

INTRODUCTION.



IN the year 1829, the first Primitive Methodist Society in Canada was formed, in (the Town of York, now) the City of Toronto; in 1830, the English Conference sent out their first Minister, who took the above Society into connexion with the said Conference. From this period up to 1842, the Canadian part of the Connexion, like its parent in England, continued to enlarge and extend, and at the above time was composed of four prosperous Circuits, whose connexional business was transacted by the several Quarter day Boards of the respective Circuits. At our English Conference, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June, 1842, the Canadian part of the Connexion was set off into a separate District, since that period we have had our regular Annual District Meetings.— At our District Meeting of 1853, in consequence of the greatly enlarged state of our body, it was judged necessary to divide the work into two Districts, and an Annual Conference; this arrangement was confirmed by our English Conference, held at the City of York, June, 1853, when the Canadian part of the Connexion was set off into a separate Conference, possessing the power of Local self-government,