

loved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life; and may this Conference year be one rich in blessings to you and to all, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

By order of Conference.

P. SMITH,  
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M. BENSON, *Sec'y.*

London, April 27th, 1869.

### OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following: Rev. Philander Smith, Jr., son of Bishop Smith, D.D., was born in Prescott, March 1st, 1835. When at the age of sixteen, while on a journey with his father through the western part of Canada, he was happily converted at a protracted meeting conducted by Rev. E. Bristol on the Barton circuit. After this he commenced the study of medicine; but his mind was not at ease; God had not called him to prescribe for the bodies of men; his was a higher work, that of directing men to the great Physician. He consequently left the study of medicine, and at the age of nineteen he was licensed as an exhorter by the Brooklin Q. M. Conference, and was employed by the P. E. and sent to labor on the Norwich circuit.—He had labored but six months when his health failed, and he was compelled to desist for a season. His health having improved, he was again employed and sent to the Walsingham circuit, and here, as before, he had labored but half of the year when he was again stricken down by disease, and brought very near to death's door, so much so that his eyes were closed by his friends and he was pronounced dead. But God had work for him still to perform. Souls were yet to be brought to God through his instrumentality. After recovering he, by the advice of Physicians, engaged for a length of time in the mercantile business.

In 1857 he was sent to the Blenheim circuit to supply the place of Rev. L. P. Smith, whose health had failed, and from this circuit was recommended to the Niagara Annual Conference, and was received on trial at the Conference of 1858, held at Willowdale. He traveled in succession the following circuits: Dumfries and Barton, one year each; Dunville, Smithville, Saltfleet and London city, two years each.

In his work Bro. Smith was faithful and energetic, and consequently very successful. As a proof of this we cite the fact that on every circuit, when he was in charge, his own salary as well as