

proof of the heart of Methodism—I might call it the *perseverance* of Methodism. This arises from the fact that you have Methodist blood in your veins—that indeed you are another of that noble band of men whom we have given to your denomination,—of whom the Rev. Henry Allon, the late Rev. Dr. J. Campbell, the Rev. T. Binney, the late Rev. Dr. Raffles, the Rev. Dr. Liefchild, and many others, were conspicuous examples. We wish you all success in your denomination, and pray that we may all be enabled to work for Christ, and finally meet in heaven.”

**The Methodist New Connexion Conference** met this year at Waterdown, Ont., and was opened by singing and prayer, the Rev. Dr. Cocker in the chair. The Connexion was well represented from all parts of the work, about 150 being present. Rev. J. H. Robinson, of London, was once more elected to the Presidential chair, an honour well bestowed, as Mr. Robinson has served the denomination faithfully and efficiently in many ways, and not least in his editorial management of the excellent denominational organ which he has conducted for so many years, the *Evangelical Witness*.

A report was submitted by Dr. Cocker, embracing, among many other items, the resignation of two or three ministers; also applications from several local preachers of other denominations for admission into the N. C. ministry. The resignation of Rev. W. Grandy, of Galt, whose name has been so prominently before the public in connection with the great revival there, elicited a lengthy discussion, which terminated in the passing of a resolution granting him the usual testimonial of character and standing. Mr. Grandy has, we understand, accepted the call of a Congregational church in the Western States.

The resolution brought before the last Annual Conference, in regard to Missionary grants and assessments and referred to the District meetings for their judgment, was again up for discussion, but was thrown out. The rule therefore of which so much complaint has been made, and as it seems to us, not unjustly, viz., of assessing each Circuit for a certain amount of Missionary funds, and deducting any deficiency from the grant to the minister, remains the same. A proposal also, to extend the term of a minister's appointment to a circuit to *five* years, instead of three, as at present, met with a similar fate, although by the narrow majority of eighteen votes.

We have not seen the statistics of this body for 1868-9, and therefore cannot give any information as to their progress during the past year.

**Primitive Methodist Conference.**—The Primitive Methodist Conference assembled in the Town of Brampton. Rev. R. Boyle was elected President, Rev. J. R. Swift, Vice-President, Rev. W. Bee, Secretary.

Messrs. Cade and Broadhouse have withdrawn from the Conference; the former having changed his views on the subject of Baptism. The Rev. W. H. Moody and J. R. Horwell have also withdrawn; but six young men were ordained to the ministry, thus more than filling up the vacancies that were created by these resignations.

The Connexional Institute is reported of very favorably. The Educational Committee recommended the removal of the Institute from Hamilton to Toronto, and the opening of the Institute to secular students.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year is \$1,750. The income \$800, leaving a balance to be raised by subscriptions, collections, &c., of \$950. Each member of the society is to be asked to give 5 cents toward that object. The report of the Bank Committee “was exceedingly pleasing and satisfactory.”

The Conference is seeking an act of incorporation.

**The Upper Canada Bible Society**, having determined upon a change in their mode of operations, are reducing the number of their travelling agents