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SCRAPS OF METHODIST HISTORY.

Of the thirty-one preachers stationed at the first Session of our Conference, in 1824, at Hallowell, only three received appointments at the Session of 1860, viz., Rev. Messrs. Demorest, Messmore, and Waldron. Of those who were members of that Conference only five are entitled to seats in Conference at present, Rev. Ezra Adams, who entered the Itinerancy 1814; Rev. Samuel Belton, 1818; Rev. Thomas Demorest, 1819; Rev. W. H. Williams, 1820; Rev. John Ryerson, 1821; four of whom are superannuated, as are the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Ryerson and Corson, who were then preachers on trial. Of the total this appears to us a small number indeed, when we consider they were very young men, possessed, we dare say, of robust constitutions, as none others could have been eligible, in view of the severe toil and hardship which had of necessity to be endured, and which should never be forgotten or lost sight of by the young men who are in our ministry in these palmy days of Methodism. Our fathers,—the fathers of Methodism in Canada,—are worthy of all honour and respect from us, more honour and respect, we are sorry to say, than we, or the church, are forward in rendering them. Six of the thirty-one died in the work, and seven are superannuated. Of the candidates for the Ministry received at this Conference,—six in number; one, the Rev. Joseph Messmore, continues his regular labours, two were superannuated and three located.