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and so on, increasing ½ per cent. for each \$100 of salary."

Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.A., having moved the above, the President of the Conference ruled as follows:—

The President being appealed to as to the constitutionality of Rev. W. H. Garnham's resolution, ruled:

1. That the Annual Conference has no power to tax the salary of any minister, unless expressly authorized to do so by action of the General Conference.

2. That in the present case no such express authority has been given. On Tuesday, June 7th, Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.A., gave notice that he would appeal to the Court of Appeal against the ruling of the President re his motion on the Sustentation Fund.

Responsible Government, Centennial.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., seconded by Rev. George A. Mitchell, B.A., and

Resolved,—That the communication from the Committee on the Centennial of the founding of Upper Canada be received, and that on Sabbath, July 17th, in accordance with the request of the Committee, special references be made to the completion of one hundred years of representative government in Upper Canada.

The Opium Traffic.

Moved by Rev. Richard Hobbs, seconded by Rev. J. S. Williamson, and Resolved,—Whereas ever-increasing light is being thrown on the stupendous evils of the opium traffic in India and China, entailing demoralization, and antagonizing all missionary endeavor beyond all power of expression; whereas it is now made manifest that England, through her Indian Government, originated and is perpetuating this dire evil by the manufacture of opium to the ruination of millions in India and China; and whereas the Christian and philanthropic conscience of England is aroused even to the extent of legislative condemnation of the evil by accepting the resolution of Sir Joseph Pease, who, in his conflict against this wrong, has expressed a desire for the moral support and prayerful sympathy of Christendom, to aid British Christians who seek the abolition of this curse; therefore be it

Resolved,—That we, the ministers and laymen of the Niagara Conference, tender to Sir Joseph Pease, and British Christians generally, our moral support and sympathy with the movement, and our prayers for the immediate abolition of the evil by legislative enactment.

Dundas Street Church, Woodstock.

Moved by J. H. Smith, seconded by M. S. Schell, and

Resolved,—That this Conference authorizes the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., to solicit subscriptions, re Dundas Street Methodist Church, Woodstock, upon the following conditions:—

1. That a sum of not less than \$6,000 be secured.