

be the cause of his exclusion. We understand that some years afterwards the resolution respecting camp-meetings was rescinded by the Wesleyan Conference and overtures were made to these brethren to return, but it was not deemed advisable to do so.

The work of these two men so advanced, that it became necessary to distinguish their societies, and consequently at a meeting held at Tunstall, in 1812, the name "Primitive Methodist," was decided upon. The Church in England now numbers 1,149 ministers and 191,312 members.

The body originated in Canada by the preaching of Mr. William Lawson, (a local preacher from Carlisle, England,) in the town of Little York, (now Toronto,) in July, 1829. The first-class was organized in September of the same year, with Mr. Lawson as leader, and Mr. R. Walker, assistant. The Rev. N. Watkins, the first regular Missionary to Canada, arrived in August, 1830. Twenty years afterwards there were 9 stations, 17 missionaries, and 1,630 members.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In Quarterly and District Meetings, and also in Annual Conference, the Chairman or President is elected, and may be either a Minister or Layman.

Quarterly Meetings.—The Chairman calls the names of the Local and Itinerant Preachers, and inquires if there be any complaint in relation to character, doctrine, acceptability, or attention to appointments.

The Quarterly Meeting sends to the Stationing Committee the name of the preacher or preachers desired for the ensuing year.

Between the sessions of the Quarterly Meetings, there is a Circuit Committee, which is the Executive of the Quarterly Meeting, and meets monthly.

District Meetings.—The District Meeting is composed of a General Committee Delegate appointed by the preceding Conference, and of ministers and laymen as follows: A circuit sends one minister and two laymen; a branch or mission one minister and one layman. The district meeting cannot originate legislation, but it prepares for Conference from the proposals sent up by the quarterly meetings what new legislation it deems necessary. The building of Connexional Churches and parsonages must have the sanction of the district committee.