

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
**Primitive Methodist Church**  
IN CANADA,  
HELD AT BRAMPTON,

*Commencing Friday, 4th June, 1869.*

WITH THE  
REPORTS OF THE CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

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By Order of the Conference.

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# MINUTES

## Of the Sixteenth Annual Conference.

According to appointment, the Conference assembled in the Brampton Church, on the morning of Friday, the 4th of June, 1869, and after the usual devotional exercises, proceeded to business, by electing Rev. R. BOYLE President, and Rev. WM. BEE Secretary.

1. *What Ministers are received into full Connexion?*—Wm. Clowes Jolley, James Parker Bell, Thomas Amey, John Wesley Gilpin, James Campbell, and Charles Stafford.

2. *What Preachers remain on trial, and how long have they travelled?*—Luke Hall,\* Jesse Burdge, Wm. Huggins, John Wesley Walker, and Timothy Gavin, these have travelled three years; Eli Middleton, Thomas W. Jolliffe, Wm. Bielby, Dunning Idle, Joseph J. Haylock, and Wm. C. Allen, these have travelled two years; Henry D. Gifford, George Nixon, Reuben Toye, William Johnston, John Foulger, Samuel C. Keetch, John A. Windsor, Robert McKee, Isaac Wilkinson, Thomas G. Scott, these have travelled one year. \**Note*—Bro. Hall's educational course was not completed in sufficient time for his ordination at last Conference.

3. *What Preachers are received on Trial?*—John Ockley, Benjamin J. Brown, John W. Robinscn, George Lewis, B.A., Thos. J. Reid, Joseph Bell, Joseph T. Thompson, and John Clarke.

4. *What Candidates are placed on the Reserve List?*—Charles Mattingley, Wm. Tarrant, Edward Stock, John Sherwood.

5. *What Preachers sustain a Supernumery relation this year?*—John Natrass, H. D. Gifford, and John Frankish.

6. *How are the Preachers Stationed for the year?*—

IN TORONTO—W. Rowe, General Secretary & Book Steward; Thos. Crompton, Principal of the Educational Institute and Editor of the Christian Journal; Geo. Lewis, B.A., English and Classical Tutor; and the Conference Students, C. Mattingley, W. Tarrant, and J. Foulger.

### Toronto District.

Toronto Circuit—John R. Swift, Henry Harris; John Davison, Sup.  
Yorkville Branch—Wm. Herfidge, Wm. S. Hughan; William Lyle, Sup.

Markham—Charles E. Stafford, Eli Middleton.

Pickering—J. W. Walker.

Bowmanville—John Goodman.

Scarboro—James Edgar, Jesse Burdge.

Reach—Wm. Bee, Wm. Huggins; John Fradkish, Sup.

Bruce Mines—William Thornley.

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**Brampton District.**

*Brampton*—Moberg Boyle, William Johnston.  
*Etobicoke*—J. S. Boyes, Luke Hall, T. J. Reid, Prov. ; W. Jolley, Sup.  
*Albion*—John Garner, John Oakley, Joseph Bell.  
*Lasky*—George Wood, Robert McKee.  
*Orangeville*—H. S. Matthews, Isaac Wilkinson ; J. Simpson, Sup.  
*Rose Mount*—Job Roadhouse.

**Hamilton District.**

*Hamilton*—W. Reid, J. J. Haylock. *Brantford*—Thomas Griffith.  
*Grand River*—Richard Paul. *Paris*—William Pyke.  
*Walpole*—Thomas Amey. *Walsingham*—Thomas Auger.  
*Blenheim*—Samuel C. Keetch. *Woodstock*—James Cheetham.

**Guelph District.**

*Guelph*—John W. Gilpin ; Thomas Adams, Sup.  
*Peel*—Matthew H. Mathews ; Richard Auger, Sup.  
*Hawkesville*—Wm. Lomas ; J. Towler, Sup. ; Isaac Ryder, Sup.  
*Minto*—William Monkman.  
*Brant*—George Watson, George Nixon.  
*Kincardine*—Amos Knapp.  
*Jubilee*—Richard Hassard, J. T. Thompson ; one to be obtained.  
*Arthur*—Timothy Gavin.

**London District.**

*London*—Jos. Markham, Thos. W. Joliffe, John Natrass, supern'y.  
*Bosquet*—Abraham Heyworth, Reuben Toye.  
*McGillivray*—Edward Whitworth, Benjamin J. Brown.  
*Stratford and Mitchell*—George Haigh, W. C. Jolley.  
*Plympton*—James Campbell.  
*Chatham*—James Stonehouse, William Beilby.  
*Caradoc*—William Newton.  
*Kirkton*—Charles Roffe.  
*Park Hill*—James P. Bell.

**Kingston District.**

*Kingston*—James Smith. One to be obtained.  
*Portland*—William Cook, William C. Allen.  
*Napanee*—George F. Lee, John Clarke.  
*Collinsby*—Rounding Pattison.  
*Hinchinbrook*—Dunning Idle.

**Barrie District.**

*Barrie*—Jonathan Milner. One to be obtained.  
*Osprey*—James Walker ; T. Foster, Sup. ; R. Stephenson, Sup.  
*Bradford*—Thomas Dudley, John A. Windsor.  
*Collingwood*—David Simpson. *Muskoka*—Thomas G. Scott.  
*Artemesia*—J. W. Robinson. *Stayner*—J. D. Gilbert.



PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA,  
 YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1869.

Church.	Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Subst. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conference Fund.		Relief Fund.		Children's Fund.	Mission Fund.		Value of Church Property.		Ordinary Income.		Ministers' Deficiency.
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*What is the numerical state of the Church ?*

Number of Members .....	90	increase	2.
“ Local Preachers .....	278	decrease	2.
“ Class Readers .....	315	decrease	16.
“ Connexional Churches	192	increase	9.
“ Other preaching places	165	increase	5.
“ Parsonages .....	22	increase	2.
“ Sabbath Schools .....	123	increase	1.
“ Sab. School Teachers ..	1078	increase	35.
“ Sab. School Scholars ..	7389	increase	389.
“ Church Members .....	6211	decrease	19.
Number who have died during the year,	78.		
Value of Church property,	\$178,350 00.		

8. *When and where shall the next Conference be held ?*—In Alice Street Church, Toronto, on Friday, the 3rd of June, 1870.

9. *What Committees shall be held before the Conference ?*—The Ministerial Association, on Wednesday, June 1st, at 9 o'clock. The Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, at 3 o'clock p.m., and the Preparatory Committee at 7 o'clock p.m. of the same day. The Finance and Stationing Committees shall meet on Thursday, 2nd June, at 9 o'clock a.m.

10. *What Connexional Officers shall attend the next Conference ?*—Robert Boyle, as General Committee Delegate ; Thos. Crompton, as Principal of the Institute and Editor ; Wm. Rowe, as General Missionary Secretary and Book Steward ; Robert Walker, as Connexional Treasurer ; and John Garner, as Friendly Society's Representative.

11. *When and where shall the next District Meetings be held ?*—

District.	Where held.	G. C. Delegate.
Toronto .....	Wexford, Scarboro Ct.,	May 18, J. Goodman.
Brampton .....	Ebenezer Ch., Etobicoke Ct.,	May 18, H. S. Matthews.
Hamilton .....	Gore St. Church, Hamilton,	May 18, W. Reid.
Guelph .....	Ebenezer Church, Peel Ct.,	May 18, Wm. Lomas.
London .....	Kirkton, Kirkton Mission,	May 18, Wm. Newton.
Kingston .....	Ebenezer Ch., Collinsby M.	May 18, G. F. Lee.
Barrie .....	Barrie .....	May 18, Jonathan Milner

12. *Who compose the Committees ?*

**Executive Committee.**

The President and Secretary, T. Crompton, J. R. Swift, J. Edgar, R. Walker, J. Bugg, T. Thompson, R. I. Walker, C. D. Maginn ; Wm. Rowe shall be its Secretary. The BOOK COMMITTEE shall be the same as the Executive.

**The General Committee.***Ministers.*

Pres. and Sec. of Conference. J. Bugg.  
 J. Goodman. T. Thompson.  
 P. S. Matthews. R. I. Walker.  
 W. Reid. M. M. Elliott.  
 William Lomas. J. McGee.  
 William Newton. J. Green.  
 G. F. Lee. W. Gould.  
 Jonathan Milner. J. Trevaskis,  
 J. R. Swift. R. Ward.  
 J. S. Boyes. S. Auger.  
 G. Wood. T. Whale.  
 J. Garner. W. Trebilcock.  
 W. Herridge. S. Nicklin.  
 R. Paul. J. Baker.  
 J. Checham. W. P. Lacey.  
 J. W. Gilpin. C. D. Maginn.  
 M. H. Matthews. W. Thompson.  
 J. Markham. G. Cook.  
 A. Heyworth.  
 J. Smith.  
 T. Dudley.  
 J. Walker.

*Laymen.*

J. Bugg.  
 T. Thompson.  
 R. I. Walker.  
 M. M. Elliott.  
 J. McGee.  
 J. Green.  
 W. Gould.  
 J. Trevaskis,  
 R. Ward.  
 S. Auger.  
 T. Whale.  
 W. Trebilcock.  
 S. Nicklin.  
 J. Baker.  
 W. P. Lacey.  
 C. D. Maginn.  
 W. Thompson.  
 G. Cook.

Wm. Rowe shall be the Secretary.

**The General Missionary Committee**

Shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee. Wm. Rowe shall be its Secretary, and both Committees shall meet at the same time and place. The Quarterly Meeting of these Committees will be held in Toronto, on Thursday, 12th August; Thursday, 11th November, 1869; Thursday, 10th February, and Thursday, 12th May, 1870. Missionary Reports must be in the possession of the Secretary one week before these days, otherwise the grants will not be paid until the following quarter.

**District Committees.**

*Toronto District* ..... J. R. Swift, J. Bugg, and R. Walker.  
*Brampton District* ..... R. Boyle, L. Walker, and M. M. Elliott.  
*Hamilton District* ..... R. Paul, J. Baldwin, and E. Baker.  
*Guelph District* ..... W. Lomas, T. Whale, and W. Gillespie.  
*London District* ..... J. Markham, W. Trebilcock, E. R. Robinson.  
*Kingston District* ..... J. Smith, W. P. Lacey, R. Benedict, P. W. Day.  
*Barrie District* ..... Jonathan Milner, W. Thompson, & R. Neil.

The first named person shall be the Secretary.

**Educational Institute Committee.**

President & Sec. of Conference.	R. Walker.
The Principal.	J. McGee.
Wm. Rowe.	J. McCausland.
J. Cheetham.	R. I. Walker.
J. R. Swift.	George Cox.
J. Edgar.	John Kent.
J. S. Boyes.	J. W. Cox.
H. S. Matthews.	S. Briggs.
Wm. Lomas.	T. Thompson.
J. Markham.	D. McLean.
Jonathan Milner.	M. M. Elliott.
	R. Ward.
	W. P. Lacey.
	E. R. Robinson.

T. Crompton shall be Secretary, & T. Thompson, Esq., Treasurer.

**Boards of Examiners.**

Toronto Dist.	J. Edgar, W. Herridge, J. Goodman, J. R. Swift, W. Bee.
Brampton	" R. Boyle, J. Garner, H. S. Matthews, and J. S. Boyes.
Hamilton	" W. Reid, Wm. Pyke, and J. Cheetham.
Guelph	" M. H. Matthews, J. W. Gilpin, and Wm. Lomas.
London	" A. Heyworth, W. Newton, and J. Markham.
Kingston	" W. Cook and J. Smith.
Barrie	" J. Walker and Jonathan Milner.

The last named person to be Convener.

13. *On what day shall the Thanksgiving Services be held?*—On Friday, the 1st of October; and the Stations are desired to hold services at their principal appointments.

14. *Who shall represent the Conference at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Temperance Union?* Brothers Swift and Boyes.

15. *Who shall represent the Conference at the Provincial Sabbath School Union?*—The President and Secretary, and Brothers Rowe and W. P. Lacey.

16. *What shall be done to promote the cause of Temperance amongst our people?*—That in future we do our best to influence our people in favour of requiring all members to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors; and that a public Temperance Meeting, or a Temperance Sermon, shall be held or preached once a year, at all our appointments.

17. *What shall be done to promote the efficiency of Sabbath Schools?*—That one Session of the Conference hereafter shall be devoted to the interchange of views on this subject.



18. *What shall be done in regard to the question of securing an Act of Incorporation?*—That we apply to the next Session of the Provincial Parliament for such Act; and that the President of Conference and General Secretary, with Bros. Crompton, M. M. Elliott, R. I. Walker, and J. McGee shall, with J. Coyne, Esq., M.P.P., arrange the details of such Act, and report to the General Committee in time for the application to be made.

19. *What shall be done to extend the Educational Institute?*—The Institute shall be open to the sons of our Ministers and Members, who shall pay a fee for their admission; and an English and Classical Tutor shall be engaged, so that they may be instructed in the higher branches of an English and Classical Education. The question of fees and board shall be left with the Institute Committee to decide.

20. *What shall be done for the better support of the Institute?*—1st. That each Station shall be desired to raise not less than 5 cents per member, and the manner of raising this sum shall be left with the Quarterly Meeting of each Station to determine. 2nd. The Institute Committee shall, as soon as possible, prepare and send a circular on this subject to each Quarterly Meeting throughout our work.

21. *What are the other regulations of Conference?*

1. That the time of a Minister receiving his salary in case of his becoming a widower, shall not be less than one year after becoming such.

2. That the matter of appointing Deputations to visit Mission Stations shall be left to the discretion of the General Missionary Committee.

3. That District Meetings shall, as far as possible, appoint brethren to represent them in Conference who are in attendance at the District Meeting; but the Conference does not consider this ought to be absolutely acted on in all cases.

4. That the trustees of Gore Street Church, in Hamilton, have liberty to solicit donations in any part of our work, towards liquidating their church debt.

5. That while we deeply regret the necessity for the application of Hamilton and London Stations to become Missions, yet in their present circumstances their application be granted.

6. That Orangeville Mission shall be made into a Circuit, and \$50 shall be allowed them towards building their Parsonage.

7. That Osprey Mission shall be divided, and the appointments taken from it shall be made into a Mission, and shall be called Stayner Mission.

8. That the appointments now taken from Bosanquet and McGillivray Circuits shall be made into a Mission, and shall be

called Parkhill Mission ; and that in consideration of Besanquet and MacGillivray giving up these appointments, they shall be allowed to commence their probation as Mission Circuits ; but they are required to take up new places, in lieu of those given up.

9. That the following Stations in the Brampton District, viz., Barrie, Bradford, Osprey, Artemesia, Collingwood, and Stayner ; and Muskoka in Toronto District, shall be made into a new District, and shall be called Barrie District.

10. That the representation of Barrie District at the next Conference shall consist of two Ministers and four Laymen.

11. That in consequence of so large a part of Brampton District being given to Barrie District, its representation to the next Conference shall be less by one Minister and two Laymen.

12. That Stratford and Mitchell Stations shall be united, and, if possible, a married and single Minister shall be appointed to the United Station.

13. That permission be given to the Reach Circuit authorities to sell their old Parsonage.

14. That permission be given to Peel Circuit authorities to sell their Parsonage.

15. That permission be given to MacGillivray Circuit to sell their Church property near Lucan, but advise said sale to be postpowed until we obtain an Act of Incorporation.

16. That those Preachers who have not contributed to the English Deputation Fund are hereby requested to do so, and Lay Brethren are requested to do the same.

17. That the application of Brother Natrass for superannuation be not granted, but that for this year he maintain a superannuery relation to the Conference, and that the usual allowance from the Relief Fund be paid for six months, and the same amount be paid for the third quarter of the year from the Book Room, and that for the remainder of the year he be placed under the supervision of the General Missionary Committee.

18. That we deeply sympathize with our dear brethren Natrass, Frankish, and Auger in their protracted afflictions, and earnestly pray that they may soon be restored to their much loved work.

19. That in view of the decrease in members on various Stations, we are deeply humbled before God ; and we solemnly engage, in returning to our Stations to labour, to use our utmost influence for the salvation of souls, and for signal prosperity during the year.

20. That feeling the people of Brampton have placed us under obligations to them by their enlarged liberality, we desire to place on record our thanks to them, and also to Brother Boyte, for his unceasing efforts to promote our comfort.

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21. That we tender our thanks to our Connexional Officers, for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties during the past year.

22. That we present our thanks to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railway Companies, and to the Canadian Navigation Company, for their kindness in permitting the members of Conference to travel over their lines at reduced fares.

23. That the thanks of the Conference are given to the proprietors of the Toronto "Daily Telegraph," for sending a reporter, to report the proceedings of the Conference, and also for the full report of the proceedings of Conference inserted in their paper.

24. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby given to the President, Rev. R. Boyle, for the very excellent manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

25. That the Conference tenders its thanks to Rev. Wm. Bee, its Secretary, and to his staff of assistants, for the faithful manner in which they have performed their labors, and to the different Committees for services rendered the Conference.

*What is the state of the Connexional Funds?*

**Book Room Account, for year ending May 29, 1869.**

Dr.		Cr.	
To Invoices .....	\$3787 23		
" Stock of 1868 .....	3009 15		
" Rent .....	175 00	By Stock .....	\$2906 33
" Rates and Taxes.....	28 60	" Rent .....	60 00
" Advertising .....	9 00	" Fixtures .....	14 92
" Insurance .....	21 90	" Furniture & Fixtures	200 00
" Freightage & duties	130 23	" Sales.....	5147 26
" Light and freing ..	7 63		
" Postage .....	12 00		
" Benevolence .....	12 92		
" Watchman .....	6 75		
" Incidental expenses	28 24		
" Assistant's salary ..	208 60		
" Book Stewd's do. rent	330 00		
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ance voted by Conf.	25 70		
" Educational Institute	100 00		
" Balance .....	420 24		
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Audited and found correct.

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## Conference Fund--1869.

Dr.	Cr.
To Balance of 1868. .... \$145 76	By printing trav. certifi- cates, binding Dist.
" Toronto District, 1869 64 65	Reports and postage 4-55
" Brampton do. 76 55	" Ordination Bibles . . . 16 20
" Hamilton do. 23 45	" Delegates' trav. exp's 209 73
" Guelph do. 32 30	" Loss on Rl. Can. bills 4 80
" London do. 34 20	" Donated to Relief Fund per order of Conf. 165 08
" Kingston do. 23 45	
<u>\$400 36</u>	<u>\$400 36</u>

## Relief Fund--1869.

Dr.	Cr.
To Balance, 1868 . . . . . \$ 1 04	By London Ct. 32 weeks, at \$4 per week . . . \$128 00
" Toronto District, 1869 64 65	" Portland Miss., 25 weeks, at \$4 per week . . . . . 100 00
" Brampton do. 76 55	" MacGillivray Mission, 5 weeks, at \$2 per week 10 00
" Hamilton do. 23 45	" Bradford Miss. 7 weeks, at \$2 per week . . . . . 14 00
" Guelph do. 32 30	" Rev. T. Dudley, part of claim . . . . . 105 00
" London do. 34 20	" Rev. R. Auger, part of do. 70 00
" Kingston do. 23 45	
" Donation from Conf. F. 165 08	
" do. from Min. Associat'n 30 00	
" Balance due Treasurer 6 28	
<u>\$427 00</u>	<u>\$427 00</u>

## Educational Institute Fund--1869.

Dr.	Cr.
To Collec. from Stations \$250 18	By Tutor's Salary . . . . . \$300 00
" Missy Committee for Hamilton W. Miss., it being supplied by Tu- tor and Students. . . . . 200 00	" Institute House Rent 156 00
" Book Room . . . . . 100 00	" Removal to Hamilton 47 00
" Subscriptions . . . . . 191 00	" Students' Board . . . . . 361 04
" Students' Payments . 106 59	" Incidentals, postage, &c. . . . . 4 44
" Hamilton W. Income 21 51	
<u>\$869 28</u>	<u>\$869 28</u>

Grants to Mission Stations--1869-70.

Artemesia	\$76 00	Kingston	295 00
Arthur	104 00	Kirkton	210 00
Blenheim	152 00	Minto	190 00
Brant	214 00	Muskoka	110 00
Brantford	270 00	Napanee	285 00
Bradford	380 00	Osyrey	240 00
Barrie	225 00	Paris	228 00
Bruce Mines	240 00	Portland	285 00
Caradoc	175 00	Plympton	238 00
Chatham	214 00	Rosemont	190 00
Collinsby	200 00	Stratford and Mitchell	400 00
Collingwood	240 00	Walpole	225 00
Guelph	256 00	Walsingham	250 00
Hawksville	190 00	Woodstock	212 00
Hinchinbrooke	76 00	Park Hill	190 00
Hamilton	350 00	Stayner	190 00
Jubilee	285 00	London	350 00

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Children's Fund Apportionments--1869-70

Artemesia	\$18 00	Kincardine	32 00
Arthur	12 00	Laskay	74 00
Albion	78 00	London	60 00
Brampton	107 00	Markham	112 00
Bowmanville	50 00	McGillivray	48 00
Bosanquet	44 00	Minto	38 00
Bradford	46 00	Muskoka	20 00
Blenheim	44 00	Napanee	42 00
Brant	44 00	Osprey	32 00
Brantford	46 00	Orangeville	50 00
Bruce Mines	34 00	Park Hill	30 00
Barrie	42 00	Paris	48 00
Caradoc	42 00	Portland	54 00
Chatham	52 00	Peel	44 00
Collinsby	44 00	Plympton	34 00
Collingwood	34 00	Reach	78 00
Etobicoke	118 00	Rosemont	30 00
Guelph	41 00	Scarboro	64 00
Grand River	52 00	Stratford and Mitchell	60 00
Hamilton	60 00	Stayner	20 00
Hawksville	42 00	Toronto	124 00
Hinchinbrooke	22 00	Walpole	42 00
Jubilee	50 00	Walsingham	38 00
Kingston	52 00	Woodstock	46 00
Kirkton	32 00	Yorkville	42 00

## Children's Fund--1869.

Dr.	Cr.
To Cash from Circuits & Missions .....	By deficiency of 1868 ..
\$2250 39	..\$162 29
" Cash from Miss. Committee to pay deficiency of Miss. Cts. 71 00	" Cash to Circuits and Missions .....
" Balance due Treasurer 273 90	.....2433 00
\$2595 29	\$2595 29

### Report of the Ordination Committee.

This Committee desires to express its opinion upon the following brethren, in relation to their recommendation for ordination.

Bro. John W. Gilpin passed his examination very acceptably, both in regard to theology and the polity of our church. His journal was examined, and was found very satisfactory.

Bro. William Jolley was examined upon the leading doctrines of our church, its ecclesiastical polity, and his journal. The composition of his journal was good, devout, and gave evidence of success in soul saving.

Bro. James B. Bell answered questions upon the subjects of examination freely and readily: his journal was also found satisfactory.

Bro. Charles Stafford was also questioned upon the points of doctrine and polity put to the other brethren, which resulted in satisfactory answers. His journal was good.

Bro. James Campbell met the examiners, and was asked to give his views upon the leading doctrines of our church and its polity, which were satisfactory. His journal was commendable.

Bro. Thomas Amy was before the board: the examination was satisfactory, and his journal gave proof of devotion, and also success in souls being saved.

Your Committee wish to say, that it is our opinion that brethren who have passed through four years of probation, and have been examined in anything like a thorough manner, should be able to give clear, distinct views of divine truth, and give a distinct conception of our church polity and the administration of our church business; and we recommend the District Boards of Examiners to be as faithful, thorough, and satisfactory as possible. All these brethren are recommended for ordination.

JOSEPH MARKHAM, CHAIRMAN.

JOHN SWIFT, SECRETARY.

**Report of the Finance Committee.**

To the Conference of 1869.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Your Committee respectfully submit the following numerical and financial report, from the various Districts within our Conference, and regret to find a decrease of 32 approved members; but we find an increase of 13 members on trial: there is, therefore, a decrease on the whole membership of 19 persons: at the same time there has been an increase of 52 members removed from us, more than the year ending June, 1868.

The ORDINARY INCOME of our Church has an increase of \$1,586.

We regret also to find that the MISSION FUND suffers a decrease of \$383; the amount reported for the present year being \$7,148.

The following is the report of monies available for expenditure on general Mission work for the ensuing year:—One-half of the Missionary revenue of this year being appropriated by the preceding Conference, and \$552 of expenditures not provided for by the last Conference, leaves a balance up to June, 1869, at the disposal of this Conference from the present year's revenue of \$3,313 50

English Grant for ensuing year .....	2,000 00
50 per cent of next year's Missionary income, taking the present year's cash report as the basis of calculation,	3,500 00

Making a total of .....	<u>\$8,713 50</u>
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PROSPECTIVE EXPENDITURE for the year ending June, 1870:—

Removal expenses .....	\$300 00
Furniture .....	250 00
Missionary money appropriated by Mission Circuits	300 00
Balances paid to Children's Fund for " "	71 00
Printing Reports, cards, collecting books, &c. ....	175 00
General Secretary's salary and house rent .....	330 00
Miscellaneous items .....	50 50

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Margin to be allowed for exigences .....	737 00

	<u>\$2213 50</u>
Income.....	<u>\$8713 50</u>

Available for Granting Committee .....	<u>\$6500 00*</u>
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\*Note.—The Grants voted by the Conference subsequently to the presentation of this Report, have exceeded this sum by more than \$1,200 00.

## STATEMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S FUND :—

Income for the year.....	\$2321 39
Expenditure for 94 children .....	\$2433 00
Balance of last year .....	162 29—
	2505 29
Leaving a balance due to Treasurer .....	\$273 90

## BOOK ROOM REPORT :—

Income for the year .....	\$8328 51
Expenditure for the year .....	7808 24
	\$520 27
Paid to Institute from Book Room .....	100 00
Balance in favour of Book Room .....	\$420 27

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE CONFERENCE.

1. To meet the deficiency of the Children's Fund, your Committee recommend that for *this year only* the allowance to Ministers' children be lessened by \$4 per year, and that the assessment of the Stations be increased.

## CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

2. That as many of our friends as can be found willing to do so, be asked to contribute one cent per month, towards this fund; so that, if possible, 5,000 persons become the founders of this enterprise; thus realising in its behalf this year \$600 00.

3. Your Committee also recommend that all Reports and Statistical documents be put into the hands of the General Secretary, for preservation and reference.

4. It is recommended to the consideration of the Conference, for the prevention, if possible, of deficiencies in our Minister's salaries, to urge upon the members to contribute weekly for their support; and that all church stewards be solicited by the Quarterly Meetings to make collections from hearers in our churches, that they may have an opportunity of directly contributing to the support of those Ministers under whom they hear the word of life.

5. That we retrench in the expenditure of printing Missionary Reports, giving one to subscribers varying from \$2 upwards; that no name be published in the Report for any less sum than \$1; and that subscribers of \$5 and over have presented to them a copy of the Conference Minutes.

All which is presented to you for your careful consideration and adoption.

Yours in behalf of the Finance Committee,  
J. CHEETHAM, CHAIRMAN.  
J. R. SWIFT, SECRETARY.



## Report of the Book Committee.

*To the Conference of 1869.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your Committee have pleasure in presenting you with their annual report. It will be seen from the balance sheet attached, (which sheet has been examined by an audit,) that after paying the working expenses of the establishment, and appropriating \$100 to the Institute, there is a balance in favour of the Book Room; and though that balance is not very large, it is such as to prove that the business is a paying one, and therefore such as to warrant its continuance. We are thankful for the patronage which has been extended to us, and trust to merit a continuance and extension of that patronage. The Book Steward has been anxious to secure a large and well assorted stock, and his efforts in many respects have been attended with success, for it is admitted by competent judges that the stock is as well assorted and kept up as any other Book concern in Toronto. Your Committee, along with your Steward, would however like to be in a position to add largely to the theological department of the Stock, so as to make it worth the while of the Ministers of the Body to purchase solely of the Book Room: in fact, we are anxious that all the literature of the Connexion shall be obtained from the Connexional Book Room. Our Sabbath Schools are doing this in great part, and are proving that they are doing as well, and in some respects better than elsewhere: it is our intention to serve them well and liberally in the future; and hope both Ministers and Superintendents of Schools will use their influence to induce the managers of the schools to obtain all their requisites from us.

It is hoped the efforts of Rev. J. Davison to induce the English Book Room to allow us the Hymn Books and Magazines at a slight advance on manufactured cost may be successful: this accomplished, then the price of the Hymn Books can be reduced; but we can hold out no hope of any reduction as long as the present arrangement exists: the price of the Magazines, under any circumstance, must remain as it is, for little is made by the Book Room after paying the freightage and per centage on them allowed to Ministers. The Book Steward has striven to keep down the working expenses to the smallest possible amount, consistent with the efficiency of the concern.

Hoping to present you with as favourable, if not more favorable Report next year, if spared, this statement is now presented.

WM. ROWE, SECRETARY.

### Report of the Educational Institute Committee for 1869.

The Committee desire to express their satisfaction with the present working and condition of the Institute. The balance sheet appended shows the income has met the expenditure for the year. Three, and during a part of the year four Students have been attending the Institute; and judging from the letters in the possession of the Committee, not without considerable advantage to themselves. Bro. Gavin was appointed by the last Conference, Bros. Brown and Ockly were recommended, and after examination were admitted. Bro. Robinson, who came to the country last fall as a credentialled local preacher, was offered certain inducements to unite with another denomination and enter their ministry, but believing if he was worth anything to them he was worth just as much to ourselves, was sent to the Institute at his own request, as he did not wish to enter the work without a little preparation. The detailed account of income will show that the Stations very generally complied with the action of last Conference, in reference to taking up collections on behalf of the Institute.

Referring you to the Tutor's report for further details, this brief report is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROWE, SECRETARY.

#### TUTOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CONFERENCE,—We beg to lay before you a report of our Institute, and its operations during the year now ending. We have been as effective as we well could be, considering the time and circumstances. Three and four students have been with us during the year. Brother T. Gavin has been present during the year, except two short vacations. Brothers John Ockly and Benjamin J. Brown have been present about nine months each; and Brother J. W. Robinson, from Scarborough, England, has been present between four and five months. Bro. Luke Hall came on the 21st of July, and went home, on account of being sick, in about three weeks' time. He did not return, though he stated his intention to do so when he left.

The brethren have studied Grammar, Geography, English Composition, Greek, Latin, and Saxon prefixes and affixes, Greek and Latin roots, and the spelling and meaning of words. Our aim has been to increase the vocabulary of the young men, that they might have a good stock of suitable words for public speaking.

The brethren have gone through a short manual of English history, studied portions of Church history, and Schmitz's ancient history.

They have exercised much in audible reading, to improve in reading and speaking, as to articulation, pronunciation, emphasis,

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&c. But these have not been the only objects contemplated by such readings. The subjects on which we have read were mostly theological ; and hence many points of great importance in theology have turned up in this course of reading, about which we have had free inquiry and conversation. These readings, we believe, have proved very useful.

The brethren have gone through a regular series of exercises in sermonizing, dividing and aranging subjects for the pulpit, and preparing short sermons in manuscript, which have been read, corrected and ammended ; while individuality of mind and cast of thought have been encouraged, that each man, as much as possible, might be himself.

We have delivered about forty theological lectures, including two on baptism, and given ten or twelve addresses on preaching—scriptural preaching, the right spirit which should influence the preacher, preparation for preaching, and on pastoral duties in general, as Primitive Methodist preachers. The church now wants men suitable for the duties of the times. This is a restless, speculative age, characterized for lack of reverence of sacred truths, and a disposition to question the inspiration and divine basis of the scriptures. We need young ministers who have clear and broad views of God's truth, and who may become able, if need be, to cope with the adversaries of our holy faith, with strong hearts. Men are thinking, and the Church must arise, and by means of her ministry, and her spirituality, be a power equal to the needs of these unrestful and sceptical times. Some persons think very superficially about young ministers as to their theology. Bits and scraps committed to memory, and mere declamations and comon places will not suffice now. The grand theological truths of the Bible should be well grasped by all men who give their lives to the ministry ; and we should remember, too, that creeds and catechisms do not contain all—that doubtless, untold treasures of truth yet remain undeveloped, and will reward diligent seekers. These times require that young men be assisted in literary attainments ; that they be clear on the great subjects about which they have to preach to the people. The design of the Ministry is to maintain the truth, convert souls, and build up the Church.

There is, of course, differences in the progress of the brethren. We have found a little difficulty with such as have become somewhat advanced in years, inasmuch as they have often much to unlearn, as well as learn. When a brother's education has been neglected almost all his life, he can only make comparatively small progress during a few months.

We have directed special attention to what concerns the brethren relative to the work of the ministry ; pressed upon them the importance of cultivating the gift of speech ; told them to read, think, write and aim at being good, plain, pointed speakers,



Leaving a balance to raise, from subscriptions, collections, and premiums, of \$950 00.

JOHN GARNER, CHAIRMAN.  
J. R. SWIFT, SECRETARY.

### Report of Sab. Schools & Sabbath Observance Committee.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your Committee have carefully examined the Reports of the Sabbath Schools, as presented by the various Districts, and are thankful to find there is an increase in this important department of our work; but regret the smallness of that increase, namely, 1 school, 35 teachers, and 389 scholars. Believing that the future prospects of our church depend greatly upon the present success of our Sabbath Schools, we would most strongly urge upon all our ministers, officials, and adherents to put forth renewed and strenuous efforts to sustain our present Sabbath Schools, as also to increase their number.

We would strongly recommend, that, if practicable, a Congregational Sabbath School be established in all our churches, and that our members be kindly requested to take a deeper interest in this department of our work,—a work so sublime and commanding in its objects, and affecting the greatest and most important interests of vast multitudes. We advise our Sabbath Schools to purchase their literature from our own denominational Book Room.

We would further recommend that the question of Sabbath Schools have more prominence given to it in our Conference, by having an afternoon or evening session devoted to this important subject.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee deeply deplore the desecration of the Sabbath day, by the authorities of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways allowing their trains to run on the Sabbath-day; and do most earnestly pray that the time may speedily come when the highest authorities of our country will prohibit the running of all railway trains on the Lord's-day.

We would also most strongly recommend the members of our church to discountenance, by precept and example, the prevalent sin of Sabbath *visiting* and *gossiping*, which is so derogatory to piety and usefulness.

Your Committee also deprecate the practice of professing Christians indulging in worldly and secular conversation on the Lord's-day; and would suggest that our conversation be such as becometh the gospel, that we may have the Divine approval, and be blest in our intercourse with our fellow men.

JAMES EDGAR, CHAIRMAN.  
JAMES SMITH, SECRETARY.

**Report of the Temperance Committee.**

DEAR BRETHREN,—Grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied. Your Committee, after deliberating on the importance of sustaining Temperance efforts, adopted the following resolutions :—

1st. That your Committee feel pleasure with the sound tone of Temperance feeling manifested in the Reports sent from the District Meetings to your Conference.

2nd. That your Committee cordially approve of the different measures sent up from your Legislative Committee, favouring the advancement of Temperance principles ; and believing that total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages is in perfect accordance with the word of God, we earnestly recommend, and urge, all the official and unofficial members of our church (for the sake of Christian principle) to become total abstainers.

3rd. That in view of the continued evils arising from the drinking customs—while we rejoice in the labours and successes of the different Temperance organizations—we cannot but urge the necessity of renewed efforts, contemplating the extinction of the manufacture, traffic, and use of intoxicating beverages.

4th. We recommend Breth. J. S. Boyes & J. R. Swift be appointed a deputation to represent this Conference at the Canada Temperance Union Convention, to meet in Toronto, in September, 1869.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM LOMAS, CONVENOR.

**ADDRESSES OF THE STATIONS,**

For 1869-70.

- President of Conference . . . . Rev. R. Boyle, Brampton.
- Secretary of Conference . . . . Rev. Wm. Bee, Greenbank.
- Principal and Editor . . . . Rev. T. Crompton, box 566, Toronto.
- Mis. Sec. and Book Steward, Rev. W. Rowe, drawer 899, Toronto.
- General Treasurer . . . . . R. Walker, Esq., Toronto.
- Educational Institute Treasurer, T. Thompson, Esq., Toronto.
- Toronto . . . . . Rev. J. R. Swift, Toronto.
- Yorkville . . . . . Rev. Wm. Herridge, Yorkville.

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Markham	Rev. C. Stafford, Victoria Square.
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Bowmanville	Rev. J. Goodman, Bowmanville.
Scarboro	Rev. J. Edgar, Wexford.
Reach	Rev. Wm. Bee, Greenbank.
Bruce Mines	Rev. W. Thornley, Bruce Mines.
Brampton	Rev. R. Boyle, Brampton.
Etobicoke	Rev. J. S. Boyes, Malton.
Albion	Rev. J. Garner, Albion.
Laskoy	Rev. G. Wood, Laskay.
Orangeville	Rev. H. Matthews, Orangeville.
Hamilton	Rev. W. Reid, Hamilton.
Walpole	Rev. T. Amy, Selkirk.
Blenhim	Rev. S. C. Keetch, Drumbo.
Brantford	Rev. T. Griffith, Brantford.
Paris	Rev. W. Pyke, Paris.
Grand River	Rev. R. Paul, York.
Walsingham	Rev. R. Auger, Pleasant Hill.
Woodstock	Rev. J. Cheetham, Woodstock.
Guelph	Rev. J. W. Gilpin, Guelph.
Peel	Rev. M. H. Matthews, Drayton.
Hawksville	Rev. W. Lomas, Hawksville.
Minto	Rev. W. Monkman, Newbridge.
Brant	Rev. G. Watson, Walkerton.
Kincardine	Rev. A. Knapp, Bervie.
Jubilee	Rev. R. Hassard, Bluevale.
London	Rev. J. Markham, London.
Bosanquet	Rev. A. Heyworth, Widder.
MacGillivray	Rev. E. Whitworth, Falkirk.
Stratford	Rev. G. Haigh, Stratford.
Plympton	Rev. J. Campbell, Wyoming.
Chatham	Rev. J. Stonchouse, Chatham.
Kirkton	Rev. C. Roffe, St. Marys.
Caradoc	Rev. W. Newton, Strathroy.
Parkhill	Rev. J. P. Bell, Parkhill.
Kingston	Rev. J. Smith, Kingston.
Portland	Rev. W. Cook, Loughboro.
Napanee	Rev. G. F. Lee, Selby.
Collinsby	Rev. R. Pattison, Collinsby.
Hunchinbrooke	Rev. D. Idle, Deniston.
Barrie	Rev. J. Milner, Barrie.
Osprey	Rev. J. Walker, Feversham.
Bradford	Rev. T. Dudley, Bradford.
Collingwood	Rev. D. Simpson, Clarksburg.
Artemesia	Rev. J. W. Robinson, Cornabus.
Muskoka	Rev. T. G. Scott, Muskoka Falls.
Stayner	Rev. J. D. Gilbert, Stayner.

## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

*To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church of Canada.*

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD,

Your representatives in Conference, as servants of God, send you our cordial greeting of Grace, Mercy, and Peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. It affords us great pleasure to inform you that the Conferential gathering of 1869 was characterized by many indications of Divine approval, in the union of spirit, Christian conduct, and careful application to business on the part of your representatives; and also in the fraternal sentiments expressed by visitors from sister churches in the neighbourhood; the Divine unction upon the ordinances; and the assurance vouchsafed in prayer for abundant blessings on our future operations. The deliberations of the brethren led to humiliation for past sins and omissions of duty, drew them closer together in godly alliance, and in the formation of resolutions which predict enlargement of zeal, growth of love, and success in saving souls, as the great aim of our organization.

We have to regret that our numbers are somewhat diminished, in consequence of the serious fluctuation of the population in several parts of the country, and that some of our monetary matters are in a depressed condition; though we are glad to say that the sympathy of the churches never more handsomely provided for the salaries of our ministers. Yet, may there not have existed other causes for our Connexional decrease than those commonly made prominent in yearly reports? Were there no possibility of our rising above ordinary hindrances to progress? Could not sinners have been saved in larger numbers? Would not many of the wavering, falling members have been spared from the penalties of their backslidings, had ministers been more mindful of their flocks, officers more watchful at their duties, and each of us more zealously affected towards the cause of the blessed Saviour? It is necessary that the searchings of heart among the brethren at the Conference should become the immediate experience of our entire membership, that the Lord's host may be purified from the guilt of dealing slackly in the things of God.



It is a principle fully proven in our times, dear brethren, that prosperity ordinarily depends upon the growth of personal piety in the church. To please the Almighty, there must be enlargement of heart, love of souls, solid determination to do all things to the glory of God, and patient continuance in good works. Household religion is, as the healthy development of personal religion, affectionately and strenuously urged upon you for cultivation; that a strict accordance of example, a faithful witness of life, an illustrative testimony of matured, thorough Christianity, may give direction to your children, instruction to your domestics, and add honor, satisfaction and comfort to your homes, through the length and breadth of our beloved church. Entire consecration to God was a prominent subject of conversation during the Sessions of the Conference. It was pleasing to see how the brethren harmonised in their views of its importance, as a personal grace; the power the church would possess, in its experience; and the pledge they together made that they would seek to more fully attain to it, and more perfectly fulfil its obligations. Let us each follow them in their noble example; in preaching it more frequently; praying for it more earnestly; and aiding each other in the pursuit of it more sincerely. The pure morals and pious habits of our youth, proper direction in the employment of talent, the just use of their time, their most happy social alliances, cannot be accomplished, cultivated, or maintained in any class of society, or circumstance of life, without the most conscientious cultivation of holiness unto the Lord. If we would have power to withstand the encroachments of intemperance, the spiritual depravity of Sabbath desecration, the sins of social life, the licentiousness of aliens from the public ordinances of religion, we must see to it, dear brethren, that our consecration to the Most High is *entire* and *continuous*.

There is peculiar pressure upon us to keep up our social religious institutions, in both character and numbers. Encourage every class-leader by prompt, friendly, and faithful co-operation: strive that distance, business, pleasure, or society never encroach, if it can be conveniently prevented, upon the regular attendance of every member at this valuable means of grace.

Maintain the standard of public ordinances by the most respectful deportment in the house of God, and secure it by prudent control, spotless example, and friendly advice wherever your influence *ought* to be, or can be felt for good. Aim at making our Sabiath Schools as efficient as possible : employ the utmost of your means and influence. Here is a field of the largest enterprise, most remunerative toil, and interesting detail that can be found in the vineyard of the Lord. Limit not its operations either by scanty libraries, neglect of study, negligent attendance, or listless ministrations : prove that your soul is *alive* in this work. Labor with vigor, making it a sublime reality, full of victory and pleasure in your department of this holy work. In making this work a success, you will enlarge the sphere of mind brought under the influence of the denomination : you will give training to the future teacher, the faithful leader, the prudent steward, and the ardent apostle for the service of the church of your choice.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper claims your highest regard, both in consideration of its author and its design. Never allow frivolous, contemptible excuses to interfere with its regular observance : it is one of the most solemn obligations of your profession, and cannot be disregarded without the commission of guilt. It is a test of your allegiance to Jesus, as well as an opportunity of expressing attachment to your companions in the faith. An irregular, trifling treatment of this ordinance dishonors your character, destroys your usefulness, and deadens your sensibility of sacred things : a devout observance of it will aid much in defending your virtues, and delivering your hearts from those cares, doubts, and fears to which, as erring, feeble creatures, we are all liable.

We rejoice that our Conference has taken another step towards demolishing the blood-stained ramparts of the drinking customs of society, having carried the banner of prohibitions nearer to the citadel of the modern Moloch, and now requires every person, before his appointment to a class as its leader, to be a total abstainer from all intoxicating drinks. The time has fully come, dear brethren, to wash our hands and hearts clean from the sin of drunkenness, in neither being a party to the making, buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors.

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It is a source of great encouragement that the number of our Ministers is increasing, new Stations organising, and members moving to new settlements anxiously asking the ministrations of their own church ; but it is our regret that many of these interesting openings cannot as yet have proportionate consideration, for want of the necessary funds from our missionary revenue. It is your privilege to supply this lack liberally, out of your abundance, that families famishing for the word of life may be nourished, and doors of usefulness, thrown wide open to us by Divine Providence, may be entered without hesitation or delay.

Our Connexional literature holds an increasingly important relation with our prosperity as a church. The "CHRISTIAN JOURNAL" is commended to your hearty support, in circulating useful information, in keeping up the activity of our membership, and in directing the enterprises of our people. It has been, and will be in its improved form, a financial aid, as well as a moral appliance, if we succeed in enlarging the lists of its supporters, and furnish its columns with *stirring revival intelligence*. The Book Room is one of the most successful experiments our Conference has ever attempted. Sabbath Schools can be here supplied with carefully selected stock for their libraries ; the profits of its sales assist the benevolent institutions of the church ; so that while you are furnished with equal, if not superior value for your money, you are directly contributing to the strength and success of your own communion. It is a mark of honor, and a great privilege, to supply your private and public libraries with the works of authors, brought up in your own institutions, who understand your moral needs and your denominational tastes. You will find the Agent of the Book Room liberal and obliging ; and there is great gratification in the fact that this institution is becoming, in financial value, worth hundreds of dollars yearly to the Conference.

And lastly, though by no means the least in its importance, we lay before you the interests of the Educational Institute, which demands at the present more than ordinary consideration and aid, both from the ministers and members of the church. Its plan of operation has been greatly enlarged : its promise for meeting the requirements of our church and times very much

improved; and the brethren entrusted with its management will require the hearty, untiring assistance of every section of the church. It is proposed to open its rooms to the young men of our church upon very liberal terms, giving them the advantage of a religious tutorship, with the skill and precision of a classical education, for the small acknowledgment of twenty dollars a-year over and above the cost of board, which will be furnished at reasonable rates. The young men on their probation for the ministry, who need the aids of this institution, claim the liberal support and the enterprising ability of all the members and friends of our church. Ministers are affectionately solicited to seek out pupils for the secular department, and to take an active part in obtaining aid for their younger brethren. The Conference throws itself upon the loyalty, as well as the Christian sympathy, of the entire church, to come up cheerfully to aid in carrying out this important plan successfully. As it is a measure which has been necessitated by the convictions and appeals of our people, we are sanguine that we shall not ask in vain for a united, cheerful effort on the part of the church generally, to support this undertaking liberally.

Let us not forget to sympathise with those dear brethren who have become enfeebled by the visitations of affliction, or the warning voices of those speaking to us from the shores of the spirit land. We are going up to the great gathering of the sons of God, beyond the cloudland, the storm clime, and the realm of death. Far away from the paths of thorns, trials, and tears, where the light of Jesus glorified shines softly on happy hearts, without shade or sadness, and the long, loud hallelujah hymn rises up from perfected spirits, with thrilling majesty, without cessation, "Unto him that loved loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." If we would give a good account of our stewardship, and be the recipients of the Redeemer's welcome, let us "Work while it is day, for the night cometh, when no man can work."

Yours in behalf of the Conference,

R. BOYLE, PRESIDENT.

WM. BEE, SECRETARY.

Stations.

TORONTO DISTRICT

Toronto,  
Yorkville  
Markham  
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Pickering  
Bowmanville  
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BRAMPTON DISTRICT

Brampton  
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Etobicoke  
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Albion  
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Laskay  
do.  
Orangeville  
do.  
Rosemont

HAMILTON DISTRICT

Hamilton  
Grand River  
do.  
Walpole  
Walsingham  
Blenheim  
Brantford  
Paris .  
Woodstock

## Missionary Deputations for 1869-70.

<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Dates.</i>	<i>Deputations.</i>
<b>TORONTO DISTRICT.</b>		
Toronto.....	Dec. 12,	J. Edgar, J. W. Walker.
Yorkville .....	Dec. 5,	G. Wood, *H. Harris, J. D. Gilbert.
Markham .....	Oct. 10,	W. Bee, Jesse Burdge.
do. ....	Jan. 10,	G. Wood, W. Huggins.
Pickering .....	Jan. 17,	James Edgar, W. Huggins.
Bowmanville.....	Jan. 10,	W. Bee, *W. Rowe, Gen. Miss'y Sec.
Scarboro.....	Oct. 4,	J. Milner, W. S. Hughan.
do. ....	Oct. 11,	J. R. Swift, Eli Middleton.
Reach .....	Oct. 11,	J. Goodman, J. Bell.
do. ....	Oct. 18,	C. E. Stafford, Jesse Burdge.
do. ....	Jan. 3,	J. Edgar, Eli Middleton.
Bruce Mines ....	Sept. 3,	J. Natrass, vice J. Edgar.
<b>BRAMPTON DISTRICT.</b>		
Brampton .....	Dec. 26,	*H. Harris, G. Wood.
do. ....	Jan. 3,	J. S. Boyes, Luke Hall.
Etobicoke .....	Oct. 18,	J. Goodman, J. Ockley.
do. ....	Oct. 25,	H. Harris, J. Garner.
do. ....	Nov. 1,	W. S. Hughan, R. McKee.
Albion .....	Dec. 26,	R. Boyle, *W. Herridge.
do. ....	Jan. 3,	H. S. Matthews, C. E. Stafford.
do. ....	Jan. 10,	W. S. Hughan, W. Johnston.
Laskay .....	Jan. 24,	W. Bee, J. Garner.
do. ....	Feb. 1,	C. E. Stafford, W. Herridge.
Orangeville .....	Jan. 3,	*J. S. Boyes, M. H. Matthews.
do. ....	Jan. 10,	J. Garner, J. Roadhouse.
Rosemont .....	Dec. 15,	G. Wood, J. Wilkinson.
<b>HAMILTON DISTRICT.</b>		
Hamilton .....	Sept. 27,	*W. Herridge, W. Pyke.
Grand River ....	Oct. 24,	T. Auger, S. C. Keetch.
do. ....	Nov. 2,	Thomas Griffith, Thomas Amy.
Walpole .....	Jan. 10,	R. Paul, W. Reid.
Walsingham ....	Oct. 10,	R. Paul, T. Amy.
Blenheim .....	Oct. 10,	J. Cheetham, G. Haigh.
Brantford .....	Oct. 10,	*W. S. Hughan, W. Pyke.
Paris .....	Nov. 15,	*J. Cheetham, J. Griffith.
Woodstock.....	Jan. 10,	*W. Reid, S. W. Jolliffe.

## GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph	Nov. 14,	*W. Lomas, R. Boyle.
Peel	Jan. 24,	J. W. Gilpin, H. S. Matthews.
do.	Jan. 17,	W. Lomas, T. Gavin.
Hawkesville	Jan. 24,	J. W. Gilpin, G. Haigh.
Minto	Feb. 14,	M. H. Matthews, T. Gavin.
Brant	Sept. 27,	A. Knapp, R. Hassard.
do.	Oct. 3,	W. Monkman, G. H. Thompson.
Kincardine	Jan. 10,	R. Hassard, G. Nixon.
Jubilee	Sept. 13,	G. Watson, A. Knapp.
do.	Jan. 17,	W. Monkman, George Nixon.
Arthur	Feb. 4,	W. Lomas, G. Watson.

## LONDON DISTRICT.

London	Jan. 9,	*G. Haigh, A. Heyworth.
Bosanquet	Oct. 10,	*J. Markham, J. Campbell.
do.	Oct. 24,	E. Whitworth, J. P. Bell.
McGillivray	Jan. 17,	C. Roffe, W. C. Jolley.
do.	Jan. 24,	A. Heyworth, J. P. Bell.
Stratford	Nov. 7,	C. Roffe, S. C. Keetch.
Mitchell	Oct. 17,	E. Whitworth, Benj. J. Brown.
Plympton	Oct. 3,	W. Newton, R. Toye.
do.	Oct. 10,	A. Heyworth, J. P. Bell.
Chatham	Oct. 17,	W. Newton, T. W. Jolliffe.
do.	Oct. 24,	J. Markham.
Caradoc	Jan. 17,	*J. H. Stonehouse, T. W. Jolliffe.
Kirkton	Oct. 3,	E. Whitworth, G. Haigh.

## KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston	Nov. 20,	*R. Pattison, W. C. Allen.
Portland	Oct. 4,	James Smith.
do.	Oct. 11,	R. Pattison.
Collinsby	Oct. 18,	James Smith, G. F. Lee.
Napance	Nov. 2,	W. Cook, R. Pattison.
do.	Nov. 9,	James Smith, D. Idle.
Hinchinbrook	Nov. 22,	W. Cook.

## BARRIE DISTRICT.

Barrie	Jan. 21,	*D. Simpson, T. Du'lv.
Osprey	Jan. 10,	J. Milner, J. B. Folger.
Artemesia	Jan. 31,	J. Walker, J. A. Windsor.
Collingwood	Oct. 5,	J. Milner, T. Dudley.
do.	Jan. 3,	J. A. Windsor, R. McKee.
Bradford	Oct. 10,	*G. Wood, W. H. Hughan.
do.	Oct. 17,	J. Milner, J. D. Gilbert.
Muskoka	Sept. 20,	D. Simpson.

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Adams, T.  
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NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

*Of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.*

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Years Travelled.</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>
Adams, T. ....	69	36	Galt, Sup. 1865.
Auger, R. ....	31	8	Peel, Sup. 1869.
Amy, T. ....	29	4	Walpole.
Allen, W. C. ....	25	2	Portland.
Boyle, R. ....	44	24	Brampton.
Boyes, J. S. ....	28	8	Etobicoke.
Bee, Wm. ....	41	13	Reach.
Bell, J. P. ....	25	4	Parkhill.
Bell, J. ....	..	0	Albion.
Bielby, W. ....	29	2	Chatham.
Brown, B. J. ....	21	0	MacGillivray.
Burdge, J. ....	25	3	Scarborough.
Crompton, T. ....	52	34	Toronto.
Cheetham, J. ....	56	11	Woodstock.
Cook, W. ....	33	14	Portland.
Campbell, J. ....	23	4	Plympton.
Clark, J. ....	..	0	Napance.
Davidson, J. ....	70	44	Toronto, Sup. 1866.
Dudley, T. ....	48	18	Bradford.
Edgar, J. ....	44	23	Scarborough.
Foster, T. ....	58	16	Osprey, Sup. 65.
Frankish, J. ....	28	4	Reach, Sup. 1869.
Foulger, J. ....	24	1	Toronto.
Garner, J. ....	45	20	Albion.
Gilbert, J. D. ....	54	9	Stayner.
Goodman, J. ....	36	8	Rowmanville.
Griffith, T. ....	25	5	Brantford.
Gilpin, J. W. ....	31	4	Guelph.
Gavin, T. ....	29	3	Arthur.
Gifford, H. D. ....	22	1	Bosanquet.
Herridge, W. ....	46	11	Yorkville.
Hassard, R. ....	31	8	Jubilee.
Hughan, W. S. ....	35	10	Yorkville.
Heyworth, A. ....	36	9	Bosanquet.
Huggins, W. ....	31	3	Reach.
Haigh, G. ....	39	9	Stratford.
Hall, L. ....	27	6	Etobicoke.
Haylock, J. J. ....	25	2	Hamilton.
Harris, H. ....	34	12	Toronto.
Idle, D. ....	24	2	Hinchinbrooke.
Jolley, W. ....	79	..	Etobicoke, Sup. 1852.
Jolley, W. C. ....	29	4	Stratford.
Jolliffe, T. N. ....	27	2	London.
Johnston, W. ....	24	1	Brampton.

## NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Years Travelled,</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>
• Knapp, A. ....	45	5	Kincardine.
• <del>Knapp, R. G.</del> .....	24	1	Blenheim.
• Lomas, W. ....	41	19	Hawksville.
• Lyle, W. ....	73	32	Yorkville, Sup. 1853.
• Lacey, J. ....	79	25	Portland, Sup. 1865.
• Lee, G. F. ....	33	9	Napanee.
• Lewis, G., B.A. ....	26	..	Toronto.
• Markham, J. ....	38	15	London.
• Matthews, M. H. ....	28	11	Peel.
• Matthews, H. S. ....	31	8	Orangeville.
• Milner, J. ....	39	15	Barrie.
• Middleton, E. ....	24	2	Markham.
• Monkman, W. ....	35	8	• Minto.
• McKee, R. ....	24	1	Laskay.
• Natrass, J. ....	40	18	London.
• Newton, W. ....	49	18	Caradoc.
• Nixon, G. ....	25	1	Brant.
• Ockley, J. F. ....	19	0	Albion.
• Paul, R. ....	41	18	Grand River.
• Pyke, W. ....	30	8	Paris.
• Pattison, R. ....	80	6	Collinsby.
• Rowe, W. ....	43	25	Toronto.
• Roffe, C. ....	50	10	Kirkton.
• Roadhouse, J. ....	30	7	Rosemount.
• Ryder, J. ....	64	14	Hawksville, Sup. 1860.
• Reid, W. ....	27	7	Hamilton.
• Robinson, J. W. ....	28	0	Artemesia.
• Reid, T. J. ....	17	0	Etobicoke.
• Smith, J. ....	35	13	Kingston.
• Stephenson, R. ....	45	12	Osprey, Sup. 1864.
• Simpson, D. ....	33	6	Collingwood.
• Simpson, J. ....	45	10	Orangeville, Sup. 1863
• Stafford, C. ....	27	4	Mardham.
• Swift, J. R. ....	36	17	Toronto.
• Stonchouse, J. H. ....	26	5	Chatham.
• Scott, J. ....	39	1	Muskoka.
• Towler, J. ....	53	16	Hawksville, Sup. 1853.
• Thornley, W. ....	29	5	Brace Mines.
• Toy, R. ....	25	1	Beechmont.
• Thompson, J. J. ....	..	0	Jubilee.
• Walker, J. ....	32	6	Osprey.
• Walker, J. W. ....	15	3	Pickering.
• Whitworth, J. ....	34	6	Mac Gillivray.
• Wood, G. ....	43	14	Laskay.
• Watson, G. ....	48	12	Brant.
• Windsor, J. A. ....	20	1	Bradford.
• Wilkinson, J. ....	23	1	Orangeville.

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