact, that the Captain of our salvation has his seat on the "white horse," with this name upon his vesture and on his thigh, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

We have truly rejoiced to receive a visit from the venerated Senior General Secretary of your Missionary Society, the Rev. JOHN BEECHAM, D. D., whose noble Wesleyan mission to this continent obtains our hearty admiration; whose past prolonged pulpit, literary, and official services for the constitutional establishment and advancement of Wesleyan Methodism in every land we, in unison with yourselves, greatly value; whose ministerial and confessional acts during his sojourn among us have evidently tended to elevate the Wesleyan pulpit, and more closely attach us to British Methodism, and whose less public intercourse with us has ensured our affectionate esteem. May a gracious Power give imperishable effect to his Wesleyan acts, and conduct him safely until his return to you! We cannot say how much we appreciate the interchange of sentiment and of feeling which such a visit permits, nor have we space for a delightful expatiation on the design and results of Dr. Beecham's visit to British North America; and we need not assure you that our warmest Wesleyan greetings will always await the coming of any valued Minister you may appoint as your messenger and representative to our Conference. We have as with one heart appointed Dr. Beecham our Representative to your next Conference, and are sure that his obliging acquiescence in the arrangement will be as gratifying to you as it is to us, and will be followed by acts on his part honourable to himself, and highly advantageous to the Canada Conference.

Of the respected and beloved chief officer of the Wesleyan Church of Canada, the Rev. Enoch Wood, now for four years President of the Conference, and for eight years General Superintendent of Missions, we have the pleasure of repeating what we have said year after year. His mature Wesleyan judgment, various ministerial and official capabilities, and unwearied vigilance and devotedness, increasingly conduce to secure the unity, purity, diffusion, and perpetuity of Wesleyan influence in Canada and Hudson's Bay; and we, with great unanimity and cordiality, request that he may again be appointed our President, and continued as the General Superintendent of our numerous and rapidly extending

Missions. Our honoured brother, the Rev. John Ryerson, has not failed to discharge, with great propriety and ability, the duties of Co-Delegate, and has added to our sincere approval of a protracted official course, by his prompt and most successful Wesleyan tour in the Territory of Hudson's Bay : and we respectfully and unanimously ask his re-appointment as Co-Delegate, that he may, with other objects, aid in giving efficiency and permanency to measures already adopted at his suggestion.

After a largely attended, and happy, brotherly session, to which the Divine Spirit has vouchsafed his wonted unction, we proceed with gratitude to our allotted labours. Our ultimate object, the honour of the adorable Trinity ; and to accomplish that object, our one sacred business, to proclaim with re-animated energy, "the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ; whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins." This doctrine we oppose to an active anti-Protestantism in Canada. We go to a people whom we love in the Lord—a people in whose belief, piety, and loyalty we have full confidence ; and whose attention to our ordinances, fidelity to our economy, and support of our institutions were never surpassed in Canada : and they will receive us in the Lord. We are deeply solicitous that the doctrines, discipline, sanctity, harmony, agencies, literature, usages, and even phraseology of Wesleyan Methodism should be perpetuated. We have vowed at the altar of God to be faithful to this Ministry, and to preserve the good already done, and to give the Gospel to the remotest human being in our immense field of evangelical sacrifice and toil. We shall reap if we faint not. The words of our great founder are law to us : "You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go always, not only to those who want you, but to those who want you most." We hear the multiplying calls of Providence with thankfulness, and yet with trembling, lest there should be any dereliction of duty ; and the pressure of our responsibilities is growing continually. Our confidence and joy is, that "another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer ; and there was given unto him much

incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."

We again, beloved Fathers and Brethren, beg to commend to your attentions and best affections, Canada, and the Wesleyan Methodism of Canada. We know you care for us. Your prayers for our welfare and ceaseless success are inestimable. At all times your counsels and encouragement are fervently desired by us. With the same purpose and spirit, and in the contemplation of the same transcendent, and promised results, we with you, in the midst of the strife of nations, would assist to augment the redeemed multitude now in heaven, who adoringly and for ever cry, "Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb!"

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the
Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

SAML. D. RICE, *Secretary.* *

London, Canada West, June 14th, 1855.

MINUTES
OF THE
Canada Conference.

TAKEN AT BROCKVILLE FROM THE 4TH TO THE 13TH OF
JUNE, 1856.

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*
JOHN RYERSON, *Co Delegate.*
JAMES ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

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QUESTION I.

*What Preachers are this year admitted into full Connexion  
with the Conference, and Ordained?*

*Answer.* William Sutton, Wm. D. Brown, not present,  
O. H. Elsworth,\* John Wakefield, Joseph E. Sanderson, B.A.,  
T. D. Pearson, Samuel D. Maudesley,\* James M. Clarke,\*  
Joseph L. Forsyth, Andrew Edwards,\* Edwin Peake, Thomas  
Charbonnell,† Robert Brown,‡ James Preston,‡ G. C. Whit  
lock,‡ Francis Hunt, Richard L. Tucker.

Quest. II. *What Preachers remain on Trial?*

*Ans.* Robt. Fowler, G. J. Dingman,§ Richard J. Foreman,  
Geo. Cochrane, William Bryers, William Tomblin, William  
Williams, Samuel G. Phillips, J. L. Kerr.

These have travelled THREE years.

J. L. Sanders, John Wilson, Peter German, J. H. Morgan,  
William Savage, J. W. Savage, William Hawke, John A. Dow-  
ler, David Hunt, George Jaques, Wm. C. Luke, John S.

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\* Previously Ordained for Special purposes.

† Ordained by Presbytery of Champlain, New York.

‡ Previously ordained by M. E. Church, U. S.

§ Ordained for special purposes.

Clarke, G. T. Richardson, Alex. R. Campbell, James Iveson, William Briden, Jay Youmans, William Scales, Edward Cragg, William Shannon, James Masson, James Thomson, Luther Houghton, Andrew Armstrong, George Blaker.

These have travelled two years.

Ashton Fletcher, Isaac Crane, W. R. Morden, James E. Dyer,\* Amos E. Russ, William H. Laird, Samuel Tucker, Ashton Fletcher, Jr., Alex. T. Drennan, William Sanderson, David A. Johnston, J. B. Keough, Jas. Ray, James Latimer.

These have travelled one year.

Quest. III. *What Preachers are now received on Trial?*

*Answer.* Edward Ward,\*† Thos. S. Keough, Thomas Cobb,\* Ebenezer Robson, James Goodwin, William Hay, William Norton,\* Andrew Milligin, Ed. B. Ryckman, A. B., John C. Ash, Joseph Kilgower, William Hansford,\* Hiram Fowler,\* Henry H. Perdue,\* William Short,\* Thomas S. Howard,\*† H. P. Chase, Alex. Sutherland,\* Henry Bawtenhimer, W. L. Scott,\* Wm. Hill, Wm. R. Parker, H. Jackson, Jos. Jones,\* Charles Stringfellow,\* John Davis,\* John Jackson,\* Jonathan E. Betts,\* Thomas Atkinson,† George G. German, James Berry,\*† Alfred Andrews,\* Wm. R. Dyre,\* Thomas Hadwin, Samuel Down, John N. Lake, Edmund E. Sweet,\* Benjamin Cole,\* J. Ormerod.†

Quest. IV. *What Preachers have died since the last Conference?*

*Answer.*

#### WILLIAM CASE.

From the autobiographical part of the venerable deceased Minister's valuable "Jubilee Sermon" we learn that he was born at Swansea, a town of Massachusetts, on the 27th of August, 1780; and he died, soon after a fall from his horse, at the Wesleyan Indian Mission of Alnwick, in Western Canada, October, 19, 1855,—his departure, which was

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† Ordained for special purposes.

\* These have travelled one year under the Chairman.

expected by few persons, was universally regretted by his brethren, friends, and the public, though a gracious Providence had permitted him to reach the honoured age of seventy-five.

The eventful period when he assumed the Christian profession is thus briefly stated by him: "After years of religious impressions, and a sinful course, I was converted in February, 1803." Under what circumstances this change took place he has not informed us; but of the fact, so necessary to ministerial fitness, satisfaction, and efficiency, there is no doubt; for in every subsequent year, and in all the vicissitudes of an itinerant life, his character was adorned with those features which bespeak a renewed mind, and entire consecration to God. He had not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption, whereby he cried *Abba Father*: and we believe that spirit was a permanent resident in his soul. At no time was there evidence that the peace he professed was fluctuating, and that the light of his heavenly Father's countenance had become dim. In his exhibition of the graces of the Holy Spirit there was neither uncertainty nor extravagance; and even to old age there was in his disposition and demeanour a child-like simplicity, affection, and uniformity, which elicited the willing testimony, *This is a man of God*.

His body was never robust, and his habits were always temperate. His presence was dignified and prepossessing. His mind, though never trained scholastically, was vigorous, searching, and tenacious, and by much reading, observation, and experience it became enriched with knowledge as practical as it was adapted for all the purposes which his diversified positions in the Methodist Church required. His acquaintance with Wesleyan doctrines, discipline, and usages was correct and comprehensive; his publication of those doctrines judicious, experimental, persuasive—often pathetic; his enforcement of that discipline in its integrity, while there was no lack of fidelity to our incomparable system, was invariably marked with moderation and caution; his pastoral assiduities for adults and youth, parents and children, were spiritual, fatherly, and unremitting. He was a warm well-wisher of our Ministry, and Connexional Institutions; and in his entire intercourse with

the Ministers he loved, especially at the sessions of Conference, there was a good sense, a prudence, and a heartiness which made all revere and love him.

A Divine hand led him into the ministry, and his hallowed charity prompted him to volunteer his services for Canada; after which some remarkable answers to prayer, and much success confirmed him in his choice of this magnificent and favoured Colony of the British Empire. And his selection of Canada at that time was expressive of a heroic intention, and a burning zeal; for the recesses of the wilderness had been little explored, and ruggedness, privation, and peril awaited his footsteps; while the scattered settlers were for the most part without stated Gospel ordinances, and the Aboriginal tribes were pagan and degraded: but he entered upon, and discharged with inflexibility of purpose his arduous duties; won the esteem of the people everywhere; and brought many souls to Sinai, and then to Calvary. In 1805 he was received on Trial by the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,—a commanding and beloved branch of the great Wesleyan family; in 1807 was received into Full Connexion, and ordained deacon; and the following year was ordained Elder,—when the apostolic Asbury was a bishop of that Church, and had the wide-spread States of the American Union, and Canada for the field of his evangelical and most effective superintendency. The Rev. Mr. Case commenced his itinerancy on the Bay of Quinte, and his first six years were spent under the direction of that Conference. In 1810 he was appointed a Presiding Elder, and for eighteen years he had charge of important Districts,—the Cayuga, the Oneida, Chenango, Lower Canada, Upper Canada, and Bay of Quinte. In 1828 he was made Superintendent of Indian Missions and Schools. In 1830, and the two following years he was General Superintendent, *pro. tem.*, of the Methodist Societies in Canada. For several years he was a Missionary to the Indians, and Superintendent of Indian Translations. In 1837, and for fourteen years continuously he was Principal of the Wesleyan Native Industrial Institution at Alnwick, until ably succeeded by the Rev. James Musgrove. In 1852 he was permitted by the Conference to visit different parts of the work, as his health

enabled him ; and, without being superannuated, it was his wish— and his fine social spirit made it a pleasure—to pursue this course until his master should bid his servant rest.

He rejoiced to see Canada greatly elevated socially, morally, and educationally. He rejoiced when the Canada Conference was constituted, and when the Missionary Society of our Church was organized, and the indians were to be evangelized. He rejoiced when, on account of the wisdom and cordiality of the British Conference, and a congenial spirit in the Canada Conference, the Wesleyan Methodism of the Canadas and of the Hudson's Bay became one constitutionally and affectionately, and it is believed, indissolubly. He rejoiced to behold from his death-bed the jurisdiction of the Canada Conference comprehending 210 circuits and missions, 330 itinerants, and 38,000 members,—an extensive Book Room, and a popular University, and the Missionary Society, which once had a very limited support, cheered with an income of £9000. As an early pioneer, and untiring labourer of our Missionary Society, he was highly respected by his brethren, and by none more so than by the honoured President of the Conference, the Rev. Enoch Wood, under whose General Superintendency of the Missions for the last eight years he was a faithful Missionary. In the language of our Missionary Notices we record the opinion of our lamented friend, that “however much to be valued in the offices he once filled,” “and among his brothers and sons in Conference assembled, when he would rise with coolness and decision, and by his deliberate and prudent counsels carry many with him ; it is thought that he was best known as our *apostle to the Indians* ; and for them he lived and died. Here we want space to set forth his early and manly dedication of himself to their interests, his acquaintanceship with their condition ; the adaptation of his powers, and acquisitions, and means to their necessities ; his influence over them ; his sympathy, his vigilance, his shrewdness, his tenderness, his authoritativeness, his travels, his labours, indefatigableness, success.” The efficiency of a Native Agency was his prayer. He witnessed the conversion of a Native with exultation. Many Indians from the wilds of North America, once ready to perish, will be his glory and joy forever !



At the unanimous request of his brethren, he delivered a Sermon before the Conference last year in London, on the completion of the fiftieth year of his Itinerancy, which we heartily commend to our people and the public for its scriptural doctrine, and choice Methodist reminiscences. And we have been gratified to receive the intelligence of the testimonials of his character and labours published by the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in England, and by the Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and of a discourse on his death, delivered by a learned, and sincerely respected former fellow-labourer in Canada, the Rev. Dr. Bangs, of New York. He had many friends in Canada and elsewhere on this continent, and his unsullied reputation had extended to other lands. He informs the reader in his Sermon, that he was prepared to state the names of two hundred Ministers who were converted in Canada; and of that number not a few, and some of them Indians, belonged to his own Church, and were allured by him to the Saviour, and into the Wesleyan Ministry,—whose recollections of their Father in the Gospel are vivid and imperishable. The Wesleyan Societies of Canada cannot forget his person, and his tender courtesies. They cannot forget his mature christian excellencies, his intelligence, sound judgment, and salutary counsels. They cannot forget his patriotism, his pure philanthropy, and attractive catholicity. They cannot forget his works of faith, and abundant labours of love for half a century. He had to suffer hardship, but endured; he was in perils oft, but God was his preserver; he was assailed by the weapons of error and sin, but was triumphant through Christ.

His Wesleyan survivors would emulate his great virtues, and follow in his path of distinguished usefulness; rendering to the all-wise Head of the Church thanks for perpetuating a scriptural Ministerial succession among them by an unusual accession of labourers this year, when He is calling some of the fathers home; rejoicing exceedingly, that the same adorable Being who gave a Swartz to India, an Eliot to America, and a Barnabas Shaw to Africa, gave also a WILLIAM CASE to this country,—whose name will ever be associated with the past progress, perpetuity, and glorious future of Methodism in Canada.

## THOMAS PEACOCK

Was born A. D., 1817, in Yorkshire, England. He gave himself to God and joined the Wesleyan Church in the 19th year of his age. In 1839 he received license as an exhorter, and in 1845 was recommended for the Itinerant work, placed on the list of reserve, and appointed to a Circuit the following year. At the close of the year he emigrated to America, and after labouring two or three years with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, he came and joined the Wesleyan Conference in Canada in 1849; and was ordained at Kingston in 1852.

He laboured with considerable success and acceptability on the Wardsville, Aylmer, Brantford, Woodstock, and Sandwich Circuits.

At the Conference in 1855, his request to be left without a Circuit for one year on account of ill-health was granted, and early the same Summer he went to a medical Institution in the United States, where he remained until he died on the 12th of January, 1856. His end was peace.

## JAMES BOOTH,

Who entered upon the mission work in the year 1816, and prosecuted it diligently, and faithfully, until growing infirmities compelled him to retire from active service. In a letter to the Missionary Committee, written a short time before his decease, he expresses himself thus:—"I now only live a day at once, and I am striving, with all my powers, to be ready when the Lord shall call me. Thank the Lord, my soul is happy in a sense of my acceptance with God, and a lively hope of a safe arrival at my Heavenly home. Bless the Lord, O my Soul, for all His mercies to me! Truly the Lord is my God, and I will praise Him." He died at Kingston, Canada, January 22nd, 1854, in the 73rd year of his age.

## FRANCIS CHAPMAN

Was born about the year 1818 in the parish of Temple, County of Cornwall, England. At the age of fifteen he was

deeply convicted of sin, under a sermon preached Mr. Launders, a Local Preacher, on the Bodmin Circuit. For some time he was the subject of great mental conflict, but by faith he was enabled to cast his burdened and oppressed soul on the Atonement. From this time he manifested much anxiety for mental and spiritual improvement, that he might be useful in the church militant; and be fully prepared for the church triumphant. When about 23 he was put on the plan as a Local Preacher; his labours were acceptable and useful, and he was highly esteemed both as a Christian and a Preacher.

In 1845 he left England and came to Canada. On his arrival at Chatham he was cordially received by one of our Ministers, and directed to his first field of labour, the St. Thomas Circuit. For more than eleven years he laboured with much usefulness, yet not without much personal and domestic affliction, and as the clouds dispersed and the sun of future prosperity shone forth, it was suddenly eclipsed while it was yet noon. His last illness was short. He attended his appointment on Wednesday, although suffering from fever, he preached with much fervour of soul.

As a minister he stood high in the estimation of all classes, and, as a preacher, was admired by those who sat under his ministry. He was diligent as a student, and he contended with, and finally succeeded in overcoming, the greatest difficulties. His piety was deep and fervent; his career short; his end triumphant. He died at Port Stanley, November 19th, 1855, in the 37th year of his age.

#### DAVID YOUMANS.

Mr. Youmans was born somewhere near the Mohawk River in the State of New York, in the year 1771. In 1788, being then but 17 years old, he removed to Canada. Six years later he was led to seek the salvation of his soul. He embraced religion as the principle and rule of his life, and at the same time became a member of the Methodist Church. He must have remained for several years engaged in his secular work, as he did not enter the ministry till 1813. He laboured successfully for a few years, and then *located*; but subsequently re-entered the regular itinerant work. He continued to

labour as a travelling minister until the year 1831, when he took a superannuated relation, which he retained till the period of his death.

Mr. Youmans was not eminent for talent; but he was a good practical preacher, a sound divine; and a man of irreproachable christian character. He died in Markham, County of York, Feb. 14th, 1857, in the 85th year of his age. His end was peaceful and happy.

Quest. V. *Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers have desisted from travelling?*

Ans. J. Sanders, Levi Vanderburg, on account of ill-health. Richard Pinch, on account of ill-health.

Quest. VII. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

Ans. Jonathan Scott, E. M. Ryerson, John Neelands, Daniel McMullen, Henry Byers, John Douglas, B. Hitchcock, Matthias Holtby, Claudius Byrne, Moses Blackstock, Gilbert Miller, William Brown, Edmund S. Ingalls, Alvah Adams, John Armstrong, 2nd.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*

Ans. Samuel Belton, R. E. Tupper, H. Biggar, Cyrus R. Allison, Edmond Stoney, Henry Wilkinson, Ezra Adams, David Wright, Cornelius Flummerfelt, John Baxter, Rowley Heyland, William Steer, Thomas Harmon, Richard Phelps, Horace Dean, John Black, Thomas Bevitt, John Armstrong, 1st, John Beatty, Henry Shaler, L. O. Rice.

Quest. IX. *What Preachers have withdrawn from the Church this year?*

Ans. None.

Quest. X. *Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?*

Ans. One Candidate.

Quest. XI. *How are the Preachers Stationed this year?*

Ans. As follows, viz :—

ENOCH WOOD, *President of the Conference and General Superintendent of Missions.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegatc.*

JAMES ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

### I. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto City East*.—John Gemley, Joseph Jones; Anson Green, D. D., Representative to the British Conference; George R. Sanderson, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D. D., who is Chief Superintendent of Education, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the U. C. Bible Society, by permission of the Conference.
2. *Toronto City West*.—John Borland, James H. Bishop. One to be sent.
3. *Yonge Street*.—Richard Jones, John Hunt, Ed. B. Ryckman, A.B.; Henry Wilkinson; Horace Dean, Superannuated.
4. *Humber*.—Robert Lochead, Ashton Fletcher. One to be sent.
5. *Brampton*.—Wm. Andrews, Benjamin Jones. One to be sent.  
Br. Andrew's address is Streetsville.
6. *Cooksville*.—Benjamin Nankeville; Jonathan Scott, Supernumerary.
7. *Whitby*.—Wm. Willoughby, Thomas Pearson.
8. *Markham*.—Thomas Jeffers, Robert Fowler; Cornelius Flummerfelt, Superannuated.
9. *Nelson*.—Thomas Campbell. One to be sent; David Wright, Superannuated.  
Thos. Campbell's address is Trafalgar.
10. *Milton*.—John Law.
11. *Georgetown and Erin*.—Samuel C. Philp. One to be sent.  
Br. Philp's address is Esquesing.

12. *Stouffville*—Alfred Andrews.
13. *Prince Albert*—Thomas Demorest. One to be sent.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

## II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

14. *Hamilton*—James Elliott, Ephraim B. Harper, Chas. Lavell; Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
15. *Dundas*—Samuel Rose. One to be sent.
16. *Waterdown*—A. T. Green.
17. *Glandford and Seneca*—James Hughes, G. G. German.
18. *Nanticoke*—Thomas Williams, Wm. Richardson.
19. *Dunville*—Peter Ker, John Wilson; Luther O. Rice, Superannuated.

L. O. Rice's address is Caistorville.

20. *Cayuga*—James Armstrong.
21. *Grimsby*—John English, Richard Foreman.
22. *Smithville*—Edward White.
23. *St. Catharines*—Kennedy Creighton; Thomas Bevitt, Superannuated.
24. *Thorold*—John G. Laird, Thos. Cobb.
25. *Drummondville and Suspension Bridge*—Wm. S. Griffin. To be supplied.
26. *Niagara*—G. N. A. F. T. Dixon.
27. *Welland*—James Harris, Jas. Goodwin; John Baxter, Reuben E. Tupper, Superannuated.
27. *Cainsville*—William Sutton.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.

## III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

29. *Brantford*—I. B. Howard; Hamilton Biggar, Super'd.
30. *Mount Pleasant*—George Goodson. One wanted. R. Heyland, Superannuated.
31. *Paris*—O. H. Ellsworth; Claudius Byrne, Super'y, &c.
32. *Woodstock*—Wm. McCullough, Edwin Peake.
33. *St. George*—Joseph Messmore. One to be sent.
34. *Ingersoll*—George Kennedy, James Morgan.
35. *Norwich*—Peter German.

- 36. *Simcoe*—Joseph Shepley.
- 37. *Dover*—John Shaw ; E. M. Ryerson, Supernumerary.
- 38. *Walsingham*—Simon Huntingdon. William Williams.  
One to be sent. Matthias Holtby, Supernumerary.
- 39. *Delhi*—Isaac Crane.
- 40. *Aylmer*—Ozias Barber, J. Wakefield.
- 41. *Vienna*—Edwin Clement.
- 42. *New Credit*—Matthew Whiting.
- 43. *Grand River*—Thos. Fawcett ; Wm. Ryerson and Peter Jones, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.

WILLIAM McCULLOUGH, *Chairman*.

#### IV. LONDON DISTRICT.

- 44. *London*—John Douse, J. Preston.
- 45. *London Circuit*—J. A. Williams, J. W. Savage ; Edmund Stoney, Superannuated.
- 46. *Fingal*—Matthew Swann.
- 47. *Westminster*—John Hutchinson ; Thomas Harmon, Superannuated.
- 48. *St. Thomas*—Wm. Price.
- 49. *Strathroy*—R. L. Tucker.
- 50. *Mount Brydges*—Thos. S. Howard.
- 51. *Warwick*—Thomas Crews.
- 52. *Port Stanley*—George Cochran.
- 53. *Devonshire*—E. L. Koyle, John S. Clarke.
- 54. *Belmont*—William Savage. One to be sent.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman*.

#### V. CHATHAM DISTRICT.

- 55. *Chatham*—Noble F. English, John C. Ash.
- 56. *Mount Elgin and Muncey*—Jas. Musgrove, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School, Henry P. Chase, Abraham Sickles.

The address of Rev. J. Musgrove and the Ministers in Muncey is Delaware.

- 57. *Wardsville*—William Ames.
- 58. *Wallaceburgh*—Aaron Miller.

- 59. *Florence*—Wm. Hawke.
- 60. *Morpeth*—Wm. Dignam ; Richard Phelps, Superann'd.
- 61. *Gosfield*—William Chapman.
- 62. *Sandwich and Windsor*—Thos. Cleghorn.
- 63. *Rochester*—Thos. Atkinson.
- 64. *Amherstburgh*— — Lund.
- 65. *Port Sarnia*—Francis Berry, Samuel Down.
- 66. *St. Clair*—Solomon Waldron.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

#### VI. GUELPH AND HURON DISTRICT.

- 67. *Guelph*—Robert Cooney, A.M. ; Isaac Barber.
- 68. *Elora*—Charles Sylvester. One to be sent.
- 69. *Galt and Berlin*—Lewis Warner, Alexander Sutherland.  
One wanted.
- 70. *Blenheim*—Thomas Robson.
- 71. *Peel*—Henry Reid. One wanted. Ezra Adams, Sup'd.
- 72. *Stratford*—John Jackson.
- 73. *St. Mary's*—J. Ormerod.
- 74. *Clinton*—Alexander Campbell. One wanted.
- 75. *Goderich*—John S. Evans.
- 76. *Mitchell*—Andrew Smith. One to be sent.
- 77. *Kincardine and Bruce*—Andrew Edwards, Henry Baw-  
tenhimer.
- 78. *Arthur*—Thomas Culbert.
- 79. *Mono*—C. W. M. Gilbert, Wm. Hay.
- 80. *Wellesley*—James Clarke.
- 81. *Morris*—David Hunt.
- 82. *Kinloss and Culross*—Thomas Hadwen.
- 83. *Wallace and Elma*—James E. Dyer. One wanted.  
John Armstrong, Supernumerary.
- 84. *Wawanosh*—Thomas Lawson.
- 85. *Mount Forest*—Wm. Norton.
- 86. *Bayfield*—James Berry.
- 87. *Elora and Saugeeng Road*—One wanted.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.



## VII. OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

- 88. *Newash*—Conrad Vandusen.
- 89. *Colpoy's Bay*—To be supplied.
- 90. *Owen's Sound*—Joel Briggs, James Ivison; John Neelands, Supernumerary.
- 91. *St. Vincent*—J. G. Dignam. To be supplied.
- 92. *Saugeeng*—J. K. Williston.
- 93. *Southampton*—Stephen Brownell.
- 94. *Arran*—George Jacques.
- 95. *Durham*—Joseph Hill.
- 96. *Brant*—Wm. Shannon, Wm. Dyer.
- 97. *Proton*—John L. Kerr, Wm. C. Luke.
- 98. *Osprey*—Thomas Hanna. One to be sent.
- 99. *Bruce Mines*—Joseph Forsyth.
- 100. *Garden River*—George W. McDougall.
- 101. *Michipicoton*—George Blaker.
- 102. *Lake Superior North Shore*—To be supplied.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman*.

## VIII. BARRIE DISTRICT.

- 103. *Barrie*—William McFadden.
- 104. *Innisfil*—Thomas Stobbs.
- 105. *Bradford*—I. B. Aylesworth, M.D.; J. Thomson,
- 106. *Lloyd-town*—Geo. McKitchie.
- 107. *Cookstown*—Charles Turver.
- 108. *Aurora*—J. W. McCollum, Wm. Hill.
- 109. *Laskey*—Robert Corson.
- 110. *Holland Landing and Snake Island*—Geo. T. Richardson. One to be sent.
- 111. *Brock*—Samuel Fear.
- 112. *Rama*—Peter Jacobs.
- 113. *Flos and Orillia*—Alexr. R. Campbell, A. Milligan.
- 114. *Penetanguishene and Beausoliel Island*—E. Sallows.
- 115. *French River*—To be supplied.
- 116. *Collingwood Harbour*—Robert Graham.

WILLIAM MCFADDEN, *Chairman*.

## IX. COBOURG DISTRICT.

117. *Cobourg*—John Bredin ; John Beatty, Superannuated.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE :

*President*—Samuel S. Nelles, A. M.

*Governor*—Samuel D. Rice, who takes the Pastoral oversight of the Students.

*Professor*—G. C. Whitlock, A.M.

*Students*—E. Robson, J. B. Keough, Wm. K. Morden,  
Wm. L. Scott, A. T. Drennan, Wm. R. Parker,  
W. H. Laird.

118. *Port Hope*—Richard Whiting, S. Tucker.

119. *Bowmanville*—Thomas Cosford, A. Armstrong.

120. *Newcastle*—Wm. Philp. One to be sent.

121. *Cartwright and Schoogog*—Wm. Richardson. One to be sent.

122. *Millbrook*—Wm. Young. One to be sent. M. Blackstock, Supernumerary.

123. *Peterborough*—W. H. Poole.

124. *Rice Lake*—Wm. Herkimer.

125. *Alnwick*—Sylvester Hurlburt whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School. John Sunday.

126. *Alnwick Circuit*—Amos E. Russ.

127. *Collborne*—Charles Taggart.

128. *Lindsay*—J. C. Osborne, J. Ash.

129. *Metcalf*—Wm. Briden.

Br. Briden's address is Emily P. O.

130. *Norwood*—John Goodfellow. One to be sent.

131. *Keene and Mud Lake*—Henry McDowell. One to be sent.

S. D. RICE, *Chairman*.

## X. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

132. *Belleville*—John Carroll.

133. *Consecon*—Michael Fawcett, D. B. Madden.

Br. Madden's address is Bloomfield.

134. *Picton*—J. C. Slater, Wm. Sanderson, J. N. Lake;  
Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Supernumeraries.  
135. *Sidney*—John Lever, H. Jackson; John Black, Sup'd.  
136. *Brighton*—W. S. Blackstock, Wm. Tomline.  
137. *Demorestville*—Wm. H. Williams; Cyrus R. Allison,  
Supernumerary.  
138. *Shannonville*—Luther Houghton.  
139. *Hungerford*—Michael Baxter. One to be sent.  
140. *Madoc*—John Sanderson.  
141. *Stirling*—Nelson Brown.  
142. *Percy and Seymour*—Edward Ward. One to be sent.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

#### XI. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

143. *Kingston*—George Douglas, Thos. S. Keough; Henry  
Byers, Supernumerary.  
144. *Napanee*—Benjamin Slight, A.M. One to be sent.  
145. *Wilton*—Francis Coleman, William Short.  
146. *Loughboro'*—Stephen Miles.  
147. *Bath and Amherst Isle*—David Clappison, Jay You-  
mans.  
148. *Waterloo-Kingston*—George F. Playter, David A.  
Johnson.  
149. *Gananoque*—George Carr. One to be sent.  
150. *Newborough*—Wm. M. Pattysen.  
151. *Elgin*—Abraham Dayman.  
152. *Farmersville*—George Beynon, J. W. Germain.  
153. *Newburgh*—Chas. Fish.  
154. *Sheffield*—John Mills.

BENJAMIN SLIGHT, A.M., *Chairman*.

#### XII. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

155. *Brockville*—George H. Davis.  
156. *Prescott*—Henry Lanton.  
157. *Maitland*—Asael Hurlburt. One to be sent.  
158. *Perth*—David C. McDowell.  
159. *Kemptville*—Jas. Grecner, Jas. Masson, who will reside in  
Mountain; Henry Shaler, Superannuated.

160. *Matilda*—Jas. Gray, H. H. Perdue ; John Armstrong,  
2nd, Superannuated.  
161. *Smith's Falls*—V. B. Howard ; William Brown, Sup'y.  
162. *Carlton-Place*—Joseph Reynolds.  
163. *Lanark Village and Sherbrooke*—Wm. Burns. To  
be supplied. A. Adams, supernumerary.  
164. *Merrickville*—Robert Brewster.  
165. *Cornwall*—John Howes. To be supplied.  
166. *Winchester*—Erastus Hurlburt.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

### XIII. OTTAWA DISTRICT.

167. *Ottawa City*—James Brock.  
168. *Aylmer*—Silas Huntington.  
169. *Richmond*—William Coleman, James Latimer.  
170. *Pakenham*—Robert Hobbs.  
171. *L'Orignal*—Wm. Morton, Joseph Kilgower.  
172. *Lochaber*—David Hardie.  
173. *Osgood*—William McGill, J. D. Pugh.  
174. *Guttineau*—George Case. One to be sent.  
175. *Clarendon and Portage du Forte*—Robert Robinson.  
176. *Onslow*—James Roy.  
177. *Westmeath*—Richard Hammond, Wm. Scales.  
178. *Bell's Corners*—Thomas McMullen.  
179. *Grenville*—James Morris.  
180. *Point Alexander*—One to be sent.

JAMES BROCK, *Chairman*.

### XIV. MONTREAL DISTRICT.

181. *Montreal Centre*—Wellington Jeffers ; John Douglas,  
Supernumerary.  
182. *Montreal West*—George Young.  
183. *Montreal East*—Joseph E. Sanderson, B. A.  
184. *Rawdon*—Wm. Creighton, } Exchange once  
185. *Wesleyville*—Andrew Armstrong, } every six weeks.  
186. *St. Johns*—Richard Clarke.  
187. *Chambly*—One to be sent.

188. *Odell Town*—William Scott.  
 189. *Hemmingford*—S. D. Maudsley.  
 190. *Russeltown*—John Webster.  
 191. *Huntingdon*—Robert Brown.                    } Exchange once  
 192. *Beauharnois*—Wm. Mansford.                } in six weeks.  
 193. *St. Andrews*—E. H. Dewart, E. E. Sweet.  
 194. *Cavignal*—Wm. Hewitt.

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, *Chairman*.

#### XV. QUEBEC DISTRICT.

195. *Quebec*—John Ryerson, Co-Delegate, John E. Betts.  
 196. *Point Levi*—C. Stringfellow.  
 197. *Three Rivers*—William Pollard; Wm. Steer, Super'd.  
 198. *Leeds*—John Armstrong.  
 199. *Ireland*—One to be sent.  
 200. *Chaudiere*—Hiram Fowler.  
 201. *Melbourne*—Thos. W. Constable, B. Cole.  
 202. *Danville*—Wm. D. Brown.  
 203. *Sherbrooke*—To be supplied.  
 204. *Eaton*—Richard Wilson.  
 205. *Dudswell*—Edward Cragg.  
 206. *Gaspé*—One wanted.

JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.

#### XVI. STANSTEAD DISTRICT..

207. *Stanstead*—Malcolm McDonald. One to be sent.  
 208. *Compton and Coaticoke*—John B. Selley, M.D.  
 209. *Hatley*—J. Davis.  
 210. *East Bolton*—Joseph Hugill.  
 211. *Shefford*—Gifford Dorey.  
 212. *Granby*—S. E. Phillips.  
 213. *Dunham*—Rufus A. Flanders, E. S. Ingalls, Supern'y.  
 214. *Farnham*—David Jennings.  
 215. *Sutton*—Francis Hunt.  
 216. *St. Armand*—James Norris; B. Hitchcock, Supern'y.  
 217. *Clarenceville*—John Tomkins.  
 218. *Roxton (French Mission)*—Thomas Charbonell.

JOHN TOMKINS, *Chairman*.

## XVII. HUDSON'S BAY TERRITORY.

219. *Norway House, Lake Winnipeg*—Thomas Hurlburt.  
220. *Oxford House*—Robert Brooking.  
221. *Lac-La-Pluie*—Allan Salt.  
222. *Edmonton House and Rocky Mountain*—Thomas Woolsey and Henry Steinhaur.

T. Hurlburt's address is Rossville, Red River Settlement, Care of Hon. Hudson's Bay Co's. Agent, via Pembina, Minnesota Territory, U. S.

The address of the Missionaries at Jackson's Bay and Edmonton House is by the same route.

THOMAS HURLBURT, *Chairman.*

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**Ques. XII., XIII., & XIV.** *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

## ANSWER.

| CIRCUITS.                 | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superann'd Ministers' Fund. | Education of Ministers. |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Toronto City East.....    | 380      | £12 13 7         | £5 0 0              | £27 0 0                     | £9 5 0                  |
| Toronto City West.....    | 559      | 15 13 1          | 12 2 5              | 35 2 6                      | 15 0 7                  |
| Yonge Street.....         | 513      | 10 0 0           | 5 10 0              | 22 10 0                     | 5 5 0                   |
| Humber.....               | 537      | 8 14 1           | 3 12 0              | 9 18 8                      | 3 16 2                  |
| Brampton.....             | 642      | 13 16 1½         | 1 19 5              | 30 2 0                      | 5 7 0                   |
| Cooksville.....           | 165      | 5 10 10          | 2 18 3½             | 4 15 9                      | 2 15 7                  |
| Whitby.....               | 630      | 8 0 0            | 3 12 0              | 15 9 0                      | 5 9 0                   |
| Markham.....              | 260      | 7 1 10           | 2 9 10              | 10 0 0                      | 2 9 0                   |
| Nelson.....               | 351      | 6 19 7           | 3 10 11             | 10 7 6                      | 3 9 7                   |
| Milton.....               | 245      | 5 7 11           | 2 11 6              | 5 15 0                      | 3 1 6                   |
| Georgetown.....           | 183      | 5 3 10           | 2 13 3              | 5 10 0                      | 1 10 0                  |
| Stouffville.....          | 169      | 2 0 0            | 12 6                | 13 9                        | .....                   |
| Prince Albert.....        | 100      | 4 10 0           | 2 0 0               | 10 10 0                     | 2 2 0                   |
| Hamilton.....             | 550      | 2 8 8½           | 12 5 0              | 60 4 0½                     | 16 17 10                |
| Dundas.....               | 356      | 7 5 3            | 2 3 2               | 7 6 3                       | 3 15 3                  |
| Waterdown.....            | 195      | 1 3 9            | 1 10 0              | 5 17 6                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Glandford and Seneca..... | 352      | 6 4 6            | 1 6 10½             | 9 6 3                       | 1 18 9                  |
| Nanticoke.....            | 195      | 3 15 1           | 1 15 0              | 2 12 11½                    | 17 5                    |
| Dunville.....             | 217      | 1 1 3            | 12 6                | 1 10 6                      | 10 6                    |
| Cayuga.....               | 51       | 1 0 11           | 15 0                | 1 4 6                       | 17 9                    |
| Grimsby.....              | 362      | 8 9 11           | 5 11 3              | 6 4 9                       | 3 5 1                   |
| Stoney Creek.....         | 95       | 1 0 8            | 17 6                | 15 0                        | .....                   |
| Suspension Bridge.....    | 7        | 11 0             | .....               | 15 0                        | .....                   |
| St. Catharines.....       | 120      | 3 3 0            | 1 12 6              | 5 12 6                      | 1 13 0                  |
| Thorold.....              | 150      | 2 11 1½          | 1 10 0              | 6 10 0                      | .....                   |
| Drummondville.....        | 130      | 2 19 16½         | 1 15 0              | 3 10 0                      | 1 5 3                   |
| Niagara.....              | 64       | 2 16 0           | 15 0                | 3 0 0                       | 1 0 0                   |
| Welland.....              | 125      | 4 0 9½           | 3 11 6              | 3 7 6                       | 1 15 5                  |
| Cainsville.....           | 110      | 1 9 1            | 1 5 0               | 1 16 8                      | 15 0                    |
| Brantford.....            | 314      | 6 2 11           | 2 19 1½             | 3 10 0                      | 3 15 3                  |
| Mount Pleasant.....       | 311      | 5 4 9            | 2 11 8½             | 5 9 7½                      | 1 10 10½                |
| Paris.....                | 121      | 9 0 0            | 4 0 0               | 6 6 0                       | 2 10 6                  |
| Woodstock.....            | 230      | 8 13 10          | 5 14 4½             | 9 3 9                       | 2 12 9                  |
| St. George.....           | 285      | 6 1 5            | 2 10 1              | 5 5 3                       | 1 15 6½                 |
| Galt.....                 | 73       | 4 0 0            | 3 0 0               | 4 10 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Ingersoll.....            | 264      | 4 0 0            | 1 12 6              | 3 15 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Norwich.....              | 290      | 3 9 0            | 19 4                | 3 6 4                       | 5 0                     |
| Simcoe.....               | 162      | 4 0 2            | 2 0 9               | 3 0 0                       | 1 15 2                  |
| Dover.....                | 101      | 1 7 3            | 18 11               | 2 1 5                       | 5 0                     |
| Walsingham.....           | 360      | 3 15 0           | 1 15 6              | 2 0 0                       | 15 0                    |
| Fredericksburgh.....      | 141      | 1 0 4            | 10 6                | 2 0 0                       | .....                   |
| Aylmer.....               | 310      | 3 10 0           | 1 15 0              | 2 13 0                      | 17 0                    |
| Vienna.....               | 135      | 2 16 9           | 1 15 0              | 1 7 6                       | .....                   |
| New Credit.....           | 50       | .....            | .....               | .....                       | .....                   |
| Grand River.....          | 3        | .....            | .....               | .....                       | .....                   |
| London.....               | 400      | 7 17 6           | 6 0 0               | 10 15 0                     | 2 5 0                   |
| London Circuit.....       | 411      | 7 16 0           | 2 16 6              | 10 15 0                     | 2 10 0                  |
| St. Thomas.....           | 135      | 5 1 6            | 2 4 4               | 5 10 0                      | 1 13 9                  |
| Port Stanley.....         | 97       | 3 10 4           | 2 19 0              | 2 10 11½                    | .....                   |
| Westminster, &c.....      | 217      | 5 18 3           | 1 10 4              | 2 10 10                     | 1 1 4                   |
| Stratroy.....             | 158      | 4 13 1½          | 1 17 8              | 3 0 0                       | 1 13 2                  |
| Warwick.....              | 103      | 3 1 3            | 18 0                | 2 10 0                      | 2 0 3                   |

| CIRCUITS.                | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superan'd Ministers' Fund. | Education of Ministers. |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Devonshire.....          | 173      | £3 14 1          | £1 18 6½            | £2 12 8                    | £1 7 0                  |
| Belmont.....             | 270      | 1 12 3           | 16 2½               | 2 5 0                      | 9 7½                    |
| Chatham.....             | 157      | 3 15 9           | 2 0 9               | 4 0 0                      | 1 13 10½                |
| Mount Elgin and Muncey   | 217      | 1 11 0           | 8 0                 | 3 11 0                     | 2 9 4½                  |
| Wardsville.....          | 115      | 4 13 1½          | 1 4 1½              | 4 13 1½                    | 2 2 5½                  |
| Wallaceburgh.....        | 61       | 3 5 5½           | 17 10½              | 1 13 9                     | 15 9½                   |
| Morpeth.....             | 90       | 2 5 0            | 1 7 6               | 2 0 0                      | 7 6                     |
| Gosfield.....            | 212      | 2 12 10          | 2 15 10½            | 1 17 1½                    | 12 7                    |
| Sandwich and Windsor...  | 124      | 3 0 0            | 2 17 6              | 2 0 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Amherstburg.....         | 97       | 1 9 1            | 5 11½               | 2 5 9½                     | .....                   |
| Port Sarnia.....         | 160      | 3 5 0            | 1 12 6              | 2 5 0                      | 2 0 0                   |
| St. Clair.....           | 190      | 5 0 0            | .....               | 15 0                       | .....                   |
| Guelph.....              | 265      | .....            | .....               | 9 13 0                     | 5 12 6                  |
| Flora.....               | 254      | 5 15 6½          | 2 15 0              | 4 0 0                      | 2 15 0                  |
| Peel.....                | 326      | 2 17 3           | 2 14 1              | 16 2                       | 9 7                     |
| Berlin and Blenheim..... | 250      | 4 0 0            | 2 0 0               | 12 10 0                    | 2 0 0                   |
| Stratford.....           | 41       | 1 15 0           | 1 2 6               | 1 11 3                     | 16 3                    |
| Citation.....            | 341      | 6 19 1½          | 2 7 0               | 4 10 0                     | 2 7 0                   |
| St. Mary's.....          | 190      | 3 4 7            | 1 8 0               | 2 11 0                     | 18 0                    |
| Goderich.....            | 85       | 1 0 0            | 1 2 6               | 1 5 0                      | 1 7 0                   |
| Mitchell.....            | 161      | 1 10 6           | 7 9                 | 2 10 0                     | 6 0                     |
| Kincardine.....          | 51       | 15 10            | 1 4 5               | 1 0 0                      | 1 2 9½                  |
| Arthur.....              | 33       | 12 4½            | 1 4 5               | 1 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Mount Forest.....        | 37       | 3 1½             | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Mono.....                | 440      | 4 17 9           | 2 19 2              | 10 13 0                    | 12 7½                   |
| Erin.....                | 90       | 1 2 6            | 12 6                | 1 5 0                      | 6 0                     |
| Wellesley.....           | 165      | 2 0 0            | 1 10 0              | 3 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Grey.....                | 88       | 1 1 0            | 1 19 0              | 1 2 6                      | 16 9                    |
| Morris.....              | 89       | 13 5½            | 1 4 2               | 1 6 4½                     | .....                   |
| Wallace and Howick.....  | 194      | 18 2             | 1 0 0               | 1 0 0                      | 11 3                    |
| Wawanesa.....            | 150      | 1 4 8            | .....               | 1 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Bayfield.....            | 74       | 1 0 0            | 18 0                | 1 10 0                     | 11 10                   |
| Turnbury.....            | 24       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Newashi.....             | 57       | 3 10             | 2 1                 | 5 2                        | 2 4                     |
| Colpoys Bay.....         | 13       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Oswego Sound.....        | 210      | 2 1 9            | 1 13 7½             | 3 2 6                      | 1 0 0                   |
| St. Vincent.....         | 174      | 13 6½            | 1 4 4               | 1 7 3                      | .....                   |
| Saugeen.....             | 54       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Southampton.....         | 59       | 1 12 2           | 17 7                | 1 10 7½                    | 10 1½                   |
| Derby.....               | 63       | 15 3½            | 9 5½                | 8 4                        | .....                   |
| Durham.....              | 61       | 12 6             | 10 0                | 1 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Walker's Mills.....      | 28       | 5 4              | 3 0                 | 7 1½                       | .....                   |
| Osprey.....              | 10       | 1 5 10½          | 1 10 1½             | 1 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Preston.....             | 246      | 15 5½            | 12 8                | 15 4½                      | .....                   |
| Bruce Mines.....         | 10       | 2 10 0           | 1 0 0               | 3 5 0                      | .....                   |
| Garden River.....        | 55       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Lake Superior.....       | 41       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Barrie.....              | 138      | 3 17 9½          | 1 8 6               | 10 9 10                    | 2 1 3                   |
| Innisfil.....            | 115      | 5 0 5½           | 2 6 4               | 4 3 6½                     | 2 15 0                  |
| Bradford.....            | 376      | 7 7 1            | 3 2 2½              | 10 1 6½                    | 2 11 10                 |
| Conkstown.....           | 203      | 3 0 0            | 1 7 4               | 7 10 0                     | 1 12 0                  |
| Newmarket.....           | 438      | 6 15 1           | 3 18 2½             | 9 8 0                      | 2 11 10                 |
| Holland Landing.....     | 139      | 2 17 7½          | 2 15 4              | 2 6 1½                     | 11 2 0½                 |
| Snake Island.....        | 54       | 12 6             | 10 7½               | 5 0                        | .....                   |
| Brook.....               | 149      | 1 6 1            | 1 0 0               | 2 0 10½                    | 14 6                    |
| Flos and Orillia.....    | 173      | 3 19 0           | 1 6 1               | 6 5 0                      | 2 10 0                  |
| Peuketanguishene.....    | 70       | 3 10             | .....               | 4 0                        | .....                   |
| French River.....        | .....    | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |



| CIRCUITS.            | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superan'd Ministers' Fund. | Education of Ministers. |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Collingwood.....     | 32       | £1 0 7½          | £0 10 0             | £0 17 6                    | £0 15 0                 |
| Rama.....            | 63       | 2 6              | 2 6                 | 5 0                        | .....                   |
| Cobourg.....         | 346      | 5 0 0            | 1 7 9               | 7 14 4½                    | 4 14 1½                 |
| Port Hope.....       | 76       | 5 0 0            | 2 10 0              | 6 15 0                     | 2 2 6                   |
| Bowmanville.....     | 408      | 4 5 0            | 2 5 0               | 8 0 7½                     | 1 17 6                  |
| Newcastle.....       | 232      | 4 0 0            | 2 2 0               | 7 10 0                     | 2 0 3                   |
| Cartwright.....      | 195      | 1 7 5            | 19 7½               | 1 0 0                      | 5 9                     |
| Millbrook.....       | 92       | 3 13 10½         | 3 6 3               | 4 12 6                     | 1 2 6                   |
| Peterborough.....    | 251      | 3 9 9            | 1 8 9               | 6 8 9                      | 1 5 0                   |
| Smith.....           | 184      | 13 9             | 11 10               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Rice Lake.....       | 70       | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Alnwick.....         | 47       | 10 2             | 5 2½                | 15 0                       | .....                   |
| Alnwick Circuit..... | 61       | 1 7 0            | 13 7½               | 1 13 0                     | .....                   |
| Colborne.....        | 82       | 2 19 4           | 1 10 0              | 2 16 1                     | 1 3 3                   |
| Lindsey.....         | 140      | 3 5 1½           | 2 16 3              | 3 10 0                     | 12 6                    |
| Metcalfe.....        | 167      | 2 16 3           | 1 1 3               | 2 10 0                     | 12 6                    |
| Norwood.....         | 139      | 1 14 3           | 17 6                | 2 17 5½                    | 10 0                    |
| Keepe.....           | 156      | 2 14 9           | 1 1 10½             | 1 15 0                     | 10 0                    |
| Belleville.....      | 105      | 9 0 0            | 4 3 1               | 26 10 0                    | 6 16 0                  |
| Consecon.....        | 595      | 4 15 0           | 2 11 0              | 9 0 0                      | 1 10 0                  |
| Pictou.....          | 595      | 4 3 7            | 1 19 3              | 9 0 0                      | 1 17 8                  |
| Sidney.....          | 678      | 4 3 0            | 2 19 4              | 6 13 3                     | 1 11 2½                 |
| Brighton.....        | 425      | 5 0 0            | 2 10 9              | 3 0 0                      | 1 15 0                  |
| Demorestville.....   | 495      | 1 9 3            | 17 8                | 1 17 6                     | 9 6                     |
| Shannonville.....    | 228      | 2 0 9            | 1 8 3½              | 1 0 0                      | 12 0                    |
| Hungerford.....      | 135      | 1 4 3            | 15 0                | 1 6 10                     | 6 2                     |
| Madoc.....           | 220      | 12 0             | 18 1                | 15 0                       | 5 2                     |
| Stirling.....        | 141      | 1 11 3           | 1 0 0               | 1 5 0                      | 7 6                     |
| Percy.....           | 115      | 2 2 8½           | 2 8 11½             | 2 0                        | 5 0                     |
| Kingston.....        | 231      | 10 19 4          | 3 12 6              | 14 17 6                    | 5 7 0                   |
| Napanee.....         | 312      | 5 9 6            | 1 9 0               | 9 16 6                     | 1 10 0                  |
| Wilton.....          | 420      | 3 6 3½           | 1 19 0              | 6 0 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Bath.....            | 432      | 3 2 10           | 1 8 0               | 3 0 0                      | 1 6 0                   |
| Waterloo.....        | 296      | 4 4 9            | 1 13 9              | 6 5 0                      | 1 9 10                  |
| Gananoque.....       | 203      | 1 12 9           | 1 1 0               | 1 5 6                      | 1 8 6                   |
| Newborough.....      | 79       | 1 17 6           | 2 1 3               | 2 5 0                      | 1 2 6                   |
| Farmersville.....    | 250      | 5 16 6           | 2 16 0              | 12 10 9½                   | 1 12 4                  |
| Newburg.....         | 379      | 2 5 0            | 1 5 0               | 5 0 0                      | 1 10 0                  |
| Centreville.....     | .....    | 2 0 0            | 1 0 0               | 1 15 11                    | 1 5 0                   |
| Sheffield.....       | 172      | .....            | .....               | .....                      | .....                   |
| Storrington.....     | 167      | 1 12 11          | 15 0                | 3 0 0                      | .....                   |
| Portland.....        | 144      | 1 15 5½          | 3 9                 | 3 13 9                     | .....                   |
| Brockville.....      | 175      | 4 1 1½           | 2 0 0               | 3 1 3                      | 1 5 0                   |
| Prescott.....        | 80       | 1 7 8            | 15 0                | 1 11 1½                    | 14 7                    |
| Maitland.....        | 375      | 4 1 10           | 6 6½                | 4 7 7½                     | 1 3 9                   |
| Perth.....           | 200      | 2 4 6            | 13 7½               | 1 10 4                     | 1 3 4                   |
| Kemptville.....      | 350      | 2 19 0           | 1 6 9               | 2 7 6                      | 14 3                    |
| Matilda.....         | 550      | 4 1 9            | 1 19 8              | 6 15 0                     | 2 1 2                   |
| Smith's Falls.....   | 166      | 3 6 9            | 1 8 1½              | 5 4 6                      | 10 5                    |
| Carlton.....         | 160      | 1 12 0           | 10 0                | 1 6 0                      | 5 10                    |
| Lanark.....          | 133      | 1 5 6            | 5 0                 | 2 2 6                      | 16 1                    |
| Packenham.....       | 90       | 1 13 6           | 13 6                | 1 5 6                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Merrickville.....    | 140      | 1 1 6            | 13 10½              | 1 0 0                      | 1 7 0                   |
| Cornwall.....        | 261      | 1 15 0           | 1 2 6               | 1 5 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Winchester.....      | 168      | 2 5 0            | 1 8 4               | 2 1 3                      | 6 6                     |
| Ottawa.....          | 128      | 3 12 0           | 1 14 5              | 3 5 0                      | 1 3 6                   |
| Aylmer.....          | 60       | 3 2 4            | 1 14 0              | 2 0 0                      | 1 5 6                   |
| Richmond.....        | 411      | 3 1 4            | 1 6 0               | 4 0 0                      | 1 9 7½                  |

| CIRCUITS.                   | Members. | Contingent Fund. | Church Relief Fund. | Superan'd Ministers' Fund. | Education of Ministers. |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Point Alexander.....        |          | 19 2½            |                     | £1 15 0                    | £1 10 0                 |
| L'Original.....             | 122      | 2 3 11½          | £1 10 3             | 2 12 11½                   | 15 0                    |
| Lochaber.....               | 52       | 10 0             | 6 0                 | 13 6                       | 11 4                    |
| Westmeath.....              | 99       | 1 10 0           | 15 2                | 1 0 0                      | 1 0 0                   |
| Osgoode.....                | 220      | 2 14 6           | 1 3 1               | 1 0 10½                    | .....                   |
| Gattineau.....              | 135      | 1 10 0           | 10 0                | 1 15 0                     | .....                   |
| Clarendon.....              | 934      | 1 13 6½          | 11 3                | 1 17 6                     | 19 7                    |
| Huntley.....                | 117      | 1 10 0           | 16 0                | 1 0 0                      | 1 10 0                  |
| Grenville.....              | 63       | 4 7              |                     | 18 0                       | .....                   |
| Montreal Centre.....        | 313      | 21 11 6          | 13 17 10½           | 28 12 1½                   | 14 0 7½                 |
| "    West.....              | 165      | 3 7 1½           | 3 1 2               | 3 0 0                      | 1 13 9                  |
| "    East.....              | 122      | 3 0 11           | 1 15 0              | 1 5 0                      | 1 2 9                   |
| Rawdon and Wesleyville..    | 181      | 13 6½            | 1 8 3               | 1 15 0                     | .....                   |
| St. Johns.....              | 22       | 2 2 6            | 1 10 0              | 2 0 0                      | 6 0                     |
| Chambly.....                | 23       | 1 0 0            | 5 0                 | 10 0                       | 2 0                     |
| Odelltown.....              | 141      | 2 2 3            | 1 7 6               | 1 0 0                      | 16 8                    |
| Hemmingford.....            | 60       | 2 12 4½          | 18 0                | 11 3                       | 12 8                    |
| Russelltown.....            | 150      | 1 6 4            | 16 9                | 1 0 0                      | 8 7½                    |
| Huntington.....             | 253      | 2 6 3½           | 18 3                | 1 1 3                      | 11 4                    |
| St. Andrews.....            | 164      | 1 16 7½          | 16 6½               | 1 6 3                      | .....                   |
| Cavignall.....              | 37       | 1 0 0            | 17 6                | 1 7 1½                     | 4 6                     |
| Quebec.....                 | 323      | 8 17 6           | 3 10 0              | 5 3 10                     | .....                   |
| Point Levi.....             | 9        |                  | 1 19 2              |                            | .....                   |
| Three Rivers.....           | 29       | 14 11            | 5 0                 | 3 5 0                      | 8 4                     |
| Leeds.....                  | 273      | 13 2½            | 11 3                | 2 10 0                     | 6 2                     |
| Chaudiere.....              | 8        |                  |                     |                            | .....                   |
| Melbourne.....              | 337      | 3 5 0            | 1 15 0              | 20 0 0                     | 1 10 0                  |
| Sherbrooke.....             | 98       | 1 10 0           | 1 10 0              | 3 1 5                      | 15 6                    |
| Eaton.....                  | 91       | 1 19 0           | 1 19 4½             | 1 0 0                      | 7 10                    |
| Dudswell.....               | 24       | 10 0             | 10 0                |                            | .....                   |
| Gaspe.....                  | 20       |                  |                     |                            | .....                   |
| Stanstead.....              | 145      | 1 3 9            | 19 3                | 1 14 3                     | 16 10                   |
| Compton.....                | 50       | 10 0             | 3 9                 | 10 0                       | .....                   |
| Hatley.....                 | 63       | 1 9 3            | 4 10                | 7 2                        | .....                   |
| Coaticoke.....              | 17       |                  | 2 19 0              |                            | .....                   |
| East Bolton.....            | 56       | 1 12 6           |                     | 1 2 6                      | 12 6                    |
| Shelford.....               | 119      | 1 3 11           |                     | 1 12 6                     | 15 0                    |
| Granby.....                 | 94       | 5 0              |                     | 1 12 6                     | 10 3½                   |
| Dunham.....                 | 250      | 14 0             |                     | 1 5 0                      | .....                   |
| Sutton.....                 | 54       |                  | 11 8                |                            | .....                   |
| St. Armand.....             | 73       | 1 12 6           | 12 6                | 2 10 0                     | 7 6                     |
| Clarenceville.....          | 200      | 1 1 0            |                     | 1 5 0                      | 14 10                   |
| Roxton, (French Canad'n)    |          |                  |                     |                            | .....                   |
| Total, (1068 Indians)...    | 39015    |                  |                     |                            |                         |
| Increase.....               |          |                  |                     |                            |                         |
| Balance from last year...   |          | 6 15 7           |                     |                            |                         |
| From Circuits.....          |          | 670 14 10        | 138 2 7½            | 860 6 11½                  |                         |
| From the Book Room...       |          | 300 0 0          |                     |                            |                         |
| From the English Conf...    |          | 733 6 8          |                     |                            |                         |
| Collection at Conference... |          | 8 17 11½         |                     |                            |                         |
| Annual Subs. of Minister... |          |                  |                     | 22 0 0                     |                         |
| Advanced by Treasurer...    |          | 101 4 0          |                     | 52 13 9½                   |                         |
| Total.....                  |          | 1820 17 0½       | 438 2 7½            | 1185 0 9                   |                         |

Quest. XV.—*How has the Contingent money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz:—

| APPROPRIATION TO DISTRICTS. |                   |           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Paid the                    | Toronto District. | £209 10 0 |
| "                           | Hamilton "        | 133 15 0  |
| "                           | Bramford "        | 195 10 0  |
| "                           | London "          | 52 0 0    |
| "                           | Chatham "         | 34 10 0   |
| "                           | Barrie "          | 45 9 0    |
| "                           | Cobourg "         | 179 10 0  |
| "                           | Belleville "      | 140 0 0   |
| "                           | Kingston "        | 150 10 0  |
| "                           | Brockville "      | 199 0 0   |
| "                           | Guelph "          | 52 10 0   |
| "                           | Ottawa "          | 108 5 0   |

£1500 0 0

| EXPENSES.                             |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Dr. Green's expenses to England.      | £100 0 0 |
| Expenses of Committee.                | 0 17 6   |
| Postage and Stationery.               | 0 16 8   |
| Book-Room, Bibles, &c.                | 16 17 11 |
| Co-Delegates Postage.                 | 2 10 0   |
| Ex-Secretary of Conference, expenses. | 2 10 0   |
| Conference Expenses.                  | 8 12 7½  |

£132 4 6½

| SPECIAL GRANTS.                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| B. Nankeville.                  | £10 0 0 |
| N. F. English, moving expenses. | 7 10 0  |
| W. Chapman,                     | 10 0 0  |
| W. S. Blackstock.               | 10 0 0  |
| H. Lanton.                      | 20 0 0  |

£57 10 0

| AFFLICTIONS.                        |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| John Bredin.                        | £12 10 0 |
| B. Jones.                           | 18 10 0  |
| D. B. Madden, funeral, &c.          | 24 15 0  |
| Thomas Fawcett.                     | 1 5 0    |
| G. Kennedy, funeral, &c., of Child. | 5 0 0    |
| F. Chapman, funeral, &c.            | 25 0 0   |
| Wm. Chapman.                        | 2 10 0   |
| Alexander Campbell.                 | 5 0 0    |
| John Lever.                         | 5 15 4   |
| G. F. Plavter.                      | 8 2 6    |
| J. Hurlburt.                        | 7 0 0    |
| J. Reynolds.                        | 4 5 5    |
| Wm. M. Pattysen.                    | 11 10 0  |
| Wm. Young.                          | 5 0 0    |

131 3 1

£1830 17 0½

Res. Dr. Goodson having been robbed of money belonging to the Contingent and Missionary Funds, it is recommended that the Circuit have credit for the full amount, and that the same be not demanded from him.

Quest. XVI.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows, viz :—

|                  |                                   |           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation to | African Church, Toronto West..... | £5 12 7½  |
| "                | Stouffville, " .....              | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Ca't " .....                      | 25 0 0    |
| "                | Woodstock " .....                 | 25 0 0    |
| "                | Ingersoll " .....                 | 12 10 0   |
| "                | Houghton Centre .....             | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Union " .....                     | 25 0 0    |
| "                | Rochester " .....                 | 12 10 0   |
| "                | Unionville " .....                | 5 0 0     |
| "                | Osprey Mission " .....            | 15 0 0    |
| "                | Southampton " .....               | 20 0 0    |
| "                | Almira " .....                    | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Mount Forrest " .....             | 7 10 0    |
| "                | Ebenezer " .....                  | 12 10 0   |
| "                | North West Brock " .....          | 7 10 0    |
| "                | Cannington " .....                | 12 10 0   |
| "                | Millbrook " .....                 | 30 0 0    |
| "                | Frankfort " .....                 | 25 0 0    |
| "                | Percy " .....                     | 20 0 0    |
| "                | Shannonville " .....              | 5 0 0     |
| "                | Newboro " .....                   | 17 10 0   |
| "                | Ganacque " .....                  | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Maitland " .....                  | 7 10 0    |
| "                | Inkerman " .....                  | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Brownell's " .....                | 7 10 0    |
| "                | Pembroke " .....                  | 20 0 0    |
| "                | Seignory " .....                  | 10 0 0    |
| "                | St. John's " .....                | 25 0 0    |
| "                | Sproule's " .....                 | 10 0 0    |
| "                | Coaticoke " .....                 | 30 0 0    |
|                  |                                   | £438 2 7½ |

Quest. XVI.—*How has the Superannuation money been expended?* Answer. As follows, viz :—

|                                                                    |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount paid to the Superannuated Ministers and Widows on this Fund | £1174 0 0 |
| Incidental Expenses.....                                           | 11 0 9    |
| £1185 0 5                                                          |           |

*Return of the number of Ministers' Children on the several Districts, having claims on Children's Fund.*

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Toronto District..... | 41 |
| Hamilton " .....      | 31 |
| Brantford " .....     | 40 |
| London " .....        | 15 |
| Chatham " .....       | 24 |
| Guelph " .....        | 18 |
| Owen's Sound " .....  | 4  |
| Barrie " .....        | 24 |
| Cobourg " .....       | 30 |
| Belleville " .....    | 26 |
| Kingston " .....      | 24 |
| Brockville " .....    | 22 |
| Ottawa " .....        | 10 |
| Montreal " .....      | 11 |
| Quebec " .....        | 15 |
| Stanstead " .....     | 20 |

## COMMITTEES.

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Quest. XVIII. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. **MISSIONARY COMMITTEE** :—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Chairmen of Districts; Dr. Green; Sylvester Hurlburt, S. D. Rice, T. B. Howard, Wm. Young, Kennedy Creighton, Wm. Willoughby.

2. **BOOK COMMITTEE** :—President and Secretary of Conference, and Chairmen of Toronto, London, Chatham, Guelph, Brantford, Hamilton, Barrie and Cobourg Districts, Ministers in Toronto, Yonge Street, Cooksville, Hamilton, Montreal, and Superintendents of Brampton, Newmarket, Humber, Markham, Bradford, Whitby, Nelson, St. Catharines, Milton, Cobourg, and Milbrook; also, Thomas Bevitt.

3. **CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE** :—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Book Steward, Editor, Superintendents of Toronto and Brantford Circuits, Dr. Green, Dr. Ryerson, S. S. Nelles, Wm. Young, J. Scott, Dr. Aylesworth, K. Creighton, E. B. Harper, Thos. Bevitt, and Henry Wilkinson.

4. **CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE** :—Fifteen Laymen to be appointed by the May District Meetings when the Stewards are present. The following are the Districts appointed to elect members of the Contingent Fund Committee, and the number which each District is required to elect :—

|                                           |    |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----|----------|
| Toronto .....                             | 3  | Members. |
| Hamilton .....                            | 2  | "        |
| Brantford... ..                           | 2  | "        |
| London .....                              | 2  | "        |
| Guelph.....                               | 2  | "        |
| Barrie .....                              | 2  | "        |
| Cobourg .....                             | 2  | "        |
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| Total .....                               | 15 |          |

5. BOARD OF THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND : Dr. Green, Chairman ; J. Douse, Treasurer ; Henry Wilkinson, Asahel Hurlburt, R. Jones, and Samuel Rose.

6. CHAPEL RELIEF FUND BOARD :—President and Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Toronto District, Superintendent of Toronto West Circuit, Book Steward, Editor, and the following laymen, viz. : J. R. Armstrong, Joseph Bloor, R. Yates, George Rowell, John Sterling, W. Blight, and J. McDonald, Esqs.

7. BOARD OF VICTORIA COLLEGE :—*Trustees* : Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, E. Wood, R. Jones, G. R. Sanderson, S. S. Nelles, S. D. Rice, J. Ryerson, and J. P. Roblin, Esq. *Visitors* : Rev. J. Douse, J. Carroll, S. Rose, J. Counter, Esq., and Hon. Jas. Ferrier, Esq.

8. MISSIONARY BOARD : President and Secretary of Conference ; Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate ; Superintendent of Missions ; Revs. Jonathan Scott, R. Jones, A. Green, D. D., E. Ryerson, D. D., J. Spencer, G. R. Sanderson, J. Borland, J. Gemley, and the following Lay Gentlemen, viz. :—J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, G. Rowell, R. Yates, A. Hamilton, Thos. Maclear, and J. Harper.

9. MINISTERS' EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference, Revs. R. Jones, J. Douse, S. Rose, J. Musgrove, J. Borland, G. R. Sanderson, E. B. Harper, and the following Laymen : R. Yates, R. Hastings, J. Bloor, S. Alcorn, Dr. Aikens, Edward Jackson, T. Bickle, F. W. Watkins, and J. Lister.

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GENERAL AGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
VICTORIA COLLEGE,

REV. S. ROSE, *Dundas*.

“ J. CARROLL, *Bellerille*.

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TIME OF TAKING UP COLLECTIONS FOR THE  
CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the Month of July.
2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the Months of September and March.

3. *Superannuated Preachers' Fund*, in the Months of November and December.

N.B.—This collection is to be made in the Classes as well as by general application.

4. *Collection* to aid in the Education of Candidates for our Ministry, in the Month of December.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following Ministers and Laymen be a committee on the French Mission, viz.: the Rev. Co-Delegate, J. Tomkins, W. Jeffers, J. B. Selley, M. D., Wm. Scott, R. E. Flanders, G. Dorey, and the following Laymen: Hon. James Ferrier, James A. Matheson, Esq., Thomas Kay, Esq., Robert Campbell, Esq., who shall report to the President and the Missionary Board.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the deliberate and firm conviction of this Conference that the Government of this Province will best provide for the Collegiate Education of the youth of the land by granting more liberal support to those colleges, which, while free from sectarianism, are under denominational control, and are thereby enabled to afford their students a healthful, moral, and religious discipline; and this Conference would record its strong disapprobation of the continued lavish expenditure of the funds of the Toronto University in a way that does not commend itself to the public sentiment.

3. *Resolved*, That this Conference desires to express its confidence in the existing Common School System of Upper Canada, and strongly deprecates the effort of those who are endeavouring to disturb and destroy that system; and this Conference would further express its high admiration of the great ability and impartiality with which the present Chief Superintendent of Education continues to discharge the duties of his responsible position.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. S. D. Rice, ex-Secretary of the Conference, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he performed the duties of his late office.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. R. Whiting for his great and unwearied assiduity in attending to the comforts of the members of the Conference during the present session.

6. *Resolved*, That the Conference has seen, with great pleasure, the report of the Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate, and the Rev. R. Jones, the Deputation of this Conference to the general Conference of the M. E. Church of the U. S., and that this Conference records its high sense of the value of the services of these honored Brethren, and for the able and gratifying manner in which they discharged the duties of their mission.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the friends of Brockville for the kind and liberal manner in which they have entertained the members of the Conference, during their sojourn in this Town, and that the superintendent minister be requested to present them, at the close of the next Sabbath morning service.

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### PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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*The Annual Address of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in their thirty-third Annual Conference to the Members of the Societies under their care.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN —

Among the many duties, which, during our Sessions of Conference necessarily occupy our attention, there are few to which we apply ourselves with more pleasing interest than that of addressing to you our accustomed annual letter. We ever regard ourselves, not only as ministers of Christ, but also as your Servants for Jesus' sake. As such we have laboured, and are yet purposed to labour, for the furtherance of your joy in the Lord; assured, that if faithful to death,—we as ministers of Christ, and you as members of His Church—you will be our own of rejoicing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.



The lapse of another year reminds us of our steady, and even rapid approach to our final home; and holds up before us, with impressive effect, the exhortation of Scripture :—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might : for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest."

Since we last addressed you in this form of pastoral relation, peace has again been restored to our world. The scourge of war that swept over a portion of it, and though but limited, comparatively, as to its scene of actual conflict, was nevertheless wide in its sweep of desolation and sorrow, is again removed : so that those who, but a short time ago, were drawn up in deadly array against each other, are now exchanging tokens of their friendly regards. So may it ever continue, until the Gospel of our Lord shall have so melted and moulded every human heart, that wars' arts and aims shall be forgotten, and when the sword shall be beaten into the ploughshare, and the spear into the pruning-hook; and none shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain !

We need not say to you, that such visitations as those of war, are designed for purposes of judgment and mercy; and that the Church of Christ should so interpret and act upon them, that co-operating with Him, who "is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working," correction and improvement may be fully attained. Of this we believe you are persuaded, and we exhort, therefore, that with us you will unite in earnest and believing prayer, that as peace has restored to Europe the amenities of civilized life, so she may bring to her, and that speedily and abundantly, the means of her moral and spiritual improvement in the true knowledge of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our joy is great, and our gratitude unfeigned, for the continued and marked prosperity with which the Lord has crowned our Church through the past year. Two thousand and forty-five have been added to us, over and above supplying the deductions from deaths, removals and backslidings. Nor is this our only cause of thanksgiving. We have ground for believing that the blessing of entire sanctification is more generally sought after, and enjoyed, than ever it was before ;

while the possession of religion in the creating and renewing energy of the Holy Ghost, is more clearly apprehended as constituting "the one thing needful." Here, beloved brethren, is our power. It is thus we obtain large and more frequent baptisms of the Holy Spirit: and while acquiring good we are the better qualified for doing good.

To maintain this spiritual life, and with even increasing vigor, should be our constant aim. But if so, we must guard against all inordinate wordly influence; remembering that this is not our home; and that friendship with the world is enmity with God,—that we cannot serve God and mammon. We must attend, and that regularly, the various means of grace with which we are so distinguished as a people; and as well, with an unvarying purpose of profiting thereby. The public means of grace we are not so likely to neglect as those of a more social and private nature. Of these we mean family worship; Class, and other meetings for prayer, and mutual improvement: closet duties, such as private prayer, and the devotional readings of the Holy Scriptures. These are essential to the very existence of religion, without them other and public means, however imposing, would be spiritless and unsaving.

We take this opportunity to re-affirm the deep conviction we entertain of the importance of Class Meetings as a means of grace; and of our duty to maintain them as a condition of church membership; as thus they have been handed down to us by our venerated founder. We have no disposition to conceal from you the deep satisfaction it affords us in believing that in judgment and purpose you are, as we are, in this respect. Brethren, let us maintain the ancient land-marks, and sacredly cherish means so distinctive of our church, and so promotive of our spirituality.

The responsibilities of the church to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is fully admitted by you, as by ourselves; nevertheless, it is worthy of your most serious consideration, whether or not, the means which we employ, for their moral and spiritual culture, are as faithfully applied as so important a matter demands. We have our Sabbath Schools, which for many years have rendered services of inestimable value to this end; but is it not apparent that their

efficiency would be very much improved, if our aged and more experienced members, were to take a more active part in their management and control? And may we not ask of you, dearly beloved brethren, whether greater efforts might not be employed, and with good effect, to induce our youth to attend our social means of grace, such as our week evening services for the preaching of the word and prayer; and when deemed proper, to incite them to attendance on our Class Meetings? The fact that many of our children grow up and pass from us unsaved into the world, notwithstanding the instrumentalities of our church, cannot but be regarded as a grave reason for giving these suggestions our fullest and most prayerful consideration.

The last year has chronicled more deaths of ministers belonging to this Conference than any that has preceded it. Four during that time have fallen in the field, and have gone to their reward. They lived to preach the Gospel, and for a series of years to exemplify its truth and power; after which, at the instance of their Lord, they died to demonstrate that, although called to pass through the valley of the shadow of death, the believer need fear no evil, for that then God is with him, while His rod and staff comfort and sustain him.

We need but to remind you that of the four one is the venerated Case; and you will concur with us in saying, that the *number* of those who have died is not the only speciality which the year presents. None will doubt but that in the late Mr. Case, a man venerable for years, for influence and for usefulness, has passed away from us to his rest in heaven. With the Psalmist, we in all such instances would say: "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth, because thou didst it." In these providences we are, however, solaced by knowing that our loss is their infinite gain; and, further, because the Lord is raising up others to take the places in his vineyard thus vacated. Thirty-eight have this year been received as Candidates for our ministry; and sixteen, having finished the usual term of probation, have been received into full connexion with the Conference. Here we see that although the Lord buries his workmen, he raises up others, and carries on his work.

Our Mission work, Home and Foreign, is spreading with

remarkable rapidity. We last year asked your prayerful sympathies in behalf of our work in the far West among the numerous Indian tribes of that wide spread territory ; we this year have to place before you for a similar object an important work, just commenced among the French Canadians of Canada East. Long have that people been all but inaccessible to us, and that principally from a want of suitable agents to engage in the work. Now that want is partially met, and a commencement made under circumstances of much encouragement. We earnestly commend to your prayers, this portion of our work, as we do most solicitously every other. O ! let us entreat the Lord, until the wants of perishing thousands are supplied, and our country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is cheered by the triumphs of redeeming grace.

Our College, for the education of our youth generally, and now open to those candidates for our ministry who are authorized by the Conference to attend it, is to us a cause of deep and serious concern. Its success as evinced in the number of its pupils, and in the education they receive, and, above all, in the conversions to God, which from year to year take place within its walls, gives us matter for joy and thanksgiving. Yet the fact, which we can have no desire to conceal from you, that its liabilities have so increased as not only to threaten its successful management, but to make it all but certain, that unless relief of a pecuniary character is soon obtained for it, a painful crisis must necessarily ensue, is, you will admit, just cause for concern. A fact so apparently anomalous has its explanation in the repairs, alterations, and additions, which were found to be indispensable ; and in addition the great increase of expenditure, which the advance in almost every article of living, has been incurred throughout the last two years. An increase in the board of the pupils corresponding with the times could have been justly made, but it was not done, lest it should tell injuriously upon the higher objects of the Institution. That an Institution so important in its influence upon our church and country, should be permitted to sink, and in sinking to carry with it so many unmistakable tokens of God's approval, would be at once our sin and our shame. It cannot be ! It must not be ! But if not, and we have but so to

determine and it shall not be what is to be done? The Conference has taken the initiative in a scheme, which, of all others, is most likely to succeed, by appointing two of its senior and influential members to visit the circuits and stations of our people in each part of our united Province, by which means they hope to awaken your interest (and we sincerely hope they may not be mistaken) and when your response will be so deep, so hearty, and so united, that at once and forever, Victoria College shall be freed from all pecuniary embarrassments, and enabled to prosecute its noble mission of light and truth with increasing efficiency and effect. Our standing and character as a church in this great Province demand this at our hands.

On another topic, also, we must detain your attention for a moment. The present is an age of book-making and of book-reading. Would that we could also add, of books really valuable and fit to be freely circulated among our people. But this is not the case; and because it is not, we are the more anxious to remind you of the existence and object of our Book Establishment. Every precaution is taken that the books it circulates shall be not only unexceptionable, but the best of their kind which England and America can supply. And when, in addition to this, you remember that the establishment is maintained solely for the furtherance of our common cause, we feel that we can use great boldness in asking your patronage for it. The official organ of our Church, the **CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN**, we have determined, shall at the expiration of the present volume, be enlarged, and such means employed in reference to it, as shall make it, even more than heretofore, an useful and interesting family paper. A steady increase of subscribers has hitherto encouraged us; yet we believe, their number might easily, and within a comparatively brief period, be doubled. As the public, and general interests of our Church are involved in this also, you will see, that with us, you have an equal responsibility in accomplishing it. Let us be joint labourers, then, in this common work.

At our Conference last year, we were visited, and very much edified, by the venerable, and now sainted, Dr. **BEECHAM**, of the parent British Conference: so, this year, we have been

favoured with a visit from the Rev. Dr. HANNAH and the Rev. Mr. JOBSON, Delegates from the British Conference, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. Though not in their original design, they, nevertheless, at our invitation, and at much inconvenience to themselves, came to attend our Conference. We have received them as Messengers of the Churches of our Fathers; and in their matured and sanctified counsels, preaching, and general intercourse, we gladly testify to the power divine. Fellowship so sweet on earth, exalts our thoughts of bliss in heaven. The Revs. ROBINSON SCOTT and R. G. CATHER, Ministers from the Irish Conference, and Delegates to the United States and Canada, to make an appeal on behalf of their country—its Methodism and its necessities,—have also been with us. We have been deeply affected, and shall continue to be, by their forcible and stirring appeals. We commend their cause—their country's and their Redeemer's cause—to your Christian sympathies. On the points of interest for which their mission was originated, we will not now enlarge, as in due time you will receive from them, personally, the fullest information. It is arranged that in the course of the year, they shall, (God willing), pass through the country, and hold meetings in the most central places, when they will explain their object, and furnish to the friends of their cause an opportunity of giving a becoming expression of their concern for the moral and spiritual condition of Ireland.

Finally, brethren, stand fast in the Lord and in the power of his might. Our opportunities for usefulness are multiplying around us; and it is for us to bear in mind, that opportunities for doing good, with ability for performing it, constitute responsibilities we shall meet at the judgment seat of Christ. The labours of time and the awards of eternity are before us. Let us therefore be "steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know, that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

*Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,*

ENOCH WOOD, *President.*

JAMES ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

*Brockville, June 13, 1856.*

ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE  
ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WES-  
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN WESTERN  
CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

We cheerfully embrace another opportunity of assuring you that we most cordially reciprocate those sentiments of paternal interest and affection which you cherish and express towards us ; and are unfeignedly thankful to Almighty God that we can again meet you in language of heartfelt pleasure. The glad tidings of the state of your church, conveyed to us by your last Address, fill us with gratitude for what the Lord has done for you, and inspire us with a lively hope that He will continue His loving kindness to you, and bless you, and make you a thousand times so many more as you are. In the brotherly love which pervades your Conference, in the harmony which exists in your numerous Societies, and in the zealous and enterprising spirit which animates the whole of your rapidly extending church, we rejoice to see indubitable evidence of your moral and spiritual power, and encouraging tokens of your future prosperity.

It affords us peculiar satisfaction to observe the care you take to maintain, in all their purity and integrity, the Doctrines, the Discipline, and the spirit of Wesleyan Methodism, together with its Institutions, and especially that of Class Meetings. We believe that you are *one* with us in a fixed determination to guard the sacred trust which has been committed to us, and to transmit it, unimpaired, to succeeding generations. You, dear Brethren, are favoured by Divine Providence with an immense sphere of Ministerial labour ; you are unimpeded by hostile practices which exist in older countries ; you have a fair opportunity of putting forth the energies, and developing the resources of a system of religion which has been justly designated, "Christianity in earnest ;" and our fervent prayer is that God may enable you to make the best use of these advantages, and that you may be His honoured instruments in spreading "Scriptural holiness through the land."

We are truly thankful to learn that during the past year the great Head of the Church has, in many instances, poured out His blessed Spirit upon your Congregations; that His truth has mightily grown and prevailed; that many hundreds of sinners have been converted from the error of their way, and are united with you in Christian fellowship. We are glad to hear that the doctrine of Entire Sanctification has been prominently and faithfully preached by you; that this glorious privilege has been earnestly desired and sought after, and in numerous instances received; that God giveth to His children "The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of their understanding being enlightened; that they may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power."

In all these fruits of your well-directed and zealous labour we rejoice to see and to believe that you are prepared for your sacred enterprise, and are doing the work of that ministry which is instituted by our heavenly Father "for the perfecting of the saints, for the edification of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

We unite with you in devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for all these tokens of His presence with you, and His blessing upon you. Our trust is, that he will continue to smile upon "Zion, the city of our solemnities;" that our "eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof removed, nor any of the cords thereof broken; but there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us."

In the midst of so much that is prosperous and cheering, we trust that you will be preserved from undue reliance on



any human agency, and from the withering influence of a sectarian and worldly temper. We pray that the good seed which you are sowing in your Congregations, Schools, and Colleges, may fall on good ground; that it may not be "choked by the cares of this world, or by the deceitfulness of riches, or by the desire of other things;" but that it may "bring forth in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some an hundred fold." Be determined not to relax your evangelical labours while one spot in your vast territories remain uncultivated; and ever remember that "he that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"—a faithful minister of Christ, in whatsoever sphere of duty he may be called to move, is not left to labour alone, or to labour in vain. Many of you in the rough back-settlements, and in the cold regions of the far North West, may often "sow in tears," and "reap in joy." You may attract but little of the notice of the world, and you may endure many privations and sufferings. But the eyes of the Lord are upon you; the sympathies and prayers of the church follow you; and we trust that your Divine Master will "cause you always to triumph, and make manifest the savour of His knowledge by you in every place."

We are not surprised to learn that the plans which were laid down for the union of the Eastern Province and the Hudson's Bay Territory with your Conference have met with general approval; that those plans are successfully prosecuted, and that they are producing most beneficial results on your Home and Missionary work; nor are we surprised to hear that the visit of Dr. Beecham, to whose mature judgment and persevering industry we are deeply indebted for those important measures, has afforded you much pleasure. We doubt not that the influence of all these arrangements will be deeply felt, and gratefully acknowledged in ages to come.

You will be glad to learn that the Special Religious Services, which our last Conference recommended to be held in the early part of the present year, excited great and wide-spread interest. Our Ministers and People generally

entered with heartiness into the work. The Word of God was faithfully preached; united and fervent prayers were offered to Him who is "rich in mercy to all who call upon Him;" and showers of blessing were poured down upon our Congregations and Societies. Such has been the influence of war, of emigration, and of other causes, that we have to lament a small decrease in the numbers of our Church; yet our belief is that great advantages have been secured by those services; that the general aspect of Christ's cause among us is far more favorable than it has been for some years past; and that we have cause to thank God and take courage. We are more and more determined to preach the great doctrines of Christianity plainly, earnestly, faithfully; to look for the increased blessing of "the Lord the spirit" upon our labours, and to *expect immediate results*, while we proclaim to lost sinners, a free, full, and present salvation.

Not that we can prosecute our work without opposition. We know that the God of this world will not give up his usurped authority over the souls of men without a struggle; and we know, also, that in proportion to our zeal may be the amount of hatred and persecution we have to encounter. But we have counted the cost. We are engaged in no doubtful warfare. Our trust is in the Lord of Hosts. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" We are convinced that the Gospel is the only sufficient remedy for the moral evils of the world. We feel increasingly our solemn obligation to unite with our fellow christians in applying that remedy, until the ways of the Lord are "known on the earth," and His "saving health among all nations."

It gives us joy to hear that the labours of your esteemed President and our Co-Delegate, the Rev. Dr Enoch Wood, and the Rev. John Ryerson, are still justly and highly valued; and in accordance with your request, they are re-appointed to these offices during the next year.

Be assured, dear Brethren, of our deep and continued sympathy with you in all your toils, conflicts, and triumphs.

“Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

*Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference.*

ISAAC KEELING, *President.*

JOHN HANNAH, D. D., *Secretary.*

Leeds, August 14, 1855.

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ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, TO THE CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

We most cordially thank you for your Reply to our last Address, and for your acquiescence in the requests it contained. We highly estimate it for its paternal solicitude, cautions, and statements: and by the grace of God we are determined to be governed by its counsels, as we are stimulated by your encouragements, and aided by your prayers. Our first concern is to glorify God, and save the souls committed to our charge, and in doing this to conform our belief to yours, establish widely the same polity and means, diffuse the same spirit, and exult in the same triumphs.

You thus forcibly express views on the invaluable and indispensable constituents of the Wesleyan system, to which our views not only approximate, but with which they entirely coalesce, and which cannot be surrendered without irreparable damage being done to the Christianity and Methodism of the world:—“It affords us peculiar satisfaction to observe the care you take to maintain, in all their purity and integrity, the doctrines, the discipline, and the spirit of Wesleyan Methodism, together with its institutions, and especially that of Class Meetings. We believe that you are *one* with us in a fixed deter-

mination to guard the sacred trust which has been committed to us, and to transmit it, unimpaired, to succeeding generations."

We have sincerely sympathized with you, while for years British Methodism has been in the furnace of severe trial, and unmerited reproach, as we have praised God for the constitutional wisdom and calmness with which you have suffered wrong, and for the Connexional activity, benevolence, and faith with which you have looked for the day of peace, power, and prosperity—now cheering you and us. Be assured we have great joy in receiving this statement in your Address: "You will be glad to learn that the Special Religious services which our last Conference recommended to be held in the early part of the present year, excited great and wide-spread interest, \* \* \* and showers of blessing were poured down upon our Congregations and Societies."

We have rejoiced to hear of fresh developments of the vitality of the Wesleyan Methodism of Great Britain; of the vigorous attempt to extend Home Missions there; of the unanimous and triumphant effort for the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath; of the increased assiduity of many for the religious education of youth; of the augmentation of your Connexional funds, and effectual relief of Church property; and especially of the unequalled income of your noble Missionary Society, during a year of depression and loss, by a war, the termination of which excites our gratitude to God, and our admiration of the majesty and mercy of the British Sovereign and Government. And permit us to add, that while we have looked with gladness on the evangelical progress of other newly-formed Conferences, it has been with peculiar joy that we have witnessed the harmonious formation of another—a companion Wesleyan Conference in British North America, through the prompt, may we not say, self-sacrificing agency of the lamented and beloved Senior General Missionary Secretary, the Rev. John Beecham, D.D., whose visit to our Conference last year we think of with increasing satisfaction, as the visit of a revered friend, well-known for a lofty Wesleyanism, and official usefulness, and for judgment, catholicity and affection; well worthy of being classed in our recollections with Joseph Taylor, James,

and Watson, now glorified together, with many regenerated beings from the vast field of Christian Missions,

You will rejoice to be informed that David's beautiful prayer is a matter of delightful experience in Canada:—"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." The Re-union was a welcome restorative, and very fruitful of Methodist hopes; and the wider incorporation of the Eastern work, and the work in Hudson's Bay with the Conference in Western Canada, finally consummated last year, has left us nothing to wish as to territory, position, and system. Now there is a concentration of knowledge, gifts, piety, experience, benevolence, and energy, - and with a laity confiding and worthy, our cause is "mighty through God." To Him be everlasting praise!

The number of Labourers of every class employed by Conference on the Circuits and Missions this year has not been less than three hundred and fifty, over whose lives and work the Divine eye has graciously watched. Several have died, among whom is the respected and esteemed William Case, whose name is familiar in the Methodist world,—whose faith was Wesleyan, piety artless and uniform, zeal unwearied, position in the Body respectable, judgment sound, spirit anti-sectarian, and itinerancy everywhere a blessing; whose favourite sphere was our Indian Missions; and whose biography, like Wesley's and Asbury's elsewhere, would be a fifty years history of Methodism in Western Canada.

In pursuing our prescribed course this year, and in availing ourselves of numerous Providential openings, it has been our paramount purpose to "preach Christ," to be "instant in season and out of season," that the Word might "have free course, and be glorified." Obstacles ordinary and extraordinary would obstruct our course. The ceaseless family changes in this country are incident to it, and increase rather than diminish. Never was the path of the ungodly more beset with snares. Never was the selfishness of some men more facilitated to its devices than now. And the construction of great works, and advance in prices, create a buoyancy in the Colonial mind unfavourable to religious prudence and steadiness. The influx, and cheap dissemination of pernicious literature are prolific of

error and vanity. The popular cry for advance is productive of a state of thought and feeling which, unless vigilantly guarded, are opposed to a steady approval of things tried, safe, and necessary. And the sleepless culture of Puseyism, and too frequent exhibition of it by some ministers of an influential Church, conjointly with the despotic workings of Popery in another Church, require never-failing circumspection, and unflagging zeal. Nevertheless, our Circuits and Missions are considerably increased, and we have many new Classes and Sabbath Schools. Many churches—some large and costly—have been dedicated, and perhaps as many parsonages built. The accession of persons to our Church, bless God, is above two thousand; and we have now more than forty thousand members in fellowship with us. At this Conference sixteen preachers have been received into Full Connexion. We have a Christian, liberal, enterprising people, and such is the impression made by Wesleyan doctrines preached, and the principles of Wesleyan unity carried out, that confidence in our operations is becoming very prevalent, and the services of the Connexion are frequently requested. Such a state of things has been matured by various means, and by the late tour of the honoured Co-delegate, the Rev. John Ryerson, to the Hudson's Bay Territory, where tribes still wait the coming of our Missionaries, as settlements wait in Canada. God remembers us for good; but we must still beseech Him to thrust forth "more labourers." From hallowed closets in the Canadas and Hudson's Bay the prayer has gone up for more; and the Lord of the Harvest has heard prayer, and given us thirty-nine additional suitable men for the Itinerancy, received on Trial this Conference.

Our large and remarkably useful Missionary Society—Auxiliary to yours—is obtaining a cordiality and support from the public never before granted it; and it is our boast and our joy; while the benefits it confers are of the best kind, and are most gratefully received by tens of thousands in settlements and remote forest-localities, many of which are wholly dependent on Wesleyan Missionaries for Gospel teachings and ordinances. The Society has sustained 103 Indian and Domestic Missions, and had about 107 salaried labourers of

every class employed during the year; and from not a few Missions, reports have been sent of additional congregations, Sabbath Schools, conversions, classes, churches, and parsonages; and we have peculiar pleasure in stating that recent letters to the General Superintendent of Missions bring tidings, not only of the consolidation of the work in Hudson's Bay, but of its enlargement,—religious services, respect for the word, marriages, baptisms, conversions, and members having increased; and the ardent wish of many in Canada is, that the Society may soon feel justified in sending Missionaries to all the unenlightened tribes specified by the Co-Delegate on his return from that Territory. We have commenced an encouraging attempt on the ignorance and debasement of the French Romish population of eastern Canada, and adopted measures for adding to our agency, and a supply of publications in French for this purpose,—especially the Scriptures, Wesley's Sermons and Hymns, the Conference Catechism, and Tracts; and we expect by the Divine blessing, success in this new department of labour. We are more than ever gratified with the heartiness with which the public of the Canadas, and the Honourable Company of the Hudson's Bay, contribute to our Mission Fund,—a heartiness not confined to the members and adherents of our own community therefore, but manifested in various degrees by every Protestant community. Juvenile generosity is yearly growing; and even the cost of our report—increased four-fold in a few years—is indicative of a rapid advance, and tells us by its lengthy catalogue of subscribers that the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is in auspicious circumstances. The final adjustment of the year's reports has yet to take place, but our present knowledge of them is sufficient to warrant us in saying, that our Missionary receipts, as in other years, are again greatly augmented.

Our well-conducted Book Room and Printing Establishment is very valuable in itself, and its extensive sale of Wesleyan standard works, and periodicals, and many other publications, greatly conduces to the preservation and propagation of our doctrines and principles; is counteractive of the effects of error and various evil; and is of very considerable use in

forming an intelligent and Christian population. Victoria College continues to advance in public estimation under an able presidency, governorship and gifted faculty. Last year the number of students was two hundred and fifty; this year it is three hundred; and a good number of them have obtained degrees in arts and medicine. While the Institution is not conducted in a sectarian manner, religious principles and habits are carefully cultivated in the Students by the Faculty; and, as was the case last year, many have been brought under the influence of experimental piety this year. These expected signs of success are encouraging, and we have decided on more energetic efforts for the youth of the country.

It has contributed much to the interest and delight of our important Session to have the presence, counsels, and pulpit services of the Rev. Dr. Hannah, your distinguished Representative to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and of his able ministerial companion, the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson. The occasion which has brought them to this continent, and the affectionate reception they have received from that great American branch of the Wesleyan family have warmed the Methodism of our hearts; and the sterling value of their communications, and the brotherliness of their intercourse with us, have increased the fervency of our gratitude for the Union existing between Canadian and British Methodism, and freshened our wish for the unlimited proclamation of the Gospel of reconciliation, and the universal diffusion of the Divine Glory.

We have most unanimously appointed the Rev. Dr. Hannah, and the Rev. Dr. Green, our Representatives to your next Conference. Their Christian and Wesleyan excellencies, and long-proved abilities, command our admiration. They will express our growing paternal love, and convey the welcome intelligence of our happy position, and successes, and of our delightful anticipation of unexampled future Gospel triumphs.

We have, too, for strong fraternal reasons, been glad to receive a Deputation from the Wesleyan Conference in Ireland, the Rev. Robinson Scott, who has presented an Address



from our warm-hearted brethren there, and to welcome likewise at the same time the Rev. Robt. G. Cather, whose united devotedness to the highly important object of their visit to us is their honour: and the proceedings of our Conference embrace a plan of co-operation with them, for aiding the Wesleyanism and Protestantism of Ireland, by the sympathies, prayers, and liberality of Canadian Christians. They are brethren whom we love in the Lord, and their affecting appeals bring before us the wants of a land where Wesley and Ouseley obtained an apostolic fame.

Respecting future official arrangements, we need do little more than reiterate what we have often stated. Every year has added to our admiration of the judicious, kind, unwearied, and most proficient acts of the Rev. Enoch Wood, our beloved President and General Superintendent of Missions; and for the establishment and extension of constitutional Methodism in this country, we with unanimity and cordiality ask his re-appointment to those high offices. The sedulous attention which the Rev. John Ryerson has continued to give to his office as Co-Delegate, and the Wesleyan propriety, and Christian spirit that have always marked the discharge of his duties, and obtained our respect, induce us unanimously and earnestly to request that he may be again appointed to that important office.

We acknowledge with devout thankfulness the gracious intimations of the approbation of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ vouchsafed to us during our annual deliberations, just terminating, and the "power from on high," which has been felt in our crowded worshipping assemblies. We are anew pledged to Christ, to souls, to Wesleyan Methodism, and go forth to men praying that He may triumph "in every place." Your love for us is a stimulant to faithfulness; your prayers for us and our endeared people are our hope; the benediction of the Holy Spirit our reward. It is in our hearts to say, May God be with our Fathers and Brethren in Great Britain and Ireland! We would be imbued with more of the spirit of holiness; witness more of the awakening and sanctifying power of Inspired Truth; and behold the day when the

full amplitude of the Church's desire and purpose shall be displayed ; believing that the most spiritual and glorious prophecies of the Bible are yet unaccomplished, and many of the most fervent prayers,—accumulating for ages before the throne, are yet unanswered. But Christ is Mediator. “His name shall endure forever : his name shall be continued as long as the sun : and men shall be blessed in him : all nations shall call him blessed.”

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference  
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

JAMES ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

*Brockville, 13th June, 1856.*

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TO THE REVEREND THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE IN  
CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER.

We, the Ministers of the Methodist Connexion in Ireland, now assembled in our Annual Conference, beg leave respectfully to commend to your fraternal regards and interest the Reverend Robinson Scott, an accredited member of our Body, and deputed by us to visit your country on an important Mission, the object of which is set forth in the “Minutes” of our present sittings, and which he is able more fully to explain.

As a religious body both we and our beloved people, in common with other Evangelical Denominations, have for some years past been more than ordinarily impressed with the conviction, that the recent visitations of Providence upon this, in many respects, unhappy land are a loud call for more vigorous efforts on our part to develop to the utmost every possible resource in order to give the Gospel to the masses of our fellow countrymen. We have, however, laboured under circumstances of great discouragement. By Emigration and estrangement of our youth, through want of Educational Institutions, by which they might receive a religious training in accordance

with our own views, our numerical strength has been greatly diminished. Besides, our Connexional Funds, designed to extend the work of God in the neglected and destitute parts of the country, being required to sustain our ministry on depressed circuits, such extensive aggressive operations as are required by the resources of our country, and which we are persuaded would be attended with the Divine approbation and much success, have hitherto been impossible.

Calling to mind, however, the successes which attended the labours of our Fathers, the vitality of the truths committed to our trust, and to which the Lord continues most encouragingly to set his seal,—the adaptation of our system for a yet more extensive appliance of those truths, together with the advantages of a position from which, were the means at our disposal, it would be easy to embrace every hamlet in the land—we in conjunction with many of the more influential members of our societies, have been led not only to endeavour after an improved state of things in our existing Circuits but to aim at a Connexional movement, whereby, through the Divine blessing, a new impulse might be given to the energies of our whole system.

In the meantime private communications from several Irish Emigrants, together with Editorial and other articles in Methodist Publications which circulate widely in the United States, encouraged the assurance that such a movement would meet with extensive practical sympathy from our American Brethren, both in the States and Canada, and that a Deputation on its behalf would be favourably received : an assurance which was otherwise naturally induced by the consideration, that numbers now in the American Churches, are the children of Irish Methodists, or themselves the direct fruit of Irish Methodist labours.

A meeting was accordingly held, in connexion with our present Conference, composed of all its Members and of lay friends from different parts of the Kingdom, and a subscription opened which reached the cheering amount of £8,800, as the basis of a “ Fund for the increase of Wesleyan Methodist Agency in Ireland.” Nor will that meeting be less remembered for the spirit of simple piety and fervent gratitude than

for the noble expression of liberality which characterized its proceedings. Deputations have been appointed to visit all our Circuits and Missions, and we confidently expect that the amount will be considerably augmented. We have named £20,000 as a *minimum*, but, if by the liberality of our Friends in Ireland and America a much larger sum could be obtained, we should be able to carry out our aggressive operations upon the masses of our countrymen upon a scale more extensive and permanently efficient.

To secure the required amount it was resolved to request the Conference to appoint a Deputation to the United States and Canada; and in compliance with that request, Brother Robinson Scott has been set apart for this service. He possesses the full confidence of his brethren, and is followed by their prayers, that the cause which he pleads may obtain favour amongst your people, and that his ministry and intercourse may be the means also of imparting some spiritual benefit.

The Conference have also addressed a letter to the Missionary Committee in London, requesting that the valuable services of their gifted countryman, the Rev. William Arthur, A.M., one of the General Secretaries may be granted for the purposes of the Deputation; and, as he has kindly signified his willingness to undertake this labour of love for his native country, it is confidently hoped that at a period of the year most suited to the convenience of the committee this request will be granted.

At the request of the Conference Alderman McArthur of Londonderry, who takes a deep interest in our cause, has consented to afford his services also for a short time during the spring of next year.

We cherish the confidence, highly esteemed Brother, that you will receive our Deputation affectionately, and by your counsel and the influence of your high position, facilitate the object of their mission,—bearing as it ultimately must on the well-being of your own churches and country, which will continue to receive yearly accessions from the population whose moral and spiritual interests it is designated more immediately

to promote—as well as upon the interest of Methodism in this benighted Land.

*Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,*

JOHN FARRAR, *President.*

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Secretary.*

*Belfast, June 28th, 1855.*

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ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR EDMUND W.  
HEAD, BART., GOVERNOR GENERAL OF  
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in Conference, gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by our present annual meeting, to offer to Your Excellency our most respectful and cordial congratulations on your assumption of the Government of United Canada, and Your appointment as Governor General of British North America; and to avow our confidence in the expressed intentions of your Excellency to administer the Government for the benefit of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects generally, irrespective of political or religious party. In the promotion of so wise and just a purpose, we are persuaded Your Excellency's complete success will be desired and aided, not only by upwards of the one hundred and seventy-five thousand members of our congregations throughout this fine Province, and the aboriginal inhabitants upon the 19 Indian mission stations in this country and in the Hudson's Bay Territory, under our supervision and pastoral care, but by the inhabitants of Canada generally, the great body of whom are equally anxious with your excellency to cultivate peace and charity, and to strengthen and perpetuate the connexion happily existing between the parent state and this important country.

In Your Excellency's past history, as well as high qualifications, we have a satisfactory ground for the indulgence of these delightful hopes; and we are confident that our own Church,

associated as are its laborers with the earliest history of the Province, and the best history of the aboriginal Indian tribes, will receive from Your Excellency that consideration which has been bestowed upon the other principal religious denominations in Canada.

To the throne and constitution under which it is our privilege to live, we beg to express our devoted affection, and also to express an earnest desire for the triumph of the arms of Britain and her allies in the righteous cause in which they are at present engaged. While we strongly sympathize with the widows and orphans of those who have fallen in maintaining the cause of the oppressed against the oppressor, we pray the God of armies speedily to terminate the strife, and to establish a speedy and a permanent peace, on such principles as are calculated to secure the liberties of Europe. To Fear God and honor the Queen, we regard as obligatory on every British subject: and it will continue to be, as it has heretofore been, our aim and employment to inculcate those important duties upon the congregations of our charge, who yield to no class of Her Majesty's subjects in loyalty to Her Majesty's Royal person and Government.

For the better education of the youth of our church and of the Province at large, we have established, and for many years conducted, and have recently enlarged, a collegiate Institution, within whose walls two hundred of the youth of the country are now receiving a liberal education. We express the hope that Victoria College will receive that countenance and support from Your excellency which are its due, and which are essential to its accomplishment of the christian and patriotic objects for which it has been established.

We earnestly pray that Your Excellency may be protected, guided and prospered in all your deliberations and measures, that the institutions of our beloved country may be settled upon the best and surest foundations, its various interests most extensively promoted, and true religion and charity established and perpetuated amongst the latest ages.

[Signed] By order and on behalf of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in London this 12th day of June, 1855.

ENOCH WOOD, *President*.  
S. D. RICE, *Secretary*.

## REPLY.

REVEREND SIR,—Since I assumed the Government of this province, I have received many addresses expressing loyalty to the Queen, attachment to the mother country, and congratulations to myself on the trust which her most gracious Majesty has been pleased to repose in me.

The well-earned reputation of the Wesleyan church in Canada, convinces me that the address which you have done me the honor to present, breathes all these sentiments with a heartiness and sincerity equal to that of any set of men in Her Majesty's dominions. Your exertions in the cause of christianity and education, whether among the native Indians or the white settlers, must claim the sympathy and aid of every one to whom the progress of religion and civilization is dear.

Personally, I thank you for your prayers and good wishes on my behalf, though I feel that the terms in which you speak of me are founded on anticipations more flattering than any which I can hope to realize.

E. W. HEAD.

# Minutes of Conference.

TAKEN IN THE RICHMOND STREET CHURCH, (CITY WEST CIRCUIT,) TORONTO, FROM THE THIRD TO THE THIRTEENTH OF JUNE, 1857.

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REV. ENOCH WOOD, PRESIDENT.  
" JOHN RYERSON. Co-DELEGATE.  
" JAMES SPENCER, SECRETARY.

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## QUESTION I.

*Who have been appointed by the District Meetings to attend the Conference, and what Members of the Conference are now present ?*

ANSWER.

One hundred and ninety brethren are returned from the Districts, nearly all of whom are present.

Quest. II. *Who are appointed on the various Committees ?*

Ans. The names of the Brethren were read over and appointed.

Quest. III. *Are there any objections to any of our Ministers?*

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. IV. *What Preachers were this year admitted into full connection with the Conference, and ordained ?*

Ans. Robert Fowler, George Washington, Richard J. Foreman, Wm. Williams Geo. Cochran,\* Thos. Atkinson,\* John Hodgson, Henry P. Chase, G. J. Dingman,\* John L. Kerr,\* Wm. Byers, Wm. Tomblin, Jay S. Youmans, John Kierman,\*† John Bate,\*† Samuel G. Phillips, Wm. H. Bakewell.\*†

\* These Brethren had been previously ordained.

† These Brethren were received from the M. E. Church in the United States.



Quest. V. *What Preachers remain on trial ?*

*Ans.* John Wesley Savage,\* John Wilson, James Morgan, Peter German,\* John S. Clarke, Wm. Savage,\* Wm. Hawke,\* John A. Dowler, George Jacques,\* James Iveson, William M. C. Luke, William Shannon, James Thompson, Alexander R. Campbell, George Thos. Richardson,\* Edward Cragg, William Briden, Jabez B. Keough, Joseph L. Sanders, William Sanderson, Luther Houghton,\* David A. Johnston, James Mas-son, William Scales,\* Andrew Armstrong,

These have travelled THREE years.

\* These Brethren have been ordained.

Alfred Andrews, Thomas Cobb, Isaac Crane,\* Thomas S. Howard,\* John C. Ash, Samuel Down, James E. Dyer, Wm. R. Dyre,\* Samuel Tucker, William L. Scott, William R. Morden, Alexander T. Drennan, Wm. H. Laird, Amos E. Russ, John N. Lake, Edward Ward,\* James Roy, James Latimer, E. E. Sweet, William Hansford,\* Benjamin Cole, Jonathan E. Betts,\* Charles Stringfellow,\* Hiram Fowler, John Davis,\*

These have travelled TWO years.

Edward B. Ryckman, A.B., James Goodwin, Thomas Hadwen,\* Alexander Sutherland, William Hay, Henry Bawtenhimer,† William Norton, John Jackson, James Berry,† Andrew Milligan,\* William R. Parker, Ebenezer Robson, Henry Jackson, William Shaw, Thomas S. Keough, Henry H. Perdue, Joseph Kilgower.

These have travelled ONE year.

\* These Brethren have been ordained to meet the necessities of the work.

† Left without stations this year, owing to ill-health.

Quest. VI. *What Preachers are now received on trial ?*

*Ans.* John Learoyd,\* John Walton, John B. Clarkson, William Lund, William Cross,\* William Laird, George McNamara, James Dixon, A.M.,\* S. C. Philip, Junr.,\* Benjamin Samuel Hoskins,\* Christopher Hamilton,\* Isaac Tallman, Brinton P. Brown,\*† Jas. F. Messmore,\* Daniel Connolly,

Isaac Baker, Alexander Langford, William W. Clarke,\* Wm. M. Cooley, Oliver Addison Burch, Hugh McLean, Timothy Edwards, Stephen Bond,\* John Hough,\* Samuel H. Seely,\* Thomas Cleworth,\* Philip Rose,† William Irwin, William Hunter,\* Seth Lyon,\* Andrew L. Peterson,\* James Ash,\* Daniel Jackson,\* Nicholas R. Willoughby,\* Henry Tew, Wm. C. Henderson, William W. Ross, Donald Sutherland, Arthur Browning,\* George Marsden Meacham, Edward Glassford, John Slight,\* William W. Miller,\* Armand Parent,\* Samuel Willson.

\* These have travelled ONE year.

† These Brethren have been ordained to meet the necessities of the work.

Quest. VII. *What Ministers have died since last Conference?*

Answer.

#### 1 BENJAMIN NANKEVILLE.

Brother Nankeville was born at Tavistock, in the County of Cornwall, in 1799. When about 17 years of age he was made the happy partaker of divine grace, but through unwatchfulness he lost his first love. In 1827 he removed to Lostwithiel. In the spring of that year, through the instrumentality of a blind female, a very remarkable revival of religion was experienced, of which he was one of the subjects. He was not long restored, before his clearness of perception in divine things, and his power with God in prayer, marked him as a subject of future usefulness. Sometime after he removed to the Liskeard Circuit, where he was put on the plan as a Local Preacher. He was much respected as a man of piety and usefulness. In 1834 he emigrated to this country, and was employed on the Credit Mission as a School Teacher and Assistant Missionary, by the Rev. Dr. Stinson. At the following Conference he was received on trial, and appointed to the Dumfries Circuit. His next field of labour was on the Guelph Mission: here the Lord graciously blessed his labours; and his name is embalmed in the memories of many on that Mission. His last field of labour was the Cooksville Circuit, and there

God did not permit him to labour in vain. He gave testimony to the word of his grace, and many were made partakers of pardoning mercy and renewing grace. His constitution never recovered the severe shock it received from those protracted labours.

The last sermon he preached was at the Brampton camp-meeting: though evidently feeble, he preached with his usual clearness and energy. Soon after he returned home he was taken worse. He was confined to his bed about five days. He bore his affliction with Christian fortitude. A little before his death he said to his sorrowing partner: "Jesus is precious;" "All is well;" and then took his last farewell. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

He firmly believed our doctrines; and he was sincerely attached to our economy. He was always ready to preach the one and defend the other. The Church has lost in his death an affectionate brother, a sincere Christian, and a zealous and devoted Minister.

## 2 PETER JONES.

In the death of Rev. Peter Jones, or Kahkewaquenaby, closed the earthly career of the first converted Ojibeway Indian in Canada, or in America, who became a minister of the Gospel, and who, during a period of thirty years, has led a life remarkable for piety, labours, and usefulness; whose praise is in all the Churches; who has enjoyed the esteem of, and had access to, every class of Canadian society, from the poorest Indian to the representative of Royalty, and who has been honoured with audiences by two British Sovereigns, and preached the Gospel to multitudes of all ranks and persuasions of the British people, and who, under all these circumstances of varied travel, temptation, and labour, has maintained the simplicity of the Christian, the dignity of the minister, and the spirit of the messenger of Christ.

Peter Jones was born the first of January, 1802. His father was a Welshman, and a government surveyor, who learned the Indian language, and employed the Indians to assist him in surveying. His mother was a native of the Ojibeway tribe of Indians. Peter was brought up by, or rather wander-

ed, with his mother about the head of Lake Ontario until he was fourteen years of age. He was brought up after the heathen manners and customs of Ojibeway Indians. His mother taught him to fast in honour of the gods, or munedoos, on which occasions he used to blacken his face, and observe the idolatrous ceremonies of the Indians. At the age of fifteen his father took him and sent him to school, where, in the course of a year, he acquired considerable knowledge of English, and learned to read and write. His school instruction seems to have been then discontinued. But such was his desire for learning, that in the summer of 1822, he hired himself out at brick-making on the Grand River, in order to pay his board and tuition during the ensuing winter, (for about three months), when he applied himself closely to study arithmetic and other useful branches of English learning. This appears to have been the extent of his early school education.

The following June, 1823, he and a sister attended a "camp meeting" in the neighbourhood of Ancaster. They went from motives of curiosity, but were both converted, and returned praising God. The sister first rejoiced in a sense of forgiven sins, and then encouraged and prayed for her penitent and sorrowing brother, "the remembrance of whose sins was grievous unto him, and the burden of them intolerable," until he was enabled to believe or trust in Christ alone as his Saviour, when he experienced "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and rejoiced with joy unspeakable and full of glory." He and his sister returned home with joy, and declared to their parents what great things Jesus Christ had done for them, and that night Peter Jones commenced family prayer in his father's house. The immediate result was the conversion of both his parents. He soon felt it his duty to exhort his fellow-countrymen to turn to the true God; and the Lord blessed his efforts in a remarkable manner, so that he soon had the happiness of seeing numbers of his relations and friends rejoicing in the love, and walking in the service of, the Great Spirit. His "growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus" was manifest to all, and he increased in labours and usefulness.

From the time of his conversion, in 1823, he laboured as an

exhorter, interpreter, and assistant missionary ; but was not received as a preacher on trial in the Conference until 1826. A few years after his conversion, he was elected chief of his tribe, and rendered great service to his people in that capacity, as in that of a Christian missionary. In 1850, his never very vigorous constitution began to yield to successive exposures, colds, and fevers. In 1852 (?) he was compelled, by his failing health and the advice of his physician, to take a superannuated relation ; but he continued to preach occasionally, and attend missionary meetings, until within a few months of his decease. Throughout his protracted illness he evinced no impatience, but often rejoiced with exceeding joy. To an aged brother minister he said, a few days before his departure, "Not a wave of trouble has crossed my breast ; I feel resting on the Rock of Ages." During the last two days of his life, he took leave of his weeping Indian brethren, and many of his friends, to each of whom he gave some suitable words of advice. Laying his hand upon each of his four boys, and blessing them in the name of the Lord, he commended them, with their mother, to the care of their Heavenly Father. He died the morning of the 28th of June, 1856, aged 54 years.

Brother Jones was a man of athletic frame as well as of masculine intellect,—a man of clear perceptions, good judgment, great decision of character—a sound preacher, fervent and powerful in his appeals—very well informed on general subjects, extensively acquainted with men and things—serious without gloom, cheerful without levity, dignified and agreeable in his manners—a faithful friend, a true patriot, a persevering philanthropist—a noble specimen of what Christianity can do for the Indian Gentiles of Canada, and, therefore, for the Gentiles of the whole world. He was the instrument of immense good to his own people, as also to hundreds of white people on both sides of the Atlantic, who have been led by his simple testimony, under the blessing of God, to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus.

### 3 SIMON HUNTINGTON

Was born about the year 1801, in Norwich, Connecticut, where he was converted at the age of *nineteen*. His excellent

moral habits before conversion, joined to deep and fervent piety after he was brought savingly to God, continued to make him a most consistent and exemplary character throughout. At an early period, after his conversion, he felt a strong desire to be useful, and "pressed in spirit" to warn his fellow men. This led him to seek the advantages of two years' academic training in the Wilbraham Academy, (then under the principalship of the lamented Wilbur Fisk,) in addition to the benefits of an excellent New-England common-school education, which he received in boyhood. He began to preach while at the Academy. In 1829 he came to this province, and was received into the Canada Conference on trial, a close relation to which he sustained till the day of his death. He died August 25th, 1856, after a few days illness, in the village of St Williams. His several fields of labour were, to mention them in the order to which he was appointed to them severally, Yonge Street, one year; Westminster, one; Mississippi, one; Bonchere Mission, one; Augusta (where he married), two years; Murray, two; Newmarket, one; Toronto (township), two; Whitby, two; Kemptville, two; Prescott and Augusta, two; Grimsby, two; and Walsingham, where he ceased to "work and live," before the first year had half expired.

Brother Huntington was a plain, sensible, and truly practical and excellent preacher. The good he accomplished—and he was very useful—was more the result of a combination of faithful and untiring endeavours in every department of a Wesleyan minister's duty, than of any one excellence or kind of effort in undue proportion. He was an example to all who may come after him in our ministry, of cheerful submission to his appointments, patience and self-denial, peaceableness, pastoral fidelity, and punctuality in attending all his appointments. He was not favoured with any very particular premonition of his approaching end, or any very rapturous visions of the future, in his last illness; yet death did not find him unprepared, but calm and peaceful. Our much-loved brother "rests from his labours, and his works do follow him."

#### 4 WILLIAM BROWN

Was born in Dutchess County, State of New York, on the

21st day of August, 1769. He emigrated to Canada in the year 1795. He was converted to God in the year 1796, and became a member of the Methodist Church. In the year 1799 he received license as a local preacher, and continued to preach in a local capacity till the year 1815, when he entered the itinerant ministry, in which he continued but three years. Since 1818 he has sustained a superannuated or supernumerary relation to the Conference. He died at his own residence, in the Township of Wolford, on the 5th day of March, 1857, in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

His conversion was clear and sound ; and in his religious experience he was acquainted with the deep things of God. He was endowed with great decision of character ; and he maintained as a man and a Christian and minister, an unblemished reputation through a long life. Though he continued but a short time in the itinerant work, yet for more than half a century he preached extensively in the townships and settlements east of Kingston, and uniformly with great acceptability and usefulness.

He was a man of a remarkably clear and sound judgment in the things of God. He was well acquainted with Methodist Theology, which he received as the truth of God : and was warmly attached to the Discipline of our Church. He became a member of the Methodist church about six years after the formation of the first societies in Canada ; and he lived to see the church of his early choice and constant affections spread and established in every part of this growing country, and in this he greatly rejoiced. As in the vigour of manhood, so in the feebleness of advanced age, he was sustained by the consolations of the Holy Spirit ; and he departed in great peace, and in joyous hope of a better life ; full of days, and honor, and usefulness. By his last will he left a legacy of £60 to the Missionary Society.

Quest. VIII. *Who are the Supernumeraries ?*

Ans. Jonathan Scott, Robert Darlington, Claudius Byrne, Matthias Holtby, John Neelands, Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Henry Byers, John Douglas, Edmund S. Ingalls, Barnabas Hitchcock, Moses Blackstock.

Quest. IX. *Who are the Superannuated Ministers ?*

*Ans.* Anson Green, D. D., Horace Dean, Cornelius Flummerfelt, Samuel Belton, Thomas Bevitt, Kennedy Creighton, Reuben E. Tupper, John Baxter, Rowley Heyland, Hamilton Biggar, Edmund Stoney, Thomas Harmon, Richard Phelps, Ezra Adams, John Armstrong, John Beatty, William Steer, Cyrus R. Allison, John Black, Wm. H. Williams, John Sanderson, Stephen Miles, Abraham Dayman, Henry Shaler, Alvah Adams, John B. Selley, M. D.

Quest. X. *What persons, who were in full connection with the Conference, have now ceased to be recognized as Ministers amongst us ?*

1. William Haw.

2. Edwy M. Ryerson, Peter Jacobs.

Quest. XI. *Who have desisted from travelling ?*

*Ans.* Ashton Fletcher, junr., who retires at his own request.

Quest. XII. *How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year ?*

Answer.

ENOCH WOOD,

*President of the Conference, and General Superintendent of Missions.*

JOHN RYERSON, *Co-Delegate.*

JAMES SPENCER, *Secretary.*

#### I. TORONTO DISTRICT.

1. *Toronto East*—John Borland, Robert Fowler; Anson Green, D.D., Superannuated; Jonathan Scott, Supernumerary; George R. Sanderson, who is our Book Steward; James Spencer, who is our Editor; Egerton Ryerson, D.D., who is Chief Superintendent of Education, by permission of the Conference; Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the U. C. Bible Society, by permission of the Conference, and one of the Representatives to the English Conference.



2. *Toronto West*—George Douglass, James H. Bishop, John Learoyd.
3. *Weston*—Richard Jones, Henry Jackson.  
R. Jones' address is Eglington.
4. *Yonge Street*—Henry Wilkenson, John Hunt, Ed. B. Ryckman, A.B.; Horace Dean, Superannuated.  
H. Wilkenson's address is Eglington,—J. Hunt's, Willowdale, E. B. Ryckman and H. Dean's, Thornhill.
5. *Albion*—Thomas Lawson, Ashton Fletcher.
6. *Brampton*—William Andrews, Benjamin Jones, James Dixon, A.M.  
W. Andrews' address is Streetsville.
7. *Cooksville*—James Norris.
8. *Whitby*—Wm. Willoughby, Thomas Pearson.  
T. Pearson's address is Oshawa.
9. *Markham*—Thomas Campbell. One to be sent. Cornelius Flummerfelt, Superannuated.
10. *Oakville*—A. T. Green, Wm. L. Scott.
11. *Milton*—Francis Coleman. One to be sent.
12. *Mono*—James Clark. One to be sent.
13. *Orangeville*—Wm. Sutton.
14. *Stouffville*—Alfred Andrews.
15. *Prince Albert*—John W. Savage. One to be sent.  
J. W. Savage's address is Reach.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Financial Sec'y*.

## II. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

16. *Hamilton*—Samuel D. Rice, Ephraim B. Harper, Chas. Lavell; Samuel Belton, Superannuated.
17. *Dundas*—Samuel Rose, Jas. Morgan.
18. *Waterdown*—Thomas Jeffers. One to be sent.
19. *Glandford and Seneca*—James Hughes, Isaac Tallman.  
J. Hughes' address is Glandford.
20. *Nanticoke*—Thomas Williams, Wm. R. Morden.
21. *Dunnville*—Peter Ker, Thos. Cobb.
22. *Cayuga*—John Shaw.
23. *Grimsby*—John English, John C. Hamilton.

- 24. *Smithville*—Edward White.
- 25. *St. Catharines*—William McCullough; Thos. Bevitt, Superannuated.
- 26. *Thorold*—John G. Laird, James Goodwin,
- 27. *Drummondville and Suspension Bridge*—G. N. A. F. T. Dickson.
- 28. *Niagara*—John Wakefield.
- 29. *Welland*—James Armstrong, B. S. Hoskin; John Baxter, Reuben E. Tupper, Superannuated.
- 30. *Cainsville*—James Harris.

SAMUEL ROSE, *Chairman*.  
S. D. RICE, *Financial Sec'y*.

### III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT,

- 31. *Brantford*—I. B. Howard, Hamilton Biggar, Super'd.
- 32. *Mount Pleasant*—George Goodson; R. Heyland, Superannuated; Claudius Byrne, Supernumerary.  
G. Goodson's address is Mohawk,—R. Heyland and C. Byrne's is Burford.
- 33. *Paris*—O. H. Ellsworth. One to be sent.
- 34. *Woodstock*—Asahel Hurlburt. One to be sent.
- 35. *St. George*—Joseph Messmore, Jas. F. Messmore.
- 36. *Ingersoll*—George Kennedy, Timothy Edwards.
- 37. *Norwich*—Joseph Shepley. One wanted.
- 38. *Simcoe*—W. S. Griffin.
- 39. *Dover*—Isaac Barber.
- 40. *Walsingham*—William Lund. One to be sent. Mathias Holtby, Supernumerary.
- 41. *Delhi*—C. W. M. Gilbert.
- 42. *Bayham*—B. P. Brown.
- 43. *Aylmer*—Ozias Barber, J. N. Lake.
- 44. *Vienna*—Edwin Clement.
- 45. *New Credit*—David Wright.
- 46. *Grand River*—Thomas Fawcett; Wm. Ryerson, who is under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions.  
T. Fawcett and W. Ryerson's address is Cainsville.

ASAHEL HURLBURT, *Chairman*.  
I. B. HOWARD, *Financial Sec'y*.

## IV. LONDON DISTRICT.

47. *London*—John Douse, J. Preston.  
 48. *London Circuit*—J. A. Williams, John S. Clark ; Edmund Stoney, K. Creighton, Superannuated.  
     J. A. Williams' address is Arva.  
 49. *Fingal*—Matthew Swann.  
 50. *Westminster*—Thos. Crews ; Thos. Harmon, Super'd.  
 51. *St. Thomas*—Noble F. English.  
 52. *Strathroy*—R. L. Tucker.  
 52. *Warwick*—Thomas S. Howard, Alex. Langford.  
 54. *West McGillivray*—One to be sent.  
 55. *Thamesford*—Richard J. Foreman.  
 56. *Port Stanley*—George Cochran.  
 57. *Belmont*—John Hutchinson, Wm. Warner Clark.

JOHN DOUSE, *Chairman*.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, *Financial Sec'y*.

## V. CHATHAM DISTRICT.

58. *Chatham*—Wm. Ames, Samuel Down.  
 59. *Mount Elgin and Muncey*—Jas. Musgrove, whose attention shall be principally directed to the Industrial School ; M. Whiting, Abraham Sickles.  
     The address of the Ministers on this station is Muncey.  
 60. *Mount Brydges*—Wm. Savage.  
 61. *Wardsville*—Edwin Peake.  
 62. *Wallaceburgh*—To be supplied.  
 63. *Florence*—Wm. Hawke.  
 64. *Morpeth*—Wm. Dignam ; Richard Phelps, Superann'd.  
     W. Dignam's address is Ridgetown.  
 65. *Gosfield and Rochester*—Thomas Atkinson. One to be sent.  
 66. *Sandwich and Windsor*—S. Tucker.  
 67. *Amherstburgh*—Wm. Chapman.  
 68. *Port Sarnia*—Francis Berry.  
 69. *Mooretown*—John Hodgson. One to be sent.  
 70. *St. Clair*—Solomon Waldron.  
 71. *Walpole Island*—Wm. Herkimer, Wm. M. Cooley.

JAMES MUSGROVE, *Chairman*.

WM. AMES, *Financial Sec'y*.

## VI. GUELPH DISTRICT.

72. *Guelph*—Robert Cooney, D.D., John Jackson, who shall reside at Rockwood ; Lewis Warner, Agent for Victoria College, west of Toronto.
73. *Galt*—Joseph Hugill.
74. *Elora*—Charles Sylvester, Wm. M. C. Luke.
75. *Berlin*—Luther O. Rice, Alexander Sutherland.
76. *Blenheim*—Henry Reid. One to be sent.  
H. Reid's address is Washington.
77. *Peel*—Aaron Miller, J. E. Dyer ; Ezra Adams, Sup'd.
78. *Georgetown*—Samuel C. Philp.
79. *Erin*—Robert Lochead.
80. *Wellesley*—Thomas Robson.
81. *Elma*—One to be sent.
82. *Wallace*—George Washington, Wm. Cross ; John Armstrong, Superannuated.
83. *Howick*—John Hough.

LEWIS WARNER, *Chairman*.

CHARLES SYLVESTER, *Financial Sec'y*.

## VII. GODERICH DISTRICT.

84. *Goderich*—John S. Evans.
85. *Stratford*—Thomas Cosford. One wanted.
86. *St. Mary's*—Alexander Campbell, S. C. Philp, jr.
87. *Mitchell*—Andrew Smith, Stephen Bond.
88. *Clinton*—Thomas Cleghorn. One to be sent.
89. *Devonshire*—Ephraim L. Koyle, Daniel Connolly.
90. *Bayfield*—One to be sent.
91. *Kincardine*—Andrew Edwards.
92. *Bruce*—Samuel S. Seely, who shall change regularly with the Minister at Kincardine.
93. *Wawanosh*—William Williams.
94. *Teeswater*—Thomas Hadwen.
95. *Morris*—Isaac Crane. One wanted.

THOS. COSFORD, *Chairman*.

THOS. CLEGHORN, *Financial Sec'y*.

## VIII. LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

96. *Pigeon River*—James Ashquabe. One to be sent.  
 97. *Pic*—George Blaker.  
 98. *Michipicoton*—Henry P. Chase.  
 99. *Garden River*—Thos. Hurlburt.  
 100. *Bruce Mines*—David Jennings.

THOS. HURLBURT, *Chairman*.

## IX. OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

101. *Newash*—Conrad Vandusen.  
C. Vandusen's address is Owen's Sound.  
 102. *Colpoy's Bay*—To be supplied.  
 104. *Owen's Sound*—J. L. Kerr. One to be sent. John  
     Neelands, Supernumerary.  
 103. *St. Vincent*—George McNamara, Wm. Irwin.  
 105. *Saugeen*—J. K. Williston.  
 106. *Southampton*—Stephen Brownell.  
 107. *Arran*—Wm. R. Dyre.  
 108. *Durham*—Philip Rose.  
 109. *Mount Forest*—Thomas Culbert.  
 110. *Paisley*—Jas. Iveson.  
 111. *Hanover*—George Jacques.  
 112. *Belmore*—Wm. Shannon.  
 113. *Artemesia*—Joseph Hill. One to be sent.

CONRAD VANDUSEN, *Chairman*.

J. L. KERR, *Financial Sec'y*.

## X. BARRIE DISTRICT.

114. *Barrie*—J. W. McCallum.  
 115. *Innisfil*—Thomas Stobbs.  
 116. *Bradford*—I. B. Aylesworth, M.D.; Wm. Hunter.  
 117. *Lloydtown*—George McRitchie.  
 118. *Cookstown*—Charles Turver. One wanted.  
 119. *Aurora*—William McFadden, A. R. Campbell.  
 120. *Klineburgh*—Robert Corson.  
 121. *Holland-Landing and Snake Island*—George Thomas  
     Richardson. One to be sent.

122. *Rama*—George McDougall.  
 123. *Flos and Orillia*—A. Milligan. One to be sent.  
 124. *Penetanguishene and Beausoliel Island*—E. Sallows.  
 125. *French River*—To be supplied.  
 126. *Collingwood Harbour*—Robert Graham.  
 127. *Nottawasaga*—Thos. Hanna. One to be sent.  
     WM. McFADDEN, *Chairman*.  
     I. B. AYLESWORTH, *Financial Sec'y*.

#### XI. COBOURG DISTRICT.

128. *Cobourg*—John Bredin; J. Beatty, W. Steer, Super'd.  
     VICTORIA COLLEGE :  
     *President*—Samuel S. Nelles, A. M.  
     *Governor and Treasurer*—John Ryerson.  
     *Professor*—G. C. Whitlock, A. M.  
     Wm. H. Poole, Agent for Victoria College, east of  
     Toronto.  
     *Students*—E. Robson, J. B. Keough, W. H. Laird, W.  
     W. Ross, John Wilson, James Thompson, John A.  
     Dowler, Wm. Hay, J. C. Ash.  
     *Under-Graduates*—W. R. Parker, Henry Tew, N. R.  
     Willoughby.  
 129. *Port Hope*—Richard Whiting, Amos E. Russ, W. C.  
     Henderson.  
 130. *Bowmanville*—J. C. Slater, W. Bryers.  
 131. *Newcastle*—Wm. Philp, Edward Cragg.  
 132. *Cartwright and Schoogog*—Wm. Richardson.  
 133. *Alnwick Mission*—Sylvester Hurlburt, J. Sunday.  
 134. *Alnwick Circuit*—A. Drennan.  
 135. *Colborne*—Charles Taggart.  
 136. *Brighton*—W. S. Blackstock.  
 137. *Percy*—Edward Ward, W. Sanderson. One wanted.  
     JOHN RYERSON, Co-Delegate, *Chairman*.  
     JOHN BREDIN, *Financial Secretary*.

#### XII. PETERBORO' DISTRICT.

138. *Peterboro'*—Wm. Scott.  
 139. *Millbrook*—Thomas Demorest, Wm. Young.

- 140. *Rice-Lake*—Wellington Jeffers.
- 141. *Lindsay*—James Greener, A. L. Peterson.
- 142. *Omeme*—Wm. Briden.
- 143. *Norwood*—J. Goodfellow. D. Jackson.
- 144. *Keene*—H. McDowell.
- 145. *Bridgnoroth and Mud Lake*—S. Lyon.
- 146. *Brock*—S. Fear.
- 147. *Bobcaygeon*\*—J. Ash.

• Under the charge of the Superintendent of Omemees.

WM. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

J. GREENER, *Financial Sec'y*.

### XIII. BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

- 148. *Belleville*—John Carroll, Thos. S. Keough.
- 149. *Consecon*—John Lever, D. B. Madden.  
D. B. Madden's address is Bloomfield.
- 150. *Picton*—Charles Fish, who shall change once a month with the Ministers at Millford ; Gilbert Miller, Daniel McMullen, Supernumeraries.
- 151. *Millford*—Joel Briggs, H. McLean,
- 152. *Sidney*—John Law, Arthur Browning ; John Black, Superannuated.
- 153. *Frankford and Trenton*—Michael Fawcett.
- 154. *Demorestville*—Wm. Coleman, J. B. Clarkson ; Cyrus R. Allison, W. H. Williams, Superannuated.
- 155. *Shannonville*—Luther Houghton.
- 156. *Hungerford and Addington Road*—Michael Baxter, D. Sutherland.
- 157. *Madoc*—Thos. McMullen.
- 158. *Stirling*—Nelson Brown.

JOHN CARROLL, *Chairman*.

D. B. MADDEN, *Financial Sec'y*.

### XIV. KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- 159. *Kingston*—Ephraim Evans, D.D., Jonathan E. Betts ; H. Byers, Supernumerary.
- 160. *Wolfe Island*—One to be sent.
- 161. *Napanee*—Benjamin Slight A. M., Samuel Wilson.

- 162. *Wilton*—J. W. German, J. Slight.
- 163. *Loughboro'*—Wm. Burns.
- 164. *Bath and Amherst-Isle*—David Clappison. One to be sent.
- 165. *Waterloo-Kingston*—George F. Playter, Wm. D. Miller.
- 166. *Gananoque*—George Carr.
- 167. *Storrington*—D. A. Johnston.
- 168. *Newborough*—Wm. M. Pattyson.
- 169. *Oso*—One wanted.
- 170. *Elgin*—G. J. Dingman ; Abraham Dayman, Superann'd.
- 171. *Farmersville*—George Beynon, John Mills.
- 172. *Newburgh*—Gifford Dorey ; S. Miles, Superannuated.
- 173. *Centreville and Tamworth*—Jay S. Youmans, Wm. Short.

BENJAMIN SLIGHT, A.M., *Chairman*.  
 GEORGE BEYNON, *Financial Sec'y*.

#### XV. BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 174. *Brockville*—George H. Davis.
- 175. *Prescott*—Wm. Price.
- 176. *Maitland*—Joseph Reynolds, Jas. Masson.
- 177. *Perth*—Henry Lanton.
- 178. *Kemptville*—David C. McDowell, H. H. Perdue, who will reside in Mountain : Henry Shaler, Superann'd.
- 179. *Matilda and Edwardsburg*—James Gray, George M. Meacham.
- 180. *Morrisburg*—J. B. Armstrong.
- 181. *Smith's Falls*—V. B. Howard.
- 182. *Carlton-Place*—John Howes.
- 183. *Lanark-Village and Sherbrooke*—John C. Osborne.  
One to be sent. A. Adams, Superannuated.
- 184. *Merrickville*—Robert Brewster, Wm. Norton.
- 185. *Cornwall*—Peter German. One to be sent.
- 186. *Winchester*—Erastus Hurlburt.

HENRY LANTON, *Chairman*.  
 G. H. DAVIS, *Financial Sec'y*.



## XVI. OTTAWA DISTRICT.

- 187. *Ottawa City*—James Brock.
- 188. *Aylmer*—Silas Huntington, Thos. Cleworth.
- 189. *Richmond*—Wm. Tomblin, Joseph Kilgower.
- 190. *Packenham*—Robert Hobbs.
- 191. *L'Orignal*—Richard Hammond, J. D. Pugh.
- 192. *Lochaber*—William Hewitt.
- 193. *Osgood*—William McGill, Edward A. Glassford.
- 194. *Gattineau*—George Case. One wanted.
- 195. *Clarendon and Portage-du-Forte*—R. Robinson. One wanted.
- 196. *Onslow*—James Roy.
- 197. *Westmeath*—Wm. Morton, James Latimer.
- 198. *Bell's Corners*—William Scales.
- 199. *Grenville*—One to be sent.
- 200. *Point Alexander*—One to be sent.

JAMES BROCK, *Chairman*.

SILAS HUNTINGTON, *Financial Sec'y*.

## XVII. MONTREAL DISTRICT.

- 201. *Montreal Centre*—John Gemley. One to be sent. John Douglas, Supernumerary.
- 202. *Montreal West*—George Young.
- 203. *Montreal East*—Joseph E. Sanderson, B. A.
- 204. *Rawdon*—Wm. Creighton, { Exchange once
- 205. *Wesleyville*—Andrew Armstrong, { every six weeks.
- 206. *St. John's*—Richard Clarke.
- 207. *Chambly*—One to be sent.
- 208. *Odell Town*—John Bate.
- 209. *Hemmingford*—S. E. Maudsley.
- 210. *Russeltown*—John Webster.
- 211. *Huntington*—Robert Brown. { Exchange once
- 212. *Ormstown*—Wm. Hansford. { in six weeks.
- 213. *St Andrews*—E. H. Dewart, E. E. Sweet.
- 214. *Cavignall*—David Hardie.

GEORGE YOUNG, *Chairman*.

JOHN GEMLEY, *Financial Sec'y*.

- 215. *Quebec and Point Levi*—James Elliott. One to be sent.
- 216. *French Mission*—To be supplied.
- 217. *Three Rivers*—Wm. Pollard, who will act as the General Agent of the Quebec Church, this year; J. L. Sanders.
- 218. *Leeds*—John Armstrong.
- 219. *New Ireland*—One to be sent.
- 220. *Melbourne*—T. W. Constable, B. Cole.
- 221. *Danville*—One to be sent.
- 222. *Sherbrooke*—Wm. D. Brown. One to be sent.
- 223. *Eaton*—Richard Wilson.
- 224. *Gaspé*—One wanted.

JAMES ELLIOTT, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM POLLARD, *Financial Sec'y*.

#### XIX. STANSTEAD DISTRICT.

- 225. *Stanstead*—Malcolm McDonald. One to be sent.
- 226. *Compton and Coaticoke*—Joseph Forsyth, John B. Selley, M.D., Superannuated.
- 227. *Hatley*—John Walton.
- 228. *East Bolton*—S. E. Phillips.
- 229. *Shefford*—Wm. H. Bakewell.
- 230. *Granby*—To be supplied. E. S. Ingalls, Supernum'y.
- 231. *Dunham*—Rufus A. Flanders.
- 232. *Farnham*—John Davis.
- 233. *Sutton*—Hiram Fowler.
- 234. *St. Armand*—Francis Hunt; B. Hitchcock, Super'y.
- 235. *Clarenceville*—John Tomkins.
- 236. *Roxton (French Mission)*—Thomas Charbonell.

JOHN TOMKINS, *Chairman*.

RUFUS A. FLANDERS, *Financial Sec'y*.

#### XX. HUDSON'S-BAY TERRITORY.

- 237. *Norway House, Lake Winnipeg*—Robt. Brooking.
- 238. *Oxford House*—Chas. Stringfellow.
- 239. *Lac-La-Pluie*—Allan Salt.
- 240. *Edmonton-House and Rocky Mountains*—Thos. Woolsey, Henry Steinhaur.

ROBERT BROOKING, *Chairman*.

The address of these Missionaries is to their respective Stations—"Red River Settlement, care of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Co's Agent, via Pembina, Minnesota Territory, U. S."

Ques. XIII., XIV. & XV. *What is the number of Members in our Societies, and what has been collected for the Superannuation, the Contingent, and the Church Relief Funds?*

## ANSWER.

| CIRCUITS.                | Members | Church Relief Fund. | Contingent Fund. | Education of Ministers. | Superannu'd Ministers' Fund. |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Toronto East . . . . .   | 325     | 6 2 0               | 14 3 9           | 9 5 2½                  | 31 0 0                       |
| Toronto West . . . . .   | 823     | 11 14 5             | 25 10 9½         | 12 8 7½                 | 50 0 0                       |
| Yonge Street . . . . .   | 513     | 5 10 0              | 10 12 9          | 4 10 0                  | 23 2 9                       |
| Humber . . . . .         | 532     | 3 13 1½             | 8 16 1½          | 3 17 0                  | 10 0 4                       |
| Brampton . . . . .       | 649     | 6 0 0               | 15 5 0           | 5 10 0                  | 37 12 6                      |
| Cookeville . . . . .     | 245     | .....               | 5 14 4½          | 2 17 3½                 | 4 0 6                        |
| Whitby . . . . .         | 520     | 4 10 6              | 10 16 10         | 4 10 4                  | 13 10 0                      |
| Markham . . . . .        | 260     | 2 11 0              | 7 2 6            | 2 10 0                  | 10 0 0                       |
| Nelson . . . . .         | 442     | 2 14 1              | 5 15 8           | 3 2 9                   | 9 15 2                       |
| Milton . . . . .         | 211     | 2 11 9              | 6 5 0            | 1 10 6                  | 7 0 0                        |
| Georgetown . . . . .     | 325     | 4 11 5              | 7 4 5            | 2 10 0                  | 7 5 0                        |
| Stouffville . . . . .    | 170     | 1 13 10½            | 2 19 10½         | 8 9                     | 2 0 0                        |
| Prince Albert . . . . .  | 88      | 3 10 3              | 4 10 3           | 2 5 0                   | 11 0 0                       |
| Hamilton . . . . .       | 523     | 13 14 6             | 21 16 1½         | 13 10 0                 | 49 0 0                       |
| Dundas . . . . .         | 334     | 2 5 0               | 5 10 11          | 4 0 9½                  | 7 10 0                       |
| Waterdown . . . . .      | 213     | 1 12 6              | 3 5 0            | 2 5 0                   | 4 6 3                        |
| Glastford . . . . .      | 332     | 1 14 0              | 6 5 0            | 2 0 0                   | 10 0 0                       |
| Nanticoke . . . . .      | 209     | 2 4 7               | 4 19 7           | 1 11 0                  | 3 17 6                       |
| Dunnville . . . . .      | 243     | 1 5 0               | 2 10 0           | 1 0 0                   | 2 15 0                       |
| Cayuga . . . . .         | 55      | 17 6                | 2 2 6            | 1 0 5                   | 1 11 11                      |
| Grimby . . . . .         | 209     | 2 6 10              | 2 19 4           | 2 2 5                   | 2 14 4                       |
| Smithville . . . . .     | 207     | 2 3 0               | 4 0 0            | 1 5 0                   | 3 0 0                        |
| St. Catharines . . . . . | 140     | 18 0                | 2 13 8           | 1 4 2                   | 5 0 0                        |
| Thorold . . . . .        | 219     | 1 15 0              | 3 15 3           | 17 6                    | 4 10 0                       |
| Drummondville . . . . .  | 133     | 1 10 8½             | 2 13 8½          | 1 12 10½                | 1 8 9                        |
| Niagara . . . . .        | 68      | 1 0 0               | 1 18 9           | 10 0                    | 2 0 0                        |
| Welland . . . . .        | 414     | 3 5 0               | 3 11 2½          | 1 14 10                 | 6 3 1½                       |
| Cainsville . . . . .     | 120     | 17 4                | 2 0 6            | 12 6                    | 1 17 1½                      |
| Brantford . . . . .      | 240     | 4 10 3              | 11 1 7           | 4 0 9                   | 8 0 0                        |
| Mount Pleasant . . . . . | 314     | 2 15 0              | 5 17 6           | 2 4 0                   | 9 0 0                        |
| Paris . . . . .          | 220     | 3 9 3               | 10 0 0           | 3 10 0                  | 10 0 0                       |
| St. George . . . . .     | 249     | 1 15 0              | 4 0 0            | 1 0 0                   | 4 10 0                       |
| Ingersoll . . . . .      | 193     | 4 5 0               | 4 5 0            | 1 6 0                   | 3 10 0                       |
| Norwich . . . . .        | 300     | 1 13 7              | 2 0 0            | .....                   | 1 5 0                        |
| Simcoe . . . . .         | 143     | 2 0 10              | 4 3 5            | 1 15 3                  | 5 7 6                        |
| Dover . . . . .          | 72      | 1 11 4              | 2 16 2           | 1 0 0                   | 2 2 6                        |
| Walsingham . . . . .     | 332     | 1 15 0              | 5 4 9½           | 1 11 10½                | 3 3 1½                       |
| Delhi . . . . .          | 123     | 14 5                | 1 9 0½           | 13 5                    | 14 2                         |
| Aylmer . . . . .         | 400     | 1 15 0              | 3 0 0            | 15 0                    | 2 14 0                       |
| Vienna . . . . .         | 163     | 2 2 5½              | 2 17 3½          | 1 4 3                   | 1 17 9½                      |
| New Credit . . . . .     | 118     | .....               | 10 0             | .....                   | 8 9                          |
| Grand River . . . . .    | 115     | 14 0                | 15 0             | .....                   | 10 8                         |
| Woodstock . . . . .      | 289     | 6 10 1½             | 10 4 3           | 4 11 3                  | 10 6 3                       |
| London City . . . . .    | 373     | 14 6 10½            | 5 3 10           | 2 15 0                  | 13 6 3                       |
| London . . . . .         | 450     | 8 0 0               | 2 10 0           | 2 13 0                  | 11 5 0                       |
| Fingal . . . . .         | 85      | 2 12 0              | 1 7 0            | 16 3                    | 2 13 0                       |
| Westminster . . . . .    | 144     | 3 1 0               | 1 4 10½          | 1 0 5                   | 2 0 0                        |
| St. Thomas . . . . .     | 131     | 5 3 7               | 2 6 0            | 2 0 0                   | 7 0 0                        |
| Strathroy . . . . .      | 120     | 2 7 10              | 1 7 7½           | 15 2                    | 1 5 4                        |

| CIRCUITS.                  | Members. | Church Re-<br>lief Fund. | Contingent<br>Fund. | Education<br>of<br>Ministers. | Superannua-<br>l Ministers'<br>Fund. |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mount Brydges .....        | 190      | 1 12 9                   | 18 0                | 18 10½                        | 1 0 0                                |
| Warwick .....              | 161      | 2 10 0                   | 15 6                | 1 5 0                         | 3 0 0                                |
| Port Stanley .....         | 108      | 2 10 10                  | 1 15 0              | 1 13 7½                       | 1 6 4                                |
| Devonshire .....           | 205      | 6 13 9                   | 1 16 7½             | 1 3 9                         | 3 8 1½                               |
| Belmont .....              | 281      | 1 18 6                   | 10 6                | 15 0                          | 2 15 0                               |
| Chatham .....              | 263      | 2 9 1½                   | 4 12 1              | 1 13 9½                       | 4 0 0                                |
| Mount Elgin and Muncey ..  | 234      | 8 9                      | 12 6                | 6 9                           | 10 0                                 |
| Wardsville .....           | 129      | 2 3 0                    | 1 7 6               | 1 5 0                         | 1 15 9                               |
| Wallaceburg .....          | 122      | 1 4 9                    | 1 14 0              | .....                         | 1 11 9                               |
| Florence .....             | 75       | 10 10                    | 14 0                | 10 0                          | 1 5 0                                |
| Morpeth .....              | 80       | 10 0                     | 2 0 0               | 6 3                           | 1 15 0                               |
| Gosfield .....             | 214      | 1 0 0                    | 2 1 2               | .....                         | 2 3 10                               |
| Sandwich and Windsor ..    | 39       | 15 0                     | 2 0 0               | 11 0                          | 2 2 6                                |
| Rochester .....            | 75       | 16 10                    | 1 15 1              | 10 0                          | 1 15 0                               |
| Amherstburg .....          | 93       | 1 2 4                    | 2 17 5½             | 11 3                          | 1 16 10                              |
| Sarnia .....               | 158      | 1 15 1                   | 4 18 7              | 2 6 3                         | 3 6 9½                               |
| St. Clair .....            | 151      | 1 3 9                    | 11 3                | 5 0                           | 5 0 0                                |
| Guelph .....               | 191      | 4 8 1                    | 3 10 3              | 11 3                          | 5 6 4                                |
| Elora .....                | 293      | 4 6 8                    | 5 9 11              | 2 0 0                         | 2 17 6                               |
| Galt .....                 | 54       | 16 3                     | 1 14 3              | 1 11 9½                       | 19 8                                 |
| Berlin .....               | 114      | 2 0 4½                   | 3 19 8              | 1 15 4½                       | 1 9 9                                |
| Blenheim .....             | 281      | 2 0 0                    | 3 10 9              | 1 15 0                        | 4 10 9                               |
| Peel .....                 | 374      | 1 11 6½                  | 3 12 8½             | 12 6                          | 1 12 2                               |
| Stattford .....            | 81       | 1 1 3                    | 1 8 0               | 10 0                          | 1 5 0                                |
| St. Mary's .....           | 210      | 1 1 9                    | 1 6 9               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Clinton .....              | 351      | 2 6 0½                   | 5 5 0               | 2 8 0½                        | 5 0 9                                |
| Goderich .....             | 135      | 1 5 0                    | 1 2 6               | 1 10 0                        | 2 0 0                                |
| Mitchell .....             | 188      | 13 1                     | 1 15 10½            | 12 1½                         | 2 1 3                                |
| Kincardine .....           | 87       | 2 12 6                   | 1 1 7               | .....                         | 1 0 0                                |
| Arthur and Mount Forest .. | 34       | 6 10                     | 1 2 11              | .....                         | 15 9                                 |
| Mono .....                 | 449      | 3 0 0                    | 4 18 11             | 13 2                          | 11 0 0                               |
| Wellesley .....            | 154      | 1 3 7                    | 2 8 7½              | 1 3 2½                        | 2 5 0                                |
| Morris .....               | 153      | 15 0                     | 13 3                | .....                         | 10 0                                 |
| Kinloss and Culross .....  | 49       | .....                    | 5 0                 | .....                         | 10 0                                 |
| Wallace and Elma .....     | 142      | 1 2 6                    | 1 1 5               | 1 1 0                         | 1 3 4                                |
| Wawanosh .....             | 108      | 18 6                     | 15 0                | 15 5½                         | 1 0 0                                |
| Bayfield .....             | 64       | .....                    | 5 8½                | .....                         | 1 5 0                                |
| Elora and Saugeen Road ..  | 33       | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Howick and Turnbury .....  | 93       | 11 4                     | 6 10½               | .....                         | 3 9                                  |
| Rockwood .....             | 42       | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | 10 0                                 |
| Newash .....               | 55       | 2 4                      | 3 1½                | 2 2                           | 5 3                                  |
| Colpoys Bay .....          | 7        | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Owen Sound .....           | 248      | 2 0 0                    | 2 6 3½              | 1 0 0                         | 5 0 0                                |
| St. Vincent .....          | 258      | 1 15 2                   | 1 6 9               | 12 0                          | 2 18 0½                              |
| Saugeen .....              | 51       | 5 4                      | 2 1½                | 1 7                           | 3 5½                                 |
| Southampton .....          | 64       | 3 0 9½                   | 1 8 5               | 13 4½                         | 2 10 0                               |
| Arran .....                | 50       | 12 1                     | 13 10               | .....                         | 18 6                                 |
| Durham .....               | 59       | 11 0                     | 13 6                | 5 0                           | 1 5 0                                |
| Brant .....                | 33       | 15 0                     | 6 0½                | .....                         | 10 2                                 |
| Paisley .....              | 36       | 10 1                     | 11 7                | .....                         | .....                                |
| Proton .....               | 245      | 19 1                     | 1 12 10             | .....                         | 1 5 0                                |
| Osprey .....               | 127      | 14 6                     | 1 7 6½              | 13 6                          | 11 3                                 |
| Bruce Mines .....          | 10       | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | 3 5 0                                |
| Garden River .....         | 54       | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Michipicooton .....        | 6        | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Lake Superior—Pic .....    | 44       | .....                    | .....               | .....                         | .....                                |
| Barrie .....               | 130      | 2 8 0                    | 3 13 1½             | 1 15 0                        | 9 0 0                                |
| Innisfil .....             | 122      | 1 2 4                    | 2 13 7½             | 1 15 0                        | 1 13 9                               |

| CIRCUITS.               | Members | Church Relief Fund. | Contingent Fund. | Education of Ministers. | Superannuation of Ministers' Fund. |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bradford.....           | 253     | 2 1 1               | 4 9 6            | 2 6 4½                  | 7 13 9                             |
| Cookstown.....          | 200     | 1 15 3½             | 3 17 0           | 1 15 0                  | 5 10 0                             |
| Aurora.....             | 273     | 3 1 9               | 4 5 8            | 2 3 1                   | 5 10 0                             |
| Holland Landing.....    | 120     | 1 5 0               | 1 16 0½          | 15 3½                   | 2 5 3                              |
| Laskie.....             | 162     | 1 17 0              | 2 7 6            | 10 0                    | 3 0 0                              |
| Brock.....              | 130     | 1 2 6               | 1 15 0           | 15 9                    | 2 5 6                              |
| Flos and Orillia.....   | 300     | 4 0 0               | 4 18 9           | 1 10 0                  | 3 12 6½                            |
| Penetanguishene.....    | 70      | 10 8½               | 4 0              | .....                   | 6 7                                |
| Collingwood.....        | 35      | 16 11½              | 1 5 3            | 9 7½                    | 2 10 0                             |
| Rama.....               | 63      | .....               | 5 0              | .....                   | 7 6                                |
| Lloydtown.....          | 125     | 2 0 0               | 3 9 0½           | 1 13 2                  | 3 0 9                              |
| Cobourg.....            | 353     | 3 11 3              | 8 4 0            | 6 4 8                   | 15 0 0                             |
| Port Hope.....          | 684     | 3 2 6               | 5 0              | 2 18 0                  | 9 5 0                              |
| Bowmanville.....        | 970     | 2 7 6               | 4 10 0           | 3 0 0                   | 10 10 0                            |
| Newcastle.....          | 228     | 2 7 11½             | 5 1 7½           | 2 10 6½                 | 7 0 0                              |
| Cartwright & Schoogog.. | 115     | 1 2 0               | 1 16 1½          | 1 0 0                   | 1 10 0                             |
| Millbrook.....          | 306     | 1 16 10             | 5 14 9           | 1 13 8                  | 8 14 7½                            |
| Peterborough.....       | 250     | 1 8 0               | 3 19 3½          | 2 12 7½                 | 2 11 3                             |
| Rice Lake.....          | 47      | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Alnwick Mission.....    | 81      | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Alnwick Circuit.....    | 67      | 14 7½               | 15 10½           | 13 9                    | 3 0 0                              |
| Colborne.....           | 210     | 1 7 2               | 2 3 0            | 1 13 5                  | 5 0 0                              |
| Lindsay.....            | 175     | 3 6 0               | 3 13 2           | 16 0                    | 4 10 8                             |
| Metcalf.....            | 145     | 1 2 6               | 3 6 0            | 15 0                    | 3 0 0                              |
| Norwood.....            | 233     | 16 0                | 1 11 8           | 11 0                    | 2 7 4                              |
| Keene.....              | 105     | 1 10 11             | 2 7 5            | 10 0                    | 1 15 0                             |
| Smith and Mud Lake..... | 97      | 11 0                | 1 0 7½           | 7 1 1½                  | 15 0                               |
| Belleville.....         | 478     | 6 8 3               | 10 1 5           | 5 2 0                   | 26 12 6                            |
| Consecon.....           | 666     | 4 0 0               | 5 0 0            | 1 15 0                  | 11 14 0                            |
| Pictou.....             | 646     | 3 15 0              | 5 4 4½           | 2 0 10¾                 | 9 0 0                              |
| Sidney.....             | 420     | 2 12 0              | 5 12 6           | 2 0 8                   | 7 13 3                             |
| Brighton.....           | 510     | 2 0 0               | 5 2 10½          | 2 5 0                   | 10 0 0                             |
| Demorestville.....      | 220     | 1 3 5               | 2 0 2            | 6 3                     | 4 0 0                              |
| Shannonville.....       | 185     | 1 2 8               | 2 8 6½           | 9 4½                    | 1 4 1½                             |
| Hungerford.....         | 230     | 16 0                | 1 5 0            | 6 4                     | 1 10 0                             |
| Madoc.....              | 126     | .....               | 5 0              | .....                   | 5 0                                |
| Stirling.....           | 110     | 1 3 10              | 1 11 4½          | 7 7½                    | 1 5 0                              |
| Percey and Seymour..... | 400     | 3 9 0               | 3 15 0           | 1 3 8½                  | 3 15 0                             |
| Kingston.....           | 339     | 5 9 10              | 13 2 5           | 5 10 0                  | 23 18 9                            |
| Napanee.....            | 451     | 1 10 6½             | 5 15 8           | 1 17 0                  | 14 0 0                             |
| Wilton.....             | 475     | 1 19 0              | 3 9 7            | 1 10 0                  | 7 14 4½                            |
| Loughboro.....          | 140     | 6 7½                | 1 12 9           | 8 0½                    | 1 6 11                             |
| Bath and Amherst.....   | 324     | 1 10 0              | 3 3 10           | 1 10 0                  | 5 8 9                              |
| Waterloo.....           | 230     | 1 5 8               | 5 4 8            | 1 15 0                  | 6 5 0                              |
| Gananoque.....          | 147     | 2 9 8½              | 5 16 11½         | 2 0 6½                  | 4 11 6½                            |
| Newborough.....         | 100     | 1 15 0              | 1 5 3            | 12 6                    | 1 10 0                             |
| Elgin.....              | 175     | 10 0                | 1 10 0           | 15 0                    | 2 0 0                              |
| Farmersville.....       | 395     | 2 19 4              | 6 4 2            | 2 15 4½                 | 15 1 2½                            |
| Newburgh.....           | 420     | 3 17 6              | 3 0 10           | 1 15 0                  | 6 10 0                             |
| Centreville.....        | 170     | 1 0 1               | 2 2 4            | 1 0 9                   | 2 0 0                              |
| Brockville.....         | 153     | 1 9 4               | 2 15 9           | 1 5 0                   | 3 4 4½                             |
| Frescott.....           | 79      | 13 6½               | 1 6 8            | 14 6                    | 1 15 2½                            |
| Maitland.....           | 434     | 1 17 6              | 3 15 0           | 2 2 0½                  | 7 18 8½                            |
| Forth.....              | 215     | 18 9                | 2 4 7½           | 1 3 10½                 | 1 10 6                             |
| Kempville.....          | 378     | 1 11 4              | 3 15 2           | 1 6 1                   | 3 1 3                              |
| Matilda.....            | 517     | 1 10 10½            | 4 2 11           | 2 1 2½                  | 8 12 9                             |
| Smith's Falls.....      | 166     | 17 3½               | 3 10 10½         | 10 4                    | 5 11 4½                            |
| Carlton.....            | 148     | 18 9                | 1 12 6           | 8 7½                    | 1 16 3                             |

| CIRCUITS.                     | Members | Church Relief Fund. | Contingent Fund. | Education of Ministers. | Superannuation of Minister's Fund. |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lanark.....                   | 130     | 1 10 0              | 2 4 3½           | 4 9 5                   | 2 8 10                             |
| Merrickville.....             | 153     | 15 0                | 1 10 0           | 15 0                    | 1 1 3                              |
| Corwall.....                  | 335     | 1 5 0               | 1 17 11½         | 15 0                    | 1 5 0                              |
| Winchester.....               | 174     | 1 8 6               | 2 1 3            | 4 6 3                   | 2 5 0                              |
| Ottawa.....                   | 150     | 1 15 0              | 3 5 6            | 1 11 6                  | 5 0 0                              |
| Arlmer.....                   | 90      | 1 15 0              | 2 10 0           | 1 0 0                   | 2 0 0                              |
| Richmond.....                 | 478     | 1 9 10              | 2 17 2           | 2 0 0                   | 6 10 0                             |
| Packenham.....                | 90      | 15 0                | 1 10 0           | 1 13 3                  | 1 13 3                             |
| L'Orignal.....                | 143     | 1 10 0              | 2 4 0            | 1 2 11                  | 2 0 0                              |
| Lochaber.....                 | 41      | 7 5                 | 5 1½             | .....                   | 15 5                               |
| Osgoode.....                  | 295     | 1 10 3½             | 2 9 10           | 5 3                     | 2 3 6                              |
| Gatineau.....                 | 134     | 1 10 0              | 1 6 9            | 18 0                    | 1 15 0                             |
| Clarendon.....                | 173     | 12 4                | 1 15 2           | 1 0 2                   | 2 0 0                              |
| Onslow.....                   | 81      | 1 2 2               | 17 5½            | .....                   | 1 15 0                             |
| Westmeath.....                | 138     | 10 3                | 1 5 7            | 9 10½                   | 2 0 0                              |
| Bell's Corners.....           | 69      | 13 0                | 2 0 3            | 1 0 0                   | 1 10 0                             |
| Grenville.....                | 65      | .....               | 1 7 6            | .....                   | 1 4 1                              |
| Montreal Centre.....          | 353     | 11 13 4             | 27 4 1           | 12 5 0                  | 23 13 0½                           |
| Montreal East.....            | 176     | 2 11 3              | 5 4 1            | 1 16 4                  | 2 17 6                             |
| Montreal West.....            | 114     | 2 8 1               | 3 17 6           | 2 1 3                   | 8 10 0                             |
| Rawdon.....                   | 70      | 8 1½                | 1 2 7            | .....                   | 3 0 0                              |
| Wesleyville.....              | 98      | 15 0                | 2 3 0            | 2 6                     | 1 15 7½                            |
| St. Johns.....                | 22      | 2 13 3              | 2 16 11½         | 7 6                     | 2 9 9                              |
| Chambly.....                  | 18      | 5 8                 | 5 0              | .....                   | .....                              |
| Odell Town.....               | 138     | 1 3 9               | 1 16 9           | 17 0                    | 1 5 0                              |
| Hemmingford.....              | 78      | 1 4 3               | 2 9 9            | 16 4½                   | 15 0                               |
| Russelltown.....              | 120     | 17 6                | 1 9 0            | 14 1                    | 1 9 0                              |
| Huntingdon.....               | 205     | 1 9 4½              | 3 2 6            | 1 10 0                  | 3 5 9                              |
| Beaubarnois.....              | 86      | 1 0 6               | 1 19 1½          | 9 2                     | 1 0 3½                             |
| St. Andrews.....              | 175     | 1 17 3              | 2 10 7½          | 17 6                    | 1 16 6                             |
| Cavignall.....                | 83      | 12 2½               | 16 7             | 4 6                     | 1 5 0                              |
| Quebec.....                   | 262     | 7 17 3              | 11 3 10          | 8 18 0                  | 7 5 0                              |
| Point Levi.....               | 2       | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Three Rivers.....             | 26      | 10 0                | 1 5 0            | 10 0                    | 1 5 0                              |
| Leeds.....                    | 281     | 1 0 8               | 9 3              | 8 1                     | 2 0 0                              |
| Ireland.....                  | 9       | 17 6                | 17 6             | .....                   | 9 3½                               |
| Chaudiere.....                | 254     | 1 19 2              | 3 17 1           | 1 10 9                  | 4 5 0                              |
| Melbourne.....                | 43      | 15 0                | 15 0             | .....                   | .....                              |
| Danville.....                 | 111     | 1 7 6               | 1 3 6            | 1 11 3                  | 3 5 0                              |
| Sherbrooke.....               | 114     | 1 12 4½             | 1 9 10           | 8 6                     | 1 5 11                             |
| Eaton.....                    | .....   | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Dudswell.....                 | .....   | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Gaspé.....                    | .....   | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| Stanstead.....                | 154     | .....               | 1 7 0            | 17 5                    | 2 3 0                              |
| Compton and Coaticook.....    | 69      | 3 0 6               | 11 3             | .....                   | 1 15 0                             |
| Hatley.....                   | 78      | 18 3½               | 10 10½           | 7 2                     | 1 2 3                              |
| East Bolton.....              | 63      | .....               | 1 1 6            | 1 2 9                   | 1 10 7½                            |
| Shefford.....                 | 127     | .....               | 15 5             | 1 14 2                  | 3 7 6                              |
| Granby.....                   | 114     | 6 4                 | 12 4½            | 5 4½                    | 1 13 1½                            |
| Dunham.....                   | 167     | 12 7                | .....            | 1 16 4                  | 1 2 7                              |
| Farnham.....                  | 75      | 3 7 6               | 5 0              | 11 0                    | 1 0 0                              |
| St. Armand.....               | 52      | .....               | 7 6              | .....                   | 10 0                               |
| Sutton.....                   | 87      | 1 0 0               | 1 15 0           | 10 0                    | 2 15 0                             |
| Clarenceville.....            | 109     | 18 2                | .....            | 16 2                    | 2 0 0                              |
| Roxton Falls, French Mis.     | 21      | .....               | .....            | .....                   | .....                              |
| From English Conference.....  | .....   | .....               | 733 6 8          | .....                   | .....                              |
| From Book Boom.....           | .....   | .....               | 300 0 0          | .....                   | .....                              |
| Collection at Conference..... | .....   | .....               | 43 13 5½         | .....                   | .....                              |
| Total Income.....             | .....   | .....               | £1815 15 8       | .....                   | .....                              |

Ques. XVI.—*How has the Contingent Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows:—

| APPROPRIATIONS TO DISTRICTS.        |            |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Paid the Toronto District           | £150 0 0   |  |
| “ Hamilton                          | 150 0 0    |  |
| “ Brantford                         | 162 0 0    |  |
| “ London                            | 75 0 0     |  |
| “ Chatham                           | 36 0 0     |  |
| “ Guelph                            | 91 0 0     |  |
| “ Barrie                            | 40 0 0     |  |
| “ Cobourg                           | 198 0 0    |  |
| “ Belleville                        | 126 0 0    |  |
| “ Kingston                          | 121 0 0    |  |
| “ Brockville                        | 168 0 0    |  |
| “ Ottawa                            | 82 0 0     |  |
| “ Montreal                          | 40 0 0     |  |
| “ Quebec                            | 37 0 0     |  |
| EXPENSES.                           |            |  |
| Stationery, &c.                     | 1 2 6      |  |
| Contingencies                       | 1 4 10½    |  |
| Bibles and Hymn Books               | 9 18 1½    |  |
| Telegraphing                        | 0 5 6      |  |
| Expenses with Minutes               | 1 9 4½     |  |
| Registration of Baptisms            | 15 0 0     |  |
| Expenses of B. Committee Meeting    | 4 18 1½    |  |
| Delegation to New Brunswick         | 55 2 6     |  |
| Expenses at Conference              | 5 10 5     |  |
| Hamilton District Meeting (Special) | 9 9 0      |  |
| Brantford “ “                       | 7 8 9      |  |
| Co-Delegate Postage                 | 2 10 0     |  |
| Expenses attending Ordination       | 2 7 6      |  |
| Delegation to General Conference    | 15 0 0     |  |
| AFFLICTIONS.                        |            |  |
| Mrs. Nankeville                     | 15 0 0     |  |
| Mrs. Huntington                     | 35 0 0     |  |
| J. Hunt                             | 16 17 6    |  |
| R. Nankeville's Funeral             | 12 10 0    |  |
| Edward White                        | 1 10 0     |  |
| W. S. Griffin                       | 9 7 6      |  |
| T. Bevitt                           | 1 15 0     |  |
| S. Huntington's Funeral             | 6 5 0      |  |
| G. Goodson                          | 2 10 0     |  |
| G. Kennedy                          | 5 0 0      |  |
| N. F. English                       | 13 0 0     |  |
| R. Whiting                          | 7 10 0     |  |
| W. H. Williams                      | 19 10 0    |  |
| D. B. Madden                        | 1 9 0      |  |
| G. Beynon                           | 3 15 0     |  |
| C. Fish                             |            |  |
| SPECIAL GRANTS.                     |            |  |
| Port Dover                          | 10 0 0     |  |
| J. W. Savage                        | 18 15 0    |  |
| Wm. Savage                          | 25 0 0     |  |
| G. McRitchie                        | 20 0 0     |  |
| Total expenditure                   | £1815 15 8 |  |

Ques. XVII.—*How has the Church Relief Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows:—

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance due Treasurer from last year.....    | £38 19 9½ |
| Toronto District Highland-Creek Church.....  | 7 10 0    |
| “ “ Epsom Church.....                        | 12 10 0   |
| Hamilton ; Circuit—Stoney Creek.....         | 25 0 0    |
| “ “ Jordan.....                              | 7 10 0    |
| Brantford “ Woodstock.....                   | 10 0 0    |
| “ “ Ingersoll.....                           | 20 0 0    |
| “ “ McKone's (Ingersoll).....                | 7 10 0    |
| London “ London City (St. James Street)..... | 10 0 0    |
| Chatham “ London Road Church (Sarnia).....   | 7 10 0    |
| Owen's Sound “ Southampton Church.....       | 12 10 0   |
| Guelph “ Guelph Church (Town).....           | 25 0 0    |
| “ “ Galt Church.....                         | 12 10 0   |
| “ “ Kincardine.....                          | 40 0 0    |
| “ “ Winterbourne.....                        | 7 10 0    |
| “ “ Bayfield.....                            | 7 10 0    |
| “ “ Rockwood.....                            | 15 0 0    |
| Barrie “ Shires' Church.....                 | 6 5 0     |
| Cobourg “ Lindsay.....                       | 12 10 0   |
| Belleville “ Wesley Church (Consecon).....   | 12 10 0   |
| “ “ Fretz (Sidney).....                      | 7 10 0    |
| Kingston “ Newborough.....                   | 5 0 0     |
| Brockville “ Prescott.....                   | 25 0 0    |
| “ “ Inkerman.....                            | 5 0 0     |
| “ “ Four Corners.....                        | 5 0 0     |
| Ottawa “ Ottawa City.....                    | 30 0 0    |
| “ “ Aylmer.....                              | 10 0 0    |
| Montreal “ St. Andrews (La Chute).....       | 10 0 0    |
| “ “ St. Johns.....                           | 7 10 0    |
| Quebec “ Ely Church (Melbourne).....         | 10 0 0    |
| Stanstead “ Dunham.....                      | 17 10 0   |
| “ “ Coaticook.....                           | 20 0 0    |
| Postage, &c., 3 years.....                   | 1 11 5½   |
| Total.....                                   | £153 18 3 |

Ques. XVIII.—*How has the Superannuation Money been expended?*

Answer. As follows:—

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

| DR.                                | £ s. d.     | CR.                                              | £ s. d.     |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| By Ministers' Subs.....            | 300 5 0     | To am'ts paid Claimants..                        | 1260 16 8   |
| By Circuit Contributions. 984 17 0 |             | “ postage and expenses.                          | 2 2 6       |
|                                    |             | “ trav. exp. to Conf'nce<br>superann'd ministers | 8 10 10½    |
|                                    |             | “ sub. returned Mr. Haw                          | 20 0 0      |
|                                    |             | “ interest on legacy late<br>Mrs. Johnston.....  | 1 0 0       |
|                                    |             | “ bal. for tombstone to<br>Rev. D. Yeomans...    | 1 0 0       |
|                                    |             | “ taxes lot Hungerford..                         | 1 5 0       |
| Balance .....                      | 9 13 0      |                                                  |             |
| Total .....                        | £1294 15 0½ | Total .....                                      | £1294 15 0½ |



Quest. XIX. *What is the number of Children in each District to be provided for by the Financial District Meeting?*

Ans. The changes which have been made in the Circuits and Stations preclude an answer to this question, further than that one child is to be provided for by ninety-six members in full connexion. Each Financial District Meeting must make its own calculation according to the number of children and members within its bounds.

MINISTERS' EDUCATIONAL FUND.—The Report of the "Educational Fund" will be published as soon as the Committee meets.

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### COMMITTEES.

Quest. XX. *What are the Standing Committees for the present year?*

Ans. 1. MISSIONARY COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Chairmen of Districts; Dr. Green, Sylvester Hurlburt, S. D. Rice, I. B. Howard, Wm. Willoughby, Dr. Cooney, G. R. Sanderson.

Ans. 2. BOOK COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Chairmen of Toronto, Hamilton, and Barrie Districts; Ministers residing in Toronto; Superintendents of Yonge Street, Hamilton, Oakville, Whitby, Markham, Bowmanville, Brantford and Mount Pleasant Circuits, and J. Douse, E. B. Harper, and C. Lavell.

Ans. 3. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE :—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Chairmen of Districts; Editor and Book Steward; Superintendents of Toronto City, Yonge Street, St. Catharines, Hamilton and Brantford; Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, Wm. Ryerson, Dr. Evans, S. S. Nelles, A. M.; Jonathan Scott, Dr. Aylesworth, and E. B. Harper.

Ans. 4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE :—Fifteen Ministers to be appointed by the Conference; and an equal number of Laymen, to be elected at the May District Meetings, when the Stewards are present, by the Districts contiguous to

the places where the ensuing Conference is to be held. The following are the Districts, with the number to be appointed by each next year :—

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| Montreal District, | .....   | 4  | Members. |
| Quebec             | “ ..... | 2  | “        |
| Stanstead          | “ ..... | 2  | “        |
| Ottawa             | “ ..... | 2  | “        |
| Brockville         | “ ..... | 3  | “        |
| Kingston           | “ ..... | 2  | “        |
| Total, .....       |         | 15 |          |

Ans. 5. BOARD OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.  
—Henry Wilkinson, Asahel Hurlburt, R. Jones, S. Rose, Dr. Green and John Douse. REV. J. DOUSE, Treasurer.

Ans. 6. BOARD OF CHAPEL RELIEF FUND:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Chairman of Toronto District; Superintendent of Toronto City; Book Steward; Editor, and the following laymen :—E. Jackson, J. McDonald, Thomas Storm, J. Sterling, G. Rowell, Thomas Maclear and R. Woodsworth.

Ans. 7. BOARD OF VICTORIA COLLEGE:—Revs. R. Jones, G. R. Sanderson, S. S. Nelles, A.M.; S. D. Rice, J. Ryerson; and J. P. Roblin, Esqs., *Trustees*; Hon. James Ferrier, John Counter, Esq., Edward Jackson, Esq., J. H. Dumble, Esq., and Rev. S. Rose, *Visitors*.

Ans. 8. MISSIONARY BOARD:—President and Secretary of Conference; Co-Delegate; Superintendent of Missions; Revs. J. Scott, R. Jones, Dr. Green, Dr. Ryerson, J. Spencer, G. R. Sanderson, J. Borland, J. Gemley; and the following Laymen: J. R. Armstrong, John Sterling, G. Rowell, R. Yates, A. Hamilton, Thos. Maclear and J. Harper.

Ans. 9. MINISTERS EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE:—President and Secretary of Conference; Revs. R. Jones, J. Douse, S. Rose, J. Musgrove, J. Borland, G. R. Sanderson, E. B. Harper; and the following Laymen: R. Yates, R. Hastings, J. Bloor, S. Alcorn, Dr. Aikins, E. Jackson, T. Bickle, F. W. Watkins, and J. Lister.

Ans. 10. PASTORAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE :—Revs. J. Ryerson, S. S. Nelles, A.M., S. Hurlburt and John Bredin.

Ans. 11. COMMITTEE TO DRAFT REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR THE CONTINGENT FUND :—Revs. J. Douse, Dr. Green, J. Spencer, J. Musgrove; and Thomas Storm, John McDonald, James Hodgson and Edward Jackson.

Ans. 12. COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHILDRENS' FUND :—President and Secretary of Conference; Book Steward; Editor; Superintendents of Toronto and Hamilton; Chairmen of Toronto and Hamilton Districts; J. Scott, Jas. Hughes and J. Douse; and Messrs. Thomas Maclear, E. Jackson, J. McDonald, J. Sterling and R. Woods-worth.

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#### GENERAL AGENTS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.

REV. LEWIS WARNER, for Toronto, and West;  
REV. WILLIAM H. POOLE, East of Toronto.

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#### TIME OF TAKING UP COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *Chapel Relief Fund*, in the Month of July.
  2. *Contingent Fund Collections*, in the Months of September and March.
  3. *Superannuated Ministers' Fund*, in the Months of November and December.  
N. B.—This collection is to be made in the Classes as well as by general application.
  4. *Collection to aid in the Education of Candidates for our Ministry*, in the Month of December.
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#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. James Elliott, Ex-Secretary, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his late important office.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the friends in Toronto, who have generously entertained the members of this body during the present session.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the liberal friends who invited and entertained its members at the Social Tea, on Tuesday evening, June 9th.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the liberal friends in Montreal, who supplied each of its members, gratuitously, with a copy of *Gold and the Gospel*, and *Arthur's Proportionate Giving*; and that it earnestly prays that this act of courtesy may aid in promoting the benevolent object of the donors.

This Conference deeply impressed with the conviction that the reception of candidates for the Ministry, having families, is involving serious embarrassment to our itinerant work:—

*Resolved*, (1.) That no Chairman of District, or other Conference officer, shall have authority to employ a married Preacher during the year, with a view to his being received as a candidate for the Ministry, without the consent of the Conference Special Committee.

*Resolved*, (2.) That no District Meeting shall recommend any married Preacher to the Conference for reception on trial, unless he has been previously employed, in case of absolute necessity, in accordance with, and under the restriction of the foregoing resolution.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Managers of the Grand Trunk Railroad, for their courtesy in presenting to the members of this body a free return ticket from Conference to their several Circuits; and that the Secretary of the Conference be directed to forward the same to the gentleman through whose kindness this act of courtesy has been extended to its members.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. Wm. Scott for his agency in obtaining the above arrangement in behalf of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That this Conference having heard from our respected brother, the Rev. Dr. Green, an account of his mission to the British Conference, when, as a deputation with the Rev. Dr. Hannah, he represented this Conference before that of our Fathers and Brethren at its last meeting, in Bristol—

herein expresses its devout acknowledgment to Almighty God, for the mercies which attended our Brother during his important mission, and also, its high appreciation of the ability and faithfulness with which he fulfilled its duties.

*Resolved*, That this Conference has listened with unmingled pleasure to the statement of the Rev. Dr. Stinson, the authenticated Representative of the British Conference to this body; and whilst we have sincerely sympathized with our fathers and brethren in England during the continuance of the agitation of their Societies, originated and long-continued by ambitious and designing men, we rejoice with them on the subsiding of such agitation, the return of peace, the augmentation of connexional funds, and, above all, in the increasing of the Societies by the outpouring of the Spirit, and the conversion of souls. To the Rev. Representative, the bearer of this intelligence, we convey our warm fraternal greetings, and trust that he will afford us his valuable counsels in our deliberations, as well as the aid of his efforts in our public services.

*Resolved*,—That this Conference has heard with unfeigned satisfaction the address of the M. E. Church in the United States, and receives the Rev. Dr. Raymond and the Rev. Wm. Hamilton, the Deputation appointed to visit this Conference, with the warmest cordiality and Christian welcome. The information they have given respecting the Methodism of the United States, and the services they have rendered in the pulpit and otherwise, have deeply impressed our hearts with sentiments of affectionate regard for those brethren, and with enlarged anticipations for the future of American Methodism.

*Resolved*, That this Conference has heard with the greatest pleasure and thankfulness the statements and views of the Revs. Drs. Knight and Evans, Representatives of the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, and assure our beloved brethren of our cordial esteem and affection for them personally, our sincere thanks for their valued communications and services, our ardent sympathy and solicitude for the prosperity of the Church with which they are immediately connected, our fervent prayers for their safe return to their own circuits, and for their future happiness and welfare.

*Resolved*, That this Conference having appointed the Rev. L. Warner and the Rev Wm. H. Poole, as travelling Agents to solicit subscriptions for the relief and extension of Victoria College, would bespeak in their behalf a cordial reception by our ministers and people, and such a liberal response as the importance of our Educational work demands.

In reply to a Memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, the Conference adopted the following Resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That this Conference laments the increase of Intemperance throughout the country, particularly in our cities and growing towns, and is most deeply impressed with the conviction that necessity is laid upon us, both by advice and example, to promote the principle and practice of total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Conference, there is an undoubted connection between the legalized traffic in strong drinks, and the grievous increase of intemperance: and, therefore, this Conference pledges itself to render assistance in all reasonable and constitutional efforts that may be made to procure a legislative enactment, prohibiting the indiscriminate traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Quest. XXI. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

Ans. In the City of Montreal, on the first Wednesday in June, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ENOCH WOOD, *President*.

JAMES SPENCER, *Secretary*.

Toronto, June 13th, 1857.

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#### REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, after a careful examination of the Reports which have been furnished them from the different Districts, have much pleasure in stating that the returns generally speak of an increase in this department of our work, which has been

committed to us by the Great Shepherd, who has said, "feed my lambs." We hope our Ministers and people are taking a deeper and more lively interest in this work, and God has not permitted them to labour in vain and spend their strength for nought. Many children in connection with our Sabbath Schools during the past year, have been brought to God, become members of our Church, and regularly meet in class; and by their upright and uniform lives show the power of that truth which is able to make the youthful mind wise unto salvation by faith which is in Christ.

And yet we fear that we cannot say that we have done what we could. Very much land remains yet to be possessed. Others are putting forth their efforts; and especially in the eastern part of our work. There the secular education of the youth is principally in the hands of the agents of a system of error or a formal religion, and they would usurp their religious education also; it therefore becomes us to use the most strenuous exertions to prevent their embracing error on the one hand, and dead formalism on the other. Our Sabbath Schools furnish an efficient instrumentality to prevent those evils, and to infuse into the minds of our children the enlightening, quickening, and sanctifying power of divine truth.

Your Committee are also gratified to find the number of our Bible and catechumen classes is also increasing, in which our more advanced scholars, and especially those who have given evidence of their conversion, are instructed more fully in the important and sublime doctrines of our holy religion; and thus preparing their minds for more enlarged spheres of labour in the vineyard of the Lord.

Your Committee hope the subject of Sabbath School instruction will be brought more frequently and kept more prominently before the minds of our people in pulpit ministrations and social conversations. We would also recommend that greater efforts be put forth to sustain and circulate our *Sunday School Advocate*, which is admirably calculated to instruct and benefit our children. We would also direct attention to the *Wesleyan Sabbath School Magazine*, as calculated to instruct and assist both teachers and children.

In order to impress the minds of the children with a deeper

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sense of the privileges, and in case of removal, of an evidence of their standing and character, we would recommend that a ticket or card be given, signed by the Superintendent and Secretary of the School.

Having carefully examined the Statistical Returns of the present year, your committee are much pleased in being enabled to present the following results :—

| SCHOOLS | TEACHERS. |        |       | SCHOLARS. |        |        | Vols.<br>in<br>Library. |
|---------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------|
|         | Male.     | Female | Total | Male.     | Female | Total. |                         |
| 494     | 1670      | 1344   | 2044  | 9648      | 9379   | 21786  | 83045                   |

*Signed by order of the Committee,*

S. C. PHILP, *Chairman.*

WM. PHILP, *Secretary.*

### THE REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1857.

The Committee present their Report this year after a more than ordinarily close and particular investigation of the moral and monetary condition and working of the Book Room Establishment ; and, keeping before them the fact that the Establishment has ever been regarded by the Conference more as a means for the diffusion of religious literature, and especially that which is truly Wesleyan, than for the securing large pecuniary profits, they are gratified in being able to say it is steadily and successfully answering its end.

The monetary results of the year are not so great as might by some have been expected. The net profit, as shown by the Balance Sheet, is £970 13s. 1d., which is somewhat less than that of several years ; and, in the absence of such explanations as are easily given, might induce the impression that one object of the institution—secondary, yet an important one—viz.,



that of securing good pecuniary returns—was not fully attained. But such an impression can exist only where a knowledge of the large advance in salaries, and other forms of expenditure consequent upon the altered condition of the times, has not its due influence. By the Book-Room Establishment, as by every mercantile house in the Province, has been felt the extraordinary pressure of the commercial crisis through which this Continent, if not the whole civilized world is passing; and it were strange indeed if the financial results of the year did not bear some evidence of so important a fact.

That the decrease, therefore, is not greater than what it is shown to be, is rather a matter of gratulation than a cause of apprehension or dissatisfaction.

The large amount of Stock on hand—the accumulation of years—was considered and discussed by the Committee; and feeling assured that much of it must necessarily depreciate in value, and that loss must be sustained, even in interest on its original cost, it was deemed desirable to advise a large reduction of it as speedily as possible, though in the use of means not ordinarily employed, a recommendation according fully with the views of the Book Steward, who had already adopted such measures as would give effect to the recommendation.

The dissemination of religious literature among our people is steadily on the increase: that of last year being considerably above any preceding one. And that which makes the fact even of greater interest is, the increase is principally Wesleyan in its production and character. Prominent in this are Sabbath School Libraries, which being selected with much care, are known to be unadulterated by principles which are too frequently found in others of a similar denomination and use, and therefore strongly objected against by the intelligent members of our Church. It is felt to be exceedingly desirable by the Book Committee, that the efforts of the Book Steward to supplant all such publications, especially in our Schools and among our people, should be energetically seconded by our Ministers; some of whom, we regret to learn, are not sufficiently alive to this subject.

The greatly increased circulation of the GUARDIAN from year to year—the last being 641 copies net increase above the

preceding one,—assures the Committee that it is rendering a valuable meed of service, morally and financially to the interests of our Church. So wide a circulation as is thus given to the important truths, it is made the vehicle of communicating, inspires the conviction that, with the other instrumentalities of our Church, it is effectually co-operating in maintaining the doctrines of our faith; the efficiency of our institutions, and the stability of our people in their responsibilities and privileges.

Nor should the Committee omit referring to the hold on the judgment and affections of our Church which our Sabbath School Advocate is acquiring. A circulation of over 5,000 copies abundantly attests the assertion that many are prizing it, and must therefore profit by it. There is one drawback, however, to all these matters of gratulation, and that is, that much more, very much more, might be done by every one of us for the wider dissemination of all our publications, were all more industriously to apply ourselves for that object. Shall we not make the effort for an end so important and desirable?

One more subject would the Committee notice ere it concludes this report: It must have struck all those who have attended to the reading of the Balance Sheet, that a large amount of debts is due to the Book-Room. Aware of the exceeding difficulty that exists in doing anything like an extensive business, and of preventing an accumulation of debts due *to*, as of debts due *by* an establishment, the Committee would nevertheless suggest the rigid enforcement of the payment of interest on all debts due beyond a reasonable and prescribed period; as thus only can a business be conducted profitably when it is required to pay, from year to year, large interest accounts for moneys obtained in the necessary transaction of its affairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Committee.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.  
JOHN BORLAND, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF VICTORIA  
COLLEGE.

The President of Victoria College begs leave to present the following Report:—

The past Academic year has been one of unusual disquiet and concern; so much so as to test very severely the discretion and firmness of those intrusted with the management of the Institution. The close of the year, however, was in many respects, of a more pleasing and prosperous character; and the chief causes of evil excitement being now removed, it is hoped that similar trials may not again occur.

There are now employed in the College, besides the President and Governor, four Professors and four Tutors, making a staff of ten officers and instructors,—a staff far too small in view of the number and variety of classes taught; but in consequence of the heavy debt now resting on the College, it is impossible to increase the number of Professors as fast as might be desirable; and for the same reason also, those already employed are compelled to labour beyond their strength and for very inadequate remuneration.

The number of students still continues to increase; the attendance during the session is 301, being an addition of 50 to the previous session; the number of matriculated students is 30; the number engaged in classical studies 170.

The students are of various religious persuasions, but are chiefly of Methodist families. Seventy-nine are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. It is a matter of rejoicing that so many of the students are young men of religious principles and habits: and much praise is due to the Moral Governor for his faithful attentions in organizing and conducting suitable services for their spiritual improvement.

The Medical Department, though considerably embarrassed by the resignation of several of its Professors, has continued in vigorous and successful operation during the session, under the indefatigable and able management of the Hon. Dr. Rolph, Dean of the Faculty. Fifty-one students have attended the lectures, and twenty of these having completed the prescribed course of study, have been admitted to the degree of Doctor of

Medicine. The College Board have, during the year, provided for the greater efficiency and convenience of this department by the purchase, on reasonable terms, of a suitable building in Yorkville for lecture and dissecting rooms.

The attention of Conference was directed last year to the urgent necessity of enlarging the College buildings at Cobourg, and Conference appointed two of its Senior Ministers as agents to solicit subscriptions from our people, but unfortunately this year has been allowed to pass away without any exertion being made for this object. No blame, however, is to be attached to the agents. Immediately after Conference the project of removing the College from Cobourg was revived, and the agitation and uncertainty connected with this question have stood in the way of any systematic application to the country for pecuniary aid.

The question of removal is now happily set at rest by the acceptance on the part of the College Board of a donation from the town of Cobourg of five acres of land adjoining the present site, thus affording ample ground for enlargement, and doing away all necessity of seeking a new location.

The need of enlarging the buildings is still more pressing than it was last year, and it only remains to repeat, with better hope of practical results, the recommendation then made, namely, that Conference release from the pastoral work one or more of its most active and efficient Ministers to co-operate with the Governor and Treasurer as agents in making an immediate and thorough appeal to the entire connection, for the funds necessary to enlarge and endow the College.

In view of the growing wealth and intelligence, as well as religious prosperity of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it is confidently believed that such an appeal will not be made in vain.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. NELLES,  
*President Victoria College.*

Victoria College, June 1st, 1857.

## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

*The Annual Address of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in their thirty-fourth Annual Conference, to the Members of the Societies under their care.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN :

Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

The lapse of another year has again called us together in our Annual Conference, and has reminded us of our duty of addressing to you a few words of fraternal greeting and pastoral advice. The year which has just closed has been one of more than ordinary success. Through the blessing of God upon our labours, several thousands have been converted : so that after having filled up the vacancies occasioned by death and other causes, to the glory of divine grace we are enabled to report the gratifying increase of more than 2000 in the membership of the Church.

But whilst we are fully aware that a merely numerical increase is not always an infallible index to the real measure of our success, yet it is our pleasure to know that the improvement of our people in earnest, intelligent, scriptural piety, is commensurate with the augmentation of their numbers. We have been cheered and encouraged by the regularity of your attendance upon the means of grace; the liberality with which you have sustained the various institutions of the Church; the deep and steady affection which you have manifested toward your Pastors, and the readiness which you have displayed to co-operate with them in every good work.

Among the most cheering indications of growing prosperity, the increased interest which is felt, and the more earnest attention which is paid to the ancient, Wesleyan and Scriptural doctrine of Christian perfection, deserves distinct and grateful mention. We are happy in the belief that this subject is not only better understood, but that the experience of it is far more common than it has been among

us. Our beloved people do not only speak the language of scriptural holiness, but a large number of them enjoy this grace in their hearts, breathe it in their spirit, and practice it in their lives. And as it was in the days of our founder, so it is now, where this subject receives a due share of attention, sinners are converted, and the whole work of God is promoted. We would affectionately remind you that holiness becometh the house of the Lord forever; that we are not called to uncleanness, but unto holiness; and that it is at once the privilege and the duty of every believer to "go on to perfection. May the very God of peace sanctify you wholly."

We rejoice in the intelligence which reaches us from various parts of the field of the operations of our church, of the multiplication of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes for the religious instruction of our children. Allow us affectionately to exhort you to do all in your power to increase the efficiency of these institutions, by your personal exertions, your prayers and your contributions. Let it not be forgotten that these are the nurseries of the Church, and that to these principally we are to look for the filling up and enlargement of the ranks of the Church in years to come. Let then your love of your children, your church and your God, stimulate you to increased exertion in sustaining this important department of usefulness.

But while we rejoice in the number and efficiency of these institutions, and earnestly exhort you to avail yourselves, as far as you have opportunity, of the assistance which they are designed to afford you in the religious education of your children, we would affectionately remind you that parents are the divinely-appointed instructors of their children, and that the Lord holds you responsible for ministering that spiritual culture by which their religious character is to be formed. The Head of the Church has intrusted to you in a great measure the eternal destiny of your offspring. To you is given an authority over the hearts and minds of your own children that no one else can or should have. By the appointment of heaven you are constituted the prophets, priests, and kings of your fami-

lies ; and your instructions, intercessions, and godly discipline should be constantly aimed at the development and perfection of the spiritual character of those to whom you sustain a relation so interesting and solemn. Let your efforts in this great and glorious work be zealous and constant, in season and out of season.

“ As touching brotherly love you have no need that we write unto you : ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.” “ Let brotherly love continue.” Endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. In order to secure this most desirable result, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. The more frequently you meet with each other in the means of grace, particularly in those means which are peculiar to and distinctive in Methodism, such as the class-meeting and the love-feast, the more closely will your hearts be bound together. The evidence which you have given in the past of your attachment to these, furnishes the most satisfactory ground of hope that you will not desert them in the future.

Ye are the light of the world ; aim not, therefore, merely at the edification, but also at the enlargement of the church, by aggression upon the domain of the enemy. Let us not forget that the world is not only fallen, but that it is redeemed. “ As by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men unto condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that he, by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” Upon us is conferred the high honour of being the ministers of this great salvation. The sublime end of the church’s existence is nothing less than the glory of Christ in the salvation of the whole world, for which he died. Let this, the true end of our existence as a church, be kept distinctly in view, and let us all “ walk by the same rule and mind the same thing.”

Hitherto, the history of our church has been marked by a series of successes unparalleled in the annals of the

Church since the apostolic day. Let it be our constant fervent prayer to Almighty God that Methodism may never lose this glorious distinction. Special efforts for the conversion of souls have been greatly owned of God, and should not be discontinued ; but exclusive reliance upon these for the enlargement of the church, should be carefully guarded against. The world can never be converted by extraordinary efforts : it is to the ordinary means of grace that we are to look principally for the accomplishment of this glorious result. Let us pray and expect that the presence of God may be displayed in connection with every sermon, and every prayer meeting in the salvation of souls : and that thus the borders of our Zion may be *continually* enlarged. Dearly beloved Brethren, let your prayers be accompanied by earnest personal and direct efforts to induce men to renounce sin, and to consecrate their services to the Lord. " He that winneth souls is wise ; and he that turneth many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Let it not be forgotten that it is the loftiest distinction which can be conferred upon a mortal to be instrumental in the salvation of a soul ; and in this honour the feeblest member of the church may have a part.

We are happy to be able to report that all the benevolent schemes of our vast and growing connexion are in efficient and successful operation. Through your increasing liberality, those to whom the management of the missionary department of our work is intrusted, have been enabled to enlarge the field of their operations, and multiply their agencies. Still the vast field which is open for our cultivation is very far from being fully occupied. Even now we are compelled to admit that the harvest is great and the labourers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest, while you cast your gifts into his treasury for their support.

Our Book-Room and publishing establishment is doing a great work, in the dissemination of a sound religious literature. We are happy to learn that there has been a larger increase in the circulation of Wesleyan publications during the past than in any previous year. The *Christian Guar-*



*dian*, the organ of the connexion, is nobly answering the ends for which we may conceive a religious journal to exist; and the hold which it has upon the affections of our people, may be inferred from the large addition to the list of its subscribers which has been made during the year. The *S. S. Advocate* is also hailed by the many thousands of its juvenile readers with delight. We earnestly bespeak for this department of christian enterprise, in connection with our church, your patronage and support.

Another institution in connection with our Church deserves more than a passing notice. Never during its history has the University of Victoria College been in a state of such efficient and successful operation. The number of students in attendance during the past session has been much larger than at any previous one. But the most pleasing feature which has characterized the session just closed, is the delightful religious influence which pervaded the institution. Many of the students attained the knowledge of salvation during the session, and the piety of those who had been previously converted greatly improved. Thus is our College answering an end worthy of a great denominational institution, by contributing a sound literary education, with a high moral and religious influence.

We must remind you, however, that this very success is a source of pecuniary embarrassment, as it creates the necessity for increased accommodation. But your past liberality, with your increased means, warrant us in the belief that you will not allow an institution fraught with such vast importance to the connexion and the country at large, to suffer for want of a suitable endowment. We have again appointed agents who will during the present year present to you the claims of the College, and we confidently expect that your response to the call will be worthy the character of the institution, and worthy the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

And now, dearly beloved Brethren, the duties and toils of another year are before us. We come to you in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves

your servants for Christ's sake. We have but one end in view in coming among you ; we seek not yours but you. Our success will in a great measure depend upon the measure of sympathy and co-operation which we may receive from you and the interest we may have in your prayers. "Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you ; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men."

Finally, Brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference.

ENOCH WOOD, PRESIDENT.

JAMES SPENCER, SECRETARY.

*Toronto, June 13th, 1857.*

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## THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE

*To the Address of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.*

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REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

Refreshing as streams in the desert are good news from a distant land ; and the glad tidings conveyed to us by your

highly esteemed Representatives the Rev. Dr. HANNAH, and Rev. Dr. GREEN, have led us to magnify the name of the Lord for the great things he hath done for you.

We are gratified to learn from the whole tenor of your Address, that you fully understand and appreciate the kindly sentiments and Christian motives which induced us to offer you such counsels as were required by the peculiarity of your circumstances; and that you justly regard those counsels as the expression of our deep and growing interest in everything that affects your welfare, and have been encouraged by them to persevere in the paths of Truth, Purity, and Love.

"In the multitude of counsellors there is safety;" and, as we have derived from the experience of our fathers, and from the trials of many years, some important lessons, we trust that our suggestions will, by the Divine blessing, be the means of sustaining the minds and encouraging the efforts of our beloved Brethren, who, by the disposal of an all-wise Providence, are called to labour, suffer, and triumph in far-distant lands.

In these days of reckless speculation, insatiable thirst for novelty, and bitter hostility to evangelical godliness, we are glad to find that you are unswerving in your determination to "hold fast the form of sound words," and to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

We are glad to know that the preaching of the "word of faith" in your congregations, during the past year, has been so accompanied by the influences of the Holy Spirit, that multitudes have proved it to be the "savour of life unto life." We doubt not that this Divine testimony to the word of grace will stimulate you to labour with increased ardour; and we pray that the "weapons of your warfare" may prove more and more "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

We would urge you, dear Brethren, still to exercise a strong confidence in the efficiency of the Gospel to accomplish those glorious transformations in the minds and hearts of men which fill the church with songs of triumph, which

enhance the joy of angels, and which the Redeemer sees of the travail of His soul and is satisfied. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Let us emulate our Fathers in the simplicity of their Christian character, and in the manliness of their moral courage; and armed, like them, with the panoply of truth and righteousness, wage war against error and sin in every form,— "warning every man, and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

In your part of the field, as in all others, many adverse influences will be found to withstand the truth. But Jesus, whom you preach, has all power in heaven and in earth, and although the fashion of this world, and the *gods* of this world may oppose, wide and effectual doors shall be opened. In the faithful improvement of your opportunities, you will continue to find an amount of success which will amply reward all your toils; and, although you may not witness all the good you seek, you shall "rejoice in the day of Christ" that you "have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Then "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." You have, already, the earnest of this reward.

In the union, consolidation, and extension of your work, our long-cherished anticipations are realized. The Giver of peace, and Lover of concord is evidently smiling upon you. We trust that you will still maintain unity of spirit in the bond of peace; and, doubtless, the God of Abraham will still bless you and make you a blessing.

As you have sympathised in our sorrows, you will rejoice to learn that days of peace and joy are now restored to us. During the past year we have endeavoured faithfully to preach repentance, faith, and holiness; our people have sought a deeper acquaintance with scriptural religion, the Spirit of God has moved upon our congregations and schools, and amongst our young people there have been instances of conversion as decided and as lovely in their fruit as ever characterized any age of the Christian Church.

We have the satisfaction and joy of being able to report an increase of *nearly three thousand* in the number of our members in Great Britain and Ireland, with upwards of *seventeen thousand* on trial for admission. The Lord is, we trust, about to make us glad according to the days wherein He afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Still, we are surrounded by multitudes of our fellow-men who walk "according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; and our joy over a measure of success with which it has pleased Almighty God to favour us, is chastened by the recollection that so very large a number of our countrymen are neglecting or refusing to seek the kingdom of God. We do not forget the ancient admonition, "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." We feel that this is not the time to put off the harness; and we are determined, by God's grace, to be more than ever aggressive in our warfare upon the territory of Satan. We trust, ere long, greatly to extend our Home Missionary operations, and to see the unemployed talent and substance of our people more largely occupied in the blessed work of spreading Gospel truth amongst those of our own countrymen who are still the victims of ignorance, infidelity and vice.

We are every year reminded, by the inroads of death, that it is our duty to work while it is day. Many of our companions have fallen during the past year. Among those who have been lately called to the heavenly rest, we have to numbersome of the brightest ornaments of our body. The venerable Joseph Sutcliffe, with Dr. Beecham and Jonathan Crowther,—like your own William Case—were highly distinguished for their talents, their piety, and their usefulness. May we all follow the Great Captain of their salvation, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever!"

It has not been the least gratifying feature of our Conference that there has been a considerable number of Laymen in attendance upon the several Committees, who have

evinced the most lively interest in the several subjects brought under their notice.

We are glad to learn that the judicious and able services of the Rev. Enoch Wood are still highly valued by you ; and we cordially comply with your request for his re-appointment to the office of President of your Conference for the present year. We are also much gratified to learn that the self-denying labours of the Rev. John Ryerson have exercised so beneficial an influence on your great Missionary work in the North-West ; and unanimously accede to your request for his re-appointment to the office of Co-Delegate for the present year.

We are persuaded that the announcement that the Rev. Dr. Stinson has consented to become our Representative to your next Conference, will be hailed by you with sincere satisfaction. He has our entire confidence. His former experience in your affairs, and his unfailing interest in them during his absence from you, together with his personal and official qualities, will commend him to your Christian affection. We cannot doubt that his counsels and ministry will be refreshing and profitable to you.

It is gratifying to us to find that you are turning your attention to the condition of the French population of Lower Canada ; and we hope that this large and interesting portion of your fellow-colonists may be rescued from the pernicious errors of Popery which have so long prevailed among them.

We shall ever cherish a lively concern for your success in all your educational and evangelical efforts in behalf of the rising generation. May you succeed in promoting their intellectual and moral improvement, so that, instead of the fathers, the sons of your people shall rise up to be Princes in Israel !

And now, beloved Brethren, put your whole trust in the living God : so shall you find the truth of his testimonies : —“ Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.” “ There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge,

and underneath are the everlasting arms ; and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee, and shall say, destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone : the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine ; also, His heaven shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel : who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency ! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places."

*Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,*

ROBERT YOUNG, *President.*

JOHN HANNAH, D. D., *Secretary.*

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ADDRESS OF THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE IN  
CANADA TO THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE IN  
ENGLAND.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your parental and instructive address, presented to us by the Rev. Dr. Stinson, whom we have gladly received, not only as your honoured representative, but as an old friend and brother beloved, who has heretofore filled, with great fidelity and usefulness, the most important offices in our Church, who has revived the warm friendships of former years, and laid us under renewed obligations by his amiable qualities, his able ministrations and counsels, and the affectionate salutations and cheering intelligence which he has communicated from you.

We rejoice to learn that your days of fiery trial have been succeeded by days of hallowed peace and abounding prosperity ; that, while several thousand have been added to your societies at home, and many thousand converted in your missions abroad, your Connexional Funds are all in advance of the preceding year : your Missionary Funds are increased beyond all precedent. We have deeply sympathised in your sufferings ; we now largely participate in your joys. We devoutly pray that your past afflictions may be overruled not less to the future

quietness and unity of your societies and congregation, than to their numerical increase and spiritual prosperity, and that, under the abundant outpourings of the Holy Spirit, the success of your ministry may be increased a thousand fold.

The ten years which have transpired since the ratification of our present happy union with you, and during which you have been called to pass through so great a fight of afflictions, have proved to us, by the blessing of God upon that arrangement, a period of undisturbed and uninterrupted prosperity. In 1847 our Conference work was divided into *six* Districts, which are now increased to *twenty*. Then there were ninety-eight Circuits; now we have 240. Then our Ministers numbered 180; now we number 350. Then we had 21,749 Members in society; we now number 42,055,—our increase the last year being 2,140. In 1847 the contributions to our Auxiliary Missionary Society were not quite three thousand pounds; we anticipate they will this year reach twelve thousand pounds. There has been a like advancement in our various Connexional Funds—in the number of pupils and books in our Sabbath Schools—in the number and character of our places of worship—and the students and pupils in our Victoria College have increased from less than one hundred to more than three hundred.

During no period of our history have we endeavoured to preach our Wesleyan Scriptural doctrines more faithfully, and administer our discipline more strictly; and we ascribe the great success of our feeble exertions to the effusions and power of the Holy Ghost, whose presence and indwelling are the life, the strength, and the glory of the Church, as of the individual believer, and without whose holy anointing, our Ministry would be an empty sound, our ordinances clouds without water, and our church a body without a soul. But among the human instrumentalities owned in the promotion of this blessed work, we feel that a high place is due to the admirable arrangements of the union entered into with you in 1847, and to the agency which you have employed to give effect to those arrangements in your appointment and continuance of our honoured and beloved brother, the Rev. Enoch Wood as General Superintendent of Missions and President of our Conference.



His labours each successive year have the more endeared him to us by his piety and judgment, his ability and industry, his kindness and faithfulness ; and we earnestly request his re-appointment to the office of President, as well as his continuance in the office of Superintendent of Missions. We likewise desire the re-appointment of our esteemed and beloved brother, the Rev. John Ryerson to the office of Co-Delegate, which he has so ably and usefully filled for several years. .

We sincerely thank you for the affectionate reception which you gave to Rev. Dr. Green, our respected representative to your Conference, and for the most kind and generous manner in which you enabled him to accomplish the benevolent objects of his mission ; his report of which afforded us much satisfaction, and impressed upon us our increased obligations to you.

The presence, counsels, and ministrations of our old friend, and your worthy representative, the Rev. Dr. Stinson, have excited in our hearts a strong desire for his renewed connexion with us ; and having learned that he is willing to return to Canada and spend his days in those fields of labour where he employed so many of the earlier years of his useful career, we respectfully request that you will grant us the benefit of his matured experience and valued labours.

During our present Session we have been honoured with representatives from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and from our sister Wesleyan Conference in Eastern British America, and have been cheered by their communications, and delighted by their intercourse and services.

Our session has been a season of delightful harmony as well as of great labour. We have admitted into full connexion, and ordained to the work of the Ministry, seventeen fellow-labourers, who, by their successive examinations and trial during four years, have given satisfactory proof of their call and fitness for that great work among us ; and we have also admitted forty-four young men on trial. Thus, while some among us as well as among you, are compelled by infirmities to retire from the itinerant work, or are called from their field of toil to their crown of reward, the Lord of the harvest is raising up and sending forth more laborers into His vineyard. Our

country is indeed greatly enlarging its territories, as well as rapidly increasing in its population. Cities, towns, and villages are rising up on every side; the forests are disappearing, and numerous new townships are being surveyed and settled; and new and smiling fields of labour are presented in the Hudson's-Bay Territories. These changes in the social condition and rapid extension of our country, demand more than our utmost energies and resources to keep pace with the progress of population and settlement; to supply our towns and villages with the ministrations of religion, to provide the new settler with the bread of life, and save the heathen from perishing for lack of knowledge.

To this great work committed to us, we consecrate ourselves with renewed devotion; maintaining with conscientious care the purity of our doctrines and the integrity of our discipline—cultivating the spirit and imitating the example of our apostolic fathers—feeling that Christ is our life, and this redeemed world our parish; so praying, living and labouring that, as far as in us lies, not one soul, either among the aboriginal tribes, or scattered new settlers, or older settlements and denser centres of population, shall have cause to charge his loss of salvation to our neglect of duty or want of piety; but that we may, with you, present a glorious harvest of souls, pardoned, sanctified and saved by our instrumentality; when he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together, in the presence of him who hath redeemed us by his own blood, that we might not live to ourselves, but to him who died for us, and rose again.

For more particulars and full information in regard to our affairs, we refer you to the Rev. Dr. Stinson, whom we have requested to act as our representative to you, and with whom we have appointed the Rev. Lachlin Taylor, now sojourning in Europe, for the recovery of his health, a brother highly esteemed and beloved, whom we commend to your confidence and kindness.

Praying that you may be guided and prospered in all your deliberations and labours, and that a more abundant baptism than ever of the Holy Spirit may be poured upon our Zion throughout the whole world, we remain, reverend fathers and

brethren, your sons and fellow labourers in the Wesleyan Vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

JAMES SPENCER, *Secretary*.

Toronto, June, 1857.

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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
CANADA WESLEYAN M. CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN.

We rejoice in another opportunity of renewing our former assurances of love and good will.

The presence among us of the two honoured representatives of your Conference, the Rev. John Ryerson and the Rev. Richard Jones, has had the effect to bind our hearts more closely to yours in the strong bonds of christian charity, while their public ministrations among us have also tended, we trust, to draw our affections more and more to heavenly things. The familiar christian intercourse and fellow-feeling of these excellent brethren, united with similar manifestations of the same spirit from the Delegates of the British and Irish home to our hearts, in all its sweetness, the truth of that often-repeated, but always refreshing, declaration, that Wesleyan Methodism is *one* in all the earth.

We have learned, with unfeigned gratitude to the Giver of all good, both from your fraternal letter, and also more in detail from your representatives, of your continued and even increasing prosperity. Your zeal and your success in your great enterprises of Christian benevolence, inspire a glorious hope for your future. The peace that reigns in all your borders—the liberality of your contributions to benevolent purposes—your increasing educational facilities—your self-sacrificing ministry—your rapidly multiplying churches—your success in saving

souls—your wide-spreading missionary fields—your unshaken confidence in the “God of our Fathers,”—all impress upon us the pleasing conviction that your growth is rapid, symmetrical, and healthy. May the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, prosper you yet more and more !

You will rejoice, we doubt not, to learn that through God’s blessing upon your labours, we have been able, through each succeeding year, to push forward our Christian enterprises with increasing activity and power. Our Periodicals—our Missionary—Tract—and Sunday School Reports, so available to you, make it unnecessary that we should, in this paper, go into particular detail in relation to these interests. Suffice it to say, that in all these departments there is increasing activity throughout our connection. The blessing of God upon the faithful labours of our fathers, has placed within our reach the means of carrying forward these enterprises on a scale of larger dimensions than their founders would have dared to anticipate.

The increasing attention everywhere given to the erection of commodious and substantial church edifices, while it has afforded but an inadequate supply to an increasing demand, is yet, we think, an encouraging indication of that permanency which must ever be an object dear to every enlightened friend of our Zion. The last four years have witnessed a gratifying increase in the membership of our church. From 1851 to 1855, the average net increase per year was more than 19,000 souls ; and from the cheering accounts of revivals, in all parts Wesleyan Conferences have, both by word and deed, brought of our wide-spread connection, we judge that the Minutes of 1856 will exhibit a much larger annual increase. These fruits of the gospel, we think, afford evidence that God is with us. The conversion of the soul to God through our instrumentality,—the restoration of the fallen spirit to the Divine image, is to us a cheering indication that God owns our labours. May we never be destitute of the evidence of Christ speaking in us.

We trust that the same gracious Providence which has guided our more directly religious movements has also led our way in the educational departments of our church. Within

the memory of men now living, there have grown up in our midst, and under our own control, nearly one hundred literary institutions of a high rank, embracing Universities, Colleges for both sexes, and first-class Seminaries. Perhaps in no other department has so large a ratio of conversions taken place as in these institutions of learning.

You will doubtless be gratified to learn that an effort to more thoroughly infuse the religious element into our Colleges and Universities meets with great favour from all parts of our Church. We allude to the establishment of Biblical departments in these institutions. While an antiquated and sickly superstition leads its votaries to withhold from the multitude a book whose teachings are of infinitely higher value to the race than those of all other books of all ages, we are determined that the Bible,—*The Book*,—shall have a prominent place in all departments of education within our control. We fear the word of God has not hitherto exerted that influence in moulding the character, tastes, and habits of our students, which would have made them wiser and better men. While the student commences with heathen poets, heathen philosophers, and heathen historians, shall he fail to find, in the college course, that most sublime poetry, that most pure philosophy, that most ancient and most reliable history, given by God's own inspiration? While heathen gods are everywhere speaking to the student, shall not the true God utter his voice? While the student sees everywhere heathen sacrifices smoking upon heathen altars, shall he not lift up his eyes to the great atoning sacrifice, whose blood cleanseth from all sin? While all science, truly so called, imparts a knowledge of God,—unfolding His methods in the earth and in the heavens,—the science of salvation—God's method of bringing earth's teeming millions to glory is infinitely above all else, and deserves the corresponding attention of mankind.

We congratulate you on the confidence you express in the Gospel of the Son of God as altogether suited to human wants. We rejoice in the same confidence. The Gospel in its simplicity,—the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation,—the Gospel proclaimed by men who feel its saving power,—proclaimed with the "Holy Ghost sent down from heaven," is God's

remedy for this world's woes. The only thing that is wrong in this world is the human heart. The only remedy for this wrong is the gospel of the grace of God. "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."

Finally, dearly beloved brethren, may you, and we, and all ministers of the Lord Jesus in every place, preach these doctrines fully, faithfully, *earnestly*,—warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Then shall we, in our day and generation, contribute something towards the ushering in of that happy period when "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. \* \* \* They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

We have selected, as our delegates to your reverend body, our much esteemed brethren the Rev. Miner Raymond, D.D., the Rev. Wm. Hamilton, and the Rev. Lucien W. Berry, D.D. who will, through God's good providence, bear to you, in person, our Christian salutations, and whose intercourse among you, we trust, shall tend to our mutual love and edification.

B. WAUGH,  
T. A. MORRIS,  
E. S. JANES,  
L. SCOTT,  
M. SIMPSON,  
OSMON C. BAKER,  
E. R. AMES.

} BISHOPS OF THE  
METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH.

W. L. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO  
THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY IN UP-  
PER CANADA.

Whereas under the laws now in force in Upper Canada, privileges are claimed with regard to the solemnization of matrimony, by the Clergymen and Ministers of certain denominations, which are partial in their character and offensive to certain other religious denominations and their Clergymen and Ministers: Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, the Ministers and Clergymen of every religious denomination in Upper Canada, duly ordained or appointed according to the rites and ceremonies of the churches or denominations to which they shall respectively belong, and resident in Upper Canada, shall have the right to solemnize the ceremony of Matrimony, according to the rites, ceremonies and usages of such churches and denominations respectively, by virtue of such ordination or appointment.

II. Every Clergyman or Minister who shall celebrate Matrimony in Upper Canada, from and after the time of the passing of this Act, shall, if required, at the time of such marriage by either of the parties thereto, give a certificate under his hand of such marriage, specifying the names of such parties married, the time and the names of two or more persons who witnessed such marriage, and whether such marriage was solemnized pursuant to License or publication of banns; and for every such certificate, the Clergyman or Minister giving the same shall be entitled to ask, demand or receive from the party so requiring the same, the sum of one shilling and three pence.

III. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, every Clergyman or Minister shall, immediately after the solemnization by him of any marriage, enter in a book to be by him kept for that purpose, which book shall be and continue the property of the church or denomination to which he shall belong at the time of such marriage,

a true record of such marriage, embracing all the particulars set forth in the body of the schedule hereunto annexed; and on or before the first day of February, in each and every year, after the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, it shall be the duty of every such Clergyman, and he is hereby required to return a certified list according to the form, and specifying the particulars in the said schedule set forth, of all marriages by him solemnized during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, then next preceding, to the Registrar of the County in which such marriage shall have taken place, and at the time of making such return, to pay or transmit to such Registrar the sum of five shillings for every such list; and on receipt by such Registrar of every such list, it shall be his duty to file the same among the papers of his office, and to record the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and every such register or a certified copy thereof, shall be considered in the case of the death or absence of the witnesses to any such marriage, as a sufficient evidence thereof; and the said Registrar is hereby required to give a certified copy of any such marriage record to any person demanding the same, on the payment of the sum of two shillings and six pence; and every such Clergyman or Minister shall, before solemnizing such marriage, be entitled to ask, demand and receive from either of the parties of such marriage, the sum of ten shillings, to enable him to pay the said sum so to be paid or transmitted by him to such Registrar, and to remunerate him the said Clergyman or Minister, for the trouble and expense attendant on the preparing and transmission of such certified list to such Registrar; and every such Clergyman or Minister who shall refuse or neglect to return such certified list as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every day he shall so neglect or refuse, beyond the time respectively herein fixed for making such return, the sum of one pound, which shall be recoverable before any Magistrate of the County in which such Clergyman or Minister shall reside, with costs, and shall be applied, as fines now inflicted under the Summary Convictions Acts of Upper Canada. Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed or held to prevent the payment to the officiating



Clergyman or Minister of such remuneration as the parties may see fit to make.

IV. In the event of the death or removal of any Minister or Clergyman before making the annual return hereinbefore provided for, it shall be the duty of his successor or other person having the legal custody of the book referred to in the next preceding section of this Act, to transmit to the Registrar of the County in which any such marriage shall have taken place, a certified copy of all marriages therein recorded, in the same manner as is provided for, and subject to the same penalties for neglect or non-performance of such duty, as is mentioned in the next preceding section, and such Registrar shall record the same as if such return had been made by the Minister or Clergymen who *de facto* celebrated such marriage.

V. Any person not being a Clergyman or Minister of a religious denomination existing in Upper Canada, who shall solemnize or pretend to solemnize matrimony under the provisions of this Act, and any person who shall falsely personate any Clergyman or Minister for the purpose of officiating at any such ceremony, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be liable for every such offence to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary, for a period not exceeding two years, or to suffer such other punishment either by fine, imprisonment, or both, as any Court of Record having competent jurisdiction in Upper Canada shall deem meet and just; and it shall rest upon any person accused of such offence to prove the fact of his being a duly ordained or appointed Minister or Clergyman of the religious denomination to which he shall profess to belong, and that such denomination had at the time of the solemnization of such marriage a known existence in Upper Canada.

VI. Any person knowingly procuring any other person not being a clergyman of some religious denomination existing in Upper Canada, to perform the ceremony of matrimony, or who shall knowingly aid or abet any such pretended Clergyman or Minister in performing such ceremony, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the punishment provided for in the next preceding section of this Act.

VII. Every marriage which shall be duly solemnized according to the rites, usages and customs of the Religious Society

of Friends, commonly called Quakers, shall be and is hereby declared valid, and the duty imposed by the third section of this Act, upon every Minister and Clergyman, with regard to marriages solemnized by them, shall, with regard to such marriages, be performed by the Clerk or Secretary of the Society or meeting where such marriage was solemnized, and in default of the performance of any such duty by any such Clerk or Secretary, he shall be liable to the penalty prescribed by the said third section, for default, in the case therein named.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Peace of each County or Union of Counties in Upper Canada, to procure without delay from the Queen's Printer, a sufficient number of copies of this act to enable him to mail one to the Address of each Clergyman or Minister entitled to solemnize Matrimony under the provisions of this act, whom he shall know, or shall ascertain at any time within six months from and after the passing of this act, to be resident in such County or Union of Counties, and to mail the same accordingly; and also from time to time to furnish all such Clergymen or Ministers on demand with the books and with printed blank forms for the list to be used and returned by them in pursuance of this act, and such books shall have columns and headings printed on each page thereof according to the form of the Schedule hereunto annexed, and shall, as shall also the blank forms aforesaid, be of such size and form as to admit of the necessary entries being conveniently made there; and the cost of such books and forms, as well as of procuring and distributing copies of this act as aforesaid, shall be borne by the Counties or Unions of Counties respectively.

IX. Copies of this Act shall be mailed from the office of the Provincial Secretary to the addresses of the Clerks of the Peace of the several Counties and Unions of Counties in Upper Canada respectively, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of the same.

X. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

XI. This Act shall apply to Upper Canada only.