

ville. A Book Room is owned in Toronto, the stock and cash in hand amounting to \$1,568.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—(*Disciplinary allowances.*)

The minimum salary of a married minister in full connexion is \$450 this year, and \$500 next year, if ratified at next Conference. This is exclusive of rent, taxes, or furniture. All parsonages are furnished with the usual heavy articles of furniture, also carpets and crockery. A married minister on probation is allowed \$300. A single preacher in full connexion, \$200, exclusive of board; and a single preacher on probation, \$170.

CONNECTION WITH THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

The English Conference has the power to appoint the President of the Canadian Conference once in two years, either by sending one out from England, or by appointing one of the brethren in Canada. It also reserves the right of recalling a Missionary after seven years' absence. The Canadian Conference has entire control over local affairs. There seems in the articles of union, to be no legal obstacle to a union with any other Church or Churches.

II. THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

The originators of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in England, were Messrs. Hugh Bourne and William Clowes, the former of whom was born in Staffordshire, in 1772, and converted in 1799; the latter was born in the same shire, and converted in 1805, at 25 years of age.

Mr. Bourne commenced to hold camp-meetings after the American fashion, but the Methodist Conference discountenanced them, as it was thought they were not suited to England. At a Quarterly Meeting of the Burslem Circuit in 1808, he was expelled from the Methodist Society. No warning to attend the meeting, nor notice of any charge to be brought against him was given. It appears that on account of his determined support of camp-meetings he was viewed with disfavour, and the fact of his non-attendance at class, (through numerous engagements in preaching) was used as an occasion for ejecting him. The case of William Clowes, a Wesleyan local preacher, was somewhat similar. Continued attendance at camp-meetings was declared to