

## 34. CONNEXIONAL COLLECTIONS.

<i>Fund.</i>	<i>When taken up.</i>	<i>To whom forwarded.</i>
General Conference .....	July .....	Dist. Fin. Secretary.
Contingent .....	September .....	" "
Union Church Relief .....	October .....	" "
Superannuation .....	November or December .....	" "
Educational .....	Time fixed by Fin. Dist. Meeting ..	" "
Sunday-school Aid .....	Last Sabbath in September .....	" "
Sustentation .....	As early as possible .....	" "
Missionary .....	Fixed by Fin. Dist. Meeting .....	District Chairman.

**QUESTION.—When does the Financial Year of the Conference close ?**  
 May 15th, 1893.

**QUESTION.—What Ministers and Probationers have died during the year?**  
 Hiram Williams.                      Ezra A. Orser.                      Dunning Idle.

## OBITUARIES.

## REV. HIRAM WILLIAMS.

Rev. Hiram Williams was born in Prince Edward County on May 30th, 1821. His father died while he was yet a boy. At twenty years of age he was converted to God through the ministry of Rev. James Gardiner, D.C.L. His conversion was clear and scriptural, God's spirit bearing witness with his, that he had passed from death unto life. His zeal and gifts were recognized by the Church, and he found a joy in striving to lead others to Christ. In 1844, he was sent by Dr. Gardiner as supply to the Matilda Circuit. This beginning of itinerant labor was followed by a life-long consecration to the work of preaching the Gospel. He was admitted on trial in 1845, ordained a deacon in 1847, and an elder in 1849. For five years prior to Methodist union he filled the office of Presiding Elder; he was useful in his work and beloved by his brethren. In the regular work of the ministry his fields of labor were often wide and difficult. He travelled through the entire territory of the Bay of Quinte Conference—from Durham to Renfrew—and wherever he labored souls were saved, and the cause of God built up. As a true shepherd he led the flock; they trustingly followed. His sermons were orthodox and full of manly thought. He served in unselfish devotion, combining gentleness, strength and courtesy. He well deserves but needs not our eulogy. He rests from his labors and his works follow him. He finished his course in the seventy-first year of his age, and the forty-seventh of his ministry on August 3rd, 1891. The disease which ended in death had troubled him for several years, but he bore the ills of life patiently, and kept the faith with reliance on the grace of Jesus Christ. He had many friends and they sadly miss him, but their consolation is "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." On the day of his funeral a memorial service was held in the Tabernacle, Belleville, conducted by Rev. James Gardiner, D.C.L., assisted by Revs. T. J. Edmison, B.A., B.D., W. Bird, A. Campbell, J. Faull, W. G. Hudgins, G. J. Dingman, D. O. Crossley, and Rev. Mr. Barnes, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, after which all that was mortal was laid in the grave to sleep until the resurrection morning. May we meet him on the other shore.