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Warwickshire, old England, in 1830, which makes him now nearly 44 years of age. He came in boyhood to Canada, which country has his dominant sympathies. The beautiful township of Wilmet was his play ground in boyhood, and the place of his spiritual birth and union with the Methodists, in the year 1847, when nineteen years of age. He was soon drawn to the ministry, and spent a considerable time in preparatory study at Victoria College. He went out on a circuit in 1852, so that he has been now twenty-two years in the ministry, which has been spent on the best of our rural circuits, with a few of our secondary towns. He has a fine physique, but has somewhat impaired a good constitution by labor and exposure. He has the advantage of one of the most commanding voices and a very ready and easy utterance. His preaching may be pronounced hortatory exhortation. He is not forward in the Conference; but he is fearless and faithful in what he conceives the discipline of the church to require. This has sometimes the appearance of sternness, but he is good-natured to a degree, notwithstanding. He has been twice a chairman, and is now a financial secretary. St. Mary's is his pastoral charge.

JAMES APPLEBEK, Esq.,

A retired merchant, "living on the interest of his money," in the township of Trafalgar, where he has resided the last forty-three years. He is a highly respected member of the community, and Justice of the Peace. A clever business man is he, and has been very successful in general business. He is a native of the South of Ireland, County Cork, where he was born, the 20th of March, 1802. He began his connection with Methodism in his native country, town of Randon, at the early age of ten years, and has remained a very attached and steadfast member till the present, serving as Steward, Trustee, and Conference Committee-man for very many years. He has been the Recording Steward of the Oakville circuit now very nearly twenty years. He is a wise, amiable peaceable man, very liberal in his contributions to the funds of the Church, and will prove himself every way worthy and useful in the Church's highest court. In person, you will find him rather small, light-complexioned, without gray hairs, or other appearances of advanced years. In conversation modest and intelligent.

REV. GEORGE RICHARDSON,

Is one of the New Connexion element in the General Conference. His present station is Waterdown. He is of English Northumberland extraction, but born in the township of Cavan, Ontario, and is about forty years of age. His parents were Wesleyans, but being converted himself among the New Connexion Methodists, in 1857, he entered their ministry two years later, 1859. His circuits have been Nelson, Malahide, Ancaster, Waterdown (twice), and London, in which last named place, we know, he was greatly respected. He is a tall, personable man, (at present a little pale, from ill health,) with good manners and good abilities. He has enjoyed the confidence of his brethren, having been chosen Secretary of Conference in 1870, and has held the position of Manager of the Superannuated Preacher's Society since 1871. He has been very active in bringing about the Union, and will doubtless do all he can to consolidate and conserve it.

REPORT No. 3

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Constitution of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

2. The object of this Society is to excite and combine, in a plan more efficient and systematic than has been heretofore adopted, the exertions of the Societies and Congregations (and others who are friends of the heathen and the extension of the gospel) in the support and enlargement of the Indian, Domestic and other Missions which are carried on under the sanction and direction of the Conference of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada.

3. Every person subscribing and paying annually the sum of four dollars and upwards, and every benefactor presenting a donation of fifty dollars and upwards, and every person collecting to the amount of twelve dollars and upwards annually for this Society, or for any of its Auxiliaries, Branches, or Associations, shall be deemed a member of the Society, and entitled as such to a copy of the Annual Report.

4. All Methodist Missionary Societies which have already been formed, or which may be formed for the several Conferences into which the Methodist Connexion is, or may be divided, by authority of the General Conference, shall be entitled "Auxiliary

Methodist Missionary Societies" for the Conference in which they have been or may be formed. And all Methodist Missionary Societies already formed or hereafter to be formed, in the particular Circuits of any District, shall be entitled "Branch Methodist Missionary Societies," for the Circuits in which they are or shall be established. Sabbath School and Juvenile Christmas Offerings are also earnestly recommended, where exertions of that nature are likely to be advantageous.

5. The Chairman of each District shall be, ex-officio, Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society of his District; and every Superintendent of Circuit shall, by virtue of his office, be Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch Societies of the Circuit over which he presides.

6. The money raised by any Circuit for the Methodist Mission, by branch Societies, or other local associations, and all other money, in whatever way collected, shall be regularly paid, as soon as collected, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society for the District in which the said Circuit is situated, with the deduction only of such sums as may have been disbursed for incidental and local expenses of the Branch Society. And the Treasurer of every District Society shall remit to the Treasurer of the General Society all moneys so received by him from the various Circuits in his District, deducting only therefrom the necessary incidental expenses incurred by the Auxiliary Society. Such remittance to be made as soon as the sum of twenty-five dollars or upwards is paid into the hands of the District Treasurer.

7. The Secretaries of every Branch Society, or other local association, shall forward annually to the Chairman of their District, a list of all the benefactors and subscribers during the preceding twelve months, with an account of their respective contributions, and the Chairmen of Districts shall forward such lists to the Secretary of the Conference Auxiliary Society, who shall transmit them to the General Secretary of the Society, accompanied by a statement of the gross receipts, local expenses, and remittances to the General Treasury, of each Branch Society.

8. An annual public meeting of the members and friends of this Society, at such time, and connected with such religious exercises, as may be deemed expedient, shall be held at the place appointed by the Central Board.

9. A Committee, to be called the "Representatives of the Central Board," shall be annually appointed by said Board, consisting of the officer of the Missionary Society and ten Ministers and ten Laymen, the majority of whom shall be members of the Central Board, and to whom shall be entrusted, during the intervals of its annual meeting, any exigencies that may arise. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a minute-book, and reported to the Central Board at its next annual meeting.

REVISED REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

That inasmuch as the licensing of public vice is inconsistent with every Christian principle in general, and the teaching of our church in particular; and inasmuch as all methods of licensing intoxicating drinks as beverages have proven lamentably insufficient, either to abate or control the vice of drunkenness: And whereas this vice is the most prolific cause of loss and injury to all branches of the Christian church, and encourages habits alike ruinous to the bodies and souls of our fellow-subjects: And whereas the Reports for 1873 and 1874 of the Ontario Legislature, and of the Senate and Commons of Canada, show that the three-fifths of all crime punished in the Dominion are the direct results of the use of intoxicating drinks: And whereas, further, upwards of 4,000 deaths per annum in this Dominion are traceable directly to the said traffic.

Resolved therefore:—

1. That this Conference earnestly repudiates the principle involved in the licensing system, as well as its practical application.

2. That as in the opinion of this Conference the time for temporizing has passed away, we would call upon all ministers and members of our Church to speak and act fearlessly and conscientiously in behalf of this much-needed reform.

3. That this Conference rejoices in the active sympathy and support given by the Methodist clergy and laity to the efforts of the various Prohibitory Liquor League and would urge upon them to use their potent influence as a united people to secure the complete prohibition of the liquor traffic throughout the Dominion.

That inasmuch as the phrases "spirituous liquors" in the several rules of our church and "drugs," in the questions to candidates for our ministry and to "local preachers" are ambiguous. And whereas this ambiguity is calculated to embarrass Superintendents of Circuits in the interpretation and administration of discipline.

Therefore be it resolved:—

That the aforesaid phrases shall be defined as applying to and including all intoxicating drinks.

JNO. CLARK, Secretary.

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